



Empowering People to Change the World

7 Dynamics of a Wholehearted Church Part II

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The 7 Dynamics of a Wholehearted Church Part 3

Interview John Visel about WHA...

***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***

- Today I'm sharing a prophetic word to us as a church—because God has spoken this word to Liz and me about this, I'm going to take my time and probably take two weeks
- The OT speaks of day coming when the Holy Spirit would be poured out in unprecedented measure upon a people called out by God to carry His Kingdom revolution to the nations
 - Ezekiel is a kind of “charismatic prophet” used by God powerfully during the exile of Israel in Babylon. He says that the Holy Spirit came upon Him and he began to see visions of the future church, the future millennium
 - In Ezekiel 47 he saw a day coming of a great outpouring of the Spirit coming from the Temple and upon God's people

John 7:37-39

- **The Holy Spirit doesn't just want to fill but spill**
- **It's the Spirit Spilled life**
- **The Holy Spirit wants out**

Now, turn to Acts 1

The 7 Dynamics of a Wholehearted Church/Person

The Book of Acts is the “Owner's Manual of the Church”

- Two things are about to happen:
 - 1) We are the Temple of the Holy Spirit overflowing like a river of His Spirit
 - 2) A new people together, united, of One Passion and One Purpose, the Church would overflow with the Spirit and touch not just Jerusalem but the WHOLE World!

1:14

- **1st Dynamic: Wholehearted in One Accord Prayer**

2:1-4

- **2nd Dynamic: Wholehearted Empowerment with the Holy Spirit**

2:5-42

- **3rd Dynamic: Wholehearted in Preaching the Word of God**

vs. 42b—46

- **4th Dynamic: Wholehearted Relationships with other Disciples**

How many of you know that worship is why we are on this earth!

- Worship in the OT has the meaning of kneeling, being prostrate
- Worship in the OT also has the meaning of kissing
- Worship in the NT is the fulfillment of the Law and all the prophets in Christ and it's meaning takes on a whole new meaning in that it is all about an intimate response to the presence of God
- In the early church we see the people coming together and doing a few things as a fellowship of believers that are crucial in our worship

Vs. 42c

5th Dynamic: Wholehearted Worship through Taking Communion Together

- Jesus told His disciples to remember his life, death, and resurrection through Communion
- 1 Cor. 11: For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the *same* night in which He was betrayed took bread; ²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, ^[d]“Take, eat; this is My body which is^[e]broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” ²⁵ In the same manner *He* also *took* the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me.” ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.
- At The Road we take Communion every Sunday! Not many churches do that. We do it because we want to remember exactly what is said here in vs 26 (reread)
 - We passionately desire to “proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes back!”
 - Here’s what is see in the Eucharist, the Lord’s Supper, or Communion:
 - 1) Past element: in remembrance of what He has done
 - 2) Presence element: new covenant relationship
 - 3) Future element: He’s coming back folks!
 - The presence of God comes when we take Communion. In a real spiritual sense, the holiness, presence, and love of God comes when we take the communion elements together
 - REMEMBER THAT!

Vs. 46-47

Luke 24

⁵⁰ And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped Him,

and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

- Right here is one key definition of worship—we are blessing God!

6th Dynamic: Wholehearted Praise and Worship

- They were constantly worshipping the Lord!
- They were blessing God—worship is giving worthiness to God
- What worship is not:
 - It's not what you GET out of worship, it's what HE gets out of your worship. I truly doubt the early disciples cared much about how they felt when they worshipped, but how God felt about their worship
 - Whenever I hear people say things like “I don't really get anything out of your worship at The Road” I know I'm talking to someone who doesn't understand worship
 - It's not about the songs we sing, but the King we sing to. It's all about Him
 - It's not about you! It's about Him
 - Ex. I can enjoy worship in a Presbyterian Church, Catholic Church, Pentecostal Church because I understand it's all about Him!!
 - It's a mindset change—Why do we worship? To bless God!!

It's what God loves most!! Look at Revelation 4, God's Living Room...

Let's look at what happens when we worship with the right mindset/heartset...

- Acts 16:25-26
- Praise and worship does 4 things:

- 1) Praise and Worship Lines us up with what's happening in heaven. We are entering into God's Living Room
- 2) Praise and Worship brings the Presence of God because His Living Room comes down into our hearts
- 3) Praise and Worship brings Joy and Confidence
- 4) Praise and Worship brings God's Power

Now look at 2 Chron 20

- Jehospat is full of fear, surrounded by all the armies of Israel and he tells the people we are going to just worship and praise the Lord...
- But he turns his fear into faith by "setting himself to seek God"
- Look what God tells him to do! It's crazy; it's ludicrous from a strategic warfare sense
- Loud Praise! Vs 19
- Presence of God always leads to the Power of God! Vs 22

We started an "All Church Worship Night" last Wednesday. Our next is October 2nd 7pm in the Chapel and every 1st Thursday of every month. November 7th and December 5th

- October 2nd, November 7th, and December 5th in 2019 in the Chapel. Join us.

Communion: As the worship team comes up, let's practice worship by taking Communion

After taking Communion, Men who came to the Wholeheart Advance and anyone else who wants to enter God's Living Room in a powerful way, COME UP TO THE FRONT...