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Cleared to Go Higher **Pastor Charles Mendenhall**

God is so wanting to pour out of His Spirit upon you and I. God is so good that the church world can't comprehend it.

In Luke chapter 15 is the story of the prodigal son. There were two sons and one went out into a wild lifestyle and squandered everything that the father had given him. He however came to his senses and came back to the father in genuine repentance. Upon his return the father saw him afar off and literally ran to meet and embrace him. He didn't tell him he was a sorry no good son who squandered his inheritance. The father prepared a feast and party to celebrate the return of his son. The son that hadn't done anything or left his father's house was offended. He was upset because he had stayed with the father and the father never threw a party for him. The father made a statement. He said, "Son all that I had been yours all the time but you never asked to partake of it."

This describes a lot of church people as a whole. They have never comprehended God's goodness and so they have never actually asked for it. Never been a partaker of it and never enjoyed it. In relationship to the goodness of God, God wants to bless you even more than you think He does or that you desire to be blessed. God loves you. He said in:

Luke 12:32 (KJV)

³² Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

The kingdom is anything that you and I might have need of. God will meet your needs.

Romans 8:32 (KJV)

³² He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

We need to enlarge our concept of God and our posture, attitude, or stance towards Him. He has said in his word that we have been declared righteous through Jesus and that means we can come into His presence. And the righteousness that He gave you and I is totally separated from works. His righteousness is given to us totally apart from works. This is why in Romans 5:17 we are told that we would reign as kings in life through the free gift of righteousness. And when God pronounced us righteous when we were born again through His son Jesus He sees us not with imperfection. He sees us completely whole.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV)

¹⁷ Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Simply stated it is a new day and you are a new creation. You are not the old person you used to be. You are not a sinner saved by grace. We have been given the free gift of righteousness by Jesus Christ and we rule and reign in life by that free gift.

So, when the devil comes to tell you that you are no good, look what you did, etc. You have been declared righteous and you are the righteousness of God and you are going to rule and reign in life by going into the presence of God without the sense of guilt, without the sense of inferiority or without the sense of guilt and condemnation because you have been declared righteous.

2 Corinthians 5:18-20 (KJV)

¹⁸ And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

¹⁹ To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

²⁰ Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

We must understand God's goodness. We must because the devil always wants to put limits on the church. He always wants to put a ceiling on the church. Pharaoh did the same with the children of Israel. Religion will put limits on you. The devil will try to put limits on you. You will go along doing well and hit the ceiling and then you decide to come back down. You start to get out of your box and you get fearful and uncomfortable.

If the devil's plan of confinement works for you, you will never accomplish your God given goal or reach the destiny God has for you because you will always go back into your box.

The tower from heaven is saying, Church you are cleared to go higher.

When we are cleared to go higher to a point we have never been fear can sometimes tell us we can't do it, but we can do it and God can help us. We may stumble or stagger at first and seem like we are failing miserably but God said we are cleared to go higher. The Christ within us will enable us to do that.

Luke 15:31 (KJV)

³¹ And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine.

The father of the prodigal son said the above and our Father in Heaven.

Why did He crucify Jesus? So that you and I could have abundance of life; abundance in every area of our lives.

We must develop as a church to have a fatted calf mentality. God intends for us to have that mentality. That mentality is having all of our needs met. Did the prodigal son deserve to have a party? No. But God said he did. Now that's God's grace.

A man gets in life exactly what he is believe for nothing more nothing less.

We can only have faith to the amount of knowledge we have. Your faith can only go to the limit of your believing and knowing.

Mark 11:22 (KJV)

²² And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

In the above scripture Jesus wants us to have the kind of faith God has.

Mark 11:23 (KJV)

²³ For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

The word “say” in the above scripture in the Greek means lego. It means a systematic discourse. A pattern, a course you take. You don’t arrive there overnight. It is built upon.

Whosoever is anybody. That means anybody can, but everybody won’t, but somebody will. The bible never says that our faith will prevent mountains, challenges, or obstacles in life, but it does say that our faith will remove them.

What would God say to the difficulties that we encounter in life? We are to say to the mountain. A mountain could be in finances, health, relationships and basically anything that comes to take the life out of you and destroy you,

With the God-kind of faith we say to the mountain be thou removed. It must be spoken. We have to get control of our mouths and get lined up with what God says.

Mark 5:34 (KJV)

³⁴ And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

The God kind of faith believes and says. When we understand that we can understand why the devil wants to get control of our mouth. It keeps the ceiling on. We will end up talking doubt and unbelief.

Deuteronomy 30:19 (KJV)

¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

2 Corinthians 4:13 (KJV)

¹³ We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

It’s a journey. We start speaking now and stay on it. Keep speaking to it. Find some scripture. Keep speaking to it.

Pastor prayed:

Father, I have been cleared by the Holy Ghost to go higher in you. All my needs met, walking in health, the wisdom of God. I ask that you give me the courage and the wisdom to go higher in you. I believe it and Holy Ghost I will follow you. In Jesus Name.