

“The Kingly Gifts” / Equipped to Serve / The Bride of Christ

Have you ever been excited about a trip you were about to go on that you thought was going to be a really good experience - but it was so disorganized and poorly led that it turned into a really bad experience? I was 22, when I went on a mission trip as an intern at a church in Dallas. It was a unique trip because we were going to and partnering with a church in Tampa who was leading out on this whole trip. We planned for sports camps, bible clubs – and more. BUTTTT – it didn't quite work out like I thought. We sat at the airport in Tampa after we arrived for five hours waiting to be picked up. The host church we were partnering with didn't have our right arrival time. So we missed lunch that day and started our trip with 70 hangry teenagers and adults. The places we were to do our camps and clubs at – where never booked so we had no parks or apartment complexes to work out of. One group spent the first two days walking and trying to gather kids and the other group went looking for a park and trying to round up kids for our sports camps. Nothing had been planned, everything was chaos, and what could have been funny and just a bad memory turned dangerous. Lost with three HS kids – we wandered the streets of inner city Tampa looking for an open store to make a call. Along the way we met “Cupcake”. We were walking down the street when a put bull came around a house and growled down a little 9th gr girl. As I was planning the last moments of my life – an elderly lady came out of here house and said, “cupcake” you be nice. 3 hours later they miraculously found us sitting outside this store. It was not one of those trips you later said – that was chaos but God did wondrous things. For sure God showed up – but He mainly showed up to encourage our kids and adults that chaos and craziness is sometimes our own fault. Poorly leadership, disorganization, and being ill equipped doomed the mission of our trip. We all learned a great lesson – God is with us always, but He is a God of order not confusion as I Cor 14:33 says. God is the God of order – and ...

God gives order – to advance His mission. / Ever been part of a trip like that? When the kingly gifts of the Spirit are not in use – that trip is the body of Christ. It is poorly led, disorganized, and the mission is often compromised by chaos. Here is our focus today:

As we submit to The King – we are sent in the kingly gifts on God's grand redemptive mission.

submit: without this the kingly gifts are useless and cause tension in us when we are around them. **We are sent:** primary purpose of these gifts – send the whole body > **God's grand redemp. mission** – Together in the gospel, for the gospel, to the glory of God.

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God's Redemptive Presence before Jesus: *Through the prophet, priest, and king – people knew God and were restored to God – while experiencing a foreshadow of Jesus (God) who was to come.*

Prophet – brought the revelation of God - pulling back the curtain to see God, ourselves, and our need for Him.

Priest – brought the healing of God – bringing us into the presence of God past the curtain that separated us.

King – brought the rule and sending of God - equipping, organizing, and commissioning people to be sent for God.

Jesus, God's Redemptive Presence Come to Earth

Jesus comes as The Prophet. (He pulled back the curtain & revealed holy God, our sinfulness & our need for a Savior.)

Jesus became The Priest. (He brought healing, tearing down the curtain and taking us into God's presence. He restored us to God - not by providing a sacrifice – but by being the sacrifice.)

Jesus becomes The King. After he rose from the dead – Jesus appeared to his disciples several times and then told them one day to meet him in Galilee. There he put on the crown he had laid aside to fully be a servant prophet and priest. Here it is...

Matthew 28: 16,18-20 (ESV) 16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Jesus – declares – **I AM KING!** (All authority ... has been give to me. King!) All “all authority in heaven and earth”:

KING of kings. 1st thing Jesus says, 1) I AM KING of kings – I rule over all. supreme authority, power, rule

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” 2nd - Jesus says, 2) **As KING of kings – I am sending us.** Go therefore ... I am with you.

