



Newsletter.....

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But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Matt 6:33

Jesus, in this very familiar passage in Matthew's gospel, teaches us the key to a life free of worry. Perhaps more importantly, He isn't making a suggestion here but gives a specific key that enables or empowers us to live a kingdom life.

For too long the church has been focussed on so many different aspects of Christian life - and we can all too easily get caught up in the latest prophetic word, the latest teaching or 'move of God' but I believe Jesus wants us to get back to the basics of being 'kingdom minded' people.

When we are kingdom minded we don't have to be concerned so much about 'sharpening' any particular spiritual gift but just seek to 'give away' the kingdom of God.

Paul encourages us to eagerly desire spiritual gifts (1 Cor 14:1) so I'm all for pursuing and developing our gifts but not at the expense of seeking the Giver of these gifts. For too long the gifts of the Spirit have been used as 'toys' in the church. It's time to use these gifts where they will be the most effective - in ministering to the lost. Paul said I don't come to you with wise and persuasive words but a demonstration of the Spirit's power. Trying to win the lost with clever

arguments will never be as effective as meeting them at their point of need with the love and power of God. That's precisely what kingdom minded people are focussed upon.

In God's kingdom there is **absolutely everything** we need - not only to live the life He's called us to live, but also to do the work we're called, commissioned and empowered to do! (2 Pet 1:3) That is GOOD NEWS for all who embrace it!

Just think about this for a moment, not only did our loving Father provide the means of our salvation and redemption (putting things back to their original state or buying back) but then equips and empowers us to partner with Him to see the lives of those with whom we have contact TRANSFORMED - taken from one state or place to another; from despair to hope, from discouragement to encouragement from sickness to health, from sorrow to joy, from bondage & captivity to freedom, from poverty to blessing.

So what does the kingdom look like? We only need to read the gospels to find out. Again and again Jesus said:- "the kingdom of heaven is like..." Here are just a few examples:- a mustard seed, leaven, treasure hidden in a field, a merchant

seeking pearls, a dragnet, a householder, king or landowner. I would encourage you to read Matthew's gospel and discover these for yourself.

He says in other places that the Kingdom is within us, at hand and near us. However in essence that which is contained in the kingdom is what we need here and now on earth - that's why Jesus taught us to pray let Your kingdom come ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN!!

As we determine to be people who pray this with sincerity of heart, in other words fully expecting His kingdom to come ON EARTH, here and now, just as it is in heaven we WILL see more of His tangible presence released when we minister to others.

Consider this. In heaven there is no sickness or disease, no depression, envy or bitterness, slander or pride, no hatred or animosity, strife or striving, no pain or oppression, worry, fear or anxiety. There is no unhealthy competition, anger or rage and we could go on and on. However WHAT THERE IS in heaven is EVERYTHING we need here. We won't need the Holy Spirit's peace when we get

to heaven because we will be in it continually. The same applies to everything else that heaven holds for us. Why would Jesus teach us to pray on earth as it is in heaven if it wasn't available now? Why else would He say that the kingdom of heaven is at hand or near to you if it wasn't possible?

Let me encourage you to be a person who gives away the kingdom. It has been said many times that we only get to keep what we give away. So the more of the kingdom we give away the more the Father can pour into us because we leak! Not only that but everything we try to hang onto we lose. (See Prov 11:24).

Don't get too focussed in on a particular gift or 'anointing' but just go after the things that Jesus taught - seek first the kingdom and all the rest will follow.

Pray and release the kingdom and the gifts you need at that time - be it faith, miracles, words of knowledge, or wisdom, discernment & so much more will flow freely to you when you seek the kingdom. With the kingdom comes all that we need here and now!!! Praise God!

At present there are 690 Healing Rooms in 44 Nations

30 Healing Rooms in Australia

Regional News!

ALBURY..... healing testimonies.....

Prayer in the 1st instance sorted out a court situation between myself and the 'ex' involving our son, ending with God acting and a peaceful result being effected in an ongoing sense. The relationship once bitter is much more productive due to God's help.

In the 2nd instance, a **drug addiction** which was impossible to break with my own strength, was **relieved, released and removed from my mind and body – God entered my heart** and took away the need to crave the drug – and gave the need to crave **His love instead!** God has the absolute power with faith and prayer to remove whatever obstacle that blocks our path for our benefit to glorify His purpose. Jason M. 29/11/07

Had prayer, healing occurred - **reproductive/digestive/urinary tracks/food allergies – lactose intolerant/gluten.....NO MORE VOMITING OR BLOATING!! Eyesight improvement** – could not read newspaper without wearing reading glasses – can now (still needs glasses for smaller print).

Katherine S. 15/11/07

I have had pain in my spine between the shoulder blades for more years than I can remember. I thought it was due to an injury but when they prayed for me about stress and my mother sharing her worries and burdens with me since a small child my back was healed and I have had no more pain.

Karen S. 18/10/07

MORUYA....update from Directors Keith & Loris.....

These first twelve months of operation have certainly been challenging, exciting, rewarding, frustrating and s t r e t c h i n g, but through it all we have grown and been strengthened. We have a great dedicated team including a beautiful lady from the Catholic Church.

An encouraging event was on a Friday morning when a lady came for prayer. She had been in prayer that morning and had asked God to lead her to somewhere for 'help'. When driving along the highway she saw our roadside sign and knew that Coastal Healing Rooms was where God had led her. She received prayer and went on her way rejoicing.

The majority of our visitors/clients have come with emotional problems and we have prayed as led by the Lord and God has moved and set them free. Some who needed to be set free from addictions, after several healing room visits, have gone on to Christian rehabilitation courses and we are hearing good reports of their progress.

