

Introduction (Being Still Part 2)

Last week we started looking at being still and knowing God, and as we continue to look at being still and knowing God, we really need to understand that when we are being still, things are being built into our spirit.

There is a transformation taking place. We might not know it at the time, but when we come to minister, we will notice a difference.

We get to know the character of God. One of the greatest things we get to know is how God feels about us. Most people do not feel good about themselves, which hinders their stepping out and doing what God has called them to do.

Scripture

- **John 5:43 (NIV)**

⁴³ I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him.

It is interesting to note that when we look at the life of Jesus, He wasn't insecure, He didn't have any fear, He was safe and secure in His relationship with the Father.

It is easy for us to say, and use the excuse, that was Jesus, but now we are born again, we have the same spirit that raised Jesus from the dead.

So being still and knowing the Father, we begin to overcome and come to an understanding of the greater one living inside us.

We have to become more like Mary and not Martha. It is not what I can do for Him, but it is what He has done for me and will do through me.

Being still before God, we don't live in the past, we let go of the past and we understand that God is the God of the living not of the dead.

Scripture

- **Mark 12:27 (NIV)**

²⁷ He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You are badly mistaken!"

We come to an understanding that God has a plan for our lives.

We have to minister more out of that still place, understanding His ways and His way of doing things.

The things that happen when we come into a place of being still are that we understand:

- a) His love and
- b) Perfect love casts out fear

Scripture

- **1 John 4:8 (NIV)**

⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

Why is it that we hear a love message in church and still people are suffering with fear, condemnation, oppression and demonization? I wonder sometimes, is this humanistic love that white washes over everything when God is a demonstrator of love.

Scripture

- **John 3:16 (NIV)**

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

In this scripture God demonstrates His love by sending Jesus to die for us.

So when we are being still we should get a revelation of the awesomeness of God's love.

Each time Jesus came out of the secret place He was filled with Godly compassion.

COMPASSION means 'to feel with'.

Whereas I believe most of the body moves in humanistic sympathy. It is no good feeling sorry for somebody if you don't understand the power of His love to change them.

Scripture

- **1 Corinthians 1:18 (NIV)**

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Scripture

- **Romans 5:8 (NIV)**

⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

So if I am being still before God, compassion will be built in me and also an understanding of the heart of God for His people.

For us to move in the power of signs & wonders that most of the body desires, it is not going to come from sympathy, it comes from the love of God.

It does not like to see people suffer. Jesus never, ever challenged the person He was ministering to, He challenged those *around* the person.

I really believe that we have a lack of power and demonstration of signs & wonders which comes out of a lack of our being still before God and understanding that the Kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but a demonstration of His love and power.

Scripture

- **1 Corinthians 4:20**

²⁰ For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.

Being still we take away our humanistic selfish feelings and replace them with Godly, Kingdom feelings. A great demonstration of this is Jesus at the tomb of Lazarus:

Scripture

- **John 11:33-36 (NIV)**

³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. ³⁴ "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. ³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

Jesus saw them weeping and their sorrow and He was moved and troubled.

It says in verse 35 that Jesus wept, but He wasn't weeping for Lazarus, because He knew He would raise Him from the dead. but He was weeping for the unbelieving Jewish nation, who would not receive Him.

For Jesus to truly move through our lives and for us to have a spiritual awakening we must come aside and be still so that signs and wonders and a demonstration of resurrection power and love will flow out of us bringing freedom and hope to all those who hear our message.