

UNLEASHED

Sermon Series : Unleashed

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"Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters,
I do not want you to be uninformed. (1 Cor 12:1)"

Jesus envisioned not a DOMESTICATED church, but an UNLEASHED church. UNLEASHED for miracles and to see God work in supernatural ways. UNLEASHED for revival and full life. UNLEASHED to walk in freedom and healing. UNLEASHED to be witnesses to the power of God. UNLEASHED to behold the manifestations of the Spirit Of God. UNLEASHED to experience the brilliance of God's power. UNLEASHED to trample the gates of hell and take back ground from the enemy.

John 14:12; Acts 2:42-47

Leashes:

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| 1. Segregation; | 5. Exhaustion |
| 2. Ignorance | 6. Fear |
| 3. Censorship | 7. Distraction |
| 4. Passivity | |

Q: What unleashes the church?

A: Formation and Animation (Rom 8:29, 12:2; Gen 2:7; Rom 8:9-10;)

1 Corinthians 12:1-17 (NIV and NLT)

- *Pneumatikos* (*pneuma*): Wind or Breath, Things of the Spirit
- Gifts "*charisma*" = The Supernatural Abilities of Jesus
- Service "*diakonia*" = The Supernatural Humility of Jesus
- Working "*energema*" = The Supernatural Power of Jesus
- Manifestation "*phanerosis*": To breakthrough and make seen

QUESTIONS

1. Use your imagination along with your understanding of the Scriptures: What would the church in your city look like if it was "unleashed" rather than domesticated?"
2. Read 1 Cor 12.
 - a. What resonates with you?
 - b. What challenges you?
 - c. What are the implications of this for you, your Group, how you function?
3. In what ways do you feel "leashed" in your faith? Is there a particular part of your life where you need to be "unleashed"?
4. What gifts ("spiritual gifts, natural abilities, talents") do you have? Take time as a Group to highlight some of the gifts God has given each member of your Group. How might these be used to expand God's Kingdom?

LITANY OF TRUST

WRITTEN BY THE SISTERS OF LIFE

From the belief that I have to earn Your love

Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear that I am unlovable

Deliver me, Jesus.

From the false security that I have what it takes

Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear that trusting You will leave me more destitute

Deliver me, Jesus.

From all suspicion of Your words and promises

Deliver me, Jesus.

From the rebellion against childlike dependency on You

Deliver me, Jesus.

From refusals and reluctances in accepting Your will

Deliver me, Jesus.

From anxiety about the future

Deliver me, Jesus.

From resentment or excessive preoccupation with the past

Deliver me, Jesus.

From restless self-seeking in the present moment

Deliver me, Jesus.

From disbelief in Your love and presence

Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being asked to give more than I have

Deliver me, Jesus.

From the belief that my life has no meaning or worth

Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of what love demands

Deliver me, Jesus.

From discouragement

Deliver me, Jesus.

That You are continually holding me, sustaining me, loving me

Jesus, I trust in You.

That Your love goes deeper than my sins and failings and transforms me

Jesus, I trust in You.

That not knowing what tomorrow brings is an invitation to lean on You

Jesus, I trust in You.

That You are with me in my suffering

Jesus, I trust in You.

That my suffering, united to Your own, will bear fruit in this life and the next

Jesus, I trust in You.

That You will not leave me orphan, that You are present in Your Church

Jesus, I trust in You.

That Your plan is better than anything else

Jesus, I trust in You.

That You always hear me and in Your goodness always respond to me

Jesus, I trust in You.

That You give me the grace to accept forgiveness and to forgive others

Jesus, I trust in You.

That You give me all the strength I need for what is asked

Jesus, I trust in You.

That my life is a gift

Jesus, I trust in You.

That You will teach me to trust You

Jesus, I trust in You.

That You are my Lord and my God

Jesus, I trust in You.

That I am Your beloved one

Jesus, I trust in You.