**Bible Reflection 3**

**Key – A Changed Mindset**

Yesterday we talked about changing mindsets as being key in what Jesus is doing with his disciples

**Testimony of Zachary in Tanzania**

**Key – Knowing God and Hearing His Voice**

As son of man Jesus exemplified living in right relationship with his Father and the Holy Spirit. He only did what he saw the Father doing and he only spoke what he heard.

Joh 5:19-20 Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. (20) For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed.

Joh 12:49 For I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken.

In this story the disciples heard Jesus and were obedient to his word.

Jesus made a promise after he ascended to heaven that he would send the Holy Spirit and he would speak to them. We are included in that promise!

Joh 16:13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

What a difference it makes when we hear God and are obedient.

**Philip the Evangelist and the Ethiopian Eununch**

Act 8:26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road--the desert road--that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza."

**Ram Prasad Shreshta Testimony**

**Key – Faith filled prayer**

Mk 6:41 Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves.

**Prayer that’s relational – two way – listens as well as speaks**

Prayer marked by:

* **Surrender** - The disciples placed in Jesus hands the 5 loaves and 2 fish and Jesus in turn lifted it to the Father.

 Bring what we have to Jesus however insignificant it seems – surrender it to him.

* **Faith** – Jesus looked up to heaven

**Faith sees the problem, faith sees the resource but faith chooses to fix its eyes on God.**

Remember Abraham Rom 4:18-21 Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." (19) Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead--since he was about a hundred years old--and that Sarah's womb was also dead. (20) Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, (21) being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.

Abraham acknowledges reality but chooses to believe the promise God gives.

* **Standing on God’s Promises**

Isa 62:6-8 I have posted watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the LORD, give yourselves no rest, (7) and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth. (8) The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: "Never again will I give your grain as food for your enemies, and never again will foreigners drink the new wine for which you have toiled;

Passion Translation ‘you ***reminders*** (or rememberers) of yahweh’

Prayer reminds God of his promises

* **Stepping out in obedience and risk taking**

Jas 2:22 You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did.

Faith comes before seeing

Heb 11:1 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

**At what point did the disciples see the multiplication of the resource?**

**Hearing plus obedience (and a lot of courage) leads to** multiplication and satisfying needs

**Impartation And Blessing**

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**Slide - Butterfly**

* Impartation

Rom 1:11 I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong--

* Blessing

Deu 10:8 At that time the LORD set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to minister and to pronounce blessings in his name, as they still do today.

Deu 21:5 The Levitical priests shall step forward, for the LORD your God has chosen them to minister and to pronounce blessings in the name of the LORD and to decide all cases of dispute and assault.

**Migori testimony**

**For Reflection and Discussion**

* Have you any experiences of hearing God’s voice
* Share about any promises on which you have stood or are standing?
* In the ministry or situations you are involved in:
* What are the mindsets that you are challenging – your own or others?
* How can you bring God’s word to the situation and the people?