



Empowering People to Change the World

The Power of a Kingdom Revolution

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Please stand and hold up your Bible:

***God can move mountains in my life
I will build up my faith with God's Holy Word
I will come alive in the power of the Holy Spirit With Jesus, nothing
will be impossible***

Matthew 4:12-16

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. ¹³ And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: ¹⁵"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: ¹⁶The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned."

- There is a timing to everything—did you know that?
- Jesus waits until John has accomplished the vision given to Him by God.
- **Matthew 3:1-3**
¹ In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ² and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" ³ For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight.' "
- John, the last of the Old Testament prophets, preparing the way of the Kingdom of God for the Messiah.
- John is arrested and put in prison.
- It is not the time for the public ministry of Jesus to begin.

- Quoting from Isaiah 9:2, Matthew presents Jesus as beginning his ministry in one of the most Gentile cities in all of the northern province of Galilee, Capernaum. (vs. 15b)

The Gospel of Matthew is all about the Kingdom of God

- Jesus taught on the Kingdom of God over 100 times. The phrase is used 32 times in the book of Matthew, more than any of the other gospel writers.
- Jesus did not come preaching about getting people into heaven but getting *heaven into people!*
- Matthew is writing to Jews who do not yet believe that Jesus was the promised Messiah.
 - o They were expecting a Political Savior, A Promised King like King David.
 - o They read the scriptures and identified the Messiah as a King of the Jews and Palestine who would break the power of Rome and bring them a free nation like they had once enjoyed under David.

Jesus is a King for all Peoples

- So, Matthew has chosen to represent the Messiah as a King, not the King of the Jews only but a King for all of the world.
- He opens the public ministry of Jesus with Him preaching in one of the most Gentile areas of the region. Most scholars believe that Capernaum was Gentile in majority population.
- A city of a populace of 1500, this is the hometown of Matthew, Peter, Andrew, James and John. (One of the houses we will visit on our trip to Israel is believed to be the house of Peter, venerated for thousands of years.)

- In Luke's gospel, Jesus comes into the Synagogue in Capernaum and casts out a demon and then goes to Peter's home to heal his mother-in-law, and then casts out many demons.

Why did Jesus choose Capernaum for his Headquarters?

- Why not Bethsaida, Magdala or Jerusalem, centers of religious activity and Judaism?
- The importance of trade routes and how they functioned as a bridge connecting the nations surrounding biblical Israel. The Via Maris (also called the "Way of the Sea" in Isaiah 1:9) was one such route, connecting Egypt to Syria.
- Jews and Gentiles from all over the world traversed these roads, and almost all traffic to and from Damascus funneled through Capernaum.
- Capernaum also fell within the boundaries of the tetrarchy of Herod Antipas, who made it the center of customs and tax collection in his region.
- What a strategic place to reach people. News of the miracles done in Capernaum would have spread throughout the known world because of the volumes of people traveling through the city.

We Desperately Need a Kingdom of God Revolution in our Nation... but our nation is right here!

- In Colorado Springs! This is a very strategic place with over 200 missionary organizations located here.
- We Need a Kingdom of God Revolution in the Rockies!
- Beginning right here in our church!
Jesus is a Revolutionary
- I believe Jesus came not just as a Preacher, not just as a Reformer, but a Revolutionary.

- Jesus did not come to start a religion, but a revolution!
- Jesus gave us the pattern for such a revolution.
What does such a Kingdom Revolution look like? Jesus is our Model of a Kingdom Pattern.
Matthew 4:17

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

The Person of the Kingdom: Jesus

- It all begins here...with Jesus. Jesus began his ministry proclaiming a kingdom has come! The Kingdom of God has come.

“A Kingdom of God Revolution” is the governing influence of The King (God) over His territory (earth), through His Citizens (us), who are expressing the culture and reflecting the nature of the King (heaven) into all spheres of earthly society (7 mountains).

- The First Adam made a disastrous mistake and the Second Adam, Jesus came to correct the mistakes of Adam—to unseat Satan on this earth, seek and save the lost, and restore righteousness, peace and joy upon the earth.
- Jesus came to “destroy the works of Satan.”
- Thesis statement of Jesus: the Kingdom of God has come.
- He started with “Repent.”
Change, turn to Jesus and you will experience the Kingdom of God.
“Metanoia”—to do a 180, turn around, become like a child —faith.

It all starts here—a Kingdom Revolution in your own heart —turn away then turn to...

- Everything begins with Christ! Turn your heart and your life to Jesus. His presence, His power, His peace.

- Learning to walk out in the presence of God.

- In our lives first, then our marriages and families.

