

Rehearsing the WORD

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While Yahweh created humankind to enjoy a relationship, the relationship always alluded to and included a divine purpose for which both parties partnered together to achieve – a covenant relationship. Since sin entered the equation from the Garden of Eden, more emphasis has been placed on the strained and divided relationship and trying to “fix” mankind rather than focusing on the ultimate intention established from the very beginning. Sunday’s message was aimed at bringing our weekly assembly of sons and daughters of Yahweh from consumer/spectator to contributor and ultimately distributors/messengers of the kingdom of Christ. The ecclesia is the agency Yahshua implemented in Matthew 16 to ensure the family enterprise established in heaven and earth would come together as ONE. Therefore, it is of paramount importance that as a local ecclesia in the earth, we lead as a prototype for other “churches” to make the transition to an authentic ecclesiastical expression. Ultimately, our role as a kingdom ecclesia is saying on earth what the Father has already spoken and authorized from the heavens. However, to arrive at Yahweh’s Words accurately, we must position ourselves through praying in the Spirit and worship. Furthermore, we must minister to the personal pain of others so they might be a viable member of the body which includes seeing every situation and circumstance in its proper context and perspective. Finally, once we see the vision clearly, we speak on the earth through declarations and decrees, gathering resources and strategizing for kingdom advancement. GLORY!!

Scripture References:

John 4:23-24 - But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Ephesians 1:7-10 - In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, 9having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, 10that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him.

Key Words/Phrases:

Ecclesia – Yahshua’s earthly agency responsible for judging righteous judgment through worship, personal ministry, “conversations” and agreement.

Love - worship, acknowledgement, submission, identity, fully in Christ (LOVE), complete in Christ

Truth - conversation that leads to Yahweh’s Reality, survey parts and see the whole (purpose)

Faith - envision, pray, declare, decree, gather resources and release the strategy for the purpose.

Appropriations:

Thank you Father for inviting me into your presence to be identified as one who belongs to you. I am a kingdom change-agent in the earth today and am present and accounted for. I see myself as a presentation of Christ Himself and desire to do so accurately and authentically. Therefore, I fully identify with Christ in all matters, appropriating by faith all the resources of heaven to be utilized for the fulfillment of the mission in the earth. I deny and denounce any attempt of the enemy to distract me away from contributing to the establishment, expression and advancement of the kingdom of Christ. I am a proud member of the body of Christ. I love, value and respect my brothers and sisters in Christ and desire to see them come into their full maturity and measure. I live in deep appreciation for my life in Christ!!

Discussion Questions:

1. Would you classify yourself presently as a consumer, contributor or distributor in the body of Christ? Most likely all three. Explain.
2. Praying in the Spirit (tongues) has always been a very controversial subject in the body of Christ. Is praying in the Spirit something you engage regularly? What are the benefits of praying in the Spirit?
3. While most worship experiences are associated with music, list some ways to worship without music.
4. How does worship affect your identity and reality in Christ?
5. Personal ministry includes the awakening of the spirit man, the deliverance of the soul and healing of the body. Why is it important to submit these issues to Christ before partnering with the Godhead and the body of Christ to fulfill its mission?
6. Preaching and teaching could be associated with having a conversation about a particular subject matter or life issue. We’ve talked recently about “walking” circumspectly around issues. Have you ever arrived prematurely at a conclusion about a matter only to realize later if you had continued to “converse”, you would have seen the matter from an entirely different perspective?
7. Do we sometimes get caught up in the parts and pieces of a matter and never really consider the purpose or ultimate intention of where the parts and pieces are leading?
8. Praying, prophesying, declaring and decreeing close the circuit on the ministry matrix of love, truth and faith. Are these activities your usual response to a “conversation”?

CHILDREN: When should these facets and features of a Spirit-led life be introduced to your children? Do you openly demonstrate these activities in front of your children? Start the conversation about spiritual matters with your children before they try to separate their faith from your faith.