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It's Raining

Well, what a summer it's been!

There probably isn't one of us that has escaped the very wet and windy weather. How many times have we heard the forecasters tell us "...and the weather for tomorrow is rain". How many times have we looked out the window and said "it's raining again". However your summer was we trust that it was a really blessed one.

We had a really awesome summer - our very first Fens Faith Convention took place over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend in May and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. We were blessed with great teaching and good fellowship. We plan to run the Faith Convention annually and have a vision to see it grow - so for those of you who already have your 2008 diaries, make sure you book the Spring Bank Holiday weekend (24th-26th May 2008) and plan to join us in Wisbech for another downpour of God's blessing.

In early July we met in Peterborough for our second Grace & Glory meeting of the year, the presence of God was truly among us and "the power of the Lord was present to heal" (Luke 5.17 NKJV). It was good also to see some old friends at this meeting, our next Grace & Glory meeting will be in Tuxford, Notts on 6th October. We do thank Pastors Anthony & Jenny James of Covenant Faith Fellowship for hosting this meeting, we'd sincerely love to have you all with us for this night.

The church in Wisbech is being really blessed, we have recently repainted it and had some work done inside. We continue to see God working in our midst and would invite anyone who may be in the area to come along and experience the awesome power of God.

Jayne and I celebrated our 20 years wedding anniversary back in June, and we took off for a very hot and sunny Rome. At the time southern Europe was basking in extra-ordinary hot temperatures, at times it was 35 degrees or above, and water was so precious to us, yet the rest of Europe and United Kingdom were suffering from the extremely wet weather and floodings. We enjoyed every moment of the trip in the few short days that we were there and I came back very tired from all the walking around.

So all in all the main theme of the summer has been IT'S RAINING. Rain from the heavens soaking the land, and a downpour of the blessing of God. We hope to see some of you at one of our forthcoming meetings, until then we love you all, be blessed and enjoy the mag...

Pete Warren

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For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there

I AM IN THE MIDST OF THEM

Matthew 18.20

This is an often quoted promise of Scripture. Normally when you hear it said it is used in the context of a church meeting where very few people have turned up. I have grown up in small churches, my Dad was a pioneer of a couple of churches which have started small and grown over the years. I can remember many services where it was just our immediate family that had gathered - and there have also been some where it was just Dad and me. It is very nice to be encouraged from this verse in those circumstances. Where even two meet in His name Jesus said "I am in the midst". I have to be honest and admit that I too have used it very frequently in that context.

God spoke to me one day and reassured me that He indeed was in the midst of small gatherings, but went on to show me that the church had lost a great revelation of what was actually being said on that day - for too long the church has just focused on God being in the midst of them, and missed a vital revelation on why He is in the midst.

Have you ever noticed the first word of the verse 20, it says "**For** where two or three..". This is a conjunction, i.e a word which connects clauses or sentences to continue the same thought or idea. So when we see this word 'for', or similar words (and; but; therefore) at the start of any verse in Scripture it always ties it together with the thoughts from the previous verse(s).

So that we can understand fully what Jesus was saying we will need to back-up several

verses, let's read from verse 18:

"Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them"
Matthew 18.18-20

Jesus connected His being in the midst of His people to the statements made in verse 18 about binding and loosing, and the statements made in verse 19 on agreement and asking.

KEYS OF THE KINGDOM

These four things: binding, loosing, agreement and asking, are all to do with prayer and with the words that come out of our mouths. The words Jesus spoke in verse 18 are a repeat of what He said in Matthew 16.19, and in that verse he called them 'Keys of the Kingdom'. Keys open up things that are locked, our words are keys that unlock the Kingdom.

Many Christians have become confused and misunderstood Bible teaching because they do not understand the Kingdom. The Kingdom of God is not Heaven, it is not a place but rather God's ways of operating, we could say that it is God's M.O. We get a really good definition of the Kingdom from the Amplified Bible's rendering of Matthew 6.33:

"But seek (aim at and strive after) first of all His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides"

Matthew 6.33 (Amp)

The Kingdom of God is His way of doing what He does. The keys of the Kingdom unlock God's ways of doing what He does - in other words we can enter in to the way that God does things, and it's by our words. Our words are the keys that unlock the Kingdom.

