

WILDERNESS WANDERERS v POSSESSING PEOPLE

Message #2: “Winning At The Gates”

General Introduction – Just as Israel went from being “wilderness wanderers” to “possessing people”, God is wanting to first change our mentality (mind set), then our very landscape! These words are truly prophetic. God wants Valleyview to be a part of what He is doing in these last days. He also wants us to embrace all that He has for us. What an exciting time! Please pay very close attention to each word in the prophetic series as they all fit together to make one word. Then take heed to obey what He is sharing with us. 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 #2: WINNING AT THE GATES

Intro – The Gates in scripture are very narrow and formidable places where one can only go forward or turn back in defeat. We are on the threshold of great change at Valleyview, but must win the battle at the gates in order to obtain victory and possess all God has for us.

1 Cor 16:9 – “A great door for effective work has opened for me, and there are many who oppose me.”
Matthew 16:18 – “...I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”
Psalms 24:7 – “Lift up your heads, O you gates; ... that the King of glory may come in”

*4 KEYS TO WINNING THE BATTLE OF THE GATES. WE MUST HAVE...

1. A WORD(S) FROM GOD

- TO GO FORWARD
- SPECIFICALLY HOW TO PROCEED

Further Discussion:

1. Why do you have to have a “Word from God” before proceeding?
2. Give examples of “specific words” to Israel as they entered the Promised Land.

2. FAITH & PATIENCE (PERSEVERANCE)

- NEED BOTH (BALANCE)
Heb 6:12 – “...imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised”
- FAITH v FEELINGS & FACTS
- PATIENCE (PERSEVERANCE) – IT MAY COME QUICKLY OR OVER TIME
Gal 6:9 – “Let us not be weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

Further Discussion:

3. Why does the scripture say we need both faith and patience?
4. Explain how “feelings” and “facts” can oppose and weaken our faith.
5. Why is Gal 6:10 so important when believing for something to happen?

3. AN OVERCOMING SPIRIT

- IN REVELATION – ALL 7 CHURCHES HAD TO OVERCOME TO RECEIVE
- AGAINST NEGATIVE VOICES (OTHERS & OUR OWN)

Further Discussion:

6. Review what Christ promised the seven churches in Revelation if they overcame.
7. How are the 10 spies sent to check out the Promised Land and the 10 attacks in Nehemiah similar?
8. Were the results the same?

4. MIRACULOUS INTERVENTION

- WE NEED SUPERNATURAL INTERVENTION TO BREAK THROUGH IMPENETRABLE GATES!
- GOD IS LOOKING FOR THOSE WHOLLY DEVOTED TO HIM TO SHOW HIMSELF MIGHTY ON OUR BEHALVES!

*2 Chron 16:9(NAS) – “For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may **strongly support** those whose heart is completely His.”*

Further Discussion:

9. Why do we need miraculous intervention at the gates?
10. What happens if we don’t get it or avail ourselves of it?
11. What is the prerequisite of God showing Himself mighty on our behalf?