

## ***Equipping—E319***

### ***Kingdom Life Series~Tim Dickerson***

*(“No man achieves his true potential in the natural”)*

The story of the Promised Land is a picture of the Kingdom Life—the Christian life. The story of their journey is also your journey—your life.

*Most people get saved enough to go to heaven, but not enough to inherit the Kingdom. They are natural people w/ an occasional spiritual experience, not spiritual people w/ an occasional natural experience.*

(Ps.25:5—...God of my increasing salvation)

**God wants to trust you so that he can entrust you.**

(More of his glory, power, & gifts.)

*Inheriting the Kingdom is not like osmosis—absorbing into you because you attend church, or read scripture—the kingdom is not coming to you. You must go to it. (It must be occupied)*

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When God gives you a promise, it means he’s giving you a territory occupied by the enemy. (Sometimes you just have to show up to get it—1<sup>st</sup> gen. Israelites—wouldn’t go in because of the giants—there weren’t any)

***Lordship vs Self*** is one of the primary issues—rebellion—unwillingness to attach faith to the promises of God.

The battleground is the mind, so where is the enemy? (actions are rooted in the thoughts that preceded them)

**What actually is in the mind may take a real/significant challenge to be revealed** (meltdown—Forest, or red zone). When this is revealed, it’s not a failure—it’s evidence that a map shift is necessary (paradigm shift). It should be treated as *essential revelation*.

***Remember--Never let a mistake/failure migrate or morph into your identity.*** No blame or shame. (there’s still an enemy in your mind)

◦ When pushed *deep* into the red zone your level of intimacy with the Lord will be revealed. Total and complete immersion in His love is all-consuming—his arms wrapped around you supersedes all other realities. Your ‘act’ will no longer suffice. The true character of the individual is revealed in the ‘red zone’.

- 2 Cor. 10:4-6—taking thoughts captive like prisoners of war.
- Fear is not your friend (duh—that goes w/o saying) .... so stop agreeing with it. Stop listening to every lie the enemy throws at you, as if you don't have the power to resist it (when you agree w/ a lie, you empower the liar). Decline the invitation to cower in fear, while at the same time, *rehearsing the outcome* he has envisioned for you. Declare God's truth. Take up your shield of faith—it will quench the fiery darts of hell. Stand and be courageous—'faithfulness under pressure'. You are powerful; filled with the same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead. Fear & trust cannot coexist, and you get to choose. Don't allow the enemy to trick you into thinking that obsessing over this 'concern' will change it. How you respond to your trials (w/ joy) is what sets you apart from those who live in defeat. Your level of joy when you're experiencing trials reveals your level of lordship—ouch!
- **There must be a desire for connection/reconciliation that exceeds the desire to be right.** When you try to fight an argument w/ an argument, it's a spiritual war going on (the enemy will twist what you say or think.) The lordship test is not passed at those times.
  - Looking out for the other person's best interest is not complicated, but *it is hard*. (Phil.2:3 Pr.11:25&27) ~Lordship~
  - **We are no more like Christ than we are generous.**

*Scarcity vs. Abundance mindset*

- Intimacy; Lordship; Maturity—required to be entrusted (trustworthy). Tension doesn't mean there's something wrong, it means there's something happening.
- Be thankful but unsettled in your life for all that has not taken place yet, especially in your freedom to think & do the impossible.
- You are yourself to the extent you receive the life the Spirit offers you. The Spirit is no intruder or alien, but so united with the center of your being that no contradiction can exist between the Spirit and your true self. Your 'true self' is different than the 'self' you may have created to protect you from the hurts of the world—in one He is Lord; in the other He is not.
- Phil.4:6-9 (read) Thankfulness is the great antibiotic for anxiety - 'overflowing gratitude'.
  - **You can't receive the benefits of one kingdom by obeying the laws of another.**

The sequence for inheriting the kingdom is: Forgiveness—Freedom—Fullness. Again, the test to your progress is 'Lordship'. ***The lordship of Jesus is what's always being challenged. Do you trust his promises? Has the enemy in your thinking been exiled?***

*(This will be tested over & over again—lordship is **the** test.)*

Great confidence comes when we believe all that God declares to be true (is true & will happen for you). He wants to be the Lord of your thoughts. ***Fullness will not occur until He is Lord of your thought life—then you are truly free!***

*(Keep kicking the enemy out & taking prisoners of war)*