

Saturday bible study:

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“How do we operate with the spirit of God”

Last week recap.

Deac Cole- Exodus- they came out of Egypt to Worship

Make sense to humanity- why people stay broken. Rev 22:14-
Blessed are those who wash their robes...

Love thy neighbor as thyself...

Apostle Randy favorite scripture- Nehemiah, Isaiah, Amos...

This week let's talk about how we operate in the Spirit from
humanity.

The response to how we use the Holy Spirit-

First let's look at the response Christ received from the people in
Jerusalem, Philippi, Capernaum...when he used the Spirit.

- Sadducees and Pharisees would always try and trap Jesus with a human response. Example when he healed the man with the withered hand (Mark 3:1-6; vs 6 because the healing was done on the Sabbath, and he told him your sins are forgiven, they immediately held counsel with Herodians against Christ on **how to destroy him**).
- Spiritual things cannot be seen carnally.
- We must know how to minister to people's minds.

A miracle is to get people interested in the source of the act that you do.

Miracles come from preaching the Word and living the fruit of the Spirit.

Matthew 5:16- let your light so shine before men that they might see your good works and glorify your father who is in heaven.

Acts 3:11- Here Peter is immediately putting his life on the line.

He received the Spirit in Acts 2 and now he is boldly proclaiming. He is making sure the name of Jesus is not being forgotten.

Acts 3:15- You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead.

This is the same Peter who previously denied Christ.

Peter is asking the question- why does this surprise you?

The question- should that have surprised them...?

To see one of Christ's followers doing it should surprise them...

They thought when Jesus was gone so surely the power that was with Jesus is gone!

I would use the (Matthew 17:16-18)

Now they must know the transferring of power has occurred.

Jesus is gone and his followers are doing the things he did.

Before Jesus ascended in Acts 1:8- Jesus told them when Jesus is gone you will receive power!!

Jesus told them greater works shall be done... just as Elijah passed on to Elisha, just as Moses passed on to Joshua...the systematic of succession of command of the authority and power of Christ is

So... everyone must get hot in followership, so pastorship can be taken by someone so I can go into the next position of bishop...

The succession of command calls for us to understand what is being passed on to us.

The 40 days we recently discussed- Jesus came back to ensure we had a full understanding!

With a successor- we must understand our shortcomings...

Joshua was so busy mourning that he forgot he had a job to do...

Let's digress...- real life is the same thing!

The Lord is asking when are you going to seek first the kingdom...in real life I have already given you the thing you are focused on ...to follow...

The Lord had to say the same with Samuel. (Are you still crying over Saul- 1 Sam 16:1).

Even Paul sought the Lord and said I have a problem. One thing we must recognize is the shortfalls. Like doing EIB- Expert Infantry Badge- its performance based, and everything is done in sequence... if we miss the sequence, we have to retrain to make correct performance measures in the correct time with proficiency to get speed and everything.

For me, I make shortcuts so it's difficult to go step by step... so in understanding my shortcomings, I send the smart people to get

the technical and I understand based on the short people around me.

I know what my shortcomings are.

Peter in Acts 3 shortcoming of trying to save his own life is no longer there. So now in Chapter 3 he has started by using the very Holy Spirit-

STOP PROCRASTINATION- it will call the death of God's people.

Peter immediately interpreted, immediately healed, immediately dealt with the minds of the people he was healing.

He spoke to their minds in knowledge about the past.

You must know the past so you can tell someone this is what the Lord has done for me.

We overcome by the blood of the lamb and the word of our testimony (Rev 12:11)- the Lord put the blood of the lamb and the word of our testimony in the same breath.

Greater works shall you do than these... (John 14:12)

(Acts 11:14-15) Peter signed his own death warrant by telling them they acted in ignorance and that Jesus is still glorified because the work of the Lord continues. You disowned him before Pilate... why is that so powerful?

Who was Pilate? A Roman... we just sold him out the same way we were mad at Zacheus.

Jesus's execution was out of order...Jesus was a Jew- they rejected him... that means he should have had the opportunity to win his freedom back... the Jews were supposed to take him and execute

him. The Romans did it because it was in an open forum for everyone to see. The Romans should not have had a hand in doing it.

i.e. like Sadaam Hussein- America could not have executed him. Unless he was tried at the Hague- the international court. Same as with Jesus. Rules and regulations are important. Remember Paul saying he was a Roman citizen (Acts 22:27-28)...meaning he should not have been flogged.

If Pilate didn't do something the crowd would have revolted... his position was on the line. (Matthew 27:19- Pilate's wife saying don't have anything to do with that man)...

