

“Come up higher and be contagious”

Happy Friday!

All night Wednesday, I kept waking up hearing the word contagious in my spirit and having the Lord impress to me, that it makes people flee and hide when it should draw them in like a magnet. In and out of consciousness I was thinking about sickness and things (mainly Covid) making people retreat and even fear because things are labeled “highly contagious”. Contagious means easily spread from person to person, either through direct contact with an infected person/object or by catching a feeling/mood.

I then began thinking about how the life of God on the inside of us bursting forth should be contagious. It should be a great draw to people like a warm ray of sunshine full of love and peace.

When my alarm went off and I prepared to go about my day Thursday, I pondered this thought even more. And instead of one bad contagious thing distancing us and another drawing us together, what if they both drew us?

What if I lived my life in such a way that fear did not stop me from laying my hands on the sick with full confidence and zero influence to the enemy telling me not to come close. What if I refused to turn my head to the bound, addicted or demon possessed. In the Matthew 10:8 mandate to heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils my bible gives no escape clause or precautions as to when I’m not supposed to do this. It simply says, freely you’ve received, freely give.

In the challenge over the last 19 days to come up higher, it’s not been just for the sake of the view, but to demonstrate the Kingdom of God. Fear, insecurity, pride, ignorance and so many other things can keep us behind the line of demonstration or in the bondage of “I tried that before.” But my challenge today is to allow Holy Spirit to reveal things standing in the way of Kingdom demonstration. What are you afraid of? What thoughts play on a loop every time your spirit man says “go, say, do.”

As we allow these things to be exposed and we align them to the truth of the word of God, they will lose their grip and your body will be responding

to your spirit before your brain can catch up to try and stop you. God gives us His wisdom as we seek Him on how to respond in situations, but when I'm real with myself often times I've allowed worldly "wisdom" to mask itself and paralyze and neutralize me. It is in these areas I have a choice. To sit in condemnation and beat myself up, or to acknowledge them and move forward in full confidence and awareness that they will no longer have influence in my life.

Today, let's choose to push past all that has held us back in the past and lean into what Holy Spirit wants to do through us. Each time you encounter a reservation, check and see where it's coming from and respond correctly. If it is the enemy or your flesh, rebuke/ push past it. If it is Holy Spirit, lean into Him for guidance on how he would have you respond in a situation.

You got this,
~Pastor Kelly