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**IT**

- Review of the Kingdom Theology:
- The Kingdom of God is the reversal of everything that went wrong with the world when sin entered the world. Restoration.
- God gave Adam & Even dominion (kingdom)
- Satan stole it from them by leading them into sin. He became ruler, wreaked havoc.
- Jesus won it back, thru sinless life, death and resurrection. Handed us the keys.

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**IT**

- We are to become Kingdom Carriers. We carry the presence of the King wherever we go. And wherever the King is present, His Kingdom can come on earth as it is in heaven.
- But, how do we get from where we are to where we want to be? How do we move from current reality to becoming effective kingdom carriers, experiencing & expanding God's Kingdom? (current reality – experience with God, freedom, healing, deliverance, fullness)

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**The Kingdom Come:**  
 Forgiveness & salvation  
 Freedom  
 Deliverance  
 Healing  
 Intimacy with God  
 More of God  
 Identity secured  
 Hearing God's voice  
 Maturity  
 Fullness

**Current Reality:**  
 Struggle to connect  
 Not many healed  
 Never seen deliverance

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- What are the pathways to the Kingdom? How can we get from current reality to being Kingdom carriers?

1. The first kingdom pathway: We need to **personalize our identity** in Christ.
  - We are loved by God, adopted into His family (1 John 3). We have to internalize this reality.
  - We are ambassadors of Christ (2 Cor. 5:20). Our real citizenship is in heaven (Phil 3:20).
  - We are a kingdom of priests. (Rev. 1:6)

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- How can we get from current reality to being Kingdom carriers?

2. The second kingdom pathway: We need to **pursue more of God.**
  - Only God can do the impossible. The more of His presence we carry, the more our lives become pregnant with impossibilities. (Luke 11:13; Acts 1-2; Luke 17:20)

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**IT**

- How can we get from current reality to being Kingdom carriers?
- 3. The third kingdom pathway: We need to **purify ourselves.**
  - 1 John 3:1-3

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**IT**

1 John 3:1-3, “See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.”

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**IT**

- How can we get from current reality to being Kingdom carriers?
- 3. The third kingdom pathway: We need to **purify ourselves.**
  - 1 John 3:1-3.
  - When we meet Jesus we will be perfectly pure, in every way, just as He is. Every time we see Him, we become more like Him.
  - We have to choose purifying actions (surrender; standing in the light; death to self)

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- How can we get from current reality to being Kingdom carriers?
- 4. The fourth kingdom pathway: We need to **praise God continually.**
  - We need to offer a sacrifice of praise.
  - Praise God because of who He is. Two key truths: 1. God is good. 2. God is powerful.
  - Praise reminds us who He is. Unless we hold on to who he is, we will never experience the fullness of the kingdom. (inhabits)

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- How can we get from current reality to being Kingdom carriers?
- 5. The fifth kingdom pathway: We need to **pray kingdom prayers.**
  - Matthew 6 – Your Kingdom come
  - Faith. (“Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and it will be done. If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.”)

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- How can we get from current reality to being Kingdom carriers?
- 6. The sixth kingdom pathway: We need to **claim the promises of God.**
  - God’s promises are reserved for those who will claim them. (e.g., Romans 8:1; Luke 11:13)
  - There are promises about all aspects of the Kingdom that God wants us to claim.

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- How can we get from current reality to being Kingdom carriers?
- 7. The seventh kingdom pathway: We must **pass the tests** that come our way.
  - We have to navigate our way through difficulties, persecution, suffering and setbacks without taking offense, and without letting go of God & His Kingdom.
  - James 1 (difficulties thicken the walls of our soul & increase our capacity for God)

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- How can we get from current reality to being Kingdom carriers?
- 8. The eighth kingdom pathway: We must **persist in all of these pathways** until His Kingdom comes in all of its fullness.
  - We must not grow weary & give up. (Heb 12)
  - There is an enemy who seeks to resist us. (Eph 6)

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1. Personalize our identity
2. Pursue more of God
3. Purify ourselves
4. Praise continually
5. Pray Kingdom prayers
6. Claim the promises of God
7. Pass the tests
8. We must persist in all of these pathways until His Kingdom comes in all of its fullness.

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