

I want to look at Concert Preaching again, last week we looked at the mechanics (illustration preparation) & volumes (declaring the Gospel), this week we will look at the spiritual side of Concert Preaching and how the preacher can prepare and contend.

My first 3 altar calls no hands raised, asked PG what I could do? Evangelize, Give an offering, Pray Specific, Fast... I did all 4... my next altar call 7 raised their hands for Salvation! I prepared for what I wanted to see.

**Matthew 10:7-8 (NKJV)** And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'<sup>8</sup> Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

### I SUPERNATURAL RESULTS:

A- Our passage teaches us that: Preaching is supposed to produce supernatural results!

1. **Matthew 10:7-8 ... V7** preach... **V8** Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons
  - a. Sick healed, Lepers healed, dead raised, demons cast out... these are the results of first PREACHING!
2. This is how you should view preaching! It's Supernatural!
3. This is what we should expect from Preaching- Supernatural results!
  - a. Salvations are a miracle! **John 6:44** No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them
    - i. We should not settle for anything less than miracle results!
  - b. As a disciple I learned that if people weren't responding, that is unacceptable! This was the culture and expectation

### II CONTENDING FOR DOMINION:

A- Now, this is something to contend for: To contend simply means to focus-

- a. Lets think about ways we can contend-
  1. Claim Gods Word: This is Specific Prayer; *pray; God when I preach, I claim supernatural results, I claim Matthew 10:7-8 I will see the sick healed, lepers healed, dead raised, demons cast out!*
  2. Give an Offering: We can give a seed offering for a specific need, God I am giving this for my next altar call-
    - a. You don't have to drain your savings, its more about saying: God I am trusting you with my preaching!
      - i. Job gave offerings for his kids... Solomon gave offerings asking God to dwell in the temple...
  3. Evangelize: Personal evangelism pushes against resistance... **James 4:7** Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
  4. Fast: Fast for a supernatural dimension... Fasting reveals just how serious you are about seeing results!

B- Now, what each of these have in common: They reveal a reliance on Jesus!

1. **John 15:5** apart from me you can do nothing.
  - a. We desperately need God! Each of these are an act of Faith, which God responds to... I am trusting you!
    - i. I will do my part; illustration, application, declaration, appeal... preaching volumes... but God I need you to do your part-
      - ii *Work like it all depends on you, Pray like it all depends on God*

### III MIRACLE RESULTS:

A- **YOU don't have to wait until your preaching to apply this, get the supernatural now!**

1. Contend now for fruitfulness, finances, dominion, favor, healing, Holy Ghost gifts!
  - a. You don't have to wait for the *tap on the shoulder*... Get it now!
2. Then, when you are preaching concerts: **its transferable!**
  - a. When you step into the season, you can apply it!
    - i. I saw the supernatural as a band leader, in doing special rock dramas or theme nights, in personal evangelism, in special offerings!
3. Then its Transferable into Pastoral ministry! There are lessons and reference points I still apply to this day!
  - a. The story I opened with was almost 17 years ago! But it has stayed with me!