

IF YOU LIFT HIM UP, HE WILL DRAW ALL MEN TO HIMSELF

TEXTS:

John 12:32 "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

Romans 5:16... the gift is not like the result of the one man's sin: The judgment that followed one sin brought condemnation, but the gift that followed many trespasses brought justification. 17 For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive an abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ! 18 Therefore, just as one trespass brought condemnation for all men, so also one act of righteousness brought justification and life for all men.

John 3:14: "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up."

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THE SIGNIFICANCE!

In Numbers 21, ⁸ The LORD told Moses, "Make a replica of a poisonous snake and attach it to a pole. All who are bitten will live **if they simply look at it!**" ⁹ So Moses made a snake out of bronze and attached it to a pole. Then anyone who was bitten by a snake could look at the bronze snake and be healed!

Context: The people sinned. ⁶ So the LORD sent poisonous snakes among them, and many were bitten and died. ⁷ Then the people came to Moses and cried out, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take away the snakes." So Moses prayed for the people.

The bronze snake was hung on a pole to save the people, just as Jesus was hung on the cross so that as many as look up to Him will be saved. We **MUST** lift Jesus up before the people so they can see Him & receive healing.

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HOW CAN WE LIFT HIM UP? Do a combination of these:

1. Identify and Use Your Gift to Bless Others

1 Corinthians 12 (Msg): ¹⁻³ What I want to talk about now is the various ways God's Spirit gets worked into our lives. This is complex and often misunderstood, but I want you to be informed and knowledgeable. ⁴⁻¹¹ God's various gifts are handed out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit.

(A.) Each person is given something to do that shows who God is. NIV...⁷ A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. . ⁸ To one there is given ... *the ability to give wise advice; to another a message of special knowledge,* ⁹ *to another great faith, to another gifts of healing,* ¹⁰ *to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in*

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in different kinds of tongues, & another interpretation of tongues.

(B) Ephesians 4 (MSG) ¹⁻³ In light of all this, I want you to get out there and walk—better yet, run!—on the road God called you to travel; (and manifest the gift He gave you).

Ephesians 4 NIV: ¹¹ So Christ himself **gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,** ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

(C.) Matthew 28:¹⁸ Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and

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teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Craft the Message of Your Gift & Call and Pursue it:

Isaiah said: “The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners” (Isaiah 61:1).

Jeremiah called “⁸ to proclaim freedom for the slaves.” (Jer. 34:8)

Brethren, John 8:28 (NLT) says ²⁸ So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man on the cross, then you will understand that I AM He. I do nothing on my own but say only what the Father taught me.

Anyone who lifts Jesus up is headed for exploit.

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2. Giving to the Needy

Matthew 6 "Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. ...² "So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. ³ **But when you give to the needy**, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

3. Prayer

Luke 22:32, Jesus said "31 Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. **32 But I have prayed for you**, Simon , that your faith will not fail. And when you have turned back, **strengthen your brothers.**" 33 "Lord,"

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said Peter, "I am ready to go with You even to prison and to death."

Matthew 6: ⁵ **"But when you pray**, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. .. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. ⁷ (You also do not need to use many words). ⁸ ..for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

1 Timothy 2 MSG ⁸⁻¹⁰ Since prayer is at the bottom of all this, what I want mostly is for men to pray—not shaking angry fists at enemies but raising holy hands to God. And I want women to get in there with the men in humility before God.

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Brethren, in the story in **John 9 (Msg) 1-41**,

³⁰⁻³³ The man Jesus healed replied, "This is amazing! You claim to know nothing about him, but the fact is, he opened my eyes!

It's well known that God isn't at the beck and call of sinners, but listens carefully to anyone who lives in reverence and does his will. That someone opened the eyes of a man born blind has never been heard of—ever.

_____ There are many blind people out there, let's lift up Jesus before them so they can get their healing.

Mark 11: 22-23 "²²"Have faith in God," Jesus said to them.

²³"Truly I tell you that if anyone says to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and has no doubt in his heart but believes that it will happen, it will be done for him...

John 14:13 "And whatsoever you shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." ...**Goal congruence (You/Me, Jesus & God).**

God Bless You!

2018 PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray over the message of today. Ask for power to lift up Jesus
2. Pray that KCM will continue to fulfil its mandate as “the house of prayer for all nations” (Isaiah 56:7), extending God’s love to all the nations.
3. Prayer for the Leadership of Nations and pray for upcoming elections ...
 - a. Pray against corruption and corruptive minds/practices in our nations
 - b. Ask God to please compel leaders to look at the cross of Jesus for direction.
 - c. Ask God to give leaders humility for service and committed heart for citizens.
4. Commit Troubles/Wars in nations into God’s hands and ask God to cleanse our nations so people will freely serve God.
5. Ask God to have mercy, forgive our sins & heal our land of calamities (2 Chro 7:13-18).
6. Pray for Ministers & Missionaries to continuously lift up Jesus.
7. Pray: Marriages, Children and families stay together and serve God in full.
8. Pray for Members of the fellowship – for power to lift up Jesus.
- 9 Needs in fellowship & and any special request we have not covered
10. Ask for God’s unprecedented favours and grace this week and pray for next Sunday (our last fellowship Sunday in 2018)

