

Introduction:

- I want to encourage us with God's word tonight by looking at living out of God's supply.
- *"From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.""* (Matthew 16:21-23, ESV)
- To live from heaven's supply we have to see from heaven's perspective.
 - Jesus was revealing heaven's supply but Peter could not see from heaven's perspective.
 - Peter could only see the perspective of the problem at hand. This is where most people's perspectives begin—at the problem. Peter was living in reaction to the problem rather than partnering with God in the moment.
 - In the natural his response seems like a logical one.
 - How many times do you think your response has been a logical one, but not from heaven's perspective?

I. Living From Heaven

- A. *"If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God."* (Colossians 3:1-3, ESV)
- B. God makes living from heaven possible.
 1. When you became a believer your life was radically altered by the saving power of God. Jesus is the One who makes living from heaven possible. (see Col 3:1-3)
 2. God is looking for our minds to be renewed that we may think as heaven thinks and see from heaven perspective. I.e. Eagle raised by chickens.
 3. We desire to live from heavens perspective so that we can bring heaven to earth. *"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."* (Matthew 6:10, ESV)
- C. The Lord has made it possible for us to live from heaven towards our circumstance in life.
 1. Most people live from their problems to heaven or towards heaven. We often see our problem and go begging to God for the answers.
 2. Jesus did not minister that way. He only said what He heard the Father speaking and only did what He saw the Father doing.
 3. This is why Paul in Colossians said to set your minds on things above, for this is where we are seated...heavenly places in Christ Jesus.
 4. Our life is hidden there!!! (Colossians 3:3)

- D. You anchor your awareness in God's Word, His world, His plan, His purposes.
 - 1. When you are anchored there, you find yourself living from your awareness of heaven towards the broken conditions of this world. You pray and move from how heaven sees the circumstance at hand.
 - 2. If you do not anchor there, you will always have a prayer life that begs God to intervene in the problems you find yourself in.
 - 3. There is a big difference between living from the heavenly source towards your problem; and the person who is in the middle the problem and is begging God to come and fix it. We all start there but it is tragic when after years and years you still start there. God wants us to live from the reality of who He is.

II. Living In Reaction

- A. If I live in reaction to problems, I am living in reaction to the devil's work.
 - 1. Many people live/pray/minister in reaction to the problem.
 - 2. If I live in reaction to the problem, then the author of the problem has had influence on my thought life and behavior.
 - 3. The devil has no right to influence my agenda. You never see Jesus living in reaction to the devil. Jesus only lived in response to the Father and He always got a reaction out of the devil.
- B. God is calling us/inviting us to be more aware of His Kingdom than the problems that Satan brings.
 - 1. Situational awareness - being more aware of the Kingdom than the problems Satan brings.
 - 2. If I am hidden in Christ, like it says in Colossians, I may not even be aware of the warfare going on around me. I am hidden in Christ so I can rest in Him.
- C. A scriptural example is Luke 18:1-ff. The unjust judge.
 - 1. The widow in this story gets a reaction from this judge who rules in her favor.
 - 2. The point of the story Jesus tells is this, if you can get a worldly unjust judge to rule in your favor, then how much more will you get a response from your heavenly Father.
 - a) Don't pray from your problem towards heavens
 - b) Pray from heaven towards your problem. You have the favor of a righteous judge on your side!
 - 3. When you understand that, your prayer life gets fueled. You realize the goodness of God; you see your situation from heavens perspective; and your prayer life is encouraged!

III. How Do I Learn To See From Heaven's Perspective?

- A. Meditate on the Word. To ponder, think about, to murmur (as in repeat)

1. Eastern meditation is about emptying your mind. This lets evil spirits in.
 2. Biblical meditation is about filling your mind with the thoughts of God. This empowers God's Spirit who lives in you. It gives Holy Spirit reason and authority to act.
 - a) When I am meditating I am most times simply repeating the Word and thinking about it over and over; asking for more revelation.
 - b) Psalm 127 the passion translation says, "*God provides for His lovers even while they sleep.*"
 - c) I meditate on the Word of God, the works of God and the ways of God.
 - (1) The Word, because it is spirit and life.
 - (2) The Works, because they are amazing and cause awe.
 - (3) The Ways of God, because there is nothing to compare to His wisdom.
 - d) When we meditate on the Word it becomes a part of us.
 3. Problem presents itself; the Word, Works and Ways of God confront it head on! Do not listen to the problem more than you do to God. We will live with inferior perspective until we are saturated with the word, works and ways of God.
- B. The renewed mind enables us to usher in the miraculous. Will of God on earth as it is in heaven.
1. Faith sees and perceives so we must have renewed mind. The renewed mind enables us to usher in the miraculous because we can see it.
 2. The renewed mind anchors upon God's word above every other voice.
 3. If I embrace a lie, I allow a bad seed to be planted in my mind. That seed can only be removed by repentance. Godly sorrow produces repentance.
 4. A renewed mind positions us to partner with God to see the possibilities of life.
- C. The purpose of prayer: It is not about me trying to turn the heart of God or change His mind as it is about me knowing His heart.
1. Pray out of relationship with God. Watch.
 - a) John 15–Servant does not know what master is doing, his friends do.
 - b) A servant responds to commands, a friends responds to the heart of a friend and jumps in to help...a co-labor.
- D. Touching the heart of God is key. 2 Kings 6:8-ff. If we are listening we can pray in advance to prevent a disaster. Or we can have things in place for the disaster. Prayer provides an exchange, our weight for His light. Prayer takes on the heart of God and sees a matter from His perspective.
- E. Abiding in Him.
1. We are designed to be partners with Him in the earth.
 2. Jesus is the perfect picture of the life of a forgiven man full of the Holy Spirit.
 3. Jn 6:63 words are Spirit and life.
 - a) When I speak words, they becomes presence and that presence becomes life.

b) Luke 4 Spirit is upon me...words became presence! People are amazed!!!

Conclusion:

- John 3:13 I ascend into heaven to be with the Father. It is an unusual claim. He ascends to the Father while standing on earth!
- The Lord has made it possible to live in heavenly realms towards this life and all it's problems.
- The 12 constantly saw Him pray and then implement what He saw and heard. Jesus came to reveal the Father! Seamless partnership with the Father.
- Let's set our minds on things above and go after answered prayer.