Title: The Fourth Man

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I just need to share this as a testimony. There is a teachable moment in it. We are always equipping, being equipped, or empowering others. We ourselves are being empowered. Every one of us are still growing up into the fullness of Jesus Christ, and that is the goal. The Kingdom of Heaven is always increasing. The Kingdom of Heaven never decreases. The Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of God will never decrease. You cannot stop it. You cannot control it. You cannot manipulate it. It shall never cease. His word never fails. His Word will remain forever. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

We know that we are a part of something that is way bigger than us. It is called the Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of God. Jesus died for us to have revelation knowledge of this Kingdom, and for us to come into His Kingdom by believing in Him as our Lord and Savior, repenting, turning from our ways, and becoming children of God. That is just where it begins. We have this thing called a race that we run in this life. The Lord knows when He is going to call us home. He knows when we have completed what we were called to do. The Apostle Paul knew that very well. He knew when his time was coming up, and he was excited to go ahead and crossover, knowing full well that he had finished what the Lord had called him to do. We are being perfected. They were being perfected.

This is a testimony that came back to my remembrance during worship this morning. We move a lot in the ministry of deliverance. Years ago I was ministering out of state in another place to another set of pupils. I was ministering deliverance to an individual in a home. I had others with me. During that stay, we do what we always do. It is like *being* in your living room, and we are sitting down going through what we call "open doors." Letting the Lord show where the heart has been hurt or wounded, forgiveness needed, or repenting of sins. Anything that may be hindering their walk with God. Those things that have held them captive. As we have been held captive, demonic spirits invade, intrude, hurt, and bring evil and harm. We were in that process, and had at least two very powerful days of ministry. The Lord was doing a lot of things.

Yet, this one occurrence kept happening in the night. We weren't able to get that thing blocked out. I was out in the area in back praying and asking the Lord, "What is this? It just keeps coming back in the room of this individual?" He said, "Go look and see what is beside their bed." Of course, I have not gone into the bedroom. That is a very private place for people. You may go in their living room, but not necessarily back into their bedrooms. So, I tell the individual, this is the situation. They said, "I will tell you exactly what is beside my bed." We went back there and there was this tall statue of another religion. We will just say, "Holding every form of evil you can think of in the hands on that statue." I said, " You forgot to tell me about that. We *could have* saved a step."

But, sometimes you get comfortable with what is normal to you, *thinking* "It is all good." You can be blinded and deceived into thinking that something that you are participating with is just normal or even ancestral. Holy Ghost, who is the Spirit of Truth, will always reveal these things. So, immediately we went into prayer over that. This individual repented for the participation after I explained all of this and how it works. We took authority on behalf of them and their forefathers, over what had basically intruded upon and transferred to this individual in their home. Repentance and forgiveness came. Then we went after and spoke to destroy the curses that had come in, with and through that statue. The spirits were coming in because the demonic portal was open. There are two things, you are either of light or of darkness.

Jesus said, "You can be hot or cold, but if you are lukewarm, I will vomit you out of my mouth." There is hot or cold. If there is lukewarm, that comes with the "spirit of compromise," which we are going to talk about today. But, in this instance, it was light and dark. But, the darkness had blinded the minds, the hearts, and the souls. They did not see there was something wrong with it. But, what had happened was a demonic portal was opened for those spirits to come in and out. Those portals may not look like a statue by your bed. It may be something called a "cell phone." It may be something called a movie, a book, a stash, or any object. Anything that you have made an idol in your life can attract the darkness. Those spirits come and go at will, because they have an open door.

The Body of Christ is anointed with the Spirit of Jesus in the ministry of deliverance and healing, to be able to come in and empower the saints to set you free. To set at liberty those who are held captive, release prisoners, and cast out demons. That is what He called us to do. So, we do those things. It brings healing and wholeness. Light has to shine on the darkness. Sometimes there is something there that you have just, "held dear," for a really long time, but it wasn't of the Spirit of the Lord. Right? It was something that your forefathers had passed down to you.

