

As a young man who is going for it....training evangelistic teams, going after winning cities, regions and nations for Christ, how do see Isa. 61 unfolding in the context of your ministry?

I often find that the key word in Isaiah 61 is the word “because” – the Spirit of the Lord has anointed me “because” – there is always a “because” to the anointing. He doesn’t give His Spirit just so we can have an experience or a sensation – He gives us His anointing for purpose. One of the first keys to receiving the anointing is discovering your “because” – your cause. One of the first keys in activating and moving in the anointing is stepping into your “because” – your cause, your purpose.

In my life everything I am is down to the anointing of the Holy Spirit. The anointing is everything. I am nothing without it.

It is the anointing that destroys the yoke of the enemy (Is 10:27). It is the anointing that brings freedom, healing and restoration (Luke 4:18). It is the anointing that empowers us (Acts 10:38). It is the anointing that releases joy (Heb 1:9). It is the anointing that leads us into knowledge of the truth (1 John 2:20).

We can truly do nothing without the anointing. If Jesus needed the anointing of the Holy Spirit how much more you and I?

One thing I have discovered is the anointing can change any and every situation. We have gone into churches that were dead and see the anointing bring them back to life. I have taken people on mission who were so timid and shy and yet the anointing has made them as bold as a lion. I have seen cancers healed, mental illness break off of people, deaf ears and blind opens, cripples walk, the demonised set free. Many souls brought into the kingdom. It is all down to the anointing.

But what is the anointing? A feeling? A tingle down the spine? No, the anointing is a person – the Holy Spirit. The anointing is precious because He is precious. I need the anointing because I need Him. I long for the anointing because I long for Him. He is everything to me.

“You anoint me head with oil, my cup overflows” (Psalm 23). What is the anointing? It is when you are so full of the Holy Spirit that you begin to leak! You are so overwhelmed by His presence that he overflows out of you! You are so possessed by Him that you are no longer your own – He speaks through you, He moves through you, He acts through you, He works through you, He thinks through you.

Ministry is never me doing things for God. Ministry is always God doing things through me “It is the Father living in me, doing His work” (John 14:10-11).

As a baby is a natural result of an act of intimacy, so the gifts of the Spirit are an outward manifestation of our moments of intimacy with His Presence. I do not need to strive to see His gifts flow through me – I just have to be one with Him. That is the battle. To push every distraction to one side and just be with Jesus.

My priority is not ministry to people – it is ministry to Him. My vision is not my “to do” list, my vision is Him. My relationship with Him has to be above everything else. Sitting at His feet, gazing into His eyes, feeling His heartbeat, hearing His whisper, getting lost in His embrace, experiencing the sweetness of His kiss. Yielding to Him, surrendering to Him, getting lost in Him. Allowing Him to possess me and consume me. This is the anointing

“The council members were astonished as they witnessed the bold courage of Peter and John, especially when they discovered that they were just ordinary men who had never had religious training. Then they began to understand the effect Jesus had on them simply by spending time with him.”

Anointing always flows out of abiding.

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