

The Gift of God that's Within You

Part 3: What I have I Give to You

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Kids Can Do it Too

The Nelsons went to the Kauffmans this week and Noah came home from soccer practice and his foot was hurting. Daniel asked Sebastian (3) to pray for Noah's foot. Sebastian went over to Noah and said "all pain be gone in Jesus' name." Noah exclaimed "oh my God my foot feels so much better!" It's still better today.

It's illegal to have a testimony like that and not act on it. (THE KIDDOS NOW PRAYED FOR THE ADULTS IN NEED OF PHYSICAL HEALING). Jesus gave us power over all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. (Mt. 10:1) That means that kiddos that are followers of Christ are the boss over sickness and disease!

One adult woke up with a sore throat and 2 kiddos prayed for him - healed! Another woman testified of the fire of God on Blake's prayer. Another adult was slain in the spirit when Nemo (7) prayed for them. Nemo received impartation 2 weeks ago in a powerful way.

Last week we had testimonies from Ryan and Amber who had received impartation a month or so ago ... and have been seeing tremendous increase since then. Also, children received impartation last service. This time those children prayed and saw adults healed and God's power released when they laid hands on them! Look what's happening!

Power, Love, and a Sound Mind

The kingdom of God works through authority.

I (Peter) have been hearing the Spirit of the Lord speak commentary in my ear as I speak. It's been fascinating. I've been hearing Him confirm things as I am speaking. "That's right." "Go for it." "Yes, only you this time ..." It's been fascinating.

We are in a series called "The Gift of God that's Within You." A main scripture for us in this series is 2 Timothy 1:7 "*For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*" Fear is a spirit and it's not welcome at Agathos. If you have fear you are welcome here but we want to

see people have freedom, power, love, and a sound mind. The Holy Spirit produces power in you, He produces love in you, and He produces a sound mind in you!

Love is the safety belt of all ministry. If you have power and don't have love you have nothing but a problem! If you want to know what power without love looks like, turn to 1 Corinthians. They had so much power they needed specific directions about how to administer multiple interpretations of tongues during their services.

We have "speak with new tongues" in our Sunday service first because it is right there in Mark 16 with the other signs that will follow those who believe and operate in the Great Commission. The other reason is I want us to know that is something that we do here. There is a lot of confusion around 1 Corinthians 14 because people say "I thought you can't speak in tongues during service." In 1 Corinthians 14, Paul says "I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all you all." He also said "I wish that you all spoke in tongues" and "do not forbid speaking in tongues."

You might say "yes, I am not forbidding someone from speaking in tongues at home ..." but how could you ever forbid someone from speaking in tongues at home anyway? You can't forbid someone from speaking in tongues in a dark forrest with no one around them to hear. Paul was talking about in public service - don't forbid speaking in tongues! Paul was saying that when it is time for a preacher to get up and instruct it would be silly for me (Peter) to speak in Spanish for 45 minutes. Now, I could speak in Spanish for 45 minutes if Brad got up here and translated for everyone.

That's what Paul was saying - don't get up and incessantly dominate the microphone with tongues that are not being interpreted - or else it won't be instructive. You can even sing in tongues. Paul said he both speaks and sings in the Spirit. So you can even sing in the Spirit from the front. Now, if instead of doing songs Derrick and Erin just sang in the Spirit the whole worship set it would be very difficult for anyone to follow their lead - so that wouldn't be helpful. But, for a minute between 2 songs if we are all singing in the Spirit, that's fine ... that's what's supposed to be happening right then and everyone understands that. People know it is time to either sing in the Spirit or sing a new song to the Lord. It's not confusion. It's not disorder. There wasn't a need for that moment of the worship set to be instructive at that time.

The body of Christ is so concerned with excess that they miss God. We are more concerned with someone saying that we were a little bit "extra" than with missing what God is doing. Dignity is not a fruit of the Spirit. I've heard it said recently "sometimes the Lord will sacrifice your dignity for your freedom."

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 says *"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have*

not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.” Tongues without love are clanging cymbals. If you have power to move mountains but you don’t have love, you are.

