

Crown Her a King TM

Restoring God's Glory to the Bride of Christ

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SESSION 6: *Your Royal Identity*

CLASS NOTES

Understanding your royal identity in the Kingdom is the **KEY** to unlocking Heaven's perspective.

2 Peter 2:9, **You are royal priests**, a holy nation...

Gal 3:26-29 – We all sons of the KING, all heirs – regardless of race, position, or gender:

²⁶ For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor (*oude*) Greek, there is neither slave nor (*oude*) free man, there is neither male nor (*kai*) female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise.

(Side note: male 'nor' female is '*kai*' meaning 'and' because they are not opposites like slave/free)

Kris Vallotton: From "Pauper to Prince" – excellent message! kvministries.com

Proverbs 30:21-22 There are three things that make the earth tremble— no, four it cannot endure: ²² **a pauper who becomes a king,**

We have dominion, and we are to rule the earth. So, how are we governing? – like a pauper or like a king? Bill Johnson: "The beautiful privilege of the Christian life is to rule with the heart of a servant, and to serve with the heart of a king."

But do we believe we are who HE says we are ... Did God really say?

- a. Do you believe you are a **worthless sinner** who will never amount to much?
- b. Do you believe you are powerless or insignificant based on your gender, your education, your economic status, etc.?
- c. OR, do you believe you are royalty, part of a royal priesthood, who has been given dominion over the earth and a mandate to transform this world?

We are a pauper or a king based on what we BELIEVE we are.

Whose report do we believe? Religion says we are worthless sinners. The devil says we have no power and cannot help a hurting world. Pessimists say the world will just get worse until Jesus returns. – We affect the world around us with what we believe.

You always reproduce around you the kingdom that you have within you.

Do you believe the devil has God's permission to destroy the world – to steal kill and destroy until Jesus returns? **Or do you believe His is coming back for a Glorious Bride?**

TRUTH IS A NARROW ROAD WITH TWO DITCHES... TRUTH, YOU ARE A KING'S KID. ON ONE SIDE IS A DITCH CALLED **PRIDE**... NEBANEZER FELL INTO THAT ONE AND THEN LEARNED WHO GOD REALLY WAS. THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ROAD HAS A DITCH CALLED **INSECURITY**

You can't always help with happens to you but you can always help happens in you. – We are not the product of our environment; we are the product of how we respond to our environment.

- Israel: **Slaves in the wilderness** – slaves on the inside, never entered the promised land even though God almighty was visibly present the whole time
- **Joseph**: Dreams – he was a leader. e was a king on the inside, even when he was in slavery and the prison. But **he was royal on the inside** and and rose to the top in every situation.
- **Daniel**: An amazing example of how you cannot take the king out of the prisoner/slave.

But can women be leaders? Phoebe, Deborah, Junia, Priscilla...

Phoebe (Deacon and Leader): Romans 16:1-2

Roman 16:1-2. "I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a **servant** of the church which is at Cenchræa; ²that you receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and that you help her in whatever matter she may have need of you; for she herself has also been a **helper** of many, and of myself as well."

Deacon/Minister:

- Greek word for 'servant' above is *diakonos* which means "minister, servant, deacon." In English, the nouns minister and deacon usually carry more weight than the noun servant.
- Paul used the Greek noun *diakonos* 20 times in his epistles. The *King James Version* (KJV) translates it "minister" sixteen times and "deacon" three times.
 - Only time KJV translates it "servant" is in Romans 16:1, is when referring to the woman Phoebe (spelled Phebe in KJV).

Leader/Ruler:

Verse 2 should read "ruler of many" or "leader of many" rather than "helper of many" (NASB + many mothers) or "succourer of many" (KJV)

- The phrase in Greek is *prostatis polus*

- o *prostatis* = "to stand before in rank, to stand at the head of, to preside, to rule, to lead"
- o noun, *prostatis* "From a derivative of [τροφιστημι \(G4291\)](#)" = ruler
 - 1 Tim 5:17 "Let the elders that rule (#G4291) well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine."
- o *polus* = "many"
- o So, literally she presided over or led many. It has been defined as "a woman set over others, a female guardian." But it's not about being "over" – it's about leading.

The verse ends with the phrase "of myself also."

- Only the *Contemporary English Version* gives it more of a literal rendering: "a respected leader for many others, including me."
- Paul did not have an issue with women in leadership, even if it meant she was ministering to him. ☺

Deborah (Secular and Religious leader / highest office possible: Judge, Prophet, Military Leader) – Judges Chapters 4 & 5

Deborah was prophetess who became a Judge. Prior to Israel having "kings" they were ruled by "judges". The Judge was the religious/civil leader of Israel (no separation of church and state). Eventually, she also became a military leader as General Barak did not want to face the battle without her guidance. She brought a wayward Israel back to God and defeated their enemies. – Old Testament example of a woman in leadership with God's blessing!

Junia (Apostle) - Romans 16:7

Romans 16:7, "Greet Andronicus and **Junia**, my fellow Jews who have been in prison with me. They are outstanding among the **apostles**, and they were in Christ before I was." (NIV) -- 'Junia' also in KJV, NLT. Others change it to "Junias" (NASB, Message).

Early church fathers assumed she was female. Not until 1200's did they determine that since women can't be leaders, Junia must be Junias – a male. (*NASB* and *Message* have changed name to read Junias.)

However, "researchers have been unable to locate a single example of the male name Junias in ancient literature or inscriptions, either Latin or Greek." Additionally, "the female Latin name Junia occurs over 250 times among inscriptions from ancient Rome alone." – Junia (female) name common for the time, Junias (male) was not.

Priscilla (Teacher, pastor, fellow worker) – mentioned 6 times in NT

... sometimes her name is first, sometimes Aquila's name is first

- Rom 16:3-5, "Greet Prisca (Priscilla) and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, ⁴who for my life risked their own necks, to whom not only do I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles; ⁵also *greet* the church that is in their house..."
 - Acts 18:2 – Aquila and Priscilla, met Paul - they were Jewish tent makers living abroad
 - Acts 18:18 – Priscilla and Aquila travel by sea with Paul to Ephesus
 - Acts 18:26 – Priscilla and Aquila taught Apollos more accurately the way of God: *grace*
 - 1 Cor 16:19 - Aquila and Prisca greet you..., with the church that is in their house.
 - 2 Tim 4:19 - Greet Prisca and Aquila
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Are we influencing the world around us? Or is the world influencing us? Paupers succumb to the dark side that wants to disempower and impoverish. Kings want to succeed for themselves, for others, and for their King – their God! -- **Do you know you can change the world? Kings do.**

How do we change our inner core from paupers to kings? –**By believing the truth and then rooting out every lie within us. You are a king! – Do not get in ditch of pride or insecurity (poverty).**

Paupers respond poorly to negative circumstances. Kings are born to rise above obstacles and rescue the kingdom from the evil one. **We were REBORN to be kings.... WE NEED TO REMIND EACH OTHER WHO WE TRULY ARE!!!**

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, 'Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?' Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, [His] Presence automatically liberates others." – Nelson Mandela (Marianne Williamson, *A Return To Love*)

We are called to stop the madness and darkness in the world, not to sit in despair, nor to blame God for an evil world. We were born to rule, to take dominion. We were born for such a time as this!

1 Peter 2:9 for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

"The Anthem" (by Jake Hamilton, Jesus Culture): Wake up child it's your time to shine....you were born for such a time as this. I am royalty. I have . estiny. I have been set free. I'm gonna shake history. I'm gonna change the world. -- **LET'S DO IT!!**