Jesus lived his earthly ministry as The Prophet, The Priest, and the King so people over all of time - you and I - could know God and be restored to God through His life, death, and resurrection. **Then as he was leaving, he promised His grand redemptive mission would continue by God's presence in and through us – his body.**

Acts 1:8-9 (ESV) 8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” 9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

Holy Spirit, God's Redemptive Presence Now Jesus said the HS is God's redemptive presence now, meaning-

The Spirit has come and empowered thru gifts & presence to work in us and through for Gods GR Mission. Now, the bride or body of Christ has the gifts of the Spirit that exhibit the attributes of the prophet, priest, and king that allow people to know God and be restored to God. **In the prophetic gifts**, the curtain is pulled back on God and He is revealed as holy and loving and we are revealed as broken and sinful – in need of a Savior. **In the priestly gifts**, the curtain is removed that separates us from God and we are brought into the presence of God for the healing of our brokenness and sinfulness. And, **in the kingly gifts**, we are *sent with God on His grand redemption mission.* 10

02. The Kingly Gifts and God's Grand Redemptive Mission *How they help us live in God's GRM*

kingly gifts - equip, organize, and commission the body to be sent on God's grand redemptive mission.
(equip – healing brokenness and training, building up / organize – to bring together / commission – to send with authority)

Wedding – Roast time at the rehearsal dinner for the guy, honor time for the girl. Allie my niece told a story about Carson. Where are your socks? 8 min later: Why did I go upstairs? For a guy so brilliant he often forgets the simple purpose of what he is doing at any given moment. We can be like that with the kingly gifts – we can forget their purpose. Equipping the body is great, organizing is vital, and commissioning is powerful – but if all this doesn't send us ... Carson. More than just being like Carson – we are a people who distort our God – pervert His character.

What do the kingly gifts reveal about our God? How do these gifts increase our awe & affection for Him?

I Corinthians 12:9 – faith

Ephesians 4:11 – shepherds and teachers

I Corinthians 12:28 – apostles ... administrating ...

Romans 12:8 – the one who leads, with zeal

Jesus has risen from the dead! This is other worldly, supreme being – God stuff! He is no man!!! He is God!!!! He has appeared to his disciples, followers and now directs them to a mountain where he will officially put on His crown as King of kings. *Watch the encounter ...*

Matthew 28:16-18 (ESV) 16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted.

They worship Him as KING of kings, - but ... *oh man I pray my heart and your heart see and heart this: some doubted. Why? We will get back to that. First, I want us to see Jesus reaction for it reveals a ton about what the kingly gifts reveal about God. May this help us see why He gave us these kingly gifts and may this increase our affection, awe of Him.*

What do the kingly gifts reveal about our God? 16

18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations ... **1) Jesus came to them.** In their worship and doubt. He goes to them, pursues them. It is not the worship that sends Jesus to these disciples – it is the doubt. Where there is lack of worship – Jesus goes. Why – because He loves you and I and created us to worship Him. To know Him as the supreme in power and rule yes, but also the supreme in joy and love – to worship Him.

He is The Loving Missionary. Who will always pursue the doubter – this the why of the kingly gifts. Ultimately He gave us these gifts to send the whole body on his mission to redeem.

2) Jesus "said to them" – He didn't stop His mission with these guys because of their lack of faithfulness. He came to them and still said, **"Go make disciples ... and I am with you."** **What faithfulness!** Based on? He felt kind that morning? No! Jesus was faithful to **HIS** disciples because they were **HIS** by faith in **HIS** work on the cross. It was not their work or faithfulness that moved Jesus to love and accept. It was Jesus' work that gave forgiveness and made Him faithful.

He is Faithful. Supreme in love – his faithfulness overwhelms and awes us. **God is faithful because of Jesus work.**

3) After He comes to them, He says, "All authority" ... I am KING of kings.

