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KNOCK OUT APATHY and MOVE

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LAST WEEK we began speaking on a four-letter word...an icky word... APATHY.
I asked the Lord, "What's going on?" He replied, "Apathy."

He told me that APATHY leaves a horrible taste in His mouth.
There are some things that are a sweet smelling savor and some things that just stink. Apathy stinks.

"Apathy" – an absence or suppression of passion, emotion, or excitement; it is a lack of interest or concern for things, passivity.

David had zeal...not apathy...he didn't lose a battle. Coincidence? I think not!

BELOVED: Apathy is the reason that everyone keeps moving the bar of the Word of God to where they are, instead of changing.

LAST WEEK we dealt with the church at Laodicea.

Revelation 3:15,16

15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

NO...God doesn't want you cold for Him.

But this was a picture of what happened in Laodicea. Instead of going through the work of heating and cooling water...they just wanted it easy for them.

They ran clay pipes to the north (Hieropolis) to run hot water 6 miles from their springs and pipes to the south (Colossae) to run cold water 9 miles from their mountains.

By the time it got there it was GROSS!

That was the picture of the church at Laodicea spiritually. They were not moving. They were taking it as easy as they could on themselves.

God was telling them...you are NOT what I expected you to be. You are lazy...complacent...not excited about the things of God.

BELOVED: When you are not excited about the things of God...you are not going to do them.

His remedy?

Revelation 3:18 – "I counsel thee to **buy of me** gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see."

THIS IS THE IMPORTANT PART: To buy something means you have paid the price for it.

- * So we are to pay the price for true riches.
- * Pay the price for holiness.
- * Pay the price for revelation.

BELOVED: We cannot sit back...resting on our past and expect to receive all that God has given to us. We may get heaven...but we will leave so many things un-received.

It doesn't come cheap. It is called discipline.

ILLUSTRATION: Olympic stars. Give up everything else to receive the prize.

You cannot be apathetic and expect to win the prize.

1 Corinthians 9:24,27

24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

You are going to have to do some things...DO, yes DO...when you don't feel like it in order to eradicate apathy.

***Pray...Evangelize...Serve...Worship and praise...Give and Tithe...
go to church...prayer meetings...etc.***

BELOVED: It will cost you something to attain what God has promised.

We have made it so cheap to receive what God said we could have.

It will cost us! It is valuable.

Yes, Jesus paid the price...but we must do the work.

James 1:25 – “But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, **but a doer of the work**, this man shall be blessed in his deed.”

Vs. 13 – temptation comes because our flesh is enticed (to be lazy).

BELOVED: We gotta MOVE! Gotta DO! Gotta GO!

We have gotta quit standing around waiting...we must DO what we've been told to do.

Ephesians 6...having done all to stand...stand!

Most have not even come close to having done much.

AGAIN: I am not saying that we must earn our salvation...but if we are going to reach our potential...enjoy all of His benefits...we will have to move!

Jesus didn't tell His disciples to wait until the world comes to you and witness...He said GO INTO the world.

How Do We Move?

Have you ever had the spirit of apathy hit you...you are just tired...if something gets done, you don't care.

At least not enough to do anything.

How can we move...how can we stir it up?

LAST WEEK on the way to the church...Jess and I are talking...we are discussing things...and I am praying quietly about the service.

All the sudden, the Holy Spirit drops some info in my heart...I immediately speak it into my phone, so I don't forget.

His statement: The reason apathy is running rampant in the church is because of lack of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

No Holy Spirit working...no Christians working.

It is that simple.

Then He showed me five symbols of the Holy Spirit in Scripture and asked me what they all have in common...the answer was clear...they all are important in moving.

Look at this:

1.) The wind.

The Holy Spirit would be better defined as Holy Breath. He is literally like a wind.

Acts 2:2 – “And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.”

There was a wind...it wasn't of this earth.

John 3:8 – “The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.”

When the Holy Spirit is in you...you will move!

ILLUSTRATION: Tommy Boy sitting the middle of the lake whining because there is no wind.

DID YOU KNOW: With no wind, a sailboat will stop forward motion from its sails and instead drift with the ocean's tides and currents.

2.) Fire.

Acts 2:3 – “And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.”

Matthew 3:11 – “I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:”

Jeremiah 20:9 tells us the Word was like FIRE SHUT UP in his BONES.

BELOVED: A fire inside you will get you moving.

ILLUSTRATION: Heart burn!

Luke 24 – The two men on the road to Emmaus.

Vs. 32 – “And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?”

The Word spoken...through the Holy Spirit...burned in them.

Fire will get you moving! Insist you move.

3.) Water.

John 7:37-39

37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

ILLUSTRATION: Scene in “Dickie Roberts” where the kids are teaching him to have fun. They break out the slip-n-slide and as they unroll it...Dickie immediately runs and belly flops on a dry slip-n-slide and goes NO WHERE!

It needed water first.

A lot of Christians are going NO WHERE because they don't have the rivers of living water flowing in them.

THINK about the early days of America...where did the BIG cities form? Where there was water available...on the coasts...along rivers. Because without water, things stopped.

4.) Oil.

ILLUSTRATION: Going back to the movie on Dickie Roberts...after sliding on water a couple times...Dickie gets an idea of putting cooking oil on the slip-n-slide and it gets things moving a lot quicker.

1 Samuel 16:13 – “Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.”

BELOVED: Where oil is mentioned in the Bible (anointing oil, etc.) it is a type of the Holy Spirit.

Oil keeps things lubricated so they keep moving.

I heard someone say that all you need in life is duct tape and WD40...if something is moving and it shouldn't use the duct tape, if something isn't moving and it should use WD40.

BELOVED: I have a better oil...the HOLY SPIRIT.

If you are a Christian and you are not moving...you need some more Holy Spirit.

Oil of joy! Oil of gladness! Never the oil of sadness.

Isaiah 61:3 – “...oil of joy for mourning!”

Hebrews 1:9 – Jesus had more gladness than anyone. Why? Holy Spirit was on Him.

5.) Alcohol.

Acts 2:15 – “For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.”

NOTICE: Peter had to explain to the visitors what was going on.

They got baptized in the Holy Spirit (filled to overflowing) and started acting drunk!

Most of us are NOT willing to act anyway other than calm in praise.

Ephesians 5:18 – “And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;” NO...this does not give you permission to drink alcohol as long as you don't get drunk (grrrrr).

It is telling us we need to have a drinking problem with the spirit.

“Be filled” – be being filled...keep drinking

LET ME SAY THIS: Getting drunk will get you moving...not necessarily where you are thinking to go...but you will move.

God told someone, “I didn't say to come to me and think...but come to me and drink.”

The church has had too many thinkers and not enough drinkers.

THINK OF the circle of victory. Your life is controlled by your soul...what is controlling your soul? Your spirit or flesh.

Your flesh will cause you think it through.

Your spirit will cause you to drink it through.

Finally

Matthew 25:1 – “Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.”

This is a picture of RIGHT NOW...there are too many Christians who think: “Eh, I have enough oil for government work.” “It'll do!”

But they are running dangerously low.

How low?

They are about to run out.

They are going to try and fill up too late.

Matthew 25:10-12

- 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.
- 11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.
- 12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

BELOVED: Apathy may not send you to hell...but it will make you more and more indifferent to the things of God, which will keep moving you into darkness.

Let's stir up the Holy Spirit in you. Increase it.

How to stir it up?

Quit being passive! Pray more, Word more, Praise and Worship more (open yourself up in praise and worship), obey what you know to do, don't grieve the spirit (sin), don't quench the spirit (obey).