If you pray for someone expecting the power of God ... if you operate in love, more power comes. God responds to love with more power. Faith works through love. When you have a revelation of God’s love, you will operate in faith and when you are loving other people, faith comes in.

Part of operating in a sound mind is in being founded in the truth. We don’t want power that isn’t founded in the truth. We want the Spirit and the truth. True worshipers worship in the Spirit and in Truth.

The actual word for “sound mind” in 2 Timothy 1:7 actually means “self controlled.” In other words, many believers are controlled by circumstances and emotions. That’s not self-control. That’s controlled by circumstances and emotions. Paul’s saying, the Spirit you received is not one of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind. If you are controlled by circumstances and emotions, you are not controlled by the Holy Spirit. A sound mind means that you are self-controlled which is a fruit of the Spirit!

In Matthew 22:29, Jesus said “*You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.*” Generally believers should not be critiquing other churches (unless there is a MAJOR doctrinal issue). That aside, when Christians critique churches, how often do you hear them say “I’m concerned about that church over there ... they don’t have the power of God.”? Jesus said you can error in 2 ways - knowing neither the scriptures nor the power of God. We only ever hear error in one way - the interpretation of Scriptures. Jesus Himself said we could error in two ways ... so let’s not error in either.

The power is necessary. This is why Jesus said “if I don’t do the works of the Father, don’t believe Me.” John 6:63 says “*It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.*” From God’s perspective, the Spirit from the Word are inseparable! Yet, we often manage to separate them out. God is saying “stop dissecting Me.”

This is why I love the Vineyard’s commentary “if it’s all the Word, you dry up. If it’s all the Spirit, you blow up. If it’s both, you grow up.” Of course, if you actually go with the Word, you will get the Spirit, but because of traditions and dispositions, many believers end up being either “all Word” or “all Spirit.” If you minister only out of the Word without the lead of the Spirit, you become dry, angry, and pharisaical. You start to beat people over the head with truths. On the contrary, if your disposition is towards experiential things (like you talk with your hands more!) - or this is the tradition you were raised up in - you will tend to be all about the things of the Spirit but light on the Word.

God is saying “from my perspective they are inseparable!” You cannot separate the Word and the Spirit really ... except when we somehow manage to dissect the two and separate them out. The gospel was preached with accompanying signs (Mk. 16:20). God worked with them to provide accompanying signs to the preaching of the Word. The Word had the Spirit! And the same occurred with Jesus - sometimes He preached and then there were signs and sometimes there were signs and then He preached! It was constantly both!

The Spirit of God is like wind. You don't where it's coming from or where it's going ... but you can see when it acts on someone. I was sitting out at the beach on a blustery afternoon. The Lord told me to study the wind. Everything was being impacted by the wind. When the Spirit of God moves in a place, everything will be impacted by the move of the Spirit - expect for that which is clamped down. You do not need to be nervous about the Spirit of God moving in a place. Remember we don't know where the wind comes from or where it goes, but it is NOT a tornado. Wind is a problem when it goes in multiple directions at once - but that's the move of the Spirit. He doesn't create a tornado - He moves in a certain direction and certain way. When you see the wind blow strongly on the beach, everything is being affected by it, but if you look at it, it is actually in beautiful synchrony. We have experienced this many times in worship where people are all singing different things but it is all going in the same direction. Such is the move the Spirit.

Impartation

So the first message in the series was about the Spirit that we've been given. Then we “back-tracked” to the verse before (2 Timothy 1:6) to see how Timothy had received the Spirit. “*Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.*” And that's what we did - I taught on impartation and then imparted to everyone.

