

## **REVIVE CHURCH**

### **ANOINTING #5 LIVING WITHIN YOUR ANOINTING**

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Recap -joyfully accept how God has built us and what he has equipped us to do. The Holy Spirit often incorporates our natural abilities and superimposes great grace upon them

It's very important that we accept our anointing and press into discovering its fullness as we yield to the wonderful leadership and love of the Holy Spirit. The anointing is God's empowerment by the Holy Spirit to live out His calling.

Most important-where do you sense His pleasure and where do others experience Jesus Christ through you!

- What spiritual needs stir your heart? (lost people, worship, teaching, serving,)
- Pay attention to what bothers you or burdens you and ask the Lord to use you.
- If lives are consistently touched, encouraged, or changed when you serve in a certain way, that's a sign of anointing.

2 Corinthians 10:13 (NKJV) We, however, will not boast beyond measure, but within the limits of the sphere which God appointed us--a sphere which especially includes you.

**The Lord has gifted every believer with an anointing to impact the sphere** or *God given boundary or assignment* **which God has appointed to us.** **It's important to understand the assignment that our anointing is connected too, our designated place of impact and influence.**

- There is a place where we will be most satisfied in His presence accepting our anointing and simply being ourselves and not trying to be something that we are not
- It's humbling to accept, but some of us have been entrusted with many giftings that we offer to the Lord and others have been entrusted with possibly one.
- There are limitations to our calling and anointing in order that we would recognize that we are but a small part of Jesus glorious body.

Matthew 25:15 (NKJV) "And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.

**It's actually the the design of the Father who is the giver of all gifts to spread out the gifts according to His good and perfect will, in order that we would work together to bring a full representation of Him.** **As we become secure in our identity as**

sons and daughters we can more easily accept the way we are uniquely designed as well as our strengths and weaknesses.

You and I are only going to discover the fullness of our anointing as we walk in obedience and fellowship with the Holy Spirit. **This is why the scripture tells us that the anointing teaches us all things (1John 2:27).** Do not look for someone else to perfectly model our own specific design. Yes, *we learn from others, and we grow from others, and we even humbly receive yet we have to understand the Holy Spirit is our greatest teacher and it's only in spending time with him that we will mature in this area.*

**Personally, it has taken me years as I've operated in calling to have a greater comprehension of what my gifting and anointing is.**

- There is a place of starting where you feel called and being obedient to the voice of the Lord by stepping into a calling/gifting.
- Our gifting helps us begin to discover how we are anointed within that gifting.
- I personally believe that the Holy Spirit is so personal and specific in the way that He designed us that we will continue to discover who we are truly meant to be only as we are operating over our head trusting in His leadership in power/living by faith.
- I can remember trying to be a great historian or trying to take on someone else's model of preaching and teaching. When you don't understand your own anointing it's easier to emulate someone else which is ultimately exhausting and really carries no anointing.
- I had to come to the realization that's not how I was wired, that **the Holy Spirit had a very unique design in the way He spoke to me and that was the anointing He was doing in me and would eventually be the anointing that He would release through me.** I've honestly never had a preaching class I just began discovering with the Holy Spirit how to communicate the gospel.

**You and I will be judged at the judgment seat of Christ in part by whether or not we accepted our anointing and whether we were obedient to that call.** Don't be like the one who had the one talent and buried it for it was that one talent that he was responsible to multiply.

**It is our obedience to what Jesus has called us to do that will bring the reward.**

**2 Corinthians 5:10 (NKJV) For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things [done] in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.**

**There's many examples in scripture of the people of God understanding their calling and anointing (their sphere) and then living in that and not trying to move beyond it into what someone else may be called to do.**

- Paul was called to be the apostle to the gentiles; Peter was called to be the apostle to the Jews.
- John the Baptist knew his specific role in preparing the way for Jesus Christ, he had one assignment and one message.
- David refused to take the throne before his appointed time even though he had the anointing.
- King Saul lost his anointing through continual disobedience; Samson lost his anointing yet gained it back.
- Many tried to move Jesus from the calling and anointing and timing of the Father. People kept trying to make him an earthly king, yet he stayed within his divine assignment and perfect timing.

Luke 8:38-39 (NKJV) 38 Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 "Return to your own house,(oikos)and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

The demonized man wanted to follow Jesus, become a missionary and Jesus told him that his assignment was back home.

**Charles Spurgeon said** *for each one of us there is a special vocation in which we can follow Christ. I do not believe that all of you would be following him if you were to attempt to preach. Even Christ never attempted to do what his father did not intend him to do. A man once asked him to officiate as a lawyer or judge but he replied, who made me a judge or a divider over you? One beauty of christ's life was that he kept his calling and did not go beyond his Commission. And you will be wise if you do the same.*

**We need to learn to stay in our lane and press into that calling. When we live within the limitations of our anointing there's actually a freedom.**

2 Corinthians 3:17 (NKJV) Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord [is,] there [is] liberty.

When you have freedom there's nothing to prove, the reality is that the more conscious we are of God's presence the more you will find that you're being yourself and not

afraid of what others may think of you. **The less conscious you are of his presence the more you feel the need to prove yourself.** When we move outside of our anointing we're trespassing and when we try to mimic someone else's ministry or a way of doing things we are in a sense stealing what does not belong to us. One could say that one of the great travesties of our culture is that individuals are moving outside of their God-given limitations and callings.

- **John Wimber had an incredible healing ministry** and in all of his trainings he would teach people to never close their eyes when they minister to someone. He had all the reasons why you should never take your eyes off the person while praying.
- **Other healing ministers that have been just as effective** in the area of healing will tell you to keep your eyes closed and to focus your eyes on Jesus to strengthen faith through locking eyes with him.

**My point is don't try to copy someone else's ministry.** Listen and learn from the Holy Spirit who is our greatest teacher. **God cannot be reduced down to a formula; there are a variety of workings but the same Holy Spirit (1Cor. 12:4)** **This honestly should help us to be less judgmental when it comes to of the anointing of individuals around us.** The truth is God chooses characters!! Everyone that you meet will be a little bit different than you, you're normal doesn't have to be everyone else is normal we just need to make sure it is biblically rooted, appropriate with the church culture, submitting to leadership but beautifully unique.

There's just a wonderful sense of rest and peace when we operate in our God giving calling.

#### Home groups

1. Discuss 2 Corinthians 10:13-what would you consider your sphere or assignment when it comes to the anointing of the Spirit that is upon your life?

2. What are the specific gifting that the Father has given you that you have offered back to Him to anoint (empower for service).
3. How has His anointing taught you? Try your best to explain this process that you have discovered.
4. Discuss-**We need to learn to stay in our lane and press into that calling. When we live within the limitations of our anointing there's actually a freedom.** 2 Corinthians 3:17 (NKJV) Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord [is,] there [is] liberty.
5. Discuss-**the more conscious we are of God's presence the more you will find that you're being yourself and not afraid of what others may think of you. The less conscious you are of his presence the more you feel the need to prove yourself.**