He is The King of kings. Supreme in power, authority, rule. **He rules all and us & sends us with Him to all.**

How do the kingly gifts send us on God's grand redemptive mission?

kingly gifts - organize, equip, and commission the body to be sent on God's grand redemptive mission.

faith - acting on God's promises believing they fulfill His purposes.

apostleship - starting and overseeing the development of new churches and new ministries for the advancement of the gospel. *Apostle was an office in the early church. One had to be an eyewitness of Christ and chosen by Christ to be an apostle. Most believe (as does the Summit) that the office of apostle no longer exists for the church. Most believe (as does the Summit) that some still receive the gift of apostleship in the broad sense of starting new churches / ministries.*

Richard Henderson: Always starting new ministries and raising great \$ for things that are not yet there (faith). Frustrated a lot of people because he was always starting something new and moving on to the new ministry. Apostles can get bored with managing. Can move to quickly. But they are gifted to start things. Richard was and is. / **Jason Zelmer:** has directly led out in starting 2 churches & in 2018 will start a 3rd along with Dustin Hunt & many others in Winfield.

Faith often accompanies the apostolic gift because they see what is not there and help others see it. 20

I have these gifts and because of this - we have always had this heart: Our success will be determined by how many we send - not how many gather here on a Sunday. That doesn't just mean - churches planted or mission teams sent to Guatemala or individuals sent to Africa. It means how many of us are on mission every day - in our home, our neighborhood, our community. Apostles organize and equip the body to start the unseen to advance the G Redemp Mission. Without them we would gather & forget that Jesus's heart is to come to us, even to those & especially to those who doubt Him.

administration - understanding what makes an organization function and being able to plan, organize, and carry out the goals of the ministry. Pastor **Brian** and **Larry** equip and organize us all to carry out the every day mission of God's body here in the Summit. Serving with them - **Steve Watson** and **Allison Case**, who for years have served as volunteers, help us carry out the goals of this body through organizing the details our finances. Every month Steve sends us a 5-6 detailed report of every cent that has moved in and out of this place - where, why, and how. He loves doing this because he loves numbers and graphs - but way more important to Steve, he loves this because it helps the body be able to live out **God's GRM**. **Administrators** - are organizers. They effectively bring things and people together. They are needed to organize what apostles start. They can push up against one another - but both are vital to equipping and organizing the body to be sent on God's Grand Redemptive Mission.

shepherd and teacher - as a kingly gift, this is the ability to lead others in caring for and instructing the body of Christ in the truths of the gospel. (These can be two separate gifts. Shepherds lead our CGs. Teachers serve all over the body. This can be one unified gift. It is often given as a kingly gift to those who will help lead the church in the office elder/pastor.) **Rik Maxedon** - man I don't know if I have ever met a guy who is more effective at caring for and instructing the body in how the gospel calls us to live day in and day out. Rik loves people. During the Ferguson Crises, he led his church, loved the police and firemen, and stood shoulder to shoulder with people in the community who were hurting. I sat with him two weeks ago before everyone arrived for our panel and prayer night at N Church and watched him lead and weep for his city and his body. **Shepherd /teachers** - lead and care for the whole body - so we can be equipped and commissioned to be on mission together. Equipping (bringing healing and training up) and commissioning - they call God's people to be sent and they affirm God's calling on people to who are being sent.

leadership - leading and uniting others to accomplish gospel ministry through vision casting, motivation, guidance and direction. **George Patton** - had leadership ability to do all this except he did not accomplish gospel ministry. Just because you can lead in the world does not mean you have the gift of leadership from the Spirit. This gift moves leaders to be servant leaders who are focused on helping the church accomplish God's grand redemptive mission. **Jarvis James** - servant leader, with a gift of leadership, building lives in the gospel TBOC church. From nothing, grew up in Kinlock, rescued by Jesus and has had a burden for helping people be free from the slavery of sin and slavery of physical poverty. So with nothing he started (apostle gift) TBOC Church in E St Louis. "Almost every pastor around me drives huge cars, wears suits, and has a lot of jewelry on. They don't look like the neighborhood we are in and they don't act like servants - they are lords who enslave more people to worshipping them and their teachings - rather than Jesus who could set them free." They are taught be good and have faith and Jesus will reward you with forgiveness and money. This is death." Jarvis So Jarvis serves - gives all of his money to build, buy the church and homes he is selling to members at about \$1000 more than what it costs him to build them out. So he can have money to start a new home project. He serves, he gives - he loves - He gathers people, gathers provision - and people are saved (rescued and restored) to God and grew up in Him. As we submit to The King - we are sent in the kingly gifts on God's grand redemptive mission.

