

Humility: God's Positioning for Promotion

Part 3: Increase and Influence

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Melancholy no More!

"Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." (Rom. 8:37) How are you more than a conqueror? Look right before that in v. 35 *"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?"* How are you more than a conqueror? Through HIM! And what does v. 37 highlight about Him? *"Him who LOVED us."*

2 Corinthians 4 says this *"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed ..."* Look at these dichotomies from Paul. If you are persecuted and you lose touch with hope then you will believe that God has forsaken you. If you are hard pressed on every side and you lose touch with hope, you will believe that you've been crushed.

Understand what was happening with Paul: Paul was holding onto hope in the midst of great difficulty of circumstance.

Melancholy is a spirit. It's been far too pervasive in the body of Christ. Melancholy is a spirit. Joy sabotages it and substitutes it with strength!

Melancholy delights in failure. It finds identity in failure. Melancholy is a victim spirit. It has no place in the body of Christ. You're more than a conqueror!

"But I just FEEL like such a victim." Then you are not in line with the Word of God. Melancholy has no place in the body of Christ. To step into melancholy means you've stepped out of and rejected the reality of his ever present LOVE. You are more than a conqueror through Him who LOVED you!

What shall separate you from the love of Christ?

Do you really believe that "hard pressed on every side" has separated you from the love of Christ? Do you really believe that "persecuted" has separated you from the love of Christ?

No way. You are persecuted, but you are not forsaken. You are hard pressed, but you ain't crushed!

The hope of God does not disappoint. Why? BECAUSE the love of God has been shed abroad in our hearts! (Rom. 5:5) It's the love of God that keeps the hope of God ON.

Do NOT make friends with failure. Do NOT find identity in melancholy.

There are entire lines of music that find identity in melancholy. It's not poetic; it's demonic.

The JOY of the Lord is our strength. Therefore, our enemy will move against the joy of the Lord.

I invite you to JOY. And I invite you to have JOY with no melancholy!

How to not Engage in Melancholy with People who've Got it

I want to teach you how to not engage in melancholy with people who've got it. Melancholy is a spirit and it is a communicable disease of the heart.

What happens is you have the joy of the Lord in you. You are thinking "I'm not just a conquerer; I'm MORE than a conquerer because of Him who loved me ... nothing's separating me from the love of God! I'm not basing my conquering identity off of my circumstances. I can be hard pressed on every side yet I know I'm not crushed. I can be persecuted and know that I'm not forsaken because the love of God has been shed abroad in my heart! Hope isn't going to disappoint me."

So you are feeling like that but you meet someone who is carrying that melancholy spirit. There is an accusation that spirit that's on them is going to make toward you ... that spirit will accuse you of not being real, or not being authentic, or of being hypocritical.

PROPHETIC WORD FROM BRENDA: The Lord showed me a trench and said "you need to dig a trench." He said "there are some people, not all, that you need to not draw a line in the sand ... you need to draw a TRENCH. When you cross that line you're going to trip. Some people might think that line is about not letting the devil come over here, but it's actually you going over there! You need to bring every thought captive to Jesus Christ. Some people you need to draw a trench and say "enough is enough is enough." I'm not going to go over to the flesh but your spirit is willing and alive. You are crowned. You are a King's kid. You need to start telling yourself "this is who I am. This is who I really am. It's not like Jesus sees us through rose-colored glasses. I really am seated at the right hand of the Father where there is joy and bliss forevermore. Take this moment. If you need to say 'Lord help me' because grace is available. Draw that trench in your heart. "Lord with You, I'm not going to go over there. He's saying not a line but a trench. He will help you that if you start to cross it, you're going to trip.

