

IT'S THE ANOINTING

...So I've never done drugs, alcohol, or struggled with any addiction

I was raised in an amazing Christian home where we went to church at least 3 times a week

You say, why are you speaking at Recovery Fest?

Although I never wrestled with an addiction, I struggled for years with generations of anger and bad tempers – this was normal.

I was arrogant, conceited, and was really good at being a fake Christian. I was so good at it, people really believed I was one, all while I lived a life of sin.

I was a counterfeit Christian.

But when I finally decided to surrender to Christ, His anointing smashed all of that off my life and for 33 years my wife and I have watched God do the same in many other's lives

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What man couldn't fix, redefine, or makeover – in an instant God's deliverance set me free. I'm here today because I believe and I am proof that He can set "anyone" free that's willing to totally surrender

Isaiah 10:27 It shall come to pass in that day

That his burden will be taken away from your shoulder,

And his yoke from your neck,

And the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil.

Listen, I'm here to tell you today God's divine power and presence (anointing) can shatter any heavy burden, bondage, or oppression!

A yoke was a wooden harness placed on oxen to control, weigh down and force them to labor. A yoke was slavery and restriction

Spiritually and physically it can cause chronic illness, depression, failure, fear, and addiction. These things, just like a wooden yoke, are used to control you and enslave you, to oppress you and to steal your freedom in Christ!

Satan is the enemy of our souls and he has set his sights on you

He bows us down with burdens, addiction, and lays heavy yokes across our necks to steal, kill, and destroy us

John 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

But Jesus came that you might have life and that you might have it more abundantly

Hear me today – there's nothing that can destroy the yoke of bondage except His anointing!

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Anointing symbolizes a rich, overflowing measure of the Holy Spirit's strength and power that breaks the restraints that hold you captive

His anointing operates with a divine weight that crushed bondage

But pastor, how do I activate His anointing for my freedom?

Immerse yourself in God's Word!

The truth will set you free but we must only daily wash your mind with the Word

**Jeremiah 23:29 "Is not My word like a fire?" says the Lord,
"And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"**

His Word is like a hammer that smashed strongholds, addictions, and pride and hardness of heart towards God

God's Word will smash through every lie, false reality, and attitude

You see, the fire melts and purifies and the hammer shapes and breaks!

People ask me frequently – why do some people find freedom while others don't?

The tabernacle that we can read about in the OT had three separate areas:

There was the outer court, the inner court, and the Holy of Holies

- the outer court – once you stepped through the door of the tabernacle, you were in the outer court – this would be like the foyer of the church
- the inner court, which was known as the Holy Place, would be the sanctuary of the church
- and then there was the Holy of Holies, the innermost part, the most holy and sacred place of the entire tabernacle, would be like the altar of the church where you come to meet with God on a personal level

So when I asked the Lord why some people find freedom while others don't, this is what He said: It's because too many are fine dancing outside the outer court – this would be the initial stage of faith

Buy freedom is when you push past the veil when Christ gave us access into the Holy of Holies where only things holy and consecrated to His service and everything else is smashed off

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Outer court breeds contentment but never where He desires us to be

Outer court Christians still hold onto yesterday while trying to embrace tomorrow

Are you afraid of what will have to go for you to walk in the freedom He's offering?

Some of you here today have become comfortable being a counterfeit Christian

Real and lasting freedom will call you past the outer court and into the Holy of Holies where everything in my life is now submitted to Him and that my friend, is where lasting freedom comes!

He's anointing is here today. I'm talking chain-breaking freedom through and only by His anointing!

Freedom will cost you everything and it's the greatest exchange living like Jesus told us to live!

John 8:36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed!