

Pushing Back the Darkness! Part 6: "What's Your Name?"

"People whose minds are made up to advance the kingdom of God take their objectives by force..." – Jesus, Mt 11.12

"For this purpose was the Son of God manifest, to destroy the works of the devil..." 1John 3.8 "And Jesus, anointed with the Holy Ghost and power, went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. Acts 10.38

There Are Many *Moment's*... When Jesus came walking into a person's life with the answer that they needed for life! Sometimes He healed with a word! Other times He healed with a touch! Sometimes He added a twist! Sometimes He prayed! **Jn11.42** But He always went to work *to destroy the works of the devil!* *And He asks us to walk into people's lives with the same mindset!* **John 20.21 Acts 1.8**

Asides on Praying... Anyone can do it! Don't need a special anointing! Just need to be born-again! It helps if you know the healing stories... The word builds faith for the pray-er and receiver! Last week had people come up that I felt could prevail upon...

Some might have been offended that I didn't call on them... We have the "Bait of Satan" class, three times a week, to fix that!

Some were experienced and trained pray-ers... some were new and exuberant... Many different miracles took place!

Some were surprised... That needs to change!

The same thing we did for freedom from sickness... is what we're going to do to have freedom to minister! We're going to see Him walking into our lives, hear Him realigning us with God's word for healing and validation...

There's a moment... "when Jesus calls the twelve disciples together and gives them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and disease..." **Matt 10.1ff Lk 9.1ff** This is an empowering of "disciples" Followers who hear His voice... Those whose names He knows... *And they become the "sent ones!"*

There's a moment... "when Jesus appointed another seventy disciples and sent them out two by two to every place where He would be going and He said to them, 'the harvest is great but the laborers are few... Go your way, I send you out as lambs among wolves... heal the sick and say to them, the kingdom of God has come to you!' And they returned saying, even devils are subject to us in your name!" **Lk 10.1ff**

There's a moment... "that Jesus is with the disciples, and He commands them to wait for the promise of the Father, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, that was coming soon. He said, 'You will receive power from on high to be a witness of Me, to life's end, to the uttermost parts of the world!' And then He left and the Day of Pentecost came... **Acts 1-2**

And from then to now... "People whose minds are made up to advance the kingdom of God take their objectives by force..." **Matt 11.12**

That's the way it's supposed to work... the Redeemed empowered, the Empowered redeeming... throughout a lifetime! BUT IT DOESN'T ALWAYS WORK OUT AS PLANNED!

Keith's Story! Keith did what many of us do... He let the wrong things define him! An event, circumstance or person can have a negative effect on us! Some of us are "stupid" boy... "Ugly" girl... "Shame-full" one... "Rejected" "Never good enough" "Hated" "Used up" "hopeless..." "Have to succeed" "fearful" one... "Have to survive" "defenseless..." "Need to be better than" one... *Jammed up one!*

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

Our Mess-age! If we are going to be free, our identity must be found in God... Must be defined by His word and His voice! His word is obvious if you know where to look! But what about His words? How do you hear His voice? Words, images, impressions? His sheep hear His voice!

John 10.3ff *"The sheep hear the shepherd, they know His voice and He calls them by name and leads them forward. He goes before them and they follow Him because they know His voice. A stranger they will not follow, they will flee from him... I am the good shepherd and I know My sheep and I am known by them!"*

We let too many "strangers," including our "self," tag us with titles that we should not allow!

We're going to realign ourselves with the word of God and listen for the voice of God regarding our status! Set everything aside!

Alignment Activation! What is your name? Who gave it to you? How long have you had it? What was the event? How does it feel?

Do you belong to God? Is the name you call yourself, hear, the name He gave you! If He gives you a new name will you accept it? Will you immediately reject your false name?

Ministry Activation! "Speechless" in public... Oracle of God! **1Pet 4.11** "Afraid to say the Wrong Thing..." Holy Spirit Projectile! **Mt10.16ff** I'm "Nobody" special... Ambassador/Minister of Reconciliation! **Eph 6.20 2Cor 5.18** "Too Easily Confused..." Mind of Christ! **1Cor 2.16** Too fearful... Embodiment of power, love, sound mind! **2Tim 1.7**

ARE YOU GOING TO ALIGN WITH THE LIE OR THE TRUTH?