

Being Led, Not Pushed

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In dark times in our lives we can still hear God's voice. I want God to speak into your life. He has no special language for pastors. He speaks to our hearts the same way He speaks to yours. I want you to be able to hear His voice so He can speak to you in the darkest moments of your life. So you can walk with God throughout the difficulties of life and come out on the other side, walking by faith and not by sight. Holding onto victory that belongs to you because Jesus purchased it.

- In dark times, get into prayer, don't ask your feelings permission.

In 1988 the Holy spirit spoke this to my heart; "*You will either be led my spirit through life or pushed through life, you decide*".

- Every day of our lives we must decide if we will be "pushed" or "led".
- There is a way to walk with God when life pushes, through intimacy with Him.
- Don't be pushed, be led by God's love.

We must choose which realm will govern our lives.

- The seen realm of this world, or the unseen realm of the spirit.

II Corinthians 4:16-18 - Therefore we do not lose heart or give up. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! While we do not look at things which are seen, but at the things which are unseen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

- The unseen realm created and governs the seen realm.

There are only two realms, The Kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan, the kingdom of light and the kingdom of darkness. Each has a purpose.

- **The kingdom of God is to bring life abundantly.**
- The kingdom of Satan is to steal, kill and destroy.
- The seen realm connects to your outward man, your senses, limiting you to human strength and wisdom.
- We can live in the unseen realm by grace through faith having an intimacy with God.
- The unseen realm taps into our inward man and the power and wisdom of God.

Romans 8:14-15 - For all who are led by the spirit of God are children of God. So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father."

- Abba Father is intimacy with God like a child to their "daddy".
- In this intimacy we find our strength and power.
- We need to spend time with God to be intimate with Him.

Jesus is our example. He was pushed by Satan himself.

Matthew 4:1-11 -Then Jesus was led by the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry. During that time the devil came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread." But Jesus told him, "No! the scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, 'He will order his angels to protect you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'" Jesus responded, "The scriptures also say, 'You must not test the Lord your God.'" Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him the kingdoms of the world and all their glory. "I will give it all to you," he said, "If you kneel down and worship me." "Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the scriptures say, 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'" Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.

- Jesus knew the Holy Spirit and how to be led.
- Jesus spent time in prayer.
- Jesus knew the scripture, the Word of God.

Satan will try and get us to question our identity in Christ. He will try and get us to doubt what God says about us. **Don't let the enemy steal your identity by pushing you away from the Holy Spirit, prayer and the Word of God.**

Jesus was pushed by people.

Mark 11:27-33 - They arrived again in Jerusalem, and while Jesus was walking in the temple courts, the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders came to him. "By what authority are you doing these things?" they asked. "And who gave you authority to do this?" Jesus replied, "I will ask you one question. Answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. John's baptism — was it from heaven, or from men? Tell me!" They discussed it among themselves and said, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will ask, 'Then why didn't you believe him?' But if we say, 'From men' . . ." (They feared the people, for everyone held that John really was a prophet.) So they answered Jesus, "We don't know." Jesus said, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things."

- Jesus was pushed by people but He ignored them.
- As a Christian people shouldn't drive you in life.

We are called to be Christians not politicians. If you want to change the world go love people first. **There is a spiritual realm that must govern our lives in all circumstances and trials.**

Elisha & His servant

II Kings 6:14-17 - So one night the king of Aram sent a great army with many chariots and horses to surround the city. When the servant of the man of God got up early the next morning and went outside, there were troops, horses, and chariots everywhere. "Oh, sir, what will we do now?" the young man cried to Elisha. "Don't be afraid!" Elisha told him. "For there are more on our side than theirs!" Then Elisha prayed, "O Lord, open his eyes and let him see!" The Lord opened the young man's eyes, and when he looked up, he saw that the hillside around Elisha was filled with horses and chariots of fire.

My prayer is that the Lord open up our eyes, that we may see. So we can be led and not pushed. **There is another realm available to us if we open our eyes to the things unseen.**