

Jesus

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The big WHY:

Jesus will literally hand the “kingdom coming” into the hands of the disciples within 3 years’ time.

Matthew 28:18–20 (NLT)

Here you GO!

Acts 1:3, 8 (NLT)

YOU can RELY on ME.

The kingdom will come... through you and me.

- I **experience it** - When I walk at the side of Christ...from the CORE of my life.
- I **and my neighbor experience it** - When I invite them into this walk with Christ.
- **We experience it** - When we INVEST/BUILD with expectation.
 - Jesus provides a place in eternity FOR me and my loved ones.
 - It's in my hands to PREPARE a PLACE for them in the here and now.

Jesus came teaching “The kingdom of God is near”...you're missing it and you're about to miss it AGAIN...BUT you don't have to.

Matthew 4:17 (NLT)

Jesus teaches us about ACCESS to God in the kingdom.

⁹Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy.

¹⁰May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

¹¹Give us today the food we need...”

Matthew 6:9-11 (NLT)

What can I do to agree with God?

- The kingdom of God is not like any other kingdom we live in or it wouldn't need to come.
- God has spoken truths over our lives.
- Many of those truths do not represent the lives we live today.
- God wants us to agree with Him about those truths so we can enjoy the rich, abundant and savory life. He has made this possible for you and me.
- This new LIFE is not one we can live without HIM.

THREAD: I can expect God to be powerfully present.

- The X factor I cannot account for BUT is undeniably REAL = God's presence.
- IF you reject that thread, you REJECT the very work of God in you.

The Widow

Mark 12:41–44 (NLT)

What did the widow, along with God, come to agreement about?

They agreed that ABUNDANCE = (1) What's in your hand AND (2) what God will continue to provide.

Why is this important to point out?

- If I can't trust God, I won't live out of abundance.
- If I can't trust God, I miss the benefits that come to those who live from abundance in the kingdom of God.
- If I can't trust God, I surely won't be able to trust Him WITH others.

She had to agree that her gift would be a blessing...too many of us don't believe it would be.

Why is this important to point out?

- If I can't agree with God, I'll never start giving from my abundance.
- If I can't agree with God, I'll never FEEL the satisfaction of giving.
- If I can't agree with God, I'll rarely if ever be useful in His hands to BLESS someone else.

CHALLENGE: I'm praying that we would together agree with God...

- That I can give FROM what's in my hand, knowing God will continue to provide.
- However big or small, even if others consider my gift to be inconsequential, God and I know it is my BEST.
- How do I posture my heart to agree with God?
- Give my BEST.