

Repositioning the Priority of Our Passions

Ps. 119:133

God is positioning His church in the mist of pure evil for a phenomenal, massive move of the Spirit here in America.

- It's a part of the radical shifting taking place all around us.
- We see some of this in our weather patterns. We just saw snow in Florida, Corpus Christi, Mississippi, and Louisiana as natural indicators.
- Puerto Rico was hit with 2 hurricanes and still severely struggles without a main power grid for electricity.
- Just recently we've seen a huge media shakeup of sexual allegations being exposed after decades of cover up by famous celebrities and politicians.
- What takes place in the natural always mirrors the supernatural, unseen world. Which is all controlled by a sovereign God.

God wants us to observe and pay close attention to the radical shifts taking place so we will reprioritize our passions and our time management.

- Because it's possible to do good things or do the right things at the wrong time and be completely out of the will of God for my life. All because I don't have God's priorities for my life.
- You only have 24 hours in a day to exercise your most expensive passions. And when you've run out of time and strength you no longer have the ability to expend your most important passions for God, if those passions are not God's priorities for your life.

God has to reposition the current priorities of our passion for 2 reasons:

- 1) God wants to demonstrate his power and glory through the delegated authority of the woman in the local church according to the pre-Adamic fall.
- 2) God is passionately calling men into a new warfare position through intimacy submission.

We need to look at:

- 1) Our current priorities tonight
- 2) Our personal passions
- 3) And our spiritual position to see if we are ready to receive from God in this massive radical shift. (read **Ps. 119:133**)
 - a. Lord help me with my priorities.
 - b. Help me control my most expensive passions.
 - c. Position my mind, will, and emotions for what you have planned for my destiny. Establish my steps oh Lord in Your Word.

I want to run quickly 5 passions I must have to be saved. These 5 passions are essential for having the right priorities and being in positioning for this massive move of God.

Definition of the word “passion”:

“An intense ardent and fervent affection for something or someone. This word is also connected to the sufferings of Christ. It’s from the Latin word, ‘passio’, which comes from the word, ‘suffer’. It is a state of mind that harnesses the emotions for a particular purpose. For the joy set before Jesus He endured the cross. Thus, we see the word passion in the suffering love of Jesus for His bride.

So, there are five passions we must cultivate in order to be saved.

1. A passion for the heart of God.
 - a. His Word
 - b. His Spirit
 - i. Passion gives us permission to do the will of God.
 - ii. Passions makes us willing to be flexible and submissive to God, which requires change in our lives.
 - iii. Life, its disappointments, its hurts and its ambitions all have a way to drain and exhaust your passions for God if you do not guard it.
 - iv. Having God’s heart is you making time to cultivate a love for His Word into your daily decision making.
 - v. God’s heart is you cultivating a passion for His spirit, for His ways and His hidden character attributes.
 - vi. Passion is the extra edge in a battle that carries you over into victory.
 - vii. Passion is the first found in private and corporate praise and thanksgiving.
 - viii. Passion is cultivated in private and corporate prayer when we seek to conform to the image of God’s definition of love.
 - ix. God, give me a passion for Your Word and Your Spirit!
 - x. This kind of passion will bear fruit in how you react to people in trials and intense battles of the day. God, give us a passion for Your heart!
2. A passion for the nurturing and serving the brethren. Some of us have lost this burden for discipling new people in the Word. **Ps. 119:10-15.**
 - a. I’m referring to passion for kingdom unity of vision and mission – we must be very careful we do not become too busy, disinterested, and indifferent to the high priority of managing our time for the kingdom vision of Jesus Christ. In the last days, there will be a great falling away because of complacency, apathy, and lawlessness. We must fight this by asking God to cultivate a passion for the brethren.
 - b. In Kingdom service accountability – making time for relationships shows I love you. We must watch how we nurture relationships so we don’t do more communicating through emails and texts than we do face to face with each other and with prayer. I must ask God to continually give me a passions for the brethren. It’s dangerous to start desiring to fellowship more with people who are not Kingdom minded more than the saints who are Kingdom minded. God give me a passion for the brethren! This is what got Lot into trouble. He first got disinterested and critical of his uncle Abraham and then separated himself into another land. The he lost his family. All because he lost the value of keeping a passion for the brethren.

- c. We must live this passion in prayer and fasting for God's Kingdom character to live and thrive amongst the brethren. Specifically, to see my prayer burden generate fruit to serve, edify, and build up on another. God, give me a passion for the brethren!
 - d. This also means to develop Christ centered and not drunk on the self-centered gratification we get from each other. God give me a passion for the brethren.
3. A passion for the family.
 - a. Intentional living of Christ centered values and priorities. God needs to give us a passion for the family tonight. This does not come easy or natural for many of us. This is why we must ask God to give us a passion for the family. Passion that overrides selfishness and personal ambitions. Passion that says that quiet time with my child, my spouse, or close relative is important business I cannot neglect.
 - b. This means prioritizing time, finances, and resources for the Kingdom of God. It takes God's passion to keep the family as a high priority.
 - c. Growing intimate relationships in a mutual communicative and transparent way. We need the passion from God to keep breaking generational patterns in our home. 1 Timothy 3:5, if anyone does not know how to manage the family.
 4. A passion for souls.
 - a. Being willing to prioritize your life to witness and teach Bible studies.
 - b. Making time to disciple new converts.
 - c. Asking God to cultivate a burden to develop new believers into mature Christians.
 5. A passion against evil.
 - a. Intentionally living in separation and distinction from worldly seductions without compromise.
 - b. Going after the enemy when spirit-led and when asked to defend the Name of the One True Living God. (All by His sovereign grace to help you.)

These 5 passions can grow in us if we expose ourselves to the spirit of prayer.