I have just been reading through the book of Proverbs again. Scattered through the book are references to our words and the power and authority that they contain. Here are just some of them:

"You are taken by the words of your mouth"
Proverbs 6.3

"The mouth of the righteous is a well of life"
Proverbs 10.11

"Wisdom is found on the lips of him who has understanding"
Proverbs 10.13

"A man will be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth"
Proverbs 12.14

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit"
Proverbs 18.21

There are other Scriptures throughout the Bible that say the same things. God told Joshua not to let His words depart out of his mouth, that would make him prosperous and successful (Joshua 1.8). For hundreds of years we have had these nuggets of revelation and have missed the truths they contain. Our words have great power to control and guide our destiny. Let me set you a little project and challenge - examine the words that you speak over the next couple of days. How many of those words are unbelieving and faithless?, how many are destructive rather than edifying? How many are helpful and true?, You may be very surprised at what you do say, and often it's the things we say without thinking that cause us the most trouble. Most of us speak fear



and unbelief without even knowing it consciously. We say things like "I'm afraid that it isn't working"; "I'm coming down with a bug"; "You're useless, you never get anything right". The Bible says that we are taken by the words of our mouth. I once heard a preacher say, 'God takes what we say as the conclusion of our expectation'. The things we say are a reflection of what we believe. What is in our hearts will be evident in our words.

Jesus said:

"Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things.

But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.

For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

Matthew 12.34-37 (NKJV)

POWER OF AGREEMENT

Jesus said that He was in the midst of His people and as we have seen He connected it to certain aspects of prayer. With words we bind and loose things and with words we come together in agreement.

These are really powerful words that Jesus spoke, let us remind ourselves of them again.

"Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them"

Matthew 18.19-20

He says that if just two of us agree on earth as touching anything - any problem, any situation, any trial or difficulty that we face, any sickness or disease, any lack at all, be it resources, wisdom or peace, anything. If we can come together in agreement, Jesus says it shall be done for them. Note that this is a promise from Jesus, they are not the words of some preacher or church denomination but from the Master Himself.

But what about the next statement that Jesus made. He went on to say that where two or three were gathered in His name that He would be in the midst of them.

GOD IN THE MIDST



Synagogue at Capernaum

At the time of Jesus, and still today, the Jews met together locally in what was known as the synagogue (lit. A gathering together). The only requirement for establishing a synagogue was that there had to be at least ten Jews. Was Jesus therefore saying that a synagogue could now be formed with just two or three? Or was He implying something else? - I don't think it has anything to do with the size of the meeting. I started off by saying that I grew up in small churches and that often we only had two or three present. We have also proved that the meetings where there have been very few present have been some of the most awesome, powerful meetings that we have had. Why? Because of what this verse says.

How many people does it take to agree on something - just two. What Jesus is saying here is that where two or three gather in His name there can be agreement, and when two of us come together in agreement about anything, it will be done. God is in the midst of a gathering of two or three just waiting for us to agree on something so that He can get to work to bring it to pass for us. The Scripture says,

"Then said the Lord to me, You have seen well, for I am alert and active, watching over My word to perform it" Jeremiah 1.12 (Amp)

God is ready and watching over His word to see that it comes to pass. He is waiting for us to line up in agreement with His word so that he can perform it for us. He is in the midst of His people ready to act on our words to bring healing, deliverance and victory to every situation. Where God's people come together in agreement or unity there the Lord commands the blessing (Psalm 133.1-3). The Lord commands the blessing upon those who are in agreement - if you need the blessing of God in your life, if you need victory over a certain situation, if you need a healing for your body then find a man or woman of faith with whom you can enter into agreement. Don't go to one of those doubting, unbelieving Christians who will talk you out of your miracle. Find someone with whom you can enter into agreement, it will be done for you because God will be in the midst of you.

