

Introduction:

- We have been studying the Life of God. Zoé.
- To get it you have to have faith. Faith is not the Zoe. It is the connector to the life.
- The Zoé. Is what moves mountains. Faith releases the Life of God to do His will.
- I.E. Feeding 5k. Jn 6:1-12
 - Jesus asks where can we buy bread for the people? Testing Phillip's faith.
 - Philip's first instinct is to think of the need in financial terms. He said, "Jesus, 200 pennies (the equivalent of eight months wages) is not enough to buy food to feed this crowd."
 - Andrew, on the other hand, saw the problem from a different perspective. He said, "There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?" Like Philip, Andrew still failed to see the power and anointing that Jesus had. ****Both Philip and Andrew interpreted the situation through their natural senses.****
 - But Christ, which means the Anointed One, was already aware that supernatural ability was required in order to bring the answer to the need of the people. Found in this chapter (6): Life/Light Zoe!

I. Two Natures: Death and Life

A. Nature of Sin, death/darkness – three aspects of the nature of sin. How to walk in darkness:

1. Unbelief:
 - a) Satan calls into question God's Word and God's goodness. (You won't die...you will be like God.) A faith response of confessing God's Word would have brought a different outcome. "NO! God did not say that—and I am standing on His Word!"
 - b) To believe in God and do His will is the only way of Life. To do anything else is to move away from God and the inevitable consequence is death. Faith receives every blessing that man can know from God and rests in Him; from unbelief flows all that is not of God.
2. Pride:
 - a) The background for this temptation to pride is the failure to trust God and His word... unbelief.
 - b) "**Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall.**" (Proverbs 16:18, NLT) This is what happened in the garden. Pride is selfish desire. It strongly desires what does not belong to it. This is idolatry for it no longer wants what God wants; but what we passionately desire, therefore it is an idol.
3. Disobedience:
 - a) Disobedience is the product of unbelief and pride.
 - b) "*Unbelief begins in the mind, the pride pervades the heart and finally disobedience impels the will. Man disobeys by failing to take God at His word and thereby pridefully seeks to assume His place. When this has happened, disobedience is quick to follow.*"

J. Rodman Williams, Renewal Theology.

B. Nature of God, Life/Light - Three aspects of the nature of God. How to walk in the Life:

1. Faith -

- a) The nature of God is faith. The God kind of faith. *"Jesus replied, "Let the faith of God be in you!"* (Mark 11:22, TPT)
- b) The nature of God is faith. Jesus is our example of that.
- 2. Humility -
 - a) Phil 2:5-ff. *"Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became human! Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind of death at that—a crucifixion."* (Philippians 2:5-8, The Message)
 - b) The background of walking in humility is the success of trusting God and His Word.
 - c) Jesus, because He trusted the Father, did not think anything about humility. It came easily.
 - d) If pride goes before destruction then it is safe to assume that humility goes before being raised up, establish, grounded.
- 3. Obedience -
 - a) Obedience is the product of faith and humility.
 - b) To believe God and in His word with a humble heart naturally leads to obedience.
- C. Receive the gift and receive life. Then you will triumph over sin and death through Jesus!
 - 1. This one act that Jesus did brings a right relationship and LIFE for all who believe.
 - 2. When the one man sinned all became sinners. But because of Jesus, many are made righteous and masters over sin and death.
 - 3. John 1:4 In Him was LIFE and that Life was the light of men.

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II. Walking in Dominion Begins With Salvation

- A. New Creation - I am restored back to the place that was given me in the Garden of Eden.
 - 1. *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."* (2 Corinthians 5:17, ESV)
- B. Justified -
 - 1. *"and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,"* (Romans 3:24, ESV)
 - 2. *"For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law."* (Romans 3:28, ESV)
- C. Made righteous-
 - 1. *"God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin."* (1 Corinthians 1:30, NLT)
- D. Raised with Jesus. *"and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,"* (Ephesians 2:6, ESV) Raised with Christ and seated with Christ gives me the authority of Christ.

