



Spirit Empowered CHURCH

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Part 2 - Father's Day

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The Gospel of Saint Matthew 3:13-17, ¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

May the Lord add His Blessing to the Reading and the Hearing of His Word. Amen. You may be seated...

Today we will continue our new series entitled the “Spirit Empowered Church” during which we will discuss several topics that orbit around this emphasis. As I stated last Sunday, The First Century Church was a Spirit Empowered Church and the End Time Church must be a Spirit Empowered Church as well.

And I believe that a part of this empowerment is connected to the Prophetic Release of Prophetic Declarations over our Children. Church Family, A Spirit Empowered Church is a Prophetically Inspired and Prophetically Declarative Church. We speak things that are not as though they are!

Church family, our words matter. What comes out of our mouths matter. Solomon, when he was penning the text that we know as the Book of Proverbs, notes in Chapter 18 and in verse 21, “Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.”

If we truly understood just how powerful our Words are, we would be far more careful in what we say, what we share, and what we speak over ourselves and others. The Bible records that God used His Words to form the universe and all that is in it; except human kind of which He formed with His own hands in the dust of the earth.

The Lord God by His Spirit declared the Word and from which was all things created; and if we are Born Again and are filled with His Spirit, our Words have creative ability as well. Our words have the power to impact every area of our lives; spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically. And this is all the more important when it comes to the Prophetic; what we declare matters!

1. Prophetic Declaration can Unlock the Purpose of God in our Lives!

- a. The Gospel of Saint Matthew 3:16-17, “¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”
- b. Notice that it was after the words of the Father affirming the identity of the Son that the Son’s ministry was launched!
- c. Which this text in mind, allow me to pose a question for our consideration today. Could the potential of our children be found not in their gifts themselves but in our words, as keys, to unlock that potential?

- d. If Christ needed the affirmation of His Father to launch into His Calling, how much more so do we need the voices of Fathers in the Earth to declare affirmation and prophetic destiny over their children?
- e. Father's your affirmation is not just desired; it is absolutely necessary.
- f. Fathers, your words have the power to lock up or let loose the future of our children.
- g. The Gospel of Saint Matthew 16:16-19, **"¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."**
- h. If our words, according to this text, wields the power to loose or bind things in the Heavens and the Earth, how much more power does our words wield the power to loose our Children with prophetic declarations and affirmations by speaking to their hearts.

- i. We can either prophecy their doom or their destiny; I will declare their destiny!
- j. Remember, Prophetic Declaration can Unlock the Purpose of God in our Lives!
- k. Point #2...

2. Prophetic Declaration can be used in conjunction with Spiritual Giftings by Empowering the Gift of God that is in us!

- a. 1 Timothy 4:14-16, ¹⁴“Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you.” ¹⁵Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress.”
- b. The prophetic can serve as a light in the darkness but it can also be a key that unlocks the gifts of God in us! Notice in our text how the Gift was connected to the prophecy spoken when the elders laid hands upon timothy.
- c. Church, there is a release that comes with prophetic words are declared. And it is our task at hand to speak things that are not as though they were until our declarations manifest into our present reality.

- d. Prophetic utterances can bring breakthrough to a church or an individual and I believe that these utterances are going to become common place in our church.
- e. We will be a place where the bound are delivered by the prophetic declaration of this body over this region!
- f. We will be the gate keepers of revival in our region and it is time to release our prophetic voices to prophecy to the darkness over our city and region and for the Power of the Holy Spirit to begin to manifest in our midst in more tangible ways.
- g. The Assembly West Monroe! It is time to Prophecy and release prophetic words into the atmosphere! It is time to declare and decree some things and flow prophetically.
- h. I believe that the future of the church depends on supernatural and prophetic flows of the Spirit through us!
- i. Remember, Prophetic Declaration can be used in conjunction with Spiritual Giftings by Empowering the Gift of God that is in us!
- j. Point #3...

3. Prophetic Declaration is Meant to be Used in Proportion to our Faith!

- a. Romans 12:1-6, “⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though

many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith;”

- b. Our prophetic gifting grows as we are intentional to grow our Faith; our Gifts and our Faith walk hand in hand when it comes to growth and impact.
- c. I want to point something out to you that was shared with me this past week by a dear brother in the Lord who attends our church. He illuminated a text for me this past week that was eye opening and here is one power point that was unveiled to me.
- d. Faith is the only noted item that is both a fruit and a gift; 1 Corinthians 12:9 calls Faith a gift. Galatians 5:22 calls Faith a Fruit.
- e. And notice that if it is a fruit and a gift; both will be necessary to be present when the prophetic begins to manifest.
- f. Notice verse 6 of our passage we just read, “⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith;”
- g. So with this text in mind, our prophetic gifting is predicated upon our proportion of faith in our fruitfulness of being faithful and our proportion of faith in our gift of faith; no fruit and no gift then there will be no prophetic flow.

- h. Our faith in the Spirit of God in Us will empower our Faith to declare what the Spirit of God is saying to us!
- i. Remember, Prophetic Declaration, just as any other gift, is meant to be used in proportion to our Faith!
- j. Point #4...

4. Prophecy can be used to Release Prophetic Destiny in your Children!

- a. Paul reveals to us the power of what prophecy releases in our sons and daughters...
- b. 1 Timothy 4:14-16, ¹⁴“Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you.” ¹⁵Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress.”
- c. Just as Paul noted, the Holy Spirit can flow through us prophetically to impact the next generation just as Paul impacted Timothy.
- d. Interesting how this sentence is written; notice how the gift is connected to the prophecy given. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy...

- e. Church family, our children need our correction when they are wrong but they also need our affirmation which comes by affirming their identity in Christ.
- f. Remember, the Prophetic can be used to Release Prophetic Destiny in your Children!

Even if they are in Sin, it's time to Prophecy

Even if they are in Righteousness, it's time to Prophecy

Fathers, it is time to Prophecy! (Prayer Time)