



KINGDOM OVER CHAOS | PT.2 TAKE HEART | PASTOR RYAN ROBERTS

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.

MATT 6:31-34, COLOSSIANS 1:13-14 NLT, LUKE 17:20-21

LIFE IS NOT ABOUT “DOING” BUT “BEING” LIKE JESUS, AND THAT IS A PROCESS OF BEING:

1. -FLIPPED UPSIDE DOWN
2. -SET ON FIRE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT
3. -WILLING TO EMBRACE KINGDOM LIFE (THE WAYS OF JESUS)

2 COR 5:16-17

ROM 8:9-11

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

CHRIST ALREADY MADE A WAY, WE DO HAVE TO EMBRACE AND LEARN OUR IDENTITY BECAUSE

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 WE LIVE IN A CHAOTIC WORLD!

WITHIN THIS CHAOTIC WORLD, WE HAVE TO HOLD THAT WE HAVE TO REMEMBER, WE HAVE = ACCESS & ABILITY (WHO I AM)

OUR TRUE IDENTITY MUST BE FOUND IN THE WORD OF GOD

JOHN 16:25-33

VERSE 33 BREAKDOWN:

³³ I have said these things to you, that **in me you may have peace**. In the **world you will have tribulation**. But **take heart; I have overcome the world.**"

CONNECTIONS:

PEACE & HEART

JESUS & OVERCOMING

John 14:27

Philippians 4:7

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7 Rejoice in the **Lord** always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness^[d] be known to everyone. **The Lord is at hand**; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests **be made known to God**. ⁷ And the **peace of God**, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds **in Christ Jesus**.

PEACE: 1515. *eirénē ay-RAY-nay* (from *eirō*, "to join, tie together into a whole") – properly, *wholeness*, i.e. when all essential parts are joined together; *peace* (God's gift of *wholeness*).

HEB 12:18-29 CEB

**WHAT IF I STILL DON'T FEEL PEACE, I STILL FEEL
OVERWHELMED BY THE WORLD, EVERYTHING SEEMS
AGAINST ME???**

PERHAPS THE ISSUE IS YOUR HEART.

Colossians 3:15

THE HEART:

PROVERBS 4:23 CSB ²³ Guard your heart above all else, ^[a] for it is the source of life.

THE ESV: Keep your heart with all vigilance,
for from it flow the springs of life.

THE NKJV: Keep your heart with all diligence,
For out of it *spring* the issues of life.

HEART DEFINED: HEBREW: 3820. **Leb**, GREEK: καρδιά, G2840. **Kardia**; *the inner man*; the function of mind, where man remembers, thinks; *the heart, the seat and center of all physical and spiritual life; the soul or mind as the fountain and seat of thoughts*, passions, desires, affections, appetites, purposes, endeavors.

The “heart” encompasses (HOLDS) our SOUL: thoughts, emotions, desires, and will. It is the place where decisions are made and where our true character is revealed.

******THE HEART IS NOT ME, BUT IT IS WHERE THE INNER ME IS HELD******

ME = SOUL, SPIRIT, PHYSICAL

SOUL = MIND, WILL, & EMOTIONS

HEART (NOT TALKING ABOUT AN ORGAN) = WHERE THE SOUL RESIDES

TRUTH: Jesus teaches that the heart is the origin of our actions, both good and evil. It is the heart that defines the purity or impurity of a person.

WHEN WE GO THROUGH PRESSURE, DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES, HARD SEASONS, WHAT IS IN OUR HEART IS WHAT WILL COME OUT...(SEE [Proverbs 27:19](#))

THE CHAOS JESUS ENTERED INTO:

When Jesus comes on the scene, there is tension and social chaos, blending with political, religious, moral, and egotistical ways of thinking... You could call it a CULTURE OF CHAOS.

THE RULE GUYS VS FREEDOM

THE RELIGIOUS ELITE, SPECIFICALLY THE PHARISEES, HAD ESSENTIALLY ADDED TO THE LAW BECAUSE THEY DECIDED ORAL TRADITION, TEACHING, OR RULES WERE JUST AS IMPORTANT AS GOD'S LAW...

JESUS DOESN'T CHANGE THE LAW, HE CORRECTS THOSE WHO HAVE TAUGHT IT WRONG, AND FULFILLS IT IN HIS WORK.

AND THIS DESCRIPTION OF THE KINGDOM changed everything.

"The Beatitudes" 8 radical declarations of Kingdom living over and despite the chaos.

MATT 5:2-12 WHAT IS THE PROMISE ABOUT THOSE PURE IN HEART? THEY SEE GOD!

FAITH: BY SIGHT, HEARING, OR SOMETHING ELSE?

HEB 11:1

ROM 10:17

John 20:5-10 ⁵ And stooping to look in, he **saw** the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He **saw** the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus'^[a] head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he **saw and believed**; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes.

JOHN SAW: blepó simply means to notice

SIMON PETER SAW: theóreo means to gaze upon, study what you see

JOHN SAW AND BELIEVED: horaó ho-rah'-o means inspect, to consider, to discern, experience. properly, see, often with *metaphorical* meaning: "to see with the mind" (i.e. spiritually see), i.e. perceive (with inward spiritual perception) (HELPS).

THIS KIND OF "SEEING" IS FAITH-BASED. It's a matter of faith, THE WORD OF GOD treasured in the heart, not the head, because this is spiritual beyond physical!

WE NEED THE WORD OF GOD IMPLANTED, SOWN WITHIN OUR HEARTS! ROM 10:9-10

KEY: FAITH BYPASSES THE MIND BECAUSE THE HEART IS THE SOURCE OF LIFE. THE WAY TO SEE WITH FAITH EYES IN THE CHAOTIC WORLD IS NOT TO SEE WITH YOUR NATURAL EYES WITHIN YOUR HEAD, BUT WITHIN THE HEART.

WHAT DO WE DO? We need to plant the word and hide it within our hearts, without harboring a preconceived notion that interprets it before we read it.

MATT 13:3-9;18-23

THE WORD IS THE SEED: no seed, no production.

PRACTICAL STEPS:

1. The ground must be good.
2. Seed takes time and effort.
3. Seedlings are watered and cared for.
4. Fruit produces more fruit.