

Gospel of the Kingdom is where the Power is

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I don't think I've said this lately, so I want to say this morning I appreciate Sam and Trish and the courage they have to provide an outlet for the message of the present day reality of the Kingdom of God on Missouri Liberty Radio. I realize the message that I preach does not win popularity contests nor does it bring it great ratings - but nonetheless it is the truth - and people are listening.

I have heard from a lot of listeners who have told me they have listened to every single message - and some have said they have even listened more than once. I certainly understand that and am glad to hear because the fact is - the Gospel of the Kingdom of Christ has been driven underground over the last 200 plus years and most people - and I absolutely stand by this statement - most people in America - are yet to hear the Gospel for the first time.

Yes. In America. In 2019. Very few people have ever heard the Gospel. Am I saying that I have been the only one preaching the Gospel? Absolutely not. There have been others who have preached that Christ is King - right now. Exclusive all others - Christ is the ONLY King, President, Ruler - that God allows for His creation - and it has been that way since AD70. There have been others who have preached that message - and men's governments - the powers of darkness - have come against them to silence them and squelch the Gospel. What they are doing to me - they have done many times before.

I am telling you that the message that has been preached in the quote unquote "churches" in the United States of America - since at least 1789 - has not been the Gospel that Jesus Christ, Yeshua the Christ delivered to the first century saints. It has been at the very most - a form of godliness - but it ultimately denies the power of God. The Gospel is the Gospel of the Kingdom. Men have been trying for hundreds and hundreds of years to separate the Kingdom from the Gospel. They've tried to separate the King from the Gospel. But the King and His Kingdom - is the Gospel.

Whether you are futurist or whether you understand Fulfilled Bible Prophecy - what you do with the King is the place of beginning. I have known a lot of futurists - what I mean by that are people believe in a rapture and a millenium - but they believed and lived as if Christ was King right now - their futurism did not stand in the way of their understanding of Who is King. Now, I will say this, to this day, I have never encountered someone who was living like Christ was the Only King right now - that when presented with the Scriptures showing Fulfilled Bible Prophecy - I have never encountered a man

who did not - almost immediately - understand and embrace Fulfilled Bible Prophecy. The Gospel of the Kingdom is that the Gospel was preached to every creature under heaven (Colossians 1:23) in fulfillment of "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached throughout all the world, then shall the end come" - then, the end came - the Old Covenant world - Matthew 3:3 "what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world" - and then Jesus Christ revealed as King of kings and Lord of lords - *all past tense*. If a man has never heard this - He has never heard the Gospel of the Kingdom.

As I said, I've seen lots of people who were living as though Christ was King now - at least to the best of their understanding - and they even believed and hoped that He would someday return - but when they heard the full, true Gospel - they embraced it almost immediately.

I'm in no way discounting the death, burial and resurrection of Christ as being elements of the Gospel - they are parts of the Gospel, they are essential parts of the Gospel - they are not exclusively the full gospel. The Gospel message must include the present day reality of the King and the Kingdom and a call for all men everywhere to conform to the King and His Kingdom.

Fulfilled Bible Prophecy fills in all the holes. Whether futurist or one who understands Bible prophecy already, it lets a man know that his constant swimming upstream or against the tide is not without authority. It lets him know that he is thinking as Christ's disciples would have thought. He's not some freak living out an existence in some alternate world. His is the thinking that is Godly and right - it is the rest of the world that it is completely out of sync with the Scriptures and the Perfect Will of God for His creation.

When a man lives contrary to the mainstream, or even thinks contrary to the mainstream, it's not just a live and let live scenario. A man is almost constantly bombarded with talk concerning his non-conformity. He even finds himself at odds with his own family members. Even though Matthew 10:35-42 had a specific fulfillment of people, time and place - there is an everlasting principle found there - and that is that sometimes a man's enemies can be those of his own household.

