



Connect Notes - 18 May 2015

BLUE PRINT: WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE HAVE - Ps Phil Pringle

“But on Mount Zion there shall be deliverance,
And there shall be holiness;
The house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.
Obadiah 1:17 (NKJV)

On Mount Zion there is freedom and deliverance.

- The mountain is a symbol of God’s presence and Mount Zion is the church: Psalm 74:2 and Hebrews 12:22.
- There is also holiness

We don’t get holy in order to receive God, we get God in order to receive holiness.

Possessing their possessions: in Christ we have justification, holiness, healing, forgiveness, power and provision but when we look at ourselves, we see a big gap! We are tired, sick, in need and we wonder if God even likes us. We are unsure of our possessions because of what we know about ourselves.

We need to APPROPRIATE God’s truth into our reality and ACTIVATE what is in us into action.

Pastor Phil had an image of Christ as a perfect picture frame with us as a squiggly mess in the middle. As long as we stay inside Christ’s frame, God sees us as a perfect, finished painting.

1. We are not called to a sterile Christianity.

- Embracing what Christ has for us does not involve abandoning our humanness.
- We all like different things like music, food and art and becoming a Christian doesn’t mean you abandon those things to go to Church.
- We go to Church to equip us to go out into the world and be salt and light with the things we like.

2. Don’t be surprised by times of pain.

- When the New Testament says that we are ‘more than conquerors’ it sounds like a life removed from pain.
- However Romans 8:17 shows that pain is part of our new life too.
- Some pain is our own making, sometimes it is waiting for a miracle, sometimes wrestling with the devil but we are called the “House of Jacob” after Jacob who wrestled with God and walked with a limp for the rest of his life.

- Pain is not a sign that God has left you or is angry with you- you will get through it with Him.

3. Get ready for the fight.

- When God told Joshua He had given him the Promised Land in Joshua 1:3-4 it didn't mention the giants and the 31 kings to be defeated in order to claim it.

- *If there is a giant standing in your field of God's blessings, your pastor can not move it for you: you need to stand up and fight to appropriate what God has already given you.*

- Speak scripture to yourself, resist the devil, make a decision with your will to stand up and move forward, take one city at a time just like Joshua did.

TALK ABOUT:

* **Have you noticed the gap between what God says about you and what you know about yourself?**

* **How does it help to know that God doesn't just like you, He loves you?**

* **Which scriptures do you use to give yourself a pep talk when facing a 'giant'?**

UPCOMING EVENTS

C3 CHURCH SYDNEY PRAYER MEETINGS

Each week our locations are gathering together across the City, humbling themselves and lifting up Sydney to God. We would love for you to join us on these powerful nights.

CITY / 7-8pm, Wednesday Fortnightly

OXFORD FALLS / 7-8pm, every Tuesday

PENRITH / 7-8pm, every Tuesday

ROZELLE / 7-8pm, every Tuesday

SILVERWATER / 7-8pm 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the Month

OXFORD FALLS PRAYER AND WORSHIP GATHERINGS

Prayer and Worship Meeting held **every Wednesday** evening in the **Prayer Chapel** from **7.30pm - 8.30pm**.

The Prayer Chapel will also be open from **6pm - Midnight** on the **last Friday of every Month** for worship and prayer.

Both gatherings will be led by Minister of Prayer Heidi Wysman.