

Sermon Notes- August 9, 2020- Kingdom of God in 2020

From Last Week

God's people hold the key to "healing this land." *2 Chronicles 7:14* tells us how. Healing will not come if we as God's people are more enamored with the voices and opinions of man than the Spirit, character and truth of God!

We need a miracle- "An intervention by God to make something happen that wouldn't normally happen." To God, there is no such thing as miracles. He is not mortified or panicking over our situation.

2 Chronicles 16:8-12

"...let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Matt. 5:16)

A Culture of Gratitude

"Give thanks to the Lord, call on His Name." (1 Chron. 16:8)

Sounds a lot like: *"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ, Jesus." (1 Thess. 5:16-18)*

Gratitude is essential because:

- It paves the way for more blessings.
- It ascribes glory to God by acknowledging His goodness.
- It testifies to His character in the eyes of the world.
- It keeps our hearts focused on the glass that's mostly full rather than the glass that's slightly empty.
- It is a statement of truth.

Does your heart dwell in a culture of gratitude?

"The Christian is suspended between blessings received and blessings hoped for, so he/she should always give thanks." (M.R. Vincent)

A Culture of Glory

"Make known among the nations what He has done." (1 Chron. 16:8)

God is not a private matter. From Genesis to Revelation God is publicly celebrated. If we are people of the Book, we must be people of the Global Savior. We cannot be silent about the goodness of God.

We have a tremendous opportunity to flood social media and the internet and the entire world with the goodness of God.

"Christ in you, the hope of glory!" (Col. 1:27) The world needs to see Christ on display through and in us. (*Gal. 5:22,23*)

A Culture of Rejoicing

"Sing to Him, sing praise to Him; tell of all His wondrous works." (1 Chron. 16:9)

The word "tell" is actually a word that means sing or speak. Our lives should be a musical! God calls us to be the music in this world. That is why we sing.

Nothing gets us closer to the face of God than rejoicing and praising Him. *"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." (Psalm 150:6)*

When we know who God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit is... When we know that God has chosen us, called us and given us His name, we have to sing!

A Culture of Dependence

"Seek the Lord and His Strength, seek His face continually." (1 Chron. 16:11)

Children of God that will not trust in His strength and provision reflect poorly on God.

We often overestimate our resourcefulness and ability and underestimate God's love and ability. Many of us have been trained to admire the independent and strive for self-sufficiency. We've been led to believe that taking care of ourselves is desirable. We did not get that from the Bible.

Humility and impossibility set the stage for His power. Weakness demonstrates His strength. Human futility is a platform for His capability.

A Culture of Memories

"Remember the wondrous works He has done, His miracles and judgments..." (1 Chron. 16:12)

Given the gift of a personal experience and relationship with God, we move on too quickly to the next need, the next prayer request or the next big hurdle to clear.

The best way to cultivate faith is to remember His faithfulness.

Satan has a counterfeit for all these things that he has deceived the world and many believers into believing.

APPLICATION THIS WEEK- TAKE THE TEST AND CHANGE YOUR FOCUS:

Replace the news and social media rantings/ opinions, flood the social media with good news:

- Create a culture of gratitude. Take time at the beginning or end of every day to list what you are thankful for... Repeat the things that matter most.
- Create a culture of glory. Post scriptures, good news, testimonies and share them.
- Create a culture of rejoicing. Watch videos of inspiring Christian worship - Share them with others.
- Create a culture of dependence. **DOWNLOAD THE ATTACHMENTS** and feed on the all-sufficiency of God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit and who He says you are in Christ.
- Create a Culture of memories. Share testimonies of what God is doing or has done in your life and the lives of others.

Set your alarm for 7:14 and pray 2 Chron. 7:14 every night. (Humble Yourself, Pray, Seek His Face, Turn from Your Wicked Ways)

Prayer of Jabez

Expect a Miracle...

God is Worthy!

"Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise!" (1 Chron. 16:25)

We do this because He is worthy! We cannot overestimate His worth because He is worth more than anything.

What do you have to offer Him?

Give God your life. He wants to express His goodness and light through you.

