

I. Review

A. Recent Session:

1. Occupying in the Heaven Connection Developing in the flow of heaven vs. the flow of this world.

II. Honoring the Source of Heaven's Flow

A. Opening Statements:

- 1. God has made the flow of heaven available to every believer.
- **2.** It is not automatic.
- 3. We must connect to the flow of heaven if we are to experience this blessing.
- **4.** We have discussed the connection of prayer, worship, and being in the plan of God. *These all connect us to the supernatural flow of Heaven.*
- **5.** Another means of connecting to heaven is to recognize the sources of heaven's flow to which God has us connected.

B. Connected to the Right Place:

- 1. Luke 24:49 NKJV "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."
- 2. Acts 9:6 NKJV "So he, trembling and astonished, said, 'Lord, what do You want me to do?' Then the Lord *said* to him, 'Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do'."
- 3. Where <u>we</u> are connected = **the local church**

C. Connected to the Right Person/People:

1. Acts 9:15-18 NKJV "But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake.' And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' Immediately there fell from his eyes *something* like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized."

2. Biblical Examples:

- Solomon and David
- Joshua and Moses
- Timothy and Paul
- The Disciples and Jesus

PASTOR'S NOTE: Prior to any of these taking office or leading, they had to be connected to their predecessor. Their Success was in their connection!



- D. There will always be an attack on divine placement and divine connections.
 - **1.** Satan will always try to MOVE YOU away from your assigned place and away from your assigned leadership.
 - a. IF SATAN CAN MOVE YOU FROM THESE, HE CAN MOVE YOU FROM YOUR DESTINY!
 - b. KEY = Know Where Know Who Stay Put!
 - c. Do <u>not</u> be movable.

2. Examples of Satan's strategy to move people:

a. The Disciples

John 6:60-69 HCSB "Therefore, when many of His disciples heard this, they said, 'This teaching is hard! Who can accept it?' Jesus, knowing in Himself that His disciples were complaining about this, asked them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to observe the Son of Man ascending to where He was before? The Spirit is the One who gives life. The flesh doesn't help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life. But there are some among you who don't believe.' (For Jesus knew from the beginning those who would not believe and the one who would betray Him.) He said, 'This is why I told you that no one can come to Me unless it is granted to him by the Father.' From that moment many of His disciples turned back and no longer accompanied Him. Therefore Jesus said to the Twelve, 'You don't want to go away too, do you?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who will we go to? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that You are the Holy One of God!'"

PASTOR'S NOTE: The twelve made the right choice.

- We must COME TO BELIEVE.
- Know what we believe.
- We must know WHO we are assigned to.

b. Barnabas: The Wrong Choice

Acts 13:2 NKJV "As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, 'Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them'."

CONTENTION >> Acts 15:36-41 NKJV "Then after some days Paul said to Barnabas, 'Let us now go back and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, *and see* how they are doing.' Now Barnabas was determined to take with them John called Mark. But Paul insisted that they should not take with them the one who had departed from them in Pamphylia, and had not gone with them to the work. Then the contention became so sharp that they parted from one another. And so Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus; but Paul chose Silas and departed, being **commended by**



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the brethren to the grace of God. And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches."

- **Commended** = recommended. He was APPROVED by leadership.
- Implication: Leadership did not approve of Barnabas' decision. They replaced Barnabas with Silas.
- In scripture, there is very little mentioned about Barnabas following this SEPARATION: THERE IS NO RECORD of the work of Barnabas and John Mark.

PASTOR'S NOTE: Offense separated Barnabas from a divine connection with the Apostle Paul. His ministry was never fulfilled as it would have been if he had guarded his place and his position with Paul.

- c. Elijah and Elisha
 - Elijah gave Elisha several opportunities to disconnect from himself.
 - Elisha's refusal to disconnect positioned him for the double portion anointing and promotion.
- 3. We need to be very slow/careful about disconnecting from a place where the blessing of God has been evident upon our life and our family.
 - a. The #1 device that causes disconnect is offense.
 - **b.** Satan will use minor things to cause a major offense.
 - If Satan cannot focus your attention on a WRONGFUL act that someone did to you, he will focus your attention on what someone SHOULD HAVE DONE or SAID to you.
 - If he can cause you to be offended, he can move you.
 - If he can move you away from your divine placement, he will hinder or move you away from your assignment
 - The result? The flow of heaven no longer works or is hindered from working at full capacity in your life.
 - 4. What is potentially lost when you allow yourself to be moved?
 - a. Healing?
 - b. Freedom?
 - c. Peace?
 - d. Faith?
 - 5. What is lost in your family that could have may a generational impact?