Below are some testimonies of people who have had "a touch from Jesus", so be encouraged that Jesus is still in the healing business!!

My mother was severely depressed, all liveliness had ebbed away. She said all she wanted to do was sleep 24/7. Coastal Healing Rooms prayed "that life would return to my Mother", within a matter of days mum "sprang" to life. Mum became interested in doing things, and even teases me and jokes with me now. Friends commented how "alive" her voice is. It is miraculous. I am delighted, thank you so much Lord & Coastal Healing Rooms. My joy has returned too!
May 2007

I was empty, and disconnected and without joy –
That's when I came for healing.
Slowly over the days, life came back into my being.
WHAT JOY TO BE ALIVE AGAIN!
PRAISE GOD
&
Thank you to the people at the Coastal Healing Rooms.
M.S.

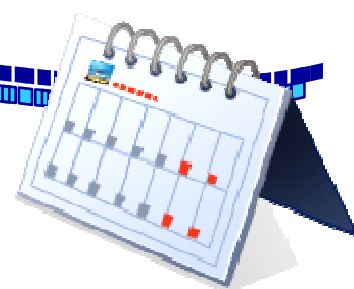
In December whilst working as a teacher on duty in the school yard I slipped over and badly injured my ankle. Because it was believed to be broken I was taken to our local hospital by ambulance. After examination the doctor said I wouldn't be able to walk on it for 6 (six) weeks.

Over the next few days I struggled around on crutches and was in much pain so I decided to go to Coastal Healing Rooms for believed healing.

I hopped in on crutches and as I received prayer from the healing rooms team I could feel the pain being relieved. I walked out of that room without my crutches and have a healthy ankle/foot to this day.

The day after being healed I was able to dance and join in with the primary school children in their Christmas celebration party. Praise God! Kirsty T. 06.01.08

HEALING ROOMS TRAINING CALENDAR



CANBERRA ACT.....**Feb. 22nd – 23rd** - phone 6162.1977

ALBION PARK NSW.....**March 14th – 15th**

ALBURY NSW.....**April 18th – 19th** – phone 6025.1734

NOWRA NSW.....**May 9th – 10th** - phone 4422.6883

If you are interested in being trained for the Healing Rooms ministry, please phone the various Healing Rooms, or you can direct your calls to Capital Healing Rooms – 6162.1977.

HEALING TESTIMONIES!

In May 2007 I went for a stress test for my heart and was unable to complete the test because of chest pains. It was suggested that I should have a different, more revealing test, a stress echocardiogram, so that the cause of the chest pains could be discovered. (I was given medication to keep my heart from being stressed.) The next 4 months were very stressful with my daughter & husband both seriously ill and requiring surgery. Throughout this time I attended the Healing Rooms asking for prayer for myself and for them. (Twice I had to postpone my stress test.) Amazingly the words that were given to me from the prayer team were more powerful than medicine. Each time I went for prayer I was met by Jesus. Each time, often in a different way, once even while in the waiting room, I was touched by His Spirit.

*When the day finally arrived for the stress test, I was quite unwell with a viral infection but I had been to the Healing Rooms for prayer just the day before asking that God would take care of me during the test, that the result would be clear! The 2 ladies who prayed both received the same word from the Lord for me: "Rely on me. Trust in me. Don't be anxious about anything." Phil 4:6 (Anxiety had been my constant companion most of my life for several reasons and this Scripture had also been given to me on a previous visit. One of the prayer team said that she had heard the word so loudly that it was as if God had a megaphone and He was shouting to me). We all laughed! They prayed specifically that there would be no blockages in any arteries or my heart. So the next morning, in spite of feeling unwell, I went for the test. It was incredible how peaceful I felt. I pushed myself hard, normally something I wouldn't have done, **trusting God all the time, trusting in the healing presence of Jesus as I had never done before.** It was a new experience for me.*

As the cardiologist proceeded with the test (which uses an ultrasound to discover any blockages in the arteries) she proclaimed that there was nothing that she could see at all - that everything was normal!

The following day I visited my GP who found that my blood pressure was normal and it was in fact the BEST it had been in the last 5 years.

I praise God for this healing touch in my life, for removing from me anxiety about my heart and for the incredible works of healing that He does through the team of available intercessors in the Healing Rooms.

Diane 2/01/2008

Community Care

Food Hampers

Each year we provide **Christmas Hampers** to those who are in need in Canberra and the regional area. This year we were able to bring some Christmas cheer to 75 needy families in our community. A third of the hampers went to those suffering with mental illness and 'shut-in' due to their condition; a third assisted women sheltering in 2 different crisis centres here in Canberra, and a third to families with whom we have ongoing contact through the Healing Rooms.



(Picture: Martyn and Ros with Constable Tracy Darragh)

This year the **Australian Federal Police, Tuggeranong Station** generously partnered with us, donating food items and toys for our hampers. We appreciate and value their willingness to assist in easing the financial burden of people in our community during this season.

2007 CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

Kitchen Staff

At the Christmas Day Lunch we served approximately 160 meals. It was a great time of good food, good fellowship, fun and laughter. There were an amazing army of helpers that worked tirelessly and enjoyed themselves as much as those that came to receive. Thank you to all those helpers who gave up their time on Christmas Day to spread the love of Jesus and some Christmas cheer to those who are lonely and in need in our community.



People enjoying Christmas Lunch



Wash-up brigade!

Partnering



All giving to Capital Healing Rooms is tax deductible we would ask that you consider giving to this ministry financially to enable us to share the love of Jesus to those around us. Cheques can be made out to Capital Healing Rooms; our Bank details for direct deposit are BSB082968, A/c No. 573221679. Thank you for your support.



Our website has been redesigned to make it more user friendly so check it out at

www.capitalhealingrooms.org.au

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