

Series: “Preparing To Posses The Promises” “Descry”
 Are there things we can do **NOW** to prepare for what’s **NEXT**.

Descry: to see by looking carefully, to discern, to catch sight of, discover> In others words.....

DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE

Joshua 5:13-15 Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, “Are you for us or for our enemies?” “Neither,” he replied, “but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come.” **(He came to take over)** Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, “What message does my Lord have for his servant?” The commander of the LORD’s army replied, “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did so.

*Note: This was not an angel but Jesus himself because an angel would not be worshipped. This was a Christophany. A Christophany is a manifestation of the preincarnate (Incarnation means **a person who embodies in the flesh a deity, spirit,**) Christ. The preincarnate Christ appears to Joshua to teach, guard, and reinforce certain vital truths for God’s people and especially for those in positions of leadership, which really includes all believers to some degree.*

Something happened the moment the preincarnate Christ Spoke. It was as if Joshua’s spiritual eyes were opened. The Lord was reminding Joshua of his personal presence and powerful provision by telling him he was commander of host of angels. That promise of his personal presence positioned Joshua to never take matters in his own hand.

Also, the promise of his personal provision and power reassured Joshua that regardless the circumstances there would always be an infinite supply of resources.

Joshua 5:14b “Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence and asked him, “What message does my Lord have for his servant?”

NOTE: Prior to the encounter, maybe he was thinking about the conflict between the Israelites and Cannanites and HIS responsibilities, but once the encounter happened peace took over.

Question? In your pain-Do you see peace as a promise of provision? If not, we need a close encounter of the heavenly guide like Joshua!

I’m reminded of a truth that Moses declared years earlier when they stood on the banks of the Red Sea.

Exodus 14:13B “The Lord will fight for you-you only need to stand still”

Joshua 6:1-2 “Now Jericho was *securely shut up* because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in. And the Lord said to Joshua: ‘*See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor.*”

You may have a promise that you are holding onto but before you is a massive obstacle that from the outside is closed up. It seems like your problem is bigger than your promise.

Way too many of us see with our natural eyes than our spirit eyes. We tend to focus on what is in front of us that we can see.

Faith grants you the ability to see past your problem because you have possessed your promise.

The Lord told Joshua TO SEE!!

God doesn't give you obstacles but opportunities

HEBREWS 11:1 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.
NOW FAITH NOT LATER FAITH

Many people do not exercise faith because they are paralyzed by what they see in front of them.

What do I see in 2022?

The need for 2 services. Parking attendant-Police directing traffic in and out- see radical transformational testimonies, Radical healings that will blow people away, miracles in finances both in your life and the church.

I don't want you intoxicated and hypnotized by the mainstream media. **SNAP OUT OF IT!** When people come to you and say, NO! You say, no problem! When people say it can't, you say, NO PROBLEM, WITH GOD IT CAN

I want you to be filled with CAN DO FAITH!! Your eyes will be fixed in the unseen realm pulling into manifestation the supernatural purposes of God.

2022 is the year of the NEW BREED; The unmasking, unveiling year where the uncommon-common, unusual-usual, unhappy-happy, unwanted-wanted, uneasy-easy, unthinkable-thinkable, unreal-real, unknown-known, unclear-clear, unstable-stable.

DO YOU SEE IT? NO? OPEN YOUR EYES!!!

John 3:3 *“Jesus answered and said to him, Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot **see** the kingdom of God.”*

People who are born again believers see things different. Seeing is a gift! When is it not a gift? When you try to earn it.

Proverbs 20:12 *“The hearing ear and the seeing eye, The Lord has made them both.”*

John 5:19 *“Then Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but **what He sees the Father do**; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.’”*

Ephesians 1:18 I pray that the **eyes of your heart** may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people,

Jeremiah 29:11 (MSG) *“I know what I’m doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for.”*

Proverbs 29:18 (MSG) *“If people can’t see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what He reveals, they are most blessed.”*

There is a difference between believers and receivers! They have never received and believed therefore they have never achieved all that God has for them.

It is time to possess your promise! Let’s say your bike was stolen and you had your name on it secretly. You found it and now you’re fighting over it. The thief says it is his but your name is on it. The

same for the city; it belongs to God. If you are an heir and joint heir, then what is his is yours by union.

2 Corinthians 4:18 (NLT) *“So we don’t look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we **fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen**. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.”*

Contending for Miraculous Healing

Genesis 13:14-15 *“Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are—northward, southward, eastward, and westward; for **all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever.**”*

Later on in Genesis 15

⁵ He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring^[d] be.”

.....⁸ But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?”¹² As the sun was setting,

God told Abram to look at the stars in the daytime!!

Note: God wants to pull you out of the limitations of your sight. Pull you out of your tent, your cave, your house, your mindset. He wants to launch, propel and catapult you into the supernatural realms so you see what the average normal person can’t see. You will soon begin to speak life, prophesy life and give hope to people you do not even know.

The Game show to tell the truth: Will the real ___ please stand up. Stop believing and feeding the lie that is holding you captive.