Jesus called a little one to his side and said to them, ³ ***“Learn this well: Unless you dramatically change your way of thinking and become teachable, and learn about heaven’s kingdom realm with the wide-eyed wonder of a child, you will never be able to enter in.”*** ⁴ ***Whoever continually humbles himself to become like this gentle child is the greatest one in heaven’s kingdom realm.*** ⁵ ***And if you tenderly care for this little one on my behalf, you are tenderly caring for me.*** (Matthew 18:3-5 TPT)

- At The Road: “Every Child, Every Week, Encountering Christ”

Matthew 4:18-22

¹⁸ ***And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.*** ¹⁹ ***Then He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”*** ²⁰ ***They immediately left their nets and followed Him.*** ²¹ ***Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them,*** ²² ***and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.***

Pattern of the Kingdom: Finding, Recruiting, Building Disciples who become Leaders

Jesus gave us a PATTERN.

- Jesus builds His Revolution with followers who become disciples, who became leaders.
- It begins with us as “Kingdom Carriers” of the virus.
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the King (heaven) into all spheres of earthly society (7 mountains).

o They did not become “Kingdom carriers” of the disease when they just hung out with Jesus for 3 years.

o They got it by surrendering to the Holy Spirit.

o Jesus told them to “tarry in Jerusalem” until they were “endued with power from on high.”

- Jesus started with 12 and He changed the world!! The common denominator with every great movement is leadership!
- Building wholehearted worshippers and warriors especially among our young people.
- God is calling us to build a church that will last for 100 years—building revolutionary leaders who can penetrate into all spheres of society.
- Pattern is when the Person of Christ revolutionizes their heart, then they get empowered by the Holy Spirit, then they change their world.

Acts 1:8

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 17:6

But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, "These who have turned the world upside down have come here too."

Road Mission statement: Empowering People to Change the World

- This is why we have: Outlier University, War Room, Shine, Morning Fire, WorshipperWarrior Men’s ministry building wholehearted worshippers and warriors.

The PERSON, the PATTERN and now The POWER

Matthew 4: 23-24

²³ And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. ²⁴ Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them.

The Power of the Kingdom Proclamation and Demonstration

- Proclamation and Demonstration; Word and Deed.
 - We need the illumination and the illustration.
- o The Word of God is our illumination.
 - o The Works of God are our illustration.
 - o The Word and the Works is the Whole Gospel.
 - o Jesus taught us that when you SEE the Works of Jesus, it makes us LOVE Jesus even more!
 - o SHOW AND TELL. Jesus did it every time He hit the road.
 - o You see, the Word without the Works is an incomplete Gospel. • Jesus did an interesting thing: He did not just TALK about the Kingdom, He DID the Kingdom.
 - o It was Proclamation with illumination through illustration.
 - o It was the Word and Deed.
 - o We have reduced the Christian message without the Kingdom to teaching, Word and proclamation.
 - o But the world is largely looking for the illustration!
 - o Sometimes we talk about the “Good news” but become the “bad news.”
 - o We read the Bible different now—we see the pattern and the power of the Kingdom.

- It is not complete in this life—it is just the finger of God at work. (Magicians talking to Pharaoh about the signs and wonders, “this is the finger of God”; Jesus said he cast out demons by the finger of God)
- o It is just Jesus’ finger that can cast out demons and heal the sick.
- o Imagine when we get the whole hand?
- o But it is the “already but not yet,” we do not get the whole tamale yet.
- o But we still pray “Lord bring your Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.”
- Lives are being changed—body, soul and spirit. (Jesus Kingdom Revolution Mission is Luke 4:18-20)
- “Springs Initiative” is where we go out and remodel these homes.

Charles Spurgeon gave a sermon on July 17, 1859,

“When people hear about what God used to do, one of the things they say is, ‘Oh, that was a very long time ago.’ I thought it was God that did it. Has God changed? Is He not an immutable God, the same yesterday, today, and forever? Does not that furnish an argument to prove that what God has done at one time he can do at another? I think I may push it a little further and say ‘What He has done once is a prophecy of what He intends to do again...whatever God has done...is to be looked upon as a precedent. Let us with earnestness seek that God would restore to us the faith of the men of old, that we may richly enjoy his grace as in the days of old.”

Kingdom Revolution (Matthew 4:25)

Great multitudes followed Him--from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan.

- Cities are being touched and transformed by the Kingdom.
- The 7 mountains of society are being touched.
An atmosphere of the Kingdom over our city and the Rockies!
- Equipping Kingdom Disciples to go into the city.

- We are called to be “priests and kings,” Priesthood and kingship of every believer.

And has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (Revelation 1:6)

We are not in a full “open heaven” over our church and city but rather in the embryonic stages of an “opening heaven” that is not completely open but is opening with signs and wonders. We might say we are in an “opening heaven.”

With an opening heaven at The Road, we are living in a “presence kingdom church.”

The present tense Kingdom is what I would call it. It is that mighty work of the Holy Spirit currently at work.