

LEAVING THE CROWD AND COMING TO JESUS

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Mark 6:23, Esther 5:3 both say:

Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom.

..but there is a very different response in each case.

Esther knew that the key for her was in her ongoing relationship with the King.

Let's start by saying that each person is unique for they truly are.

God has a unique word for each person that will be different to the word for their neighbour. We all hear things differently according to our hearts as in the parable of the sower.

John 6

I am the Bread of Life

John 6:27-29

Labour not for the meat which perisheth but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed

John 6:33-35

For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world

Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread

And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst

John 6:40-41

And this is the will of him that sent me; that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.

And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?

Here is the word of wisdom:

“There is a situation you are in that frightens you. Is it of God? you say. But know this that the Lord your God will never terrify you in a way that is evil and wicked. The Lord

your God loves and has loved you with an everlasting love. I will never leave you nor forsake you. I have given you everything you need and there is no need to be afraid. Come unto me and rest and let me be your hiding place. As you begin to trust me to be one who does not bring you fear I will show you new and wondrous things you have never seen before. It is safe to leave that place of fear and hide yourself in me and my love. I will never bring such dread to you because I am a God of peace, love and comfort says the Lord.”

1 Samuel 10:22

Thereafter they enquired of the Lord further, if the man should yet come thither. And the Lord answered Behold he hath hid himself among the stuff

Luke 14:33

So likewise whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath he cannot be my disciple

Mark 5:27

When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press (crowd) behind, and touched his garment

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I am the centre of all things. I am the centre of your world and I am the centre of their world. I am already there doing all that is necessary, all I need is for them to step forth and give me their yes. To take their eyes off the crowd and look to me. To separate themselves unto me. To know that another person can't save you. Good ideas can't save you. Doctrines can't save you. Only one can save you and that is Christ alone. He Who said you must be born again is the only one who can save you. You must have and develop a Christ-centred world view and not a world-centred Christ view. He is the centre. He is the all in all. All things are held together in Him. In Him we have redemption the forgiveness of sins. In him dwells all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. He is the way the truth and the life. Everything else falls away but he remains secure. He is the root and offspring of David. The ever living one. The one who lives to make intercession for us. He is the lamb who was slain. He is the beginning and the end. He is our strong deliverer. He is the bread of life. In Him was life and that life was the light of men. He is the comforter in all our afflictions. He is the lamp to our feet and the light to our path. He is the ever living one. There is none like Him. He alone reigns and rules for ever. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church. All authority in Heaven and earth has been given to Him. He is the centre. Let us lift up our eyes and see him in all his glory! Let us ask for the veils to be removed that have hidden our awareness of him! Let us repent and turn away from the base and worthless things of the world and fix our attention on Christ! For in him is healing, redemption, forgiveness

of sins and eternal life. He alone is the way to God the Father and He alone is able to bring us safely home to Him when the time comes for us to go that way. Let us look, fix our attention, listen, wait and receive Him as the most important person in every one of our gatherings. Let us humble ourselves and wait for the master to speak. For he alone can give us the strength that we need in these last days. He knows what will happen before it comes to pass and he has provided for us in every way just as when they were delivered from the serpents bites in the desert as they wandered in the wilderness in Moses' day by looking to the brass serpent Moses lifted up on the pole, so we are saved, healed and delivered by looking to Jesus the only begotten son of the Father, who lived a perfect sinless life in absolute humility and obedience even unto passing through death on our behalf on the cross and rising again, proclaiming his victory, ascending to heaven where he intercedes for us until he comes again to bring us together in Him. Let us not be afraid nor discouraged but let us look up for our redemption draws nigh. Let us look to the lamb of God, Christ Jesus the King in every circumstance of our daily lives as we know, receive and believe he is with us and for us and able to bring his very life into every situation we face both now and forever more. Amen.