

BOLD AS A LION

Part 4

Ecclesiastes 8:4 KJV

4 Where the word of a king is, there is Power.

In part 3 we learned about a conduct change, which is the “Righteousness of God”, our new nature. This is God’s DNA coming into us. This nature comes through the Holy Spirit to teach us and show us our conduct to align with our new nature.

We read in Matthew 14 about Jesus and Peter walking on the water. First, Jesus got alone and prayed before He did the supernatural. Then when Jesus was coming at them to solve the problem they didn’t recognize Him, the answer – they had never seen this done before (walking on water). God does things so He gets the glory...don’t be afraid or fearful of what He is asking you to do or how He is solving it.

Jesus didn’t solve the problem first, He spoke to the storm in their life at that moment and said **“don’t be afraid” or “fear not”**. Peter said, “if it’s really you and your telling me I can do this (walk on water) then I will, I will get out of the boat”. Peter changed his conduct, he no longer cared what the rest of the disciples thought of him, wanted to do or be like. He didn’t want to be the same anymore, he wanted to walk on water just like Jesus. Why? Because Jesus called him to do it.

We need to understand what is expected of us in this nature change. Our conduct needs to align with what God says is right. Being righteous – at right standing with God. As royalty, a child of God we need to act like royalty, eat like it (the meat) and know what is expected of us by the reading of His word but not just hearers but doers. We need knowledge of His commands.

2 Peter 1:1-4 AMPC

1 Simon Peter, a servant and apostle (special messenger) of Jesus Christ, to those who have received (obtained an equal privilege of) like precious faith with ourselves in and through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

2 May grace (God's favor) and peace (which is [a]perfect well-being, all necessary good, all spiritual prosperity, and [b]freedom from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts) be multiplied to you in [the full, personal, [c]precise, and correct] knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

3 For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the [[d]full, personal] knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence (virtue).

4 By means of these He has bestowed on us His precious and exceedingly great promises, so that through them you may escape [by flight] from the moral decay (rottenness and corruption) that is in the world because of covetousness (lust and greed), and become sharers (partakers) of the divine nature.

When we are born again, we are the righteousness of God or in right standing with God. By making Him Lord of our life, we have said I want to make a nature change. Now, in order to advance we need to find out how our conduct is supposed to be (through the knowledge of Him). There is an order in the Kingdom of God, the way things are done. We need to find out the rules/commands of the Kingdom of God.

Order defined:

- o An instruction to do something.
- o Arrangement of items: the way in which several items are arranged, as an indication of their relative importance or size or when each will be dealt with.
- o Neatness : an organized condition, with items arranged properly, neatly, or harmoniously.

- o Absence of crime: a peaceful condition in which laws are obeyed and misbehavior or crime is not present or is prevented.
- o Functioning condition: the condition something is in when it is functioning properly.

There was order when Adam was first created, the world was in order. Adam sinned and the world went into chaos or disorder: **chaos is a state of complete disorder and confusion.**

Jesus came to bring it back into order. See, when you are in order you don't have to struggle with doubt or fear over how is God going to provide 'this time'. When you walk with Christ (the Word) you will prosper as your soul prospers, He will provide all your needs. The struggle comes when the chaos is there, when we are out of order.

Micah 4:9 KJV

9 Now why dost thou cry out aloud? is there no king in thee?

Micah 4:9 GNT

9 Why do you cry out so loudly? Why are you suffering like a woman in labor? Is it because you have no king, and your counselors are dead?

We don't need to cry out like we are powerless because, where the Word of a King is there is what? POWER!

This is part of this kingdom mentality and aristocratic mindset. We have to make sure that we understand God's kingdom and how His kingdom operates as opposed to where you and I have come from – because we have come from a democracy (it's supposed to be a Republic).

Most of democracy is diametrically opposed to how God's Kingdom works and operates. You don't elect anybody and you don't get to vote to change God's Word.

In the Kingdom of God there are laws/commands given that we need to follow and His Word (commands, precepts, laws, rules) never change. So, if you are to live successfully in the Kingdom you're going to have to make a mental shift. In a democracy we can veto something – we can oppose it, we can go on strike.

But you can't go on strike in God's Kingdom. You and I have to understand this and adopt this because that's where the power is. The power is understanding the authority of the Kingdom and how the Kingdom operates.

This is very important, we have to get this. For you and I to live effectively as a citizen of His kingdom we need to think differently. We can't think democratically and we can't think that we are just a worm in the dirt or someone just passing through – we can't think like that.

We have to think and know that “I am a child of the king! I am royalty, I'm joint heirs with Jesus”. So, when you're thinking like that, God can effectively move you into places where you can operate in a way that is superior to how you have operated before and be a witness for the King. You will be able to do what this scripture says in job 22:28 speaks about.

Job 22:28 KJV

*28 Thou shalt also **decree a thing**, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways.*

He's not talking about you have to do “the thing”, He said you just decree it, you decree it and God your King will be responsible for making the decree come to pass.

