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Zeal And An Obedient Church

Matthew 13:44-50

[44] Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

[45] Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:

[46] Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

[47] Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:

[48] Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.

[49] So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,

[50] And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

[51] Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord.

[52] Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.

[53] And it came to pass, that when Jesus had finished these parables, he departed thence.

When we begin to consider the worth of what we have in our own lives, more often than not God is not first (maybe sometimes, but not always). When we were saved and committed our lives to God, we sold our lives (our pearls, riches, etc) out to God for

what He had to pour into us. I could not begin to tell you how thankful that I am that the provision was made for me by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ! It was worth laying down everything that was destroying me to come for a new life, to become a new creature! That stirs me and should stir you for your own life also!

Luke 4:24-42

[24] And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country.

[25] But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land;

[26] But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow.

[27] And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian.

[28] And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath,

[29] And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong.

[30] But he passing through the midst of them went his way,

[31] And came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the sabbath days.

[32] And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power.

[33] And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice,

[34] Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God.

[35] And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not.

[36] And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.

[37] And the fame of him went out into every place of the country round about.

[38] And he arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever; and they besought him for her.

[39] And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she arose and ministered unto them.

[40] Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.

[41] And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.

[42] And when it was day, he departed and went into a desert place: and the people sought him, and came unto him, and stayed him, that he should not depart from them.

Familiarity is one of the toughest battles that people must face and endure. If we can break that and stick to belief, we can be a powerful church. You can read on about the other things that Jesus performed. The fame of God (and not man) will go forth and begin to draw those that are in need.

Acts 8:26-38

[26] And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

[27] And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,

[28] Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.

[29] Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

[30] And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

[31] And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

[32] The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:

[33] In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.

[34] And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

[35] Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

[36] And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

[37] And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

[38] And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

The Ethiopian Eunuch - His journey to Jerusalem to worship, seeking and reading the scriptures while returning showed he was spiritually searching. The immediate desire to be baptized showed his value of salvation offered through Jesus Christ! We as the church need to step out and do what God speaks as Philip did. The more we step out in obedience to God's voice, the more of a difference that we can begin to make in lives!

Mark 9:14-29

[14] And when he came to his disciples, he saw a great multitude about them, and the scribes questioning with them.

[15] And straightway all the people, when they beheld him, were greatly amazed, and running to him saluted him.

[16] And he asked the scribes, What question ye with them?

[17] And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit;

[18] And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not.

[19] He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me.

[20] And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming.

[21] And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child.

[22] And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.

[23] Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

[24] And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

[25] When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

[26] And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.

[27] But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.

[28] And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out?

[29] And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

The child was presented possessed, and yet when Jesus rebuked the spirit He addressed the (deaf and dumb) parts that He was aware of. Again it was demonstrated that there was open rebuke by boldness and authority because He took the child up after that. When the disciples questioned of the power that performed the miracle He identified it to something that we can do also. So in essence, we can have true power

by going to God first to get boldness to have power and faith for the things we face for ourselves and others.

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