

Rhema Living

Pastor Don Finto September 4, 2016

Review

Sword of the Spirit — Word of God

As a continuation of last week's message on the Sword of the Spirit, our guest speaker, Pastor Don Finto, speaks on living and leading through the "Rhema" power of God.

- **Ephesians 6:17-18**

... and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—

- **sword of Spirit**- not of human or natural logic, reason or intellect- **Spirit!**
- **word of God** — **logos**, written, general, historical;
rhema, spoken, present, specific

***Application** — the Sword of the Spirit is the rhema, spoken, present, specific, NOW word of God.*

**You have to have your own relationship with the Word of God.
Make a plan by which you read the Word daily.**

As Wickedness Increases — Righteousness Will Increase

- **Romans 8:28**

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

- the Bible never tells us to dwell on wickedness, but on righteousness
- baptisms took place at same beach where Coptic Christians were beheaded by Isis

Combine the Words you hear with Faith — the Word becomes Power

- **2 Samuel 5:10**

And he became more and more powerful, because the Lord God Almighty was with him.

***Application** — God was with David, and he grew great. The Lord is with ME, therefore I am to be more and more powerful.*

- **Ephesians 1:19-20**

...and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms

That same power is at work in US — if we will take hold of it

Becoming more like Jesus daily is not arrogance — that's faith

Believe God for Power

- **2 Timothy 3:5**

having a form of godliness but denying its power

- **John 14:12**

Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

***Application** — our faith has to touch His Word and move toward it*

- we must never pull God's Word down to match our experience
- anything that Jesus did, we can do
- Elijah's encounter with the false prophets of Baal
 - *want that kind of hearing from You*
- Elijah outrunning Ahab in the chariot
 - *want to be continually full of God's Spirit; presence changes atmosphere in a room*
- Jesus had compassion and healed the sick
 - *want that kind of compassion*
- Jesus loved
 - *want that kind of love for others*
- Jesus walked across the water
 - *want that for a brother who needs to walk out of persecution*
- in Acts 19:12, handkerchiefs that had touched Paul, taken to heal sick
 - *want to embrace all of what God has*
- most miracles did not happen in church settings
- need to take Jesus back to the streets
- sinners loved being around Jesus

Full of Hope

- **Romans 15:13**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit

Discussion Questions

1. Why is it harder to concentrate on righteousness instead of on the “increasing wickedness”?
2. Read Ephesians 1:19-20. Discuss the overwhelming implication of these verses.
3. Do you pull God’s Word down to match your experiences?
4. Why do you think it’s easier for miracles to “happen” in places other than in suburban, affluent churches?
5. Do you believe that God can work powerfully through you, personally? Why or why not?
6. What does this mean in your individual life — what barriers do you have to overcome — to invite the power of the Holy Spirit to work through you to do His will?

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Tuesday, September 13

6:30 p.m. — Sanctuary

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