

2 Kings Overview Part 4 - Inheriting The Era By The Miracle of "Having Nothing to Possessing Everything"

1) Book of Law = Truth: life -> ministries

2) Evidence <- Prayers/confirmation

Must receive sharable experiences: Love (Abba Father, guidance to present ministries/family), eagerness (vision picture), victory (cleanse, endure as discipline), plan/will/timetable (4G <- lifetime <- major tasks <- minor tasks), wisdom (opportunity cost, expansion from being absolute)

3) Testimonies -> Evangelism (share accurately)

Inheriting For the Era

1) Follow till the end (go through the trial of realizing the emptiness of good things of the world = meaning of God is fair)

2) Double Portion of Miracles (greater as the era passes => greatest miracle = nothing -> possess everything => eyes/perspective => practicality and faith balanced => just a sign)

3) Prophets Arise Through Training (Books of Law/ Thread of Thought, Confirm, Prayer and Walk with God, Testimonies give wisdom)

4) Blessed Meeting (seek after Shunammite woman for whole life)

5) Jehu (repayment of faithfulness, judge churches of this era)

6) Hazeal (perspective that every events happen due to our life -> understand era by the pump of our lives)

Every time you come to this Discipleship Training, we must pray, "We are the most blessed people in this era." If you believe without any exception, you will then be greatly blessed by the Lord. This means that we are not to first think about how to serve the Lord. If God loves you, you are really loved by God. God does not love you a little lesser. There are times where the main characters seem infallible. But there will also be times when it is the other way round, such that everything seems to go wrong. God said, "There is no power or problem that can overcome you. No scorpions can poison you." No matter what your conditions are, your feelings, or your education standard, if God says yes, we are the most successful. One day, I do not know why, it came to me so that I am able to believe that I am the child of God. In the past, we were zealous. Therefore, we do not look at our own conditions to come before God, but we use how God looks at us to come before Him.

1) Truth (Word) -> Promise

The truth is not anything, but one day, I can believe that I am the child of God. When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you shall be witnesses, from Jerusalem till the ends of the world. From the small fields that you are in, they will be extended. Prophets look the same, are simple and do not have any standards in their appearances. However, because they believed God that they are something when they finally realized that they are actually totally nothing, God lifted them up. If we understand the word of God that is spoken to you, you will receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will come to us without any conditions.

How do we view the small church that we have now? My perspective is that this church has everything in the world. Without this church, my family will not be that blessed.

This week, I met my auntie and shared for hours, then had lunch, and shared for hours again. A total of 5 hours were spent. My auntie was tired, but she knew how important this was for her before she went to China. Therefore, she took coffee and brightened herself up again. All of us also wanted to go Penang with me, knowing that Penang is the start of the ministries to all South East Asia. On the last day of the recent trip to Penang, June cried and shared everything with me. I bought shampoo from her for my wife and I wanted to return money to her for that, but she refused and asked Qiufen to pray for her whenever she uses the shampoo so that she could pass the test. Last Sunday, the church beside us played table tennis with us so as to know us.

However, it is not about ministries. Do we have the truth inside us? The life that we have inside will determine the ministries that we will have. One day, God tells me, "Do you know how wild you are? How greedy, deceitful and full of motives you are? If you have not heard this message, how barbaric will you become?" No matter how honourable we can live the life that God has given us, without God, the bible calls such people, barbarians.

Right now, for some of us, there are doors of evangelism that seem to open but yet remain closed. If we know the truth, we know we have to go deeper. This is God's message to us.

2) Evidence (Confirm): Prayer

Logos -> Rhema

If God says He loves us (Logos), then how does He love us (Rhema)? In your situation (whether in prosperity or weakness), are you able to confirm? Through the word of God, the Holy Spirit comes like fire. If the word of God is true, then it is true. If it is not, then it is not. There is no in-between. No matter how bad I am, I am the child of God. There will surely be evidences.

Our faith cannot stand by itself. There must be evidences. Then it will be living and alive. The evidences are that how God is with me, guiding me and using me today. This is called prayer.

No matter how much you know the bible, or know the truth, if you cannot pray, you are not a disciple and you are not successful. Therefore, for some messages that church leaders share, there are great knowledge and principles, but it only stops there. There is no prayer. Sometimes, I hear some messages from other pastors. Their messages are really beautiful. However, after hearing the message, there is no drive to pray. This is what Paul says, that these are big words. We must be prophets of this era, who can share messages that are so down-to-earth that it can bring people to meet with God because we have experienced them before. Do not say that you cannot share or preach. You can, if they are only through prayers. You will be able to share practically if you have experienced yourself, and shepherding will be practical.

(1) Love

If we do not experience love in prayer, do not stop.

