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verb

- 1. become or make larger or more extensive.2. "their business expanded into other hotels and properties"

KINGDOM SERIES: KINGDOM COME | WEEK TWO

"Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10 NKJV



EXPAND ACADEMY VISION:

Our heart at Expand Academy is to <u>Equip</u>, <u>Empower</u>, and <u>Expand</u> the kingdom of God within the believer & around the globe.

We will gather around the testimony of Jesus Christ. We believe as the Spirit of God kisses the Word of God; it is activated to produce eternal fruit in our lives.



"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples of to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20



SHORT RECAP

- We talked about Romans 14:17
- We covered Colossians 1:9-13
- We did a Heaven's Establishment on Righteousness. We did a deep dive on the renewal of the mind that leads to an understanding of righteousness.

We're going to dive into Romans 14:17 again from a different angle.

"for the Kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit."

The Apostle Paul starts off by telling us what the Kingdom of God is not, then he informs of what the Kingdom of God is. What we see in Romans 14 is Paul's attempt to bring unity over a matter that could bring division. The Jewish Church in Jerusalem asked the Gentile Church in Antioch not to eat meat that had been sacrificed to idols. Paul was at the Jerusalem council, and he accepted this request, not because he felt that such meat was wrong in itself, but because this practice would deeply offend many Jewish believers. Paul did not think the issue was worth dividing the church over.

"It's not a matter of eating or drinking."

The Kingdom of God is not a matter of feeding our flesh.

We will never be satisfied by way of the flesh. Do we need to feed our bodies? Yes.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 says that God has lined our hearts with eternity. Another translation says that he has planted eternity into our hearts. That being said, we will never be satisfied with the temporary, because we were created for an eternal King.

Alot of times the way we strengthen our spirit is to deny the flesh. Your true satisfaction is not connected to what is on the surface. When we are attempting to satisfy our flesh a lot of times it's because we are not experiencing the closeness of His comfort or covering. Jesus is the only One who fills our cup to overflow. Alot of times in the face of adversity, we try to find comfort in our flesh. Jesus is the only One who will fill the innermost parts of your being with true peace.



Discipleship & Development

"Walk in the Spirit and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law."

Galatians 5: 16-26 NKJV

Our flesh will never satisfy. Only the Spirit of God can satisfy. Our flesh will get weak and weary at times.

The Bible says-

"Even youth grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:30

It's not a matter of dos and don'ts- it's an invitation that we have been given to a higher way of living in the Kingdom of God.

The Kingdom is not a matter of feeding the flesh. It's a matter of living in the Spirit. We cannot be living according to the desires of the flesh and expect the benefits and the characteristics of the Kingdom offered in the Holy Spirit.

Righteousness, peace, and joy are the foundation of the Kingdom of God.

Where is the Kingdom of God? In the Holy Spirit. How? What happened?

Read & Reference- Acts 1: 3-4

Jesus didn't just model the Kingdom that we may marvel at it. He modeled the Kingdom so that we can be a part of multiplying it.

He did not model the Kingdom to create marveled spectators, but instead to disciple participators. He released His Spirit upon those who would EXPAND the Kingdom.

"God wants to use us, in the power of the Holy Spirit to cover the world with the message of the Kingdom" Cosmic Initiative- Jack Taylor



HEAVEN'S ESTABLISHMENT:

The Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. How can the Kingdom of God be established in our lives in a greater way today?

We can never establish or released what we have not first received. The Kingdom has to be established first within our lives before it's established through our lives.

<u>lets</u> do some inventory—living in the Spirit

"Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace." Romans 8:5

- Is there anything hindering you from living in the Spirit?
- We understand (according to Romans 8:5) letting the Holy Spirit renew your mind leads to life and peace. Are there any parts of your thinking that needs to yield to the Holy Spirit?

Holy Spirit,

Will you reveal to me any parts of my thinking that are not in alignment with true that leads to life and peace? If so, point them out and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

Write down anything the Holy Spirit reveals to you.			