

REAL KINGDOM *Living*

PART TWO | FOUNDATIONS



ARISE, SHINE
YOUR LIGHT HAS COME

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1. Intro

Isaiah 60 NIV The Glory of Zion

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. 2 See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. 3 Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.”

2025 | Favour and Fruitfulness

“Do you want a successful, supernatural glorious and stunning year in 2025? Do you want to be the best you?” Deny yourself, pickup your cross and follow Him fully



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Matthew 16:13-27 progression and foundation for LIFE -



Finding your life | Fruitfulness, fulfilment, Kingdom living

Losing your life | Deny self | Pickup your cross | FOLLOW JESUS

Jesus builds His church | Our family | Rock

Live in authority

See and find yourself | True identity

See and find Jesus

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Is your heart still captured and captivated by Him?

The Parable of the Hidden Treasure **Matthew 13:44** “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

Real Kingdom living from the Heart!

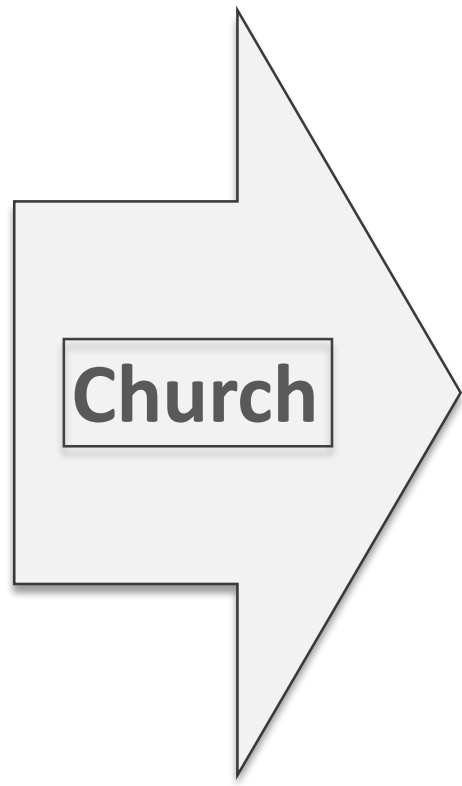
Continue our journey of Real Kingdom Living...



2. Our Foundation for Growth:

2025 | Growing Spiritually this year

Simplicity



Our 'Why' is Jesus and becoming more like Him

Our 'How' is: #connect #grow #love

A solid foundation is needed -



Truly grow this year?



Spiritual growth in 2025 | Fruit in 2025 –

- 1. The Word daily**
- 2. Prayer daily**
- 3. Community**
- 4. Serving**

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Matthew 6:24 “Therefore, everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them will be like a sensible man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain fell, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and pounded that house. Yet it didn’t collapse, because its foundation was on the rock.”

Foundation for Real Kingdom Living

“We can only achieve perfect liberty and enjoy fellowship with Jesus when His command, His call to absolute discipleship, is appreciated in its entirety.” — Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

2. The Word Daily:

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Testimony

More than ever in these times...



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“We can’t live off Bible crumbs, memes, cute philosophical Christian reels or the verse of the day, when living in mankind’s hurricane season of disinformation, agendas, propaganda and demonic deceptions.”

The Word



3.1 Life-giving:

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 All things were created through Him, and apart from Him not one thing was created that has been created. 4 Life was in Him, and that life was the light of men. 5 That light shines in the darkness, yet the darkness did not overcome it.

Time with God | Gives life | Gives light, exposes darkness



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John 6:63 The Spirit is the One who gives life. The flesh doesn't help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

Proverbs 4:20-22 “My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. ... For they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh.”

Jesus the Word -

is also the Way, the Truth and the Life...

John 14:6



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3.2 The Truth and direction:

Most liberal of eras -

Isaiah 5:20 Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!

John 17:17 “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.”



Psalm 119:160 “The entirety of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.”

Psalm 119:105 “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

Proverbs 3:5-6 “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”

Why?



2 Timothy 4:3-4 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.



3.3 Inspired and Authoritative:

It is God! Who has authority over your life? Who and what governs over us? Who has the last say?

2 Timothy 3:16-17 “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, [*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable*] and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof [*rebuke*], for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

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Psalm 19:7-8 “The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.”

Proverbs 30:5 “Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.”

Matthew 28:18 Then Jesus came near and said to them,
“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
19 Go, therefore, and make disciples...”

Word

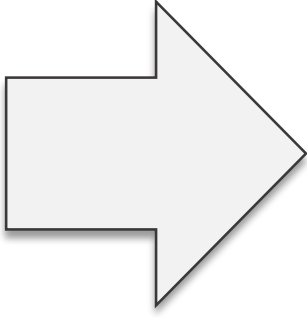
These last two are so important:

TRUTH and AUTHORITY in our age



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3.4 Powerful, Effective and Transformative:



Ephesians tells us about our Spiritual battle and verse 17 makes it clear:

“and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God”

Hebrews 4:12 “For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

Isaiah 55:11 “So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”



Changes us –

Romans 12:2 “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

James 1:21-22 “Receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”

Prayer

Next week...

Community

Serving



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“Disciple (mathētēs) says we are people who spend our lives being apprenticed to our master, Jesus Christ. We are in a growing-learning relationship, always. A disciple is a learner, not in the academic setting of a schoolroom, rather at the work site of a craftsman.” — Eugene Peterson, *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*

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Let's Pray



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