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Thursday Night Bible Study Call 8:00 – 8:45 p.m

Submission to His Mission

Hey Loves!!

- This week for bible study, the overall message is submission to His mission.

Often, we wonder about our purpose. Some may even know their purpose but are unaware of how to fully tap into that uncut powerful potential that Christ has given you.

Some areas that prevent us from walking in the full authority that Christ has given us are:

1. We “over spiritualize” or over think.
 2. We doubt
 3. We fear
 4. We give-up
 5. We don’t understand
- The truth of the matter is that once God has given you an instruction He will constantly place you in the position to 1. Get it done or 2. Put you through the same test repeatedly until you have passed it.

****I highly recommend you to read Jonah. ****

- God is very Specific. When He gives you an order/command, He also gives you **order**. God shows us how He wants His will done.

In Matthew, Chapters 3 and 4, we see the order of Jesus before He takes one step into His ministry/Mission. From the beginning, Jesus knew He was going to be about His “father’s business” **Luke 2:49**. He knew He was to walk a life that was all poured out, he knew the path that God laid out for Him. He knew He was going to be crucified for all transgressions. But between the Point of Birth to death leading and then leading to His resurrection, there was steps and orders that the Lord commanded Him to follow. He was to walk a life all poured out in decency and order **1Corith 14:40**.

Let’s look at Jesus’ life before His Mission began

PART ONE:

The Submission of the Water (accepting the Holy Spirit)

Matthew 3:13 -17

Key 1: *Walk a life of full humility*

Vs 13- Jesus is walking in alignment where He is walking Humbly and lowly, to complete the mission of The Lord.

Key 2: *Walk in full order & not looking to your neighbor ahead nor behind*



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Vs. 14- John did not know what needed to be done, when it came to the fulfilment of the Lord. Therefore, when Jesus came to John for baptism, John refused and denied some thoughts that could have been in John's mind are as followed:

1. He felt less than
2. He did not understand the importance of submission at the time.
3. Holding back due to fear of someone/something greater than him.

At this point, John is completely unsure if He should baptize Jesus, after all He is Lord of lords, King of kings. John is looking at Jesus like he should be baptized by Him. –

let's call Jesus the "authority" "head" or even "superior" – now, let me ask you this question:

are you not moving in accordance to the knowledge and fear of God due to the someone or something that seems as if they are above you? Do you have fear that you cannot, lead like the person a head of you? Do you feel like you can write that book like your mentor? Do you feel like you can't cry out to the Lord and break free because of that thing that is holding you back?

The second key in walking out in the full order of Christ is to not look at those who are either "ahead" or "behind" you. You are to follow as the Lord instructs you not looking at those who surround you. So, my Sista, let's not look at what John did and let's look at the *humility* of Christ and walk your walk all poured out. – "For thus is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness."

Key 3: Submit to Righteousness

Vs.15- Despite what was holding Jesus back He pushed passed the "order of the world" and stood firm to the "order of righteousness". At this point, Jesus, could have said, 'you know John, my bad you right, what am I doing? I am God, I don't need you, I can baptize myself' (*Jesus gets in water baptizes himself*) – **but He didn't.**

Jesus shows us the importance of submitting to Righteousness, even if it seems crazy, or out of order to us. – He tells us that order is fitting and righteous. He tells us that there is a way to God that even He, Christ followed.

Key 4: Submission of the Holy Spirit

Vs.16-17- At this point, Jesus has lowered Himself, He became humble and meek, He was baptized by someone who was preaching about Him, someone who paved the way for Him, someone who confessed out of his own mouth that he is not even worthy to carry His sandals. Jesus knew there is a line and order for beginning His mission/ministry.

Once Jesus humbled himself and submitted to the Lord, and was baptized by water, He was then baptized with Fire/Holy spirit – the dove in this case, represents God's Holy spirit. – Jesus submits to His Holy spirit. And yielded to the righteousness of God.

PART TWO:



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Matthew 4:1-4, 9-11, 17

Key 5: *Be led by the Spirit*

So, at this point, you have finally said, YES to the dress. You told Christ; YES, I will be your bride, YES, I will follow you and YES, I will walk as you walked. This is called being led by His spirit.

When you are being led by His Spirit you have already surrendered and submitted to His Spirit so no looking back!

Matthew 4:1

We see in Matthew 4:1 – starting out at the gate that “Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. But Hold Up! He was not tempted by the devil on a full stomach – he was fasting which means, my Boy was hungry and if He’s anything like me when I’m hungry, I get beside myself and get completely in my flesh!! But that was not so with Him. – let’s examine

Jesus was led into the wilderness where He was:

1. **Led by the Holy Spirit** – when you think about a wilderness, it’s dark, full of “creepy” things and most of all huge trees which prevent your vision from seeing a way out. In this case the wilderness is just that. The wilderness signifies any and everything that is currently blocking you from seeing your way out of your current situation. The wilderness, at first seem very traumatic, and causes so much confusion, chaos, and doubt.
 - But the wilderness is Holy. We see that Jesus was tempted in the wilderness
 - It’s in the wilderness where Jesus developed a communion with the Lord
 - It’s in the wilderness where Jesus developed Himself in the Spirit (Fasted)
 - It’s in the wilderness where Jesus died to His flesh and relied on His Holy Spirit

I ask you this: while you are in this current “wilderness,” are you relying on the strength that God has given you? Are you pressing into the Holy spirit while being faced by so many “creepy things” are you looking to the Lord and resting in Him despite not being able to see your way out or through the forest?

