



KINGDOM OVER CHAOS | PT.4 WHO? | PASTOR RYAN ROBERTS

A HUGE PART OF THE CHAOS IS THE IDENTITY CRISIS MANY ARE FACED WITH.

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:

MATT 6:31-34 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But **seek first the kingdom of God** and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

WE ARE A PART OF HIS KINGDOM:

"For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins." Colossians 1:13-14 NLT

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

LUKE 17:20-21 Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, ²¹ nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' **for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.**"

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT:

ROM 8:9-11 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus^[d] from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Last week, we talked about the identity crisis that many believers have in a chaotic world.

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

2 COR 5:16-17

WE LOOKED AT JOHN THE BAPTIST LAST WEEK

Jesus increases, but I decrease -John the B

LAST WEEK KEY 1: JOHN KNEW HIS IDENTITY BECAUSE HE KNEW JESUS'S IDENTITY.

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

MATT 28:18-20

LAST WEEK 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.

KINGDOM MATH:

ME > JESUS = FALSE IDENTITY

me < JESUS = KINGDOM IDENTITY

me < JESUS + TELLING OTHERS = KINGDOM PURPOSE

KINGDOM OVER CHAOS PT.4: WHO ARE YOU?

VITAL TRUTH: in the Bible people only find their identity when they find who God is!

Our heartbeat as a church, and my heartbeat as a follower of Jesus, should always be to see Him increase... **And not complaining when I have opportunities to decrease..**

THE BATTLEFIELD OF THE HEART AND MIND, WHEN NOT TAKEN CAPTIVE OR ALIGNED WITH GOD, WILL ALWAYS LEAD ME INTO MORE CHAOS.

1 COR 2:14-16

2 COR 4:4-6

ACTS 19:11-20

KEY #1: LIVING KINGDOM OVER CHAOS IS NOT TREATING JESUS AS A MAGIC WORD OR GOOD LUCK CHARM, IT'S KNOWING & ACKNOWLEDGING THAT HE IS KING, LORD, SAVIOR, OVER YOUR LIFE AND WILL.

KEY #2: KNOWING WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST, KEEPING HIM THE FOCUSED CENTER, AND INCREASING HIM ENABLES POWER AND AUTHORITY OVER THE DARKNESS.

WHEN I DECREASE, JESUS INCREASES, AND MY LIFE SHIFTS FORWARD IN VICTORY AND OVERCOMING, BECAUSE HE HAS OVERCAME THE WORLD!

1 PETER 5:6-11

It's confusing and paradoxical to my human understanding... I have greater influence, better ability, & inherent power when I decrease as little as possible. How counter-culture? **But really, it's anti-chaos.**

A BORN-AGAIN BELIEVER IS (IN CHRIST):

- **CHOSEN**
- **RIGHTEOUS/HOLY**
- **HEALED**
- **DELIVERED**
- **FREE**
- **WHOLE**
- **PURPOSE DRIVEN**
- **ALL FOR HIS GLORY**

THIS REALITY SHOULD NOT ONLY CHANGE THE WAY YOU SEE YOURSELF, BUT THE WAY YOU SEE OTHERS...

1 Peter 9-10

HOW THIS WORKS:

KINGDOM PEOPLE,

1. **Are Accepted.** “You are a chosen people”. **So, we welcome others by sharing the gospel.**
2. **Are paid for.** Jesus paid the sin debt of death and bought you. God created you. **So, we are generous.**
3. **Are Capable** “You are a royal priesthood.” **So, we are confident to serve.**
4. **Are Forgiven** “Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” **So, we forgive and show mercy.**

3 TRUTHS ABOUT LIFE ABOVE THE CHAOS:

TRUTH #1: YOU AND I HAVE GREAT VALUE, AS THE IMAGE-BEARERS OF GOD... CHOSEN PEOPLE, CONFORMING TO THE IMAGE OF JESUS... HIS KINGDOM AND CHURCH! & THAT IS **ABOVE THE CHAOS.**

TRUTH #2: THIS LIFE IS NOT ABOUT ACCUMILATING STUFF, NOR IS IT ABOUT HAVING LACK, IT’S ABOUT EMBRACING OUR NEW AND TRUE IDENTITY GIVEN TO US BY OUR CREATOR... **TO GLORIFY GOD.**

TRUTH #3: WE HAVE A MIGHTY ROLE TO PLAY, IN SERVICE TO THE LORD JESUS, SPREADING HIS GOSPEL, **GROWING HIS KINGDOM.**

MATT 16:13-28

THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL????

Jesus is saying that hell's defenses will not thwart the church's progress. The church will advance and prevail through the confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Son of God. Jesus is the church's founder and builder, yet Peter has a role.

The name "Peter" means "rock" or "rocky."

Is Peter the foundation, or is his recent confession foundational for the church?

"You are **petros**, and on this **petra** I will build . . ."

PETROS: a piece of a rock, movable, or pebble

PETRA: like the "mother" rock, a cliff, huge, unmovable

OLD NAME: SIMON: 4613. G.Simón H.Shimon: One who hears.

KEY #3: KNOWING WHO YOU ARE IS ANSWERING WHEN HE ASKS: "WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?" AND RESPONDING: "YOU ARE THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD." AND HE PROVIDES IDENTITY.

SO:

"WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?"

-JESUS