So the next time you hear the promise of Matthew 18.20 quoted, go ahead and shout - Your victory is at hand ♥

"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them"

Fens Faith Convention May 2007

Over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend in May, Voice of Faith Ministries International held their very first Fens Faith Convention. The convention was hosted by the Full Gospel Fellowship based in Wisbech, the Capital of the Fens. It was an awesome weekend as we spent good quality time in the Word of God. Folk came from far and wide, we had people from Stoke on Trent, Cambridge, Newark, Norwich and nearer to home they came from Peterborough, Spalding, Chatteris and Wisbech.



Peter opened the weekend on the Saturday night, the first of five services, preaching on the subject "The Blueprint of Faith". In his opening message he taught how the word of God is the foundation of our faith.

On the Sunday, Anthony James, our preaching partner from Newark took the pulpit for the second service. His ministry as always encouraged us to stand in faith and receive from God.

On a very wet Bank Holiday Monday we gathered again, Peter continued with his theme, the Blueprint of Faith preaching that the Word is a seed which has to be planted for it to bring forth. Another preaching partner of ours, Pastor Brian Wright from Peterborough preached the fourth service. This was to pastors, leaders and those in ministry not because of our plans but the way that the meeting went and those present. He encouraged us from personal experience of living the life of faith.

Peter closed the convention on the Monday evening teaching on the Power of our words and how they determine our destiny. What a weekend it turned out to be. We are now looking forward to next years convention and have a vision to see it grow and grow as the Lord blesses it.



Praise & Worship led by the FGF Worship Team



Anthony making a point on the Sunday



Peter teaching - Bank Holiday Monday

**2nd Fens Faith Convention
24th-26th May 2008**

The God of Greater Things



Our God is an EXTRAVAGANT God, He is and He always has been that way.

ALMIGHTY GOD

As we trace history through the Bible we see how God relates and deals with man. We see time and time again the greatness of God. Even in the midst of some very dire circumstances we see the greatness and extravagance of God coming through with flying colours.

Right there in the very early days, God revealed Himself to Abram as the Almighty God.

"And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before Me, and be thou perfect.

And I will make My covenant between Me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly."
Genesis 17.1-2

Abram knew God as El-Shaddai or as it is translated - Almighty God. Some say that another way of translating the name El-Shaddai is as 'All Sufficient One'. This is a particularly noteworthy name for God as He is the all sufficient one, He is all that we need and more besides, He is the God of more than enough. An extravagant God, one who is more than enough.

This translation of His name is very probable. You may not know this but a lot of Hebrew words are compounded together to form new words and the word *shad* literally means 'the breast': so we could be more accurate to call Him the 'breasty One'. A baby nursing at its mother's breast receives all that it needs for growth and strength. The mother's milk contains all that the baby needs to survive and grow. It also provides calcium for bone formation and protection for the baby until its own immune system is developed. Everything a baby needs it gets from its mothers breast. Everything we need to grow and become strong in God we get from El-Shaddai, Almighty God, the God of more than enough - our extravagant God.

God made a covenant with Abraham, but as you read on through the lives of Isaac and Jacob you see that God's covenant with Isaac was based on what He had made to Abraham but was better, then as you look at Jacob's covenant it was better still. God is always doing things better, because He is an extravagant God - He is the God of greater things.

Job had greater possessions at the end of his ordeal than he did at the beginning because he trusted in the God of greater things.

Elisha had a greater anointing on his life and ministry than that of his predecessor Elijah

BETTER THINGS

As we continue reading through the Bible and we get to Hebrews 8.6 we see that Jesus is the mediator of a better covenant than that of the patriarchs. Then after reading of the mighty acts of faith of the patriarchs, Hebrews 11.40 says that God has provided something better for us. He is the God of greater things

Jesus said of John the Baptist that he was the greatest of all those born of women (Matthew 11.11) and that included the great prophets and patriarchs. Then Jesus went on to say that the least in the kingdom of God is greater than John. So if the least in the kingdom is greater than John, and John was greater than Abraham, Moses and Elijah. That means the God of greater things holds us in high esteem. That contradicts all that

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CELEBRATE THE GOD OF GREATER THINGS



*“No good thing will He withhold
from those who walk uprightly”
Psalm 84.11*

we have been taught falsely about how low and unworthy we are. So the next time you're tempted to think that you are an unworthy sinner, the lowest of the low, remember the God of greater things.

