

RAISING THE DEAD

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This message will deal with the limited perspective that most believers have on who they really are; the level of authority that they possess; and the supernatural power that is available to them.

Matthew 28:18-20 TPT

- This is your assignment.
- Every believer is to become a disciple.
- Every disciple is to reproduce and make more disciples.
- Before you can teach someone else to faithfully follow all that Jesus commanded, someone will have to teach you.
- Down through the centuries, the Church has tossed aside or twisted the commands of Jesus and exchanged them for the doctrines of men.
- ...the way that seems right...

Mark 16:15-18 TPT

- Mark expands on your assignment
- AS YOU GO...
- Again, this is NOT something you do just within the walls of a church building.
- Every believer is to spread the good news of the Kingdom AS YOU GO about your daily lives.
- Those that believe your message will be saved—sozo—restored back to their original position in the Kingdom.
- Those that choose not to believe will, at the appointed time for judgment, be condemned to the place outside the Kingdom—the Lake of Fire where all rebels will be cast into.
- Pay attention to verse 17!
- YOU will drive out demons.
- YOU will speak in tongues.
- YOU will be supernaturally protected.
- YOU will lay hands on the sick and heal them.
- Every believer who moves to the level of disciple should be doing these things on a daily basis—AS YOU GO...

Luke 24:47-49 TPT

- The message of the Gospel is NOT about saying a prayer to go to Heaven
- Notice the word Jesus used: repentance...
- You are to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins.
- That is the Good News!
- The Kingdom of God is HERE, NOW!
- REPENT! Turn from your low-life ways and enter the Kingdom and start living the high-life!
- I bring you good news! You are forgiven!
- All your wrongs have been righted!
- The verdict of guilty of rebellion has been handed down and Jesus paid the penalty for you!
- The sin issue has been forever dealt with!
- God sees you blameless and irreproachable when you are covered in the blood of Jesus!
- Receive His free gift by repentance—a turning away from your will and turning TO God by surrendering your life to Him.
- We preach this message so that folks will TURN TO Jesus.
- You are His witnesses...
- You can testify to all that He has done in you.
- Notice what Jesus tells them in verse 49...
- “I will send the fulfillment of the Father’s promise to you...
- ...the mighty power of Heaven falls upon you and wraps around you
- This is the baptism of Holy Spirit—He is the mighty power of Heaven.
- Down through the centuries the church has dismissed the mighty power of Heaven as not needed; passed away...
- They have reduced the third Person of the Triune God as not needed; no longer here...
- Well, I’m here to declare that Holy Spirit is SO needed—Jesus said so!
- He has not gone anywhere!
- He is still in the earth today!
- He is still empowering folks who believe in Him!
- I’m telling you the truth! YOU DO NEED THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR TRANSFORMATION AND TO FULFILL THE GREAT COMMISSION THAT JESUS GAVE US!
- In the TRUE Gospel message, you must have the baptism; you must have the infilling of Holy Spirit!

HOLY SPIRIT IS THE MIGHTY POWER OF HEAVEN GIVEN TO THE DISCIPLES OF JESUS TO BRING THE KINGDOM REALM THROUGHTOUT THE EARTH.

- He is the One who gives the believer the fruit of the Spirit, which is the character of God.
- It is through these fruits that the believer matures into a disciple.
- These fruits transform you into the image of Christ.
- That is the goal—to become like Him.
- Holy Spirit is the One who gives the nine gifts that deliver the power of Heaven to people and situations in the earth.
- The fruits transform you to look like Jesus and the gifts enable you to act like Jesus did when He walked the earth performing miracles.

I'm making this personal: YOU are to be preaching the Gospel as you go about your daily life with the same supernatural evidence that Jesus had.

- How?
- Change your perspective!
- See the way Father sees!
- When you see yourself as limited...
- When you see yourself as 'that's not possible for me...'
- You will not be able to live a supernatural life.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 TPT

- This Scripture is WHO you are...
- An entirely new person!
- Notice this phrase: related to the old order...
- That is referring to the fallen nature of mankind...
- When Adam and Eve rebelled in Eden, they fell from a high position with God—they were actually co-rulers with Him...
- They ruled the earth and everything in it...
- The fall from that position left them powerless with no authority in the earth.
- The power and authority—the dominion that God had given them in the beginning now belonged to the rebel spirits.
- But now, your life in Christ is brand new!
- Behold! A new order has come!
- This new order is supernatural!