Sometimes men who choose to follow Christ the King are not only hounded by society at large - but they may even find resistance from their own family. Most of the men that I have known that have wanted to live for Christ - now - have not been out declaring war on the unbelievers. They've been men who basically wanted to just be left alone to live as they believe God would have them live. They have not declared war on anyone

or anything - and they truly desired to live peaceably with all men - even those who oppose the King and Kingdom.

We read from I Peter 3 last week, and I'd like to look there again today.

Now, this was written to a specific group of a people at a specific time in history - namely to those first century Christians sometime between the Ascension of Christ prior to Pentecost - and the return of Christ at AD70. These things happened to those first century believers. Now listen, it is NOT - I repeat - not mandatory that these things happen to anyone else from that time period on. But, the principles remain from generation to generation. Today, in 2019, or at anytime from AD70 until now - it is not the Perfect Will of God that today that men are persecuted for preaching, teaching and causing others to live in the reality that Jesus Christ is King - right now.

But, when the Kingdom of God is driven underground through unbelief, rebellion, lack of knowledge, etc., an everlasting principle will be seen - and that is - those who will live Godly in Christ Jesus - shall suffer persecution. When the Kingdom of God is relegated to non-existence in the minds of the majority of the people - then those who want to obey the King - will be persecuted.

Verse 12 of I Peter 3:

[12] For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

[13] And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

I think Peter is telling them to fill in the blank here. Who is he that will harm you for trying to follow King and Kingdom? It certainly isn't God. It's certainly not other true believers in Christ. Who is he that will harm you, if you are following that which is good? Verse 14:

[14] But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;

Did you catch that? And if ye suffer for righteousness sake...

Think about this. How is it possible to suffer for righteousness sake? How can this be?

The answer is actually quite simple. What is defining righteousness in a society? If

someone is suffering for righteousness sake, then suffering for righteousness sake means that someone, somehow has turned good into evil and evil into good. Somehow righteousness has been redefined as something evil. No one in their right mind punishes good and praises evil. Verse 15.

[15] But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

[16] Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

Again, how is it possible for someone to speak evil of someone who is simply trying to follow Christ? But that's exactly what Peter was telling these first century believers. In order for this to be happening, society at large - through their lawmakers or through their lawmaking system - had to change the definition of what was good into something that society now accepted as evil.

[17] For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

So, men can call good evil and evil good all they want to - but they will never change the mind or Will of God. They will never be able to change good to evil or evil to good in the sight of God. Once again, whatsoever you do - no matter what it is - make sure your actions conform to the Scriptures and your words and deeds are for the glory of God and in the authority of the King - and be happy with whatever consequences may arise.

Possibly the most defining point of understanding or of identifying the powers of darkness versus the Kingdom of God is right here. Who or what determines what is good and what is evil? All societies, no matter where one finds himself placing his head at night for sleep - has a dictionary filled with two chapters - Chapter One - What is Evil? Chapter Two - What is Good?

In the Kingdom of God. The definitions for good and evil are contained in the Word of God. It's a book that in most cases is about 2 inches thick. Everything that the God of heaven says is good and everything that the God of heaven says is evil, is found in that book. Don't add to it. Don't take away from it. Taking away from the book or adding to it, is extremely perilous for men in the eyes of God. If man has determined something to be evil - and it's not in the book - then it's not evil. If man has decreed something to

be good - and it's contrary to what is in the book - then it's evil. Very very simple for the follower of Christ. Do that which is good - that which God has defined as good - and you will be praised by people who are functioning members of the Kingdom of God. Do that which is evil - that which God and God alone has defined as evil - and you will be punished by people who are functioning members of the Kingdom of God.

In the powers of darkness, the definitions of good and evil are completely redefined and men now - depending on how much pressure they are under from one side or the other - they now take it upon themselves to define what is good and what is evil.

History has shown us, that men - because the hearts of men are inherently evil - will go to lengths to redefine - many times what God has called evil - to what they call legal. Or what God has called lawful - they will call it illegal.