III. Walking In Dominion Is Walking in Life

- A. The man who lives in the realm of the senses (five senses) is unable to understand the things of the Spirit. He trusts more in what he sees, hears, and feels than in what he can't see. *"But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means."* (1 Corinthians 2:14, NLT)
1. IE. Numbers 14:24 Caleb had a different spirit...a spirit of faith. We can take the land!
 - a) What made him of a different spirit? Last week: faith–humility–obedience.
 - b) 10 spies were in their sense realm: unbelief–pride–disobedience.
 - c) Joshua and Caleb believed God and accessed the life of God.
 2. IE. Joshua 14:6-14 Caleb asks Joshua for the mountain that Moses promised him. He still had faith to take the land. His area of promised had giants. Did not stop Caleb.
- B. The person who has been born again or received the nature and LIFE of God, they are the ones who can understand the things of the spirit. This is why it is critical to have the mind renewed with the Word.
1. The renewed mind or the mind renewed with the Word gains the high ground and rules over his senses. This is what Joshua and Caleb did. When your mind is renewed through the Word it rules over sense knowledge.
 - a) When this happens God can 'think' through you.
 - b) When this happens God can 'speak' through you.
 2. When these are happening together, God's Word becomes a LIVING thing in us and brings LIGHT to others. *"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life."* (John 6:63, ESV) Jn 1:4 In Him was life and that life was the light of men. My world is dark when I am without hope. When I am sick. When I am in lack. These all bring about dark moods/feelings. When the children of Israel heard (sense knowledge) about the size of the people and the cities they ceased to believe in God (unbelief). They took their lives in their own hands (Pride). *"Let's pick a new leader, let's go back to Egypt."* They are now in (disobedience).
 3. Dominion happened for Joshua and Caleb because they believed God. They crossed the Jordan during flood stage. They conquered Jordan with their new 'spiritual technology' ...March around Jericho once a day for six days. On 7th day, march seven times, blow trumpets and shout. THAT MAKES NO SENSE IN THE NATURAL. But in the Spirit, by faith, it is powerful! It sounds foolish unless you believe in God.
 - a) So our enemy is unbelief.
 - b) Our weakness is an un-renewed mind.
 - c) Our victory is faith in God. *"For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God."* (1 John 5:4-5, NLT)
- C. Overcoming double mindedness

1. The first mind is the sense mind/natural mind. It is ruled by the senses. *"But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways."* (James 1:6-8, ESV)
 - a) When we are ruled by our senses it is easy to become double minded.
 - b) This is why our devotional life is so important. Time with God and time in the Word.
2. The second mind is the spiritual mind. You will not have a spiritual mind, filled with Life without the Word. The spiritual mind is the mind of the recreated spirit. But in order for it to have dominion we have to renew our natural mind with the Word.
 - a) Pauls prayer. *"that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,"* (Ephesians 1:17-18, ESV)
 - b) Paul is praying that we may have revelation to understand what we have in Christ.
 - c) When we have that revelation all things become possible!
3. The renewed mind thinks the thoughts of God.
 - a) Roman 12:1-2 be transformed by the renewing of your mind.
 - b) The power of the light. *"For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true."* (Ephesians 5:8-9, NLT)

IV. Believing You Are What God Says You Are

- A. Ro 10:17 Faith comes by hearing the message. The word of God lets me know what I can believe God for.
- B. The Holy Spirit shines the Light/LIFE on the Word, thus giving us the opportunity to believe.
- C. When we believe we receive and manifest the very thing spoken about us. Therefore, what has God said that I can say? I can believe and confess what He has said about me.
 1. God says, I am His workmanship. Eph 2:10 says we are His workmanship....not satan's. I am not a failure. I am not worthless. I am not a piece of junk. Those are all lies. I have a new identity now! I am God's workmanship. I am an original. I am loved by God and I have value.
 2. God says, I have eternal life. 1 Jn 5:13 says that I have eternal life/I have God's nature...sin does not rule in me.
 3. God says, His Spirit gives life. 2 Cor 3:6 says that though the New Covenant the Spirit gives me life.
 4. God says, I can do all things. Phil 4:13 Says I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. All things are possible.
 5. God says I am righteous. *"For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."* (2 Corinthians 5:21, NKJV)

6. God says I am healed. *"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed."* (1 Peter 2:24, ESV)
7. God says I have already won. 1 Jn 4:4 says I am an overcomer and greater is He that is in me than He that is in the world.
8. God says my life is a parade of victories. *"And I got it, thank God! In the Messiah, in Christ, God leads us from place to place in one perpetual victory parade. Through us, he brings knowledge of Christ. Everywhere we go, people breathe in the exquisite fragrance."* (2 Corinthians 2:14, The Message)

Conclusion:

- To be filled with the Life of God, (ZOE) puts us in the spotlight where ever we go.
- And the Light always drives out darkness.