

Kingdom Intercession

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We've been discussing the Kingdom of God. I want to pray and ask the Lord to help us to share the word. I'm going to ask you to be very sensitive not to allow the enemy to distract you. I was listening to a tape by Dick Iverson, in Oregon I believe that is where his church is. Someone had given the tape to the church and the title was the Kingdom of God. I thought it looked like an interesting tape so put it in my tape player. About half way through his sermon he had to stop and admonish everyone to be careful about how the enemy tries to distract when you're sharing on the Kingdom of God. We've seen that to be true.

I think the enemy is afraid of the teaching of the Kingdom of God because it teaches that Jesus is alive and rules by His spirit and through the church. Satan in a certain sense is not too upset if someone goes to heaven. He's more upset if somebody on this earth begins to realize who the church is and who Jesus is and what his coming is all about. It means the end of Satan's rule is coming in lives that are born again through the church as it begins to stand up and take the authority that is given by the Lord. I can see how the enemy would greatly want to stop this message. Let's pray. Heavenly Father we look to you as our source and as our guide we ask you to allow the Spirit of God to prevail in this place we thank you that he is here and his ministry is going on. We also realize that the enemy is here for he would try to stop that glorious work that you are doing. Father we continue in total disregard of the enemy. But we ask you now Lord to let the Spirit of God move. We bind every force of the enemy of spirit of distraction in Jesus name. Father we pray for Carrie's father bless him and minister to him and let him be a mighty tool in your hand father we ask you to bless this service and the rest of this day in Jesus name. Amen.

Matthew 6.10-- this is of course the Lords prayer, Thy kingdom come thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Let me give you another scripture Matthew 18.18 Verily I say unto you, whatsoever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever ye loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say unto you that if any two of you agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask it shall be done for them of my Father who is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them. I guess if there is any particular thing I want to identify in those scriptures it is the fact that they relate to what is on earth that the work of God is working in earth.

The kingdom has come in heaven there are no problems in heaven. Jesus is Lord there. The devil is not deceiving; there are no angels in sin. The saints that are there are there for good. The problem seems to be in the earth we have discussed what God did in the beginning when he created the heaven and the earth it is interesting that out of billions of stars and universes and galaxies etc, it says God created the heavens and earth meaning that the earth is a particular specific and important thing to God.

It is important because God was going to create a particular kind of creature that was going to be very precious and different than other creation. The angels were a creation of God. The animal kingdom is a creation of God. The angels are mightier in power etc, but God was looking for a particular kind of creation and that creation was mankind. That was the kind of creature we are, but it was not to just make something special. There was a particular reason that this creation was going to be special. God can make animals, angels, robots, etc he can create them and then tell the angels to love him and serve him. And they love Him and serve Him. He can tell the animals to do things that he instinctively put in them to do he can tell the salmon to swim up stream at a certain time of the year the swallows return to Capistrano. However he put within us a will to choose to love obey and serve god because he is not after just any old man he is after one who will love him and serve him not because God stands over him with a stick to whack him if he does something wrong people believe that is the way God is.

They think he's sitting up on a throne waiting to zap people if they do one thing wrong. They do not understand the whole plan of God because that is totally incongruent with God's plan. That misses the point! He wants someone who will do it because they love God. What is the first commandment? What is the first thing that was important to him from the very beginning? Love the Lord thy God. "Hear oh Israel the Lord thy God is one God and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and thy soul and thy strength and thy mind. We have that capacity. He put within us emotions. He made us very special to him. Not just any man is special to God. There is a scripture that says God is angry with the wicked. Everyday they rebel against God. They resist God. God made the heaven and the earth and he put Adam and Eve in the garden. It was perfect and beautiful. There was no pain and sickness. People may ask why the world is the way it is, why did god do this? God did not do this. When God made it, he made it good except that in the garden was the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. That always puzzled me.

Why did he put a tree of the knowledge of good and evil right there in the garden and then tell man not to eat of it? He knows how flaky I am. He knew I would eat of it. Let me give you an example. It would be like having a child. Some of you have had children and know this. I've raised three children past being little bitty. They get to a certain age where they crawl or walk, and they pull everything down. They grab the coffee table and rake everything off. They knock everything down, so you arrange your house so that everything is up out of there reach. You get all the bugs off the floor so they don't eat them. The children get into everything. Your house conforms to them. However, you can't go visit somebody, especially someone who's older who likes trinkets and knick-knacks, because that kid gets in there and say's, "Glory to God".

