



Empowering People to Change the World

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Jude 17-23 *"But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. They said to you, 'In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires.' These are the people who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit.*

But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

Be merciful to those who doubt; save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh."

Our Position Is In Him

You will never discover your destiny until you first discover your identity.

1 John 4:13-16 *"This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us."*

Galatians 2:20 *"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."*

Colossians 3:1-4 *"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."*

2 Corinthians 5:17 *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."*

Our Power Is From Him

*“And the evil spirit answered and said, ‘Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?’” **Acts 19:15***

There is no secondhand spirituality. No one else can develop Christian maturity on your behalf. A strong Christian heritage is an asset, but it cannot take the place of your own vibrant, growing relationship with Christ.

Paul had a powerful walk with God. God used him so mightily that extraordinary miracles occurred through his life. Cloths that touched Paul were taken to the sick, and the sick were healed (**Acts 19:10-12**). Evil spirits were cast out. Paul's preaching and teaching were instrumental in building a strong church in Ephesus. Paul's ministry was so impressive, in fact, that others tried to duplicate it.

Seven sons of the chief priest, Sceva, attempted to cast out demons the way Paul did. They confronted an evil spirit and attempted to exorcise it “by the Jesus whom Paul preaches.” These men were trying to use a spiritual power that Paul had acquired after years of walking closely with his Lord. They could imitate Paul's words, but they could not duplicate the power that was his through his personal relationship with God. The evil spirit retorted, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know, but who are you?” The demon then viciously attacked them and humiliated them. The evil spirits were fearfully aware of Jesus (**James 2:19**); they were familiar with Paul's influence over the powers of darkness. But the demons had no knowledge of the seven sons of Sceva.

You can duplicate the words and deeds of a spiritually mature Christian, but you cannot inherit his or her walk with God. Christian maturity takes effort; it comes over time. If you ignore the place of prayer and if you neglect your relationship with Christ, you will not grow in your faith. Imitating the faith of others will not give you victory. Only as you nurture your own relationship with Jesus will your life be filled with spiritual maturity and power.

2 Corinthians 12:7-11 *“To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”*

Matthew 10:39 *“Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”*

Psalm 16:8 *"I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken."*

Mark 12:30 *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."*

Psalm 25:15 *"My eyes are ever on the LORD, for only He will release my feet from the snare."*

James 4:8 *"Come near to God and He will come near to you..."*

"The goal is not to do work for God...but to be so intimate with Him that He can do His work through us."
-Oswald Chambers

"God will not do any more through you then you first allow Him to do in you."
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Our Purpose Is For Him

Ephesians 1:18 *"I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints."*

Psalm 138:8 *"The LORD will fulfill [His purpose] for me; your love, O LORD, endures forever-- do not abandon the works of your hands."*

John 15:16 *"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you."*

YOUR GIFTS AND DESTINY ARE ON A COLLISION COURSE WITH WHAT GOD IS POSITIONING THE ROAD TO DO

Our Vision

A Kingdom Revolution in the Rockies

Our Mission

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. In which of the three areas discussed do I struggle most—why?
2. What are some practical new behaviors I can commit to in this new year in order to grow?
3. How do my gifts align with what God is calling our church to do?