

KICKING DOWN THE FENCES!

July - August 2018



God makes a powerful statement in Matthew, 19:26b "*with men this is impossible but with God all things are*

possible." In Genesis 18:14 God relates to us "*is anything too hard for God?*" If we take these promises to heart then we have a base belief and understanding that God will get the job done, for Him it is no sweat.

Unfortunately over time and with teachings that did not represent the Word of God we have developed self imposed fences in our Christian lifestyle that are not God.

"Kicking down the fences" is a very appropriate title and action to remove self imposed boxes, boundaries, fences, ideas, beliefs that prevent us from being able to obey God when He speaks. Why because our boundaries; say you cannot do that, who do you think you are, you are a no body. So you stay in a place of disobedience and bondage of our own doing.

It is time for believers to tear down, kick down and remove every fence and restriction that we imposed in and over our lives. Ideas, concepts, lies of the enemy, fears and doubt are not from God. The Bible says that "*we can do all things through Christ which strengthens us*" All Things!

So let's look at some of the things that keep us in a fenced in place we built, not God.

I want to share with you two major things that we must fix so we can flow in obedience and purpose for God's glory.

Who we are in Christ and who Christ is in us and applying the Word we hear. Both of these are critical if we intend to walk and live in victory.

A key element to both of these foundation principles can be summed up with three verses. Rom 1:17b, "*the just shall live by faith*" and Mark 11:22, "*have faith in God.*" Our lives in God begin and end in faith. *Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith*, Heb 12:2. Faith has no boundary, no fences to bind us. Faith is endless, powerful, every moving forward, ever conquering, never stopping, never giving up.

Identity in Christ - - if Jesus says who we are, what we have and what we can do, this is our identity in Him. This must be settled in your heart, in your spirit man. If you do not know who you are in Christ then no one else will know it as well, which includes the devil.

Applying the Word - Once we have settled, who we are we can attack the next item which is a major weakness in the body of Christ. Hearing the Word of God and not applying the Word you heard. If we do not apply or put in action in our lives; what have we gained? Yes the Bible says in Rom 10:17 "*faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.*" In Jam 2:20 it also says, *faith without works is dead*. There must be a corresponding action to hearing the Word by applying it in our daily life.

Jas 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves

Putting it to use, to work so the fruit of the Word is produced in our lives and in ministry to others.

When our faith and identity in Christ is settled our daily application is easier. When we are not active in applying we will have a struggle with the following issues and battles.

Reasoning - Many times we apply our reasoning to what God has said. Most of the time what God said makes no sense. So we determine it must not be God.

Think about Noah. God told him to build an ark. He did not know what an ark was. God's command did not make any sense to him. He had no reference point, only God's command. He had no knowledge of an ark, rain, or a flood. But Noah obeyed God and was saved with his family.

Fear - Fear will keep a fence in every area of your life. Jesus came to set us free. We must realize that fear is a spirit and must be cast out. Fear is not your friend but a major enemy of God and yours. Cast it out and kick down the fence that was built in your life.

Doubt and Unbelief - When we have trouble with doubt or unbelief we say we need more faith. But what we really need is less doubt. The mustard seed is the smallest seed but look at this verse. Luk_17:6 And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you. Remember the story of Jairus and his daughter. He was bringing Jesus to his house and on the way a servant came and said, "trouble the Master no more your daughter is dead." Look what Jesus said, "Fear not believe only." His daughter was raised from the dead. We must always have faith and drive out doubt and unbelief because it will keep us from stepping out to witness and pray for people.

Tradition & Religion- Both of these are strong influences prone to build fences and set boundaries. Have you ever heard this statement, " well we don't do that in our church." The common response is, "you are not in your church." We must be open to God in all environments so we do not miss His plan or purpose.

Change - There is one thing that most people despise, and it is change. No one likes change. When change is needed we must not let it build a fence around us so we cannot embrace the plan of God. Our rock solid stand on our identity and our stand in faith will take us through change with peace and joy. For too long many have not changed, many years have gone by with little or no recognizable difference, spiritually towards God.

Others have changed radically, a great difference can be seen in them. Because of the application of the Word of God, and the surrender to His plan the fruit can clearly be seen.

The greatest change that ever happened in your life was when Jesus came in and took up residence. It is a constant growing and changing journey. A life filled with power, LET IT OUT.

Let no man, culture, tradition, religion or yourself build fences around your life that limits or restricts being all you can be in God.

Kick down every fence, barrier and boundary that you have built which limits yourself in God and limits God.. Step outside the box in your actions, deeds, thinking, confessions and lifestyle. Let God be radical through you and let the world see God in you.

Simply declare God HAS NO LIMITS AND IN HIM NEITHER DO I.

Word and Power Ministries
Pastors Steve & Cathy Akers - 941 Longdale Ave – Longwood, FL 32750
407-339-0277 – email: info@wordandpower.us – website: www.wordandpower.us

