

I have included in this week's devotional some thoughts that have stuck out to me during our Journey over the last several weeks. Please take a few moments to consider these thoughts before moving on in the devotional.

Five marking moments on the Journey:

- Jesus is the way (get in), the truth (get educated), and the life (get active). Don't stop at the door - enter into all that God has for you. (Disney World analogy used by Pastor Caleb)
- Man is the only creation that is able to operate in both the spiritual and earthly dimensions. He is able to connect to heaven and release into the earth realm heaven's desires and dreams.
- Everyone has an assignment. What is yours? Re-visit it for a moment right now. What has Holy Spirit been saying to you about your assignment?
- We corporately have an assignment - Potter's House (Is. 64:8, Matt. 27:3-7); Touching hurting people with the love of Jesus (Luke 4:18-19 - we have an assignment to heal and bring wholeness: Spirit, Soul, and Body); 1,000 Mature Believers unleashed in this community - people of the word and Spirit. Those who know the word and how to minister with Holy Spirit.
- Everyone has a something to give. (I Peter 4:10; Ephesians 4:16) What is your gift(s)? Take a moment to consider how God desires for you to use your gift(s)?
- We are to minister like Jesus. (John 20:21; I John 2:6) How are you doing in this area?

We are kings and priests

Revelation 1:4-6

I Peter 2:9-10

"But you are a chosen generation, a **royal priesthood**, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the **praises** of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy."

Royal = kingly (in nature); royal (root = through the notion of foundation of power; a sovereign, king) this is the word basileus - kingdom word.

Priesthood = the priestly fraternity (a sacerdotal order), priesthood (root = to be a

priest, perform his functions, execute the priest office)

Praises = manliness (valor), excellence (intrinsic or attributed), praise, virtue

We function as kings in our conflict with the enemies of God - A king commands!

It is important for us to understand this. We are not kings commanding God or ruling over each other but we are kings as we address the enemies of God. Take a few minutes to look up the verses below to reinforce this truth.

Luke 10:17-20; Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-20; Acts 3:6; Acts 13:9-12; Acts 16:18

We function as priest in our ministry to God and others - a priest ministers to and intercedes!

Old Testament priest - their role was to minister before the Lord (to the Lord and before the Lord for the people) and to minister from the Lord to the people.

Acts 2; Acts 3; Acts 4:23-35; Acts 16:25-34; Galatians 4:19

David ministered as king and priest and brought the manifest presence of God into the camp of Israel.

2 Samuel 6:11-14

I believe this is the prophetic picture God wants to show this body. We will not experience the manifest presence of God in the way He wants to reveal Himself unless we understand we minister as Kings and Priests!

Dear brothers and sisters you are a royal priesthood - take your kingly authority as you deal with the enemy. Minister as a priest unto God and your brethren!

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