

Introduction

As we continue our study this week on revelation we need to learn to stand on His word and not be tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine.

If we are tossed to and fro we will never move in the supernatural because God only confirms His word.

Question

Has there ever been a time when you've ministered to somebody and you haven't seen the results that you thought you would get?

Scripture

Galatians 4:19 (New International Version, ©2010)

¹⁹ My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you,

Paul talks about Christ being formed in us. We are never too old, or too young for new things to be revealed and formed in us.

For Christ to be formed in us or revealed in us we need to read about Him, His Word. Because His word is alive and active, it is not just a story, it's about a person.

That is why it is so important to keep our wineskins flexible. So you can receive revelation and so you can respond to revelation.

So many Christians miss the fullness of truth because of offences, and the revelation sometimes comes from a vessel we can't receive from.

Just because a truth has been abused does not stop it from being a truth. Not everyone ministers the same.

We are part of a wider body and in that body there are many functions.

Question

- 1) Have you found your part in the body?
 - 2) Do you build that into your life?
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God chose the foolish to confound the wise and the weak to confound the strong.

1 Corinthians 1:27 (New International Version, ©2010)

²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

We miss so much because someone is not our style, but Jesus said "out of the mouths of babes."

NB: They didn't accept Jesus' message.

Scripture

2 Timothy 4:1-2 (New International Version, ©2010)

¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ² Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.

Paul gave Timothy this instruction

1) Preach

You do not need a pulpit. Your harvest field, your congregation is where you work live and play.

2) The Word

This is where revelation comes from – the Word (this is how we are formed)

3) Be prepared

Means being in relationship with the Father (in prayer, study and waiting on God)

4) In season and out of season

Doesn't matter how you feel (all seasons are right for the Gospel)

5) Correct

Allow the Word to correct and not your ideas, or your philosophies.

6) Rebuke

Always in love (To bring people into freedom, the worst thing you could ever do to a person in sin or deception is to preach to them, you need to love them)

7) Encourage

See the best in people (Don't look at outside appearances, Christ is not formed outwardly He's formed inwardly).

8) With great patience

Don't allow frustrations to hinder your message

9) With careful instruction

Only speak the truth not flattery, be honest. You can only give from what is inside you. We don't speak to peoples' minds, revelation is into the spirit

Ministries are put into the church to equip the body... for service, (not for their own benefit), so that people would not be tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine, but growing up into the head which is Christ Jesus.

That is why we need a revelation from the Ephesians 4 giftings so we have a balanced diet.

That is why Paul told Timothy to preach the word and how to do it so that his listeners would be prepared for the works of service.

Question

- 1) Do you find it hard to encourage yourself?
- 2) Do you tend to rely on others to encourage you?

Scripture

Proverbs 29:18 (New International Version, ©2010)

¹⁸ Where there is no revelation, people cast off restraint; but blessed is the one who heeds wisdom's instruction.

We cannot continue to be spoon fed we must learn to search out the deeper things of God and revelation for ourselves. We need to get off milk and get onto meat.

Scripture

1 Corinthians 2:10 (New International Version, ©2010)

¹⁰ these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

We must become kingdom minded. A lot of people love their denomination, their title more than Jesus Himself. (This is not a rash statement, but you would be amazed at the amount of people who tend to identify where they fellowship instead of who they belong to).

We are in relationship with other Christians and in relationship with the church, you don't belong to them, you belong to the kingdom.

Question

- 1) What is your understanding of kingdom?
 - 2) What is your understanding of church function?
 - 3) Do you believe church should be functioning on kingdom principals and revelation?
 - 4) Explain the difference between program based and kingdom based churches?
The problem with programs, (I am not against a program), is when you finish one program you need to start another. But with the Kingdom nothing changes, you just keep going.
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Jesus paid the price for your salvation and He is the one that needs to be formed in us.

Even though we live in a microwave society, push this button, push that button, serving Jesus and gaining revelation to become all that He wants us to be, does not happen in a 1½ hour microwave service.

We must keep our wineskins flexible to receive kingdom revelation daily. Not relying on a minister to spoon feed us every Sunday. (Even though we need fellowship, ministers and leaders).

Even though we are saved by grace and not by works, God has prepared **good** works for us to do and the only way we can do these works is for each one of us to live out of the revelation that He puts in our hearts.

Scripture

Ephesians 2:10 (New International Version, ©2010)

¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

If we don't live in revelation and understand who we are in Christ we will continually ask other people what they think we are called to do instead of seeking Him for instruction.

Just do what the word tells us to do, go!

Scripture

Luke 6:45 (New International Version, ©2010)

⁴⁵ A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

We cannot become a faith people if we are relying on somebody else to continually teach us. We are on a journey because the bible says:

Scripture

Romans 8:14 (New International Version, ©2010)

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the Sons of God.

Notice it says here that sons are led, it is hard to lead somebody if they are continually standing still.

A son becomes a servant, but a child is always continually being told what to do and a servant can never become a son.

Question

- 1) Do you find it hard serving?
- 2) In what areas could you become a better servant?

No servant is above his master. Jesus came to serve.

To come into this understanding of sonship and revelation we need to understand that we are all anointed.

Question

- 1) Have you ever heard the statement “don’t touch God’s anointed”?
- 2) What is wrong with people who make this statement?
- 3) Are you looking for a feeling or do you minister out of the one you believe in?

Scripture

1 John 2:7 (Amplified Bible)

⁷Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the message which you have heard [the ^[a]doctrine of salvation through Christ].

1. You have received an anointing
(You are anointed, all believers are anointed, not just the chosen frozen! This is not an elitist club).
2. It abides in you (permanently)
The gifts and calling are given without repentance. (Christ being formed in us forms character and revelation).
- 3) The anointing teaches us
(Gives us discernment between truth and false teachings)
- 4) Our part is to abide in Him, don’t depart from Him.
(Maintain a good relationship)

John gives us this instruction about the anointing and about it teaching us and us abiding in Him and Him being formed in us because in the previous scripture, vs 26, he talks about people trying to lead us astray.

Scripture

1 John 2:26 (Amplified Bible)

²⁶I write this to you with reference to those who would deceive you [seduce and lead you astray].

Prophetic words, dreams and visions are all good but we cannot base our life and future on them, because they will pass away but His Word will remain.

God gives Jeremiah a warning about this very statement

Scripture

Jeremiah 23:28-29 (New International Version, ©2010)

²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream recount the dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?" declares the LORD. ²⁹ "Is not my word like fire," declares the LORD, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?"

Notice in this verse it talks about a prophet telling his dream compared to the one who has the word to speak it faithfully because, he compares these false teachers to straw and grain.

Telling and Speaking are two different things.

Humans don't eat straw – we only eat the head of the straw which is the grain.

Nourishment or revelation can only come from the head, (Christ), and not some straw because he says here:

- 1) His Word is like fire which burns up straw and stubble
- 2) His word is like a hammer which breaks all false teaching and confusion.

We cannot live on other peoples' revelation and claim it for ourselves' we must search and get our own revelation.