



Connect Notes – 03 August 2015

PSALM 23 SERIES: YOU ANOINT MY HEAD WITH OIL - Ps Phil Pringle

...You anoint my head with oil;
Psalm 23v5 (all references NIV)

- As David wrote these words he understood that sheep were treated with oil by the shepherds.
- The sheep were susceptible to infestations to their heads and ears and nostrils which lead to poor health and death.
 - The oil would be rubbed in to heal wounds, to kill pests and to protect.

- Likewise, we can have our thoughts and minds invaded by 'pests'.
- The devil attempts to fill our minds with lies and deceptions, seeking to lead us down negative and destructive paths.
 - But David knew he had a Shepherd and he needed Him to anoint his head with oil so he could overcome his enemies and lead the life God had for him. David needed his mind filled with God's truth and God's thoughts.

- The Bible is full of references to anointing, fresh anointing and the oil of God.
- Just like the shepherds had to regularly re-apply the oil to the sheep, so we also have to receive the anointing of God again and again to refresh and renew it in our lives so it can be effective.
 - You cannot live of yesterday's anointing.

1 John 2:27 – The anointing will teach you what to do.

- We need the anointing to learn, to be equipped and enabled to live and minister.
- The anointing isn't just about empowerment for ministry: we need it in every aspect of life.
- We need the oil to be empowered in our relationships, as parents, good friends, faithful workers and in all areas of responsibility.

2 Cor 1:21 – We are anointed and filled with the Holy Spirit.

- Without the Holy Spirit we are powerless; only Christ's anointing can empower you without you burning out or breaking down.
- Just as oil is used to lubricate and hydrate, the anointing keeps us functioning spiritually. And just as the oil in an oil lamp will provide light and energy, we can stay alight like the wick in the lamp if the lamp stays full of oil.

Isaiah 40:31 - When it says 'renew your strength' it literally means exchange your strength with God's strength.

- If you wait on the Lord and spend time with Him, the oil will soak into you and anoint you.

Some Characteristics of the Anointing:

1. The anointing is a tangible, spiritual force – Mark 5:30

When Jesus felt power leave Him, He asked who touched Him.

- Someone had believed and reached out to Him for healing; the anointing is released when we believe. Christ's power is manifest in our weakness.

2. The anointing breaks fixations and obsessions in our lives – Isaiah 10:27

- We can get bound in our minds when strongholds in our thinking are created.

- The anointing breaks the yokes of bondage.

- The enemy seeks to make claim upon your life and possessions, but the anointing breaks that power.

3. There are various kinds of anointing – Luke 4:18

- The anointing empowers you to pray, to preach, to write songs, to do whatever you are called to do.

- Luke 1:35 – An anointing came upon Mary when she conceived Jesus

Isaiah 59:21 – This anointing was also about conceiving a child but it was an anointing that would be transmitted down through the family and the generations.

- Anointings can transfer from one person to another.

Acts 10:38 – Just as Jesus was anointed by God, so are we.

- The same power fills us and equips us.

TALK ABOUT

Do you have some thoughts or mindsets that you need the Shepherd to rub His oil into?

How much are you relying on the anointing versus your own strength and power?

What would you like the anointing to teach you?

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.

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.