

Seizing Your Destiny

Part 4 - Reaching Your Purpose

I. "I do not run aimlessly" - In Order to "seize your destiny" you must reach your purpose.

- Its my desire to help each of you to identify your gifts, your ministries, or whatever it is that God placed in you and then set you on a course to release them in the power of the Holy Spirit.

A. This morning it is my burden to help each of you to discover your supernatural resources.

1. Third world countries are poor not because they don't have resources, they just don't know how to get their resources out of the ground.
2. **Churches and Christians are poor not because they don't have resources they have never been taught how to get them out of their lives and out into the world.**
3. God has put something of VALUE in each of us that both the body of Christ and the world needs. (I HAVE VALUE)
4. **At this retreat there are:**
 - supernatural gifts waiting to be manifested,
 - **creative ideas waiting to be expressed**
 - songs waiting to be sung,
 - **books waiting to be wrote,**
 - adventures waiting to be undertaken,
 - **miracles waiting to be released.**
 - There are World Changers here today.

B. **Ephesians 4:16** - *"From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplyeth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of tself in love."*

1. This passage talks about becoming effective in the measure that is in your part.
 - a. **Say with me "I am a part not the whole."**
 - b. This will free you from trying to be only what the whole can be.
2. **Measure = Metron = A Limited Portion.**
 - a. Say with me "I have a measure not the fullness"
 - b. **This will free you from trying to do only what the whole can do. Say - I HAVE LIMITATIONS**

C. No one of you can become totally like Jesus - corporately we can, but individually we can't. In your part there are four things that comprise your measure.

1. THE SPIRIT

- a. John 3:34 says God gave Jesus the Spirit with out measure.
- b. **Colossians 1:19 says in Jesus the fullness of God dwells**
- c. Ephesians 1:23 says only the Body has the fullness of Christ.
- d. **Which means all of us individually only have a measure of the Spirit.**

2. GRACE - Ephesians 4:7 & Romans 12:6.

3. FAITH - Romans 12:3 & 12:6.

4. Not only has the Spirit, grace, and faith been measured out to us but also our ministries and livelihoods. 2 Corinthians 10:13-16.

a. **Doing God's will means that we labor in the field or sphere that He has allotted to me.**

1) In this sphere God has measure out all the Spirit, the grace, and the faith that we will need to accomplish his will.

2) **To venture out of this sphere and try and do something that God has not assigned us to do is to run out of the power of the Spirit, to run out of grace and to run out of faith.**

b. The reason why Christianity isn't the powerful influence that it should be is because we have a bunch of people doing things God hasn't called them to do and their doing it without Power, Grace or Faith.

c. **Limitation is not sin but rather God's allotment to us. Psalm 16:5-6 (NIV)**
"LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; urely I have a delightful inheritance."

D. Recognizing our limits will also cause us to discover our need for the rest of the Body of Christ. 1 Cor 12:20-22

1. **Matthew 10:40 - By receiving one another we release the Christ (Spirit, Grace, Faith & Measure) in that person into our lives.**

2. 2 Corinthians 4:7 - Calls it a treasure.

3. **Ephesians 1:18 - Calls it our inheritance**

4. John 1:12 - Calls it power.

In Closing - The parable about the Rabbit, the Duck, the Squirrel, and the Eagle.