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Matthew 13:10-15

10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?

11 He answered and said unto them, **Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.**

12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.

13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

Matthew 13:10-15

14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:

15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

- Jesus gives an explanation of his parables to the Pharisees and Sadducees. He makes it clear that the kingdom is a mystery to them because of the motives of their heart.
- Jesus preaches ‘the kingdom of heaven is at hand, the kingdom is present, the kingdom is now,’ but not everyone has access to the kingdom because of the condition of their heart and mind.
- We can have access to something very valuable but in it’s raw form without the knowledge, information, or instructions about how to process it, the value will never be revealed or experienced.

- For example: if you walk the beach and find an ore of gold and you don't know how to identify it as gold, you will treat it like just another rock. However, someone who has knowledge and information on how to identify gold and how to process it will go on to become a millionaire.
- It is clear that many people, even people who claim to be Christians, have failed to benefit from the kingdom because of ignorance and the lack of knowledge. This is because they have no desire to seek, understand, and know the kingdom of God.
- They are happy to be experts on natural things but have no interest in mastering spiritual things.

- Whosoever that hath more shall be given, so what do I need to have?
 - I need to have the desire to know and more knowledge will come.
 - I need to have a desire to understand and more understanding will come.
 - I need to have a will to put those things into practice and they will produce more opportunity.
- For those who have no desire to know, understand, or practice, they will have the opposite result.

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- Understanding spiritual things concerning the kingdom is about the heart and not the head.
- The heart has to be filled with faith in order to receive the things of the spirit.
- Faith in one's heart will conquer the doubt in one's head through belief, but those who choose not to engage their heart will be stuck in their head and limited by what they see and hear in the natural.
- Without faith in our heart, our head dominates us and our hearts become toxic and sickly and therefore cannot benefit from the truth of the kingdom.

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- This is why the heart has to be regenerated by the holy spirit so that the seed of God's word can germinate.
 - This is why King David kept the throne from his heart and King Saul lost the kingdom because of his head.
 - This is why Jesus' conversation with Nikodemus was so important and powerful to give us insight on how we can take advantage of the kingdom truths and revelations.

John 3:2-8

2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

3 Jesus answered and said unto him, **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**

4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5 Jesus answered, **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**

John 3:2-8

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

- Jesus makes it clear that man has to be born again of the spirit in order to discern a spiritual kingdom.
- He makes it clear that a natural birth is not sufficient for someone who wants the benefits of the kingdom.
- He makes it clear that man does not determine the new birth but the new birth in and of itself is an intimate action when God's seed enters the heart of a man or a woman.
- A heart of faith is essential to the ability of God's seed to germinate in the heart of a man.

Mark 5:24-34

24 And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him.

25 And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,

26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,

27 When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.

28 For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.

29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.

Mark 5:24-34

30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, **Who touched my clothes?**

31 And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, **Who touched me?**

32 And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing.

33 But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.

34 And he said unto her, **Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.**