

TOPIC Priests & Kings (Part 1)

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THEME Priests & Kings

MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

Senior Pastor began by sharing the scriptural basis for the Priests and Kings sermon series – *"Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach, and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons …"* Mark 3:14-15.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are all called to <u>be with Him</u>, <u>share the Gospel</u>, <u>have power to</u> <u>heal</u> and <u>have power to cast out demons</u>.

The focus for today's sermon is to "be with Him" which is to build an intimate relationship with God. The biblical examples are Enoch (Genesis 5:24), Abraham (James 2:23), Moses (Numbers 12:7-8), David (Acts 13:22) and the early Church (Acts 4:13). God desires an intimate relationship with every believer (Jeremiah 9:23-24, Isaiah 55:8, 1 Corinthians 2:9, John 17:3, 2 Peter 1:2-4).

**Build Depth in Relationship with God** 

## **1.** Spiritual Disciplines

SP shared three ways to cultivate spiritual disciplines to build depth in our personal relationships with God.

First, we develop our relationship with Him as we sense **His Presence which comes to us by the Rhema Word as we partake the Logos Word** (Romans 10:17). We need to have a regular intake of the Word (Matthew 4:4). We hear, read, study, remember and meditate the Word of God. One application is we use the Word of God which is the sword of the Spirit against the schemes of the evil one (Ephesians 6:17).

Second, as we commune in prayer with Him; God's guidance comes to us from the Word and from the Holy Spirit of Wisdom (Hebrew 8:10 & 10:16). God promised he will put His laws into our hearts, and in our minds He will write them.

Third, we receive and experience His love, His light and His life during worship (Ephesians 3:14-21, Psalm 36:9, Romans 8:11).

## 2. Surrender continually in daily living

There are several ways to surrender continually in daily living to build depth in our personal relationship with God.

First, we **regularly speak forth the Rhema Word** (2 Corinthians 4:13). We act out in the spirit of faith by proclaiming our Position in Christ. When we know who we are in Christ, we can confidently walk by faith, not by sight.

Second, we always obey, apply and do the instructions in the Word of God. When we hear and do the teaching of God, we are akin to a wise man who built his house on a rock. The house did not fall when the rain, flood and winds came (Matthew 7:24-25) unlike the foolish man who built his house on sand.

Third, we walk by faith which is doing works of faith. Our faith must be accompanied by good works (James 2:22-25). For faith without works is dead faith. Without faith, it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6). We please God by living out faith with good works.

Fourth, we ought to continually sanctify-consecrate ourselves by always surrendering ourselves to Father-God (Romans 12:1). We also always submit to the Lordship of Christ-Word (Luke 6:46). The evidence of submitting to the Lordship of Christ is obedience. Next, we must always yield to the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:16, 18, 25). Finally, we always pursue holiness (Hebrews 12:14).

Fifth, we keep praying and watching what the Lord is doing. We go with the FLOW of the Holy Spirit and trust God to work all things for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28).

## CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we look at Paul's example in Philippians 3:10 – "That <u>I may know Him</u> and <u>the</u> <u>power of His resurrection</u>, and <u>the fellowship of His sufferings</u>, being <u>conformed to His death</u>."

To be effective Priests & Kings, every individual believer must

- 1) Know him (Jesus Christ) intimately.
- 2) Live in continual victory by claiming Ecclesiastes 9:11 as a promise when we walkconnect with God!

**QUESTIONS** 

1. What are the three spiritual disciplines to build depth in our relationship with God? Which of these disciplines do you do best? Which of these do you need more effort?

2. Which specific areas do you struggle to surrender to God? Share how did you eventually surrender? If you are struggling at the moment, share your struggles.

3. Reflect on your own walk with God. Do you know God? How can you know Him deeper? How can your CG pray for you?