

ALREADY SPOKEN

PARTNERING WITH THE WORD BEFORE YOU SEE THE MIRACLE

Intentionality Series HEARING • RENEWAL • ALIGNMENT • MOVEMENT

PRIMARY TEXT- JOHN 4:46–54

JESUS RETURNED TO CANA OF GALILEE, WHERE HE HAD TURNED WATER INTO WINE.

A ROYAL OFFICIAL FROM CAPERNAUM CAME TO HIM BECAUSE HIS SON WAS DYING.

THE MAN BEGGED JESUS TO COME HEAL HIS SON.

JESUS RESPONDED:

“UNLESS YOU PEOPLE SEE SIGNS AND WONDERS, YOU SIMPLY WILL NOT BELIEVE.”

THE MAN PLEADED AGAIN.

JESUS LOOKED AT HIM AND SAID:

“GO. YOUR SON LIVES.”

THE MAN BELIEVED THE WORD JESUS SPOKE AND STARTED HOME.

WHILE HE WAS ON THE WAY, HIS SERVANTS MET HIM SAYING:

“YOUR SON LIVES.”

AT THE EXACT HOUR JESUS SPOKE THE WORD, THE BOY RECOVERED.

AND THE FATHER BELIEVED
ALONG WITH HIS WHOLE HOUSEHOLD.

INTRODUCTION

RAISE YOUR HAND IF YOU BELIEVE GOD STILL SPEAKS TODAY.

RAISE YOUR HAND IF YOU WANT TO HEAR GOD MORE CLEARLY.

RAISE YOUR HAND IF YOU WANT TO LEARN HOW TO RECOGNIZE HIS VOICE.

ALMOST EVERY HAND GOES UP.

THE DESIRE TO HEAR GOD IS ALREADY IN YOUR HEART.

BUT HERE IS THE TENSION:

IF GOD SPEAKS...

AND WE WANT TO HEAR HIM...

WHY DO WE STILL FEEL UNSURE?

- HOW DO I KNOW IT'S GOD?
- WHAT IF I MISS HIM?
- WHY DOES IT SEEM EASIER FOR OTHERS?

CORE KINGDOM TRUTH

THE DEEPER QUESTION IS NOT:

DOES GOD SPEAK?

THE REAL QUESTION IS:

HOW DO WE RESPOND WHEN HE DOES?

KINGDOM TRUTH

THE EVIDENCE OF HEARING IS NOT EMOTION

IT IS RIGHT RESPONSE

SPIRITUAL ALIGNMENT

MANY BELIEVERS ARE NOT STRUGGLING BECAUSE **GOD IS SILENT.**

THEY ARE STRUGGLING BECAUSE:

THEIR MIND HAS NOT ALIGNED WITH WHAT THEIR SPIRIT ALREADY KNOWS

YOUR SPIRIT RECOGNIZES TRUTH.

YOUR SPIRIT AGREES WITH HEAVEN.

BUT YOUR MIND **MAY BE TRAINED** BY:

- FEAR
- DISAPPOINTMENT
- SCARCITY
- CULTURE

KINGDOM TRUTH

DARKNESS LOSES ITS POWER WHEN OUR MIND AGREES WITH WHAT OUR SPIRIT ALREADY KNOWS

POINT 1

BELIEF MOVES BEFORE PROOF

THE OFFICIAL BEGGED JESUS TO COME HEAL HIS SON.

THIS WASN'T SELFISH DESIRE.

THIS WAS A FATHER DESPERATE FOR HIS CHILD.

WHAT PARENT WOULDN'T FIGHT FOR THEIR CHILD?

WHAT PARENT WOULDN'T BEG?

YET SOMETHING SHIFTS IN THIS MOMENT.

JESUS LOOKS AT HIM AND SAYS:

“GO. YOUR SON LIVES.”

NO PROOF.

NO MIRACLE YET.

JUST A WORD.

AND THE MAN **BELIEVES AND DEPARTS.**

KINGDOM TRUTH

TRUE FAITH MOVES BEFORE EVIDENCE APPEARS

KINGDOM TRUTH

WHEN YOU SEE THE HEART OF JESUS OBEDIENCE STOPS FEELING RISKY

WHAT WAS THE RESULT

THE FATHER BELIEVED.

HE WENT HOME.

THE MIRACLE FOLLOWED.

ONE MAN’S RESPONSE SHIFTED HIS ENTIRE HOUSEHOLD.

TRANSITION:

BUT MIRACLES ALONE DO NOT GUARANTEE MATURITY

POINT 2

HEALED BUT NOT TRANSFORMED

IN THE NEXT CHAPTER WE SEE ANOTHER HEALING.

JOHN 5 – The man at the pool.

IN JOHN 4: **A FATHER IS BEGGING.**

IN JOHN 5: **A MAN IS BLAMING.**

CONTRAST

ONE MAN IS DESPERATE FOR LIFE.

THE OTHER HAS GROWN COMFORTABLE IN HIS CONDITION.

WHEN JESUS ASKS HIM ABOUT HIS SITUATION:

HE DOESN'T CRY OUT IN FAITH.

HE DOESN'T ASK FOR HEALING.

INSTEAD HE SAYS:

"I HAVE NO ONE TO HELP ME."