Hebrews 6:1-3 says “*Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of **laying on of hands**, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this we will do if God permits.*” The laying on of hands is one of the elemental principles of the Christian faith. Paul said in Romans 1:11 “*For **I long to see you**, that I may **impart** to you some spiritual gift, so that you **may be established ...**”*

There are two schools of thoughts: (1) the faith school of thought and (2) the impartation school of thought. The faith school of thought (which is true) says if God's Word says it and you believe it, then speak it and receive it. 100% true - it's simply by faith! There is also the impartation school of thought which says things like “that person is anointed for healing ... that person has received impartation for healing ... they have healing in their hands ... who feels their hands heating up right now - you come up here and pray ...” It's right too. The weakness of the impartation school is that

you can start to feel like you need a certain sensation or experience in order to access the promises of God's Word. You don't. That said, the potential weakness of the faith school of thought is that you might not see the need to receive an impartation that would actually cause you to stand on someone else's shoulders and start where you otherwise could not have started. We want to receive impartation. This is why Paul longed to come to release impartation to them - that they MAY BE ESTABLISHED! (Rom. 1:11)

God doesn't just speak to us - He touches us. He will raise up whomever He can touch!

Power and Authority

Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. When we read scriptures on "power" your faith will rise as it relates to having a "Spirit of power" as 2 Timothy 1:7 makes clear. You have a Spirit of Power. You have a Spirit of power through the laying on of hands. When you hear about power from the scripture, it's going to stir your faith!

Now, before we start ... in the New King James, I know of two words that are being translated "power" in the New Testament. The first is "dunamis." It means power or force). The other word that is sometimes translated as "power" is "exousia." Exousia is either translated as "authority" or "power." It refers to the *NT saint's authority* .. authority, conferred power; delegated empowerment. In other words, the *dunamis* power is what you can see - it's the fruit - the *exousia* power or the *exousia* authority is the root. God works through authority. If someone got slain in the Spirit you could say "that was *dunamis* power I just witnessed." But the mindset of the believer that was coming up to pray for them was *exousia* - delegated authority / power - delegated empowerment.

Mt 6:13 *"For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."*

- Before during and after praying for someone, always remember it is GOD's power! If you so much as have a thought when you see power in your prayers to think "man, I'm pretty good ..." stop that thought RIGHT NOW! Don't feel condemned, just stop it. "That is from the pit of hell ... I'm not going there at all." Remind yourself of just how truly incapable you are on your own.

Mt. 9:5-6 *"For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk?' 6 But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—then He said to the paralytic, 'Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.'*

- Do you see it? Jesus asked them if it was easier to tell them about His ability to forgive sins - or to show them. Then He answered His own question with His action ... "arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." You can preach the gospel by means of power.

Mt. 9:8 *“Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.”*

- The power of God on a man’s life brings glory to God!

Mt. 10:1 *“And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.”*

- You have power and authority as a believer over all unclean spirits and over ALL manner (all kinds) of sickness and disease. Just wait until you can get a crazy sickness in front of you and you think “oh yeah, this is one of those ‘all manner’ ones!”

Mt. 22:29 *“Jesus answered and said to them, “You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.”*

Mt. 28:18-20 *“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, **“All authority (power) has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”** Amen.*

- Jesus said all authority in Heaven and on earth had been given to Him and He told us to therefore Go out and engage in the Great Commission and WATCH (“lo”) how He shows up every single time we bring the work of the Great Commission. Every time you step into the work of the Great Commission you are going to see God show up.

Mk. 3:14-15 *“Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach, and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons:*

- This was a 4 part commission: (1) be with Jesus, (2) be sent out to preach, (3) heal sickness, (4) cast out demons. You always preach out of His presence. This is a key. If we want to minister strongly, we need to be touched by God. You minister out of His presence. Lets say you see your brother or sister at Thanksgiving - sitting in the other room - and you feel like you need to minister to them, but you don’t feel like you have it in you right then. The answer is simple - ask God to minister to YOU! “God give me whatever you want to give me right now” and all of a sudden God’s love or peace or joy will come upon you and you will feel like “let’s go minister!”
- God will never minister to you more than He ministers to you. You might try to minister through you more than He has ministered to you, but it is out of order. God always ministers to you more than He ministers through you. God is more concerned with that concerns you than you are concerned with it! He loves you that much. Yes, we are supposed to cast our cares

upon the Lord because He cares for us, but many times I've read that verse as "if you are thinking of something distracting in prayer, give it to Me and shut up about it already." There can be a place where God keeps us from barking up the wrong tree, but God actually cares more about the thing that's bugging you than you care about it. He's not trying to get you to shut up; He's just trying to help you know that He's your shepherd and you shall not want in that situation. He's going to make it right for you. When you cast your cares on Him it is so you don't have to carry it but it's not so that He doesn't have to hear about it anymore.

