

Introduction:

- Bringing Freedom and Life to people and glory to God.
- Last Wednesday night: Living out of Heaven's Supply
 - Living from heaven allows me to take action instead of having a reaction.
 - Living from heaven gives me hope.
 - Living from heaven provides me with Heaven's perspective.
- We believe we are a presence driven church. We want the presence of God!
- I want to talk about the four pillars of presence. (Bill Johnson)

I. Heavens Culture Is A Presence Based Culture Matthew 6:10 "Your kingdom come, your will be done. On earth as it is in heaven." Come and done are imperatives meaning they are spoken as commands. Another way of saying that: "A presence based culture is a mandate of the Lord." Jesus said it!

A. In most places today, in the world, people/the church gathers around the sermon.

B. But we are called to gather around the Presence.

1. I.e. Israel camped around the presence.
2. God is restoring the Presence as the primary place where people gather.
3. Our confidence has to be in the power of the Gospel to solve any problem we have. That is living out of heaven's resources. Our purpose is beyond the next great meeting. We are to take presence into the community.

C. The blessing came as the people of God gathered around the presence.

1. *"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."* (Numbers 6:24-26, ESV)

2. This passage is a decree that carries the Father heart of God.

D. God is looking for us to become a presence driven church. Anything else is rubbish. *"When truth moves from a concept to a conviction it affects behavior. Without conviction the concept provide a platform to argue with people."* Bill Johnson.

1. And there is a beautiful way to partner with heaven in seeing this done:
2. Four pillars of presence. They are: One, The Goodness of God. Two, All Things Are Possible. Three, Everything was purchased at Calvary. Four, Everyone is significant.

II. Goodness of God

A. *"Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!"* (Psalm 34:8, ESV)

1. Taste and see - taste is the experience, and seeing is perception. I can taste it now (experience) and see that there is more to come (perception).
2. The goodness of God is the cornerstone of all good theology. The discovery of

the wonder of God in the ages to come to see the grace of God and more!

- B. Psalm 27:13 *"I would have despaired unless I believed."*
 1. Despair arises in the absence of God's goodness. If you can't see the goodness of God you will not have high hope.
 2. The lack of understanding of the goodness of God takes away the foundation of our faith. David believed in the goodness of God, therefore he believed.
- C. Look at all the good in God: The goodness of God leads to repentance. Taste and see that the Lord is good. In Exodus: God caused all His goodness to pass before Moses. Jesus says, if earthly fathers know how to give good gifts how much more will your heavenly Father!
- D. Our faith will only explore where we know He is good. Revelation of His goodness invites us to explore Him. The sense of wonder in God leads us to explore more of Him.
- E. Hope deferred makes the heart sick. (Proverbs 13:12) The goodness must be revealed for us to have hope and dream big.
- F. Our mandate therefore is to reveal the Father and His goodness.
- G. To do that we need power. It is impossible to adequately demonstrate the love of God apart from power. Therefore....

III. With God Nothing Is Impossible

- A. Because nothing is impossible, I am required to take risks.
 1. I step out and pray for sick people
 2. I call things that are not as though they were.
 3. I do things in faith that make no sense in the natural.
- B. This kind of knowing gives us access to the God realm.
 1. It is in our born-again DNA to attack impossibilities.
 2. When called to do the impossible, limits are taken off. Thinking with limitations means we are buying into the lies propagated by the adversary.
 3. This is why Jesus could say, *"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father."* (John 14:12, ESV) This is that 'dry bone' anointing! Dry bones live!
- C. Disappointment stands opposed to this. Therefore we have to dig up disappointments and replace them with truth: God is good and in Him all things are possible!

IV. Everything Was Purchased At Calvary

- A. Everything was purchase at Calvary! Because of Calvary, we have all we need. *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ*

with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places," (Ephesians 1:3, ESV)

- B. Because of the cross, everything opposing me/opposing all humanity was dealt with there.
 - 1. Salvation is more than fire insurance. It is healing, deliverance, prosperity, success, sound mind etc. and it is for right now, right here. And in...
 - 2. "in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus." (Ephesians 2:7, ESV)
- C. John 16, "*All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.*" (John 16:15, ESV) All because of Calvary.
- D. We have to release our faith and make withdraws on that passage.
 - 1. This is how we demonstrate the Kingdom.
 - 2. In Christ, He provides an answer before there is a problem!

V. Everyone Is Significant

- A. I am significant.
- B. You matter. You are valuable to God.
- C. You don't understand your significance until you understand your insignificance. When you understand how insignificant you are and how God still loves you...you become significant!
- D. Everyone was made in God's image. Therefore everyone is valuable/is significant.
- E. Everyone is worthy of experiencing God! Come! Taste and see.