

Pushing Back the Darkness!

Part 16: "Healing the Brokenhearted!"

Last week on PBD... *It's never been easy but it's always been worth it...* This "sheep among wolves" ministering...

"If the world hates you, know that it hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you: but because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, the world hates you." **John 15.18,19**

"being wise," using all your practical and intellectual skills to carry salvation forward... "being harmless," simple, pure and noble in your motivations... It's a "serious and sobering enterprise" that bears much fruit!"

Not easy but worthwhile, trying to "look" like Jesus... A person willing to lay down their lives for a friend! A person of compassion since life is about people! A person who carries the interests of others... That person is going to find rough passage...

"Don't marvel that the world hates you!" **1John 3.13**

"His life is the light of men and the light shines in the darkness and the darkness didn't comprehend it..." John 1.4,5 "Light has come into the world and men loved the darkness more than the light because their deeds were evil and everyone that does evil hates the light and does not come to the light so that their deeds will not be exposed..." John 3.19,20

There's a lot of built in resistance to the ministry of reconciliation we have all been given... But darkness can't stop the light from coming in if we pull back the curtains with force!

Where we ended... *Opening the way for people to come to salvation!* Establishing the power of the gospel in us! Being a living epistle! **2Cor 3.2** Being alert for opportunities to serve their needs as a gateway to Jesus! His touch is His calling card! Getting them started on their new pathway in Him! Bible, discipleship, connection!

Because no one comes to the Father/Heaven without salvation! They can go to heaven sick ,poor, confused, broken (hearted)... But they can't get in without salvation in Jesus!

Word became flesh... to be the Lamb who bore our sins! **J1:29,36** The Only Way in! **J3:3,5-7,16-18, 36** Now you look, see, reap! **J4:35**

This week... *Press into the practical aspects of pushing back the darkness...* With His nature and intense focus... And the same aspects of His anointing **Lk 4.18,19**, because... "as He was sent into the world, so He sends us into it!" **John 17.18** "As My Father has sent Me, even so, I now send you!" **John 20.21**

Luke 4:18-19 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; *He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted*, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

Isaiah 61.1-2 "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and..."

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beggars and paupers... Philosophy/Science/Theology for the influential and intellectual... **But the gospel “moves upward from below!” *Transforms* from the *ground-up!***
This is why betterment (entitlement) Christianity must be replaced by development (establishment) faith...

Also the distressed, strained, anxious, suffering and cringing... *What could be better news to the poor than “God is not doing this to you? You have “peace” with God!*

There is so much superstition in the world that needs to be dispelled... and who better than those who come to push back the darkness?

Luke 4:18-19 “He has sent me to heal (cure and make whole) the brokenhearted... The bruised, crushed and shattered hearts...

“The heart wants what the heart wants!” even if it’s heart-breaking! Often resulting in shame, sorrow, fear, covetousness, loss of self-respect, condemnation, disappointment, disillusionment, unrequited love... you name it... Jesus came to bind up brokenness!

Healing the Brokenhearted...

Abandoned	Empty nester	Self-haters
Battered	Fear-full	Shame-full
Condemned	Hate-full	Sorrow-full
Confused	Lost self-respect	Survivor
Covetous	Offended	Unforgiving
Disappointed	Overwhelmed	Unseen
Disillusioned	Rejected	Unrequited love
Divorced	Remorse-full	Vanity
Empty	Sadness	

Because Jesus was sent to send, frees us to free, heals us to heal... have to ask... who can we go to, to free and heal?

“Behold, I give unto you *power* to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the *power* of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.” –Jesus

Power v. Power! “I give you, exousia: privileged power, capacity, competency, freedom, superhuman mastery, delegated influence-authority, jurisdiction, liberty, right, strength... Over all the dunamis: power, force, ability, might, (working of deceptive) miracle(s), strength, violence, works of the enemy.

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God's Heart... "to heal the broken in heart, and bind up their wounds!" **Ps 147.3** *With empathy and sympathy!* "touched with the feelings of our infirmities, in all ways tempted and tested as we are!" **Heb 4.15** *With comfort and help!* The Holy Spirit, the Great Comforter, Instructor! **John 14/16** *With transformation power!* His word is quick, powerful, sharp, piercing, dividing soul from spirit, discerning thots and intents of heart! **Heb 4.12**

God's Heart... (for you) "to heal the broken in heart, and bind up their wounds!" **Ps 147.3** *With your story and compassion!* "touched with the feelings of our infirmities, in all ways tempted and tested as we are!" **Heb 4.15** *W/the presents of the Holy Spirit!* The Holy Spirit, the Great Gifter! **1Cor 12.4ff Romans 12.6-21** *With the Word(s) of God!* Faith comes with hearing the Word of God... profitable... to perfectly equip the man of God! **R10.17 2Tim 3.16,17**