

Welcome to Kingdom Life ELUL 5786!

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This Week's Worship

Here are 2 beautiful worship sets for this week (click to listen on YouTube).



<https://youtu.be/J72pcl2cWbY>

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~ Jesus' Kingdom Words for Kingdom People ~

In consideration of the Bible study and interpretation skills we have sharpened this summer in Kingdom Life, as you read through the following passages this week you may want to ask these questions.

- What is the content and what is the context (literary, historical)?
- Who is speaking the message and to whom? What did the author mean when he said it?
- What is the genre? (Avoid the tendency to focus on familiar phrases and sentences before you read the full passage.)
- You may want to read cross references and footnotes as you examine the passage.
- What happened before and after this passage? Do those things impact the meaning?

➔ Let's ask Holy Spirit to teach us through His word all we can learn and apply in our day to empower us for His assignments.

Jesus taught about His Kingdom. Let's grow in strength as Jesus' kingdom-of-light people, pushing back darkness, and stopping anything that would dare stop the move of God.

WEDNESDAY

Today enjoy reading Mark 9:14-29, seeing Jesus bring freedom to a suffering child, challenge in the hearing of the many people present, and instruction to his band of followers. **And now what is His Word saying to us, Troop?**

(Note: the time of Jesus' ministry on earth was a specific window where He brought the Kingdom near, and people were starting to catch on, but He had not yet died and been resurrected and exalted, and had not yet sent Holy Spirit to indwell born-again, new-creation believers in Christ. JESUS was GOD during all this; followers/ believers/ the faithful were discovering and learning, in a time of transition, yes?)

Look at Jesus' statement at the beginning. Who was he calling an unbelieving generation?

What problem did Jesus diagnose broadly?

What solution did Jesus give specifically?

How are those two related, in your experience with the Lord?

Consider *Jude 20-21 But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up^(AY) in your most holy faith^(AZ) and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God's love as you wait^(BB) for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.*

Look again. The unspoken but demonstrated power here is **authority**. Little faith means little access to the authority of Jesus flowing through us. All authority belongs to Jesus. Matthew 28:18-20; John 15:5

Was Jesus saying the problem was lack of faith or lack of prayer? Or both? How are these related? What is his answer to the dilemma?

Record your reflections.

THURSDAY

Let's dig a little deeper and a little wider today. We will cover these in Saturday's team session.

¹⁴ When they [Jesus and the 3 who had been with him at Transfiguration] came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them.¹⁵ As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him.

¹⁶ "What are you arguing with them about?" he asked.

Who is meant by "the other disciples"?

Who comprised the "large crowd" – the curious local bystanders? People who traveled from miles away to follow Jesus? Who were the "them" that the teachers of the law were arguing with?

This may be a clue - who was "all the people" in verse 15? (Check out their emotion – overwhelmed with wonder, running to greet him. That would likely exclude the teachers of the law who were doing the arguing...)

What was the concept of "arguing" which the teachers of the law practiced in that day?

Who was Jesus speaking to when he asked, "What are you arguing with them about?" And who did he mean by "them"?

Continuing – record your questions or comments on the remaining verses in the passage.

¹⁷ A man in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech.¹⁸ Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not."

¹⁹ "You unbelieving generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me."

Unbelieving Generation. Sit with that for a while.

Now consider similar in:

- Deut 32:5 "They are corrupt and not his children; to their shame they are a warped and crooked generation."
- Mark 8:38 "If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."
- Luke 11:29 "This is a wicked generation. It asks for a sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah."
- Phil 2:14-16 Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life.
- Acts 2:40 "With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.'"

Continuing – record your questions or comments on the remaining verses in the passage.

²⁰ So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.

²¹ Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered. ²² "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us."

²³ "If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes." (In whom/ what?)

²⁴ Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

²⁵ When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the impure spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." ²⁶ The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead." ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.

²⁸ After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, "Why couldn't we drive it out?"

²⁹ He replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer.".

FRIDAY

Mark 1:22, 27 The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law... Then, right after he casts the impure spirit out of the man in the synagogue: "The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, 'What is this? A new teaching - and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.'"

The parallel account. *Luke 4:32, 36 They were amazed at his teaching, because his words had authority. Then, after the same exorcism: All the people were amazed and said to each other, 'What words these are! With authority and power he gives orders to impure spirits and they come out!'*

Here is a list to be reminded of the many places in Scripture where JESUS defeated darkness and set people free. (Not asking you to go read these passages, but to get the impact.)

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- Man with an impure spirit in the Capernaum synagogue — Mark 1:21-28; Luke 4:31-37
 - The Gerasene/Gadarene demoniac(s), "Legion" — Matthew 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-20; Luke 8:26-39
 - Mute, demon-possessed man — Matthew 9:32-34
 - Blind and mute demon-possessed man — Matthew 12:22-29; Luke 11:14
 - Syrophenician/Canaanite woman's daughter — Matthew 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30
 - Boy with a spirit (mute/deaf, convulsions) — Matthew 17:14-21; Mark 9:14-29; Luke 9:37-43
 - Woman crippled 18 years by "a spirit" — Luke 13:10-17
 - Mary Magdalene, seven demons (referenced retrospectively) — Luke 8:2

Summary statements (multiple/unnamed deliverances)

- Matthew 4:24
 - Matthew 8:16
 - Mark 1:32-34; Luke 4:40-41
 - Mark 1:39; Luke 4:44
 - Mark 3:11-12; Luke 6:18
 - Luke 7:21
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1. We want to get the mixture out of us – Holy Spirit, please shine your light on our hearts! (Pray...)
2. Jesus got the demons out of suffering people. In vital connection with Jesus do we choose to be used (together) to push back darkness wherever He sends us? (Pray...)

The way of the cross. Jesus knew that the way that was set before Him would include facing off that horrible kingdom of darkness. Read Mark 14-16 and contemplate: He L A I D D O W N his life for us, and rose again, in absolute TRIUMPH!

This is a really good time to worship with that second worship set – don't miss the final song!
Record your reflections.

SATURDAY

Welcome to the Team Session on Saturday morning 9 am!

Congratulations! You have advanced with the team during these 3 days of dedication to worship, pray, and consume the word of God - improving your "serve" individually, and your together-ing with the Troop! We trust the Lord to make much of this! Advance -> Occupy -> Multiply and Fill!

"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea." Hab 2:14