FOLLOW UP TEACHING FROM ERIN: I think the crux of what Peter was trying to get at is that if I believe what Christ did on the Cross only changes how God sees me than who I really am can be something that makes me depressed. But that's not what scripture says. Scripture says "I AM a new creation." God didn't just see me differently! He changed me! He actually changed me. And therefore I am worth of His love. I am worthy of His blessing. Not because of anything that I've done but because of what HE HAS DONE. So we look to the obedience of Christ and say because of the obedience of Christ blessing is my heritage. Righteousness, peace, and JOY in the Holy Spirit is my heritage! Nothing that I do changes that. Emotions - which is what many people live by - are wonderful tools but horrible masters. Being a un-hypocritical is not "I feel this way and that's therefore who I am." It is "I am THIS and therefore I CHOOSE to feel this way." So when someone who is locked in their emotions looks at you and says "you're not real because you don't live by how you feel" ... that is a lie! "I LIVE BY WHO I AM and WHO I AM IS CHRIST'S!"

Review & The Blessing of the Lord

The first series on humility was called "The Freedom that Comes when Pride Goes." More recently we've been talking about humility as "God's Positioning for Promotion."

Pride focuses on our flesh, our ability, and our performance. Pride + failure = condemnation.

However, when we focus on our ability, our performance, etc. (pride) + success actually equals entitlement. Entitlement is far more dangerous because it causes you to step out of dependency upon God. Success tests the heart. A man is tested by the praises afforded to him.

In the last message, I talked about the blessing of the Lord. I spoke from Proverbs 10:22 which says "*The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it.*" By revelation one morning the Lord highlighted the Hebrew of that verse to me and it turns out that the blessing is not a THING ... a building is not a blessing and a job is not a blessing because the blessing means the GOOD SPEECH of your Father.

There is a difference between success and good success. We tend to think of "blessings" being things but what we are probably thinking about scripturally is moreso "good success" that God talks about in Joshua 1 "good success." A good success is something that benefits you without sorrow added with it. Sometimes people get a "promotion" at work which really just means you work more hours and lose quality of life in order to get a bit more money ... that wouldn't be a "good success" it would just be "success" from the world's perspective. So, we've tended to think of the word "blessing" like that ... and the concept of "good success" is indeed scriptural.

But, Proverbs 10:22 in the Hebrew says the good speech of your Father (the blessing of the Lord) makes your rich (causes you to increase by factors of 10 ... causes you to multiply)! When we see

blessing in Genesis 1 (the law of first mention), God blessed them and said “be fruitful and MULTIPLY!” So when God blesses you He says “I want to see more of you.” That’s the nature of blessing. God blessing you is Him saying “I like what I see and I want to see more of EXACTLY that.”

I saw a lady with a tattoo recently “God’s still working on me” it said. Yes He is transforming your soul according to you renewing your mind to His Word and His ways. If you are in His Word and in His presence, you will be transformed by that. But the second half of Proverbs 10:22 says “*and He adds no sorrow with it*” and literally means “He doesn’t augment the clay pot.” He’s the potter, your the clay. He’s formed you exactly how He wants you.

He’s not changing who you are. His blessing on you is completely specific to you.

When we receive that blessing we now know that our Creator wants to see more of us - which causes us to increase by factors of 10!

Sad to say, most believers are walking around (and I’ve been there) not knowing yet the blessing of their Father and therefore they are not connected with the capacity for supernatural increase.

The capacity for supernatural increase (where you go up by factors of 10) is connected directly to the blessing of the Father. The Father says “I blessed them and I said ‘be fruitful and multiply.’” When you multiply according to the word of the Father, that’s called supernatural increase. When you don’t have the blessing of the Father, all you can do is trade part of who you are to try to become something who you are not.

Only God can function in that supernaturally exponential manner. It’s creating something out of nothing. We believe that the worlds were framed by the very word of God (Heb. 11:3), right?

So how can you increase supernaturally? Well most people increase by the sweat of their brow. Paul did say *“I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.”* (1 Cor. 15:10) Paul was speaking of a labor borne of grace. BUT most people increase by the sweat of their brow; that leads them into bondage through toil.

God’s saying “if you’ll receive My blessing you will know that I want YOU to increase.” You - exactly who you are - He wants YOU to increase. So if you are a 4.4 He just wants to add zeroes to the end of it … not to get you to change into a 6.3. If that doesn’t make sense, be sure to read or listen to the last message.