KINGDOM TRUTH

LAMENESS OFTEN BECOMES BLAME

YET JESUS STILL SAYS:

"GET UP. PICK UP YOUR MAT. WALK."

AND HE IS HEALED.

BUT SOMETHING IS MISSING.

WHEN ASKED:

"WHO HEALED YOU?"

HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW.

KINGDOM TRUTH

A MIRACLE CAN HAPPEN WITHOUT RELATIONSHIP FORMING

JESUS LATER FINDS HIM AGAIN AND SAYS:

“STOP SINNING OR SOMETHING WORSE MAY HAPPEN.”

JESUS IS CALLING HIM TO LEAVE THE FAMILIAR.

FOR 38 YEARS HIS IDENTITY WAS:

“THE MAN WHO CANNOT WALK.”

HIS ENVIRONMENT REINFORCED THAT IDENTITY.

JESUS WAS SAYING:

DO NOT RETURN TO THE PLACE WHERE YOUR OLD IDENTITY LIVED

KINGDOM TRUTH

YOU CAN BE HEALED AND STILL LIVE LIKE YOU ARE LAME

EVENTUALLY THE MAN TELLS THE LEADERS THAT JESUS HEALED HIM.

AND PERSECUTION BEGINS.

KINGDOM APPLICATION

HOW OFTEN DO WE DO THE SAME THING?

NOT THROUGH OPEN SIN.

BUT THROUGH FALSE BELIEF.

JESUS DECLARES US:

- FREE
- HEALED
- REDEEMED
- CALLED

YET WE CONTINUE LIVING IN THE SAME STORY.

KINGDOM TRUTH

TWO HEALINGS

TWO RESPONSES

TWO OUTCOMES

THE FATHER IN JOHN 4:

BELIEVED THE WORD... AND DEPARTED.

WAS CHANGE FOREVER.

THE MAN IN JOHN 5:

WAS HEALED... BUT STAYED IN THE SAME ENVIRONMENT.

WORSE THAN BEFORE.

KINGDOM TRUTH

GOD DID NOT FREE YOU TO FIX YOUR OLD STORY

HE FREED YOU TO TESTIFY OF HIS NEW ONE

TRANSITION: THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THESE TWO MEN WAS NOT THE MIRACLE.

IT WAS WHAT GOVERNED THEM.

POINT 3

GOVERNMENT OF THE MIND

ROMANS 8:4–9

THOSE WHO LIVE ACCORDING TO THE FLESH
SET THEIR MINDS ON THE THINGS OF THE FLESH.

BUT THOSE WHO LIVE ACCORDING TO THE SPIRIT
SET THEIR MINDS ON THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT.

THE MIND SET ON THE FLESH IS DEATH
THE MIND SET ON THE SPIRIT IS LIFE AND PEACE

KEY DEFINITIONS

FLESH (SARX)

SELF-GOVERNED LIFE
DISCONNECTED FROM GOD.

LIVING SELF-SUFFICIENT
INSTEAD OF SURRENDERED.

MINDSET (PHRONEMA)

YOUR INNER GOVERNING PERSPECTIVE.

YOUR ORIENTATION TOWARD REALITY.

KINGDOM TRUTH

WHAT GOVERNS YOUR MIND DETERMINES YOUR RESPONSE

KINGDOM TRUTH

FLESH DEMANDS PROOF

SPIRIT TRUSTS PROMISE

POINT 4

ALREADY GRANTED

2 PETER 1:4-7

GOD HAS GIVEN US PRECIOUS AND MAGNIFICENT PROMISES.

THROUGH THEM WE BECOME PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE.

KINGDOM TRUTH

YOU ARE NOT TRYING TO GET GOD TO MOVE

YOU ARE LEARNING TO MOVE WITH WHAT HE ALREADY GAVE

ALREADY SPOKEN.

ALREADY PROMISED.

ALREADY DEPOSITED.

BUT NOT YET FULLY MANIFESTED.

KINGDOM TRUTH

THE BRIDGE BETWEEN ALREADY AND NOT YET

IS RESPONSE AND YOU CANNOT WALK IN WHAT YOU REFUSE TO SAY

IF YOU DO NOT REPEAT HEAVEN

YOU WILL REPEAT CULTURE.

KINGDOM FLOW

WHEN THE MIND ALIGNS WITH THE SPIRIT

THE MOUTH AGREES

WHEN THE MOUTH AGREES

THE FEET MOVE

WHEN THE FEET MOVE

HEAVEN PARTNERS.

THE DANGER OF DELAY

THE ONLY THING WORSE THAN NOT HEARING GOD

IS WISHING YOU HAD LISTENED.

WAITING CAN BE WISDOM.

BUT SOMETIMES WAITING IS:

FEAR DISGUISED AS SPIRITUALITY

KINGDOM TRUTH

THE KINGDOM MOVES THROUGH WILLING VESSELS

FINAL DECLARATION

THE WATER IS FLOWING

THE LIGHT IS SHINING

MY SPIRIT AGREES

MY MIND WILL ALIGN

I WILL NOT DELAY OBEDIENCE

I WILL RESPOND

BECAUSE THE EVIDENCE

THAT I HEARD HIM

IS MY NEXT STEP