

Humility: The Key of Knowledge

Part 2: The Word Became Flesh & Dwelt Among Us

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Cups of Water

Do you feel like when someone gives you a cup of water that they are going to get blessed because of it?

You should.

“For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.” (Mk. 9:41) If you did something really great for one of my sons, don't you think that would cause me to have greater favor toward you? You are God's child! When people bless you, your Father in Heaven sees it! The favor of the Lord is with you!

“The Answer is Yes”

I heard the Lord recently say “the answer's yes.” It was a blank check for this season. I was unpacking that later that night and sharing it with someone else and asking God “how do I put this into words?” He says this “catch your ask up with my yes!”

You might think “the answer is yes?” Yes sir! *“For all the promises of God in Him are **Yes**, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.”* (2 Cor. 1:20) In John 16, Jesus said “in that day you will beg me nothing ... but whatever you demand as something due to you in my name, it will be done for you.”

What I'm trying to tell you is having a big “ask” is a good thing!

In John 15:7 Jesus says *“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.”* Again the Greek word for “ask” here is to demand as something due to you. It is not to beg or to ask Him a favor. You will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

A lot of believers get uncomfortable having a big ask because they are not actually abiding in Christ. “If you abide in Me ...”

Now, legally, if you are in Christ, all the promises of God are yes and amen. I am NOT giving you something you have to perform in order to have His answer be yes. You are now a co-heir with

Christ - not because of what you did and not because of how you walk out the faith process. You just ARE. You're His child.

BUT, if we don't abide in Him, our desires will not be from Him and we won't ask with confidence. *"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you **desire**, and it shall be done for you."* Psalms 37:4 says *"Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the **desires** of your heart."* When you delight yourself in the Lord, the "asks" that come out of your heart are the things the Lord's placing in your heart.

I believe this is a major season of promotion for God's people. How does God position His people for promotion? Through humility!

I heard the Lord recently say "My increase is for the place of expansion ... if you don't have a vision for expansion, you will limit My increase." What I'm telling you is "catch your ask up to His yes." You have a "yes" from God and I believe it is really a season of increase ... a strengthen your stakes, lengthen your cords, expand to the right and to the left season for the body of Christ. What you do is you abide in Him and let Who He is draw hope in your heart. You expect His goodness and then what faith does is it ASKS! How does it ask? Does it beg? No, faith demands it as something due - because you know that the Father's placed it before you as something to ask for.

The Key of Knowledge

In Genesis 2 we see *"The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil ... And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."* (Gen. 2:8-9, 16-17)

In the garden, there were 3 types of trees. One type of tree was "resources" ... everything that was pleasing to sight or good for food. Another one was the tree of life. And a third was the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. What was the one tree they were not allowed to eat? The tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Have you ever noticed that it doesn't just say the tree of the knowledge of evil? That would make sense that they were not supposed to eat of tree of the knowledge of evil. But they also weren't supposed to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good ... because good is not God. God is only good, but good is not God.

A lot of believers have been trained up in the church to know good apart from God. We memorize scriptures and principles and we end up in a Pharisees position where Jesus said *"You search the*

Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.”

Do you notice that the tree of life was in the garden? Who’s that? Jesus! Jesus was in the garden. He was slain before the foundation of the world and Jesus says *“I am the way, the truth, and the life.”* They chose the tree of the knowledge of good and evil instead of the knowledge of God - Himself.

There are two types of knowledge scripturally. The one is the knowing OF God as a Person. Truth is a Person. *“I am the way, the truth, and the life.”* And when He was rebuking some of the Jews in John 5:39-40 He’s saying “you guys search the scriptures, but the scriptures speak of ME.” Jesus was saying “The Word is a Person.” *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him ...”* (John 1:1-3a) So you come to the Person of Christ be reading His Word. Bill Johnson says “read until you hear His voice.” That gets to that same point.

There are two types of knowledge scripturally and we’ve been conditioned often in the body of Christ without knowing it to view the Word of God through the lens of the knowledge of good and evil. “Tell me what is good to do and I will do it.”

Remember I said that condemnation only comes through a focusing on your performance, your obedience, and your ability ... through a focusing on your flesh. Romans 8:1 says that there’s no condemnation if you are in Christ Jesus. That’s the reality. The verse continues *“who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.”* When we focus on our ability - even though there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus - we will experience condemnation.

Why did Adam and Eve end up condemned and hiding from God? Because as soon as they ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil now they had to perform what they saw. They stepped into a place of performance of the knowledge of good.

