

WILDERNESS WANDERERS v POSSESSING PEOPLE

Message #3: “Spirit Led (Ark Followers)”

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.”

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Intro – Several years ago we moved from West Frankfort, IL to Carmi, IL. Though both were in S. Illinois, it now meant a brand new driving route to see my parents in Cleveland, OH. Gone would be the familiar drive. No longer would we automatically know where the cheap gas was sold or a good restaurant to stop at was. In fact, we would need a map for directions the first time we drove it. On the other hand, it was like a new adventure, with all kinds of new sights and it would help us accomplish our ultimate goal of getting there as efficiently and quickly as possible. Was it worth it? You bet! So it will be with this brand new direction the Spirit of the Lord is now taking us. Gone will be the familiarity. In it’s place a new freshness with new sights and sounds. And we will need directions like never before.

*Joshua 3:3-4 / Romans 8:14 – “When you see the **ark of the covenant** of the Lord you God, and the priests, who are Levites, carrying it, **you are to move out from your positions and follow it. THEN YOU WILL KNOW WHICH WAY TO GO, SINCE YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN THIS WAY BEFORE.** / “...those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.”*

***IN ORDER TO KNOW WHAT DIRECTION TO GO IN THIS NEW WAY, WE MUST...**

1. GET OUR DIRECTION 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.

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2. BE CONTINUALLY LED

- ISRAEL'S BATTLES / JESUS' HEALINGS
- NO SET FORMULA

Further Discussion:

3. How do Israel battles and Jesus' healings illustrate this point?
4. What should this tell us?

3. REALIZE THAT TIME IS NOT A FACTOR, TIMING IS

Numbers 9:17-23 – “Whenever the cloud lifted from above the Tent, the Israelites set out; wherever the cloud settled, the Israelites encamped. At the Lord’s command the Israelites set out, and at His command they encamped. ... When the cloud remained over the tabernacle a long time, the Israelites obeyed ... and did not set out. Sometimes the cloud was over the tabernacle only a few days ... Sometimes the cloud stayed only from evening till morning ... Whether the cloud stayed over the tabernacle for two days or a month or a year, the Israelites would remain in camp and not set out; but when it lifted, they would set out.”

- LONG OR SHORT – WHICH IS BEST?
- THE ANSWER IS IN “THE CLOUD” ... “THE ARK” ... “THE WIND”

Further Discussion:

5. What are the two schools of thought regarding “length of meetings”?
6. According to the Scripture, who is right?

4. DO WHAT GOD IS BLESSING

John 5:19 – “I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by Himself; He can only do what He sees the Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.”

- WE NEED TO STOP ASKING GOD TO BLESS WHAT WE'RE DOING AND START DOING WHAT HE'S BLESSING
- WE CAN HAVE GOD'S PRESENCE & GLORY AND STILL MISS WHAT HE WANTS TO DO AMONG US.
- KEY: TONE DOWN & TUNE IN
- WE MUST LEARN TO LISTEN, SEE & SENSE

Further Discussion:

7. What is wrong with asking God to bless what we're doing?
8. Why is it better to do what He's blessing?
9. How can we have God's presence & glory among us and still miss what He wants to do?
10. What is meant by “tone down and tune in”?