It’s in the wilderness where you learn to submit to the Lord and lean on Him. It’s in the wilderness where God strengthens you and prepares you for the next steps and process in your journey and walk.

2. **Led by the Holy Spirit where He was tempted by the devil** – so your life is in shambles, you feel hopeless, you feel like you want to press forward but there is just something or someone that is always in your way from tapping into your full potential.
 - Here in vs. 1 Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness... to be tempted by the devil. Yes! Jesus was led by the Holy spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
 - Jesus was tempted by the devil so that He can be strengthen and learn how to lean on the father.
 - Jesus was tempted by the devil so He can be developed in the Spirit



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So I ask you another question: while you are here in your wilderness, being tempted by the devil, are you trusting in the Lord? Are you learning endurance? Or are you blaming God and others for your current situation and not seeing the Glory of the Lord?

Key 6: *Submit to His Spirit and die to flesh*

Matthew 4:2

So to bring attention to the importance of Submitting to the Lord and dying to your flesh, after Jesus was led into the wilderness by the Spirit to be tempted by the devil, he also fasted. Fasting signifies dying to your fleshing, “denying yourself” (like we talked about). When we fast we literally rely and put our total faith and strength into the Lord. We are saying despite how hungry I am for the “world,” Lord I am hungry for “You” I’m hungry for your “Word” for Your “Spirit”.

- when Jesus fasted for 40 days He was in communion with the Lord
- He aligned His Spirit with the Holy Spirit
- He came out of His flesh
- He meditated on His words
- He was developed in the Spirit

If you have never fasted before, that is ok. We will soon do a group fast. However, if you feel led go on a fast, you can certainly do so, if not I encourage you to spend some quality time with the Lord and get to know Him on a “personal” level get to know the Father beyond what He gives us, or do for us.

Key 7: *Discerning the Spirit of God*

Matthew 4:3

At this point, Jesus had been already fasting and spending time with the Lord. When the tempter came He automatically knew that he was not of God. His antennas were up, He smelt something that smelt foul and had a void of righteousness.

Spending time with the Savior

- The more you spend time with Christ, the more you began to develop an understanding of who He is.
- The more you’ll be able to discern His Spirit
- The louder His voice will be

When we are in relationships, we desire to know our “other-half”. This is achieved by spending time with them, and studying them to know what they like and dislike. – The same is required of us when we come into a relationship with the Father. He desires us to spend time with Him and to study His Word, so that we can know what he Likes and dislikes. – the more time we spend with Christ, the more we strengthen out Spiritual discernment.

Key 8: *Combating every negative/false word with the true word of God*



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Matthew 4:4

The devil tempted Jesus and tried to come after His authority. Satan was very smooth and slick with His words, almost every word he spoke sounded like it may have come from God Himself. And that is exactly what the devil does. – he uses what sounds like to Word of God, to compel and trick you. Without sitting before the Lord, you can easily get tricked by enemy’s cunning words. However, as we can see with Jesus, He spent time with the Lord, He developed in the Spirit and despite Him being ‘weak’ He was still able to discern what was and was not the Word of God. Through discernment, and meditating on the Word of God, you’ll be able to combat everything that tries to exalt itself above the knowledge of Christ, and bring it captive. **2corith 10:5**

Tips for Combating those thoughts:

Tip 1: study His word

Tip 2: Speak His words (even if you don’t know the full scripture say what you know)

Tip 3: Be confident in Him (remain in FAITH)

Key 9: Walk in the full authority that God is giving you

Matthew 4:9-11

In verses 9-11 of Matthew 4, Jesus was still being tempted and tried by the devil. However, He stood firm in who He is. Jesus never gave in, nor did He bow down to false authority. Jesus Knew who He was in God, which allowed Him to walk in His full power and authority. – If Jesus was completely oblivious to His calling and power He would have settled for less than nothing.

**** Do you know who you are in Christ? Are you standing firm in the authority and calling that is over your life, or are you shrinking at every opportunity that you are faced with?**

Part of walking in authority is being able to stand the test and trails that comes against you. God tells us that having done all, to stand. **Ephesians 6:13**. He wants to fight, but most of all He wants to know if He can trust you with the authority that He has given you. He wants to know if your faith is still in Him even if it seems like the world is pressed against you. *Will you trust in His authority?*

Key 10: Walk on Purpose

Matthew 4:17

Finally!!! You have passed numerous test and stood firm when hard pressed, now, it’s time. When being on the brink of walking into your God given purpose, you will be faced with so many tests and setbacks. However, like Christ, if you trust in the Lord, and be faithful in the process, you will prevail. The sweetest thing about Jesus is that He literally laid out His life for us. Which means everything that you need is in Him. As you began to develop an intimate relationship with Christ, the Father, you will begin to understand the process of it all, as well as trusting Him.



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** Just remember, Before Jesus began ministry, the spirit led Him to be tested. As you are being fought and tested by so many different angles press into the Lord, and keep your faith in Him. He sees and hears your cries, so trust in the process and hold tight onto Him. He Got you boo!!

Okay Ladies, that's all for now.

I want you to be more intentional with spending time with God.

Make your walk with the Savior, purposeful. Make it one where you can literally say that you walked in the full authority of you calling, and lived a life all poured out. The only way you can pour out

What God has given you is to get full of Him.

Press forward and watch what the Holy Spirit does in you and with you!

Stay Encouraged, Blessed, and Loved!



Until next week!