Last week we talked about Peter and John healing a man without a license from the AMA of that day. Maybe it was the RMA - the Roman Medical Association - or the JMA - the Jerusalem Medical Association. Then, they were persecuted as a result of it. The question is, in the Kingdom of God, is healing people lawful or unlawful. We're not going to concern ourselves with legal or illegal - only lawful or unlawful.

Didn't the Lord Jesus tell them that they would receive power from the Father - and that - they themselves would do miracles even greater than what Christ Himself did? Sure. So when they healed the lame man in Acts 3, they were doing a completely lawful act. They did a great thing. Now think about this, were they persecuted for healing this man? No, they were not.

Their persecution came - not because they healed the lame man - but because they did not have a license from Rome or from the high priest's office or from whatever branch those types of licenses were given. Think about this for a minute. Did Peter and John have a license from King Jesus to do what they did? Answer slowly. Think about your answer. The correct answer is No. They did not have a license from God or Christ to heal. They had an obligation. They had a responsibility. They had the power from heaven and the authority from heaven to do what they did.

Now, you might say, "authority and license" aren't they the same thing? No they are not. And we, as followers of Christ need to understand this.

I have read to you before the definition of license man's dictionary's because the word is not found in God's Dictionary - His Word. There is a form of the word found - but it's

bad - really bad. Very easy to understand. In fact the very word itself is almost scary just reading it - that word is lasciviousness. But when you know what the definition is in man's dictionaries - we should come to the same conclusion. A license is permission by competent authority to do an act, that otherwise without, would be illegal, a trespass, or a tort.

So the powers of darkness are telling you that if you simply obtain permission from them - a man can perform acts that are illegal, trespasses, or torts without fear of punishment. Sounds very backwards to me.

Where, in God's Dictionary, in His glossary of terms - do we ever find permission to do acts that oppress, steal from, or hurt other people? This is another way of helping us see who the powers of darkness are. You shall know them by their fruits. That is an everlasting principle that applies from generation to generation.

By redefining good and evil in their own terms - they now possess the ability to make obedience to Christ and obedience to the Word - they can now make those things look like evil - because for the most part - the people - who make up their government - are perfectly fine in themselves with taking the power to define good and evil.

And when men try to live by the rules that God has laid out concerning good and evil - most of the time - well - all of the time - because when you live in a society that has redefined good and evil - you are living in a society that has rejected King and Kingdom - those men who want to live by God's definitions of good and evil are going to be selected for oppression and suppression.

You know you are surrounded by the powers of darkness when men take to themselves the power to define good and evil.

This week I read an article about a Tennessee "Baptist preacher" and as shocking to me as it was, this Baptist preacher had publicly preached a message condemning homosexuality. Now, you might say, you've heard that before, no big deal You've heard of other preachers condemning homosexuality. In fact, not long ago, Franklin Graham even came out publicly against homosexuality. But there's a huge difference between what this Tennessee preacher said and what Franklin Graham said. The Tennessee preacher actually called on his state to have their cops come and arrest the sodomites who were having their pride march - and then try them in court - and then execute them.

I honestly cannot believe that a modern day Baptist preacher in America had the courage to preach that message, but apparently he did.

Franklin Graham can come out against homosexuality and he might make a little stir - he might even increase his money - but until Franklin Graham combines the Judgements of God with the Laws of God - he's just making noise - and I hate to say it - but noise possibly to no one's benefit but his own. The Tennessee preacher who seemingly understands that the Laws of God cannot be separated from the Judgements of God at least as they relate to the sin of sodomy - is now going to go through some intense persecution, you wait and see.

This Tennessee preacher, who was also a detective in the sheriff's office for more than 30 years - has been forced out of his position - *which I'm certainly not going to be sad for that* - but he has been forced out of his position - and those people who have taken power over the people in Tennessee have all come out publicly condemning this man - even to the point where they are investigating to see if they can charge him with some crime. In fact, the one who allows himself to be called attorney general in Tennessee - has even said that all the cases that this guy worked on - should now be subjected to review because no one in a position of government in Tennessee should be allowed to have these types of views.