Mk. 6:7 *"And He called the twelve to Himself, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them power over unclean spirits."*

- Unclean spirits can be known by their lies.

Lk. 4:5-6 *"Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, "All this authority (power) I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish."*

- That's not the type you want! You want power from God, not from the World.

Lk. 4:13-14 *"Now when the devil had ended every temptation Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region."*

- Do not get discouraged if you are having to push through something in your life because your breakthrough will become someone else's breakthrough if you persist. You will comfort others with the comfort that has been shown to you. Jesus resists the devil, came out of the temptation, and He came out in the power of the Spirit.

Lk. 4:31-37 *"Then He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbaths. And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority (power). Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon. And he cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!" But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him in their midst, it came out of him and did not hurt him. Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, "What a word this is! For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out." And the report about Him went out into every place in the surrounding region."*

- They were amazed by His teaching because they knew the Word but didn't have power behind it. Here's the key: the Holy Spirit will bring to remembrance all things that Jesus has spoken to you. Everything that you get as a revelation behind the veil comes with you in a

supernatural way - and Holy Spirit will bring it to remembrance as you are speaking to people. Conversely, everything that we get just as a thought of religion - just as an analysis of the text - doesn't have that power on it. This is why when Brad ministered here there was such power on the revelation he shared with us ... it wasn't just thoughts he had while reading the Word of God. They were revelations he got from behind the veil. When you get a revelation from behind the veil there is power on it and that power remains on it. When you share it, the same power is on it. There is no shortcut to that. You have to get the revelation in your heart. When it settles into your heart, the truth becomes pregnant in your life. You can't name and claim a promise that hasn't become a revelation to you. You'll think that faith doesn't work because you actually haven't gotten it deep in your heart ... but when it actually becomes a revelation to you, it will break out! I'm not saying don't speak it until you believe it - that's a good thing to do - speak declarations until you believe it. But if you don't have it as a revelation, it won't come out with power.

- Look at this sort of preaching! Preaching that casts devils out! Jesus' presence cast devils out! He showed up in a region and the devils started moving out! Imagine speaking the Word of God to a co-worker starts getting set free. That's the sort of preaching that is coming from the throne room. Those sorts of words have power on them.

Lk. 5:17 “*Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.*”

- Notice that the word “present” was not in the original Greek. The power of the Lord was to heal them.

Lk. 9:1 “*Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases.*”

- Notice that they had POWER and AUTHORITY over ALL demons!

Lk. 10:19 “*Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you*”

- I love this one! If you were facing something that seems really big you can think “look at all that power! That's all the power that I have power over!” Nothing shall by any means hurt you! You are untouchable! You have been given a Spirit of power!

Lk. 24:49 “*Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.*”

Power Continues After Christ's Ascension

Acts 1:8 says “*But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.*” That power continued after Christ’s ascension. 1 Corinthians 2:5 says “*And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.*” 1 Corinthians 4:20 says “*For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power.*” 1 Thessalonians 1:5 says “*For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.*”

Lets look at Acts 3:1-16. There was a beggar - a lame man - at the temple asking for alms. Peter and John gave their attention to him. He was expecting to get alms. Peter said “*Silver and gold I do not have, **but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.***” Remember that - it’s the title of this message - what I have I give to you.

John 16:23-27

This has been a confusing section of scripture for me for a number of years. I love it when you think scriptures is confusing that you it is not - you are! Just don’t form a doctrine out of confusion. If it is confusing, just hang in there and keep reading the Word. Some things will piece together.

And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. “These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God.

