

Dressed Ready for Service

Part 3.

God's What

Week 1:

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,

Week 2:

God's When

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 Timing to what God does...

We need to be able to sense what God is doing when He is doing it...

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 beat of the song...

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

There is a time signature to the move of God in your life...

It doesn't work to get ahead of God, or behind God

Delayed obedience can be consequential

We need to be in step with the Holy Spirit

God's What

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.

He Called Out

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

Let's not, for one second, overlook the significance of this; This man Called Out to Jesus!

Jesus was the **Right Person**

He was It was at the **Right Place**

And raise his voice at the **Right Time**

Jeremiah 29

11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

We serve a God who hears when we call out to Him...
He waits to hear your voice...
Your prayer life is the key to unlocking encounters with God...

Jesus asked, What do you want?

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?”

I believe the Lord knew what the man wanted, but he asked anyways!
Someone might ask if Jesus knew, why did he ask?

1. I believe Jesus wanted him to know that he cared...
2. Jesus is a Servant and a Servant never assumes...
3. God never imposes, he invites... (Mutual Agreement)

- Jesus is Perfect Theology
- He is the Image of the Father
- If you ever wonder what the Father is like, look at Jesus

If you want to know how the Father acts, look at Jesus.
If you want to know how the Father wills, look at Jesus.
If you want to know how the Father would treat a person caught in adultery or crippled, or desperate, look at Jesus.
That's how our Father in Heaven is...

John 14:9

Jesus answered: “Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? **Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.** How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

- A Father will Draw it out of You
“What do you want me to do for you?”

If Jesus will ask this man, what do you want me to do for you; then perhaps that's a question our heavenly father would also ask you and I...

Why?

Because a Father will draw it out of you...

He wants you to be clear about what it is that you want...

Story: On my way to the Brownsville Revival the first time

Part of parenting children is teaching them how to be clear about what they want...

There is nothing that your heavenly Father can't do...

God doesn't have an ego problem...

He doesn't do things aimlessly...

He wants to know what it is that you want...

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 oh I would have my list.

But Maybe we do...

Maybe every day we have that same opportunity...

With our lives we answer that question **What do you want?...**

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

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

Maybe we've been answering this question on accident when we should be more intentional...

One time the Lord asked me a question: He said, Do you believe my word? I said yes. He said then act like it...

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 was ready for the question; are you?...

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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, when you get it?

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