



KINGDOM OVER CHAOS | PT.3 KINGDOM MATH | PASTOR RYAN ROBERTS

KINGDOM OVER CHAOS 3: KINGDOM MATH

MATT 10:38-39 MESSAGE VERSION “If you don’t go all the way with me, through thick and thin, you don’t deserve me. If your first concern is to look after yourself, you’ll never find yourself. But if you forget about yourself and look to me, you’ll find both yourself and me.

IN IDENTITY WE HAVE:

- **PURPOSE (THE WHY BEHIND MY IDENTITY)**
- **VALUE (WHO OR WHAT LEADS, CONTROLS, OR OWNS ME & THE PRICE THEY PAID)**
- **AUTHORITY (MY POSITION BASED ON RIGHT)**
- **PROMISE (THE WILL & GIFTS GIVEN TO ME)**
= ACCESS & ABILITY (WHO I AM)

But all these are based on order, ordained and designed by God.

If you don’t know who you are, then you can’t tell the enemy where he can go.

If you don’t have some kind of grasp on God’s heart, you will misplace your identity, and it becomes false.

OUR MISSION:

WE ARE KINGDOM FOCUSED: We hope to inspire people to experience Christ and help them grow, building the kingdom today.

OUR VISION:

THE EDGE CHURCH SEEKS TO BE: A Bible based community, that is Kingdom Focused, Spirit Empowered, Authentic in worship, Effective in service and one that Impacts our world for Christ.

WHY BE KINGDOM FOCUSED:

WE SEEK HIS KINGDOM:

REF: MATT 6:31-34

WE ARE A PART OF HIS KINGDOM:

REF: Colossians 1:13-14 NLT

AND IN FULL ESSENCE JESUS (HIS BODY) IS THE KINGDOM:

REF: LUKE 17:20-21

WHICH IS IT? ARE WE SEEKING HIS KINGDOM, ARE WE HIS KINGDOM, OR IS JESUS HIMSELF THE KINGDOM? THE ANSWER IS: YES.

ROM 8:9-11

WE ARE NOT "BORN AGAIN" OF THE FLESH, BUT OF THE SPIRIT... SO KINGDOM LIFE, LIFE IN GOD, IS BY AND THROUGH THE SPIRIT. BUT, IT SHOULD AFFECT, CHANGE, AND OVERTAKE THE FLESH!

TRUTH: GRACE IS NEVER AN EXCUSE TO SIN OR COMPROMISE BIBLICAL VALUES, IT'S A MEANS TO OVERCOME SIN AND LIVE FREE.

TRUTH: IDENTITY (IN CHRIST) IS ESSENTIAL TO DEFEATING THE ENEMY, LIVING PURE BEFORE GOD, AND OVERCOMING THE CHAOS OF THE CULTURE.

“An *identity crisis* is a time of intensive analysis and exploration of ways of looking at oneself.” -Eric Erikson (Philosopher)

We've talked about identity and a little on authority towards the enemy, but two questions in this vein:

- 1. How do I respond to people?**
- 2. How do I respond to God?**

2 COR 5:16-17

JOHN THE BAPTIST

He lived a short life, but carried the greatest message of all, that the Kingdom has come near.

MATT 3:1-3

John was meant to eventually join the priesthood. He would have been raised that way. By the time he was 20, he would have been serving under the priesthood. By 30, he would have been fully engaged as a priest.

BUT INSTEAD

John breaks his lineage, and instead of serving in the typical sense, he went into the wilderness and began baptizing people, and people began to come from miles around.

He had one sermon: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand”!

What was his focus???

THE KINGDOM.

JOHN 1:29-34

JOHN 3:22-36

Jesus increases, but I decrease -John the B, paraphrasing

TRUTH: JOHN KNEW HIS IDENTITY BECAUSE HE KNEW JESUS’S IDENTITY.

KEY 1: In the Bible, people only find their TRUE identity when they find who God is!

A TEST TO KNOW IF YOU ARE FUNCTIONING IN TRUE IDENTITY OR FALSE IDENTITY:

- Do people get more Jesus from you or more of you?
- Are you living based on blue checks & red hearts or treasure in heaven?
- Do you want “that-a-boys” or “well done, good and faithful servant”?
- Are you trying to spin a narrative where you are always the hero?
- Have you become frustrated with the things you once prayed for?
- Has the Bible become a good luck charm?
- Has worship become a show for self?
- Do you pray to seek God, or seek His hand?

KEY 2: WE HAVE PURPOSE AND IDENTITY, BUT WHAT'S TRULY HARD ABOUT THE KINGDOM IS THAT IT IS NEVER REALLY ABOUT US.

OUR AUTHORITY, OUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS, OUR PLACEMENT IN THE KINGDOM, EVEN OUR ABILITIES IN MINISTRY, CANNOT, SHOULD NOT, AND MUST NOT BE ABOUT SELF.

TRUTH: YOU DO HAVE IMMENSE VALUE AND PURPOSE! BUT IT'S NOT BASED IN YOU, BUT IN CHRIST.

MATT 28:18-20

KEY 3: GOD USES PEOPLE, BUT IT'S NEVER ABOUT THE PEOPLE'S INWARD OR FLESHLY IDENTITY. IT'S ABOUT OUTWARD SERVICE AND EXPRESSION TO HIM, ABOUT HIM, AND FOR HIM.

Why? People have opinions, hurts, & hang ups.

JOHN 15:1-17