

Message 1: Transition And Position For Contentment In 2013

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Message 5: Transition And Position With Celebration in 2013

Launching Text: John 10:10 The thief (devil) cometh not but to steal, to kill, and to destroy, I (Jesus) am come that they (all believers) might have life and have it more abundantly.

Nehemiah 8:10 ¹⁰ Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our LORD: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength. Phil 4:4 Rejoice always and again I say rejoice!

Preaching Text: James 4:1-10

Intro: The launching text says that Jesus came not only to give us life, but to give us life more abundantly. If this is the case and it is, then, we should celebrate in life and this is what this message is about.

1. CELEBRATION IN THE STRUGGLES OF LIFE. James 4 :1-6

John 16:33 In this world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have already overcome the world (for you).

1. Celebrate In The Rivals Of Life

Text: James 4:1-3 From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? ²Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. ³Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

1. Celebrate Over Our Flesh

Rom 8:6 For to be carnally (fleshly) minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

1-Cor 6:12 All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient (or necessary): all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any (that does not please Christ).

2. Celebrate Over Our Foe

Eph 4:27 Give no place to the devil.

2-Cor 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them (the world, its ways and its people) and be ye separate saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing: and I will receive you.

3. Celebrate Over Our Faith

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please God: for he that comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

Mark 11:22Have faith in God.

Romans 10:17 So then, faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.

2. Celebrate In The Relationships Of Life

Text: James 4:4-6 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. ⁵Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? ⁶But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

Ps 101:4 A forward (rebellious and not easily controlled) heart shall depart from me: I will not know (that is to have intimate fellowship) with a wicked (sinful) person.

Mark 12:30-31 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. ³¹ And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

2. CELEBRATION IN THE SACRIFICES OF LIFE James 4:7-10

John 2:5 Whatever He (Jesus) says do, do it!

1. Celebrate And Submit To Authority James 4:7a Submit yourselves therefore to God.

(Submit to the Person of Christ and the Purposes of Christ)

Heb 13:17 Obey them that have rule over you, and submit yourselves: for the watch for your souls, as they must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable to you.

2. Celebrate And Subdue Satan James 4:7b ...Resist the devil & he will flee from you.

(Power-up and take authority over the devil by using the authority that has been given you)

Luke 10:9 Behold I give you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Mat 12:29 ...how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? And then he will spoil his house.

Mat 16:19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heave: and whatsoever thou shall bind on earth is bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shall loose on earth is loosed in heaven.

Mark 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe, in my name shall cast out devils.....

3. Celebrate And Search-out God James 4:8a Draw nigh to God & He will draw nigh to you.

(Pursue God letting nothing stop you)

Isa 55:6 Seek the Lord while He may be found: call upon Him while He is near....

Jer 29:3 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all you heart.

Jer 17:7 Blessed is the man that trusts in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is.

4. Celebrate And Sanitize Yourself Jame 4:8b ..Cleanse your hands, you sinners & purify your hearts you

double-minded. *(Repent, clean up, and guard priorities, passions, pursuits, participation, possessions)*

Luke 13:3 & 5 (Jesus said)except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish

1-John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

5. Celebrate But Sorrow over Sin James 4:9 Be afflicted, & mourn, & weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. *(Repent of what God hates and reject what He condemns)*

Rom 7:13that sin by the commandment might become exceedingly sinful.

2-Cor 7:10 For godly sorrow works repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world works death. Ps 38:18 For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.

Ps 34:18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart and saves such as be of a contrite spirit.

- 6. Celebrate And Surrender Fully** James 4:10a Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord
(Relinquish the adorable, relish the anointing, release self to serve, and rejoice in what God does.)
Luke 14:11 For whosoever exalts himself shall be abased; and he that humbles himself shall be exalted
James 4:6 But He gives more grace. Wherefore He saith, God resists the proud, but gives more grace to the humble.
1-Pet 5:5.....be clothed with humility; for God resists the proud, and gives grace to the humble.

3. CELEBRATION WITH THE SATISFACTION OF LIFE. James 4:10b

“And He (Christ) shall lift you up.”

1. Celebrate In Christ's Abundant Grace *(which is God's ability to do & get what we can't)*

2-Cor 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you always having all sufficiency in all things may abound to every good work.

Ps 5:12 For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favor wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

2. Celebrate In Christ's Abundant Gladness *(or joy)*

John 15:11 (Jesus said) These things I have spoken unto you that My joy might remain in you and that your joy might be full.

Ps 5:11 But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

3. Celebrate In Christ's Abundant Glory *(which is heavenly bliss because of God's peace)*

Ps 29:11 The Lord will bless His people with peace.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

4. Celebrate in Christ's Abundant Gallantry *(because of His imparted anointing and power)*

Eph3:20 Now unto Him that can do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us.

5. Celebrate In Christ's Abundant Generosity *(which is plenty for every need supplied)*

Phil 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

6. Celebrate In Christ's Abundant Gratification *(which comes through comfort and help)*

John 14:18 I will not leave you comfortless, I will come unto you.

Ps 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Ps 145:16 (Teaches us that the Lord opens His hand and satisfies the desire of every living thing).

7. Celebrate In Christ's Abundant Gateway *(it's an entrance to the Kingdom of God)*

2-Peter 1:11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Luke 12:32 Fear not little flock for it the Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.

Closing: If we will choose to celebrate and live in joy the Lord will do great things for us.

Psalm 126:2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them.