Have you had this experience, that no matter what kind of sad feelings that you have, when you call, "Abba Father", your mind begin to start rolling on the things that He has given you (your family, the times He has led you so that He entrusted some ministries to you now, etc), you cannot dwell on these sad feelings but are set free immediately. Do you think you do not have the things that the pastor has and therefore cut yourself off from this ability to confirm? No, this is not the real case. If you are not able to thank God, you do not actually believe God. If you are in my situation where you have this kind of family and church to lead, maybe you will not be able to give thanks.

No matter how long you pray, whether it is 5 minutes or 30 minutes, you must experience love. If not, that is not prayer. In my prayers, I must experience, "God loves me so much!" This is the most basic heartbeat that must be present in every prayer.

(2) Expectation (Draw out vision)

If we do not see expectation and anticipate the future in prayer, do not stop praying. Why is it true that our future will not be bad even though we may go through difficulties now? Why? What is the reason? Because the word of God has said so that those who are loved will be well! Do not be deceived by the spirit of accusations. In your prayers, draw out the vision. If you do not have now, God will give you if you are able to see visions now. Will we know how much God is healing us now? If not, we will just be normal people, leading normal lives now. I know how much God will use me in future in all churches, and to destroy the work of Satan in this era.

(3) Victory = Wash/Cleanse

No matter what situation we are in, we Christians will go to heaven. Therefore our prayers must remove all impossibilities that we cannot overcome or have victory in. We must therefore cleanse. During prayers, we must cleanse. If we bathe, we will not leave any dirt that is so visible to us. Therefore, during prayers, the dirty things or weak things that we have, we must wash. Lord, the heart inside of me is bad, but my life loves You. Paul said, "I sin, but I love the law of God." Use the authority that God has given you to command Satan to leave you.

Sometimes, in our lives, there are times we never wash. Therefore, whether big sins or small, discipline comes and we know. During discipline, bite your teeth hard to go through it like David. Go through the discipline and anticipate greater blessings and love like David. Therefore, at the end, God caused David to write Psalms. Only that you know how to wash yourselves. Do you know how?

I find that those who know how to wash and cleanse, they love to be alone. There are a lot of personalities in the world, and we hear a lot of noises in the world. If so, do we find it so difficult to pray? I am not saying to go out of the world, but it is to pray. Some people separate themselves from the world but cannot help but still think about chaotic things.

(4) The Lord's Plan, Perfect Will, Timetable

We must restore the Lord's plan, perfect will, and timetable during prayers.

*** <4 big gospelizations> -> Lifetime objective -> major tasks, minor tasks**

It is by having the above. In our week, there are major tasks such as our own work, church meetings, and shepherding. Minor tasks are eating, recreation time, etc. Why do we do the minor tasks? We do minor tasks to complete the major tasks. We do not eat to satisfy our tongues and stomach. And we do major tasks to return to the core and basics: 4 gospelizations. Therefore, it is true that if a person does not know how to play and enjoy, he cannot go on into 4 gospelizations. When you play, you know how to play in balance, and know how to use it to strengthen your testimonies. Therefore when you hear the weaknesses of your friends, you will have compassion on them.

How do you pray? We do not hit the air to live our Christian living. We must be practical.

(5) Receive Wisdom

In our workplace, meetings are important because there is God's perfect will. Are those eloquent and outstanding ones who seem like high flyers the first to be promoted? No, the boss will not look at people who do things well or talk beautifully, but those who can complete the task or say important and efficient things in the meeting. How can we talk to our family members in the given opportunity time, yet be able to bless them greatly? There is a kind of wisdom in this. The most important thing to do first is to ask them how they are, right? Then this will bring about the most blessed topics later on. In the past, we think that Christian living is boring, praying for the church and that's it. But now, we realize that it is expanding through the spiritual content till our individual practical fields.

Do you know why the big churches of this era perform so well? This is because they are talking about the great things of the world - motivational talks, psychology, philosophy, etc. In the recent newspaper, I see a speaker called Anthony Robins and he is speaking, "Unleash your potential". However, when I see his eyes, I see that he is proud so that he does not acknowledge that there is God. We are children of God; we do not motivate people, but we speak the truth to tell people to come alive. Religion tells us to endure and fight. The gospel tells us that no matter what our conditions are, God moves for us. Do you know why you cannot? It is because we are not absolute enough. We receive messages but we receive it relatively. We learn a lot of things, but we are unable to commit them and use them. This is what the bible says, "Always learning, but never understanding." This cannot be learnt. This is taught by the Holy Spirit. This is the mystery of Emmanuel. People only use the materials of Kennedy, Bill Bright, but do not use what the Lord tells them. Therefore, there is no life.

Really be equipped in this area. If the truth is true, equip in it, do not be shaken, and expand out from it.

3) Testimonies, Evangelism

If you are naturally led this way to know the truth, and therefore pray and experience by it, you will surely receive the Holy Spirit and you will be able to share with your family members and colleagues.