Why is submitting to the King so vital to living in the kingly gifts? What keeps you from going and making disciples- being sent. Jesus commanded us & commissioned us to go? What slows, hinders you, or flat out stops you?

Matthew 28:17 (ESV) And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted.

We worship. Because, He is The King who rules over us and He is The Loving Missionary - who comes for me.

We doubt. Often we do both in the same hour. Have you worshipped and doubted today?

* **Doubt happens when we believe the brokenness of this world (and in us) is bigger than Jesus.**

They saw him - and doubted. I believe, they had spent more time staring at and being moved by their brokenness (messed up love, commitment, forgiveness to one another) and the brokenness in the world (Jews hated were looking for them, Romans killed Jesus, he had risen but they still hated, thought they were nuts).

Doubting our KING - leads directly to not submitting to Him, obeying Him. It will cause us to not go on mission but it will also create tension between us and those who have kingly gifts.

Jackie Gibbs - kids not submitting to Jesus don't want to see me? Why - because I somehow represent Jesus and his desire to be all in their life and when they have another "all" - there is tension between us. If you have kingly gifts & use them - this will happen to you. For all the rest of us - this will happen to us when we are doubting our king.

Doubt leads us to disobey – and not go on mission with God. Why?

- Jesus is not SUPREME authority – who loves us SUPREMELY. We are authority – I love me more.

Doubting Thomas – famous for doubting. It crippled him. What sent him – Jesus came to him and ...

John 20:26-29 (ESV) 26 Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; & put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" *(He took him to the cross)* 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

The truth of the CROSS leads us to worship and submit (obey) – and go on mission with God. Why?

- Jesus is seen and embraced as SUPREME authority – who loves us SUPREMELY.

*** Worship happens when we believe Jesus and His cross is greater than the brokenness of this world.**

When we see the cross – Jesus dying in my place – Supreme Love and we see Him risen – Supreme rule – we will be moved to worship and to submit to His rule and love.

1st) Confess – that you doubt. Tell him – you doubt He is KING of kings over all the brokenness. IT cripples you.

2nd) ASK Jesus to let you see Him as the ONE who supremely loves and supremely rules. Ask. See if worship and obedience doesn't grow so you can use your kingly gifts or follow those who are – and be sent with the body.

Remember the point of the kingly gifts – they send us on God's grand redemptive mission.

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But remember the why we are on this mission. So the kingdom of God is advanced in this world.

What does that tangibly look like? When Jesus was asked – he said, The blind will see, the lame will walk, the deaf will hear and the poor in Spirit will have good news – the gospel that God came to doubters to rescue them declared to them. When we all live in the kingly gifts – using them and being sent in them, we will advance the kingdom. You and I get to be a part of the deaf hearing, the blind seeing, the lame walking. For some that is literally physical healing and for others that is healing of the soul. For all that means we get to be a part of people seeing and knowing God. Here is a picture of that ...

Video of two best friends at a soccer match.

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Where do you need to use your kingly gifts – the body needs you to live out the mission?

Where and who's calling you to equipped and to go?

** Summit Kid is calling – the kingly gifts are trying to send us on mission. Many have responded - will you go?*

** CGs are calling. Will you lead a group – and send us on mission into our neighborhoods and community?*

** Jarvis needs us – trying feed 1000 people Thanksgiving Monday or Tuesday.*

1st – they need workers to help finish the building. Sign up – today on connect card or on planning center.

Let' go together – there is a world of doubters waiting for the king to come to them.