

Accelerating Into Our Future Part 7: Readiness

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In the Christian life we want to read the Bible a few times and now we want to be mature Christians that get all our prayers answered overnight. It doesn't work like that. You have got to have a lot of practice time. You have got to have training

That's a thing with Christians, you know? You can be believing God for something, but when the crisis hits you, you have got to be able to play, just play in the crisis so that what comes out of your heart becomes the answer to your problem and you are skilled enough, trained enough that you can just do it.

God showed me that if you don't allow the emotions of your soul to control your actions, but trust completely in God, you solve problems completely different to the way that you solve problems through your soul. Because you're not looking to take responsibility to solve a problem. You're looking to hear from God, so that God shows you what's next. You will solve it in such a way that there is no time lost, nothing will be missing and nothing will be broken.

You cannot stop the devil from trying to separate you. But if you obey God, then things will happen. Circumstances will happen, and in your obedience, God not only brings you back to where you belong, but He will make up everything so that you understand everything and more, instantaneously. He restores things. There is a big difference in trying to solve life problems with your soul and trying to solve life problems with your spirit.

²³ But the time is coming, indeed, it is here now when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth... ²⁴ For God is Spirit, and so those who worship him must worship Him in spirit and in truth. (John 4:23-24 NLT) We have to worship God in spirit and in truth, because there can never ever be any measure of lie that comes near Him.

What happens if you worship God with untruth? You may still be worshipping Him from your spirit, but there's no truth in your worship. This confuses your soul. You're going to worship God with emotion and with feelings. You're going to worship God with words that you choose that you want to speak with Him, the attitudes that you want to have with God.

God is truth. I know that I can't be true to everything. I don't have the fullness of truth in me. So, there might be times when I'm communicating with God when my communication is not full truth, but I know enough so that my spirit would correct me. Your soul doesn't have what it takes to correct you because your soul is emotion, and it is your intellect, and it is based on the whole of your experiences. But your spirit is where the Word of God lives, where the Holy Spirit lives. Your spirit is the life where God can correct you. So, what you feed your spirit will allow your spirit to correct you into your soul.

When we talk to each other and we encourage each other to speak the Word of God and not get into criticism, not get into judgment, not get into bad words, and trying to bad mouth and politic around each other, and try and run other people down and have sarcastic remarks about people that kind of make them look inferior to you. We're trying to prevent you from training your soul so that when God speaks to you, you don't have a confused place where God can speak to you. This is probably the biggest part that we as spiritual leaders play in your life

People get saved, they come to church, they hear the Word, and then they want to make life decisions, but they've confused their soul with a whole lot of learning, with experiences, with a whole lot of fears and anxieties. All of these things are impacting your own direction for your life.

The advantage of being in a church where we are following God's message is that we can come to each other and say, "Pray with me. What does the Bible say to you? What is the wisdom that you're getting from the Lord?" We're not trying to control your decisions. On the contrary, we're trying to help you make decisions so that your soul is not confused by what truth God wants you to live by.

Most Christians think that they're quite spiritual because they have a lot of knowledge about church and about the Bible. And because they have knowledge, they think the knowledge is what will get them through it, but it is not knowledge that gets you there. The knowledge you need is revelation knowledge - that will change your life forever.

To some people God has revealed what it is to be planted in a church. If you don't have that revelation, how are you going to see church? Well, you're going to say, "Church is where I congregate, and I have friends, and I like what's going on in church," but if you don't have a revelation of what planted is, then it doesn't matter. When a circumstance comes in your life that can give you another option, you'll take it. How can I give you a revelation of planted? I can only tell you what planted is, but unless God reveals it to you, you can never understand it. You can have knowledge, but you don't necessarily have truth. Those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth, not spirit and knowledge.

Remember what Kenneth Hagin said about a mature spiritual being: a mature spiritual being is a man who thinks and talks in line with his spirit. Not talks and thinks in line with his soul, because Jesus lives in your spirit. How do you get a strong spirit? You feed it with worship, the Word, speaking in tongues, the things that are spirit life activities.

I had to repent of the Lord. I was having a conversation and I said, "If I was in that situation, I would do this, and I wouldn't do this", and I was referring to some people. It sounded quite innocent. Later on, the Lord said to me, "You have to stop that right now, John. I do not want you ever doing that again." I said, "Say again, Lord." He said, "What you just did was you took the creative power of your soul and you know your words are so powerful, you projected a scenario into someone else's life, and if they don't even think like that, you've taken your words, put them into the atmosphere so that spirit beings can take those thoughts and give it to them and they might think those thoughts because of what you said even if they are thousands of miles away. Because of what you know as a revelation to the power of the words that you speak, you may not even engage in words of 'what if.'"

The pattern of my soul wants to control. I don't want to bump into something that's going to catch me off guard or I feel vulnerable, or I don't feel protected enough, or I haven't thought through all of the possibilities, so I've got all the answers for the situation that may or may not occur. You know what's driving us? Anxiety, fear, cares of this world. My whole life becomes a 'what if'. There's no trust in God with this, that's just about how smart I can be.

God delivered me because He showed me, "There are things going to happen in your life, John, that you don't even know it's going to happen, and people are going to be on journeys and you're going to think, 'Gee, I'm at a loss.'" And He said, "John, don't worry. I can make up a time like this in the spirit. There is no time. There is no difference. There is no space. I can impart everything that is My knowledge to you in one split second and you can catch up everything that you thought you ever missed out on. I can give it to you in a moment of time." That's the Spirit power.

God was so strong on me this weekend. "I don't ever want you to talk like that, John. You are creating things with your mouth that don't need to be created. When you speak out of your mouth, speak only what I tell you to speak. Speak the Word of God. Do not speak 'what if' situations when it comes to people." Take it to Me. Let Me deal with the 'what if'.