

[00:00:00] Hi, good morning, Hope family.

[00:00:02] Yeah, the last time I was here, I was so honest to everyone. I was really nervous, and I got more nervous today because I'm sharing the red letters in the Bible. I was like, Jesus, you are the one who spoke this first. Nobody else. And I get to share that. And. And so just.

[00:00:28] Yeah, we just listen to him and. Yeah, so if you have your Bibles, can you please open it in the book of Luke 4. So we are reading the book of Luke, and we are.

[00:00:45] Yeah, doing really well with that. Our life group is doing really well with the.

[00:00:49] Yeah, sharing that. So Luke 4, 18, 19. So let me read it for you.

[00:01:00] The spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor.

[00:01:08] He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to. To set a liberty to those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

[00:01:25] And, yeah, so you heard John Clancy preach about, you know, the favorable year of the Lord. So thank you, John, for just sharing that. Really good. And who was here last Sunday listening to Ian Hawkins. My goodness, that was a powerful message. I was so blown away.

[00:01:47] That desk on the left side.

[00:01:53] Yeah. So if Ian heard this in the podcast, he must be laughing. Yeah. Right. So before I go into this, Jesus's mission statement, I'm just really, as I read through chapter four and chapter five of Luke, I've just really drawn to Jesus says temptation. Like Satan had the guts to, like, tempt Jesus, you know, kind of. Satan is not equal with Jesus.

[00:02:23] Never. Not a breath.

[00:02:25] Not a breath. Satan is equal to angel, Michael, or Gabriel, you know, so in verse one, it says Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned to Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness.

[00:02:43] In Mark 2, if you read that context there, because in Luke it says he was led, but actually in the book of Mark, it says he was drove out immediately after he was baptized. He was immediately drove out by the Holy Spirit to the wilderness. And the word drove out is actually the word ejected or thrown out.

[00:03:05] You know, so Luke is, like, a bit gentle, you know, I think he's a very gp Kind of, you know, like, doesn't want to tell you straight on your face, you know, but Mark was like, he was. Jesus was ejected immediately ejected by the Holy Spirit in the wilderness.

[00:03:20] And I was like, this is not very Christian, you know, term that he used there. So Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, being drove out or ejected into the wilderness to be tempted for 40 days.

[00:03:39] And.

[00:03:44] Wilderness is actually not the problem in our life.

[00:03:52] It is never the problem.

[00:03:55] So do not pray.

[00:03:58] Rebuke the wilderness if you are going through wilderness, because that's not a problem.

[00:04:04] Only rebuke the voice in the wilderness that is inferior to the voice of the Holy Spirit.

[00:04:17] The voice sounds like chaos. If the voice sounds like pressure, sounds like fear, shame, condemnation, doubt, it is not from God. If the voice says, you're not good enough, you're just like this. You're never good at anything.

[00:04:33] It's all the inferior voice.

[00:04:36] And we need to silence the voice, just like Jesus silenced the voice of Satan.

[00:04:42] So do not pray for shortcut.

[00:04:45] Jesus loves the journey.

[00:04:47] This destination is so important, but he. He loves the journey. He loves the time where you were weeping. He loved the time where you just in your room alone with him. He loves that. He loves it when. When he is. When you are just being honest.

[00:05:04] He doesn't like religious prayers.

[00:05:07] He likes a prayer from your heart.

[00:05:11] I was telling our life group, you know, last Wednesday, it's like, sometimes I. To be honest, sometimes I pray. God, this sucks.

[00:05:21] This really sucks.

[00:05:22] This thing's happening. Sucks. I don't like it, you know, like. And he can take it.

[00:05:29] He can take your complaint.

[00:05:31] Yeah. Have you seen his sighs?

[00:05:36] So he doesn't want your religious prayer.

[00:05:39] So do not pray for shortcut. Do not pray that God removed your wilderness because the devil wants shortcut. He wanted Jesus. He said, like, have you seen all this glory and authority? I will give it to you if you worship me. He wants shortcut. He wants all the reward without the suffering, without the cross.

[00:06:07] So Jesus is showing us his full submission to the Holy Spirit when he was led by the Spirit.

