

WELCOME TO WORD OF FAITH LIFE GROUPS **WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER**

LIFE GROUP LESSON PLAN

Is The Deliverance Ministry Scriptural, Part 3

Thursday, August 11, 2022 – 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Teaching The Bible Through Practical Biblical Teaching

OPENING PRAYER (5 MINUTES)

WELCOME TO OUR GROUP (5 MINUTES)

If this is your first time joining us, please introduce yourself! We are glad you took the time to join us today. Our group has four purposes:

1. **L... Learning together from God's Word**
2. **I... Interceding through prayer**
3. **F... true Fellowship in the Spirit of Christ**
4. **E...Evangelizing the lost**

PRAISE & WORSHIP (5 MINUTES)

FACILITATION OF LESSON

Sermon Title: “Is The Deliverance Ministry Scriptural,” Part 3

POINT 1

There is true deliverance, but it is not the deliverance that is built on human experience, as so many are teaching today.

It is deliverance based solely on the written, anointed Word of God, and it is accomplished by the direction and power of the Holy Spirit. It doesn't matter what kind of experiences deliverance ministries claim to have had. If their experiences aren't rooted in God's Word, they are being deceived. God's Word is the only standard for judging any doctrine or practice.

Actually, the word deliverance has been overemphasized and overplayed by the Body of Christ. By overemphasizing deliverance, some well-meaning Christians have left the impression that deliverance just means deliverance from demons. Deliverance does include deliverance from demons, but it actually covers a much wider range than just demons, because our redemption covers a far broader range than just deliverance from demons. Thank God, we are delivered from sin, sickness, bad habits, bondages, and the like. Thank God, through Jesus we can be delivered from anything that tries to bind us by the power of the Word and the Holy Spirit. We will have problems anytime we overemphasize a scriptural truth.

QUESTIONS

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1. What is true deliverance? In your own words.
2. What does deliverance include besides being delivered from demons?

We are delivered from demons, but that is not all we are delivered from. Actually, whenever we preach the gospel and people are born again, they are delivered according to the Book of Colossians 1:13. It says “**Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:**” Some people think deliverance is just going through some kind of ritual, screaming at demons and trying to get free, but it isn’t. True deliverance already belongs to you. And you don’t need to run to a deliverance minister to get it either. Just appropriate the power of God’s Word for yourself. **The Gospel according to John 8:32** tells us, “*And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*” It’s knowing and acting on the Word that sets you free.

We have to get the Word into people. So that their knowledge of the Word can begin setting them free. People get into trouble when they try to get someone delivered from things that are works of the flesh. What that does is it opens a door to the devil.

QUESTIONS

1. Why is it so important to get the Word into people?
2. What can get people into trouble? Explain!

We have to preach the Word. Why? In the **Gospel according to John 6:63** says, “*It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.*” The Word of God is God-breathed and God inspired. That’s what the bible says in the **Book of 2 Timothy 3:16**, AMP, “*All Scripture is God-breathed [given by divine inspiration] and is profitable for instruction, for conviction [of sin], for correction [of error and restoration to obedience], for training in righteousness [learning to live in conformity to God’s will, both publicly and privately—behaving honorably with personal integrity and moral courage].*” That means the Word is anointed and what does the anointing do according to the Book of Isaiah 10:27? According to the **Book of Isaiah 10:27** which says “*And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.*” The anointing removes burdens and destroys yokes. So, when a person teaches or preaches the Word under the anointing or the power of the Holy Spirit, the Word will deliver those who believe and act on the Word they hear. Whenever the Word is put first, it will work. The Body of Christ needs to stay scripturally based on the deliverance issue and not get off in a ditch on either side of the road. Just stick with what the Word says about healing and deliverance.

QUESTIONS

1. What are some other reasons to preach the Word? This is different from the previous question.

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2. What happens when we preach the Word under the anointing?

POINT 2

Demons are real, and we have to deal with them. And in some cases, demons do have to be cast out of a believer's body or soul. But as I have said, very few Christians have needed deliverance in the sense of needing a devil cast out of their body or soul. Except in some cases of sickness and disease. But remember the Bible calls sickness satanic oppression. The **Book of Acts 10:38** tells us, "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him." According to this scripture sickness is satanic oppression. In rare cases you have to cast it out of believers.