This is confusing! Apparently we are going to ask nothing, but then at the same time “whatever we ask, the Father will give us!?” I thought I was going to ask nothing? Jesus even said “*I have spoken to you in figurative language*” - no kidding! Jesus hides revelation in figurative language. It’s the glory of kings to search out a matter. (Prov. 25:2). One day I was reading this section of scripture and was confused by it as usual. So, I opened my concordance app. I ended up in a rabbit hole of concordance entries. About 10 minutes in, I prayed “God, am I waisting my time here?” He said “keep going.”

I then find an entry for one of the Greek words that is translate “to ask.” This particular entry gives a synopsis comparison of 3 or 4 related words that are translated “ask.” It turns out that in this section of scripture (Jn. 16:23-27) that there are two different Greek words being translated “ask.” One of the Greek words is G2065 in Strong’s Concordance. That word means “a request as a favor.” Sounds

like ask to me too! But there is more nuance in the Greek here. The other Greek word in this section that is translated as “ask” is G154 in Strong’s Concordance which is “strictly a demand for something due.” Those are the two Greek words that are translated “ask” in this section. One says to “request as a favor” whereas the other says “to demand as something due.”

Let’s now read Jn. 16:23-27 with a correct translation:

“And in that day you will request as a favor nothing of Me. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you demand the Father as something due to you in My name He will give you. Until now you have demanded nothing as something due to you in My name. Demand, and you will receive, that your joy may be full ... In that day you will demand as something due to you in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall ask the Father as a favor for you; for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God.”

That’s a different sort of asking! G154 is strictly a demand as something due to you - not a request as a favor. Let’s look at some other scriptures now that G154 is going to open up for you:

Mt. 7:7-8 “Ask (demand as something due to you) and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks (demands as something due to you) receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.”

James 4:2-3 “Yet you do not have because you do not ask (demand as something due to you). You ask (demand as something due to you) and do not receive, because you ask (demand as something due to you) amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.”

1 Jn. 5:14-15 “Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask (demand as something due to you) anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask (demand as something due to you), we know that we have the petitions that we have asked (demanded as something due to you) of Him.”

Jn. 15:7-8 “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask (demand as something due to you) what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.”

1 Jn. 3:22 “And whatever we ask (demand as something due to you) we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.”

These scriptures could have used G2056 (request as a favor) but they did not! They used G154 (demand as something due to you). Notice 5 guardrails to asking / demanding like this:

(1) First - ALWAYS remember why it is “due to you!” It is COMPLETELY due to you because you are in Christ - BUT ONLY due to you because you are in Christ! All the promises of God are

yes and amen in Him! IN HIM! It is ONLY because you are IN HIM that ANYTHING is due to you! This is so key to remember ... it is THE safety net that keeps this level of faith from taking on an attitude of entitlement (blessing without thanksgiving) instead of remaining in an attitude of thankfulness for the amazing inheritance (something due to you) you've received but never deserved ... although now it is yours!

- (2) James 4 shows us that demanding amiss - that you may spend it on your pleasures. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Our under-requesting is not pleasing God. The older son in Luke 15 was under requesting - under demanding. How often do we error on the side of presumption with God as opposed to the side of doubt? Remember that apart from faith it is impossible to please God - He wants to give to you! He is the rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. AND this (James 4) is one of the guardrails to operating in this level of "demand" or "draw" upon our Father. He's saying "don't ask to spend on your own pleasures - don't ask out of selfishness."
- (3) 1 John 5 shows us that we must demand according to HIS WILL!
- (4) John 15 shows us that disciples bear fruit! Disciples know the truth and the truth they know sets them free (John 8:31-32) because they abide in His word and when you abide in His Word you will also ask what you desire and it will be done for you. But what's the caveat? You have to abide in His Word or else your desires won't be His desires!
- (5) The context before 1 John 3:22 is about loving your brother. If you are going to operate in this level of demand - this level of faith - you have to do it love!

Those are the guardrails to asking like G154 talks about - demanding as something due to you in Jesus' Name! This is like 2 Peter 1:2-4 ... God has granted to each of us ALL things that pertain to *life* and *godliness*.

