



Recently we discussed the idea of being prepared, versus just being taught or trained. Being prepared is taking what we are taught and the training we receive and owning it, making a part of who we are.

Discovering who we are is really the journey of life, but it is even far more than this. In truth, our life's journey is about discovering who our God is. Apart from Him we are nothing, so in our life's journey we cannot discover who we really are apart from knowing Him.

Our preparation for life must first be about knowing God. Most of us know a lot about God, and even that is distorted, but few really have come to live in His heart. We wear rose-colored glasses that see God through a religious view-point. In order to see and know and understand God, we have to remove the glasses. We have to remove the tainted view. We must be able to see clearly.

That is not an easy task, as we have lived under the spirit of religion all of our lives. God once told me "Things are not as they seem." That was thirty years ago. I saw that to be true at that time, but nothing could have prepared me for the truth of that statement today! God was preparing me to understand what could not be seen with the tinted glasses. Religion, which leads to rebellion and disobedience, blinds us.

Yes, the Ekklesia, or translated by King James as "church", really does exist, but it is not what we have been taught.

Yes, the Kingdom of God really does exist, but it is not what we have been taught either from Evangelicals or Pentecostals/Charismatics.

Yes, five-fold ministry gifts really do exist, but it is not what we see today.

Yes, authority does exist, but not the way we see it abused today.

Now, many want to call me a heretic and stone me. But hear me out before you go any further. God exists and He calls us His children. He desires to communicate with us out of fellowship, out of love.

***Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. I John 4:7-8 (NLT)***

If love is not a core element of ourself, then we do NOT know God. I didn't say it, God did! It is not a trait that God exhibits, it is His core being. He is the personification of LOVE. When we love someone, we want to know them, understand them.

God wants us to know Him and understand Him. He wants us to be prepared for the days ahead. He wants to share secrets with us, but it only happens when we value His love and presence, and desire to know and understand Him.

***The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. Proverbs 9:10 (NJKV)***

***Search for them as you would for silver; seek them like hidden treasures. Then you will understand what it means to fear the Lord, and you will gain knowledge of God. For the Lord grants wisdom! From his mouth come knowledge and understanding. Proverbs 2:4-6 (NLT)***

The fear of the Lord, for the one who loves the Lord, is honor and respect. I love Him so I do not want to do anything that is displeasing to Him. For those who do not know Him, fear is true fear or disrespect.

We need all three aspects that are a part of being prepared: knowledge, wisdom and understanding. This only comes through fearing the Lord, honoring and respecting Him. When we fear the Lord, we obey Him, not because we are afraid of repercussions, but because we know He is right and knows what is best for us. We trust Him. Sometimes obedience requires blind faith, because we cannot see the outcome clearly. We obey because we know our God intimately and we have learned to trust Him. That only comes with being sure we can hear His voice and know that He loves us and always wants what is best for us.

Yes, there have been times when I have not understood why God is doing what He is doing. There are times when I am not entirely happy about what He says, but I obey because I know I hear His voice. I know, in the end, He wants what is best for me, even if it is not what I think I want at the time. And yes, I have been known to grumble about it.

His throne, in reality is set on a base that represents this truth. This is very important.

***Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; mercy and loving-kindness and truth go before Your face. Psalm 89:14 (AMPC)***

The word translated as foundation means fixed or established place. If it is established by God, it is there forever. Righteousness is the ability to discern and know what is right in God's eyes. We can know what is right in any moment of life we face. That represents Godly knowledge.

Justice has two components, understanding what needs to be done to bring a situation into rightness, or righteousness, in the sight of God and wisdom implies that the understanding is applied to the situation to make it right. Righteousness and justice cannot be applied outside of God's love, mercy and truth. If we are going to change our world, we must understand the principles of how God's rule and authority operate.

If we operate outside of these perimeters, we are operating in religion. Religion will never conquer the earth. The glory of the Lord will not shine through religion. His Kingdom on earth is never advanced through religion or control by religious rulers or

those who claim to be God's government in the earth through what they call delegated governmental rule (control). God's government has not changed. He is still on the throne and his rule and authority come through those who operate in His love, mercy and truth and who understand righteous and justice and do what God wants.

*The Lord has looked down from heaven upon the children of men to see if there are any who understand (act wisely), who [truly] seek after God, [longing for His wisdom and guidance].*  
*Psalm 14:2 (AMP)*

*There they tremble with great fear, for God is with the [consistently] righteous generation.*  
*Psalm 14:5 (AMP)*

Man was NEVER given authority and dominion over other humans. We have dominion as we allow Jesus to rule in us. There is going to be a generation who CONSISTENTLY understand righteousness and obey their God.

Dominion is never achieved in God's Kingdom by control or taking over. We take authority over the works of the enemy that prevent humans from seeing who God is. When blinders come off of people, so they can see God clearly, they will desire Him and His ways. The Kingdom of God exists in our hearts, and it is only expanded as others allow the Kingdom of God to exist in their hearts.

If we can discern the times and seasons of God, we see that God is showing us in the natural what He wants to accomplish in the spiritual. This is too broad a topic to cover entirely here, but we will look at one example. I Corinthians 15:46 tells us it is first the natural then the spiritual. All of nature and everything in nature points to God. God often uses our natural world to speak to us concerning what He is doing or wants to do. He does that a lot. The problem is His people have not recognized His methods.

