

The Clutch Drop

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Introduction

- In the last few weeks PS John has been talking about the shift, but I believe we have been red lining for too long!
- Its time now to drop the clutch and get this thing running.
- We are not driving miss Daisy here but the King of Kings and lord of Lords, Glory Hallelujah Amen.
- I can feel him moving in our midst cant you church.
- In these past few week I have seen revelations and breakthroughs, I have seen healings and miracles and I believe we are only getting started.

Lets Pray

Father I thank you for this amazing world that you have given us, and for the challenges you have put before us.

Jesus we thank you for coming down to the world you created and showing us how to live including dying to yourself as you laid down your life so that we could find ours.

And Holy Spirit we thankyou for the stirring in our hearts and we ask that you would fill us so that we can reach the world

AMEN

Have You Been Listening?

- Have you got a pen and paper?
 - Are you taking notes?
 - Either
1. you believe that the Preacher has a message from God in which case you should *“write it down so others can run with it”* **Hab 2:2**
 2. Or you don't - In which case argue and rebuttal it so that the truth may be revealed!

Act Now

- The time for action is now. If you wait you will miss the ride.
- Either - Thy will... be done Or Thy... will be done
- Our choice

- *Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live(life to the fullest)! – Deut 30:19*
- God has always give us the choice:
 - Follow him and be blessed
 - Deny him and be cursed

Habakkuk

How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, “Violence!” but you do not save? Hab 1:2

- But life is not that simple. Good things happen to bad people and bad things happen to good people.
- In some ways Habakkuk is a Theodicy – Defense of God in the light of Evil
- Look at how it opens
- “VIOLENCE” Hebrew Original text... HAMMAS
- But God tells him “I’ve got this” “I’m sending that new conquering nation in to take over”
- Can you imagine what Israel would say if China or Russia or even the UN was to say that they were going to take over not just Gaza but the whole of Israel?
- Let me put this into perspective for you.
- Habakkuk was a Levite who probably lived through the reign of Josiah. His father and grand -father did evil acts including desecrating the temple with idols and alters to the starry hosts and worshipped them. Removed the Levites from office and put priests of Baal in charge and even would sacrifice there own children!
- Habakkuk would have seen the Levites restored to office the Tora reread and the Nation repent only to have it all fall apart around him again. And even worse handed over to a Nation that is even less righteous than his own Nation.

Why God?

- Honestly haven’t we cried out to God for something and instead of getting what we want we get worse?
- We are all going to face trials and sometimes there seems to be no end to the trials. It is just one thing after the other.
- How we decide to face them is what determines who we are.
- Habakkuk and Jonah are like polar opposites.
- Both went through some hard times and were told that things they didn’t want to have happen or do were going to happen and be done.

- Nineveh was to be destroyed in 40 days. Jonah didn't want to tell them so he tried to run from God.
- If there are storms all around you, you are wet, depressed and sitting in the dark... Then you might just have been swallowed by a fish.
- Jonah repented and did what God wanted.
- Its interesting that it took him three days to realize God was right.
- It took three days for any of us to see the truth!
- Nineveh repented and lasted another 140 years. But Jonah was still angry and like a petulant child sat there under his tree, watching for the city to slip up.
- Please don't answer but do you have a Nineveh? Perhaps there is someone or something that you need to let of?
- Habakkuk turned everything over to God. Even though he didn't understand why, and he may have disagreed with Him, Habakkuk had faith in God.
- Its one of the smallest books in the Bible, but this one little verse in the middle, arguably, changed the history of the world more than any other written.

Luther – the Just shall Live By Faith

- A coal miner's son tried to escape poverty by going to law school
- Hit by a storm promised to become a monk if he survived
- Wrote the 95 Theses and nailed them to the Wittenberg Castle Church
- Summoned to the Diet Of Worms - Excommunicated and labelled as a heretic
- All because of one little verse... ***The Just shall live by faith***
- Not who we are but who He is
- Quoted in three of the books in the new testament.
- Who are the just - read the book of Romans
- How shall they live – read Galatians
- What is Faith – read Hebrews
- Perhaps a trilogy written by Paul under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit?

Faith Without Words Is Dead

Faith without works is dead **Jms 2:17,20,26**

- Faith, like love, is an action word! Its not our belief in Jesus that sets us free, even the demons know who He is, but our trust in Him. Trusting that He is who He says He is and He does what He says He will do.
- We need to push in and walk in Faith.
- Those smokes that you are trying to give up and have been praying for breakthrough from, Throw them away and know you are free because The Just shall live by faith

5 Woes of Babylon

- God then lays out the five woes of Babylon to Habakkuk. These woes are really universal and if you look at different governments and civilizations through out History, these things led to their down fall.
- For how long now have we seen governments all over the world greedily line their own pockets through corruption. [Time pending Afghan]
- Even in the church we see people big noting themselves or getting covetous of other peoples ministries or accolades.

The 5 Woes

1. Woe to the greedy and corrupt
2. Woe to the covetous, self-exalting and proud peoples
3. Woe to those who promote violence
4. Woe to those who shame others for their own gain
5. Woe to the idolaters

Revival is Now!

- Church, I am no longer waiting for revival but I am calling out to God for it now!
- I am calling for revival in our hearts, in our streets, in our community city and state.
- We will be attacked by the enemy from all directions but the LORD is by our side and has given us the authority loose or bind all things.
- So with the full armour of God we will take the battle back to the enemy we will free the hostages that he has taken and declare to them that they are free because “who the son sets free is free indeed!”
- If you need to go then you are free to go may the Lord bless you and keep you make his face shine upon you. But I am going to stay for a little longer and use the two best weapons we have Prayer and Praise.
- And God I ask today you will call us out onto the water and help us to make our faith stronger as we keep our eyes on you.
- I know that some of you needed to hear this message and if that was you then now is the time to stand strong and move to the front in faith.
- If it is your first time giving Christ your Faith or it is the billionth time now is the time to do it. Its time to get onboard the train, he will take care of your baggage you just need to be onboard before the train leaves.
- I want to pray for you. For physical healing. For breakthrough in whatever you are going through. And for strength! no matter where He is leading you He has never failed and he wont start now.