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Giving room to the Spirit

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# Bible Study

Going to go fast. Read a lot.

Paul accustomed to cities shaken by the Lord, in Athens he had a few converts. He was thinking about what just happened, what could he do better?

Introspection isn't healthy, honest review of what you had done and see what you should do. Some meetings he felt was like he was going north, God going south. Then he’ll say I am not going to do that anymore, and the next day was always good.

Never get accustomed to your place of favor and do it out of habit. Reviewing what had happened -> 1 Corinthians 2

# Athens vs Corinth

In Athens, Paul did preach with great revelation, great speaking and then he talks about what paul did in Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 (ESV) And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Seems to Bill that Athens was a great demonstration of Paul’s gift, but in Corinth, there was a great demonstration of His power. Paul was one of the most gifted highly favored man, terms of human wisdom, he got the words, ability to impress anybody. 3rd heaven, unutterable.

# Giving room to the Spirit

Wanted to run an experiment how to run with power again. Almost appears like he dumbed down what he knew so the Holy Spirit could show up. Times of showing our gift, times where it is vital that we give much place to God. Ministering day after day, what you know is not enough. Has to be an encounter, an impartation, and a demonstration. Taste and see that the Lord is good. Have to experience it to see it!

# Faith in the Power of God

Accepted statement, because it says that; faith in the power of God. If it wasn't there he would be highly criticized for the statement. Most of the churches mind we need faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, preach that people say yeah that’s right. Faith in the power of God is in the Bible. **In this day faith in the Name and faith in the Power were the same, today it’s optional.** Separation from the power, the absolute dependence on His name.

1 Corinthians 2:6-7 (ESV) Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away.

The devil that tried attacking your ambitions, minds, and gifts? Yeah, he's coming to nothing.

# Overcoming and Mystery

Mount Everest: You can't grow, but we can! That is why we can conquer it! That thing that harassed you is coming to nothing!

1 Corinthians 2:7-9 (ESV) But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”

Most of the time used on funerals, but then verse 10!

1 Corinthians 2:10 (ESV) these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

Those who love Him have legal access. Holy Spirit constantly searching the depths of the heart of the Father, the mysteries to reveal them to us. What has God revealed to us? The things! Revealed them to us, through His Spirit.

# God’s thoughts

God’s thoughts about you are all for your welfare! Those thoughts outnumber the sands of the seashore, thinking about you eternity past! Holy Spirit is looking through the archives of the Fathers thoughts about you. Grains of sand that represent one of His thoughts for you. When He finds that exact thought that you need in your moment He brings it to you!

God wants you to know the things! What are the things? The thoughts that are hidden in mystery. Spirit of God, not the spirit of the world, that's why we have access to the things.

1 Corinthians 2:11-13 (ESV) For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

# What’s spiritual?

1 Corinthians 2:14-16 (ESV) The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But **we have** the mind of Christ.

We need each other!

Mindset on the flesh is hostile to God and can't obey the love of God. You can set yourself up for success, or set yourself up for failure. All in what and how you think. The carnal mind is not neutral, but opposing to God.

Proverbs 18:9 (ESV) Whoever is lazy in his work is a brother to him who destroys.

AM and FM, not going to be able to connect onto His wavelength. God is talking through the Spirit, not through the flesh. Not talking about surviving, but being the overcomer. We live after the Spirit, following His ways.

# 1 Corinthians 3 - Milk and Meat

1 Corinthians 3:1 (ESV) But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the **flesh**, as **infants** in Christ

In the flesh is the same as infants in Christ. Certain things that are acceptable for someone that just came to Christ, not acceptable if they remain for the remainder of their lives.

1 Corinthians 3:2 (ESV) I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready,

Milk and Meat. Milk is that what comforts and soothes, meat is that what triggers, sharpens, provokes to change. Another way: Milk the infant gets from the mother, from somebody else. Meat is what you go out and get for yourself!

# Acting Human - You’re a new Creation!

1 Corinthians 3:3 (ESV) for you are still of the flesh. For while there is **jealousy** and **strife** among you, are you not of the **flesh** and behaving **only** in a **human** way?

As a believer people sometimes say: I am only human. You received the spirit of the resurrected Christ, and you are living like a normal human being! You're acting like human. It's not unfair when the Spirit of the Resurrected Christ has taken a part of you. Living above Human nature! Able to respond in love when you're offended. Reconciliation, to give when you're hurting, get out of your way to talk to someone.

Psalms 102:18-22 (ESV)

Let this be recorded for a generation to come,

so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:

that he looked down from his holy height;

from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,

to hear the groans of the prisoners,

to set free those who were doomed to die,

that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD,

and in Jerusalem his praise,

when peoples gather together,

and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.

