

## The 72—Kingdom Leadership

Teaching: Releasing the Anointing

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### 1 Thoughts on the Anointing

- There is a call of God, right now, to “fan into flame the gift of God” deposited in each of us to bring breakthrough for all.
  - **2 Timothy 1:6 (ESV)** — <sup>6</sup> For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands,
  - **Isaiah 10:27 (NKJV)** — <sup>27</sup> It shall come to pass in that day That his burden will be taken away from your shoulder, And his yoke from your neck, And the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing.
  
- The anointing is for breakthrough. (See **2 Samuel 5:20-21**)
  
- The anointing is God choosing, empowering, and demonstrating His love through and for people.

### 2 The Basics—What is the anointing?

- Anointing = the action and process that sets apart a person for divine use.
  
- Jesus is the Christ (The Anointed One)
  - **Colossians 1:18–20 (ESV)** — <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.
    - (See also **John 1:1-5**)
  
  - **Luke 4:17–21 (ESV)** — <sup>17</sup> And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, <sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” <sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

- **Acts 10:38 (ESV)** — <sup>38</sup> God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.



- The anointing originates from the Father through the Holy Spirit.
  - The anointing of God describes a divine assignment.
  - The anointing supernaturally empowers the believer for ministry (service).
  - The anointing's mission is completely about others.
- 3 **Jesus lived in His anointing.**
- **John 5:19–20 (ESV)** — <sup>19</sup> So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. <sup>20</sup> For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel.
  - **Jesus did not...**
    - Capitalize on His anointed ministry.
    - Fuel personal identity or ego.
    - Live out of His own imagination.
    - Work His own strategy.
  - Jesus could only do what the Father was doing.
  - The anointing does not promote you; it promotes the Father's loving work.

#### 4 Under the new covenant, all believers are anointed.

- **1 John 2:20 (ESV)** — <sup>20</sup> But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge.
  - **1 John 2:26–27 (ESV)** — <sup>26</sup> I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you. <sup>27</sup> But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.
  - **2 Corinthians 1:21–22 (ESV)** — <sup>21</sup> And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, <sup>22</sup> and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.
  - **Colossians 1:27–29 (ESV)** — <sup>27</sup> To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup> Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup> For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.
  
- The anointing reveals and enables your true identity in Christ.

#### 5 An Example of God's Extravagant Anointing

- **Matthew 26:6–13 (ESV)** — <sup>6</sup> Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, <sup>7</sup> a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. <sup>8</sup> And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste? <sup>9</sup> For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor.” <sup>10</sup> But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>11</sup> For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. <sup>12</sup> In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. <sup>13</sup> Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.”
  
- This woman was anointed for this moment.
  
- The anointing is not always seen the grandiose, but in unseen moments of extravagant love.
  
- The anointing may not always make sense to the observers.
  
- God was working through the woman to prepare Jesus for what He must go through.

6 The Lifestyle of the Anointing

- **Hebrews 1:8–9 (ESV)** — <sup>8</sup> But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. <sup>9</sup> You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”
- Your heart for what the Father loves matters.

7 Summary: Releasing the Anointing



- ***Honor the Lord***—the anointing and all its dimensions belong to God.
- ***Stir the waters of conviction***—the anointing is available to all.

- **Accept your divine design**—the anointing of God uniquely manifests in each of us.
  - Believe in your original design!
  - Availability vs. Ambition
  - **Romans 12:6–8 (ESV)** — <sup>6</sup> Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup> if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup> the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.
  
- **Build upon your foundation**—the anointing has a sphere of influence.
  - **2 Corinthians 10:13–18 (NKJV)** — <sup>13</sup> We, however, will not boast beyond measure, but within the limits of the sphere which God appointed us—a sphere which especially includes you. <sup>14</sup> For we are not overextending ourselves (as though our authority did not extend to you), for it was to you that we came with the gospel of Christ; <sup>15</sup> not boasting of things beyond measure, that is, in other men's labors, but having hope, that as your faith is increased, we shall be greatly enlarged by you in our sphere, <sup>16</sup> to preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man's sphere of accomplishment. <sup>17</sup> But "he who glories, let him glory in the LORD." <sup>18</sup> For not he who commends himself is approved, but whom the Lord commends.
  
- **Release your faith**—faith gives the anointing room to work.
  - **Matthew 17:20 (ESV)** — **20** He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you."
  - **James 5:14–15 (ESV)** — <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.
  - **James 5:16–18 (ESV)** — <sup>16</sup> Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup> Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.