

# REAL Empowerment

R.E.A.L. - Week 2 (12-4-24)

Eph. 2:1-13

## I. Real

- A. Occurring or existing in actuality.
- B. Of or relating to practical or everyday concerns or activities
  - 1. Are you a REAL child of God, and are you REALLY empowered by Him?
- C. What's Real and what's not?
  - 1. 1 Kings 3:23-27
    - a) The REAL mother revealed herself with selflessness; with love!
    - b) The REAL Father revealed Himself with selflessness; with Love!
  - 2. Gen. 3:1-5
    - a) The question of your eternity.
      - (1) Matt. 16:13-15
        - (a) Who do you say that He is?
    - b) If God Really is who He says He is, Then we Really have some power to be growing into. A lot of untapped potential!
      - (1) Do we live like we truly believe Him?
    - c) John 5:24 - "Verily Verily" = Truly Truly
      - (1) Your reality, your day-to-day living WILL be dictated by what you truly believe about God and Jesus.
        - (a) What is your REAL life, your daily life, revealing about what you believe?
        - (b) Proverbs 27:19
        - (c) A REAL branch is connected to a REAL vine and bears REAL fruit.

## II. The Potential

- A. Every day we have a REAL potential. (The strength of the mighty man drawing back the bow - Psalm 127:3-5)
  - 1. Potential to choose... Duet. 30:15-20
    - a) God's Power, God's Life, God's Solutions, God's Thoughts, God's Perspective, God's Will instead of your own.
- B. Freedom
  - 1. Basically, We have been empowered to live freely
    - a) Galatians 5:1 & 13
    - b) 2 Corin. 3:17
- C. "Knowledge is Power?"
  - 1. 1 Peter 1:1-4
    - a) Knowledge = Epignosis - Knowledge, recognition, discernment, acknowledgement

- (1) Knowledge vs Acknowledge - It's not just about knowing information, but about what you decide about that information.
    - (a) Acknowledge = to recognize as genuine or valid.
  - b) The Power of God can only be walked in after we have acknowledged it's validity and availability.
    - (1) The apostles were not able to preach the gospel under the power of the Holy Spirit until they had pursued and received Him. (Acts 2)
    - (2) Our knowledge of God and His love for us should be continuously expanding every day.
      - (a) So our ability to operate in God's power should be expanding every day as well.
- D. Exactly what is the measure of the potential of God's power in our lives?
  - 1. How deeply do you love and trust God?
  - 2. James 4:8 - "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you..."
    - a) The power is found in His presence!
      - (1) The closer you are, the more of His glory you can reflect.
- E. Balanced with Grace - Lamentations 3:21-23