

# Kings & Priests - 4

Kings & Priests part 4... We have A LOT to cover today we most likely won't get it all done in our time today... so lets jump right in.

Rev 1:5,6

and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the **ruler over the kings of the earth.**

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, **6** and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father

He has made us Kings and Priests in this life...

This is a divine partnership sent to earth by God...

Today we are going to discuss this partnership... But much like the first week of this series today is going to be a building message to set us up for next week.

I am however going to say some things that other Pastors can't say in their churches. I thank God I have a church that allows me to preach the uncompromised Word of God. Amen?

We are going to get pretty deep today... those are my 2 disclosures about today's message... you ready? Here we go.

The first thing we need to understand is that:

The Purpose of our lives is to advance the cause of the Kingdom of God

Are you looking for purpose? here it is... Advance the Kingdom of God.

John 18:37

Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?"

Jesus answered, "You say *rightly* that I am a king. **For this cause I was born**, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

A thousand years from now the ONLY thing that will matter is what we did for the Cause of the King and His Kingdom...

Its the only thing that will matter... All these little issues of current life won't matter...

It's a Partnership... Kings and Priests...

Turn with me to:

Jeremiah 3:15

And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.

This passage tells us that: **It is God who chooses our Pastors**

Some in here today wouldn't choose me to be their Pastor, Some watching online, same... Some were upset that Pastor Joe retired and I took over.

I accept that...

I know it to be true... Because some days I wouldn't have chosen the Pastor I had... It was hard at times being in my Dad's church.

But I believe that God gave me the Pastor I NEEDED.

So I wouldn't have chosen that, it was hard... **But God chose that one for me...** and I'm glad He did because I needed the elements from His background to build the church God has called me to build for the future.

I'm so grateful for my Pastor and what he has taught me.

So listen, I say that to say **The Partnership that God creates is NOT accidental.**

I'm going to boldly say this...

But there is a partnership between you and me that is God ordained.

The book of Timothy tells us that we find our purpose through our Holy High Callings.

A priest's primary job is to provide vision, secondly it's to call greatness out of the Kings in this house.

Kings....

You have every right to expect that I put the time in every week to prepare to deliver Vision, Direction and Encouragement for your life.

You ARE to expect it.

**And YOU make that possible...** You make it possible for me to devote my entire life to the work of the ministry... I don't have to go out and work a second job... you make it possible for me to be the priest of this amazing house.

You have every RIGHT to expect ME to do MY HIGH calling... and hear from God... And I expect that you put a HIGH expectation on ME...

I have Pastors speaking into my life and you need a Pastor speaking into your life.

So let's take the next step in this Partnership... OK... You ready?

**My primary Job in this Partnership is to provide vision.**

The Kings primary job is to provide provision for the vision.

We can have all this vision in the world but without provision the vision goes no where.

Listen to me...

Your Pastor... Our Vision is to reach the entire Hudson Valley with the Gospel of Jesus Christ...

That is NOT a small vision... We are NOT called to be a tiny church... We are called to be a church that reaches out to the Hudson Valley.

Can I help you see something today...

There are 300,000 churches in America today.

Average attendance is 90 people a week

If you go to a church that has 1,000 people attending, that church is in the upper 2% of that 300,000 churches in America.

That's how RARE it is...

NOW listen... If you go to a church that has 2,000 people attending, that church is in the upper 2% of that 2% of the 300,000 churches in America...

That is how RARE Family Church is...

I don't say any of this to brag... I know its not ME or Pastor Joe... It is the Lord...

I say all this to tell you we need to THINK BIG.

We need to think big because we are in an equal partnership... one that we do not own.

It is this Lords... If He called you here... and I am called here He put us together.

Heres the meat... then I want to set up next week.

In any partnership each side needs to know what their responsibilities ARE...

Yes?

For any partnership to work there are 3 things that MUST be in operation...

Here they are.

**For a partnership to work there must be Trust, Honor, Respect**

If you don't have those 3 things, you have in an unhealthy partnership.... It won't work.

Pastor Mike it's hard for me to trust Pastors and Church, I've seen so many many things in the news that churches have done...

**I don't deny there are and have been some very bad people in my profession.**

**But won't you also agree that there are some very bad people in your profession as well???**

Neither one of needs to give examples we both know...

So... In order for church to move forward. The cause of the Kingdom to move forward:

There must be Trust, Honor, and Respect.

And just as it is completely appropriate for you to EXPECT me to do my High Calling to the absolute best of my ability, It is also appropriate that I EXPECT YOU to do your high calling to the absolute best of your ability.

There must be that TRUST.

I trust that each of you are doing your absolute best to bring the whole tithe into the storehouse as described in Malichi 3:10.

I also expect that each of us are using everything that God has deposited within us in form of Time, Talents, and Treasures to serve the Local Church.

What I just said many Pastors Can Not say in their churches. They are afraid to make bold claims...

So I thank you Family Church for allowing me to preach the uncompromised Word of God.

As a Priest in His absolute High Calling it is my responsibility to preach the Entire Truth of the Gospel.

And I want to show you as we build up for next week that God expects it of you.

We will explore this in depth next week.

**Matthew 25:14**

*"For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them.*

It's a calling... You are called by God.

Eph 1 says that we are to fulfill the hope of His calling.

The Holy Spirit calls you...

### **Called His own servants...**

1 Cor 6 says that you are NOT your own but you have been bought with a price.

This to this:

**Servants have POWER because it's given to them from their Master**

**Matthew 25:15**

*And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.*

He gave...

Today 1 talent is equal to 2 million US dollars.

Before you feel bad for the guy with only 1.

The Master of our house is not afraid to think BIG...

Why didn't He divide the talents equally among the three? That would be FAIR... It's NOT fair..

I had a problem with this a while back... Comparing our church to others...  
Why God... Not fair...

Listen to this statement very carefully...

I'll put it on the screen..

**God's ability to take care of YOU does not depend on  
how He takes care of others**

Its doesn't matter what the others were given... its doesn't mean God  
loves you less.

God Trusted that the man he gave 2 million dollars to would do exactly  
what the guy that he gave 10 millions dollars to would do.

He said they all HAD the ability... just in different measures...

BUT the man with 1 talent... Or 2 million CHOSE NOT to use his ability.

Instead He was moved by fear... What happens IF.....

Let me ask you today....

What's in your hand?

1 talent? But I want 10

Maybe you can't handle 10

Worry about what in YOUR hand

**Matthew 25:16**

**Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and  
made another five talents. 17 And likewise he who had received two**



gained two more also. **8** But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money.

What happens NEXT? You'll have to come back next week to find out.

PRAY