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Faith over fear. Truth over feelings. Spirit over sight.

Chapter 1: Praise Sets the Stage

Theme: Praise isn't a warm-up — it's a weapon. Praise shifts your focus to God and prepares you to receive His Word.

Psalm 100:4 (NKJV)

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name."

The preacher opens by stirring the church to praise. He reminds us that before any breakthrough, we must first enter into God's presence. Praise is how we cross the threshold from the natural to the supernatural.


He also blesses Jerusalem and calls for righteous leadership — anchoring in:

Proverbs 3:6 (NKJV)

"In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."

Psalm 122:6 (NKJV)

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you.'"

 **Takeaway:** Praise isn't just for Sunday mornings — it's how you start every battle in victory.

Chapter 2: There Is Power in the Blood

Theme: The blood of Jesus is the foundation of victory, healing, and deliverance.

Revelation 12:11 (NKJV)

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death."

The sermon leans into this verse hard. Victory comes not by positive thinking but by testifying to what the blood of Jesus has done.

The congregation sings the old chorus:

“There is power, power, wonder-working power in the blood of the Lamb...”

Hebrews 9:14 (NKJV)

“How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”

✅ **Takeaway:** Plead the blood. Testify boldly. The enemy can’t refute what Jesus already paid for.

Chapter 3: Follow Jesus—No Turning Back

Theme: Following Jesus is the path to joy, wisdom, and fulfillment.

Proverbs 8:32–35 (TPT)

“So listen, my sons and daughters, to everything I tell you, for nothing will bring you more joy than following my ways. Listen to my counsel, for my instruction will enlighten you. You’ll be wise not to ignore it. If you wait at wisdom’s doorway, longing to hear a word for every day, joy will break forth within you as you listen for what I’ll say. For the fountain of life pours into you every time that you find me, and this is the secret of growing in the delight and favor of the Lord.”

The preacher connects the classic song *“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”* to Proverbs’ call for wisdom. Following Jesus isn’t just moral—it’s joyful, satisfying, and wise.

✅ **Takeaway:** Obedience isn’t burdensome when you’re in love with the One you follow.

Chapter 4: At the Cross—We Died and Rose Again

Theme: At the cross, a divine exchange happened — our sin for His righteousness, our death for His life.

1 Peter 2:24 (NKJV)

“Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.”

Galatians 2:20 (NKJV)

“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

The pastor explains that we didn’t just receive forgiveness at the cross—we also received **identity**.

“We died to sin. We rose to righteousness.”

Romans 6:4 (NKJV)

“Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

✓ **Takeaway:** The cross wasn’t just Jesus’ death. It was yours too — and that’s your freedom.

Chapter 5: What You See Versus What You Believe

Theme: Faith is built on what God says, not what you see.

2 Corinthians 5:7 (NKJV)

“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”

Romans 8:28 (NKJV)

“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”

Isaiah 53:1 (NKJV)

“Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

The core of the sermon: Life will constantly ask, “Will you believe what you see, or what God says?”

“You have to counter what you feel by declaring what God says.”

✓ **Takeaway:** Feelings shift. God's Word doesn't. Choose truth every time.

Chapter 6: Healing Requires Holiness

Theme: Healing doesn't manifest where disobedience reigns.

Romans 6:11–14 (NKJV)

"Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord... For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace."

1 Corinthians 6:9–10 (NKJV)

"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?"

The preacher teaches: **sin empowers sickness**. If you're alive to sin, healing won't manifest. It's not punishment—it's spiritual law.

✅ **Takeaway:** If you want resurrection life, you have to bury the old one.

Chapter 7: Walk in the Spirit

Theme: Being Spirit-led is the Christian's only path to freedom.

Galatians 5:16–18 (NKJV)

"I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh... But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law."

Romans 8:14 (NKJV)

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God."

Galatians 5:22–23 (NKJV)

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."

✅ **Takeaway:** You can't bear fruit in your own strength — only in the Spirit's.

Chapter 8: Your Words Have Power

Theme: What you say either activates heaven or empowers hell.

Proverbs 18:21 (NKJV)

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit."

Mark 11:23 (NKJV)

"For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast

into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says."

Romans 10:10 (NKJV)

"For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

✅ **Takeaway:** Don't say what you see — say what God said, and you'll see it.

Chapter 9: Agreement Unlocks Access

Theme: Kingdom benefits require spiritual alignment.

Amos 3:3 (NKJV)

"Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?"

Jesus told the man at the pool (John 5:14) and the woman caught in adultery (John 8:11):

"Go and sin no more."

Matthew 9:29 (NKJV)

"According to your faith let it be to you."

✅ **Takeaway:** You can't walk in one direction while agreeing with the opposite voice.

Chapter 10: Submit and Stand

Theme: Victory comes by submission and resistance.

James 4:7 (NKJV)

"Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you."

Ephesians 6:10–11 (NKJV)

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God..."

John 6:63 (NKJV)

"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life."

✅ **Takeaway:** You can't resist what you're still in agreement with. Submit first.

Chapter 11: Hope Anchors the Soul

Theme: When results delay, hope keeps your soul steady.

Hebrews 6:19 (NKJV)

“This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil.”

2 Corinthians 1:20 (NKJV)

“For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.”

✅ **Takeaway:** Hope in God's unchanging character is what keeps you afloat in the storm.

Chapter 12: Restoration Through Repentance

Theme: You're not disqualified by failure—only by refusal to repent.

1 John 1:9 (NKJV)

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Romans 8:1 (NKJV)

“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus...”

✅ **Takeaway:** Mercy is already waiting at the altar. Just show up.

- Unshakable confidence comes from trusting God's integrity.
- His promises are eternal and secured in Christ.

Chapter 13: The Kingdom Is Within You

Theme: You were made to carry heaven — here and now.

Romans 14:17 (NKJV)

“For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”

John 15:7 (NKJV)

“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.”

✅ **Takeaway:** You're not working toward the Kingdom. You're working from it.

Chapter 14: Declare the Breakthrough

Theme: Break the strongholds with your confession and align with God's truth.

Mark 11:23 (again!)

“...he will have whatever he says.”

The final prayer calls for:

- Deliverance from infirmity
- Restoration from shame
- Renewal in the Spirit

✅ **Takeaway:** You don't wait for freedom. You declare it. And the enemy flees.