

Dressed Ready for Service

Part 2.

God's When
God's What

Last Week:

Luke 12

35 "Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, 36 like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet,

Luke 18

35 As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. 36 When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. 37 They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by."

38 He called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

39 Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

40 Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him, 41 "What do you want me to do for you?" "Lord, I want to see," he replied.

42 Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you."

43 Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.

God's When

- There is a Rhythm to what God does
- There is a Rhythm to God's Creation
- There is a Rhythm to Life
- Your Heart has a Rhythm
- If your heart gets out of Rhythm it's called Arrhythmia
- Doctor's have to shock your heart back into Rhythm

Galatians 5:25 ESV

25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

Leonard Ravenhill

“Seize the opportunity of a lifetime, during the lifetime of the opportunity.”

There is a Rhythm to what God does...

The difference between someone who can dance and someone who can't is, the person who can't dance listens to the words while the person who can dance listens to the rhythm of the song...

You've got to pay attention to the Rhythm of what God is doing...

- When Jesus was born there was a sound from heaven, a Choir of Angels were singing over the shepherds night...
- When Jesus returns there will be a sound from heaven, He will come with a shout a blast of a trumpet...
- When he came the first time there was a sound...
- When he returns there will be a sound...

When an Musician writes a song he sets it up on the a certain architecture called a time signature.

- The timing of the song goes through-out the song from start to finish.
- The Chorus sounds different from the Verse
- The Verse sounds different from the Bridge
- The Dynamics of the song rise and fall
- But the Timing stays the same
- A Young Musician will get excited and will tend to rush the timing
- A Seasoned Musician knows how to keep time

Don't get lost in the Verses...

Don't think that the Chorus is all that there is...

The Bridge is coming...

Story: Worship Leader who heard his song in Heaven

- There is a sound from Heaven...
- God has a Rhythm for what he's doing in your life

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- On that day He heard a sound that day that was different...
- The sound was an indicator that something was happening
- He heard the sound of Jesus passing by and he knew this is my time...

Proverbs 15:23

NASB “A man has joy in an apt answer, And how delightful is a timely word!”

NLV “...and how pleasing is a word given at the right time!”

There is a difference between Good and Right...

Good has to do with content...

Right has to do with application and timing...

You can do a good thing at the wrong time and miss it...

God does good things at the right time...

For Example: Joshua and the Israelites circling Jericho

- Jesus approached Jericho at that particular time and the man heard him coming and cried out “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

It’s amazing to me that when Jesus was riding down the streets of Jerusalem on the back of a Colt, there were people who welcomed him saying Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord while others were at the whaling wall begging God to send the Messiah

What happened?

Some were in tune with what God was doing...

Others were out of sink...

God's What

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If the Lord knows everything why did he ask that question?

1. I believe it's because Jesus wanted him to know he cared for him...
2. Jesus is a Servant and a Servant never assumes...

- Your Words are the X-ray results of the your heart.

We read this story and we have the temptation to think wow this man had a one in a million opportunity. If I ever had Jesus come and ask me that question I would get my miracle to.

Think about this; Maybe we do...

Every single day of our lives we answer our **What do you want?**...

We show Him **What** really matters to us...

We show God **What** it is we really want...

We show him **What** we want by the choices we make...

This man gave that moment everything he had and God granted him a **What Moment**...

Are you giving your **What you want** everything you've got...

This man recognized his moment...

He also gave it all that he had...

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Jesus said "your faith has healed you."

His faith was present at the right time...

His faith was present to give it all he had...

His faith knew what he what it wanted...

In 2018

Ponder these 2 questions: if the Lord were to ask you:

1. What is it that you want?
2. What will you do with it, if you get it?

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