See we think that the only reason that tree was bad was because it was the knowledge of evil. See no evil. Hear no evil. Speak no evil. But it was bad because it was the knowledge of good apart from God.

So what’s happening a lot of times (and we don’t realize that we’re doing it) is we come to a Sunday service, we hear the Word of God and we say “those are the good things to do, let me go about my week and do them.”

But, the goal of a Sunday service is not for me to give you good things to do. The core goal is what Ephesians 3 says. Paul’s prayer is that you would be rooted and grounded in love. Do you see the priority? As you keep tracking with that verse, you see “that you would be rooted and grounded in

love ... so that you may be able to **comprehend**.” Do you see it? This is HEART knowledge, not head knowledge.

Watch this ... God made your body to function like what I am telling you. Proverbs 23:7 says “*As a man **thinks in his heart**, so is he ...*” According to God’s design, He designed your HEART to determine the course of your life.

In the New Covenant (Hebrews 8), no one shall teach His neighbor saying “know about God (intellectually)” but everyone shall see God with their own eyes (I’m giving you the Greek), from the least of them to the greatest, because their sins and lawless deeds He will remember no more.

In the New Covenant we are not saying “know about God” because the veil was torn when Jesus was crucified! And now everyone can come into the Holy of Holies through the blood of Jesus Christ and see God with their own eyes.

Moses had a face-to-face relationship with God in the tent of meeting and all of Israel hung back - watching someone else’s intimacy with God. Not so in the New Covenant. In the New Covenant, each believer has their own intimacy with God.

There’s two types of knowledge scripturally. What I’m talking about is what would be called “revelation knowledge.” In the Greek, revelation is something that has been unveiled. What’s been unveiled? The presence of God has been unveiled. The veil in the temple was torn from top to bottom when Jesus died. His sacrifice has given us access. To what? To see God!

When you read the Word of God and something comes alive in your heart, do you know what has come alive in your heart? Him! Not knowledge, but Him!

Do you realize that when Paul talks about revelation, he says you’ve been given a stewardship. Do you know what stewards do? Stewards leave the goods in the household. Revelation knowledge doesn’t need to be taken out of the presence of God because you never need to come out of the presence of God. You don’t need to go mining for revelation and then take the revelation out of the presence of God and then remember it in your mind.

Jesus said “*Holy Spirit will ... bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.*” (Jn. 14:26) Jesus did not say “Holy Spirit will bring to remembrance every verse you’ve memorized on your own.” Jesus said Holy Spirit will bring to remembrance everything He’s said to us - everything Jesus has taught us. How does Jesus want you to interact with the Word of God? As though you were interacting with Him!

The same anointing is in you and will teach you all things! (1 John 2) God has made His home in you. You abide in Him and He also abides in you. Notice that throughout scripture as it talks about

The Word of God it says “let my words ABIDE in you.” It doesn’t say “store up my words in your brain.” It doesn’t say “memorize my words” although there are parts of the word of God that say to meditate on His Words and there is an implication there that you’d be memorizing it. I get that. BUT WHY?

“You think you have eternal life because you know the scriptures but they speak of ME. How did you get the scriptures and not get ME?” The next verse, John 5:40 tells us how ... “*But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.*” It’s that simple. God doesn’t want your knowledge; He wants your heart.

In the Old Covenant they had hearts of stone and He said (Ez. 11) that He’s going to take out a heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh so that your soft heart would cause Him to no longer ever have to write on tablets of stone again but instead with His very finger to inscribe upon your heart His words and His ways and His love.

What you catch that’s rooted in love becomes transferable and impart-able. What you get by knowledge and study has no power on it. I’m not saying “don’t study.” The issue with the Pharisees was not that they knew the word of God. It was that they didn’t know God! They somehow had known the word of God and not found God in the word of God. And sad to say there are a lot of believers today that know the word of God but don’t know God.

So, it’s good to study the word of God. How’s faith going to come unless you hear the word of God? I study the word of God! But can I tell you how I study the word of God? For Him to touch me! For Him to touch my heart! A soft heart studies the word of God and says “I want to come before You and I want to receive from You; there’s nothing in me that’s off limits to You.”

Two types of knowledge. Revelation knowledge is inherently transformational. And when we don’t know the love of God and we’re walking in a place of pride we are afraid to be transformed.

