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The HOLY SPIRIT is Enough No More EXCUSES

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We've been on a series on defeating and destroying apathy. **A lack of emotion, passion or excitement about something.** When apathy is regarding the things of God...we are in trouble. We get stuck...not moving forward...bored.

God doesn't want us stuck...without passion.

That is why He gave us the Holy Spirit...to keep us moving and passionate.

BELOVED: The fact that the Holy Spirit has had us on this series for as long as He has...and has refused to allow me to move off of it (believe me, I've wanted to)...tells me something very important.

- * While I am obviously talking about the church universal (all over the world)...that the enemy is attacking every church and Christian, everywhere, with apathy!
- * Specifically, God is speaking to us...right here in Grace Fellowship of Morehead.

NOW: If God is speaking to us specifically...then it points out two more things:

- * Either you are a person, here, that the coals are not burning as hot as they use to burn. You are not caught in the grip of apathy, but you are not AS passionate...**you are still busy, but has your passion waned?**
- * Or you are seriously in the grip of apathy...you are taking the things of God lightly. No passion. Going to church is a difficult choice, prayer is non-existent. Therefore, God is sending out the SOS to warn you before it is too late.
- * I must add that perhaps you are passionate and God is simply telling you to keep burning!

YOU KINDA need to answer that question this morning...listen, I have been born again since I was 4 years old. I remember that night where my mom lead me to Jesus and I made that decision. But I have went through the times of apathy...just got lazy...I had to make a conscious decision to come back.

Holy Spirit – Your Parakletos

John 14:16 – “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another **Comforter**, that he may abide with you for ever;”

John 14:26 – “**But the Comforter**, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

John 15:26 – “But **when the Comforter** is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:”

John 16:7 – “Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, **the Comforter** will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.”

“Parakletos” - An intercessor, consoler: - advocate, comforter.

Jesus knew they would need help to keep moving...to stop apathy from coming in to their lives.
That is the purpose of the parakletos!

Three major meanings of this word:

1.) He has exceptional knowledge.

He is a genius...if you listen to Him, He will make you look smarter.
Never hire a lawyer who knows less than you do.

You will be a victim of life and victim of scamming people if you are not filled with His Spirit.
You will always have the right information of what is going on.

2.) He has expertise in protocol and procedure.

The Holy Spirit has never lost a case if He can get His client to listen to Him.
He will tell you what to say, and what to do. Lift your voice, kneel down, dance and shout, humble yourself, give, etc.
That is one of the things about quenching the spirit...when He tells you to do something uncomfortable in worship (kneel down, shout, etc.), do you do it? To give extra?
I will tell you this...knowing that at any second, the Holy Spirit can have you do something extra in praise and worship...takes the apathy of it out.
But He knows what you need to do for breakthrough.

3.) He has persuasive speaking ability.

Words!
That heavenly language bypasses your head and drops it into your mouth.
The devil cannot stand it when you pray in the Holy Spirit.
Praying perfect prayers. Defeating the enemies plans. It is kinda fun!

The Holy Spirit Gets You Moving

MARK HANKINS: The Holy Spirit has a reputation of working with some real losers and making them winners.

- a.) We just saw what the Holy Spirit did in Peter.
- b.) How about Gideon.

Judges 6:11-17,21-23 (NLT)

- 11 Then the angel of the LORD came and sat beneath the great tree at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash of the clan of Abiezer. Gideon son of Joash was threshing wheat at the bottom of a wine press to hide the grain from the Midianites.
- 12 The angel of the LORD appeared to him and said, "Mighty hero, the LORD is with you!"
- 13 "Sir," Gideon replied, "if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? And where are all the miracles our ancestors told us about? Didn't they say, 'The LORD brought us up out of Egypt'? But now the LORD has abandoned us and handed us over to the Midianites."
- 14 Then the LORD turned to him and said, "Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!"
- 15 "But Lord," Gideon replied, "how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!"
- 16 The LORD said to him, "I will be with you. And you will destroy the Midianites as if you were fighting against one man."
- 17 Gideon replied, "If you are truly going to help me, show me a sign to prove that it is really the LORD speaking to me."

UGHH...he has an excuse for every encouragement. He ain't doing anything.

- 21 Then the angel of the LORD touched the meat and bread with the tip of the staff in his hand, and fire flamed up from the rock and consumed all he had brought. And the angel of the LORD disappeared.
- 22 When Gideon realized that it was the angel of the LORD, he cried out, "Oh, Sovereign LORD, I'm doomed! I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face!"
- 23 "It is all right," the LORD replied. "Do not be afraid. You will not die."