Ever been a creation of new people on the earth? No, no new creation, until people started getting born again! Something happens in the atmosphere to have people being set free. Worshippers, being a people yet to be created.

# Loyalty and Family

1 Corinthians 3:4-6 (ESV) For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.

One of the greatest virtues in the human being is loyalty. Loyal to him is extremely high valued, people that know how to be loyal. A huge deal. Times when the church gets carnal, separate to show them that they are loyal to another person. Don't flow from one to the other church, plant yourself! Take culture, transport it. Belong to this group, end up despising the other group. Loyalty as a Kingdom value never requires disloyalty to another group. Maintain loyalty all the time! Know who your family is, and value them accordingly, never have to be disloyal to one to be loyal to the other.

I follow Jesus, I am **only** **accountable** to **Jesus**, basically means you're your **own lord**.

1 Corinthians 3:18-21 (ESV) Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their craftiness,” and again, “The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.” So let no one boast in men.

Paul is not talking about the Kingdom value of loyalty, but carnal loyalty. The kind that separates. Paul lives a completely different message than what could be done here. He is talking about a little Christian group around a gift, or a personality can only go so far. You need to be together, Pastor of the Stirring: "Our goal is not to get everyone to one Church but under one Father!"

# Declaration

Don't boast in man, why? All things are yours. Access to this infinite God, if you boast in man you've reduced your world to this really small place. You will reduce what you have access to this world around us. Only have the support in this club. From a big world to a very small world.

What has been left to you:

(ESV 1 Corinthians 3:22) Paul or Apollos or Cephas

**Gifts** of Christ are **people**! Jesus sitting on a throne, calling out your name. Not you are an apostle, prophet, but hey here is the gift to you a part of who I am. Don’t boast in man, segregation, isolation thing.

Nature of Jesus, His abilities, grace resting on other people. Let me tell you one more thing; the whole world.

What you get from prophets is your part, how you receive them and give them access.

(ESV 1 Corinthians 3:22) or the world

People of God should be leading the environmental charge. It is now lead to people who have made an idol of Creation. Read Romans 1, it is pretty clear. Anyone who wants to save the baby whales and not the babies doesn't get any of my dollars.

(ESV 1 Corinthians 3:22) or life

Life is actually yours,

(ESV 1 Corinthians 3:22) or death

Peter demonstrated that he had a gift when he let the man die. Could it be that they died out of the expression of Peter understanding what he had been given?

Somebody cursing you, he doesn't have authority, you can pretend all you want, but if you don't have any in God you don't have it! Rip the receipts that the enemy gives you.

(ESV) or the present or the future—all are yours,

All are yours, that are a lot of things!

# The Past

Things present and things that are to come. What is missing? Things in the past, they have been bought. They were purchased with the Blood of the Lamb. Your past has been covered by the blood of Jesus. You don't have legal access to it. If you revisit yesterday apart from the blood of Jesus you are visiting a lie, you're visiting a reality that doesn't exist.

The Past is fresh in our minds, can you go there? Yeah but don’t get there apart from the blood of Jesus. it doesn't exist in the way you thought about it. Look from the blood of Jesus, revisiting apart from the blood of Jesus you partner with a lie and open yourself up to a spirit of deception.

Confession is you agree!

# You own in the present, what is not yet!

Jesus told his disciples, don't go to the town of the Samaritans, but he Himself goes there. Asked him for 2 more days. They saw what would be available for them in the future. Pulled into their day what was reserved for another day.

Mary goes to Jesus, my time has not yet come. Where did Jesus get that information? From the Father. Mary has been pondering prophetic words over her son for 30 years! You can only ponder so long. Jesus says this isn't my time, Mary turns to the servants and says to them do whatever He says. Jesus goes back to the Father, Father says to the crew we have a change of plans. Was it the time? No. What was the difference? It was hunger, Mary pulled in her day what was reserved for another day.

David living in a time of where sheep were there. Pushing back the penalty by the atonement. Worship when he was walking around the desert. God is not interested in the blood of bulls and goats, but He wants the sacrifices of people. The vision to build a tent and have 24/7 worship going on. Priests get before the Ark of the Covenant. What they did was forbidden by the Law they were under. Illegal for priests, but David saw something that was coming. As big of a difference as the Old Testament and the New Testament. A prophetic glimpse of what NT would look like. Became the prototype of the church.

Temple of Solomon? Not a prototype. Tabernacle of Moses? Not a prototype. Rebuild temple of Solomon? Not a prototype. Tabernacle of David? Was a prototype, the veil was torn and they were in connection.

If God doesn't want you to ask for it, He will blind your eyes from seeing it. Blinded Israel's eyes, they could ask for that place in history they weren't ready for. In covenant, make sure they didn't ask for what he didn't want to give them so they wouldn't see it. **If you can see it you can have it.**