Consequently, in your home, that child seems so sweet. There's nothing to pull down. They have been good all day. Well, there is nothing to get into. But if you turn them loose in that other person's house and you're pulling your hair out. "We've got to leave, I'm sorry we will never come back again." In your house, it looks like they are perfect. That is the way it was in the Garden of Eden. If there was no test, man would have appeared to be something that maybe he really wasn't. He did have the capacity to say, "No, I won't do that. Satan! NO!" God gave man authority and dominion over all the beasts, and the serpent was just one of them. He could have resisted, but he didn't. They ate together. In so doing, that dominion was given to God. Before he sinned, he walked with God under the sovereignty of God. He was God's man, and he came to God, and God said, "I'll be your God, and you will be my people." he said, "I'll be your God." He

didn't just give dominion and say, "O.K. run wild and do what ever you want." That's where a lot of people in this teaching today miss it.

They think man has dominion, therefore, God let us... no, no, no! That was never God's plan. It has always been that we should be under the authority of God. It was God's delegated authority. He took it out, and said here's the keys to the kingdom. Here are the keys. I've got all this stuff in my pockets. He says here are the keys to the kingdom, but they were God's keys. God made them, and God made the earth. He said here they are, I delegated them to you, but you come check with me to see how to use them. That's the way it was supposed to be. But man said, "No, I'm going to go this way." He committed high treason. When he sinned, he did several things.

First, he chose and turned that will against God. The other thing was that he became separated from God. He died spiritually. In dying spiritually now, he feels guilty all of the time. Consequently, he doesn't want to approach God. When you have sinned, you don't want to say, Lets go boldly before the throne of Grace. Somebody asks if you want to pray with them, and you say, "No, I'll pray later." You know you've sinned. You know that yucky feeling that you get. This happens especially when you don't want to repent. You're sneaking around and everything. Somebody says, "Let's go to church." You say, "Gee, I'm just real busy." Or if you do come, you just know . . . That feeling is just guilt. It can be cleared up by a clear understanding of the blood of Jesus that washes away our sin so that we can come as the Bible says, ". . . boldly before the throne of grace and find help in the time of need." The precious blood of the lamb cleanses away the consciousness of sin because God's not holding that against you anymore. That is why the blood was shed. But man sinned and he feels guilty and now he's not only out from under the authority of God, he's turned his will and come under the authority of Satan, but he has this feeling of guilt that makes him not want to go to God.

So, he goes off and begins to live his own life. Then, you see the progression quickly. The earth began to be full of violence and hatred. The first act of their children was that Cain rose up and slew, killed his own brother. God never instituted that in the earth. Man began to go his own way. God had to get influence back into the earth, but he gave it to man. Man chose to follow the devil. So, you see that God doesn't just reach down and grab man or grab the devil and say, "You're doing it all wrong. You are messing it all up. Here let me take control of this!" That is totally contrary to what He wants. What He wants are people who will serve Him because they love Him, willingly - not because He can do it better. He certainly can do it better, but you come to Him and say, "I make you the Lord of my life. I love you. I honor you, and I want your ruler ship in my life. I know that my life will be better for it, but that's not why I want it, just because of the benefit I get." That's not love. That's selfishness. Love says, "Because, I love you. . ." "For God so loved . . ." The manner in which God loved cost Jesus his life. Jesus was willing for God, he was obedient. However, before Jesus came, man had dominion. Man was separated from God. His will was not contrary to God. The only time He could touch down in the earth was when there was somebody like Jacob.

