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REIGNING *by* SUBMITTING

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LAST YEAR I preached a series on the words of your mouth.

One of the messages I preached (probably two weeks) was called “Ruling and Reigning”...the point being that a KING rules and reigns by decreeing a thing.

Job 22:28 – “Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways.”

Kings make decrees and they come to pass. The whole kingdom makes them come to pass!

No questions asked.

THE PROBLEM: Too many Christians are still being controlled by their circumstances...instead of decreeing things and seeing those things come to pass.

THEREFORE: Their lives are rough.

BELOVED: We are suppose to be controlling our circumstances.

One of the main points given to us in the New Testament (and backed by the Old Testament) is that we are Kings...that we reign.

1 Peter 2:9 – “But ye are a chosen generation, **a royal priesthood**, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:”

Revelation 1:6 – “And **hath made us kings and priests** unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”

That we are suppose to be doing, on the earth, what Jesus did while He was on the earth.

1 John 4:4 – “Ye are of God, little children, and **have overcome them**: because **greater is he that is in you**, than he that is in the world.”

We are greater than anything we face...because of Who is in us.

We have been made KINGS because of Who is in us.

JUST LIKE JESUS!

Acts 10:38 – “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; **for God was with him.**”

UNDERSTAND: Jesus did what He did because the GREATER ONE was in Him.

He triumphed over His circumstances because the GREATER ONE was in Him.

- * He defeated the devil when being tempted.
- * He walked through a murderous crowd trying to throw Him over a cliff.
- * He constantly escaped murderous crowds.
- * He walked on water (defying nature).
- * He controlled the weather, storms and winds.
- * Sickness obeyed Him.

All because the GREATER ONE was in Him.

UNDERSTAND: The SAME GREATER ONE lives in us.

We should be doing the same things that Jesus did...because of Who is in us and Whose we are!

Romans 8:19,22

19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

UNDERSTAND: The whole earth is GROANING and WAITING for us to act like who we were created to be.

THINK ABOUT IT: Why is the weather acting up so much? Because we are not acting like the Kings we are suppose to be.

2 Timothy 2:1 – “If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:”

1 Corinthians 4:8 – The Corinthian church were doing well in the flesh without spiritual guidance...Paul tells them that He would rather them learn to reign through Christ.

We are called to REIGN with Christ.

QUESTION: What does that mean?

“Reign” – supreme power, sovereignty

IN OTHER WORDS: If he says it...it gets done...no questions asked.

If you asks questions...you are not going to like the results.

Not yielding to the voice of the reigning king (disobedience) results in treason.

Treason is the highest level of criminality! It will result in arrest, imprisonment, banishment, or even execution if you defy the kings authority.

Let me show you a couple illustrations of reigning:

Daniel 2:1 – “And in the **second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar** Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him.”

So, Nebuchadnezzar was reigning...therefore, whatever He spoke He got.

- * He decided he wanted an idol (statue) made of himself about 90 feet tall.
- * He decided that whenever music was played in the kingdom, EVERYONE in the kingdom would bow down and worship His idol.
- * He decided whoever didn't do it would be thrown into a fiery furnace.
- * He reigned...He decided...the whole kingdom did what he said.

Fast-forward several years and a new king took reign over the kingdom, Darius (Daniel 5:31).

- * He was fooled...yes...but,
- * He decided that no one would petition or pray to any other God or man for thirty days, except for Darius...
- * He decided that if anyone was caught praying or petitioning any other God or man in those thirty days, they would be thrown into a den of lions.
- * No questions asked.
- * This story is interesting, because Darius like Daniel and was SAD that Daniel was guilty (Darius knew he had been had), but the REIGNING king (himself) had decreed a thing and it came to pass. **No questions asked.**

OF COURSE...many people stop here and say, SO WHATEVER I want I can just declare and it comes to pass, no questions asked.

WELL, remember...Jesus is called KING of kings. That simply means we are only kings when we are submitted to our King.

So, when we speak a thing...according to HIS WORD, it will come to pass.

Because we are only kings connected to our King!

THEREFORE: We should be changing our circumstances, instead of our circumstances overwhelming us.

Shifting Gears

The other day, Jessica and I were talking in the car about the authority that I use against the weather...I have never ONCE sent it to Bangladesh. It has vanished, it has shifted, but it didn't hit here. As a matter of fact, I have watched many people get nervous about the weather report and my reaction is...I told it what to do, it will do it...and it does.

When Jessica and I were talking about it, the thought rose up inside of me how easy I take that task. I just speak and I know it is going to happen.

It rose up in me that this is who it should be with all of us...regarding all of the things in our lives, that we have been given authority over.

- * Sickness and pain
- * Poverty and lack
- * Broken relationships
- * Depression and mental distress/mental health
- * All things that steals from life and godliness

I kind of opened my heart, at that moment, to the question...why don't we exercise our authority over those things? Why do we let them reign over us and not us reigning over them?

THE LORD SPOKE: "My people don't really know what it means to reign."

We live in a time period that most kings are only figure heads and not really REIGNING...so we think that we are just in a position of a king, but without any authority. REIGNING really means nothing to us.

THEREFORE.....

We sing songs, "Our God Reigns"! What does that mean?

"He reigns"! Good for Him.

How about Scriptures?

Psalm 93:1 – "The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, where with he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved."

Psalm 96:10 - "Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously."

Psalm 97:1 – "The LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof."

Psalm 99:1 – "The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved."

Psalm 146:10 – "The LORD shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the LORD."

This is just a fraction of these Scriptures...but it is clear GOD REIGNS.

We KNOW this...we sing it...no doubt.

YET we don't know what it means! How to apply it to ourselves.

So, when we hear that we are Kings and that we reign with Him...it really means nothing.

UNDERSTAND: He and His Word, in all of their goodness, in all of their love, REIGNS...needs to be followed...no questions asked.

When He says a thing (His Word)...it removes doubt...our job is to obey.

It is NOT up for discussion.

Deuteronomy 28:1,2

John 14:21 – "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."

Our #1 job as kings is to submit and obey to our KING...the GREATER ONE inside of us.

That is what Jesus did...

John 5:30 – "I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me."

IN OTHER WORDS: When we don't obeying what He tells us (or we pick and choose), how could we really understand the power of our own voice.

The moment we begin taking his commands seriously becomes the moment our voice carries more power for us, because REIGNING becomes a reality, not a concept.

LET ME SHOW YOU SOMETHING: We will talk about finances.

- * We have seen things like "money cometh to me now."
- * Talking to money.
- * **BELOVED:** We are kings...we reign over money...it is to be our servant. **YET:** Does it obey you? Many of us the answer is no.
- * **WHY?** Because your king tells you to do things with money that you are not doing! Tithing, sowing, honoring parents, men of God, etc.
- * We are suppose to have authority over money...but money keeps calling the shots.
- * The second that money gets in its proper place and we begin obeying what our REIGNING KING says...we will take up REIGNING along with Him.

DISCUSS: Seven levels of authority. God, His Word and Conscience (of the Spirit) is a the top and can never be moved. When delegated authority, contracts, customs or functional authorities or even thing that are not to be authority at all take over...we no longer can reign.

Matthew 8:8-9

- 8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.
- 9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

LOOK AT THIS the only reason the centurion knew his own authority was because he was submitted to authority.

When YOU are under the authority of God...submitted...THEN AND ONLY THEN can you exercise your own authority.