The greatest indicator or pre-cursor of the rate at which someone will grow is their humility. In the years that I have led so far, I’ve come to believe that humility is the most important characteristic of the heart in terms of how someone will grow. Humility will determine your growth curve ... today.

My humility today will determine my growth curve today and my humility tomorrow will determine my growth curve tomorrow. Because sometimes the humility that got you grace today will turn into entitlement tomorrow (which we’ve previously talked about). In entitlement I’m taking what I got in communion and turning it out here into my performance and I just cut myself off from my source of growth.

The grace flows to the humble. So what’s one of the things that the humble are? Connected. Humility prioritizes relationship.

2 Cor. 2:12-17 (We are the Fragrance of Christ)

Let's look at 2 Corinthians 2:12-17 *"Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened to me by the Lord, I had no rest in my spirit, because I did not find Titus my brother; but taking my leave of them, I departed for Macedonia."* This is a very interesting couple verses. Paul himself said a door was open to him by the Lord! Paul was there to minister the gospel and he said a door, a good effective opportunity, was open to him by the Lord.

Do you notice what the next verse is? He said the Lord was the One who opened the door. But then the next verse was "but I didn't like that I didn't see my brother Titus there. I didn't have rest in my heart, so I left." Didn't the Lord open the door Paul? Watch Paul's perspective:

"Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ ..."

Look at Paul's perspective. He's like "look, God opened a door there but I didn't have peace because Titus wasn't there ..." Paul said God opened the door, shouldn't he have ministered there!?

You know we're too worried about getting it "just right" in ministry. Paul said a door was open but he didn't have peace because Titus wasn't there and he didn't fret about it; he just left.

Why was Paul not worried about it? *"Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ ..."* Do you see it?

Why did Paul know that God would always lead him in triumph in Christ?

See a lot of people's confidence in ministry is in doing the right thing. Paul's confidence in ministry was not in doing the right thing. Paul's confidence in ministry was Who he was connected to. Now watch this: *"Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ ..."* How could you always be led in triumph in Christ? Watch the next phrase - it's so significant!

"and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place." Paul knew that every time, every place he ever went to minister would be highly triumphant. Why? Because he smelled like Jesus!

Paul's confidence was not in knowing all the scriptures. Paul's confidence was not in ministering in exactly the right place. He was confident. He had just left a place where the Lord had opened a door. Paul said "I'm going to be triumphant in Christ wherever I go. Why? Because I smell like Him."

This wasn't just Paul's perspective. He was saying "this is how God sees me." ***"For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing."***

"To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death ..." Some of you need to stop feeling bad when people don't like you. You know some people - they don't even know that they're doing it - have an internal culture of gossip, slander, cursing, theft, debauchery, whatever it is ... and we love them! But

they hate you and they don't even know why they hate you sometimes. But as soon as they're meeting you they're testing you and seeing if you like to gossip too and if you are just as negative and bitter about life too. And when they find out that you only have light coming out of you ... this is the condemnation that the light came into the world and the darkness hated the light and it ran away from it. Stop feeling bad that those going to death hate you! Some of them will be saved. Some of them don't want anything to do with you right now. The problem's not you.

"and to the other the aroma of life leading to life." Find someone who you smell like life to. "I just love being around you ..." They're not a believer yet, but they love being around you. God says "spend your time there." Stop trying to have everyone like you.

Paul says *"And who is sufficient for these things?"* Do you see where Paul's confidence was? It wasn't in himself. Who could claim that everywhere you go you smell like Christ to whomever? You can't claim that unless your trust is fully in Jesus!

Here's the phrase: *"For we are not, as so many, peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak **in the sight of God in Christ.**"*

2 Cor. 3:1-3 (You are our epistle written in OUR hearts)

In 2 Corinthians 3:1-3, Paul says this *"Do we begin again to commend ourselves? Or do we need, as some others, epistles of commendation to you or letters of commendation from you? You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men; clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart."*

This message is about the key of knowledge. What I'm talking about specifically today is how this view of two types of knowledge actually shapes our view of ministry. Every believer is a minister. You've all been given the ministry of reconciliation. If you have family you've been ministering to them. When you care for them you are ministering to them. The Greek word for ministry means "to serve." Have you ever served anyone? Everyone's a minister.

Paul says something very significant here in 2 Cor. 3. Paul says: *"You are our epistle written **in our hearts, known and read by all men.**"* This phrasing is at first look perhaps peculiar. Paul was saying the Corinthians were the epistle so wouldn't the letter that they are be written in THEIR hearts?