Do you remember Jacob's ladder? Jacob was there hurting and scared. He prayed to God. He asked the Almighty God, through the authority that he had as a man in the earth, he gave God the right to come into his life. People like Hannah who couldn't have a son, and Israel was in terrible shape. God needed a man in the earth like Samuel. Hannah prayed and gave, as part of mankind, God entrance into the earth. Look what happened, Samuel

was born. She didn't just pray for God to give her a son (selfish, selfish). She said, "If you do, I'll give you a man." Entrance into the earth, you see, through man, so that God could still reign through man. He doesn't want to just run the earth; he wants to run it through man. However, He doesn't want to run it through man and make everybody be good, forced to be good. He wants to rule through us as we choose Him to rule, not as he forces rules in our lives. And so I choose you Lord, and Hannah chose the Lord and Samuel apparently chose the Lord too. And when they did righteousness came to the earth. Now that is why I pointed out those scriptures. They are all relating to prayer. And he says, "Our Father which art in heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth," this is our responsibility folks. The Bible says in I Corinthians 15 "As by man came death so through man came resurrection." That's important! God is dealing in the earth right now, but he is not dealing apart from us. The earth, "if any two of you agree as touching anything on earth it shall be done." See that was the words of Jesus. That was him giving entrance to the earth. As we agree in relationship to this we start lining up with the Kingdom of God. We start obeying the king, not because he is forcing us, but because we want to obey the king. That is why we get these words here. Wherever you see prayer mentioned, you see the will of God. We begin to pray in accordance to his will.

Here is the misunderstanding, it is not understanding the plan of God and the Kingdom of God that gets us messed up. We read, whatsoever you ask in prayer I'll do. We don't really understand that we are his agents in the earth. We are his ambassadors. We are the messengers of God. We are his people in the earth to bring in his rule. That's the purpose of the Kingdom of God is to bring in the King. But see Jesus doesn't just want to get back to the earth to say I created and I deserve to rule over it. And you guys get out here...this is where we get these cults. This is the way they think. God comes to them and says okay "Man I want to rule and reign, I deserve and I made it and if they aren't going to obey, let's kill them all." That is not God's idea. He'd rather you willingly go off in sin. He said I'd rather you be hot or cold than lukewarm, because He wants you to choose. If anyone wants to go to hell, it is because they chose to go to hell. Well, God made me, no God provided his only begotten son. God literally gave the life of himself poured it out on a cross and said I Love You. I don't want anybody to go to hell, but I'm not going to force you. He didn't set up there and say "I'll get you boy. When I rise from the dead, you've had it. I'm coming back as king and I'm going to destroy you." But no! He said, "I'm going to go up to heaven and I am going to wait a period of time and give everybody a chance and whosoever will then they will come into the kingdom of God and they don't run around saying "You've got to come to God!!" They come and they present the gospel and say Jesus loves you. He wants you to willingly choose him. And if they say No, then you wipe the dust off your feet and go to another and that is not necessarily a bad attitude. But it is saying okay you have chosen that dust representing the earth from which man was made, the dust of the earth. You have chosen the earthward realm more than the Godly realm. I'll go to someone else. Now someone else may come right along behind that may share something that may quicken the seed that you planted. But your job is not to force somebody to come to God. Your job is simply to present the truths of the gospel. So wherever the gospel is preached, wherever prayer goes up, you find the will of God. You find somebody that is not just going "Okay God." Jesus is Lord and King. So we think okay whatever we ask in prayer great and we rush into the throne room and say "Jesus do this for me and" Who is King?

We make ourselves the king and our prayers are self centered, trying to get God...We haven't come under the Lordship of Christ, we haven't come into the Kingdom of God yet. Are you saying that I am not saved? NO! That's two different things. You can't see the kingdom until you are born again. Once you are born again, then there is opportunity to grow in that. But the kingdom of God relates to the rule of Jesus Christ in our lives. So I come and I willingly submit and you see God begins to put things in our heart that he desires. So we begin to pray back those things in concert with the Lord as we submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, not because he is forcing us. He wants us to willingly do it, not with a gun at our head. That is not what he is doing. That is totally opposite of his nature and his plan. What kind of people would he have in heaven sitting on the throne with two 45's? Isn't heaven a glorious place, step out of line and I'll blast your head off! I'll tell you what is going to be so glorious about heaven; it is going to be full of people like you and me that just love serving Jesus. We are not afraid who obey him, even if it costs us and even if it hurts us. We don't have to have all the blessing and our prayer life isn't me centered. Manmade gospel is God help me, bless me and take care of me. We come and we submit ourselves and say "God, not my will, but thine be done." That means that I choose your will. It doesn't mean that you force me to obey. My fleshly will is to go this way, but my real heart is to follow you and I willingly come and present myself. What a living sacrifice, he doesn't want dead sacrifices. He doesn't want puppets. He wants you to allow his life in there and to move with it freely because you choose to, not because "I'm just a puppet, just a robot...whatever you want Lord..." When he says, "Don't eat of the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil." We say, "Yes sir, Praise God, I love and I'm not going to eat of it." He doesn't have to sit there and say that it's not good for you and it's going to cause you to.... You love and trust him enough to obey.