[00:06:18] If Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, was immediately driven out into the wilderness, It means that wilderness is not a problem.

[00:06:32] But who we become in the wilderness and through the wilderness, that matters most.

[00:06:39] Who's with us in the wilderness.

[00:06:42] So being in the wilderness do not always mean that something is wrong in your life.

[00:06:49] Something's wrong with your walk with God, with your relationship with God, with your intimacy with God.

[00:06:54] Wilderness only shows that it reveals who you truly are, your identity, and whose you are.

[00:07:03] Because we are made in his image, we are made in his likeness.

[00:07:10] And sometimes God would lead us in the wilderness to be alone for a season, Right?

[00:07:18] Wilderness. There could be no family in the wilderness. No crowd, no applause, no friends, just you and God. Because he wants to be alone.

[00:07:29] He wants you to be alone with him.

[00:07:31] Yet it is painful.

[00:07:34] Lots of pruning, isolation, lots of testing in the wilderness. It could be weeks, it could be months, it could be years.

[00:07:44] But wilderness is a place of surrender.

[00:07:47] It's complete dependency to God and total surrender to His Lordship.

[00:07:55] Are you alright?

[00:07:58] And wilderness is not a place to be missed out.

[00:08:02] We have to embrace wilderness, embrace enough not to dwell in it.

[00:08:14] Because when God wants you to be powerful, he doesn't give you a crown yet.

[00:08:21] He first wants to kill your flesh.

[00:08:26] And you are powerful.

[00:08:28] You are powerful. That's why maybe we are going through the wilderness because you are powerful. He's preparing you for that.

[00:08:37] He wants to kill your flesh because flesh is the main enemy of the Holy Spirit.

[00:08:45] And just like Jesus, after going through the wilderness in the Bible says he returned in the power of the Holy Spirit. And after you go through the wilderness, you also return in the power of the Holy Spirit. He was first full of the Holy Spirit, led by the Spirit, and then return in the power of the Holy Spirit.

[00:09:08] And that Holy Spirit is in us to do greater things for God.

[00:09:19] And being full of the Holy Spirit is not just a reminder. Being full of the Holy Spirit is not measured by what you do or what you build your ministry.

[00:09:31] Being full of the Holy Spirit is measured by complete submission to the Holy Spirit.

[00:09:41] And we have to be in that place, fully surrendered to the Holy Spirit.

[00:09:52] And then in verse three, Satan told Jesus because he was so hungry and he said, if you are the son of God, command this stone. He actually used the word if you are the son of God twice in that temptation. If you are the son of God, command this stone to turn into bread. And in my, you know, childhood mind, I was like, when I read this, I was like, Satan, you just like, what are you doing? Like, why you asked Jesus for bread? Like, if you read like, you know, in my not kgb, like King Gideon's version Bible, you know, when I was a little boy, you know, in the Sunday school, like Jesus, Satan told Jesus to turn bread into one. In my, you know, kid Gideon version Bible. In my head, this is what plays in my head. O thou foolish devil, thou hast forgotten my Jesus is a carpenter, not a baker.

[00:10:57] Yeah.

[00:10:59] And then I realized as I grew up, oh yeah, he is the bread of life. So, yeah, anyway, on the serious note, so Jesus said, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes out from the mouth of God. So this book is alive. This is our bread.

[00:11:21] Daily bread, our social media, our posts on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, everything that is not a supplement to this is not a supplement to this. It could sound good, it could sound right. It could sound godly.

[00:11:42] But know the source.

[00:11:45] Know the source.

[00:11:47] That is not a supplement. We have to, I mean, take your face off Facebook and put your face on the book.

[00:11:57] You know, less Instagram, less ig, more God. How about that?

[00:12:03] Log out of your IG and log into God.

[00:12:09] Really? It's like, it's not. Oh, ignore it. Right? Those are very important. Like, yes, right, let's move on. Okay, sorry, sorry. Yeah, let's move on.

[00:12:23] Right, so Satan wants worship and he wants us to worship him. But he's not going to appear to us in front of us and tell, you worship me. But he will do every single thing for you to worship a thing or anything in your surrounding. He wants your heart to worship something apart from God.

