



Rehearsing the Word

Sunday, June 16, 2024

Overall Theme:

Father's Day...2024. My have the times changed over the years as it relates to marriage, parenting and family dynamics. But what has not changed is Yahweh's divine design, original order and ultimate intention for the kingdom of heaven and earth to be ONE as it was in the beginning. Father's and Mother's Day give us a calendarized reminder to assess where we are in family construction and development and plan for the future.

Yesterday's message seemed to center on two main facets of kingdom expression. First, the apostolic foundation of the family, of which the husband/father is largely responsible for establishing and monitoring. Subsequently, why establish governmental order if there is not a futuristic prophetic vision to see and manifest. The wife/mother is predominantly created to see ahead, intercede and move toward a greater outcome. By and large however, we've seen these roles either switch, become one-sided or just vanish altogether.

The other facet of yesterday's message dealt with the duality of building relationships and fulfilling a purpose with the one in whom you relate. Of course, Genesis 1:26-28 describes this perfectly from the very beginning. Relationships without purpose become ingrown, incestuous and are evaluated based on the pleasure each member receives from the relationship. These relationships usually never identify a futuristic vision and are reduced to commonalities among the members. Purpose without relationship strips all the pleasure and subsequent motivation from fulfilling the purpose and many members of this arrangement don't stay committed. The members of this expression are only as valuable as what they supply and therefore a hierarchy of importance and competition usually destroys the group before they can fulfill the mission.

Yahshua, in John 17, wanted to make sure that the disciples/apostles enjoyed the same relationship of ONENESS with the Father that He enjoyed through the process of sanctification. Matthew 28, Luke 24, Mark 16 and Acts 1 and 2 reveal that He was equally focused on transmitting clearly their mission beyond His presence with them by Holy Spirit.

Relationship and Purpose. Two distinct and inseparable facets of the fulfillment of "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it already exists in heaven".

Scriptures:

- Genesis 1:26-28 – relationship first and then purpose flows from it
- Hebrews 1:5 – "Today, I have begotten (birthed, delivered, mid-wife) You"
- Hebrews 2:8-12 – "but now we do not see all things put under him (mankind)", "bringing many sons to glory", "For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of ONE"
- Hebrews 3:18-19 – disobedience and unbelief

Discussion Questions:

1. In evaluating random relationships in your life, which relationships (family, business, community, ecclesia) are more pleasure-oriented or purpose-driven?
2. How motivated are the member(s) of a purpose-driven relationship if it's just about completing a task (obedience)?
3. Do some relationships become so pleasure-based, everyone has forgotten the futuristic vision cast at the beginning?
4. Think of some relationships that have a balanced mix of both pleasure, commonalities and good feels and a futuristic vision of fulfilling a purpose.
5. Would you consider yourself more of an apostolic governor or a prophetic visionary? Give examples.
6. **CHILDREN:** Provide leadership for your children that require them to overcome adversity and situations that are not wholly pleasurable by seeing the bigger picture. Help them develop their prophetic vision and also appreciate apostolic leaders and environments when the priority of bringing order to their life is a pathway for the pleasure they seek.

Declarations and Appropriations:

Yahweh, you are the original and ultimate Father. First of all, I forgive any fathering leader in my life who I may cast blame upon when their leadership did not measure up to my expectations. You are my Father and any fathering leader that has intersected my life can only re-present you and not fully embody the essence of your being. I am resolved to re-engage you as my Father and am thankful for all the leaders in my life, both good and not-so-good, for any part they played in revealing your heart and mind. I also commit to be a faithful fathering leader to others as I lead and guide them toward a relationship and subsequent purpose for which they were pro-created. I will continue to focus and pursue being a faithful and mature "SON" and will allow Holy Spirit to lead and guide me into all truth and wholly submit to your Word.