Does anybody remember the 2 reasons God has to reposition the current priorities of our passions?

- 1) God is ready to demonstrate His power and glory through the delegated authority of the woman.
- 2) God's calling men into a new warfare position through intimacy submission.

Read **Ps. 119:133** again

- The issue in this verse is the psalmist is asking for God's due order. He's asking God by the spirit of prayer to set his priorities in order. Why?
- Because if the passion of my priorities is out of order the psalmist is saying sin or confusion or disorder will have dominion on my life.

We see this in **Genesis 3:8**

Here is the law of first reference:

1. Adam is called out by God first and not Eve because God's pattern for warfare and due order always begins with the men of a church.
2. Adam is not in position by the spirit of prayer to allow God's spirit to move as it is supposed to in the church.
3. Now Eve cannot receive delegated authority to operate. Quite the contrary. Vs 12.

- When men are not repositioned in their priorities of passions they:
 - Become controlling or abusive to women or
 - They withdraw in spiritual letharginess.
- Yet In **Gen. 3:9** it says 'but the Lord called out for Adam for intimacy submission.' You know why? All real submission begins with men with God in the cool of the garden from the spirit of prayer.
- We cannot prioritize those 5 passions until we have reposition ourselves for new military warfare by the spirit of prayer.
- Because real authority as men does not come from our ability to provide financially alone. It's very important but that's not where we get our spiritual authority from.
- It doesn't come because you are a husband, dad, or boss.
- Real authority comes when men choose to meet God in the cool of the day by the spirit of prayer.

Numbers 1:2-3

Luke 2:11-12, 41

God required Israel to present all the male children and adults 3 times a year at Jerusalem.

1. For the Feast of Unleavened Bread
 2. The Feast of Booths
 3. And the Feast of Tabernacles which is our Christmas season. This is why Joseph and Mary came to Jerusalem and found no room at Motel 6 for the baby Jesus.
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- God has no festival for Israel for female accountability in war. Take a census for accountability for all the men in the congregation.
 - So men 20 and over are assigned to go forth to war. This is God's pattern for war. It's the law of first reference.
 - The law of first reference for men being accountable for war is in
 - **Numbers 1:2-3**
 - In the Feast of Tabernacles at Jesus' birth.
 - In other words, God's pattern for war starts with:
 - The men being accountable to the spirit of prayer privately and corporately. God came to Adam and not Eve to determine the ushering of His presence from the garden.
 - I thank God for the Deborah's of this church and the Priscilla's, and the Prophetess' Anna's. I thank God for the Jael's in **Judges 4**, who drove the nail through her enemy.
 - But the exponential growth of love and power first rest on the Adam's of this church.
 - Who need to willingly become accounted for in the spirit of prayer
 - God's plan of anointing and power and healing has a due order.
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1. God said before men can demand submission from their families, **He is demanding submission from the men of His church to the spirit of prayer in the cool of the day.**
 2. This is where we find help for being more affectionate. It's the place we find His strength to walk and lead others in Holiness living. God is requiring men to stand up and be accountable for the ladies and children by the spirit of prayer.
 3. This is where you demonstrate honoring God's sovereignty. So He will honor you.

- a. Without men coming to Jerusalem and being accounted for by the spirit of prayer God raises up Deborah's amongst us. God is going to have a people. I got a question?
 - b. Why would a woman date a prayerless man? He will one day throw you underneath the bus because he is not accounted for unto God, by the spirit of prayer, that's what Adam did.
4. When men are accounted for to the spirit of prayer in the cool of the day they bring stability to relationships because now you are more consistent in practicing the love of God. You willfully lead by serving and not control. You have better work ethics.
 5. You bring more emotional and physical affection to others. You practice more forgiveness and administering love through Is. 41:10. You allow God to harden you to difficulties.
 6. You now have control over sexual temptations.

This is God's due order for the pattern of war.

- David left his family unprotected in Ziglak getting his priorities out of order.
- This caused the Amalekites to invade his home. This brought depression, division, confusion, and wounds.

God is telling the men I need you to step forward and be accountable to the corporate spirit of prayer at Jerusalem.

- He wants to teach us to wait on God corporately in the spirit of prayer for His direction. It's called lay, lingering, and listening.
- Learning to practice expressing your honor to the sovereign God.
- You know, it wasn't the 3 wise women who sought out the baby Jesus.
- They were wise because they became selfless and risked all they had to be in the presence of a sovereign King.

4 Ways to Stand Counted for Before God

1. Shut your mind down into the spirit of prayer
 - a. Quiet your thinking
 - b. Get focused with quality concentration on God's love for you without multitasking distractions.
 - c. Be willing to initiate fasting
 - d. Practice consistent renewal in delighting in His love.
2. Get a set time for consistent prayer
 - a. Get serious about prayer, make it a heaven or hell issue.
3. Find a prayer partner
4. Be accountable to corporate men's prayer and practice waiting on God for desperate answers.
 - a. Unveil yourself to your spiritual covering
 - b. During this time you repent for your family
 - c. Pray a covering over them

- d. Prepare an action plan to leave prayer and serve selflessly.

God is shifting radically His church in this season. It starts with men coming up to Jerusalem to be accounted for in the cool of the day.

Judges 20:14

This is a classic story of men being accountable.

1. The men went up to Bethel vs. 18-21 and prayed and sought God
 - a. 22,000
2. Vs 22-25 – They sought God a second time in prayer and lost another 18,000 men. Vs. 26-28
3. They sought God a 3rd time.
 - a. All of Israel
 - b. They became broken, they wept.
 - c. They fasted.
 - d. They sought the palanquin bed.
 - e. They sought the due order of spiritual authority.
 - f. They sat before the Lord and waited.

Close

- Adam where art thou?
- Our women and children are counting on us.

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