

Jesus at the Center - Way Maker

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Am I a "Way Maker" or a "Way Blocker" believer?

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will **prepare** your way"—"a voice of one calling in the wilderness, '**Prepare** the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" *Mark 1:1-3*

Prepare: Those who go ahead and clear the debris for the arrival of the King

You will never have a PROPHETIC voice with a PROFANITY lifestyle

Prophetic voice: Jesus centric words that can bring people closer to Jesus

Profanity: "Against the temple" or an unholy lifestyle that stands in opposition or against the purposes of God
-any lifestyle that drifts from living a life centered on Jesus
1 Timothy 6:20,21 NKJV; 2 Timothy 2:16,17 NKJV; Matthew 16:23

Mark 3:6 - both a political spirit and a religious spirit become way blockers whether intentionally or unconsciously.

A third spirit: Babylonian Spirit: Confusion
Genesis 11:1-4 NLT; Revelation 14:8

A Babylonian Spirit manifests in:

- Greed and Consumerism
- Confusion (ie. Identity, sexuality)
- Paganism
- Witchcraft/Rebellion
- Sexual Perversion
- Addiction
- Prideful Government
- Empire and Conquer
- Pride

Daniel emerged as counter-Babylonian culture because over and over again when there was confusion; they recognized he had the Spirit of God in Him. And so the key is the Spirit of God in us while the Spirit of Babylon is around us
Daniel 4:37; Daniel 5:10-11

You are no match for the adversity you are facing. The adversity you are facing is not a match for the Spirit you carry

A Way Maker is a Peace Maker

Matthew 5:9; Romans 8:6; Romans 16:20

Questions

1. How are you being a way maker? One who paves the way for the gospel of peace, restoration, healing, revival. How are you being a way blocker? Adding to the confusion, hostility, anger, and offense in our world.
2. What are the ways that you guard your lifestyle from drifting from prophetic to profane? Proverbs 4:23; Philippians 4:7; Psalm 62:8; Joshua 22:5; Luke 12:15
Read Matthew 16:23 - How does Peter become a stumbling block rather than a way maker in this moment? How do we guard against defying Jesus as we try to defend Him?
3. Identify 5 truths, with scripture that supports it, about God that you could potentially use to be a way maker in the face of a Babylonian spirit.
4. Does the Holy Spirit govern my thinking? Am I willing to allow Him to govern my thinking?

Pray: Holy Father - If there is any way in me that is in opposition to you I confess that. I repent and turn back. Align my heart and thinking to You! Show me how to be a Way Maker for You! Give me Your heart as I interact with this world! Amen!