Pilate let him go, The Jews picked it back up and handed it back over... he reminded them they requested the murder be released. Nobody mentioned the good things he did (we will deep dive this one day).

Vs 16- by faith in the name of Jesus this man whom you see and know was **made strong**. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

Made strong- his whole life has changed... we go for one thing- made strong is referencing relationship with Jesus. Strength is in God. In Relationship...to go your way and sin no more... I have to have faith.

I'm ending and the floor is opening.

Next week we will go into Peter and the onlookers... why is it miracles had to be done in front of Israelites who are supposed to be believers...?

If we don't understand the consequences of what we do, we will kill someone.

The floor is open...

Take aways-

- 1- We broke down a lot but my biggest take away is the battle between our community and our spiritual life. I'm thinking about how the Romans should not have been involved, but the customs... and though humanity got in, the spiritual purpose was fulfilled. God still got the glory. The prophesy was still fulfilled. We have the advocate today to help us in our humanity.
- 2- Don't allow our shortcomings to call others to be killed or us to commit spiritual suicide... "I'm grown" such a statement to discard our shortcomings. Today you made it clear that if we don't come into the truth about them and ask God how to operate with them, it will show up and we can kill someone or cause someone to stumble. (Remember if Moses dealt with his anger earlier, he would not have missed going into the promised land). God is not waiting for us to get perfect before he gives some... he already gave some (Ephesians 4:11). The shortcoming keeps us in the face of the Lord. Transparency keeps us accountable.
- 3- Peter operating in the boldness- from Acts 2 receiving it to Acts 3 operating in it... you were the same one in the courtyard... cut the ear, feed the sheep, and now so boldly proclaiming Jesus!! My takeaway is consistency in my faith...

continue to operate in my power- in my shortcomings...
continue to operate in the power that I received.

- 4- Trust in God and stop crippling myself. The lame man asked for money. Watching time go by...lame (condition of being unable to walk). My takeaway Acts 3:22- the Lord said he would raise a prophet. Anyone who does not listen will be completely cut off... so I'm learning to be more obedient and listen.
- 5- So many times, I think I have to be perfect to be used... I see with Peter I must surrender and depend on the power of God. The authority and power that Peter responded with... after encounter with the Holy Spirit and surrender. When we focus on being unqualified- we don't focus on the Holy Spirit. The Spirit gives us strength day by day and not rid ourselves of the weaknesses but walk in his strength day by day.
- 6- How are we using the Holy Spirit... Notice our shortcomings, then allow the spirit to allow us through the shortcomings. Bring it to God and he directs on what they will do with it. The shortcoming is not a disqualifier. It won't keep us from being who God has called you to be. It can't cripple us. John 4:16.
- 7- Boldness in Acts 3- Acts 16, be attentive and embrace other believers. The Roman break down let us know people will go great lengths to carry out their intent. Think about the by any means necessary of people carrying out their intent... on the other side of that the by any means necessary of the Spirit- God's will, will be done! It has been spoken!!
- 8- My biggest take away was procrastination. The Moses and Joshua situation, Peter sent straight to work... the parable

with the cost of being a disciple... I will follow you but first... We say we have given it to God but many of us are saying, "but first" ...many of us are missing the call and aren't following up to see what was said. Something could have been said that I need for my ministry... the question is "what am I waiting for"... that only comes when I understand the charge given to me. Goes into my study in Timothy- to guard what I have been charged with – proverbs the soul of the lazy man desires nothing...we still expect Godly results and I'm expecting God to do, but I don't want to do my part. God never called anyone and didn't give them what they needed.

9- For that very reason I was shown mercy- so like me- the worst of sinners...Jesus and Peter... to himself all he was was a man who was a fisher... who I am to me. James 5:7-12 be patient unto the Lord's coming. Patiently waiting for the autumn and spring to rain- God will use us, but it takes forever for the plant to grow! It's not that we are not progressing... Jesus is being patient. 2 Tim 2:20 different vessels in a house...

**Mark 16- trends- he was made strong by his name... faith to live a victorious life- strength to conquer the discouragement. The key is to be still before him. In our flesh we are weak, not to focus on self... to be still before him. **

If Peter paid attention while with Jesus he wasn't going to do what he did... if he understood what happened at the transfiguration he would've understood Jesus, if he understood at the foot washing he would've understood it wasn't a whole body things... you have to know what you are being still for and who you are being still with... stay still where you are. You will soon understand it was Christ Jesus!!

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