In other words, because this man believes in the definitions of good and evil as found in the Word of God - he is not fit to hold a position in the government of Tennessee. So, Christians - true believers - sitters on the fence - watchers with open eyes - doesn't this show you plain and simple that those who run what they call the state of Tennessee are not the ministers of God - but are the powers of darkness? Come on. How could this be any easier. They just screamed out loud, in public, for all the world to hear - We have redefined good and evil - and God is evil and the enemies of God are good.

Would you please think about this for a minute? How could preaching the Word of God in America in 2019 - how could that even be considered to be a crime? When God's Words are blatantly, openly called evil - it should be easy as can be to identify that voice as the powers of darkness.

Yet, no doubt, there will be and probably already has been - more so-called "Christians" that have opposed this man's preachings - than those that have supported him. Sadly, my favorite restaurant, Cracker Barrel, been eating my roast beef dinner for over 30 years - publicly denounced this man for his stand on the Word of God. I will be sending a notice to Cracker Barrel telling them that the issue is not the man - but the message

and the God Who sent the message.

For those who have been to my website, www.godsendusmen.com, you will see nothing but the Word of God and pleas for people to return to the Word of God. Yet, in Dec of 2015, a missouri state highway patrolman arrested me - and then said to me - "I arrested you because of the books on your website." When I told this missouri state highway patrolman that I have simply tried to live my life according to the Laws of God, he responded by saying, "The state of Missouri does not recognize the Laws of God."

The truth is, not only do the states of the United States not recognize the Laws of God - but they oppose the Laws of God and they oppose anyone who preaches obedience to the Laws of God.

In one way, I'm - what's the word I want to use - I guess I'm sympathetic to what the Tennessee preacher is going through and what he is about to go through unless he apologizes - which most of them do - I hope he does not - but in one way I'm glad that he is coming under persecution for this so that it becomes a wakeup call and an eye-opener for him. Hopefully, he has influence over others who will see this situation for exactly what it is. It is an attack on the fact that God alone has the authority and power to define good and evil and if anyone dares to be the mouthpiece of God today - he will pay for it.

Mark my words, now, if and/or when, the Tennessee preacher gets arrested, it's not going to be a crime called preaching from the Bible. It will be called something like, inciting others to commit acts of violence, or some type of hate speech, or something like that. This is because the powers of darkness - who have taken it upon themselves to define what is good and evil - have done this mainly for the purpose of redefining what God said was good and redefining what God said was evil so that they can 1) Keep people from finding the truth of the Gospel, and 2) to use their laws to silence people from trying to lead others into the truth of the Gospel of the Kingdom.

This has been going on in the United States from its inception. Prior to the creation of the United States, I read that the battle cry in America was once, "No King but Jesus." I have not heard that hardly at all, since the inception of the United States of America. Maybe soon, we will hear it once again from some people in Tennessee.

That should still be the constant reply from Christians all over this world in response to everything that goes against the King and His Kingdom. "No King but Jesus."

Switching gears here just a little... In the Kingdom of God, the majority of marriages

where there is disagreement and disharmony - *almost without exception* - I see the husband wanting to lead his family in the Kingdom and the wife providing resistance and disharmony. Sometimes the wife is able to persuade the children not to follow their dad. I've seen this many times over the last 35 years.

And, in almost every single case, and again, I've seen it a lot through the years, the resistant woman is an ardent quote unquote "church" attender and supporter.

With the exception of the preacher, who is almost always a man, the truth is, if you looked at marriages that are not harmonious in the quote unquote "church" you will find it is the woman who is committed to the quote unquote "church" and the man is not. Rarely do you ever see a man attending quote unquote "church" without his wife. Not seeing it doesn't or hasn't happened, but it's rare. It's just about always the wife who is in the quote unquote "church" and the husband isn't.

In the Kingdom, it's usually the exact opposite. It's almost always the husband who is committed and the wife is not.

