

# TRUTH THAT LEADS TO FREEDOM

## 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 The Kingdom of God

- a. Jesus welcomed the people, taught them about the kingdom of God and then He healed those in need. Luk 9:11
  - i. *The welcome, the teaching and the healing were all critical parts of the healing process and demonstrated the Kingdom dimension of Jesus' ministry.*
  - ii. *When Jesus sent the seventy out He instructed them to heal the sick and cast out evil spirits and tell the people, "the Kingdom of God has come near you"* Luk 10:9
  - iii. *When we teach kingdom truth we are dealing with the issues that underpin the healing needs of people.*
  - iv. *Often people come to us with the understanding that healing is something that is done to them, but more often than not they have to participate in the process.*
  - v. *Healing and discipleship go hand in hand because it is a process which requires our participation.*

## 2. CITIZENS OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

### 2.1 Dominion

- a. In creating man God had purpose and destiny for man in mind.
  - i. *God told man to exercise dominion over the face of the earth.* Gen 1:26
- b. What happened at the Fall is that man came under another spirit and Satan became the god of this world, the one who gained spiritual authority by usurping the authority God had given to us.
  - i. *The world has been in a mess ever since.*

- c. Then came the miracle of the incarnation whereby Jesus came right into the mess.
  - i. *In Genesis it was prophesied that there would come One who would crush the head of the serpent which is about the dealing with authority.* *Gen 3:15*
  - ii. *Unlike the rest of mankind because Jesus never sinned so He never came under Satan's authority and therefore remained above Satan.*

## 2.2 The New Birth

- a. The miracle of every new birth is that Jesus comes right into the mess that we are.
  - i. *Just like when Jesus came to planet earth, when He comes into a human being it is the beginning of a process not the end of a process.*
  - ii. *Because we are now under a higher authority, we can begin to push out the works of darkness.* *1Joh 3:8*
  - iii. *When a person has come under a higher spiritual authority you can then minister to their issues and set them free.*
  - iv. *Having been born again the process of discipleship needs to continue which includes appropriating truth, healing and deliverance in order to build on a solid foundation.*

## 2.3 Discipleship

- a. The process of discipling involves addressing the realities that were in us when we came to Christ.
  - i. *When we come to Christ through our new birth, we come with a "God box" that needs to be sorted.*
  - ii. *From the moment you were conceived you have been acquiring many different pieces of information about life and have been putting these into your God-box like pieces of a spiritual jig-saw puzzle.*
  - iii. *The reality is that we all have been living in a world under the rule of the evil one and have acquired a lot of ungodly information and it has all gone into our God box while lacking much truth that should be in our God box.*

- b. Sometimes the scripture “the truth shall set you free” is misunderstood because it is taken out of context. Joh 8:31-32
- i. *What Jesus actually said is if you hold to my teaching you are really My disciples and then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.*
  - ii. *In His discourse on the vine and the branches Jesus told His disciples that they were already clean because of the truth which He had spoken to them. Joh 15:3*
  - iii. *As they had been listening to the teaching for three years and applying the truth in becoming disciples, they were healed up on the inside.*
- c. The fact is, the more we take hold of the Truth, the more that Truth takes hold of us. It simply becomes part of our spiritual understanding.
- i. *If our lives are in godly order, with our spirit being led by the Holy Spirit and our soul and our body taking their rightful place under the headship of the spirit, then the understanding we have in our spirit will be like a permanent reference point of truth, against which we can test all things.*
- d. People need to be given revelation about themselves if they are going to be transformed in their healing journey.
- i. *As we recognize what is true for us on the inside God is able to bring healing.*
  - ii. *If we are not willing to look at ourselves and be real about what is there, the truth is never going to set us free because God is not going to override our free will.*
  - iii. *The reality for each one of us is that the circumstances of life have left their mark and living in a fallen world we have the footprints of the enemy upon us.*
  - iv. *How do you think God feels about the white carpet of life which the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ made possible but the footprints of the enemy are all over it and nobody does anything about it?*
- e. Healing and deliverance are a means to an end.
- i. *They are important keys to help people come to a place of wholeness but wholeness is for a purpose so we can lay our lives down.*
  - ii. *When we have learned to die to ourselves, and God begins to manifest His kingdom in us and through us, we will begin to see fruit.*

### 3. FULFILLING OUR DESTINY

#### 3.1 The Body of Christ

- a. The healing ministry is not just about addressing symptoms but enabling the Body of Christ to be the Body of Christ.
- b. Why are we called the Body of Christ?
  - i. *We are called the Body of Christ because the church is meant to do the things that the body of Christ did while here on earth.*
  - ii. *That which Jesus did He gave to the church so the church as the Body of Christ would do those same things.* *Matt 28:18-20*
- c. What was the body of Christ? It was Jesus. So what did Jesus do? Proclaim the kingdom, heal the sick, cast out demons.
  - i. *If we are not doing these things what right do we have to call ourselves the Body of Christ?*
  - ii. *We are to be moving in the vision expressed by Jesus: the ministry of proclaiming the kingdom of God, healing the sick, and casting out demons. These are the standing orders for the Body of Christ.*
  - iii. *But we can't do those things effectively if we ourselves aren't willing to be healed, if we are not willing to face the issues, if we are not willing to face the things that are not in godly order, if we are not willing to face the pain and the hurt, if we are not willing to face the unforgiveness and bitterness.*
  - iv. *Very few of the things that happen to us are strong enough in themselves to control our lives, but the combined effect of many things can hold us in bondage.*
  - v. *What are your personal healing needs that are holding you back from fulfilling your kingdom destiny?*