This is the whole gist of what praying is all about. Giving God entrance into the earth, because God will not by force take the earth back. Satan stole it away. Look out at the wars and the famine, aids, killing, hatred and all the stuff that is going on. Look at it. The world is being eaten alive. If Jesus just forced his way back that would be one thing, but right now...It will just get worse and worse and there is coming a time when he is going to come back before we destroy everything and everybody. But right now he is extending a period of grace where he is saying come unto me all that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. You take my yoke upon you. He doesn't force it on you. We come and willingly submit.

God wants to work through us and bring the kingdom rule of God in heaven in earth. God is of heaven we are creatures of the earth. And the only entrance into this earth is through you and me for God. That is the way he delegated it out to us. And so now we are under stewardship and that is where you get all the parables about giving account of your stewardship on this earth. It is delegated to us, it is not ours. We are going to stand before the king of kings one day and give an account.

Okay, so were we doing our own thing using the anointing and the gifts of God or were we getting under the Lordship of Christ? We are finding out what he wants and bringing God entrance into the earth, because we love to do his will, and not because we are afraid of the steward coming and checking out our stewardship. So that is why God doesn't just do it all because that is not his plan. He is not trying to just do it all. God could do it all and do it better than all of us. But what kind of people would he have? He'd have a bunch of slaves, but not real sons of God. All through the scriptures you read that he wants laborers together, co-workers and yoke fellow. It is not that I am something; it is how

great he is and his delegated authority. See the fact that it is working through man was because God delegated it that way in the first place. It is a co-working. It is because he gave man dominion originally, but man didn't have dominion he was created like everyone else. He got brand new just like the first cow! God could have said to the cow, "Have dominion over the earth." That authority that man has is not man's it was delegated to him from God. It was God's grace. He chose us and gave us a will where we could say, Father I choose to obey you.

What was the identifying mark of Jesus Christ? Well first of all the fact that he was the Son of God. He could have just come back to the earth and said, "Okay I'm here. Devil you've blown it long enough, people you have sinned long enough. I'm here and I'm taking charge." But he didn't, he came back as a servant and as a man in human form. He humbled himself and became in the likeness of man and in that likeness, he came to serve and to minister to show his nature at this time to reach out. But as man he did what he did through the authority of God, but also through the authority that he was a man. That is why he had to become a man. And as man he came and he said "Demon you come out of him." "You be healed." He was bringing God's power in the earth. The devil couldn't say that, that was illegal, because he was flesh and blood. This planet belongs to man, and Jesus was man that gave God the power in earth. That is why Jesus prayed so much, because he brought God's authority into the earth. Where Jesus went, God ruled. "The works that I do are not my own, but my Father's." But I am the man by which God does his work. We have this treasure in earthen vessels, but the power is of God, not of us.

So we begin to pray down the kingdom of God. He says Lord teach us to pray. Thy kingdom come, my rule come in the earth. Then my will, will be done. But my will, will not be done by you, because you tend toward sin. So you have to come under me and willingly submit and I'll lead you and guide you with my heavenly nature. So that the nature of the born again person is Christ. But the agency is flesh and blood. The nature is not you, because you and I mess up, but the agency is you and I. In other words, it is not just; God will just have to do it. Well He will! But he works through man, he works through prayer and he works through us bringing in the Kingdom of God. John 2:43-51 Here Jesus is beginning to call his disciples into the ministry, he has just called a few of them and they have gone to call their brothers and tell them about Jesus. The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee and find Phillip and say unto him, follow me. Now once again it is not a "follow me or else." Follow me is authority, "or else" is power. Now Phillip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Phillip findeth Nathaniel and sayeth unto him, we have found him of whom Moses, the law and the prophets did write, Jesus of Nazareth the son of Joseph. The Son of Man.

