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The fear of the lord and wisdom

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# Playing the piano

I just want to seek Your Face

Oh God of Glory enter in

I lift up the gate of praise

I just want to bless your name

Oh King of glory enter in

I lift up the gate of praise

I feel like the Lord is setting the stage for the decades to come. We’re to gear ourselves for that. I spend a fair amount of time in first year.

# Playing an instrument

One of the things I really enjoy doing is just sitting down and playing an instrument. There is a prophetic anointing on an instrument. Not per se the accompaniment of an instrument, but there is a prophetic mantle being released through the notes being played.

I love to sit down and play piano before Him. And as the Presence of God rests upon me, there is something about a yielded instrument, a yielded note. He is the Creator of music! Those of you that play, take time to just play before Him and watch what happens.

Just as you play, get lost in where you are at.

Explore as musicians, you will find melodies, chords that don't have to be for anyone else. Play for the audience of One and watch what He does! The Lord inhabits the praises of His people. He didn't find that in the Bible! He found it in his experience. He put it in the word because in his relationship God would come and inhabit this thing called praise. You will find instruments, sounds and moments where it will be you alone or you and a friend.

You playing to the best of your ability, play confidently and watch what happens! He is drawn to those moments!

# What you fear, you worship

I want to talk to you from the book of Judges for a little bit. I took more time in first year than I am planning on doing in here.

Judges 6:10 (ESV) And I said to you, ‘I am the Lord your God; you shall not fear the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell.’ But you have not obeyed my voice.”

If you study the Israelites you see how they have a cycle of a passion for the Lord and end up bound before serving other gods. How was it evident that the Israelites didn't worship Him? They worshiped other gods! You will fear what you worship.

You can't serve two masters if you fear going broke what will you hold on to? It is infecting your worship! Fear relationships, responsibility, it does infect our worship of the Lord!

What God is doing for all of us right now is a purging of losing the fear of other things, the fear of God is central to this life of faith! It is the beginning of wisdom! Having this approach in raising our kids with an awareness that they need to answer to God for their life. It is so important because it changes the way you live!

The decisions you make after you chose the Lord still have consequences! The Lord talks about the reward in Christ and the loss after Christ! There is accountability in our life! We will stand before the Lord and give an account, not before heaven or hell but there is a realization of doing things out of fear, anger, control, peace, offering. There is a distinct difference between out of which one you react.

# Talking back to an angel

Judges 6:12-13 (ESV) And the angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him, “The Lord is with you, O mighty man of valor.” And Gideon said to him, “Please, my Lord, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all his wonderful deeds that our fathers recounted to us, saying, ‘Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt?’ But now the Lord has forsaken us and given us into the hand of Midian.”

This is a bizarre verse to me! An angel shows up and you talk back. Lord, if the Lord is with us! That doesn't seem funny to you? Why did all that bad stuff happen and where are all the miracles? I hope all your questions have not been answered! If they were, you didn't have enough questions! I hope every cry of your heart haven't been fulfilled, if they were you didn't have a big enough cry!

If the Lord is with us, why did all the bad stuff happen, and where are all the miracles? Seems funny to me to talk back to an angel.

# 2 highlighted passages

You know much of the story but there are 2 passages I want you to see:

1. Judges 6:34 (ESV) But the Spirit of the Lord clothed Gideon, and he sounded the trumpet, and the Abiezrites were called out to follow him.

That verse as it is is powerful, but the original language is different from what it says. In Hebrew, it says: the Holy Spirit clothed Himself on Gideon. He put Gideon on like a glove!

2. Judges 7:2-5 (ESV) The Lord said to Gideon, “The people with you are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hand, lest Israel boast over me, saying, ‘My own hand has saved me.’ Now therefore proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whoever is fearful and trembling, let him return home and hurry away from Mount Gilead.’” Then 22,000 of the people returned, and 10,000 remained. And the Lord said to Gideon, “The people are still too many. Take them down to the water, and I will test them for you there, and anyone of whom I say to you, ‘This one shall go with you,’ shall go with you, and anyone of whom I say to you, ‘This one shall not go with you,’ shall not go.” So he brought the people down to the water.

The Lord says: there are 10.000 left so bring them to the water I will bring a test. All of those who put their face into the water can’t come. But the ones who had their eyes open, still mindful that they were an army even thought they were drinking and brought the water to their mouth that is who you are going to win with. The Lord wasn't saying that with 300 he could win, but that he could win with the 300 finest!

The Lord will reduce us, but what He is doing with Israel here is winning a war with 300 guys with absolute resolve why they’re there. Focus and power. Keep eyes open and bring the water to their mouth. Something profound about this statement and if I can stretch the term of a revivalist generation.