[00:12:45] And sometimes in other culture, they even worship the child. They even worship their dead parents.

[00:12:52] He wants worship.

[00:12:55] But then Jesus said, you have worship God alone.

[00:13:02] He should be the center of our worship, right? And then he said again, like, if you are the son of God, you know, Satan wants to corrupt the Word. Because if we read in chapter three, when he was baptized, heavens were open, heavens were ripped off.

[00:13:22] And what the Father said, you are my beloved son.

[00:13:27] See what Satan did? If you are the son of God, right? Satan is not against you.

[00:13:38] Satan is not after you.

[00:13:41] He's after the word that was given to you. He's after the prophetic word that was given to you. He's after to your daily devotion when you open the Bible is after that word that God has given to you for the very, very day, the bread. He's after to doubt. Because once he steal that word, once he makes you doubt that word, once he took something out of that word, out of context, that's where we get defeated.

[00:14:10] So it's after the word.

[00:14:16] And then Jesus rebuked the demon.

[00:14:23] And then if you read chapter four and chapter five, he rebuked the demon. He silenced them. And then he also rebuked when he was, when he was healing, he was preaching, he was healing people, many people, many sick people. And then he laid his hands one by one and he healed them all. And then it says, many people are demon possessed.

[00:14:46] And he silenced them. They didn't want them to speak.

[00:14:53] Even Paul and Silas. If you read Acts, chapter 16, they were followed by this woman with the spirit of divination. And the woman was like shouting, she was proclaiming, these men are servant of the most high God who proclaimed to you the way of salvation. Sounds Biblical. Sounds right.

[00:15:14] But then it says in verse 18, and she was doing this for many, many days. And Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the Spirit, I command you in the name of Jesus Christ, come out of her.

[00:15:30] You see, she was proclaiming, these are the men of the most high God. And they're proclaiming the way of salvation, right? But then they sigh because the source is not right. The source is not pure. The vessel is not pure.

[00:15:46] So we need to know the Word. We have to be rooted in the word.

[00:15:52] Eat it, chew it, read it, lick it. Like your favorite dessert.

[00:15:58] Do you know in Jewish custom, before in Jewish custom, what they do when they teaching the children about the Torah? They will put honey on the Torah. And then when they memorize the Torah, they let them lick the honey to make it so sweet. For them to know, embedded in their mind, in their heart, that this Torah is sweet. The Word of God is sweet. So your favorite dessert.

[00:16:24] So read it, meditate on it. Do not let a day pass without reading the Word. It's so available, it's in your phone. You can listen to it while you're driving, while you're running, while

you're doing your exercise.

[00:16:36] Listen to it, soak into the Word.

[00:16:44] Now I'm going to preach, right? Let's go to the mission statement. So that's just right. Okay. So the spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

[00:16:58] He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives, to recovering the sight of the blind, to set liberty to those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. So Jesus mission involves proclaiming good news to the poor.

[00:17:14] And the poor here is not economic poor or money short of cash poor. It's the meaning of the word poor here is actually in the Hebrew, it refers to difficult circumstances, being dishonored or shamed or an outcast.

[00:17:34] So if you read the whole book of Luke, the poor, you will find there are the blind people, the lepers, women with issues of blood, people who are sick, tax collector. They're rich. But Jesus considered them as poor.

[00:17:52] Zacchaeus.

[00:17:57] So that's the mission statement. And his mission statement is our mission statement, whether you like it or not. You see, you're not a Christian for yourself.

[00:18:13] We're not a Christian for ourselves. You see Jesus being filled, the Holy Spirit, right? You see his mission statement. Nothing talks about himself at all.

[00:18:25] It's all about outside the so I heard Bill Johnson says the spirit of the Lord is in you for your sake, but is upon you for other people's sake.

[00:18:38] Yeah.

[00:18:44] So the spirit of the Lord is upon you.

[00:18:48] He doesn't rest upon what you build.

[00:18:51] He rests upon you.

[00:18:58] Holy Spirit, take residence inside of you, not just for your own benefit, but it is for the benefit of others as well.