Opportunity Aversion

If the blessing of the Lord in your life has not made you uncomfortable yet, I would propose to you that you’ve not yet experienced the blessing of the Lord. God’s blessing upon your life. His good

speech over you that says “you’re My beloved son (that’s identity) in whom I’m well pleased (that’s blessing).” He says “I want to see more of what I see in you.”

The blessing of the Lord stretches and expands. It adds zeroes to it. When that happens, when God’s blessing comes upon us, when expansion comes upon us, it will actually make us uncomfortable at times because God’s very blessing calls us into something more than how we identify ourselves.

I’m being a bit pastoral here … this is why the Lord gave me that revelation. He was calling me into a place of greater platform - a place of greater influence - and I was telling Him “Lord, I don’t know if what I have to offer will be relevant there.” (This was what was happening in a prayer time). And He says “Proverbs 10:22” and that’s the revelation He gave me. In other words, He’s saying “if you’ll receive My blessing, you’ll rise to the occasion according to who you are and how I’ve made you, and what I want to release through you.”

A very prevalent hinderance is either opportunity aversion or self-promotion. They are both the same. Self-promotion is the attempt to increase apart from the blessing of the Father. Opportunity aversion is a fear of increase because you are apart from the blessing of the Father.

If the blessing of the Lord hasn’t made you uncomfortable yet, you haven’t yet stepped into it. When God’s blessing comes upon you, it stretches and expands you. Expansion is KEY to the Kingdom.

I ended the last message by saying this: “Humility is NOT an invitation to a lack of influence.” The Lord in fact says “I exult - and put in places of influence - the humble.” Humility is indeed God’s positioning agent for promotion.

If I teach the message on humility and you couple that with a lack of knowing the Father’s blessing you will interpret humility as an excuse for a lack of influence as an excuse for avoiding opportunities that stretch.

Opportunity aversion is out of the lack of the Father’s blessing. Why did the Lord speak His blessing to me? I said “Lord, what I have … will it be relevant there … at a place of greater influence?” And He says “Proverbs 10:22 … I want to BLESS you. I’m well-pleased with you. Now, increase. Be multiplied by factors of 10.”

Promotion is Simply a Change of Platform

Promotion is SIMPLY a change of platform. I’m going to keep sharing that because it’s so significant although it simple in its phrasing. Promotion is simply a change of platform.

It goes like this: “what you’ve heard in secret, declare from the rooftops.” That’s one of the best verses in the Bible I know about promotion. “What you’ve heard in secret, declare from the rooftops.”

One day I was sharing a revelation with someone of influence. And I shared with this person and it was really an amazing time. I was driving home after meeting with them and the Lord brought to remembrance how I had been questioning whether this revelation I had would be applicable in that “sphere” and at that “level.”

As I was driving home, the Lord spoke to me and said this “never again doubt the applicability of what I’ve shown you in secret; did I not tell you to declare it from the rooftops?”

“What I give you in secret, declare from the rooftops.” You are knowing the Creator of the universe. You are in His word. You are hearing from Him in prayer. What He has shown you in secret is perfectly applicable to everyone He’s ever created. What He shows you in secret, declare from the rooftops.

Here’s my point: promotion is not a change of input. It’s just a change of platform. You receive from the Lord as you always have, your platform just changes.”

Prophetic Words about Blessing and Humility

The Bible says to not despise prophecy. (1 Thes. 5:20) The enemy will lie to you and say “yeah yeah, you’ve heard prophetic words before.” That right there is where you’ve stepped out of the Word of God. When you embrace that thought, you’ve stepped out of the Word of God. He says “do not despise prophecy.” Now the next verse says “test everything.” There you go :)

What I am saying is this: if you hear prophetic words and you don’t have a child-like excitement about the prophetic words that you are hearing, what you’ve actually done is step into a place of slightly hard-heartedness and out of the newness of what God’s doing. It would be no different than reading the Word of God and saying “it just feels pretty stale to me.” When you boil that down and say “where did I get to that point?” and you realize that you decided a few weeks ago that you “pretty much got it.”

Listen to this word from Fiorella Giordano about the blessing of the Lord from 6/25/19.

