FATHER'S HEART MINISTRIES
INTRODUCTION
HEB.12:26-29
"Once more…"

PRINCIPLES THAT DEFINE THE KINGDOM
These principles open up our concept of what the kingdom is.
Jesus many times described the kingdom in terms of parables.
Jesus gave stories, He gave principles, He gave parables so that people would be able to grasp an internal understanding of what the kingdom was.

We will identify five principles that describe the kingdom.
These five things are descriptions of the dynamics of the kingdom.
These are descriptions of the understanding that must apply inside of all Governmental prayer.
Remember, Governmental prayer is filled with kingdom understanding and kingdom reality!

THE KINGDOM HAS AN INCREASED POTENTIAL AND A DOMINATING DIMENSION
MATT.13:31
"He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches"

Anytime you move in a kingdom dimension, there will be growth.
The kingdom does not shrink or diminish. The kingdom grows, it increases, and it prospers.
The kingdom of heaven IS LIKE a mustard seed!
(Study the mustard seed)

This is how a parable works:
Define what a parable is!
Jesus understands the technology (the internal principles that makes the outcome of predictable and stable) of the kingdom He knows exactly how the kingdom works and does. He knows all the little important principles that will make the kingdom activate, or make the kingdom come alive!
But Jesus wants to relate the kingdom principles to people so that they can grasp, understand and relate – it must not be technical and overbearing.
So He invented a little story, and the story has patterns which parallels the patterns of the kingdom!
The kingdom of heaven is like a seed!
Very important – you've got to sow it – it must go into something!
It only translates into fruit after you have sown it.
THE KINGDOM INJECTS ITSELF INTO SOME DIMENSION OF HUMAN ACTIVITY UPON THE EARTH!

The kingdom must go into your life, into your work, into your finances, into your marriage, into your ministry in order for it to produce something in your life!

2.

The Devil can't stop God, but if he can put the wrong understandings and mindsets into God's people, he can stop the principles of God from activating within them.

Some people proclaim to live in the kingdom, but they produce in contradiction to their union with the King of the kingdom!

A mustard seed does not appear to be powerful, or have an impact!

- *Kingdom seed has to be sowed by man – God does not activate the process, man must! Man must preach and declare the kingdom in the earth! We do not primarily proclaim the story of Salvation – salvation is just one part of the Gospel of the Kingdom – Matt.28.*
- *The Gospel of the Kingdom looks unimpressive at the start – but it has a growth-potential hidden in it that becomes greater!*
- *The growth of the kingdom brings its blessing.*
- *Perch , or nesting speaks of a place of safety, a place to reproduce – as the kingdom grows, it provides a nurturing presence to the earth – God never intended to curse the earth with the Word – it was designed and intended to bring a blessing to the entire earth! Peoples lives must nest in the power of the kingdom, bringing them hope and security!*
- *The kingdom goes into something that is of a different nature, state from itself – Matt.13:33.*
- *The kingdom converts an alien environment into a life-state as itself. The kingdom changes that which is not like itself, into something like itself. The kingdom influences and imparts its own value and stature upon that which it is exposed to. – Matt.13:33*

<u>DAN.2:31-35,44-45</u>

So, when our lives and ministries are infused with kingdom value, it will be transformed by the invading and dominating power of the kingdom.

So, prayer with a kingdom spirit, is prayer that intends to changes its environment. It is prayer that seeks to invade every aspect of human life and seeks to dominate life.

It has the power of transformation – it has the belief that it can change things. We believe that life can stir up death.

If we pray governmentally over someone's sickness, we believe that life can literally stir up death –we are entering into that negative situation and that we are bringing life, growth and change – we actually believe it

A church that's filled with a kingdom spirit is a church that is growing, that is expanding all the time in its understanding of God.

<u>THE KINGDOM IS IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE WILL OF GOD</u>

The kingdom is always in association with the will of God.

The kingdom never disagrees with God's will – because the kingdom s the rule of God. So the kingdom is bonded to, welded to, and closely associated with the will

of God You cannot have a kingdom manifestation that is outside of the will of God – that is impossible!
True kingdom activity always seeks the rule of God.

<u>MATT.7:21</u>
"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven"
There many people in the church today that are doing all sorts of things that they proclaim to be the will of God. Local churches have been established by God with the primary function to manifest the kingdom of God – the rule of God - the will of God!

3.

VS.22 *"Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?'*
VS.23 *"Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!"*

There are many in the church that are all manifesting the same religious activity. On the outside you can't tell the difference because they are all saying: *'Lord, Lord'*. It looks as though they are all doing the right thing, but there is a further screening as far as entering the kingdom is concerned – He says only those of them that do the will of my Father will enter! *That means there are of those who says: 'Lord, Lord' that are NOT DOING THE WILL!*
So is it possible to seemingly manifest an accurate religious activity that has nothing to do with the will of God? – YES!
Is it possible to have church that on the outside seem to say: 'Lord, Lord' but is not actively involved in the will of God.
Is it possible to cast out demons and manifest certain dimensions of Christian ministry and still not execute the will of God? Yes!

