**The Passion of the Kingdom**

God's Living Room - 7 9 17

I had a dream -

In it I was a part of an Educational Staff training up Kings and Queens

The first Teacher had the King focus on "what are the duties of being King"

He had the king prospect write out a list of things you need TO DO to be King

Things like “circle the ground every day” and evaluate your land

Write out as many things as possible (because there are so many) of what people are looking for you to do ... Things you are to do ... People you are to care for - and how will you do it

Things that if you do them, people will think we'll of you as a King -

Things that if you don't do them - people will look down on you as a King

Focusing on WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO = SLAVE

The second Teacher had the prospective King write out all the details of not just WHAT to do, but – more importantly – HOW WILL YOU DO THEM.

HOW is the King's armor designed and how are you to use it

HOW you are to say the right words AND say them with force to get people to obey

To major in not just WHAT you will do – but more, HOW will you do it?

What are people EXPECTING OF YOU in HOW you are to act as king (to respect you)

Focusing on HOW WILL YOU DO IT = SERVANT

The third teacher taught to the Queen - "what will the armor look like on your husband - the King"

Taught the King - "while doing the duties you will have the Queen by your side"

To see not only how your decisions effect you – but EFFECT OTHERS in enjoying life

When they went around to the peasants they were more interested in “how are you feeling?”

“What can we do to help you?” Try to get the peasants to have an outstanding view of life and to be successful for the ENTIRE WELL BEING of the community –

The WHOLE was more important – The land was something they ALL WERE TO ENJOY

So the lesson included this is your armor and how you use it, while you protect the precious people who there to CARE FOR YOUand honor you as King/Queen

This is what you will do, as you treasure the people and create this great COMMUNITY

Dare to DREAM ABOUT WHAT IS THIS KINGDOM TO BE LIKE – what do you WANT it to be and focus on that (instead of focusing on what it isn’t).There is no limit to what you can become - "what would you do? How would you do it?"

"What do YOU want it to be?"

Oh. And on top of everything else - you GET to have relationship with the Queen too!

Relationship with each other – and other’s JOYS were the focus

LOVING OTHERS and making them enjoy living in the Kingdom and making it what YOU DREAM and DESIRE it to be

To focus on what it COULD BE and to MOVE TOWARDS THAT = relationship and PASSION

To Do – What is Required – is to be a Slave - "Have to do" = WORKS

Focus on how you do – concern of other expectations = Servant –

"How you do what you have to do" = a sense of DUTY and FEAR OF OTHERS EXECTATION

To Be – To LIVE THIS MOMENT TO ITS FULLEST – to go for YOUR DREAM and look to fulfill YOUR DESIRE in YOU and DREAMS IN OTHERS - Love/Live Moment - "Get to do" - PASSION

This is what goes wrong with our marriages ... Our churches ... Our jobs...

We focus on living the wrong way – by focusing on doing or expectations not met

Instead of focusing on BETTERING those around us and being a BLESSING TO them

The first one was depressed because he "had to do it"

The second one was scared whether he would do it "good enough"

Third one... "Get to live it" "Get to be it" - "get to dream it"

Where is this in Scripture?

JOHN 15

"No longer do I call you slaves for a slave does not know what His master has done"

Jesus calls us FRIENDS

I will sacrifice and do EVEN MORE for someone I am in relationship with

Than I would do for just a job or a boss

The Great Commission and walking in the love/power of the Kingdom is not a

“have to” – or a “need to” … it is a GET TO – I GET TO LOVE ON THE PERSON IN FRONT OF ME WITH THE LOVE OF GOD TO SET THEM FREE AND BLESS THEM

Matthew 28

Mark 16

And the way we GET TO is out of LOVE

John 13:34-35

We think"PROPHET" in Old Testament – focused on telling people what you need to DO ... and to tell them what you AREN'T doing

But in New Testament, a Prophet from God looks to release people in their God- given PASSION -

1 Cor 14:3 - exhortation, consolation and comfort .. It is to the heart of the person FLOURISHING IN LOVE

Peter and the fish

Matthew 4:18-21 (READ IN AMP)

Luke 5:1-10

“at your word” I will throw out the net

Walking in the Kingdom of God requires moment to moment obedience to the Holy Spirit

We fulfill the Word of God as the Spirit of God convicts – prompts us to love and live in integrity of the Word (we cannot do it in our own strength)

We have it backwards!

We tell people: Get enough of the Word in you and obey – and THEN God will bless you and have closer relationship with you

God says, “I set up the Cross to have a close relationship with you – so I can be IN you and you IN ME and … fulfill the Word of God as I lead you moment by moment in my commands of love in the moment by moment obedience.”