



SEASONS

Seasons Series

Part 5 - Wednesday

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Seasons of Frustration

1. The Greatest Revelation of Christ's Provision was Birthed in a Season of Frustration!

- a. The Gospel of Saint Luke 9:10-17, “¹⁰ On their return the apostles told him all that they had done. And he took them and withdrew apart to a town called Bethsaida. ¹¹ When the crowds learned it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and spoke to them of

the kingdom of God and cured those who had need of healing.

¹² Now the day began to wear away, and the twelve came and said to him, “Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place.” ¹³ But he said to them, “You give them something to eat.” They said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.” ¹⁴ For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” ¹⁵ And they did so, and had them all sit down. ¹⁶ And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. ¹⁷ And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.”

- b. Notice here that the Disciples are trying to figure out how to bring provision to a situation they had discerned to be in lack.
- c. “Where are we going to find enough bread?”
- d. They were adept enough to discern the lack but failed to discern the point of provision that sat nearby.
- e. Jesus simply asked them, “What do you have?”

- f. Often times, we will find ourselves in places of frustration, like the disciples, because we are adept enough to discern a place of lack in our lives but we are not sure how to fix it.
- g. Let us be careful of ourselves that we do not make the mistakes of the Disciples and forget whom we are walking with. Provision is always close by.
- h. Remember, the Greatest Revelation of Christ's Provision was Birthed in a Seasons of Frustration so do not allow your frustrations to distract you from the Revelation!
- i. Point #2...

2. The Greatest Revelation of Christ's Authority in Prayer was Birthed in a Season of Frustration!

- a. The Gospel of Saint Mark 9:14-29, “¹⁴And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵ And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. ¹⁶ And he asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” ¹⁷ And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸ And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams

and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.”¹⁹ And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.”²⁰ And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth.²¹ And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood.”²² And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.”²³ And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.”²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!”²⁵ And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.”²⁶ And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.”²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.²⁸ And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it

out?” ²⁹ And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

- b. In Mark 9, we have the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain with Peter, James and John present and then the trio accompanies Jesus back to a gathering of people with the rest of the disciples present.
 - i. The Disciples are frustrated because they can't cast the demon out
 - ii. The father is frustrated because his son is demonized and can't get free
 - iii. And Jesus is frustrated due to the faithlessness found amongst the throng people; his disciples included.
- c. Verse 29 was only one part of the revelation of prayer.
- d. Luke 11 - “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”
- e. Notice how the frustration of the Disciples drove them to ask for a deeper context of what prayer is. Prayer is more than a means of authority to work miracles or cast out devils. Prayer should be an ever-present moniker in our lives that we are in fellowship with the Father.
- f. Point #3...

3. The Greatest Revelation of Christ's Power was Birthed in a Season of Frustration!

- a. Acts 1:6-11, “⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”
- b. The Disciple's revelation of Power was birthed out of frustration.
- c. In Acts 1, Jesus gives the order to return to Jerusalem and wait for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. This was the final command of the Lord before his ascension.

d. 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, “Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand,² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.”

e. Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 annotates that over 500 people saw the resurrected Lord but only 120 made it to the upper room to be endued with power.

f. The Disciples were frustrated because they wanted to “go” but told they couldn’t go because they weren’t ready. For some, their frustration sent them home and away from the faith.

- g. For the 120, their frustration drove them to pursue what Jesus had said. It is almost as if the Lord, by his actions, was saying, “I’m sending you to a place of frustration until I get done doing what I want to do in you.”
- h. 500 saw the resurrection and heard the direction; but only 120 pushed through their frustrations and questions and made it.
- i. Notice how the frustration of the disciples drove them to pursue Jesus even when others had walked away and quit. We must never get to the place to where we are satisfied and set out spiritual lives on cruise control. There is more to God and we should let our frustrations and our questions drive us to go deeper into provision, deeper into prayer, and deeper into His power.
- j. Ephesians 5:15-18 records, “Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,”

k. Jesus said in Acts 1:4-5, “And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

l. The Holy Spirit was given to us as a promise of the Father to demonstrate His provision, His desire to communion with us through prayer, and His Eternal Power! Let us all today choose, in spite of Seasons of Frustration, to lose sight of this truth!