For the next two weeks, there is a new level of Divine Influence being released right now into this season. The influence of heaven will heighten and upgrade your sense to perceive the new that is already here. **This influence is the blessing of God**, it will move into places of the impossible, those places that have been difficult to change, doors that have not been able to open, situations that have remained in conflict and chaos. **His blessing is coming as an influence** that will shift thoughts, emotions, positions, purpose, perspective, and even assignments.

His blessing is here to rest upon your new name. Many have been going through a transition in the very core of their identity, there is a greater glory being awakened in the inner man, and this has been because God is calling you by a new name.

I prophesy over you, that **The blessing of God will empower your identity**. It will empower you to be who you were created to be. You will flow in a greater level of authenticity, and that will cause a greater flow of destiny, and the influence of fear and intimidation, and the power of the curses that came against you last season will not be able to access you. I prophesy to you today that you are in a new moment and **the power of the blessing is greater than the power of any curse that you have contended against. Don't take your past into your future. Something new is here.**

Remember that Jabez said "*Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!*" (1 Chron. 4:10) Why did Jabez add the part about not causing pain? Jabez's name meant "one who causes pain." When God blesses you, He will often give you a new name!

On April 23rd of this year, Lana Vawser shared this:

I heard the Lord saying: "Can you hear the sound of increase?"

The Lord is bringing increase like never before and as a loving Father He is releasing wisdom and instruction on how to move with Him and yield with Him to be able to carry the increase. The sudden changes, the sudden changes of course, the resounding of the Lord to "COME OUT" of things you were in and part of before, is exciting because you are moving into something more beautiful and greater than you could ever imagine. It is increase. Any deep pruning taking place right now is simply to see the increase of fruitfulness in your life. You must arise and obey in order to ARRIVE into the increase He has for you.

Yield! Yield! Yield! There is a resounding sound from heaven to YIELD!!! **HUMILITY is KEY and THE key in this new era.**

Two people from church wrote me to let me know Kenneth Copeland's teaching right now is on ... humility Wouldn't be like the Lord to position His people for promotion? And how would He do it? Would He tell them to really stir themselves up? No, He'd say "why don't you sit down ... just get low. Just get low. What I'm about to add to you is nothing about what you have to do." It's simply a change of platform. It's not us stirring ourselves up to force something through because the same thing that causes us to be averse sometimes to opportunities that are presented to us is also the same thing that causes us to self-promote.

Self-promotion and opportunity aversion are exactly the same thing. To the extent that we have not received the blessing of the Father, we will flip flop between opportunity aversion and self-promotion. You will stir yourself up to promote yourself and then you'll fall back again into opportunity aversion ... and the cycle will continue.

The answer is the blessing of the Father which creates supernatural increase.

Humility EXPANDS

Humility positions you for promotion. One of the ways promotion looks is INCREASE - multiplied by factors of 10! “*Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory.*” Isaiah 54:2-3a says “***Enlarge the place of your tent, And let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; Do not spare; Lengthen your cords, And strengthen your stakes. For you shall expand to the right and to the left, And your descendants will inherit the nations.***” Psalms 2:8 says “*Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.*”

Well does that apply to believers? “*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations,*” (Mt. 28:19a) “*But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*” (Acts 1:8) One of the ways humility manifests in increase is it GOES into all the nations! It spreads to the right and to the left.

It's worth noting the verse that comes before Psalms 2:8 “*I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.’*” (Ps. 2:7) Now because of who you are, ask of Me the nations as your inheritance and the ends of the earth as your possession!

Expansion is KEY to the Kingdom mandate and it's part and parcel with being blessed of God and being His son.

So humility is NOT an excuse for a lack of influence. Humility in fact positions you for promotion and one of the ways that looks is EXPANSION.

Humility is the Pathway to Spiritual Authority

I would now like to highlight a few things from Luke 10. Let's start by getting some context from verses 1-12:

After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. Then He said to them, “The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves. Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road. But whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it; if not, it will

return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking such things as they give, for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whatever city you enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. And heal the sick there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ But whatever city you enter, and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, ‘The very dust of your city which clings to us we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near you.’ But I say to you that it will be more tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for that city.