How can this sort of inheritance be available to us? Matthew 7:7-11 makes it clear "*Ask (demand as something due to you), and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks (demand as something due to you) receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask (demand as something due to you) Him!*" These things are available to those WHO KNOW they are a son or daughter of God and ask accordingly! It's sonship! '*Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours.*'" (Lk. 15:31) The religious spirit fears presumption more than it will stand accountable for its doubt.

John 16:12-15 sheds more light on this *“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. **All things that the Father has are Mine.** Therefore I said that **He will take of Mine and declare it to you.**”* When you pray in Jesus’ Name, this is what you are doing ... you are saying “out of my position in Christ, I am making a demand on God.” You are not just saying “in Jesus’ Name, in Jesus’ Name, in Jesus’ Name” because the Spirit realm responds to your actual authority - not just your words.

Power and Authority

A lot of what we tend to think of as faith is very different than what the Word speaks of as authority and power. In Acts 3, Peter said *“**but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.**”* The people were confused. By verse 12, Peter is having to explain himself *“why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?”* Why did Peter have to explain himself? Peter even further clarified in verse 16 that he was operating by faith for this to have occurred. Peter had walked up, looked him in the eye and the guy says “can I have some money?” Peter says *“**what I do have I give you.**”* Peter didn’t pray for him! Jesus sent out the disciples to heal the sick not to pray for the sick.

Power and authority is different than what we often think of as faith - and Acts 3 is showing us that. One is a request to the Son. The other is realizing you are a Son! Faith, power, and authority are all meant to be together but we often don’t think of them correctly. One is faith in God. “I’m spending a prayer up to God.” The other is truly the faith OF GOD working through you. You have to place your faith in God (of course) but then you have the faith of God that can operate through you so that you can operate with the faith of a son!

This is a new mindset that is going to release an entire new gear in your ministry! 2 Timothy 1:7 says that the Spirit of power is WITHIN YOU. God does not want you to just speak the truth, He wants you to release a reality!

What’s your mindset? ... When you come into a room does the truth of the Kingdom come into the room or does the manifestation of the kingdom come into the room? What’s your mindset? When you walk into a room does a set of truths show up or does an expression of the kingdom show up?

You can’t have the manifestation without the truths. If you don’t know the truths how would you have the manifestation? I’m not trying to make a division. Jesus said we should not believe Him if He didn’t do the works of the Father. Paul demonstrated the kingdom with power. *“And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs.”* (Mk. 16:20) You have the gift of God WITHIN YOU! That means that when

you walk into a space, you are not just walking in with truth - although you have truth. You are walking in with the KINGDOM! The kingdom is coming with you! "**lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.**" Jesus did not say "my truths are with you always ..." No, He said "I AM with you always!" Jesus is so satisfied with you. He is with you!

The Holy Spirit is the great gift of God. He is God's power upon you! Peter had a different mindset in Acts 3 than many of us have. Consider it again: Peter said "**what I do have I give you.**" Peter was aware of WHO he was carrying! Jesus! "what I do have I give you ... in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth ..." Peter didn't teach the beggar. Peter didn't pray for him. He commanded him to rise and walk because of WHO Peter was aware of carrying!

Remember when Jesus walked up to raise Lazarus from the dead? He simply said "Father, thank you that you heard Me." Then Jesus made it clear that He had said that out loud for the sake of the others not for Himself. Jesus had the faith of a Son. "*the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God.*"

"And in that day you will request as a favor nothing of Me. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you demand the Father as something due to you in My name He will give you ... In that day you will demand as something due to you in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall ask the Father as a favor for you; for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God." Jesus was telling us how we would have a direct connect to the Father because we've become sons and daughters through Christ. We can operate in the faith of a Son instead of trying to operate in speaking to the Son only.