In our prayers, we must receive evidences. If not, we will not be able to shepherd people. It is through successful prayers, knowing how to pray that we know how to teach people. No matter what, you must grasp prayers. With this evidence, you will then be able to know how to preach with focus, in limited or unrestricted times, and what words to speak towards different people in various situations.

2 Kings Overview

Last week, we dwelt on

Books of the Law (Whole Bible): 4G (Promise), 5M (Loved, Victory, Converse, Walk with God, Fixed Perspective)

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**History Books (1 Kings): Success, Failure, Division, Ahab vs Elijah
(2 Kings): The Era and Prophets, Destruction of Northern Israel, Captivity of Southern Judah**

Why do all the events happen? They are all because of the books of the Law.

Books of the Law say that my name is "4 gospelizations". Your name is not "(Surname)+(Personal Name)", but "(Surname)+4G". The books of the Law are 4G/5M. The principles of my destiny are already fully and completely revealed in the books of the Law. Therefore, Joshua is the first History book to prove this. The events of 1 Kings and 2 Kings happen according to whether the books of the Law are abided by.

1. The Era and Prophets

1) Inherit (Follow till the end) -> Jesus Christ <Ro 8:31-39>

How to inherit? This is by following till the end and by receiving a double portion of the spiritual power.

Sometimes, our spiritual problems are too deep. Therefore, God told us to go away. Elijah told Elisha to stay put, but Elisha told him that he would follow him till the end. We remember the same words as spoken by Ruth, who professed her faith that she would follow Naomi wherever she went, and her god would be her god.

This is actually following Jesus Christ, where we die and resurrect with Christ. Peter used his courage at first to follow Jesus Christ; therefore, he fell. If we follow Christ with our courage, we will surely fail at some point. Unless we see the dirtiness of the world so that he is cut to the hearts to follow the Lord, we will not be able to follow the Lord. I want to follow the Lord who loved me the most. So what that I receive peace in this world? Therefore, I let go.

Do you realize the healing messages that are spoken these few weeks always start with discovering and realizing? If not, we will not be healed. Peter went to the City of Rome just to die? No, it was for the saints there. Therefore, life cannot be hidden. There is no need to use strength to love the Lord. If you need to love the world, go and love. I will not force you. In the process, only know the emptiness that the world can give. Solomon saw everything, and knew emptiness. We must go through this. Do not always mourn because you do not love the Lord or unable to love the Lord. The reason that you are unable to love the Lord is because you are still holding shit or rubbish in one hand. Therefore, first discover and realize.

The disciples that I look high upon are not those who are courageous for the Lord. Of course, such people are blessed. However, preachers are fair. Pastor looks with high importance those people who have gone through trials. If some people cannot be a pastor because of his life, we cannot just force them even if they are close or are even our flesh and blood.

2) Receiving Double Portion of Spiritual Power <-> Miracles

What do we inherit? We inherit double portions. When we look at the bible, the later ones received much more than the one before.

Ab -> Is (100 times more blessed) -> Jc (Israel, the name that overcomes God) -> Js (who won over the world)

If we do not receive a double portion of blessings, how can this era be revived? When the darkest age arrived, the most blessings will arrive. Do we know how fast the computers have evolved, from 1976 when Apple computer first started till the time now when we have Core Duo 2?

In the worst of eras, God used miracles. However, what is the greatest miracle? From the creation of the world, what is the greatest miracle that happened? What is greater than the miracle of "Jesus Christ risen from the dead", our born-again life, or dead people reviving? Dead people reviving are still done by blowing life into them. But the greatest miracle is that "nothingness becomes everything", or "having nothing" transformed to "having everything". This is Emmanuel. Water becoming wine is not a great thing with great meaning. Because people always cannot see, God reveals "signs", that He is with us. The miracle of Jonah is that if a person has not died and resurrected with Christ, he has not turned from dead to being alive. The crux of our suffering is that we still do not have, but that we actually have

nothing at all. Then God works such that we have everything because of God. Miracles are for people to see that God is with them. In the past, I thought I would not be like Peter, who saw all the miracles of Jesus Christ, and yet, disbelieved. We experienced and hear about testimonies that God gave us money out from nowhere in our mailboxes, but in less than a week, we will doubt and worry if God will take care of us. This is because man is just man. Do we realize that we have never thanked our parents as what God has given us? Do we treat the normal sun, moon and the stars with all thanksgiving? But when we experienced "born again", the miracle that happened on the cross, that the truth came in, everything around us becomes our objects of highest thanksgiving. When we receive the truth, God will test us like this. Do not wait for miracles to come, or mourn that miracles never come.