Let's keep putting some paint on the pallet to work with here. Skipping ahead a few verses to v. 16 we see this: "*He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.*" This verse actually captures the nature of authority in the Kingdom. Spiritual authority comes from truly being IN Jesus' Name. Many people pray "in Jesus' Name" but they are not actually IN Jesus' Name. I'm not saying they are not saved; I'm just saying they are not very fully IN Jesus' Name. In John 5:43 Jesus said "*I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.*" To be in Jesus' Name truly ... requires humility.

As I've found it so far, the key to deliverance ministry is this: BE IN JESUS' NAME. I'm not talking about just being a believer. The enemy wants to know who's authority you're in. Yours? Or the Son of God - whom the demons begged to be allowed to be cast out into pigs. "I know we are leaving ... we're just asking you permission to go into the pigs." Jesus often cast demons out "with a word." Other places in the gospels make clear that a single finger of God touched people and they were delivered. The key to deliverance ministry is to actually be IN Jesus' Name. That means to be in His authority. How do you get there? You don't need to be born-again again. Nope. I'm saying it's humility of identity that causes you to actually be in Jesus' Name. No trust in your performance. No trust in yourself causes you to be speaking truly when you say "in Jesus' Name."

That's where spiritual authority comes from. "*He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me.*" Sometimes people have been rejecting us when ***we think*** we are speaking in Jesus' Name, but actually they are rejecting us, not Him. If we are under His authority, then we actually operate with His authority. When we are out from under His authority, we're operating just in our authority. Do not look to yourself when you are about to operate in His authority. Look to Him!

Rejoice that your Names are Written in Heaven!

Continuing with Luke 10, we see v.17-20 "*Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.” And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the*

enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”

I've been checking myself for a couple years about "Peter don't go getting excited about demons fleeing when you pray - because of this verse. Look, don't put your identity in that." It's an exciting thing because the reality of the Kingdom of God IN YOU - CHRIST IN YOU - is manifested right before you. If you haven't done it, try it! It's fun! You are changing someone's life and seeing a captive set free by simply laying hands on them and then doing something very complicated like praying in tongues until demons leave them :) It has nothing to do with us and shows just how much greater is Him Who is in us than him who is in the world! As fun as it is and as gratifying as it is to see someone set free, I've been checking myself saying "there's a line right here and don't start delighting in the fact that the demons are subject to me."

We went to a swim meet a few Saturdays ago and I thought I would open the Word to have a little casual time to read the Word. I opened to Luke 10 and I felt like it was grabbing me because again I was just being reminded "don't rejoice that they're subject to you." So I'm reading this and the Lord starts to speak to me and I start looking up the Greek.

(I will say the revelation I am about to share I heard from one person before but when they shared it with me they didn't have their notes and I wasn't able to connect what they were sharing. So I had heard this revelation once before but I really did get it straight from God b/c when I had heard it before I didn't get it.)

"Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you." (v. 19)

- "*Behold*" When you see "*behold*" it means you actually have to test it to see it! It means "look!" When Jesus says "*behold, I'm with you always*" ... in other words, STEP OUT like I'm with you and you will find out that I actually am! But you are not going to actually see this promise manifest until you step into it! So Jesus says "*Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy ...*" but you will not BEHOLD this unless you cast demons out.
- "*I give you the authority*" You may think "I need a scriptural basis for doing deliverance ministry." Memorize Luke 10:19 and say it out loud before you pray for someone. I love doing that. It puts the demons on notice "oh no, he knows who he is, and he knows that he has ALL authority over all of my power!" And I also know that in this process because I believe it, nothing shall by any means even hurt me! Isn't that awesome!

- Now, notice that in this scripture, it says you have the authority (*exousia*) over the serpents and scorpions' power (*dunamis*). Notice that the enemy doesn't have ANY AUTHORITY in this entire verse!

Next I started looking at the word heaven. Strong's Concordance says the word heaven here is **ouranós**, oo-ran-os'; perhaps from the same as G3735 (through the idea of elevation); the sky; by extension, heaven (as the abode of God); by implication, happiness, power, eternity; specially, the Gospel (Christianity):—air, heaven(-ly), sky. Notice that the word they think it might come from (G3735) which means A MOUNTAIN. So the word heaven here means "sky or something high" and it comes they think from the word "oros" which means "a mountain."