Paul Ellis says, Common folk live within the limits of the natural realm but kings operate in a higher reality.

Start living from the truth. John 8:31-32

31To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. **32**Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

Hebrews 11:30 *“By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the people had marched around them for seven days”*

Hebrews 11:1 (NET) *“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for, being convinced of **what we do not see.**”*

Faith declares what I cannot see. The unseen comes in the seen so when you jump on the scene, something materializes that was not seen with the common eye.

Just because you can't see what they see, do not rain on their parade. Don't quench their faith because you have none. Don't try and put out their fire of faith with your wet blanket of doubt.

Just because you don't sense it does not mean it's not there.

The flesh walks by senses by what is physically seen -the spirit realm operates by faith by what is unseen.

We all need to start talking more NON-SENSE

Jesus reshaped the mindset of His disciples.

To follow Him they had to see through the eyes of faith.

Faith is the catalyst that catapults you into the creative realm of Christianity. PBS

How many are ready to start activating your faith????

How about asking Holy Spirit to open your spirit eyes? He persuaded them to expect a life of supernatural increase.

Luke 5:1-11 *So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, 2 and saw two*

boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. **(They were preparing)** **3** Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. **4** When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." **5** But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." **6** And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their **net was breaking**. **7** So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. **8** When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" **9** For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; **10** and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." **11** So when they had brought their boats to land, they [a]forsook all and followed Him.

8.Observations from the Text

1.Expectation vs.2 "washing their nets" What are you getting ready for?

2. Participation vs.3 "push away a little" Little faith creates bigger faith.

3.Impartation vs.3 "He sat down and taught" Keep in mind, Jesus did not say to just lay your hands on the sick-He said, they will recover

4.Forget The Past vs.5 "caught nothing" Nothing creates Nothing. Forget the last 2 years and all the trouble it brought. I'm looking to a 2nd service-a carpeted sanctuary-paved parking lot. Exceeding our monthly budget without scrimping by.

5. **Get Beyond Yourself** vs.5 “toiled exhaustingly” In my efforts the nets are empty but by listening to you- I see net breaking results.

Thibidæux, LA revival:

53 years ago, on July 20, 1969, astronauts **Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin** accomplished a feat considered impossible for much of human history. Escaping the gravitational pull of the earth, and soaring beyond its atmosphere, they were the first persons to set foot on the moon. Their successful mission was the crowning achievement of NASA’s space program.

NASA’s vision statement, “**We reach for new heights and reveal the unknown for the benefit of humankind,**” expresses the human longing to overcome limitations and to explore new frontiers. Fictionally, this sentiment is encapsulated in the Starship Enterprise’s mission, “to boldly go where no man has gone before” or even more succinctly, in the motto of *Toy Story* character Buzz Lightyear: “**to infinity and beyond!**”

YOU HAVE TO SEE IT BEFORE YOU ACHIEVE IT

[Arthur C. Clarke](#) wrote: “*The limits of the possible can only be defined by going beyond them into the impossible.*”

There is so much yet to be discovered in each of us on our magnificent journey – gifts, treasures, dreams and possibilities that can change the world. We have only to reach, to see, to grow, to give and to gather beyond ourselves to find them, and more... so much more. It is in your hands, in each choice and in each decision.

He went on to write A recent Leadership Wired Blog, [Traveling to Infinity and Beyond Means Leaving Self-Centeredness Behind](#),

Going beyond yourself means you:

A. Seeing Beyond Yourself

“A person starts to live when he can live outside himself.” ~ Albert Einstein

B. Growing Beyond Yourself

“The difference between what we do and what we are capable of doing would suffice to solve most of the world’s problems.” — Ghandi

C. Giving Beyond Yourself

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, ‘what are we doing for others?’” ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

Our leadership takes off when, instead of recruiting people to our cause, we invest ourselves in their development. We have to give to others before we can expect to reap their support.

D. Gathering Beyond Yourself

Let us not get weary in well doing for we will reap if we faint not. GAL 6:9

6. Alignment vs.4-5 *“on the ground of your word” We say whatever Father says. Know your book!*

7. Experience vs.6-7 *“net was breaking began to sink”*

8. Dependance vs. 11 *“forsook all, followed Him.” Simple faith is not jacked up faith. It is not pumped up, hyped up or manipulated.*

Faith is trust magnified

John 15:5 *“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”*

Had a friend who had a message, “Are you bearing fruit or are you just fruity?” Sheryl and I have seen many things over the years “In the name of God” that were nothing more than works of the flesh that qualify for wood, hay and stubble.

2 Corinthians 1:20 (NLT) “For all of God’s promises have been **fulfilled in Christ** with a resounding ‘Yes!’ And through Christ, our ‘Amen’ (which means ‘Yes’) ascends to God for his glory.”

All the promises are yes and amen in Christ! Not by anything you manufactured. You’re responsibility is to say YES and come into alignment or agreement.

When little Mary got a job assignment to give birth to King Jesus. She said....OK!