

TITLE: **YOUR PRESENCE MADE THE DIFFERENCE!** BECAUSE OF YOU...

- I AM WHO I AM
- I CAN FACE TOMORROW

TEXT: **JER.2:1-13**

TOPIC: **SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP**

**Q:** TO BE SPIRIT LED IMPLIES WE FOLLOW HIM. HOW IS THIS TRUE FOR YOU?

**V2.** I REMEMBER HOW EAGER YOU WERE TO PLEASE ME...HOW YOU LOVED ME AND FOLLOWED ME.

**Q:** HOW ARE YOU DIFFERENT TODAY – SPIRITUALLY? ARE YOU CLOSER TO GOD THAN YOU HAVE EVER BEEN? WHAT IS GOD TEACHING YOU TODAY?

**V5.** WHAT DID YOUR ANCESTORS FIND WRONG WITH ME THAT LED THEM TO STRAY SO FAR FROM ME?

**Q:** COULD THIS APPLY TO US AS BELIEVERS? IF SO, HOW THEN SHOULD WE ALIGN OURSELVES TO THE LIFE OF CHRIST?

**V6.** THEY DID NOT ASK, 'WHERE IS THE LORD WHO BROUGHT US...AND LED US...?

**Q:** WHERE IS THE HOLY SPIRIT? WHAT DOOR/WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY HAS HE MADE AVAILABLE TO YOU?

- INTELLECTUAL KNOWLEDGE IS VALUABLE BUT IT IS NOT THE SOLE DETERMINING FACTOR IN GOING FORWARD. GOD'S PRESENCE IS!  
**EX.33:15** MOSES SAID, 'IF YOU DON'T PERSONALLY GO WITH US...DON'T MAKE US LEAVE...FOR, YOUR PRESENCE SETS US APART'

"IN PENTECOSTAL SPIRITUALITY THERE IS A COMING TOGETHER TO HEAR OUR TESTIMONIES, TO HEAR THE TESTIMONY OF SCRIPTURE, TO WAIT FOR THE SPIRIT'S CRITICAL CALL TO ACTION-APPLICATION, AND THEN TO YIELD TO HIS LEADING, AS PENTECOSTALS ACT ON THE WORD AND WALK IN THE LIGHT, THEY HAVE FELLOWSHIP AND ARE CLEANSED FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS." – STEVEN LAND, PENTECOSTAL THEOLOGIAN

**Q:** WHAT HAPPENS WHEN GOD'S WORD AND HIS SPIRIT INTERACT?

- I BELIEVE WE HAVE CLARITY AND COURAGE TO LIVE ACCORDING TO THE CONVICTIONS WHICH GOD HAS GIVEN US. ALTHOUGH CLARITY IS OFTEN

CENTERED UPON WHAT WE SEE, TRUE CLARITY OF THE SPIRIT IS LESS ABOUT US & IS INSTEAD, MORE ABOUT CHRIST AND WHAT HE SEES.

**V10-13** ...YET MY PEOPLE HAVE EXCHANGED THEIR GLORIOUS GOD FOR WORTHLESS IDOLS! ...THEY HAVE ABANDONED ME –

**Q:** HOW MIGHT THIS BE HAPPENING IN YOUR LIFE?

WHEN HUMANS RELY ON THEIR FEELINGS, KNOWLEDGE, TALENTS, OR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE TO HELP THEM THROUGH LIFE, THEN GOD'S WORD & HIS SPIRIT ARE LEFT WAITING ON THE SIDE TO WORK IN OUR BEHALF.

- JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN, DOESN'T MEAN THAT YOU SHOULD.

“UNLESS TRUTHS ARE AUTHENTICATED AND SET AFLAME BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, THEY GENERATE NO SPIRITUAL POWER OR EFFECTIVE WITNESS.” – JOHN SIMS, PENTECOSTAL THEOLOGIAN

#### **QUOTES:**

- “STORMS MAKE TREES TAKE DEEPER ROOTS”. DOLLY PARTON
- “WE DEVELOP OUR CHARACTER MUSCLES BY OVERCOMING CHALLENGES AND OBSTACLES”. STEVEN COVEY
- **ROM.5:3-5** ‘WE CAN REJOICE WHEN WE RUN INTO PROBLEMS & TRIALS, FOR WE KNOW THAT THEY HELP US DEVELOP ENDURANCE. AND ENDURANCE DEVELOPS STRENGTH OF CHARACTER, AND CHARACTER STRENGTHENS OUR CONFIDENT HOPE OF SALVATION. AND THIS HOPE WILL NOT LEAD TO DISAPPOINTMENT. FOR WE KNOW HOW DEARLY GOD LOVES US, BECAUSE HE HAS GIVEN US THE HOLY SPIRIT TO FILL OUR HEARTS WITH HIS LOVE.’

#### **CHARACTERS:**

**ESTHER 4:14**, ‘YOU WERE MADE QUEEN FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS!’ **JESUS: LUKE 4:1-2** WAS LED BY THE SPIRIT INTO THE WILDERNESS WHERE HE WAS TEMPTED FOR 40DAYS; **STORY OF JONAH** – INSTEAD OF PREACHING REVIVAL IN NINEVAH HE WENT TO TARSHISH – HE WENT IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION FROM THE LORD  
**NOTES:** DON'T QUIT MOVING FORWARD! LET GOD'S WORD & SPIRIT COMFORT YOU! LET GOD DISCLOSE HIS PLAN TO YOU AND SURRENDER TO HIS WILL.