

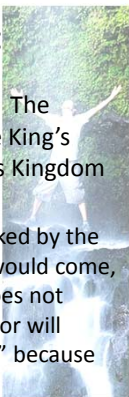
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1. We need more of God's presence. The kingdom is the King's domain. The King's rule. When the King is present, His Kingdom comes.

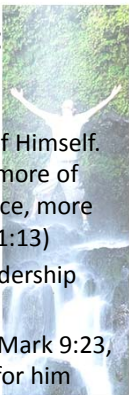
- Luke 17:20-21, "Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, 'The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, "Here it is," or "There it is," because the kingdom of God is within you.'



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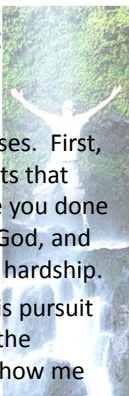
- We have to pursue God for more of Himself. It isn't about miracles. It is about more of God. But, with more of His presence, more of His Kingdom will come. (Luke 11:13)
- God gave Moses an impossible leadership assignment. (Monastery)
- Only God can do the impossible. (Mark 9:23, "If you can, everything is possible for him who believes.") (Summit)



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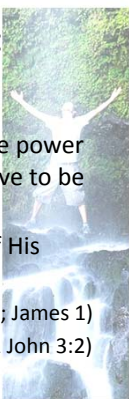
- Two big lessons I learned from Moses. First, Moses continuously passes the tests that come his way. (Ex 5:22 – why have you done evil...?) He claims the promises of God, and keeps going in the face of extreme hardship.
- Second, Moses was relentless in His pursuit of more of God. Only God can do the impossible. (Ex. 20; Golden Calf; Show me your glory)



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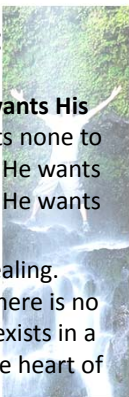
- We need character and power. The power line and the character line both have to be going up & to the right. (Prayer)
- Need to be able to sustain more of His presence:
 - Character (poverty of spirit) (testings; James 1)
 - Intimacy (daily walk, & encounters; 1 John 3:2)
 - Faith (develop Biblical faith)
- I need more of God. (Heidi Baker)



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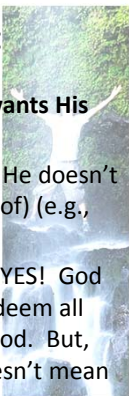
- (e.g., God wants none to perish; He wants all to be set free; He wants all the demonized to be delivered; He wants all to be healed)
- Let me try to clarify the issue of healing. There is no sickness at creation. There is no sickness in heaven. Sickness only exists in a world marred by sin. It is not in the heart of God for people to be sick.



Kingdom Principles:

2. God is good all the time, and he wants His kingdom to come.

- God desires the sick to be healed. He doesn't 'allow' sickness. (Allow – approve of) (e.g., rape, violence, etc.)
- Can he use it? Can he redeem it? YES! God is good all the time, and he can redeem all these evils of our planet for our good. But, just because he can redeem it, doesn't mean he desires it.



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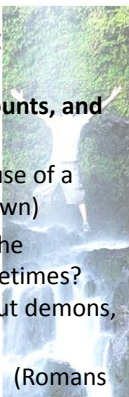
- John 14:12-14; Matthew 17:14-23
- What I am saying: God doesn't desire people to be sick. He wants His kingdom to advance. Faith counts a lot in advancing God's kingdom.
- What I am **not** saying: if we just believe, we'll be healed. Or if you're not healed, it is because you don't believe.



Kingdom Principles:

3. In kingdom advancement, faith counts, and it counts a lot.

- Are some people not healed because of a lack of faith? Yes. (Jesus' home town)
- Does my own lack of faith hinder the advancement of the Kingdom sometimes? Yes. (Matthew 10 – preach, cast out demons, heal the sick)
- But, this is NOT to be condemning. (Romans 8) (Christmas) This is to be energizing.



Kingdom Principles:

4. There is an enemy who seeks to kill, steal, and destroy.

- The planet was gifted to Adam & Eve. They were given the kingdom, 'dominion', 'rulership'.
- Satan stole dominion.
- Jesus bound the strong man, and took it back (Luke 11:21-22)
- He gave it back to the rightful rulers. We are a kingdom of priests. We have dominion



Kingdom Principles:

5. There is also mystery. (Bill J; 50 healings; Eric) (Mahesh – 9 comas)

- John the Baptist (Matthew 11:1-6)
- We have to embrace mystery. There are some things we will never understand. (boxes vs. tension)
- God is good all the time. You can trust Him.
- Don't try to explain these difficulties away.
- Don't take offense.