You don't go casting demons out of someone unless you first have a revelation from the Holy Spirit that it's a demon causing the sickness in their body. You don't cast demons out of people just because someone else did or because you think you should. You need to be led and directed by the Holy Spirit. And don't forget believers can stand against the devil for themselves.

QUESTIONS

1. In what cases do demons have to be cast out?
2. When should we cast the demon out?

There are some extreme teachings out there and one of them is the devil has to manifest himself in order to be cast out. Some people are always wanting to see manifestations. Some believers seem to be more interested in demonic manifestations than they are in Holy Ghost manifestations. Some ministers teach as doctrine that people must cough or vomit or have some other kind of physical manifestation in order to get rid of a demon. Don't misunderstand me. There may be occasions when a demon will manifest itself for example in **Mark 9:25**. The child had a dumb spirit in **Mark 9:25-26** and in this passage a demon manifested itself as it came out. Let's take a look at this passage:

When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. 26 And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.

Again, the demon manifested itself as it came out.

But in dealing with the devil, don't ever tell anyone to cough or vomit up a demon. Expelling a demon through coughing or vomiting may happen occasionally. If it does, fine but don't ever tell anyone to put on any kind of a physical manifestation in order to get delivered from an evil spirit. If you tell people that

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some physical manifestation is to come forth, they'll try to put on a physical manifestation and instead of getting rid of a demon, they'll get one.

QUESTION

1. Is it scriptural to tell people to vomit or cough up a demon? Why or Why not?

Here's where people are missing it. Just because some kind of physical manifestation occurs one time when a demon leaves someone's body or mind, some people think, evidently that's the way it's supposed to happen every time. So, they begin telling people to start vomiting or coughing to get rid of evil spirits. Ministers have done this! You can't build doctrine on a manifestation or on an experience and expect it to happen that same way every time.

If you study the New Testament, you won't find even one example of anyone vomiting or coughing up evil spirits. And you won't be able to find any scriptural principles or doctrine to support such a practice. Believers who are going around seeing devils in other believers are creating havoc in the local church body. There have been people who became so devil-conscious because of extreme teaching in this area that they actually got an evil spirit when they didn't have one before.

When people are taught that believers have devils which routinely need to be cast out and there always has to be a physical manifestation when the devil departs, it actually opens a door to the devil.

QUESTION

1. Where are people missing it? Why is it wrong?

POINT 3

According to the **Book of 2 Corinthians 4:4**, "*In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*" Satan is the god of this world. So, he can manifest himself in the physical realm.

He can work in the realm of the flesh through what people experience with their five physical senses. In other words, Satan's realm is based on what people can see, feel, and experience in the natural realm. But faith isn't based on what you can see. Faith is based on what the bible says. The bible says that Jesus cast out evil spirits with his word.

In the Gospel according to Matthew 8:16 it says, "*When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word and healed all that were sick*" If you tell people they are going to have some kind of physical manifestation in order to get rid of an evil

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spirit. You are really teaching them how to yield to the devil, because the devil operates in the physical realm. Instead of trying to create fleshly demonstrations to get rid of evil spirits, we have to teach people what the Word says so they can learn how to yield to the Holy Ghost. When people yield to the Holy Ghost, he will manifest himself. We have to get back to the middle of the road on the demon issue and stick with the Word of God.

QUESTIONS

1. Explain why it is dangerous to depend on a physical manifestation.
2. What is the antidote to get rid of evil spirits? This is not repetitive answer the question.