In this scenario, I have actually seen the quote unquote "preachers" at the wife's quote unquote "church" participate in seeing a family destroyed because the quote unquote "preacher" sides with the wife against her own husband. I've actually heard of quote unquote "preachers" tells wives that they do not need to obey their husbands - because their husbands may be perceived as not obeying the powers of darkness. And since their husbands were perceived as not conforming to the powers of darkness, then the wife is somehow magically released from her responsibility to obey her husband. Amazing the twisted logic there, but I'll assure you I've seen it more times than I care to say.

I'm sorry if the quote unquote all the time gets hard to listen to, but I can't help it. I just cannot give credibility to these institutions that have no authority from God to exist. Each day that goes by I get more and more resolved in the fact that these institutions do not advance the King and His Kingdom - but in fact war against King and Kingdom and will gladly side with men's governments in doing so. So, you'll just have to tune that out and join with me.

So I've seen many times where the husband is resolved to Seek and Find the Kingdom but has a wife that will not come along.

To you husbands that did everything you could to keep your families together and to

those of you who are trying to keep your families together, you are to be commended and supported - knowing that you are fulfilling the principles from I Peter 3. It doesn't have to be this way. But as I've told my own sons and daughters many times - we cannot help the times in which we were born into. We were born into a time where men refuse to accept or even see the Kingdom of God. And anyone who wants the Kingdom now, is reviled, condemned and even persecuted.

Now, some times, I've seen men that embrace the King and Kingdom and are gung ho and excited and think everyone is going to grasp it as fast as they did - and especially their wives - and then bang - reality hits - the wife says "No way, not having any part of it."

As men, sometimes, we can't help it - it's the truly the way God made us - but something we must work through - we might get upset at the rebellion of the woman and it might cause us to react differently than we should.

Here's how we need to respond. We need to trust the power of the Word of God. We need to carefully instruct our wives and our children - from the Word of God. Our pro-Kingdom arguments must be Biblically based - chapter and verse. They cannot be our arguments, our words. It is the Word of God that is quick, powerful and sharp and we need to trust that His Words will not return void and they will accomplish His Will. His Will is clearly - without exception - for not just the husband to walk with the King and His Kingdom - but his wife, his children, his pet dogs and cats, the fish in the fishbowl and the vegetables in the garden. He wants all of you in the Kingdom and that is His perfect Will. Be patient. Trust the Word.

With that said, this was a special week for my wife. She had a birthday. And this week also is a reminder of how my wife came into the Kingdom and I want to share that with you now - because what I just said above - though we weren't married at the time - I can still share this testimony with you in confirming those words. But it was around this time - 30 years ago that my wife was introduced to the King and His Kingdom.

I was in my 20s and like everyone else, I wanted to be married and have kids. My experiences up to that time, however, had not been good ones. I went out with a few ladies to dinner or what have you, but each time I began to share my faith with them and tell them how I lived - it was usually a "one and done" type of encounter. But, because I believe it is the Will of God for a man to be married and have children and bring them up in the knowledge of the King and His Kingdom, I didn't give up.

But I will tell you this - I did slow down. It's not like it was my life's pursuit to find a wife but what I mean is that after several years, I began to think that maybe I wasn't going to find someone. Maybe the principle that Paul talked about regarding not being married was what God had in store for me. So I just kind of put the brakes on.

Anyway, one day I was driving down the road. I had been at a friend's house that day and we were just lazing around not doing much - I looked like a bum - I was dressed very casually - not in any position to really meet someone. So, as the day was ending, I'm driving down the road in my fancy four door 1982 Chevy Celebrity and I look over and I see the most unbelievably beautiful girl driving in the car next to me in a fancy new car - unlike the heap I was driving. I couldn't help it, but I could hardly take my eyes off of her. I'm still glad to this day that I didn't have a wreck.

Well, our eyes eventually met each other and I just couldn't stop looking at her. And, to my amazement, she was definitely looking back. This went on for several blocks. Just the two of us on the road - about 4:30 or so in the afternoon.

