

WILDERNESS WANDERERS v POSSESSING PEOPLE

Message #6: “GOD’S FIRE - POWER”

General Introduction – Just as Israel went from being “wilderness wanderers” to “possessing people”, God is wanting us to first change our mentality (mind set), then our very landscape. What an exciting time! Please pay very close attention to each word in this prophetic series as they all fit together to make one word. Then determine to embrace, obey and possess! Finally, hold onto your hats – it’s going to be a fun ride. ☺

Deuteronomy 2:3(NASB) / Joshua 3:3b(NIV) – “YOU HAVE CIRCLED THIS MOUNTAIN LONG ENOUGH. NOW TURN NORTH. / “...YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN THIS WAY BEFORE.”

*MESSAGE #5: GOD’S FIRE: POWER – SIGNS & WONDERS

Intro – When the group of us went to the FRESH FIRE REVIVAL in Louisville, we had such a fun time. It was great fellowship, worship and presence of God. However, there were two things in-particular that really stood out and spoke to me. The first was the hunger for God, His presence and power! This is America. This is only supposed to happen in other places. The second was when Todd said, “I cannot deny my heritage” (speaking of the power of God).

FIRE = PURITY & POWER

Joshua 3:5 – “Joshua told the people, ‘Consecrate (PURIFY) yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things (POWER) among you’” // 2 Timothy 3:1-5 – “...in the last days ... having a form of godliness but denying it’s POWER. Have nothing to do with them.”

*WHY WE MUST HAVE GOD’S POWER:

1. NO POWER = NO ACCOMPLISHMENT

John 15:5 – “I am the Vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; **apart from me you can do nothing.” // Phil 4:13 – “I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.”*

- HUMAN INGENUITY, TALENT & GIFTING IS NOTHING APART FROM HIS POWER.

Further Discussion:

1. What analogy did Pastor share that showed we can do nothing without His power?
2. Do you think we are ever guilty of relying on our own strength, rather than His? In ways?

2. WE WILL REACH OUR CULTURE WITH POWER

Acts 5:12,14 – “The Apostles performed **many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. ... more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number.”*

- IT’S NOT CULTURE OR POWER – IT’S BOTH

Further Discussion:

3. Why does there seem to be a “war” between the culture and power camps?
4. Does the Word support both arguments?

3. GOD’S POWER COMPLIMENTS AND CONFIRMS THE WORD

- *Mark 12:24 – “You are in error because you do not know **the Scriptures or the power of God.**”*
Mark 16:20 – “Then the disciples went out and **preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and **CONFIRMED THE WORD** by the signs that accompanied it”*
Hebrews 2:4 – God also **TESTIFIED TO IT BY signs, wonders and various miracles, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to His will.”*

- **IT’S NOT THE WORD OR POWER – IT’S BOTH**

Further Discussion:

5. Why does there seem to be a “war” between the Word and power camps?
6. How does Jesus answer to the Sadducees show that we need both.
7. What caused the people to respond to when he challenged the Prophets of Baal?

4. WALK UNDER A ‘OPEN HEAVEN’

- *Malachi 3:10 – “‘Test me in this,’ says the Lord Almighty, ‘and see if I will not **throw open the floodgates of heaven** and **pour out so much blessing...**” // *Acts 1:8 – “But you will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit come on you; and **you will be my witnesses...**”*

- **NATURALLY SUPERNATURAL**

Further Discussion:

8. Where do most of the gifts operate today? How about in Bible times?
9. How does Jesus answer to the Sadducees show that we need both.

5. POWER WITH TRUE ORDER BRINGS LIFE

- *1 Cor 14:40 – “...**everything should be done / in a fitting and orderly way.**”*

- **ORDER OF LIFE v ORDER OF DEATH**

Further Discussion:

10. What are the two camps that have divided themselves over this?
11. Why do we need both?
12. Explain the illustration Pastor used in describing the order of death versus the order of life.

Romans 15:17-19 (NLT) – “So it is right for me to be enthusiastic about all Christ Jesus has done through me in my service to God. I dare not boast of anything else. I have brought the Gentiles to God by my message and by the way that I live before them. I have won them over by the miracles done through me as signs from God – all by the power of God’s Spirit. In this way I have fully presented the Good New of Christ.”