

The value of being spiritually prepared to bring Jesus Power into other people lives

I. Cost of being unprepared

A. The obvious need: Power of God would transferred through men into needy people

1. Disciples job - where you go - the kingdom of God should go also

Luke 10:9 *And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'*

- a) Why is the Kingdom of God here - Because I am here
2. People depend on you to bring Gods power into their area of need

Mark 9:17-18 *Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. 18 And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not."*

B. Understanding dominion

1. God defines dominion as Right to rule:

Genesis 1:26 *Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."*

Joshua 1:3 *Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses.*

- a) Who determines how much breakthrough you have - You do / IOW we determine the outcome
2. Dominion determines **victory** in every area of life
 - a) **Finances** b) **Relationships** c) **Ministry** d) **Fruitfulness** e) **prayer for the sick** f) **favor on the job**
3. Dominion can be lost
 - a) Sin and disobedience

Deuteronomy 8:11 *"Beware that you do not forget the Lord your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today,*

- b) When we simply don't understand our right as believers / what you are experiencing in your life today - is it in line with Gods word / can you point to somewhere in the Bible that tells me

C. When things are not working : Our text - *your disciples prayed and it didn't work*

1. We adapt to a new normal
 - a) Dominion is an attitude or a posture of faith - This is unacceptable / the problem is **we adapt to being defeated**
2. We change our expectations to fit our experiences

Numbers 33:55 *But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then it shall be that those whom you let remain shall be irritants in your eyes and thorns in your sides, and they shall harass you in the land where you dwell.*

3. The purpose and plans of God stop
 - a) Our text - a man in need of Gods miracle power expected the disciples to meet that need and the couldn't

II. Asking the question

A. Why am I not experiencing dominion in my life/ ministry and church

1. Disciples are honest and are willing to ask the obvious question

Mark 9:28 *And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?"*

- a) Why am I not seeing what God has promised / not experiencing victory?
2. Disciples with no questions are Men who don't grow
 - a) **Fear**: Men don't want make themselves vulnerable b) **pride**: Don't want to look stupid like I don't know something c) **Mental Laziness**: to be a disciples you have to be a thinker/ analyze your life - where are you stuck? Where have you stopped growing? What areas of you not seeing a breakthrough?
3. Identifying areas you are weak / not expecting dominion
 - a) They go to Jesus because the recognize - what we just experienced is not right - This is unacceptable
 - b) *Well I tried and it didn't work so oh well I guess this discipleship thing isn't for me*

2 Kings 4:31 *Now Gehazi went on ahead of them, and laid the staff on the face of the child; but there was neither voice nor hearing. Therefore he went back to meet him, and told him, saying, "The child has not awakened."*

B. Gaining Dominion in your Life

Mark 9:29 *So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting."*

1. Prayer: Small decisions of regular obedience and faithfulness..
 - a) Prayer is a posture of Faith - Prayer should come from the position and place of victory not defeat
 - b) Your prayer life should be as routine as brushing your teeth... brushing your teeth should be a daily routine.. fyi
2. Fasting: In many ways fasting is a demonstration of our willingness to do what ever it takes for a breakthrough
 - a) Intentional focus on God / decision to fight it through
3. Identify the Strategy of the enemy

- a) We have to see that the devil will use every opportunity he can to damage our dominion or right to rule
- 4. Dominion is a choice
 - a) God has established His authority and dominion to be exercised by us on the earth
 - b) Anything less than victory is unacceptable

III. **Dominions Blessing**

- A. Dominion becomes a reference point for your future
 - 1. Never a time in ministry where you won't need dominion
 - a) Victories today / battle fought for dominion today become or expectations for your future
 - 2. Dominion is future focused
 - a) Men here this morning that will someday be pioneering your own churches, pastoring in different states and nations - you will need dominion there as well
- B. Your Dominion will Bless other people's lives

Luke 10:17 *Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."*

- 1. Ministry is all about other people
 - a) People depend on you having dominion to change the circumstances of their lives
 - b) When you take dominion / other people will feel the benefit of that

Acts 3:6-8 *Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."⁷ And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. ⁸ So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God.*

- 2. Dominion in Salvation
 - a) Spiritual authority that when we witness - our words will be effective / HS will bring conviction
 - b) People in church/ serving God today because of you
- 3. Dominion in Healing

Mark 16:15–18 *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. **16** He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. **17** And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; **18** they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."*

- a) Great commission - Jesus says this is what your expectations should be - people are healed because of you!