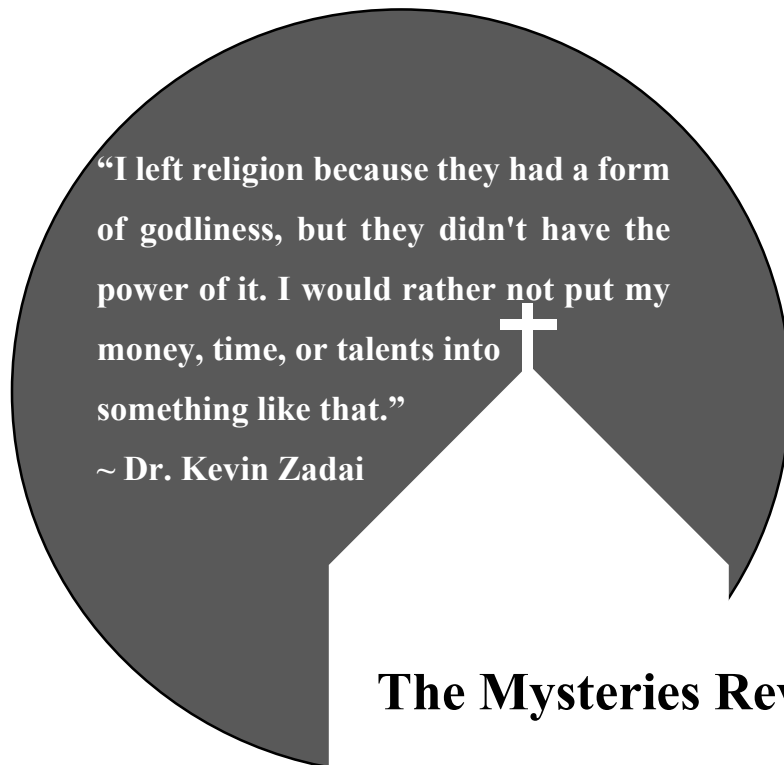


WARRIOR FELLOWSHIPS: SEASON 2

WEEK TWELVE



Also to enlighten all men and make plain to them what is the plan [regarding the Gentiles and providing for the salvation of all men] of the mystery kept hidden through the ages and concealed until now in [the mind of] God Who created all things by Christ Jesus. [The purpose is] that through the church the complicated, many-sided wisdom of God in all its infinite variety and innumerable aspects might now be made known to the angelic rulers and authorities (principalities and powers) in the heavenly sphere.

—Ephesians 3:9-10 ESV

DISCUSSION:

What I saw in Heaven is that once we receive the understanding of the mysteries, it judges the powers of the air. It literally shocks them because God's plan is to have a people, a body on the Earth, and a Church that the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. It literally says in this verse, "The purpose is that through the Church, the many-sided wisdom of God; the manifold wisdom of God, with its innumerable aspects of this truth, would be made known to angelic rulers. Paul is saying here that the mysteries have been revealed. The mystery of Jesus Christ has been shown to you, but it's going to be revealed to the powers of the air.

Whether you like it or not, you have been automatically inducted into a war. Whether you believe it or not, you've been drafted. You're in the war. Whether you are participating in it mentally or not, you're still in it, and what's happening is the powers of the air are being judged by you being here.

❖ **Ephesians 3:11-19 (AMPC):** This is in accordance with the terms of the eternal *and* timeless purpose which He has realized *and* carried into effect in [the person of] Christ Jesus our Lord, In Whom, because of our faith in Him, we dare to have the boldness (courage and confidence) of free access (an unreserved approach to God with freedom and without fear). So I ask you not to lose heart [not to faint or become despondent through fear] at what I am suffering in your behalf. [Rather glory in it] for it is an honor to you. For this reason [seeing the greatness of this plan by which you are built together in Christ], I bow my knees before the Father *of our Lord Jesus Christ*. For Whom every family in heaven and on earth is named [that Father from Whom

all fatherhood takes its title and derives its name]. May He grant you out of the rich treasury of His glory to be strengthened *and* reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the [Holy] Spirit [Himself indwelling your innermost being and personality]. May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love *and* founded securely on love, That you may have the power *and* be strong to apprehend *and* grasp with all the saints [God's devoted people, the experience of that love] what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of it]; [That you may really come] to know [practically, through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]!