John 14:10 AMPC

10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in Me? What I am telling you I do not say on My own authority and of My own accord; but the Father Who lives continually in Me does the (His) works (His own miracles, deeds of power).

John 15:7 AMPC

7 If you live in Me [abide vitally united to Me] and My words remain in you and continue to live in your hearts, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you.

Remember, that is contingent upon your conduct lining up with your new nature – the order of things. The Word says if, (conditional) ye abide and me and my word abides in you then you can ask..... thoughts lead to words which leads to actions.

We need to chew on this meat and get this down into our spirit man because what we are talking about is being raised up so we can walk at another level.

So, is there a king in you? Then we need to start acting like it. This is what the Bible says in Romans 5:7...

Romans 5:17 KJV

...they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.

This is key because we are His children, we are part of that royal line and we have to take up our kingly function as His representatives here on this earth. The Kingdom of God rules over everything, we have to get away from that entertainment mindset and entertainment center. This is a training center and thoughts like: I can't pray like that, I can't have faith like that, I can't study like that, I can't change to be like that...needs to stop. You need to tell yourself today that you aren't watching anymore, you're not going to be an observer anymore.

Today, you are getting out of the boat – being different than your friends and walking on water. If they don't want to change their conduct fine, you can pray for them but it's time for some new friends. Today you are going to part that Red Sea in your life to escape captivity of whatever is been keeping you down –doubt, fear, addictions and friends.

Let's read what Jesus said in Luke...

Luke 17:20-21 AMPC

20 Asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He replied to them by saying, The kingdom of God does not come with signs to be observed or with visible display,

21 Nor will people say, Look! Here [it is]! or, See, [it is] there! For behold, the kingdom of God is within you [in your hearts] and among you [surrounding you].

When you are Kingdom minded, thinking like royalty and you walk into a place when that becomes more real to you then the circumstances around you, I'm telling you, demons will bow before you, they bow before Jesus and what He is saying is, what I did you can do to. Remember He emptied himself of all divine privileges.

I know some of you are saying what does this have to do with anything? There are things that royalty will not accept, I repeat, will not accept, and I will repeat again, will not accept! You need to have the knowledge of Him and get rid of all those things that are holding you back.

I understand we are still being trained as royalty. But even though you are royalty you are accepting things that are not acceptable with royalty. That's because you don't know you're royalty or you don't have enough knowledge yet of His Word but God will meet you at the point of your belief.

When a King has a child, that child starts to be trained on how to be a prince or a ruler from day one. Even before they can understand it, their tutor is telling them they are royalty.

This is a piece that has been missing and watch what will happen to your life when you get it. All of a sudden **that thing** in your life that you thought was impossible that could never happen is possible, why? You no longer feel inferior to it. You will have bills being paid, physical healings taking place, relationships that were no more being restored.

Frustrations at your job - gone, a new job that you will prosper at, miraculous things happening all around you because you understand your place in the Kingdom of God.

We have minimized what God wants us to be and maximized the hurdle or the mountain. That's the only reason people accept things for the way they are, they don't think about themselves as God does. The enemy has done a good job of making us think like a slave, things will never change, this is my lot in life. You need to break that today, don't think like that anymore.

Let me take you through this story in the book of Daniel: Nebuchadnezzar had a dream and he didn't know what he dreamt. He knew it disturbed him so he asked his sorcerers what he dreamt. They said you tell us what you dreamt and we will tell you what it meant. He said I can't remember. Well how are we going to tell you what it meant if you can't tell us what you dreamt? He said you better tell me or I will have your head cut off and your families...he was the motivational speaker of his day.

As we have studied the life of Daniel in series, we know that God was using bad for good. Daniel was being trained as royalty to be elevated in a godless culture because he set himself apart in word and deed. He had an aristocratic mindset and there were "things" what he would not give into during his training in the Kingdom of God.

Daniel not only told the king what the dream was (only God) but the meaning of the dream. This is found in Daniel chapter 2 regarding the future beasts or empires which know is all true... Daniel is considered a Prophet - Jesus said so.

Daniel 2:31-35 KJV

31 Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible.

32 This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,

33 His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.

34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

In part 2 we were talking about rejection and that rejection is not based on inferiority as an imitator or follower of Jesus (the Word) it's based on superiority. Jesus was the stone that the builders rejected and that stone smote every other kingdom. The kingdoms of this world became the kingdom of our God. Jesus became the head and He's talking about your life as well, you can come into a place with nothing but the Word of God and wind up on top. One Word from God and it can all change – your life will be different.

Let's go to Daniel chapter 6 and see what happens when we stick with what is acceptable or righteous in the Kingdom of God. Remember this Kingdom, God's Kingdom is over all other Kingdoms on this earth.

Daniel 6:1-10 KJV

1 It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom;

2 And over these three presidents; of whom Daniel was first: that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage.

That means the king didn't want any losses. He wanted the kingdom ran efficiently and he knew Daniel had the wisdom to do it. Now understand that Daniel was not a gentile, he was a Jew.

