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Kingdom-izers!

1. Review the Kingdom –
  - a. Jesus & the Kingdom – the message of Jesus
  - b. Definition – The Kingdom is the reign of Jesus in every sphere of life...from the Environment to the heart of every person; every business decision, personal decision;
  - c. Description – whenever you see salvation, healing, deliverance, unity, truth, hope, restoration in hearts, families, communities, businesses, schools, there you see the KOG
  - d. 2 Kingdoms – one is advancing and the other is resisting God’s Kingdom & Satan’s Kingdom
2. The Kingdom of David & the Kingdom of God
  - a. David’s Kingdom was the foundation, forerunner, a prototype of the Kingdom of God
    - i. 2 Sam.7.16 – Your house and your kingdom will continue before me for all time, and your throne will be secure forever.’
    - ii. Ps.89.35–37
    - iii. Isa.9.6f – <sup>6</sup> For a child is born to us,  
a son is given to us.  
The government will rest on his shoulders.  
And he will be called:  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
<sup>7</sup> His government and its peace  
will never end.  
He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne  
of his ancestor David for all eternity.
    - iv. Jer.33.15 – 21
    - v. Matt.1.1, 20
    - vi. Rev.22.16 – “I, Jesus, ... am both the source (Root) of David and the heir (offspring) to his throne. I am the bright morning star.”

- b. I believe David's Kingdom model was the foundation that Jesus built His Kingdom on. David's Kingdom started small like Jesus, but then it radically advanced in strength and influence..
  - c. David was a kingdom-izer. He is a forerunner of the kind of person God uses to advance His Kingdom. The focus of this series is to look into David's life and see how we can aggressively move God's Kingdom forward in our daily life.
    - i. Solomons Kingdom = Millennial Kingdom
    - ii. Davids Kingdom = Kingdom of God
3. The Working & Realms of the Kingdom
- a. The Garden, the Cross & Resurrection, the Keys to the Kingdom & the Mandate - use people to illustrate
  - b. Realms of Kingdom authority - personal, family, work, community. You have authority to bring the Kingdom where you have influence. You can ask for the Kingdom to come anywhere, but you can decree the Kingdom where you have authority.
    - i. Ex of how this works in Robert Worley's life
  - c. Taking on principalities
  - d. Mt.13.41 - angels exposing sin & removing hinderances to the Kingdom. All for the advancement of the Kingdom
4. Characteristics of a Kingdom-izer (seen in the life of David); The Kind of Person God Uses to Build His Kingdom
- a. Humble & devoted heart (1 Sam.13.14, 16.7-13) - from this passage you can see a foundational truth in David's life. He loved God and it's one of those distinguishing characteristics. he forgave people and gave even his enemies a second chance (2 Sam.19).
    - i. Humility is the drawing card of God. God can use humble people b/c they understand their role. God wants us to dream big and attempt great things for him, but we must stay grounded in our view of self and our view of God..

- ii. Be aware when your talk is bigger than your walk. Sometimes people will project an air of spirituality that is further than their faith really is. Psalm 138.6.
  - iii. The devoted heart was seen in his love for God and forgiveness towards others. An attribute of the heart of a Kingdom-izers is to forgive others and give people a second chance (2 S.18 – Absalom; 19 – Mephibosheth & Shimei; 2 S.3 – General Abner). Absalom & Abner actually opposed him, yet he did or was ready to embrace them as friend & son.
  - iv. Kingdom-izers see the mercy and grace of God as the great redeemers of those who have been away from the Kingdom.
- b. Anointed for this work (16.12–13; 18.14).
- i. He was set apart for service. The establishment of a kingdom was his call in life.
  - ii. It is our call too. We also have been anointed to do this work. (1 J.2.28) God has anointed us (Christians = Anointed Ones) to build & strengthen His Kingdom
    - 1. Give personal examples by using people in the auditorium.
- c. Worshipper (1 S.16.21–24; 2 S.6 – 7; Psalms)
- i. David had an intense love for God. He wanted to build a Temple for God; he wanted His people to encounter God. They were to be a kingdom of priests for the nations.
  - ii. 1 Chr.15–17 – He brought the ark into Jerusalem and set it in a tent. Musicians and priests and people worshipped before God all day & night for years until the Temple was built. He loved being in God’s presence. Psalm 27 – one thing I ask of the Lord and this is what I seek that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
  - iii. Intense, frequent and personal worship of the Lord is a necessity of Kingdom-izers. Jesus spent time alone

with God. The quality of what you build in God's Kingdom is contingent on the depth of your personal worship and praise.

- iv. It's is the wellspring from which everything else emanates.

d. Warrior (1 S.17 - 18)

- i. He was always at war, just as Jesus was, and we are. His role was to remove the enemies and establish God's people in their inheritance. They were to be free and living in victory over their enemies. I
- ii. We are to do the same. 1 J. 3.8 - The reason the son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's works.
- iii. God wants more than me living in my inheritance. He wants me to war so others will enter their inheritance. He wants me to make a way so that those who follow me are further along than me. I may never see the full measure of the Kingdom poured out in my life, but I can be the foundation stone so the next generation can see it.