Judges 6:34 – "***Then the Spirit of the LORD clothed Gideon with power.*** He blew a ram's horn as a call to arms, and the men of the clan of Abiezer came to him."

Gideon went on to liberate Israel from the Midianites.
(from 32,000 to 10,000 to 300)

NOTE: The cut-down from 32,000 to 10,000 what chosen by those who were afraid...Gideon no longer needed to be in that group, because of the Spirit of the Lord that was on him.

Judges 7:7 – "The LORD told Gideon, "With these 300 men I will rescue you and give you victory over the Midianites. Send all the others home."

NOTICE: He didn't give any more excuses.

The Holy Spirit will change your success rate in life.

What is Your Excuse?

When I was praying this week on where to go...I always ask the Lord to show me something fresh if I am suppose to continue in this area.

He almost immediately began talking to me about one of the greatest deterrents to passion and one of the greatest openings to apathy are EXCUSES.

Once you've made an excuse for NOT doing something...you are on a slippery slope towards apathy... quenching or grieving the spirit...and moving towards disappointment and frustration.

LET'S LOOK at Gideon:

- 1.) The Midianite army is mean and may steal my grain. So I am hiding.
- 2.) Look at everything bad that has happened to us.
- 3.) God has abandoned us. It is God's fault.
- 4.) My clan is the weakest in the tribe of Manasseh.
- 5.) I am least in my clan!
- 6.) I've seen God...I am cursed and will die.

Once you've started making excuses...there is NO END them. They will flow like the mighty Mississippi!

SERIOUSLY: When we look in Scripture...everyone that God wanted to do great things in...suffered EXCUSE driven apathy.

ADAM – his excuses? The woman made me do it.

EVE – The serpent made me do it.

MOSES – The people made me do it.

THE PEOPLE – God and Moses drug out here to die...we didn't want to do it.

SAUL – His excuse for disobeying God? I was going to give more!

PETER – I failed God...I am going back to fishing.

The Holy Spirit changed that!

LOOK AT DAVID – The greatest failure of his life...was Bathsheba. But why did He find himself in that place?

MOST LIKELY AN EXCUSE: At a time where kings were out fighting...David had built himself quite a kingdom...he deserves some rest...he's been busy, ***he's going to stay at home and chill.*** He found himself in a position that he should have never been in!

NOW: You may be thinking...my situation isn't an excuse...it is a real reason. Everybody thinks so!

Take a look at 1 Samuel 17...one of David's greatest victories. The victory that catapulted him into national prominence!

QUESTION: Where was his excuse?

ANSWER: He didn't have one! Though he certainly could have.

He was given several by others.

NOTE: Other's will give you many excuses to try and help you out.
Wrapped in well meaning advice.

1 Samuel 17:32-39

32 And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine. **NO EXCUSE**

33 And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.

I don't know about you...those seem like good reasons!

34 And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:

NO EXCUSES!

35 And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.

36 Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.

37 David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

38 And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail.

EXCUSES OFFERED: You ain't got no armor!

39 And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved it. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them. And David put them off him.

BELOVED: Let me say it like this. If you have a call on your life...a plan for your life (and you do)...there will ALWAYS be an excuse for why you can't do it. Always!

But those excuses will ALWAYS lead you to drain your passion...build up your apathy...and move you from God's plan.

What is your excuse?

- * I am tired...I work long hours...I need rest.
- * I don't have the free time that others have.
- * If I don't sleep for a certain amount of hours, I will be useless the whole day.
- * I can't afford to tithe.
- * I can't afford to give.
- * I deserve a break today.
- * This battle is too big...I need a different kind of help.
- * But this person is against me.

- * But no one has ever been through this before.
- * I am not ready for this.
- * My faith isn't where it needs to be.
- * I wasn't born with a silver spoon in my mouth.
- * Failure runs in my family.
- * It's my dad's fault. It's my mom's fault.
- * It's my husband's fault...it's my wife's fault.
- * I have children...so money is tight...time is tight.

Seriously, I could go on and on with excuses that I've heard.

What is your excuse?

What is keeping you from spending time with God?

What is keeping you from giving like you should give?

What is keeping you from yielding to the prompting of the Holy Spirit?

What is keeping you from attending regularly and serving regularly in the church?

What is keeping you from teaching a class?

What is keeping you from witnessing and sharing Jesus?

BELOVED: God has paused us from anything else for the past month to address apathy.

How to get out?

- * Pay the price. You gotta do something.
- * Give place to the Holy Spirit.
- * Build your life on the Holy Spirit.
- And there is never an excuse BIG or GOOD enough to stop you from passionately pursuing the things and plans of God.

Never an excuse bigger than the promises.