Son of Man, Son of Man...Where did this scripture come from? Jesus was quoting this scripture about the angels of God ascending and descending. It is in the Old Testament. Where did this come from? What is the context? Why did Jesus use this particular text? Because when Jacob had stolen the birthright and tricked his father, Esau was going to kill him and he ran away. He was scared and he was frightened. One night he got into an open field, he lay his head down on a rock, he was scared to death and he prayed. When he prayed, he saw what we call "Jacob's ladder" What was Jacob's ladder? He prayed and he laid his head on that rock. He didn't have any clothes, he covered himself with his own shirt, he was scared to death and he said "Oh God help me, I need you." All of a sudden God showed him a vision of a ladder from the earth to the heavens with angels ascending and descending. That heaven and earth were touching each other and that help was

coming from heaven and prayers were being taken back up that ladder to the throne of God and there was this co-working and all of a sudden he began to be encouraged. God began to move in his life because he understood this principle of this ladder. That there are two realms, heaven and earth, but all of the sudden there is this ladder.

Jesus described himself as that ladder with the term "Thou shalt see greater things than these." Then just the Son of God being able to figure out that you were praying. You are going to see the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man. In other words, Jesus is standing there saying "I'm not just the Son of God." I am also one of you. And I am your ladder to heaven. And through me because I am both man and God, power and answers are coming from heaven because I am God, I can understand from God's point of view. Because I am man I have authority through me for the angels to come through, the messengers, the angels are the messengers.

Remember Daniel, he prayed. He prayed "Oh God, I give me some answers, I need some help." And he waited 21 days and got the answer. The angel came in and said, "Well, I am here. We had to fight our way through demonic forces and principalities." But you know what gave the angels the authority to win that? It wasn't because the angels are stronger than demons. It was because Daniel prayed and gave God entrance into the earth because it took a man to give God a legal right to move in the earth. What if Daniel had given up? No more legal right. If any two of you agree as touching anything on earth, it shall be done. What if he had given up? Well, the angels would have been up there fighting their way, because legal or not, the devils going to fight the answers from the throne of God. Just because Jesus was Son of God, Son of Man didn't mean that the devil didn't drive him into the wilderness and try to tempt him and throw everything he could at him for forty days and nights.

It doesn't mean that we won't be tempted and tried. We will be tempted and tried, but my will is to serve God. I choose to do it not because it is fun right now, I choose to do it because he is my God and I love him.

What is God really after? Not even to answer prayers. Although he does. What is he after? He is after a man like Daniel. Why do you think the devil was so upset with Daniel for praying? Because he was man giving God entrance to the earth. Daniel prayed openly. It hurts the devil when we pray. The devil is stronger than man. He can tempt man, but he can't stop God. The devil says "If they keep getting God in their life and giving God entrance into their life, we are going to be thrown back." That is why the devil hated Jesus. He would come into the church and say demon come out of him, be healed etc. All this began to happen. And the devil hated Jesus. The devil grabbed Daniel and threw him into the lions den. Daniel could have said, "You see those lions. I blew it this time. This couldn't be of God. I should have been raised second unto the King. I should be king. That is what glorifies God is us being big shots in the earth. What am I doing in this lions den?" He wasn't in a lions den; he turned it into a prayer room. That angel couldn't have come unless a man...they (angels) are from the heavenly realm, they don't have any right down here unless we give them entrance.

People like Mary and Zacharias began to pray and ask God for help. A man cries out and God shows himself strong and says "I'll be your God and you will be my people." You find people like Hannah crying out and God says "Man, this woman is not just asking to be blessed, but she's saying 'I'll give you entrance, I'll give you my son. I raise him for the

Lord. I'll raise him to be an instrument of the Kingdom of God. I'll raise him to be a tool, a channel for God into the earth, so that the Kingdom can come in earth.' "God says, "That's the kind of person that I want." Samuel brought one of the greatest revivals recorded in the Bible. They burned all the idols, they did all this stuff. Because God is now working through the agency of man. God is the only one who can do it, but it is not a passive thing on our part. We must be in concert with the living God. We must be the earthen vessel and he is the excellency of the power. But folks, he wants us to work with him.