*"You are our epistle written **in our hearts.**"* That's weird but significant because Paul understood the REAL nature of ministry.

What's the real nature of ministry? Paul understood that what he had allowed God to write upon his heart is what he would produce in the lives around him. The letter that the Corinthians were - the

evidence of Paul's ministry was these people. Paul knew that what existed in those people was because of what Paul had allowed God to write upon HIS heart. That's why he says "*You are our epistle written **in our hearts.***"

How's ministry work? God writes in YOUR heart and what He's written in YOUR heart you produce in the people around you.

You may be thinking "Peter this seems like semantics to me." OK. Let me tell you how many people think of ministry. The other way to think of ministry is this: "you are my epistle and I am trying to write things on your heart." Is that not how ministry is normally conceived? And the people you're ministering to, don't you think you're trying to write things on their heart? "*You are our epistle written **in our hearts.***"

Here's what God says: "You want to minister to people? Let Me write in your heart. Your softheartedness ... you operating in the Truth in a revelational basis, a relational basis, instead of just a knowledge basis actually positions you to be transformative in other people's lives.

Luke 11:52 (Enter in Yourselves!)

Luke 11:52 was our verse about the key of knowledge: "*Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. **You did not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in you hindered.***"

The only way that you can inhibit other people's breakthrough is not entering into breakthrough yourself. Do you see it right there in Luke 11:52? "You've taken away the key." How? "You didn't enter in yourself." What did that result in? "You hindered others who were entering."

The worst thing that can happen in any ministry is to have someone preaching the word of God who's not stepping into breakthrough themselves. It will actually hinder other people from stepping into breakthrough. Do you know why? Because - what you've heard then is truth without power and it will desensitize you to the power that's in the Person of the truth.

Some of you still have not recovered from growing up in the church. I'm speaking this in love. I'm serious; some of you still have not recovered from growing up in the church. Because when truth is shared without the impartation that comes from something that has become flesh in the person that's sharing it, now you get desensitized to the power that's in knowing the Person of the truth because you say "I've heard that before." Yeah, you heard knowledge before but you haven't SEEN the Truth! Truth is Person. Someone's been telling you about God but you are supposed to see Him - with your own eyes.

This is what Jesus was addressing with the lawyers, Pharisees, and scribes. He was saying "you all are not entering in yourself and thereby you are keeping others who would have entered from entering."

This is why in that same section of scripture (the Mt. 23 account of it) He's saying "listen to the Pharisees because they are speaking the word of God - they are speaking Moses to you ... but don't do as they do ... because they will put heavy burdens on people. They will tell them all these things but they won't even touch it with their finger. They won't enter into it themselves."

John 1:14 (The Word Became Flesh and Dwelt Among Us)

Lets look at John 1:14 *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us."*

To my eye, I believe this is the most succinct definition of ministry in the entire Bible. Wasn't this the definition of Jesus' ministry? And aren't we in Him? So the definition of His ministry would probably apply to us.

How did God describe Jesus' ministry? The word took on flesh (became flesh) and dwelt among us.

When you allow God's word to be written on your heart and then you are around other people, you are accomplishing the full ministry of Jesus Christ.

When you allow God's word to be written on YOUR heart ... not on THEIR heart! Stop that! Stop that!

When the word becomes flesh in you and then you are around people, you are a Jesus Christ minister!

The WORD became FLESH and DWELT among us.

Hebrews 6:10 (Labor of AGAPE)

Hebrews 6:10 is a favorite verse of mine. It says *"For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister."*

Part of what God's not unjust to forget and not unjust to reward is the fact that someone HAS ministered. I will meet pastors and someone may say "oh they're a washed-up pastor" and I feel the compassion of God toward them because He is not unjust to forget their work and their labor of love which they have shown towards His children in that they HAVE ministered. But half of the equation of reward here is that you still DO minister. So if you HAVE and you DO, it's really good!

Notice what God is remembering. Work and labor of love (agape). What's agape love look like? *"Greater AGAPE has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."* Watch how ministry works. Jesus showed agape love. How did He do it? His body was broken for us. Ministry is breaking off a piece of who you are (the word become flesh in you) and giving that to someone else. Otherwise it's not labor of agape. The labor of love is giving something that's become flesh in you and giving that bread to someone else.

Solving Ministry Hypocrisy

Do you see how this solves all hypocrisy in ministry? Do you know that all hypocrisy is coming from people teaching things that they won't enter into themselves? This totally solves it.