Jesus said to them "*I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.*" Isn't Jesus talking with them (the 70) about them just having gone out to minister?

He sent the 70 out. What did the 70 do? They did the stuff Jesus did. Healed the sick. Cast demons out. Right? They went all the places He was about to go and now what do we see? "*Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the authority ... Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."*"

I would propose to you this: "heaven" here means HIGH PLACES.

Jesus watched in territories where satan's name was over the region ... when these guys stepped in, satan's name fell like lightning to the earth and now their names are written over the region! Rejoice in this ... that your names are written now in the high places!

Satan's name had been written in the high places. Do you realize how many places satan's name is wrongfully written over industries? Over schools? Over buildings? Over regions? Over territories? Over neighborhoods? Over family lineages? But Jesus' Name is the Name that is above every name! But satan's name has been lifted up.

And Jesus was watching in the spirit as these 70 went to the places which He was about to go and what happened? They said "the demons were subject in our name" and Jesus said "yeah - I saw satan fall like lightning from those high places." The territories where he had been ruling I saw ... when you stepped into them ... his authority plummeted. But don't rejoice that the demons specifically are subject to you; rejoice that the Kingdom has come into that environment and now your names are written over those high places!

Now you might think "this is a different sort of concept, Peter." But listen to Ephesians 1:20-23 "which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, ***far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every***

name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church.”

Ephesians 3:10 “*to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places*”

Ephesians 6:12 “*For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.*” That means it is our assignment to wrestle against principalities and powers and to displace them with the Name of the King of Kings.

“*and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.*” (Col. 2:10)

He (Jesus) “*has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.*” and you are IN HIM!

Influence and Increase

Here's the point. Humility is not an excuse for a lack of influence. No, humility is God's positioning agent for your promotion. Your promotion will look like increase. Multiplied by factors of 10. Zeroes added to your name. Expand to the right and to the left. Go therefore into all the nations! I will make you a witness to the ends of the earth!

AND Humitliy is actually our pathway to spiritual authority. What is spiritual authority? Being IN HIS NAME. “*For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.*” Jesus said “great is your faith ... you get it!”

Being in HIM means to be under His authority. How do we get there? Humility! Stop focusing on your performance. It has nothing to do with that. His love made it nothing to do with that. The more we're IN HIM, now when we say “in Jesus' Name” all of the spiritual realm takes notice because you are in the authority of God!

It is God's will that humility in His people will actually create increase and influence through His people to this intent “*that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places.*”

I now speak in the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth the blessing of God over this church and every member of this church and everyone now reading this. Fight for it. Wrestle with God for the blessing. It's a greatly humble thing to wrestle with God for the blessing. Jacob wrestled with God for the blessing after having wrestled the blessing already from his brother. That wasn't enough for him. Having tasted of one blessing, he went for another. If you've already got one blessing from God, get

another! Wrestle with God for the blessing. The blessing of God is actually something you receive by humility and as you receive it I speak “influence and increase.” In Jesus’ Name. Amen.

No Longer Hidden ... but No Need to be Known

The Lord spoke to me in 2016 and gave me a word for our church and he called us His “secret weapon and hidden gem.” I’m here to tell you today, we’re transitioning. We’re no longer going to be a hidden church.

But I’m also here to tell you this: I don’t need to be un-hidden. I don’t need for our church to be un-hidden. Do you hear my heart? We already have everything we could ever want. Us moving to a new space is not actually like us going for something “more.” Do you know that we know who we are in Christ? We have received and are receiving the blessing of our Heavenly Father - the Creator of the Universe. He’s blessing each of us individually and blessing our church. And we have beautiful relationships in our body. We are truly a church FAMILY ... where I am legitimately excited to have the entire church body over to our house today for lunch.

I’m telling you ... I am not thinking of us moving to a new space as anything other than just a different platform. Promotion is simply a change in platform. You’ll never step into entitlement if the desires of your heart have been fully satisfied by who He says that you are.