We come to church and seek the Lord and asking the Lord to move and to do things and to help people. But you know what, one of the reasons why I think that every man in the church ought to come to some kind of group prayer meeting we have in the church. Because, men you don't pray. When is the last time you prayed an hour. We all know that if we pray in the spirit, that we build ourselves up in the most holy faith. When is the last time that you prayed and prayed until you knew that you were built up? Until that power of God began to move. That is what the Bible says. It says that a man ought to pray, not to faint. So you are ready to faint and you start to pray, because you don't do that. And you know that I am telling you the truth. Just those quick ones when you think about it or when you are in trouble. But that is a time that says you be there and if you will you'll get blessed because you will pray and you won't otherwise and you are still a baby. We have dinner time and we say all you kids come to the table and eat. What if we didn't have that rule and they just wandered around and ate when they wanted to. I'm hungry now. Well, all the food is put up. Well, dig it out and warm it up again. No consistency or commitment, but there comes a time that you begin to mature that you pray because you know that it is the power of God you pray. You want God glorified in the earth. You are an agent. You are his tool to bring the glory of God to the earth. The kingdom of God, the rule of God and so you begin....There is a long time that we are just babies. Men don't pray. We need to pray. Especially because of this truth, if this is true at all. God can do nothing. I am quoting John Wesley. He said, God can do nothing in the earth except by concerted prayer. That's not Bible, but John Wesley.

Maybe he glimpsed into this fact. That God is up there in the heavens and he has given men authority and dominion in the earth, but man is praying and getting God into it. You know what we do? We don't pray and things don't happen and when things don't happen, we murmur and say "Why doesn't God do something? Why don't you do something?" But the deal is we all can do something. The disciples went out and they began to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom. People began to change Lords, to them that meant more than going to church a couple of times. They acted different. They wanted to pray and get in the bible and stuff. They wanted to run together. They began to do that and the authorities called them in and they began to beat them and say you need to quite preaching in this name of Jesus. We tell you to stop it. They tried to intimidate them from preaching. So they beat them and sent them away and the disciples went away and they began to pray. And they prayed a prayer of lordship out of the second chapter of Psalms. They prayed his Lordship into the earth. They asked God to move in the earth. They knew that they were agents of the kingdom, not just individual saved Christians. They were trying to bring in the Kingdom of God. Moving together. Let's pray. When you are under his Lordship you say let's do it, let's do it...Let's pray...The bible says the place was shook. When was the last time that you were in prayer meeting and the whole building was shook? The last time was on Bolivar and we got cracks going up the side of the wall when we moved out of that place. That only happened once that I remember.

I believe that God is trying to bring in his kingdom. I believe that is the most important thing to him. The whole for us that we are supposed to be doing down here together is first of all coming to the knowledge of the Gospel of the Kingdom. Then working in concert together and with God because everything is fulfilled in the first two commandments. Love the Lord your God with all your heart soul and strength and your neighbor as yourself. When you begin to work in concert with God you work in concert with your brother. Everybody has a part, everybody can do something. Everybody can turn their will over to God. It is not that some man says "Okay I've heard from God and this is what you do." That's not what God wants and that's what most churches are all about. It's like my body, information may flow through several members before it gets to my toes, but if I say lift my foot, then it does, but it came from the head. And that is like prayer reaching right down and touching that thing and saying do this. You and me are supposed to be submitted to God and willingly choosing, searching the scriptures. I'll give you a perfect scripture.

We had some young boys from the school that my three girls go to school at and I heard my three girls talking all three of them laughing and playing around. Somebody came over and Deb had to go outside and I was in the other room and I was supposedly taking a nap, but I was awake. So here they are talking and all of a sudden the boys start getting rowdy. They start wanting to throw stuff and do things and this is our house. And I don't jump up and start running in there and saying "What are you boys doing?" And I just wait and all of a sudden I hear this voice and Naph says "Hey, we need to quit acting like this; we don't do this in our house." At the same time I heard one of the girls laughing and trying to egg it on because it was fun. My oldest was responsible, but my youngest was not responsible. That's the oldest's job. But it is her home. If right is right, but it is an excuse to hid under somebody else responsible. I can even be on the bad side and it is her that gets in trouble. When we came to the dinner table I said "Listen, I am proud of you Naph for what you did. Listen, girls you are responsible to me to this house to right or wrong, to God just like she is. Next time you need to pull up beside her and say that's right or you be the first one."