Remember, I've said before that **religion** is trying to do for others what you've not yet allowed Him to do for you. Let God do for you ... let God write upon YOUR heart and you will be the word become flesh that's dwelling among people.

Do you know what **socialism** is? Trying to get others to do what you will not do yourself.

Lance Wallnau recently shared that we are living in a modern-day Pharisaical movement. I believe he's right. The religion those modern Pharisees are representing is secular humanism. It's called political correctness.

You will start to notice this pattern: they will tell you the things you ought to care about ... but not lift a finger themselves.

“This is a MAJOR PROBLEM!”

Do something about it, please stop telling me about it. Please stop telling me about it. Please shut up and go do something.

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Then what they will do is they will take you into the public square just as in the story of the woman caught in adultery and try to condemn you in the public square for whatever. Why? Because you won't do what they want you to do. Socialism is about control. It's trying to force others to do what you won't do for yourself.

I'm highlighting this because do you know that we're living in a budding socialist movement in our country? The Body of Christ ought to be able to see right through it and say “that is NOT from God!”

But instead, what's often happening in the Body of Christ is we get very uncomfortable when someone actually operating in the Spirit of Christ who's out there condemning the accusers with their own words. Do you remember what Jesus did with the woman caught in the act of adultery? He said “he's who's without sin cast the first stone.” Didn't He address their hypocrisy in the PUBLIC SQUARE? Did He not? Weren't they trying to condemn someone for exactly the sorts of things they were doing. And Jesus called them out IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE.

Yet we have people in the Body of Christ who get all uncomfortable if someone from the Body of Christ calls out these hypocrites in the public square. “Oh that's not Christ-like.” Yes it is! Because

Jesus did exactly that. He called out those hypocrites in the public square. So stop being uncomfortable with someone (believer or not) who's calling out hypocrites in the public square - instead get behind them in your prayers!

The Body of Christ should be seeing through socialism and we should be dismembering it with humility. Socialism is so proud. "I know what YOU should do ... I know what's best for YOU. I can tell YOU what to care about ... listen to me!" Go care about it for yourself! Do it for yourself. Solve something for yourself and when that word from God has become flesh in you, tell me about it.

Do you see how this view actually solves ministry hypocrisy?

Solving Ministry Insecurity

Do you know what else this solves? Ministry insecurity!

When you teach a group of people to go share the gospel, I can promise you a question that will come up. Do you know what the question is? "What if they ask me something I don't know."

It's a very honest question. But do you know what that question shows? It shows that person's operating system that the church has brought them up in is the knowledge of good - not the knowledge of God. Because Paul's confidence was not that he had all the answers. Paul's confidence was in how he smelled. He KNEW the Truth. You don't need to know all the facts if you know that you KNOW the Truth.

So this solves ministry insecurity as well.

Solving Ministry Indebtedness

The last thing this solves is ministry indebtedness. Instead of trying to "get out there" and produce stuff that isn't coming out of relationship ... and trying to know things in order to do things ... instead you are abiding in Someone and fruit gets produced that other people can eat naturally.

This is How you do Ministry

Last time I was trying to raise some questions between the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and actually KNOWING the Father, actually KNOWING God, actually have a relationship with the tree of Life ... instead of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

This time I am saying "this is how you do ministry." Each of us has been called to minister in our family or in our workplace and to see breakthrough occur. The only way you can keep others from breakthrough is to not enter into it yourself. The most spiritual thing that you can do today is to have such a vibrant relationship with God that it produces a breakthrough in your life. Listen to me: the most spiritual thing that you can do today is to have such a vibrant relationship with God that it

produces a breakthrough in your life ... not the life of someone else. In YOUR life! Every place where the Word has become flesh in your life in the form of a breakthrough, you now become a breakthrough waiting to happen for everyone that comes in contact with you.

God's goal for you is not more knowledge. God's goal is for your heart.

Remember 1 Corinthians 8:1 says this "we all have knowledge and knowledge puffs up, but it's love that builds up!"

My prayer for you today is that you would be rooted and established in love and THAT will cause you to comprehend. It's saying what's your priority. It doesn't say "rooted and established in knowledge." It says "rooted and established in LOVE!" If you choose relationship, you'll get revelation. When you become rooted and established in love, then you will comprehend. And when you comprehend Who He is and Who He is FOR YOU, now you will be filled with all the fullness of God. So I pray that in Jesus' Name. Amen!

Main Scriptures

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“that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.” (Eph. 3:17b-19)

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