

WHAT DO YOU LOOK LIKE - LESSON 2

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LESSONS LEARNED:

1. Do not be intimidated by what other folks might think, say, or how they react—that's not who you are—you are fearless! [remember Jesus and the leper]
2. Treat everyone the same—no matter who they are: Christian or some other religion; American or foreigner; friend or enemy, etc. [remember Jesus and the Roman officer]
3. Freely give what you have been given no matter how long your day has been or how challenging your day has been.
4. Be impressed with faith—not a person's position; wealth; or talent.
5. Love and compassion—that's who you are. [remember Jesus and Peter's mother-in-law]
6. It's not what you do, but power just flows out of you, sometimes without any words at all, because that is who you are.
7. Just as Jesus fulfilled His purpose, we should strive to fulfill ours; we are commanded by our King to cast out demons, heal the sick, raise the dead—it is not optional—we should be doing this in our everyday lives. [remember Jesus healed all the sick in Capernaum]
8. Listen to folk's hearts and tell them the Truth. [remember Jesus and the man who wanted to follow Him]
9. We need to count the cost; and don't put off what needs to be done today, as well as putting first things first. [remember the 2nd man who wanted to follow Jesus]
10. Don't fall back into the self-conscious perspective—stay focused with the single-eye. [remember Jesus and His disciples in the storm]
11. Take your stand on what you believe—your faith—and speak to the storms that come.

All these lessons learned and in just one day in the life Jesus lived while on the earth!

- Remember the day He just had.
- An all-day seminar on how to live in the Kingdom.
- Touching a leper and healing him.
- Bragging on a Roman in the presence of Jews and then healing his son.

- Arriving home to find another person in need and healing her.
- After supper, the whole town shows up and He spends the evening healing everyone who were bound and sick.
- Then having to escape by boat to the other shore because the crowds were wanting to make Him King.
- He's exhausted, and a violent storm comes, and His disciples lose sight of who they are and wake Him to save them from the storm—which He does.
- And that day becomes 'yesterday'...

Jesus and His disciples make it to the other side by morning and it's another day in the life of Jesus!

- **Matthew 8:28-34**
- After the day they had just had, what a way to begin a new day!
- Upon arrival, they were met by two very violent men who were demonized.
- Notice where they lived—among the tombs of a cemetery!
- How creepy is that!
- Everyone in that region knew about them.
- No one would go near that area because they were so violent.
- Notice who is screaming at Jesus—the demons...
- Not the men....
- The demons and the fallen angels know something that most humans don't have a clue about...
- *The appointed time...*

Let's delve deeper into this phrase. In Mark chapter 12 Jesus begins to speak in parables.

- In verse 1 the vineyard that Jesus is talking about is the earth.
- God rented out the vineyard.
- Renting is leasing.
- God leased out the earth.
- Why did He do that?
- Genesis tells us that God made mankind in His image, after His likeness; and gave them DOMINION over everything in the earth.
- God made humans the 'god' of this world.

- He leases the earth to them.

Now a lease doesn't mean that you have permanent possession.

- There is a time when the lease runs out, and the property returns to the rightful owner.
- At the tree incident, the original lease was sub-let to the rebel spirits and they became the 'gods' of this world.
- Thank God that this deal was only a lease and not a permanent sale!
- Jesus came to help us while the lease was still in effect.
- He came to set us free from the rebel spirits and restore us to God's original design.
- God told Adam, in effect, "As long as you have this lease, you have dominion over everything in the planet; you are in charge; whatever you say is what will come to pass!"
- Mankind lost that place of authority when Adam fell from grace, but through the sacrifice of Jesus, we have been restored—dominion is ours once again!

And the fallen angels and the demons know about this lease; they know at some point in time God will deal with them.

- But they know that at this moment, it is not the appointed time yet.
- How do they know this?
- They study and listen to the prophecies that Yehovah tells His people.
- They pay attention to the signs of the times.
- They knew that everything that God had said would happen, had not happened yet, so it could not be the appointed time yet.
- They understand how the Kingdom operates.
- They understand Yehovah's ways and exploit it for their purposes.
- And because humans don't know His ways, they can be robbed, killed and destroyed by these rebel spirits.

Lessons learned:

1. Pay attention to the signs of the times you are living in and use that knowledge to render the enemy impotent.
2. Have a thorough understanding of your authority and how to use it.

3. Understand how the Kingdom operates.
4. Understand the ways of Yehovah.

Verse 30-32: There was a large herd of pigs feeding nearby, so the demons pleaded, “If You cast us out, send us into that herd of pigs,” Jesus commanded “Then go!” And at once the demons came out of the men and went into the pigs. Then the entire herd of crazed pigs stampeded down the steep slope and fell into the water and drowned.

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