

**Introduction:**

- Heb 9:9-14
- The majority of you who are here tonight will more than likely function as disciple makers in the house of freedom. That is part of why you attend on a Wednesday night.
  - Your life serves to disciple others - within the church, within your family, within your community.
  - Jesus calls us in Mt 28 to be disciplers of nations. We heard Jesse give testimony of that last Sunday.
  - Key thought: you have to be able to lead yourself well or disciple yourself to be a good discipler.

**I. Understanding Reforming/Reformation**

- A. A true reformation is not a new way of doing something or doing church.
  1. A true reformation is a fresh understanding of who God is inside the human heart which translates into new a powerful action, ambitions and drives.
  2. What happens on the inside results in new activities launched on the outside.
  3. When personal transformation takes place it become and initiator for reformation in the body of Christ/the ekklesia/the church.
  4. Let's read our scripture again.
- B. Define reformation:
  1. διορθωσις - diorthosis - this word means upright, standing. It means to move in a straight line to correct. The dio on the front of the word means to straighten, or correct.
  2. We get our word 'ortho' as in orthopedic doctor. A doctor of bones or skeletal structures. When a bone is broken we need diorthosis, a straightening or putting back together, a bringing into alignment. Or if you are seeing a chiropractor, also an ortho doctor they function in aligning bones.
  3. So a true reforming or reformation is an internal change of understanding, mentalities, attitude and perceptions. These internal changes shape the external activities of both the Christian and the church.
  4. So the nature of reform can be seen as internal change rather than just and external activity change.
    - a) IE. God moves out of the old covenant that dealt with externals to writing the law upon the human heart. *But this is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel on that day,\* says the Lord: I will put my laws in their minds, and I will write them on their hearts.* Heb 8:10
    - b) The reform of a man into a believer always starts in the internal places of the heart. The reforming of the believer into greater depths of understanding God always begins in the heart and then moves to external activities.
    - c) Many are seeking greater external signs of Kingdom manifestations but if done without internal transformation and restructuring the results will mostly be worthless.
  5. This is why God is One who looks at the heart and not the visible outside activities.
- C. Your internal frustration may be a good thing. When you are no longer satisfied with where you are spiritual you are ready for reformation, a reform of your internal structure with God. Moves of God die because believers get satisfied with where they are and no longer seek

God for the purpose of becoming more like him. When you get like this moving forward with God actually become easier!

## II. What Is At The Core?

- A. The Bible, in regard to the Kingdom, is always placing the emphasis on that which is hidden.
  1. Treasure in the field
  2. Pearl of great price
  3. Secrets of the heart
  4. *"Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life."* (Proverbs 4:23, NLT) The Hebrew word for 'determines' means starting point or source. Some translations say, "well spring of life"
    - a) The heart is the basis for all external actions.
    - b) The heart determines what is seen visibly flowing out.
    - c) I watched a program on the 1906 San Fransisco Earthquake. 8.3 earthquake that shook for 43 seconds. A movement of the earth 8 miles of the coast that reached the shore in 2 seconds and leveled a city. What brought the destruction was unseen and happening close to the core of the earth.
- B. The heart is at the core!
  1. And the values, principles, truths and spiritual realities that are at the heart become the core definers of our lives.
  2. They are core because they are what lie at the essence of all correct Christian activity. Core is where Kingdom activity originates!
  3. This core becomes a definer because the Kingdom realities (miracles, healing, prophetic words) will created 'gifted' but shallow people if we do not.
  4. The core definers that reform the heart come the Word of God. The more reformation the heart experiences the more solid the foundation external actives rest upon.
- C. Examples:
  1. Mose had a solid core compared to the magicians who worked for Pharaoh. If you had been in the court of Pharaoh the miracles between Moses and the magicians would have looked the same, but their core/their heart was very different.
    - a) Moses was sent by God Ex 3:7-10. Therefore he was authorized to act.
    - b) Pharaoh summoned the sorcerers. They were not sent or authorized by God. The summons was of human origin.
    - c) Divine call and authorization are invisible because it happens in the human heart at the core.
    - d) Moses had a radically different world view dominated by God's purpose. He had no problem with the activity of God in destroying a nation, Egypt. The magicians fought to save their empire with their counterfeit activity.
    - e) Moses according to Heb 11:25 chose not to identify with Egypt but with his people (Hebrews). At his core he was not Egyptian but Hebrew. He saw the injustice of the economic system that help his people enslaved.

- f) Moses powerful prophetic gift came from an internal reality that had been shaped by God. The invisible internal realm shared the external activity in his life.

### III. The Presence In The Temple

- A. The presence of God is not just a 'goose bump' that we feel during worship. The presence is the abiding and empowering reality that empowers the move(s) of God.
  - 1. It goes before us and makes a way through impossibilities.
  - 2. It keeps the enemy's attacks at bay and allows us to route him.
  - 3. It releases wisdom and spiritual resource to equip people.
  - 4. It defines and identifies key relationships in your life.
  - 5. It connects us for the greater purposes of God.
- B. The Presence gives us sustainability.
  - 1. *"Then Moses said, "If you don't personally go with us, don't make us leave this place. How will anyone know that you look favorably on me—on me and on your people—if you don't go with us? For your presence among us sets your people and me apart from all other people on the earth.""* (Exodus 33:15-16, NLT)
  - 2. It keeps us.
  - 3. It sets us apart because of the internal reformation!

**Conclusion:** Lets be awesome disciples!