God is showing us through natural events today, the enemy wants war, war against everything that is good and right. The enemy uses this tactic to keep us from focusing on what evil he is doing. But as our government illustrated, we do not destroy people through war, we destroy the enemy's weapons. God is telling us, as the Ekklesia, stop warring against people, walk in love by destroying the weapons of the enemy being used.

As we love, and strip the enemy of the weapons he uses to captivate and control people, they will clearly be given a choice. If they choose against God, God will deal with them. All that is required of us, is to hear His voice and do what He says. But I tell you, if you are going to act, you better know His voice and you better operate out of obedience. There is such a thing as tough love.

The Kingdom of God is not about getting everybody saved so they are assured of a place in heaven when they die. If salvation is all that comes to a person, it does nothing to advance the Kingdom of God on earth. In order for there to be a Kingdom there must be a King. That King must be given every aspect of your life to rule in order to advance the Kingdom in you. Once a person receives Jesus as Savior, then they must be prepared to receive Him as King.

Our “churches” have not done a good job of preparing people to make Jesus King. They have been satisfied with Him as Savior. Believers have not been prepared to understand righteousness and justice wherever God places them in order to make strategic decisions in their schools, places of employment, entertainment and all the cultural areas of society. We will not advance the Kingdom of God in any of these places by knocking out the authority at the top level and replacing them with a religious substitute who desires to rule with a religious scepter. This is being taught widely today and is a doctrine of demons.

We advance the Kingdom by displaying to those around us, the mercy, the love, the truth, the righteousness and justice of God so they see God for themselves and understand His ways. When they see God’s hand of mercy and love on the business brought about by those who know and love their God, many will be hungry to know this God. Others may see the blessing on others but the lack of blessings on themselves because they choose to reject the ways of God. When God directs, you shake off the dust of your shoes and move on where God directs you.

It is God who will make changes. All we do, every single day is go forth into life depending on hearing the voice of God directing us every step of the way and doing exactly what He tells us to do when He speaks.

When we are prepared to live a life like this, we are not so concerned about the future and how it unfolds. We don’t have a need for a prophet to declare him or herself as “my prophet”. We cut off the funding and the need to anything false, and these so-called prophets lose their power. We have learned to live by the voice of God ourselves. Some of you doubt this is possible and you can’t even think about letting go of the prophetic voices you listen to on a regular basis. I speak to your eyes, and say, “By the mighty power of God, let the eyes and ears be open to understand the heart of God.”

We know God has it all under control as long as we can hear His voice and obey. We are not living in fear but in joyful anticipation of what God has prepared for us this day. Jesus said, “Take no thought for tomorrow.” He said this in the middle of His discourse on the Kingdom of heaven in Matthew chapter six. Why? Because we are to seek His Kingdom on earth first and seek what is right according to His heart. The day will then take care of itself. You can’t live that way without having a love for God that trusts Him with everything. He is King of your heart.

There is so much religion in our everyday lives it is hard to know where to start. I began my walk out of religion by telling God I wanted to know what was man’s teachings versus what was really Him. I made a commitment to Him to leave man’s teaching behind when God showed me it was not from Him. That is a good place to start.

Do not get me wrong. I am not doing away with the Bible. The Bible is still very important but we need to understand a lot of it has been interpreted by man. The Bible even teaches us that we can only understand the Bible through the interpretation by Holy Spirit. We need to have understanding of what was meant by the true Author, when it was written. Nothing else will do.

When you hear men and women speak concerning the Bible (yes, that means me, as well) confer with Holy Spirit to know truth. We reject so much of what is God, and accept so much that comes from the enemy, it is ridiculous. This needs to change.

Pray and tell God that you desire to have His knowledge, understanding and wisdom operating in your life and not religion or man-made doctrine. Tell Him you want to hear Him clearly and not assume you know what He means until He clarifies and makes plain.

Tell Him you do not want to operate in religion anymore. You want to be free. Tell Him you do not want to be deceived anymore, but you desire to know truth. When He speaks to you and you question it, ask Him to show you a second way so you know beyond a shadow of a doubt that He is speaking and you are hearing Him. I have done this many times and God is always faithful. He wants us to KNOW we are hearing from Him!

Tell Him you want to know His heart. You want His love in your heart. Just a note, walking in the love of God does not mean you do not confront, or that you accept everything because you think that is what love means. It doesn't mean you react to every situation or event you see. Peter and John must have walked by the lame man at the temple's entrance many times, before they spoke healing to him. It means that you walk out your entire life, step by step, being committed to hear the voice of God and to do whatever He tells you every day, **EVEN WHEN IT HURTS!**

Start every day with the expectation that He is going to speak and lead you places for a reason and you need to take the time to see it and understand it. If you find yourself in a strange place, out of the ordinary path, recognize it and ask God, "What am I doing here? Did you bring me here for a reason?"

Document your daily journey and see how your hearing improves and the joy it brings when you realize your God is preparing adventures for you. Document how you seem to have more knowledge, wisdom and understanding and others are seeing it. You are providing solutions for life's problems.

You will soon be advancing the Kingdom of God in the earth like never before. The fuller you are of God, the more you have made Him King in your life, the more your light shines. The more your light shines, the more people see it. Religion can not bind a person whose heart is ruled entirely by the King. You are free and in His presence is fullness of JOY. Every day is a blessing and a part of the journey into more of God, little by little, precept upon precept, He is building you into a mighty oak.