After about a mile or so of this, our driving was slow and she signaled to me that she was at the road where she was needing to turn. So, I told her to pull over. I mean that. I told her to pull over. This one was not getting away that easily. So she pulled into the Git N Go parking lot at Keystone and Troy and I got out of my car and went to her side of her car. And oh my goodness. Here I was dressed like a bum, and she was dressed up from head to toe - a total knockout - I mean she was dressed up like she was going somewhere really special. So I asked her what her name was and where she was going and she told me her name and said she was going to a job interview. I asked her what she was doing after that and she said she didn't know. So I asked her if she wanted to do something and, to my shock - she said Yes.

So, I had a business card and I gave it to her and asked her to call me when she got through with her job interview. For some reason, even to this day, she thinks it's funny that I gave her a business card, but I did. She told me about what time it would be that she would call, so I headed home as fast as I could to try to get ready. When I got home, the excitement started to go away a little bit and was replaced with a fear that she just might not call. I hadn't thought of that - now I was just on pins and needles hoping for a call that just might not come.

About 5 minutes before she was supposed to call, the phone rang. I just knew it was her and when I answered the phone, instead of her, it was an older lady on the other end, and she was asking for the "Mrs." I was so disappointed. I said, "There is not a Mrs.

here" and so I hung up the phone. Now to this day, Teresa, who would later become my wife, says she knew nothing about that phone call.

So, I'm now just sitting there discouraged. Now thinking she's not going to call and my hopes for seeing her again would not happen. I mean, what are the chances I would meet someone like her just driving down the road?

The phone rings again. This time it's her. Unbelievable. It was really her. I asked her if she had just called me a few minutes earlier and she said, "No." Okay. I believed her.

I asked her if she was hungry and did she want to get something to eat. She said sure, so we decided to meet at Chi Chi's Mexican Restaurant. That wasn't far from where she was, but it was about 15 minutes for me so I headed out dressed a little better this time and cleaned up. When I got to Chi Chi's - there she was. Absolutely amazing. Every bit as stunning as what I had seen earlier.

Honestly, I can't even tell you what we talked about at dinner. I'm sure it was just the normal getting to know you, what do you do, where are you from, what about your parents, etc. What do you like you to do, all of that casual talk.

Now I know you shouldn't fall for someone because of their looks. I know better than that - but I gotta tell you - it certainly didn't hurt that evening. The more we talked, the more I fell. There was a genuinness to go with her beauty unlike anything I had seen before. Now here's something else that might intrigue you. Until that time, I had always made it a point to go out with quote unquote "church girls." That's how I was raised. But this girl was not a quote unquote "church girl." This was uncharted territory for me.

We ended up talking in a park on the swingset that evening until well after midnight and I was so happy to have found her - but I also knew that reality was bringing me back and that soon I was going to have to tell her about my faith and my lifestyle. At the end of the evening, she gave me her phone number. She had just moved back to town - and was living with her parents.

She had another job interview the next day. And I really wanted to see her again. So, while she was at the job interview, I called her number and spoke with her mother. She gave me her address and told me what time Teresa was due back home. So, I went and got some flowers, and went to her parent's house. I got there before Teresa did so I was just sitting there talking to her mother when Teresa came home. She didn't know I was going to be there. I was hoping she'd be glad to see me - and she was.

Anyway, here's what happened next. We went out again, but this time, I knew that I was going to have to tell her some things about me because I had already fallen for her and I just had to tell her to see if there was going to be anything more to this. So, I started out as slow as I could. I started about by telling her there was some really important things I needed to tell her. I knew what I had to tell her - she of course did not. And, if you were to hear tell this story - it's pretty funny.

She thought I was going to tell her that I was married or a queer or something really awful. I can't believe she would have thought the second - because I'm a man's man through and through - always have been. But anyway. So, I began to tell her some of the things concerning my faith and walk with King and Kingdom. I mean, I was laying it out there. Usually, after the first thing - I saw women run for the hills as fast as they could, but not Teresa. In fact, when I told her I did not have a driver's license, she responded, "So. What's so bad about that?" To me, that response was not just shocking - but it gave me courage to continue - maybe at a faster pace than what I had planned.