Jesus sent out his disciples (NOT just His apostles) like this: *After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves ... (verse 9) **And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'** But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, 'The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.'* (Lk. 10:1-11)

You have an assignment! When you come into a place the Kingdom of God comes into that place! It's a different mindset. When you come into a place, you don't just talk about the Kingdom of God - you are the Kingdom of God coming into that place! The Holy Spirit is upon you! And, yes, of course, you can't have the Holy Spirit upon you like that without the truths in you. I am not trying to draw a division, but I am trying to make a distinction. You can't divide the Spirit and the Word.

Peter said “what I do have I give to you.” The question is do you think you have something to give? I’m not just talking about truths. I’m not just talking about “oh yes, I will pray for you. I will pray for you.” I am saying do you have the Spirit of the Living God abiding in you and residing upon you such that when you see someone like the beggar that you say “what I have (what I am aware of carrying) I give to you now - rise up and walk!”

YOU RECEIVED impartation last main service and NOW I release you as ones who impart the Kingdom of God into every area of society. I am commissioning you as ones who do not only have truths, but also are cognoscente of Who is with you and upon you - Who you can impart to others!

Think on these things - everything in this last section is just one revelation - but it is a total change in mindset. Meditate on it and I believe God will make it come alive to you.

A big part of it - truthfully - is shame. The Lord delivered me from shame and that’s connected to me seeing a huge increase in power when I am praying for folks. If you are ashamed of yourself you won’t give of yourself - you will just share truths that are outside of yourself. But if you have no shame you won’t hide yourself - you will allow yourself to be a lamp on a stand that is able to be seen. God is not ashamed of you. He is totally satisfied with you. You don’t have to hide your face from God. And He doesn’t want you to hide your face from anybody else. He wants the power that’s within you through the laying on of hands to come out to the world.

The lamp goes on the stand - not underneath the stand. The lamp back then was not an incandescent bulb! It was fire. God wants the fire to be out and open for people to see. If you have shame you won’t pray like Peter prayed. You won’t pray like Jesus prayed. You will only pray intellectually. You can still pray in faith, but you won’t pray in AUTHORITY. Jesus ministered in power because of His authority. He didn’t have any shame. Then He sent out the disciples the same way - under that sort of authority.

Do you know that Judas Iscariot healed the sick? Authority matters. If you operate under God’s authority, you will operate under power. The Bible says the 12 went out and operated in power. It didn’t say that Judas never did any of the signs! Remember that some will do signs but never know God (Mt. 7) - Judas was the son of perdition so that definitely includes him. Jesus even said it would have been better for him to have not been born. The point is that Judas did signs and wonders - because He was under God’s authority.

When you are praying for people, you can actually impart what you are carrying to them ... but you will be too bashful to do that if you do not realize your position in Christ - if there is shame that gets in there. You don’t just carry truths, you carry a kingdom - you carry the King of Kings. And He is wanting you to impart that to every place that you go! You need the truths to know that you are carrying Him, but you are actually carrying the King of Kings!

Discussion Introduction (for reading as a group)

“And in that day you will request as a favor nothing of Me. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you demand the Father as something due to you in My name He will give you. Until now you have demanded nothing as something due to you in My name. Demand, and you will receive, that your joy may be full ... In that day you will demand as something due to you in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall ask the Father as a favor for you; for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God.”

That’s a different sort of asking! Power and authority is different than what we often think of as faith. One is a request to the Son. The other is realizing you are a Son! In Acts 3, Peter said **“but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.”**

The question is do you think you have something to give? We’re not just talking about truths. We’re not just talking about “oh yes, I will pray for you.” Do you have the Spirit of the Living God abiding in you and residing upon you such that when you see someone like the beggar that you say “what I have (what I am aware of carrying) I give to you now - rise up and walk!”

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Points to Ponder . . .

- Why are power and impartation so essential?
- What scripture from the “power scriptures” stood out to you? Why so?
- “Asking as a favor” vs. “demanding as something due to you in Christ” - what’s the difference?
- How is faith (as we often may think of it) different than how the Bible describes power/authority?
- Peter said “what I do have I give to you.” Do you feel as though you have something to give - something to impart? (you can be honest ... we are all in a process together)