We have done many, "house cleansings." People have stuff in their house, and they don't know what they are participating with. You go to any other other religion, and they are going to understand. Witchcraft surely understands how it works, because they are the ones behind it. But, that is what happens. Sometimes we compromise with something, because we are blindsided or ignorant. Therefore we are coming in to equip, empower, and to set people free. Once that happens, "Glory to God," sometimes it is thousands of dollars worth of stuff that might be burned.

If you go to a crusade in Africa, it's very common. They have buckets ready to burn items of those who were participating in witchcraft with warlocks. All their stuff with all their fetishes and charms and things that they have used to practice witchcraft are burned at those huge crusades. That is biblical according to scripture. They took their idols, and they burned them and then spirits leave.

You think, "That is awesome out there in those dark places in Africa, but it could be next to your bed or next door. Holy Ghost knows what those things are. We teach this and empower the saints. I have not thought of that in a while. That came back to my spirit this morning as a teachable moment. At the same time, it gives all glory to the Lord. He gives you opportunity. If you bear witness with this in any respect, maybe yourself or someone you are ministering to, it is good to ask the Holy Ghost, "Lord, what is there? What is it that has opened this demonic portal?" *Maybe* the individual is declining rapidly and going downhill, and there is something else at work? Holy Ghost will show you, because He is faithful and true. Amen.

We started in the Fall of 2008, officially, as the Garden Apostolic Training Center. We just finished our School of Ministry classes for 2023-2024, and we will continue on until Jesus comes or we go. We just keep empowering and equipping the saints, and raising up leaders. Seeing them free, healed, delivered, made whole, and prospering. It is a very powerful thing. We have everything online so you can continue with the School of Ministry.

You don't have to wait till Fall to start. But, we will let you know when we start that Fall session back up. In our seasons, we have K1 and K2 regularly every year. We also have what we call K3, and this was our seventh year in that. We are raising up leaders who have come out of K1 and K2. The goal is to help people to find their role and function in the body, to serve, and to get them in the river that they were called to walk in.

Everybody knows we can do lots of different things, not just one thing. You say, "Well, I just unload the boxes." You could heal the sick, too. There are a lot of things to do, because in Christ we are doing the works.

A couple of weeks ago, I taught in a K3 class on "The Gift of Faith and Prophecy." In that lesson, I alluded to a message by a gentleman named Oral Roberts. How many of you do not know who Oral Roberts was? Oral Roberts was born on January 24,1918. He died on December 15, 2009. He was 91 years old, and a mighty, godly man of faith. Along with Kenneth Copeland, Kenneth Hagin, Jerry Savelle, and Lester Sumrall, they were a group of powerful men of God in all their circle of ministries. But, he was very much a forerunner in faith for tent crusades, miracles, and healings. He was known for his great preaching and teaching of the scripture with signs following. He was filled with the Holy Spirit.

In the teaching that I brought, he alluded to a certain message called, "The Fourth Man." I knew when I read it, the Lord wanted me to share it. We gave the reference to it. Many of you may even have the book, and may have already read this. My sermon is to preach and read this sermon by Oral Roberts, called "The Fourth Man." The Holy Ghost is the one who gives the words of the Lord. Right? The men and women of God are the vessels in whom He flows through. Hallelujah! Say it again. "The Holy Ghost is the one that brings the word of the Lord, and He uses vessels of honor to bring them." Amen.

We are remembering the testimony. We are honoring the testimony of Jesus here in the words of the Lord, and it's very timely for our day, and will be really until the end, and we see the Lord face to face. So, buckle your seat belt, hold on, and say, "Jesus, I want to hear what the Spirit is saying through this word today." Amen.

Link to "The Fourth Man"

https://youtu.be/a6PrWWCqxgY?si=iUCggmFPGx2t1Lri

Link to the book on Amazon

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