"BE INFLUENTIAL- Worship in Spirit & Truth"

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?? - What Now? **...What do we do with 2 Years of "Worship... in Spirit and Truth"??**

..."Our Little Stories" (What do I do now?) ...and "God's Big Story" (What is GOD doing now?)

Redemption = an INVASIVE, Influential Mission!

...It is the **"Once-For-All" Ministry of the Son of God** ...AND... **the Ongoing Spread of That Redemption by the Holy Spirit!**

2 Cor 5:17 - 6:2 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

1 Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. 2 For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

1 Cor 3:9-10 9 For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building. 10 According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it.

...The Woman at the Well went from "Passive Listener" to an "Influential INVADER"!!

Jn 4:23-26, 28-30

Jn 4:39-42

What is "INFLUENTIAL"?

...The Mystery of Unseen Forces (in and through us)

1 Peter 4:7-11 7 The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. 8 Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. 9 Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: 11 whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

...**Peter's hour is urgent—Like Ours!** The need of that hour is real—Like Ours! ...thus, it is Critical for the church to "steward" the mysterious ministry of the Holy Spirit in their lives: "prayers" ... "loving one another earnestly" ... "showing hospitality" ... "using gifts to serve one another" ("speaking gifts"/ "serving gifts"

...**To "BE INFLUENTIAL" is to "Go on Offense"! It is to recognize the INVASIVE Nature of God's Purpose in Redemption!** (Thus, we are on an "Invasive, Influential Mission") ...It is NOT intended to be "Stagnant" or "Settling" or merely "Sustaining" or "Surviving"—it is Invasive, Expanding, and Advancing!

-- **Jesus Anticipation of "Mysterious INFLUENCE" in and through us—in "Spirit & Truth"!**

Luke 24:44-49

…Clearly, Jesus presented a future ministry of "INFLUENCE" in and through His disciples that was part "Min. Of the Word" and part "Min. Of the Spirit"!!! ...Notice: "STAY" <u>until</u> your are clothed... then GO!!" ...Go and "Exert This Influence"!!

> In a similar way you can either possess a great truth of God or you can dig in and hide behind it. There were people who did this in Jesus' day. They said, 'We are children of Abraham.' To them Abraham was a mountain figure of faith, but unlike Abraham, they never knew the faith that he'd had. When Jesus came to them he ushered in a new day of the Spirit, a new demonstration of the power of God. Yet they said, 'No, we are sons of Abraham, we received the law from Moses.' They might have said, 'No, our doctrine is sound.'
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> Likewise, we often take great truths from the Bible and instead of living in the good of them we dig in defensively and hide behind them. The result is that instead of saying, "God is faithful; let us therefore bring the kingdom," we say, "God is faithful; I will defend that truth to the end." **Terry Virgo**, "The Tide is Turning," p. 71

> "By contrast, in Caleb's day, they laid hold of the truth. They argued, 'If God is faithful, as the Word says, let us go and take the land.' Their doctrine was a source of confidence—more a springboard than a dugout! ...There is no time for 'digging in' defensively. **It's time to get out the offensive and take God at His word**." **Terry Virgo**, "The Tide is Turning," p. 72

?? - What does it look like to "go on offense" ...In Prayer/Intercession (Is. 62 - Styled!) ...In Personal & Mutual FREEDOM & Transformation? ...In Invading the Darkness of N.O. And our personal contacts?

<u>LIFE on OFFENSE</u> ...An INVASIVE INFLUENCE

<u>JESUS INVASIVE/INFLUENTIAL MISSION</u>

- **Jesus coming to earth… "Incarnational Ministry"!!**
- **Jesus Spirit-Anointed Life …Luke 4:18-19** and Jesus coming to destroy the works of the enemy (**1Jn 3:8** ***"...The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil."***)

  Luke's Pt. 1 (The Gospel of Luke); Luke's Pt. 2 (The Acts of the Apostles) ... "Redemption Continued and Spread"—INFLUENTIAL!!
- **Jesus sending out His Disciples…**

  Matt 10:5-8

  Luke 10:17-20
- **The Great Holy Spirit Empowerment** (Acts 1-2) ...(Acts 1 ...wait for power ...go with this new power)
- **Paul's missionary journeys**…

<u>The HOLY SPIRIT's INVASIVE/INFLUENTIAL MISSION</u>

- **An Invasion of the Image of God and His Glory** (2Cor 3) ...the Fall (Satan & Sin) have distorted the Image of God in creation—Redemption is Restoring it! (Bit by bit!)

  2 Cor 3:17 - 4:6

  ...This is INVASIVE! ...an Invasion of Light into Our Hearts!! …the Dawn of FREEDOM!

- **An Invasion of Freedom, Liberty, and Change!** ...The Definitive Act of Christ's Redemption has ushered in the day of SUCCESSFULLY "Putting Off and Putting On"!! ...Redemption can increasingly Invade our beings!

Col 3:1 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Rom 8:11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Col 3:5, 8-14 [5] Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ... [8] But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. [9] Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices [10] and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. [11] Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

[12] Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, [13] bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. [14] And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

- **An Invasion of Renewal** (Rom 12:1-2) and Maturity (1Cor 3; Heb 6; Eph 4:12ff)

- **The Invasive Influence of Prayer**

Isaiah 62:1-7 [1] For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. [2] The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

[6] On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night they shall never be silent. You who put the LORD in remembrance, take no rest, [7] and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it a praise in the earth.

Eph 6:10-11, 18 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. [11] Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ... [18] praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

2 Cor 1:11 You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.