

You've Been Anointed for This

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CENTRAL QUESTION

Are you living like you know you're anointed, or are you sitting on the sidelines waiting for someone else to go?

I. The Anointing Is Given by God

Key Text: *Psalm 92:10*

To anoint means to smear or spread oil. That's the plain definition, but it carries more weight than that in Scripture.

- Illustration: spraying flies with odorless bug spray. You can't smell it working, but it works. Contrast with the anointing oil in Scripture, which people could smell (Mary anointing Jesus, oil running down Aaron's beard).
- Often you can tell who's walking in the anointing.

II. The Anointing Is Always to Do Something

Key Text: *Luke 4:18; Acts 10:38*

- Jesus said his anointing meant preaching good news, healing the brokenhearted, proclaiming liberty to captives, and setting free those who are oppressed.
- Peter preached the same thing about Jesus in Acts 10:38, that he went about doing good and healing people.
- The anointing doesn't let you sit idle. Posting about what God is going to do isn't the same as doing it.
- The kingdom of God is always advancing, not retreating.

III. The Anointing Is Grace to Go Forward

- Jesus died for your past, but he also died for your future.
- If the early church had only preached that Jesus died for the past, they never would have stepped out and grown the church.
- The anointing is what carries you forward, not just what forgives what's behind you.

IV. The Anointing Brings Others Alongside You

Key Text: *1 Kings 19:15-19; 2 Kings 2:1-13*

- Elijah throws his mantle on Elisha, who is plowing with oxen. Elisha follows him and becomes his servant.
- Later, Elisha refuses to leave Elijah's side, even when told to stay behind three times.

- Elisha asks for a double portion of Elijah's spirit before Elijah is taken up.
- The anointing is both individual and corporate. First John 2:27 says believers have an anointing from the Holy One. We're not meant to walk this out alone.

V. The Anointing Requires Giving Something Up

- Elisha slaughters his oxen and burns the plowing equipment to cook a meal for the people before he leaves.
- He doesn't just walk away. He removes his own ability to turn back.
- Following the call costs something. Elisha counted that cost and left no way back.

VI. The Oil Is Not Permanent

- Being anointed once doesn't mean you're covered for life.
- Staying filled takes ongoing time in prayer, fasting, and pursuing God, not a one-time experience.

VII. Everyone Has an Anointing for Their Calling

- This isn't only for preachers or worship leaders. Some are anointed for their job, their studies, or whatever work is in front of them.
- Examples given: someone anointed to run, someone anointed for their new job.

Closing: David's Waiting Room

Psalm 23:5. David was anointed as a boy but didn't see instant success. He went back to tending sheep. He killed a lion and a bear in private before he ever faced Goliath in public. God builds you in the waiting room before he brings you to your moment. Invitation to come to the altar and declare, 'I'm anointed for this.'

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

1. Where do you sense God's anointing on your life, even if you haven't seen the fruit of it yet?
2. Are you using your anointing to move forward, or are you waiting for someone else to go first?
3. Who has God placed alongside you, or called you to walk alongside, in what he's asked you to do?
4. What would it look like for you to give up your own 'way back' to fully follow God's call?
5. What does keeping fresh oil in your life look like for you right now?

Scripture References: Psalm 92:10-14 | Luke 4:18 | Acts 10:38 | 1 Kings 19:15-19 | 2 Kings 2:1-13 | 1 John 2:27 | Psalm 23:5 | 1 Samuel 17