

Pushing Back the Darkness!

Part 9: "The Two Most Important God Ordained Relationships on Earth and the Pathway to Transformation!"

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

Previously... Looking at the hindrances of our freedom... *Some will not be free because don't take the subject seriously! Some don't want to put out the effort for what they think is "little" return! Some have become comfortable with their spiritual disability! Have "reasonings" for it! Someone else's blessing! Then there are those who don't know they've been taken in a snare!*

"My Story..." Two people caught in a snare... One, just a guy doing his job... The other, a kid, without discernment... "Making a detrimental vow!" Reinforced over and over. Acting and reacting to events, each reaction making an important aspect of life harder! 41 yrs reacting to a negative event/*HIDDEN STRONGHOLD!*

And when you find yourself in a stronghold... you, 1. must aggressively *demolish* every argument and *submit* yourself to Jesus!

2Corinthians 10.4-6 *For the tools of our warfare are not carnal but powerful in God for: demolishing arguments, demolishing computations and every elevated thing that rises up against the knowledge of God, and for making a captive of every perception for submission to Christ, and being prepared, to vindicate all disobedience when your submission is fulfilled.*

2. You realign with God and His words to stay free!

Realignment... "Lord, did I get this one right?" "Am I seeing what You are?" "Will You tell me how You see it?" "Lord, did I make an inner vow?" "Did something go off in my heart that I was unaware of?" "Lord, am I feeling/believing something about myself that doesn't align with Your word?" "Will You tell/show me what it is?" "Lord, how do You want me to respond to this?"

3. Then be ready to avenge all disobedience! Avenging! "To inflict punishment and penalty in return!" Make the devil pay for carrying you away, walling you in/others out! Many related to my "spiritual leadership" story... No matter who the leaders are, no matter who the people are... We all have "blowout" stories to tell! Why are there so many? Ever pondered it?

Opens the topic on the two most important, God-ordained, relationships on earth!

The *second* most important, God-ordained, relationship on earth is "people and their spiritual leaders!"

Ephesians 4.8-12 "When Jesus ascended... *He gave* gifts unto men; apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, for the perfecting: *katartismos*: removing debris, furnishing, setting broken bones, mending and rejoining of the saints (Gk) to the work of ministry... for the building up of the body of Christ... until we all come into the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect: *teleos*: man, measured by the maturity that overflows from Christ, so that we are no longer tossed around by fake doctrines and sleight of men and the cunning of deceivers... but speaking the truth in love which causes us to grow up in all things, to be like Him, the Head of the Body!

If that's what He ordained spiritual leaders for is it any wonder why there are so many "blowouts" given what leaders in the Body of Christ are called to do?

Blowouts! Jesus had His stories of conflict/ offenses w/leadership... **Gospels.** Paul and Peter and the boys all had them... **Acts.** *And you will have them too!* "It is impossible but that offenses will come..." **Mt 18.7 Lk 17.1** "In the world you will have tribulation..." **John 16.33** And nothing says that it will only be from the world/worldlings! **Pr 18.19 Rom 14.21 1Cor 8.13**

Jesus gave gifts unto men for the resetting of the saints for the work of the ministry, and, their transformation! That's why the enemy works so hard to cause division between spiritual leaders and the people God calls them to aid! We must demolish arguments and computations we've made in leadership struggles... and submit ourselves to Jesus!

The *first* most important, God-ordained, relationship on earth is "husbands and wives!"

Genesis 1.26-28 "Let us make man in our image and let them have dominion over everything on the earth. So God created man in His image, male and female. And blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth and subdue it and have dominion over every living thing!'"

All "earthly rule" was created to flow from the God-ordained relationship of marriage!

Is it any wonder why the enemy works so hard to destroy marriage and the fabric of the "home?" We must demolish arguments and computations we've made in marriage(s) *and divorce* and submit ourselves to Jesus!

Marriage Activation!

"Lord, will You help me grasp the concept You have for marriage?"

"Will You help me see and hear the vows I've made in struggles?"

"Will You help me to see my mate (pres/future) as You see them?"

"Will you help me to see my role and my actions?"

"Why do I do the things I do?"

"What do I need to meditate on?"

"How can I push back the darkness today?"

EVERYTHING PRIOR TO THE MARRIAGE ACTIVATION WAS INFORMATION TO HAVE AND MEDITATE ON FOR MATURITY... THE MARRIAGE ACTIVATION WAS GIVEN AS THE PATHWAY TO TRANSFORMATION... IN EVERY AREA OF LIFE, ASKING THE QUESTIONS, "LORD, _____? AND WAITING ON HIM FOR THE ANSWERS RESULTS IN PERSONAL TRANSFORMATION INTO THE IMAGE OF THE SON OF GOD!