When she asked why I lived that way - I began sharing the Scriptures with her. This is why I live the way I do - and we would look at the Word together. She was not backing down or wanting to run - but rather the exact opposite - she wanted to know more.

Here's what happened next. We would get together and she would immediately begin asking me to tell her more about Christ and His Kingdom. We literally had Bible studies for hours and hours. Every single thing I believed, every single way I lived, I showed her from the Scriptures the who, what's when's where's and why's. I had been a follower of Christ for over 20 years. I had never missed a day in quote unquote "church" - I had been to 2 Bible colleges - had worked in three ministries - and I was now unloading every bit of Bible knowledge I had on this girl - and she was like a sponge. She was getting a crash course in Bible with an emphasis on King and Kingdom and she wasn't running away - she was running to the King! It was amazing.

Now here is where this story gets really great. After several weeks of these intense Bible studies, after several hours, she would begin sobbing and as we sat across the table from each other, she would push the Bible back across the table to me and tell me she just couldn't take any more. Then, she'd go home. The first time she left, I thought for sure that would be the last time I would see her.

But, the next morning, she'd call me to ask questions about what we talked about the night before. She'd tell me that she just couldn't get these things out of her mind and

could we get together again to talk.

Remember, she was not a quote unquote "church girl." She had not been raised in the quote unquote "church" and the only time she ever went to quote unquote "church" was when she spent the night with one of her childhood friends and they'd have to go to quote unquote "church" the next morning. Teresa was not impressed with quote unquote "church" but she will tell you she always wanted a relationship with God and always wanted to know truth. Now she was hearing it.

So, the pattern was now set. Almost daily, we would have these Bible studies that lasted for hours. Then, she would begin sobbing - and she'd push the Bible back across the table and the Bible study would end. Then one evening she said, "What is happening to me? Why does this keep happening every time we have these Bible studies."

I took her to the passage in Hebrews showing her where the Scriptures speak of their power and their ability to change people's lives and I told her that what was happening to her was happening because the Spirit of God was drawing her to Him and that the day was coming where she would be asked to make a choice - to embrace the King and His Kingdom - or to walk away. To choose the Word of God, or to walk away.

After a while, I don't remember exactly how much more time passed, the Bible studies from start to end lasted almost 4 months, but at the end, she finally made a public confession to embrace the King and His Kingdom. Friends, I can truly tell you, this was the first time in my entire life I had witnessed for myself, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things pass away, and behold all things are become new."

I had been raised in the quote unquote "church." Rarely did you ever see someone who was not raised in the quote unquote "church" - come to Christ. It happens. Sure. People get religion inside those places, I won't deny that - and religion has the ability to help people clean up some things in their lives - but in this instance - I saw a young woman who knew very little about Christ, the Bible, the Kingdom - I watched her go from someone who knew very little - to someone who had the whole counsel of God preached to her over a period of 4 months - only God knows how many hours and hours of deep Bible study - and then I watched her give her life to Christ.

It was truly amazing. And to be quite honest with you - her testimony is the most powerful influence I've had in my own life for King and Kingdom. This is why for almost 30 years now - there's hardly been a disagreement between us. Our disagreements are never about doctrinal issues or Kingdom living.

In the days after her conversion, I watched her become a witness for the King and His Kingdom. I watched her boldly share her faith with her family. I watched her as she told her dad that she was turning her back on the life she had previously lived and she was going to become a follower of Christ. My words today cannot do justice to what I experienced in my own life watching what the power of God did to her.

I saw the Word of God, the powerful Words of God, transform the life of someone who for most of her life was just another fish in the sea - to one who had been brought into the Kingdom of Christ to build a family who was raised to walk in the Kingdom.

I said all that to say this, the Word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword - meaning that it's power far supercedes anything man can say or do - and when it is preached and taught - rightly divided - it will accomplish the Father's good will in people.

This is why I'm convinced and encouraged that when we begin preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God - beginning first in our families - the Word will not return void.

But the Gospel must be preached.