- Paul is speaking to the believer on the Earth. He's saying that we're just getting started in our revelation and that he wants us to be flooded and filled.
- When we get filled with His presence, there's going to be a manifestation.
- People will see the favor in your life, and they're going to ask, "How did you do this?" You're going to say, "Well, it's Jesus Christ in my life."
- Favor in your life is because God is in your life. He's working all things in your favor and working all things for the good. He is always working, and it always ends up right. It looks bad at times, but it always works out for your good because it's a relationship. It's a process.

❖ **Ephesians 3:20 (AMPC):** Now to Him who is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly more than all that we dare ask or think [infinitely beyond our greatest prayers, hopes, or dreams], according to His power that is at work within us.

- Paul is writing this from jail, and His circumstances weren't like how he's talking.
- He didn't bend and change his theology just because he had a couple of bad years.
- He was in shackles. He didn't back off what he knew. It wasn't about theology; it was his lifestyle. He was truth.
- The reason we're still here is God wants His power to be at work in us, to carry out His purpose, and do it superabundantly, far over and above all that we would even dare ask or think of.

How does the favor of God come into your life and become a part of who you are?

How will you remain steadfast on Him despite your circumstances?

- When something doesn't work out here, I just start laughing.
- I know there is no way that God will let this go because I already met Him.
- I've already been in His home in Heaven. I've been in His throne room. I've seen the floor. It's more expensive than a whole city would cost to build down here.
- It's three feet thick of Sapphire. His throne has layers of amazing stones on it.
- It looks like it would take a whole day to walk across the throne room, and I'm worried about my car starting.
- I'm thinking about His divine purpose.
- It says here, "His power that is at work within us is able". It says, "His power is able to carry out His purpose in you abundantly, superabundantly."
- In Heaven, it doesn't enter your mind what you should ask for unless the Spirit whispers it to you.
- This is where the church should be right now in its walk with God.
- The church is supposed to be the ruling class, which is why we're in a predicament. We have allowed this to happen.

- Christians are supposed to be walking with God.
- The government should be coming to us to ask us for help.
- We have allowed ourselves to get into this situation through deception.
- We've allowed ourselves to submit to a ruler that is a spirit of the air.
- The Antichrist spirit has gotten into people who do not fear God.
- They've pushed their agenda on you at your expense, and they use you to carry it out.
- Jesus Himself wants the Church to rise up.
- Not to come against the government, just rise up and be the Church, where the Word that we speak is confirmed with signs and wonders.
- If there's a devil present, you cast it out. You don't negotiate with a terrorist. You drive them out.
- You can still have a devil and be a Christian.
- Look at Peter. He was an apostle, and a devil was able to talk through him. Jesus addressed him as "satan" when he spoke because what he was saying was not from the Father.
- Jesus did not recognize Peter. He recognized satan, and he said, "satan, get behind me," and Peter thought, "Lord, what's going on here?"
- Jesus said, "You do not have the things of God in mind, but the things of man get behind me."
- Jesus chose His Disciples. He spent all night praying about who was to be with Him.
- He chose Peter and Judas. Did Jesus miss it, or did they miss it?
- I have to ask that about myself.

DISCUSS the following words:

1. Superabundantly above. Far above.

2. What would be the catalyst to get you infinitely above your highest prayers and highest desires?

3. Turning yourself in to the Holy Spirit.

4. What are your weaknesses? What does it look like for them to be turned into strength?

5. How God's love causes you to be drawn into favor.

PRAYER:

Father God, we thank you for your Holiness and that you reign in the Heavens and the Earth. Your people live and walk in righteousness. They have committed their hearts to you, Lord, fill them with your fire, so your fire is released to others through them. Empower your people to greater measures and ignite them with more boldness to go and fulfill your purpose on the Earth. Let your light shine through them to overcome the darkness in their land. Reveal to them that wherever they tread, they take that ground for your Kingdom. May they rise and stand up for your righteousness on the Earth. They are not tossed to and fro, and they don't look to the right or the left, but they walk in step with you. They are upheld by your righteous right hand.

Father, your power is at work and moving in each of them. You are prospering your children, Lord, above what they can see in the natural with superabundance. You're showing them how to live, above their circumstances like Paul, that even though he was in jail, he was writing from what he knew of His Father.

Open their eyes, Lord, to see that you are their savior and in you, they can do all things. No more deception. No more fear. Open their ears to hear you, Father. I silence the enemy right now, and I release the Father's voice and His sound love into each one, and may His peace come and rest in you right now in Jesus' name.