[00:19:08] So it's not a matter of you getting more of the Holy Spirit. It is the matter of how much Holy Spirit getting more of you.

[00:19:20] Yeah, because sometimes I do this many times, like, Holy Spirit, I want more of you. I want more of you. Holy Spirit, I want more. I need more of you. Then sometimes Holy Spirit would just whisper to my ears, like, son, I haven't left.

[00:19:34] The question is, do I have you?

[00:19:37] So the prayer is, sometimes we stop. We have to stop praying, Holy Spirit, help me instead. Pray Holy Spirit, have me.

[00:19:48] Because there's no question about what he can do through us. The question is, are we willing to say yes? Because all he's asking is our yes. And being led to wherever we're going through or led to outside led to your workplace.

[00:20:05] And his mission. Jesus mission is actually, it's not like, you know, my daughter now is in secondary and, you know, she has to choose these, you know, subjects that she likes, you know, gifts of the Holy Spirit, part of the Holy Spirit. It's not like that. You can pick and choose.

[00:20:25] It comes as a full package.

[00:20:28] You know, thank God, you know, it comes in a full package. You know, we have the Holy Spirit, he's dwelling in you and he has everything. You have everything In Ephesians said, he gave us every spiritual blessing in heavenly places.

[00:20:48] It's in us. Come on.

[00:20:52] Okay.

[00:20:54] No exception, no exception in the calling, in the missions of God. You know, when Jesus told the disciples, you know, like, when he commissioned them, you know, he said, like, peace be to you, you know, and then he breathed on them. He said, receive the Holy Spirit. And the Bible, it says that, you know, when John baptized Jesus, and then he said, I baptize you in water, but Jesus will baptize you in spirit and in fire, right?

[00:21:25] So it is not an elective. It is not something that we choose.

[00:21:31] His gifts, his power is not something that we choose.

[00:21:36] Right? And no one is exempted to do this.

[00:21:40] It's not like, oh, I'm a teacher or I'm a doctor, or, you know, I'm engineer, or his command is like, heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out demons and freely give you freely receive.

[00:21:55] Right?

[00:21:56] Yeah, I'm a stay home mom. Yeah, you're a stay at home mom.

[00:22:00] So heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out demons, cleanse the leper, proclaim good news to the poor, right? So you could be a stay home mom, or a teacher or professor or a student. You, you know, but that's not your identity first. Your identity first. You are a sick healer. You are demon, caster or ghostbuster. You are, you know, you cleanse the leper.

[00:22:23] Really, that's your identity first.

[00:22:26] Secondary is what your career is.

[00:22:29] And we can do all this. It's so simple. Okay, Raise your hand, right? So everyone here has hands and everyone here has lips, right? So lay your hands on the person next to you.

[00:22:45] Just ask them if it's okay, right?

[00:22:49] Right. And then say this thing.

[00:22:53] Sickness, pain, fear, doubt.

[00:23:01] I command you to leave this person in Jesus name.

[00:23:09] Amen.

[00:23:11] Simple. You can do that outside actually.

[00:23:15] So this place is a best place to practice. If you give is in prophecy or healing or this place just approach someone after the service. You know, I really feel that God has given me this gift, you know, Can I practice to you?

[00:23:32] Can I practice it? I mean, this is a place to practice. So when we go out, it's so easy. You did it just now. Lay your hands. I release peace over you. If you see your colleague or your friend, your neighbor are sick, I just release healing over you. Even though it doesn't matter whether they believe Jesus or not. It doesn't matter whether they have faith or not.

[00:23:52] The thing is, you have the power inside of you. I had a patient in the hospital and she was bedridden. She was in the hospital for months and months and months.

[00:24:02] So sick and all the machines that connected in her body. And then, so I came in and talked to her and said, I just miss my family. I want to be home for Christmas.

[00:24:13] And then, and then she said, I think only miracle can do this, but I don't believe in miracle. And then the Holy Spirit inside me and say, I believe in miracle.

[00:24:24] Can I pray for you?

[00:24:26] And that woman has no faith.

[00:24:28] And the woman got healed. After two days, he was out of the hospital, went home with the family and be with the family for Christmas.