- You have been restored back to that high position with God!

1 Peter 2:9-10 TPT

- You are God's chosen treasure
- You are a priest who is of a royal lineage
- You belong to a spiritual nation
- You are set apart as God's devoted one
- He's called you to be His own
- Why did He do this?
- So that you would preach His message of reconciliation and display His greatness through miraculous signs and wonders that broadcast His great love!
- Isn't that what Jesus did?
- This is the same calling you have.

So, begin to saturate your mind and spirit with these and other scriptures that tell you who you are.

- Don't put limits on what is possible for you.

One mindset that the modern-day church has limited is the possibility of actually raising the dead.

- Matthew 10:8 You must continually bring healing to lepers and to those who are sick and make it your habit to break off the demonic presence from people and raise the dead back to life. Freely you have received the power of the Kingdom, so freely release it to others.
 - Notice your instructions:
 - Continually bring healing
 - Make a habit of casting out demons
 - And raise the dead—no big deal...
 - Raise the dead...
 - But let's be brutally honest, our perspective on death is still the old order perspective.
 - Death is not defeated therefore death is the end.
 - If you pray for the sick and they die...
 - Oh well, we need to increase our faith so next time they won't die...
 - That's the perspective most believers and disciples have.

Jesus tells us that death is NOT the end! Instead, it can be used to display the glory of God and help folks believe in God.

John 11 TPT

- Notice Jesus' response to the request to come and heal Lazarus.
- This sickness will not END in death...
- Death is not the end!
- Do you see what is happening here?
- What the Thief meant for harm; Jesus is declaring that instead it will bring glory to God.
- God will turn it around and bring good out of it.
- Folks will turn to God because of this miracle.

- Notice verse 14: Lazarus' death was not the end
- His death made another opportunity for folks to see who Jesus is
- It was another opportunity for them to place their trust in Him

- Verse 37 is the fallen perspective:
 - why didn't He...
 - if He would have...
 - but now they are dead...
 - now there is nothing that can be done...

- Verse 41 is key to changing our perspective so that we see the way He sees.
 - Jesus thanked Father for hearing His prayer.
 - When did Jesus pray?
 - I submit that He prayed while on His trip back to Bethany.
 - Jesus was anointed and filled with Holy Spirit.
 - Everything He ever did; He did as a man anointed by God with Holy Spirit.
 - He talked with God about what He was supposed to do when He got to Bethany.
 - 'I will use the power You have given Me'...
 - He shouted with authority, 'Lazarus! Come out of the tomb!'
 - And he did...
 - And many people believed in Jesus as their Messiah because of this...

Acts 9:36-43 TPT

- Tabitha dies.
- The disciples prepare her for burial, but then hear that Peter is nearby and call for his help.
- Notice what he does...
- He knelt down and prayed...
- He prayed in tongues...
- THEN he turned to Tabitha and called her by name and told her to rise up!
- The exclamation point shows speaking with authority and force...

Acts 20:7-12 TPT

- Eutychus fell from a third story window to his death below.
- He was obviously dead when everyone got to him.
- Notice everyone's reaction: worrying, fear...
- Their faith was overcome by what they could see before them...
- But notice Paul...
- He was at a higher level of faith than Peter...
- He did not stop to pray specifically about this...
- His own testimony is that he prayed in tongues more than all...
- His perspective did not flicker from what he was convinced of...
- That death is not the end!
- Notice what Paul did...
- He bent over and embraced the boy, taking the boy in his arms...
- He hugged Eutychus...
- And he came back to life!
- The life of Jesus was so big in Paul that it brought Eutychus back from the dead!

HALLELUYAH!!!

WE WILL BEGIN TO SEE THE WAY HE SEES WHEN WE SPEND TIME IN HIS PRESENCE:

- Renewing your mind and training your spirit with His Word.
- Building yourself up to attain to the next level of faith by praying in tongues.
- Releasing the grace of God into your spirit through thanksgiving prayer and the revelations of your new identity that you discover in His Word.
- THEN! You will not see death as the end.

- THEN you will not see anything as impossible for you to do!
- THEN you will live your life in the midst of the Great Commission!

I ISSUE A CHALLENGE TO EVERYONE UNDER THE SOUND OF MY VOICE TO MAKE THE GREAT COMMISSION YOUR LIFESTYLE AND LET JESUS LIVE HIS LIFE IN YOU ON A DAILY BASIS.