POINT 4

Another extreme practice pertaining to deliverance in the Body of Christ and that is believers are always giving out personal words of prophecy, telling others what demons they have. A pastor of church told of an incident that illustrates how dangerous these personal words of prophecy can be. The pastor said that a guest speaker came to his church and would call certain people out of the audience to minister to them. The pastor said, we took these people into a side room to minister to them. The guest speaker laid hands on one particular woman and said, *“The Lord showed me that you have had encounters with other women before you were married and even since you were married.”* Then that minister wanted to cast the evil spirit out of her. This woman had been happily married for many years and had two children. She’d never been involved in homosexuality in her life but after this guest minister said this to her, she began to be tormented with the thoughts, She start thinking to herself that maybe way down deep inside of me there is something evil lurking in me that I don’t know about. After all, this is a Man of God and he said, *“Thus saith the Lord!”*

The pastor said this woman virtually lost her mind over what this minister said to her because it opened a door for the devil to torment her. She said, *“I’ve never in my life had any sexual relations with anyone except my husband.”* And I have never had any desire for a relationship with anyone else, much less a homosexual relationship.

I don’t care who the minister claims to be, if what he says doesn’t line up with the Word of God and if it doesn’t bear witness with your own spirit, forget it.

1 John 4:1 tells us, *“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.”*

Flesh and blood does miss it! So, it’s up to you to check and see if what was said bears witness with your spirit. You see, the devil tries to torment people, and he can get away with it when believers are ignorant

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of their rights and privileges in Christ and when they aren't familiar with the whole counsel of God's Word.

QUESTIONS

1. What does the Bible tell us about Prophesying? How big of a problem can it cause if it's not done by the Holy Spirit? Using the story as an example.
2. What is the devil's strategy?

This woman was devastated by this so-called Word from the Lord, thinking she had to accept it as the truth. People who are not well grounded in the Word of God can misuse and abuse spiritual gifts and create havoc in the Body of Christ. Some believers who try to operate in spiritual gifts act like children playing with toys. Misguided people can misuse and abuse the operation of the gifts of the spirit and just talk out of their own minds. Or even worse, they themselves can yield to familiar spirits. This hurts innocent people and allows the devil to take advantage of them. It's through erroneous teachings and practices like this that many people have become afraid of evil spirits and the devil. If believers would receive solid scriptural teaching in this area, that wouldn't happen.

Believers are not supposed to fear Satan, because Jesus already defeated him on the cross of calvary. The Body of Christ isn't a defeated church – always running from Satan in fear. The Bible says in Ephesians 2:4-5, *“But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus”*

We are seated with Christ in heavenly places, and we are to exercise our position of authority in Jesus' name. We are the Triumphant Church.

QUESTIONS

1. What happens when believers misuse the operation of the Gifts of the Spirit?
2. What makes us the Triumphant Church?

CALL - TIME OF DECISION (EVERYONE BOW YOUR HEADS)

PRAISE REPORTS - *2-MINUTES PER PERSON

PRAYER FOCUS / INDIVIDUAL PRAYER REQUEST (10 MINUTES)

Prayer focus:

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- 1) Your Circle (friends and family)
- 2) Life Group members
- 3) Word of Faith Leadership:
 - a. Pastor Ronald D. Walker, Jr., Evangelist Sharon L. Walker, Minister Promise Walker, Brittany and Christian and the ministerial staff.
 - b. Bishop Keith A. Butler and Pastor Deborah Butler

Have you reached out to your circle today?

ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 MINUTES)

1. Single with Purpose is having a “*Mini Retreat*” at “*The View*” Single Ladies and Single Men! You are invited to come out, **Friday, August 12, 2022 at 7:00 pm** for an extraordinary evening of Conversation, Games, Food etc. There will be a \$20.00 charge (in advance) per person. For more information, see Minister Bachelor in person or email her at singlewithpurpose2019@gmail.com. Sign up in the back. See you then!
2. Join the SWAT Team, **Saturday, August 13 and August 27, 2022**. Join them at 11:00 am for prayer. For more information contact Minister Julie Francis
3. Baby Dedication Service, **Sunday, August 14, 2022 at 10:00 am**. To register call the church office at (340) 774-8617 or email wordoffaithvi@gmail.com
4. Join us for *Water Baptism at Brewer’s Beach*, **Sunday, August 14, 2022**, immediately following service. To receive an information packet contact Minister Abbott.
5. Join Covenant Partners for a Barbecue and Game Night, **Friday, August 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** For more information contact Minister Oysterman by email at wofcovenantpartners@gmail.com.

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