OVERFLOW

One of the most remarkable verses in the Bible, in my opinion, has to be the verse that we read towards the end of Ephesians 3.

“Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us”
Ephesians 3.20

Have you ever really stopped and just looked at what that verse says. It says 'unto Him', now that is talking of our God, the God of greater things. It goes on to say that our God is able to do. None of us will doubt the ability of God to do things for us. In fact we have all proved God to be a prayer answering God, when we needed a Saviour, He forgave us. If we've had some trouble in our life, we've found Him to be the peace in the midst of the storm. Some have known His healing touch in their bodies. We have no difficulties believing that God can do things for us.

But this verse says that God does for us 'exceeding abundantly above'. Do you think that the Apostle is trying to emphasize a point

here. This is the way God is. He is an extravagant God. He is the God of greater things. That's why He does it exceeding abundantly above. Have you ever made a cup of tea and poured out a bit too much from the teapot, what happens it overflows the top of the cup and fills up the saucer - to you that's waste and excessive but to God that's overflow - exceeding abundantly above. He is the God of greater things.



Then the verse goes just a bit further, not only does it say that God will do exceeding abundantly above for us, but it says that He even does greater things for us, more than we ask or even think. The God of greater things goes beyond all of our expectation. All too often it is our 'wasteful' mentality that prevents us from believing God for greater things. We think it's waste but God sees it as overflow. Any Christian that isn't prepared to live and move in overflow is really a very selfish person. We think it's very humbling when we pray prayers such as: "Dear God, I don't need much, just enough to meet my needs, that's all I'm asking. Amen". That's not humility that's selfishness. God wants to bless you with an abundance so that you can be a blessing to someone else. I started off by mentioning 9

Abraham, God blessed him greatly so that he could be a blessing

"I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; **And you shall be a blessing**" Genesis 12.2 (NKJV)

Look again at the image of the teacup and imagine that you are the cup, the saucer represents the people around you, those you meet and work with, your families, social contacts and your brothers and sisters in Christ. If the tea only stays in the cup then those who are represented by the saucer will never receive and enjoy the blessing that you receive, but when it overflows to the saucer everyone benefits from your blessings and experiences. So when you pray, start praying for more, think bigger, dream greater, believe for the overflow and see the God of greater things do for you exceeding abundantly above all that you ask or think.

GREATER THINGS

When we look at the life of Jesus, we see many great things that He did.

- With just a word He cast out demon spirits
- He laid His hands on people and they were instantly healed
- Nothing phased Him, be it a multitude of hungry people or a stormy sea

■ Even as He was being mocked and jeered at, and nailed to a cross, the Bible says that He endured it, for the joy that was before Him (Hebrews 12.2)

What an example to us! I have often heard it said by people that they would have loved to live and walked with Jesus on the earth, to see the signs and miracles that He did and to hear Him teach. It might have been nice but we are living in the best days, the day of greater things. Jesus Himself said:

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father" John 14.12 (NKJV)

Jesus said that we would do greater things than He did, because He was going to His Father. In another Scripture Jesus said that if He goes to the Father then He would send us God the Holy Spirit to live in us. Now we have the God of greater things dwelling inside us and that's the reason we can do greater things. It has nothing to do with who we are in ourselves but who is living in and through us. So start believing for greater things, expect greater things, begin to live in the overflow. We serve the God of greater things. ♥

Grace & Glory

God's grace and glory are being poured out in these days. You won't want to miss this special time of praise, celebration and victory.

1st December

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