

The Kingdom of God, pt.3, 7.8.07

The Kingdom That Jesus Built

Review – The purpose of Jesus’ ministry; definition of the Kingdom of God

KOG activity –

- 40 Days for 40 years in Nashville; contrast – Al Gore, the Tennessean, leading a festival and calling upon the people of the earth to save the planet with Lou Engle, in Tennessee, leading a fast and calling upon the God of the universe to save the planet.
- The silent march down church street praying for spiritual awakening among the churches;
- lady who had an abortion standing as a representative of the 40 million other ladies; man standing as a representative of the men who supported the abortion; converted abortionist who worked for Planned Parenthood standing as a representative of the abortion industry;
- in the middle of praise of worship they had three simultaneous weddings which was a picture of the Bride of Christ in America recommitting herself to Jesus;
- Last night's prayer meeting at First Assembly of God in Freeport
- The significance of the flooding – first time since '57 every major river in Texas is at flood stage.

His Kingdom Is...

- I. **Founded on servanthood**
 - a. Script: Mk.10.42–45; John 13.1–17
 - b. Jesus came to serve the Father’s purposes. Earliest account of the child Jesus, he said, “I must be about my Father’s business.” John 5.30: I can do nothing on my own. I judge as God tells me. Therefore, my judgment is just, b/c I carry out the will of the one who sent me, not my own will.
 - i. Jesus’ life, death & resurrection were

- c. Many stories of the king becoming a commoner and living incognito or stories of a person who discovers he is a king
 - i. Jesus knows he's a king and lays down his authority to serve His Father's purposes in liberating mankind from the power of sin and the tyranny of the devil. John 13.3
 - ii. Can you imagine Pres. Bush while in office coming into our community as the president, but deciding to serve our community as a garbage collector, doctor, or teacher? He lays down his authority of president, but not his role and he serves us. You Doesn't a president need to do something else?
 - iii. The King of the Universe, the Creator of all comes to planet earth and establishes His kingdom by servanthood. He doesn't bash heads or force decisions. He just does His Father's will.
- d. Appl – We are called to serve the purposes of God; discover His will and do it. We bring the kingdom of God into our lives and areas of influence by doing God's will. The root of so many problems today is doing your own will.
 - i. Think of your top three stress points. Why do they exist? You didn't do the will of God; another person didn't do the will of God; satan is resisting the will of God.
 - ii. **Acts 13:36** – David did the will of God in his own generation.

II. **Characterized by love for God and others**

- a. Script: Matt.22.24–40; John 13.34f
- b. Love for God & others brings freshness to all of life; it energizes us.
- c. Julianna on her own initiative praying for Joy.
- d. Love is an aroma; it changes the environment; it affects everything around it.
 - i. Use people to spray aerosol through the worship center/ show reneuzit.

- ii. What happened? I just changed the environment
- e. I know this is true, b/c when there is division in work group, anger in a family, or apathy within a church it stinks!
- f. Appl –When you’re walking in love with God & others it affects the spiritual climate around you. You’re building the Kingdom!

III. Encountered by faith in Him

- a. Script: John 3.1–21; Mk.11.22–25
- b. The initial encounter is the point that you enter into salvation. Have you been born again?
- c. We daily encounter and extend the KOG by faith. We are taking ground for God’s Kingdom daily through the influence he has given us. Teachers, you are changing student’s lives not only through the truth you teach but through your influence, attitude, words and obedience to the HS. You are making a difference. **Walk by faith and do not doubt!** Stay home moms, you’re making a difference for the Kingdom. **Walk by faith; pray by faith; and do not doubt.**
- d. My prayer life is changing b/c I’m walking in greater faith based upon the Word. I’m walking in far less doubt (the 40 Days of prayer & fasting helped!)
 - i. I have dominion where I have influence.
 - ii. I am to bring the reign of the King to those places of influence.
 - 1. He has given me the keys to the Kingdom in these places just as He gave Peter keys for the church at large. The keys Jesus gave to Peter, James & John were for the whole of Christianity.
 - iii. I declare God’s will through His written Word and/or His special promises He has given me.
 - 1. Praying for my neighbors – God’s word, “He is not willing that any should perish, but all to come to repentance.”