He had been raised up to be the head underneath the king in a heathen kingdom. (Someone is about to get jealous up there – you got to read between the lines)

3 Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

The whole realm – a Kingdom of God man is being selected by a king of this earth to be over the whole realm.

4 Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.

How would like to walk in your job and no one could criticize you?
There's order in your life.

5 Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God.

6 Then these presidents and princes assembled together (against Daniel) to the king, and said thus unto him, King Darius, live for ever.

*7 All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute (law), and to make a firm (irrevocable) **decree**, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions.*

*8 Now, O king, **establish the decree**, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not.*

The word decree means: to determine or resolve legislatively. That is a legal term, it means by legislature. A court decree means to determine judicially or to resolve by sentence. Decreeing in general is an order or edict of law by a superior as a rule to govern inferiors.

“Thou shalt decree a thing” ... Thou shalt establish a law and here they established a law that nobody could go to any other god (they had many) beside the king for the next 30 days.

9 Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the decree.

Now get this in Psalms 45 it says:

Psalms 45:1 KJV

my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

So when you decree “things” with your mouth, it signs something in the spirit in writing and the devil can’t cross that line. But this doesn’t work if there’s not a King in you, because where the Word of a King is, there is what? **POWER**. That’s the difference from a democracy, the only thing you can do there is protest but over in the Kingdom – I can decree!

What are you decreeing over you life? Fear, doubt, nothing is going to change, I give up or....

Matthew 19:26 AMPC

26 But Jesus looked at them and said, With men this is impossible, but all things are possible with God.

Luke 1:37 AMPC

37 For with God nothing is ever impossible and no word from God shall be without power or impossible of fulfillment.

Proverbs 18:21 AMPC

21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it [for death or life].

If I’m tired of satan (using other people) messing with me – I can decree it. Romans 4:17 says I can “call things out to be not as though it was”. When you have a situation in your life, you get your brothers and sisters together from the Kingdom and you decree a thing, you pray His word.

All you have to do is have a King in you, one who you are obedient to. There is King in you and my job is to train you, train you on the meat, to start exercising your faith so that your tongue will fling forth that which comes from Royalty. Because out of the abundance of your heart (hide His Word in your heart) the mouth speaks.

Luke 6:45 KJV

45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

Once you speak it, which is acting like Royalty, you have put the wheels into motion. I decree a thing and God will do the rest (all things are possible and I don't care how God solves the problem). But, I have to have knowledge of the Word in order to do that.

Ecclesiastes 8:4 KJV

4 Where the word of a king is, there is power.

And now the rest of the story....

Daniel 6:8-28 AMPC

*8 Now, O king, **establish the decree and sign the writing that it may not be changed**, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, **which cannot be altered**.*

9 So King Darius signed the writing and the decree.

10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house, and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he got down upon his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously.

11 Then these men came thronging [by agreement] and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.

12 Then they came near and said before the king concerning his prohibitory decree, Have you not signed an edict that any man who shall make a petition to any god or man within thirty days, except of you,...

O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be changed or repealed.

13 Then they said before the king, That Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, does not regard or pay any attention to you, O king, or to the decree that you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day.

14 Then the king, when he heard these words, was much distressed [over what he had done] and set his mind on Daniel to deliver him; and he labored until the sun went down to rescue him.

15 Then these same men came thronging [by agreement] to the king and said, Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no decree or statute which the king establishes may be changed or repealed.

*16 Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. **The king said to Daniel, May your God, Whom you are serving continually, deliver you!***

17 And a stone was brought and laid upon the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that there might be no change of purpose concerning Daniel.

18 Then the king went to his palace and passed the night fasting, neither were instruments of music or dancing girls brought before him; and his sleep fled from him.

19 Then the king arose very early in the morning and went in haste to the den of lions.

*20 And when he came to the den and to Daniel, he cried out in a voice of anguish. **The king said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is your God, Whom you serve continually, able to deliver you from the lions?***

*21 **Then Daniel said to the king, O king, live forever!***

22 My God has sent His angel and has shut the lions' mouths so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent and blameless before Him; and also before you, O king, [as you very well know] I have done no harm or wrong.

Why didn't Daniel just speak to the Lions Den and not go in? He had to go thru something for God to show He was over the Kingdoms of the earth... Daniel spoke to the lions but went into the Lions Den.

23 Then the king was exceedingly glad and commanded that Daniel should be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no hurt of any kind was found on him because he believed in (relied on, adhered to, and trusted in) his God.

24 And the king commanded, and those men who had accused Daniel were brought and cast into the den of lions, they, their children, and their wives; and before they ever reached the bottom of the den, the lions had overpowered them and had broken their bones in pieces.

25 Then King Darius wrote to all peoples, nations, and languages [in his realm] that dwelt in all the earth: May peace be multiplied to you!

26 I make a decree that in all my royal dominion men must tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, for He is the living God, enduring and steadfast forever, and His kingdom shall not be destroyed and His dominion shall be even to the end [of the world].

27 He is a Savior and Deliverer, and He works signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth—He Who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

28 So this [man] Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