Many will benefit from this revelation, I hope you will do everything to bring the power of God into a camp. But to maintain the focus as a skilled warrior is to never lose sight of the battle we’re in. Not a moment where self-indulgence gets me out of that focus. I can never lose sight of why I am alive!

Not a moment of pressure, anxiety, but divine purpose! It doesn't change when you're fishing, shopping, taking a nap. It is why you are alive! The number of camels beyond the ability to count, 300 were stronger than an army beyond number!

My heart is that all of us would be obedient to act upon what He says to do, with great excellence! That the Lord would give grace for this focus of divine purpose. That it would be so clear that no circumstance or individual could get people from why they are alive. Take a moment to pray for the person on your right and left that they would be the 300!

# Courageous parents

Judges 6:25-32 (ESV) That night the Lord said to him, “Take your father's bull, and the second bull seven years old, and pull down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut down the Asherah that is beside it and build an altar to the Lord your God on the top of the stronghold here, with stones laid in due order. Then take the second bull and offer it as a burnt-offering with the wood of the Asherah that you shall cut down.” So Gideon took ten men of his servants and did as the Lord had told him. But because he was too afraid of his family and the men of the town to do it by day, he did it by night. When the men of the town rose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was broken down, and the Asherah beside it was cut down, and the second bull was offered on the altar that had been built. And they said to one another, “Who has done this thing?” And after they had searched and inquired, they said, “Gideon the son of Joash has done this thing.” Then the men of the town said to Joash, “Bring out your son, that he may die, for he has broken down the altar of Baal and cut down the Asherah beside it.” But Joash said to all who stood against him, “Will you contend for Baal? Or will you save him? Whoever contends for him shall be put to death by morning. If he is a god, let him contend for himself, because his altar has been broken down.” Therefore on that day Gideon was called Jerubbaal, that is to say, “Let Baal contend against him,” because he broke down his altar.

For some of you, your parents will take a stand of courage because of this!

**Today the first time ever I feel like the prayer for the fear of the Lord and wisdom is the primary focus!**

# Questions and answers

**Do you believe it is possible for the spirit to leave the body before the body actually passes away?**

Geez I don't know, I would think you would die when your spirit leaves the body. My personal opinion is once the spirit leaves the body then you're dead. Your vision I wouldn't say it wasn't from the Lord, but it shows a different purpose. I am not an expert on death. Someday I will be, but then it will be too late to ask the question!

**On a quote of you: one day the church will possess the revelation of the cross that inner healing is free, it will no longer be necessary. Can you expand on that?**

I’ve taught on the concept, I don’t remember the exact phrasing. I think as the anointing increases, inner healing will diminish. I'm not saying it is not valuable, but one encounter was enough for Jesus delivering him of the legion within him. I think it is possible now, and there are people happening there. I can use the analogy Lazarus was walked out of the grave but still needed someone to take the grave clothes off. But I do believe as the anointing increases the fewer the steps to freedom. But that is not to degrade at all ministries that take more steps.

**This next season: A lot of changes lately, what do you feel God is up to in this new season? Paul going home, Joaquin to Texas?**

The Lord always repositions soldiers for the next phase. For a place that they are born for to advance the Kingdom. A number of things are going home, we will end up with a university that will shape people’s lives for the 7 mountains. Gearing up for the saving of all the mountains. He is repositioning people for that advancement.

**How do you deal with disappointment, what do you do?**

I feed my heart on what God is doing instead of what He didn’t do and return to the Promises. If I don’t do that I can believe the wrong thing about what happened. Financial crisis, a friend passing away. If I come to conclusion apart from His Promises I will construct a lie and be deceived!

Anything I came to conclusion to without having the breath of Life on it I will believe a lie. When I was in the hospital I kept on reading the Promises on my life without stopping. I will deliberately celebrate His goodness in the face of adversity.

Celebrate the opposite of what you're seeing. When I can finally not out of obedience, but out of heartfelt obedience come to that place of thankfulness I am free! I will sustain it, but I am free from disappointment.

**Times where you have smiled and it gets brighter in the spirit around you, how have you cultivated that?**

I’ve never seen it. I think it is the renewed mind, but how do you see it? I can tell you the big thing in my life: it is the love I have for Him in this moment! I will spend more time stirring up my affection for Him than I prepare a message. If I can stay impacted by His love for me the rest is easy!

**He watches over the watch of those who watch the Lord!**

What am I? I am a watchman! If I watch Him, He will watch over me!