[00:24:38] It's not by our might. It's not, it's not me, it's not my hand, it's who's inside you.

[00:24:45] All you have to do is lay your hands, say the word, simple prayer.

[00:24:52] Yeah. And then if we jump into chapter five because Jan told me like pick up any healing that Jesus says. So I have to be obedient to the Holy Spirit in John's life.

[00:25:05] So yeah, she said, share anything. So in Luke 5:17 to 26, Jesus healed a paralytic man. And this story, so Jesus was teaching is probably in Peter's house.

[00:25:19] Because after he healed Peter's mother in law and then he rebuked the fever. Imagine fever he rebuked, he didn't give paracetamol, he rebuked the fever and the fever left right away. And immediately she arose and served Jesus.

[00:25:35] So he was there teaching, preaching, and a lot of crowd came to listen to the power of his teaching.

[00:25:45] And then this paralytic man was cared by his four friends.

[00:25:51] In Mark it says four people carried him. In Luke it didn't say, it's just God being carried.

[00:25:57] So he was carried by four of his friends.

[00:26:00] So this man couldn't do anything. He was away. I don't know. They probably walked miles and miles and miles. You know, when Jesus was baptized in water, he wasn't like the next neighbor kind of baptism.

[00:26:11] If you read that, he actually walked about 20 miles. Hike to be baptized. In my head, I was like, father, really, do I really have to hike to be baptized? And this is not baptism. It's not for me, because baptism about sin, you know, but he did it. He did it. So I don't know about these men, how, how many miles they walk and carry their friend, right? And they walked and carried their friends miles. And then when they reached the house, they were hindered by crowd.

[00:26:47] They couldn't get in. I was telling a small group, I was like, thank God they're not Filipinos.

[00:26:54] Because if they're Filipinos, they were like, oh, no, too bad. Sorry, my friend. It's too many people, you know, because Filipinos were so like, you know, the courtesy, the politeness, you know, we always say sorry, thank you. And even though it's not our fault, we still say sorry, you know, kind of thing. And there's too many crowds and then the queue.

[00:27:15] It sounds very British actually.

[00:27:19] You know, like British people as like, I mean, queuing is a sign of respect. It's almost like a sacred unwritten rule.

[00:27:30] Like you have to queue. Imagine if these people are like British. It's like there's queue, you know, like we try to sneak in, we say sorry, we say, excuse us, but it's just too many crowds.

[00:27:43] Maybe we'll just see Jesus again tomorrow.

[00:27:47] But it's not had. They had not that faith. Because Jesus is mentioned there when he saw their faith.

[00:27:55] I don't know if there were. There is include the paralytic man or is just the four friends.

[00:28:01] So your faith for people who are sick, who are bound, who are under the oppression of the enemy, even though they don't have faith, Use your faith. Because when Jesus said, see your faith, he could heal. He could set free the people around you.

[00:28:27] Do not let the crowd, do not let the noise, do not let the surrounding hinder you.

[00:28:33] Look for men in this room that would help you.

[00:28:39] Or if you are a man full of faith or a woman full of faith, look for someone who needed you.

[00:28:45] We're family here. There's no condemnation. There's no like, ah, you're just so poor thing, you know, it's not. We need men. I need men. I have five men in this room that I met. I meet for coffee and just sharing a heart to each other. Because I, I, I suck at solo.

[00:29:07] And probably you are too.

[00:29:09] We suck at solo. We can't survive solo. Lone Ranger. We can't. We need each other. We need the family of God.

[00:29:19] So try not to fly solo.

[00:29:23] All right? So let's stand.

[00:29:25] And I just want us to declare this thing.

[00:29:31] Yes.

[00:29:40] Okay. Repeat after me.

[00:29:43] Jesus commissioned me with the fullness of his authority and the fullness of his power to heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, and cast out demons.

[00:30:06] It is not by might nor by my power, but by the spirit of God.

[00:30:15] Surely I can do all things through Christ, who gives me strength, power and authority.

[00:30:27] For the spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

[00:30:41] He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives, recovering sight to the blind and to set those who are oppressed and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

[00:31:02] Amen.