

CHOSEN SERIES: “*Complete*”

Introduction:

Over the past few months I’ve carried this urge to complete things. And as my hunger has grown to complete things; I’ve found myself in the mist of piles of incomplete, started, undone, and can’t seem to get to it. In reading this article I started..... it began talking about breaking the cycle of incomplete. It gave points that I’ve seen through out sharing if you want to break the cycle of incomplete you must first “Consider The Cost”.

Within this point it spoke about not making decisions to start something you know you cannot finish (Isn’t that interesting from a world view: *If you don’t want to be incomplete; don’t start something you know you cannot finish*).

It went so far to share an example of, if you can’t walk 5 miles then walk around the block. In seeing this I must state that in our lives we must stop quitting at the first sign of resistance because spiritually we have been called to purpose and mandated for completion.

As we are in this CHOSEN Series

~ **CHOSEN SERIES SLIDE**

Today I want to share about being “Complete”.

~ **MAIN SLIDE**

I want to provide you with three key things that will assist you on your path to being “Complete”.

So I would like to start out with stating you cannot be complete in the purpose of your call without a mandate.

~ **#1 Point - The Mandate**

A mandate is an assignment to complete. And through out Gods word He gives specific instruction in-order-to bring us to a place of being spiritually complete.

Even with a mandate given to us by God in the book of

Genesis 1:28 NLT

“God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.”

~ MAIN SLIDE

We must believe that if God gave us a mandate and said for us to multiply that a seed came with the order. Understand that He positioned us as caretakers of the seed. God has planted a seed inside each and every one of us; although a seed has little or no use until it begins yielding fruit. So not adhering to the mandate for our lives is like a seed having little or no use until it begins yielding fruit.

In this you must first believe a mandate exist for your life, believe that you are a part of it, know what you are called to be, and what you are called to accomplish. (What you are called to should not be looked at as the destination, but the spiritual resource to assist you with what you're called to accomplish).

In the writings of the Apostle Paul you will see that even though he was already an apostle, he didn't see himself to have yet obtained what God had ultimately called him to do. Paul continued pressing toward the goal, which was the mandate for his life and clearly what he was striving to share while even writing letters from a place of imprisonment.

Philippians 1:6

For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

~ MAIN SLIDE

Please catch this: Paul was writing letters from a place of imprisonment, but he still had authority over his seed and he believed the seed was going to yield fruit.

1 Corinthians 3:9 NLT

⁹ For we are both God's workers. And you are God's field. You are God's building.

So if we are God's field and His building we must adhere to the mandate of our lives believing with great confidence that God is tilling the land and

cultivating the very seed He planted in us perfecting us for completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

~ MAIN SLIDE

Accepting the idea of being:

~ #2 Point: *Broken for Good*

Often when we seek completion we tend to think about what we are needing to achieve or add to our lives. While completion can call for some pieces to be added to us, it also calls for some stuff (things) to be removed. Often there are some pieces you've added to yourself that call for removal because they have disjointed the original pieces hindering them from connecting together to make you whole (*Broken for Good*).

Being "Broken for Good" is spiritually understanding that brokenness is not for our demise, but gives life to our redemption.

In this we are accepting being CLAY in the Potters hand.

At the Potter's House - This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord:

Jeremiah 18:2-4

2 "Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message."

3 So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel.

4 But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.

~ MAIN SLIDE

Understand that the potter has to work out the air bubbles within the clay in-order-to make it ready for molding and then the clay is ready for the wheel. No matter how great the potter is, if the clay is not centered on the wheel it will not be workable. The pottery wheel spins with the hands of the potter surrounding the clay.

From a world view there is a natural tendency to throw things away that get broken. But when we know the value of that which has been broken then we will do whatever it takes to salvage it. This is exactly how God is with us.

Isaiah 61:3

God promises to give those who mourn and are broken “a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting.”

Romans 8:23

23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

~ MAIN SLIDE

We all want Gods hands on us, although we must find hope in our brokenness as God is shaping us for His glory.

~ #3 Point: Union = Completion

When coming into union with Christ, it is important to remember if the clay is not centered on the wheel it will not be workable. When life is in a world wind the force of it pulls us from the center of the wheel. We need the Holy Spirit to pull us back to the center of the wheel where the potter can easily place His hands around us.

Catch This: *Even if the clay is marred or spoiled it still remains clay!* So even in a spoiled state we still have a union, although we have yet to have an encounter.

Romans 5:8

8 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

Understand that it is in Christ where we find completion.

Colossians 2:9-11 NLT

“For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority. When you came to Christ, you were “circumcised,” but not by a physical procedure. Christ performed a spiritual circumcision—the cutting away of your sinful nature.” ~ *Union*

John 1:3

All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. ~ *Union*

Galatians 2:20 (ESV)

20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ~ *Union*

Philippians 3:7-9 New Living Translation (NLT)

7 I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. 8 Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ 9 and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ.[a] For God’s way of making us right with himself depends on faith. ~ *Broken for Good*

John 17:4

4 I brought glory to you here on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. ~ *The Mandate*

Colossians 3:3-4

3 For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 And when Christ, who is your^[a] life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory. ~ *COMPLETE*