As recently as a couple months ago, I had a man tell me that Fulfilled Bible Prophecy is not a salvation issue. But friends, I'm telling you it is. What you believe about King and Kingdom determines whether a person has been born again or not. I'm telling you that there are very few people in America who have even heard the Gospel - let alone embraced it.

Listen, what a man believes about Romans 13 - is a salvation issue. What a man believes about I Peter 2:13-17 is a salvation issue. If Christ is not King now - He is not Saviour. He is not Saviour if He is not King.

Romans 13 and I Peter 2 are two of the strongest passages in all of the Scripture for proof that Christ is King - right now. For marriages that are not in harmony, those 2 passages may be the biggest reason for the problems. To say that this is not a salvation issue is grave error. Romans 13 itself says, if you get this wrong - you are damned -

"they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation."

If that's not a salvation issue, I don't know what is. How many of us have tried to win our wives to the Kingdom, but have not presented it is a salvation issue? We need to let

those who we are trying to reach for Christ know that this is life or death. These are not "agree to disagree" issues - or live and let live precepts.

We don't beat them over the heads with it - but where someone stands on the Kingdom of God is a salvation issue.

Understanding Fulfilled Bible Prophecy is the only way that the truth of the Gospel of the Kingdom of Christ is revealed.

Going back to my wife's testimony. There's something really interesting I forgot to share with you.

Remember that I told you that Teresa was not raised in quote unquote "church." So she didn't know about a "rapture" and a future Kingdom and a millenium and all those types of things. So when she was seeing Scriptures such as, Matthew 24:34, "Then said Jesus to His disciples...." she never in a million years thought that it meant anything other than, "Then said Jesus to His disciples...." There were times when I would tell her what the "churchmen" said about certain verses and it would just blow her mind. She had no idea how they could believe or teach things so opposite of what was clearly what she was reading. When she read, "There is no power but of God" it literally blew her mind when I told her that "churchmen" preached that Romans 13 was God telling His followers to obey the governments of men. She saw it so clearly, because she believed the Scriptures for exactly what they were saying. Except you come as a little child.... leave your preconceived ideas and thoughts and just come to Christ and to His Words - as simply and clearly as He spoke them.

So, when she read the Scriptures, with no preconceived ideas or thoughts put into her mind - and friends, listen to me, I was so very careful not to put things into her mind - she would ask me questions, and I would open the Scriptures and have her read them. She was a totally blank page. She was seeking. And the Father was pulling her in. It was awesome.

That was only 30 years ago this week. That same power is available today. All we need to do is preach the true Gospel of the Kingdom of Christ - that it's a present day reality - and it is the only means of salvation.

The quote unquote "church" is not the Kingdom. The quote unquote "church" is not where the power is. Men might get some "churchianity" from those places, but they aren't getting the Gospel there.

In many cases, particularly with our loved ones, we need to understand that it's not their fault they do not embrace the Kingdom as we do. More than likely, they've never heard the Gospel before. So be gentle. Don't back down from your Godly Biblical positions, but be gentle. Ask them questions. Ask them to read passages of Scripture and tell you what they mean. Trust that the Word is powerful and sharp and quick. Trust that God wants His Word to perform a good work in all of His creation.

I hope that you enjoyed listening to the story of my wife's conversion to King and Kingdom today. A few months from now, we will celebrate 30 years of marriage. It's been great. I'm so thankful for Teresa.

I want to say a special thank you today also for those of you who have supported this ministry. With all that we have been going through in the last 3 and a half years, your gifts to this ministry have been so timely. We are grateful. Hopefully, come this fall, we will have these trials behind us and hopefully it will all be over. If God wills it to be so, and I believe that He does, I have been thinking about the possibility of preparing 2 messages each week. Since I have two hours on Missouri Liberty Radio, I've been thinking about using those hours for two different messages.

It takes me over 8 hours to prepare and deliver each message. I don't take this lightly that I know that people are listening to these messages. So, I'd ask you to continue to keep this ministry in your prayers. Share the link to our website and to the archives. Keep your emails coming. I love to hear from you all.