2. Praying for this community – word by Paul Cain.
God, you said...do whatever you need to do to me so that I will be ready for it. I don't need to ask if it's God's will b/c he told his will
- iv. My faith in seeing it fulfilled will be proportionate to my cooperation with the HS. In other words, my level of daily obedience to the HS will impact my faith level.

IV. **Empowered by the Holy Spirit**

- a. Script: Luke 3.21–22; 4.1, 18; John 16.5–11
- b. The Kingdom of God doesn't happen through military conquest or political maneuvering, ie, the crusades or armies forcing people groups to convert,
- c. It is empowered by the Spirit. Neither Jesus nor the early church had the power to change the course of history w/o the Holy Spirit. **The KOG comes in its fullness when the children of God are full of the Spirit of God.**
- d. We must ask every day for the fullness of the HS. We cannot accomplish the will of our King in a spirit of love and servanthood w/o the ongoing filling of the Holy Spirit. He is our best friend and makes the Kingdom advancing life possible. Don't you think for a moment that you have all the HS you'll ever need.
 - i. Separate yourself from sin & the world
 - ii. Consecrate yourself to Jesus & His Kingdom
 - iii. Appropriate by faith the baptism of the HS

V. **Demonstrated through signs and wonders**

- a. Script: Mk.1.29–34; 16.15–18
- b. How do you know the KOG is among us? Love, servanthood, miracles, & lives being changed radically. Are people being healed & delivered?
- c. Appl – How many would say you have seen a miracle – the power of God to instantly or gradually change or heal a person or deliver a person from a hard place?

- i. Praise reports from a few weeks ago
 - ii. Charles Carrin's newsletter article
- d. Why sickness isn't the will of God – it didn't exist before in the Garden of Eden and it doesn't exist in Heaven (the Lord's prayer). When we pray, "God, if it's your will, please heal this person." We are saying, "God, if it's your will, keep them sick...now, sickness is the will of God." **If it is God's will that you remain sick then every pill you take, every doctor you see, every surgery you have is an act of rebellion. By doing those things, you are rebelling against the will of God for your life.** This also means that every doctor, pharmacist, & nurse are as sinful as an addict and every hospital is as bad as a house of prostitution for all of them are contrary to God's will.
- e. Why healing takes place in heaven. It's not b/c of the location but b/c of the environment in the location
 - i. Illustr with two zip codes – zip code of LJ & Heaven
 - ii. Describe the environment/characteristics of these two
 - iii. Why the difference? One is the domain of the King & the other is becoming the domain of the King.
 - iv. Seattle healing rooms – John G Lake – 100,000 documented healings, "the healthiest city in the US", why? The domain of King was there.
- f. The KOG changes the environment it touches. Narnia thawing out and turning into a lush place full of vegetation.

VI. **Consummated in liberty**

- a. Script: John 8.32, 34–36; Mk.5.1–20
- b. The end product of the KOG is liberation from sin, sickness, self & satan. Everyone who came to Jesus got liberated and everyone who comes to Jesus gets liberated.
- c. God convicts us of sin to liberate us from it. We resist the conviction and shrug it off. We justify our behavior, revolt against the nagging conscience, we change environments/relationships to accommodate our sin. By

simply responding in repentance to that conviction, we could be walking free.

- d. Story of Saul. Jesus rebukes Saul not as an act of retaliation or protection but to liberate this man into his destiny.
- e. Illust - Story of Gay activist leader coming to faith in Christ.

Conclusion

- I. Servanthood: Are you doing the will of God?
- II. Love for God & others: Renew your love relationship with the Lord. Do the things you did at first
- III. Faith: Do you have faith in Him? In His Word?
- IV. Spirit: Are you walking in the fullness of the HS?
- V. Sign & wonders: Press into them even when there are contradictions. Let's believe God for too much rather than not enough
- VI. Liberty: What thing in your life are you not happy about