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The job description Jesus was given was completed in John 17:4

John 17:4 (KJV)

⁴ I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

There isn't anyone who isn't busy these days. Luke chapter 21 says that is the spirit that would come upon the people at the end of the age. It will come upon all that live on the face of the earth.

But in Luke chapter 4 verse 16

Luke 4:16-19 (KJV)

¹⁶ *And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.*

¹⁷ *And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,*

¹⁸ *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,*

¹⁹ *To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.*

Luke 4:20-21 (KJV)

²⁰ *And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.*

²¹ *And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.*

And since, the religious people of the day, Jesus doesn't heal anymore, he doesn't help anymore may be born again but that is as far as it goes.

In verse 18 the term anointed. The simplest definition for the anointing is the presence of God. Isaiah's definition of it is that burdens would be removed and the yoke would be destroyed because of the anointing.

Isaiah 10:27 (KJV)

²⁷ *And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.*

Acts 10:38 (KJV)

³⁸ *How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.*

The anointing is burden moving, yoke destroying power of God.

In verse 18 was Jesus's job description or his mission in life that he was called to do.

The church was ok with all of that, until Jesus sat down and said *this* day indicating it's the will of God right now that they be whole. The acceptable year of the Lord is the year of jubilee. It came every 50 years and people were released of their debt, they were forgiven and they had a fresh start in life. The religious people understood that, but it was the *right now* they couldn't grasp.

Jesus came to send forth delivered those that are broken down, depressed by just life itself. That was part of his job description and the power of the anointing. When Jesus went to Heaven he gave that same anointing to you and I. Sometimes we walk in it very faltered and stumble, but God is still wanting to set people free today, send them forth delivered by the anointing of the Spirit of God. It is not irreverent or egotistical for you to stand and say that you are anointed by the Holy Ghost to set the captive free, because if you don't do it who is going to do it?

Everyone that is born again has a calling upon their lives to help somebody else in the body of Christ or someone outside of the body of Christ and bring them in. We have a call, a mandate upon our lives. It's not all about us and getting our needs met. That is a portion and a part of it, but it's about helping somebody else get free from demonic oppression, get them born into the kingdom of God. There is a mandate on our lives to do so.

In Matthew chapter 9 Jesus was preaching to the multitudes.

Matthew 9:35-37 (KJV)

³⁵ And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

³⁶ But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

³⁷ Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;

Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom. Jesus wasn't preaching tradition, or teaching out of some churches doctrinal bylaws, but he was preaching the gospel of the kingdom. The gospel of the kingdom includes healing of every sickness and disease among the people. Other places it also mentions casting out devils.

Matthew 9:35-37 (AMP)

³⁵ And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news (the Gospel) of the kingdom and curing all kinds of disease and every weakness and infirmity.

³⁶ When He saw the throngs, He was moved with pity and sympathy for them, because they were bewildered (harassed and distressed and dejected and helpless), like sheep without a shepherd.

³⁷ Then He said to His disciples, The harvest is indeed plentiful, but the laborers are few.

The word harassed means they were troubled by repeated attacks of the adversary. Many people are in this state. There is hope.

Mark 6:34 (KJV)

³⁴ And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.

Jesus began to teach them. He began to give them instruction through the Word how to overcome.

John 16:33 (KJV)

³³ These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

We do not have to live our days on earth depressed, dejected, or without hope. It doesn't matter the circumstances or the situation if it is physical, emotional, mental, financial, or whatever it is God has provided a way for us to have victory through His son Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

The principle truth, which is difficult for the religious mind to do, your faith can make a difference. If you are going to sit back and twiddle your thumbs and not believe God for anything, things are not going to change.

In Mark 10 is about blind Bartimaeus and how he had heard Jesus was coming and he began to cry out mercy. The religious people around tried to get him to be quiet and he cried out the more. He kept crying out and kept crying out and he was made whole and healed. Then Jesus told him that his faith or believing made him whole.

The preceding verses tell of the story of the woman with the issue of blood.

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.

He didn't say it's a good thing that he showed up on the scene in all of my power and glory, and if hadn't you would be a dead woman. He didn't go to her. It was the woman's faith that allowed her to tap into the power of God.

Of the many miracles in the gospels there are 19 that are individually specific and of those 19, 12 state that it was their faith and believing changed the situation.

Mark 5:25-28 (KJV)

²⁵ And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,

²⁶ And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,

²⁷ When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.

²⁸ For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.

The woman was terminal. It was going on for 12 years and only getting worse by the day. When she heard of Jesus and she had hope. That is all you need. The name above every name. From then on she started to determine her outcome. Her thinking had changed and she wasn't seeing Jesus through religious eyes. She was unclean by the world's standard. She saw grace and mercy through Jesus.

In the busyness of life, a touch of faith will change your life.

We can change the course of our destiny because God has provided an awesome inheritance for you and I through His son Jesus. He has given us everything that pertains to life and godliness through Jesus. We pursue Him through the Word of God, and find His will, plan, and purpose is for us. Faith is sparked and made alive. Faith is awakened through the message that it hears. God is for us.

We purpose to focus on you. We thank you for your incredible love you bestowed upon us through your son Jesus. Love that wants to get everything to us, not to take from us. Enlarge our capacity to understand.

Father, right now in Jesus name, the presence of God and the anointing of God flows into me and makes a difference in my life. I come against the spirits of darkness that are harassing me, I break the power of it in Jesus name. The anointing and gifting of God to flow into me in Jesus mighty and precious name. Amen and Amen. I am free!!