You know that same attitude has filtered into the church. People say, well the pastor's responsible. But nobody else is and if you'll do it then I don't have to do nothing. Or I'll do it if a whim comes by. But what if the Kingdom of God depended on you, what if the glory of God (but you see it doesn't, we say, but it does!) We say that because of the church system, the one man, one flock type system and so it doesn't filter right down so that I feel the responsibility that if this thing doesn't go I'm responsible. God, I'm going to do everything that I can to bring in the Kingdom of God and I begin to submit myself and to search. Many of you have experienced this, when you are just sailing along and you're alright and somebody says "Could you teach a Sunday School class?" Then all of a sudden you are responsible for others for the material that they get. You don't want to be feeding them flaky stuff and so you begin to search the scriptures like you haven't in a long time. You begin to pray and seek the Lord because you don't want to share garbage and wrong stuff.

When you become responsible for the whole, you get right. But when you are not responsible, you relegate it rightly to somebody and when it doesn't go then bless God, there are other churches around. You know what, there is only one Kingdom of God and the truth is the same no matter where you go. We are all responsible for bringing in the

Kingdom of God. The thing that blessed me about that early church in the book of Acts. Is that they all gathered together, they all sold their goods to help the poor, they all did whatever, they all moved together. When the disciples got too much to handle, they said choose you out men and they said I choose so and so. When persecution came, it says they were scattered everywhere except the apostles. They were scattered preaching the Kingdom of God. So I see that if they had just been babies that had been spoon fed and bottle fed, then when the persecution came they would say, I can't go out there! I can't do anything. But they didn't say that. They had different attitude. They were trained or taught. Jesus said "Teaching them to observe to do all that I have...." It's not just teach them, it's teach them to observe to do what he told us to do. So each one of them began to rise up.

They killed the 12. They killed James. Kill all the apostles, you can't kill Jesus, He is alive and well. His kingdom is coming. Devil you can fight, the heathen can rage and the rulers of this world can assemble themselves against the Lords' Christ, but nothing is going to stop the spread of the kingdom if it is down to the last man, the youngest one, we understand that Jesus is not just my Savior, but he is Lord and he is Lord in the earth and he will bring his kingdom in. That's different. They began to kill them. Persecution came and they killed them almost to the last man. To the last man they said, we love you and Jesus loves you. I do what I do willingly, not because Randy beat me over the head so many times. But I do it willingly, because I am responsible to God and I love God. I do it not because of responsibility, but love brings responsibility. You love that woman and you ask to marry her, you are in for responsibility. Love brings responsibility. I don't know everybody's state here spiritually, but I know one thing, God is trying to get people into the Kingdom of God.

The entry into the Kingdom of God is salvation, you must be born again. If you are here and you are not born again, you need Christ. There is no way that you can live the life that I described and have that kind of love that Jesus manifested on that cross except that you turn your life over and that is surrender. That is when you confess him as Lord, not just savior. If more people would realize that Jesus is Lord and he is Lord over a kingdom and that we are the Kingdom he is trying to bring in. But you know the beginning with each person saying, I want the kingdom to come right here. The Kingdom of God is where Jesus rules. The question is Jesus ruling or are you ruling? I'll never forget eighteen years ago when I came to God. I had messed my life up so bad that when I came to God I knew that I needed something radically different. I wasn't trying to get saved so I could continue what I was doing. If I continued what I was doing it was going to be terrible. I needed God to come in and give me a new beginning. That is what God wants to do in every one of our lives.

Heavenly Father you know the needs of the people. You are willing to help them if they are willing to call on you. Lord all the changes that are needed cannot be a result of us, we need another life dwelling within controlling from within and we'll never get that until we ask you to come in. So Lord I ask you that if there is any heart. Any person that needs you, right now you are Lord and we ought to submit to you because our life is not our own. Lord minister to each heart. If you are here today and you don't know Jesus. You need to know Jesus. Listen you have got to make a decision on your own. You have got to make that decision, God won't force you, I won't force. You're saying, I feel yucky, I feel unworthy, I feel scared, I don't know what this nervousness is. It is nothing more than the fact that you can't get rid of that until you come to Christ and when you do the

blood of Jesus washes away every sin. And it is that sin between you and God that scares you because you know that you are worthy of punishment and death, but one of the glorious things about him is that he doesn't punish you. He brought that punishment on Jesus and that blood was shed and he washes away your sin and your guilt so that you can be clean and free and have peace. If you are here today and you know that you don't have that peace and you want to by an act of your will say yes to Jesus would you lift you hands up.