Do we realize that we explain the bible differently from the churches of this era? Therefore, we must build another theological school. People explain that the miracle of the separation of the Red Sea is so wonderful, yet we kill such an excitement and say that the faith of Moses is greater. Let me correct myself; I shall not say that the faith of Moses is great, because it will cause a lot of misunderstandings, but great is the eyes and perspective of Moses so that inevitably, faith comes. We are not talking about faith that comes easily, like "1+1=2", but about the things that cannot be seen or have not appeared yet, but can be believed. Our families are small, but when we see that everything is held by faith, this is a miracle. We must be practical. Faith and practicality are always put on trial on the balancing scale through theologians' debate. However, Paul knows how to be in need and how to be in abundance.

The works are only a sign. For all religions, because their gods are limited, therefore, if there are any miracles, they will clap and proclaim. If we do not believe the God that is always with us, perhaps one day, a person will come from Africa and tell us, "There seems to be a powerful and highly anointed pastor behind you.", and then tells you the problems we have, we will give him thousands of dollars. If we slowly believe him and follow him, slowly, we will surely lose the practical aspect. The real miracle is that God is doing slowly and is hidden to many. For some people, they continue to see God's works on their lives; therefore, they sell everything to obtain the source. However, for some, they continue to seek after new things.

However, why did God allow miracles to happen through Elisha?

(1) Help God's people

(2) Judge Israel

Therefore, God permitted the use of miracles.

3) Prophets rose up: Training

This is the raising up of prophets. Therefore, training was required.

(1) Materials

(a) Books of the Law, the Bible till then

(b) Thread of thoughts: 36 lessons

(2) Confirm (Past, Present, Future)

Confirm those that you have inherited.

(3) Prayer (Messages Come)

If we do not continue to confirm and pray, and then walk with God every day, we will not have any messages. This is Emmanuel. Even if you become a full-time, but do not pray and walk with God so that there are no messages from God, you will just stare at the ceiling. Therefore, some pastors take materials from the Internet, take notes from some sermons that they have conviction, and prepare their messages from there. I find that some quotes from pastor actually come from the emails that spread around. My messages are all from prayer and are original.

(4) Testimony

Our testimonies actually come from walking with God. Actually, when you look at people's faces and expressions as they come to church, you will know what to speak to them. Their lives actually continue to reveal what you are supposed to tell them. Our wisdom to share the gospel with our family members come from here.

4) Shunammite woman

When prophets rose up, blessed meetings will come. There are many Shunammite women here.

Abraham waited for 25 years for Isaac. Isaac also waited for Jacob. Joseph also waited for 13 years before he became premier. One day, an important person comes along. Shunammite woman is like such person who waited. Shunammite woman will not be excited about motivational and positive thinking messages. I always think of June when I think of Shunammite woman. At my first trip, I wanted to treat Ronnie and June back because of their hospitality, and more so since I am a small preacher. However, I force myself to accept their hospitality because of their gospel. I do not like dogs, but I go with them so as to talk to them. I stay up with them till late after midnight. I do not mind much about the meetings, but I want to be with them more. In the morning when I woke up in Penang, I pray for them.

Why did the Shunammite woman only make hospitality of Elisha? Elisha promised that God would give her a child, but Shunammite laughed. When the child was given, the joy was ultimate. The Shunammite woman asked why Elisha must give her a child so that she must go through such suffering. Elisha raised the child back. Why did God do such a thing? This is to give the best to Shunammite woman. She put the highest hope on the child, but God wanted her to receive the best, to go through Mount Moriah. Therefore, be really shuang3kuai1 in coming before God, be it money, time or your efforts. Therefore, the Shunammite woman received greatly. Do we realize how much Elisha attended to the Shunammite woman in his ministries? We must realize the blessedness.

5) Jehu

There is great meaning in this. In our age of 30 to 40s, when we bless people and share to them messages that open and anoint them, they will go to their individual churches and drive away the gods of religion.

(1) Ahab

Ahab's whole households were killed. God said, "I want repayment of blood for my servant Elijah."

(2) Israel

We will surely influence the churches of this era. Do not only believe this that only I will influence. But before or after meeting them, if you believe in the word of God, you will participate and even do follow-up work.

If you receive Emmanuel message, you will surely judge the churches of this era.

6) Hazael

God anointed a Gentile to punish Israel. When Hazael became king, his influence became great. This is like Pharaoh, or Alexandra the Great. When Israel is strong, the nations around them are strong. When Israel is weak, the nations around them attack them.

What is our office environment like? We must have the perspective that our office happenings revolve around us. Do we believe? Actually we do not need to do anything. Only that we have the message and the perspective, they will come to us. No one reads the newspaper like me; I read like a main character in prayer. In 2012, China's president, Hu Jintao will step down, the next president will be even more open as I look at history. Right now, China's economy has already surpassed that of Britain. This year, China will surpass that of Germany. I see that I will be 35 years old then. What we must do now is to continue to pump our lives. When the time arrives, the spring of life will be pumped out forcefully and come to influence the world.

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