- 1. If I get a victory then you get a victory. We are to war against those things raging in our lives, families, communities, work, etc.

- a. Jeff McQueen's dad and a return of life. His dad got the victory, his wife got a victory, the boys got a victory and I got a victory.

- iv. David was a warrior, but not a striver. He understood the need for both worshipping (intimacy) & warring (engagement). Often you have people who are one or the other, but we need to be both. A key is to be able to rest while we're warring so it doesn't become striving.

e. An absolute confidence in God which produces risk - (1 S.17.34-51)

- i. The reason David could take on Goliath and all the other enemies of Israel is b/c he had a steadfast

confidence in God. The confidence was born out of a history with God. God delivered him from the bears and lions and he would do the same with Goliath.

ii. The power of testimony. Review your life and the lives of others and see how God has responded. If in this hour, you find yourself shaken or fearful, please recall your testimony.

1. My grandmother's testimonies & going through Depression and now in their 90s and God has faithfully taken care of them.

iii. The source of confidence with God is our history with Him. Confidence with God is often only grown through taking a risk or hardship. It's when you act in faith at the prompting of the HS and God comes through that your confidence increases.

1. Bob May witnessing to lady in Spanish

2. It could be a business, personal, etc.

iv. Be Aware! The devil is always pushing delete with your history with God. He's always sounding the alarm bells when we're taking a God prompted risk or walking thru hardship.

f. Honor (1 Sam.24, 26; 2 Sam.1, 4)

i. He had two opportunities to kill Saul; he could've rejoiced at Saul's death; rival king, Ish-Bosheth, died which propelled him to being king over all Israel.

ii. He had deep respect for Saul; he continued to serve him even after Saul tried to kill him both with a spear and by devising a wicked plot; he spoke kindly to Saul & blessed him. He honored his grandson, Mephibosheth.

iii. David could have destroyed Saul or started a campaign to overthrow him, but he honored him. He saw Saul as God's chosen vessel to lead Israel.

iv. Honor means he highly regarded him. It means to serve and bless another. Honor is huge in the Lord's

eyes. Even Jesus honored the religious leaders by telling the people to honor their teaching, but don't follow their example.

- v. There are many who want to radically advance God's kingdom, yet they don't honor their forefathers or other parts of the body of Christ, b/c they aren't as radical or believe the Bible as much.
  - vi. Be careful of those who attack other Christians, churches or movements. Kingdom-izers count others better than themselves and wants to see the other prosper. The Father doesn't take kindly to people who attack His Son's Bride.
  - vii. Honor means you count them as valuable, needed and precious in the sight of God.
  - viii. Honor also means we are thankful for our forebearers in the faith. The men and women who did the hard work to get us where we are today.
  - ix. I believe Eph.6.1-3 has a broader application even to our spiritual mothers and fathers. There is the attitude among some that we need to torch the church as we know it today. They fail to see all the good and they fail to honor. God will not honor dishonor.
- g. Letting God advance you (1 Sam.22-30)
- i. He seldom took matters into his own hands - Nabal & fighting alongside the Philistine army against Israel
  - ii. While he waited for the promotion, he fulfilled other responsibilities - took care of his parents, protected several cities, fought off the enemies of Israel.
  - iii. Just like Jesus, he waited 30 years and at "just the right time" His Father advanced him.
  - iv. This doesn't mean you don't do your work and stand still. You do the assignments the Lord has in front of you, while you're waiting for the promise to be fulfilled. David had a band of 600 men and then it became 10,000's and then 100,000's. God expects you

to wait in faith for the fulfillment and act responsibly during the interim.

- v. It was a process that took years for David to be made – he was anointed King by Samuel as a (15? Year old) teenager, but didn't begin fully reigning until he was 37.
- vi. He saw that self promotion (Joab with Amasa & Abner ) and self protection (Saul with David) always led to people getting hurt. When you try to promote yourself or protect yourself through tearing other people down you aren't building God's Kingdom. We become like the disciples jockeying for position to make our dash to the top.

h. Deal with Sin (2 Sam.11–12, 21, 24)

- i. David wasn't a perfect King. There were sins he committed but when confronted by God he dealt with them. He didn't hide, ignore or glory in his sin.
- ii. We've all asked the question about individuals we know who got in the most awful sins. How could a person so close to God get so far from him? The answer is in 1 S.11. David wasn't where he was supposed to be. He should've been at war, but he decided he would do something different. War isn't fun. David also had a sexual problem – 2 S.3 (Deut.17.17) – which was an open door for Satan. He saw and he
- iii. The great thing about David is that he dealt with his sin, which was unlike most of the king's that followed. Eventhough he paid a high price for his sins, his repentant life gave him the opportunity to continue doing great things for God.

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