- *What Jesus calls "practising lawlessness" is what these people call "religious activity"*
- *Lawlessness implies being outside of the mandate, or the rule of God – but you are still actively working for God, yet not manifesting the true works of God! Lawlessness also means that you are outside of the law of God – you're functioning – but outside of the constitution of heaven.*
- *What is lawlessness in the context of this verse? It is prophesying, casting out devils and doing wonders and miracles.*
- *True ministry always proceeds from the mandate of heaven upon your local church. It is not producing works in the earth that is not backed up by God!*
- *Jesus is demanding that anyone who wants to work in a kingdom environment MUST be concerned with doing His Will, primarily!*
- *The kingdom is spiritually associated with doing the will of God. Therefore all governmental prayer and service unto God must be intricately bound up with the will of God.*

- *Kingdom Governmental prayer is not selfish prayer for our own self-advancement.*
- *All prayer that is concerned with the advancement of 'my ministry', 'my popularity 'is not the governmental prayer as set by God*
- *Our ministries, our prayer, our finances, our marriages, our lifestyles, our careers, all of it, MUST serve the purpose of God in the earth!*
- *You cannot call God 'King' and be internally disobedient to His will!*
- *We are saved to serve the purpose of God – all you're suffering, persecution and tribulation is to serve His will.*
- *Jn.3:34 "My food is to Do His Will of Him who sent me and to finish His Work" There must be an entering into the labours of Christ in order for us to activate the Will of God in our lives!*
- *This must be an unbreakable and an inextricable part of all our lives – THIS IS NON-NEGOTIABLE! We live for His glory! – All we do is for His glory!*

4.

<u>THE KINGDOM DEMONSTRATES AN AGGRESSIVE ADVANCE MATT.11:12</u>

"I tell you the truth: Among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he"
"From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it"

The word *'now'* is a Greek construction that means an ever present now!
This word includes us today!

- *The kingdom is forcefully advancing*
- *John never enjoyed the level of demonstration of ministry of the prophets in the Old Testament – all he did was to proclaim the kingdom – nobody before John announced kingdom activation until john actually came! This made John greater than all the miracles wrought by prophets before him!*
- *John activated the powerful, forceful advance of the kingdom in the earth, that made him greater than any other prophet before him! He came and said: "repent and change your mind"*
- *Metanoeo – it means change your thinking, or adjust your mentality – experience a paradigm shift.*
- *John came to declare a new season in God – the kingdom was about to manifest! He had the inherent power to shift a whole generation from one system of operation (law) to another (grace). He came to change the frequency.*
- *He operated in urgency – he came to point out Jesus!*
- *John did not come to preach about a baby being born – when he came preaching, Jesus was already a full-grown man! Certain events were coming into the earth and he had to prepare a people for it and had to shift a whole society into a divine choice!*

- *He had a narrow time-frame to make the declaration to activate the kingdom and to switch the power on before Jesus turned up on the scene!*
- *The day when John declared: 'behold the Lamb of God', the earth was never the same.*
- *Yet, today, we are greater than John. The Church has the force of the kingdom inside of it and that is what we want to release and loose all over the earth.*
- *We must stop with this 'bless me' gospel and 'come – have – your –needs –met ' gospel and switch to the kingdom!*

Now, today the least of us is greater than John, because he introduced people to the kingdom, but we are living kingdom reality! We are agents, demonstrators, proclaimers, releasers and activators of the kingdom of God in the earth!

The kingdom moves: it is no longer where it was in 2004. The kingdom is not static – it constantly advances, moves, progresses to new levels and it demands from us to do likewise!
The nature of the kingdom is – 'advancing'. In every generation the kingdom moves!. Men must be of the same frequency as the kingdom at the time of entrance. If you are on the wrong frequency, you cannot get in! The kingdom is an experience of life in the earth that you enter into – it is not about you going to heaven!

5.

Many people are saved, washed in the Blood of Jesus, but never experience the kingdom, because the kingdom is forcefully advancing and forceful men must continually press their way into it!

You have to be of the same quality as the current kingdom to experience it in your time!
YOU CAN'T HAVE A 1970 MENTALITY AN EXPERIENCE A 2005 KINGDOM!
You cannot pray Governmental prayer without having an understanding of where the kingdom is today – Governmental prayer demands that you understand the reality of the kingdom!
Prayer is not just making a noise, or praying loud prayers, but it demands that you are on the same bandwidth as the kingdom – forceful in your spirit – seeking the advance of God's will and purpose in the earth! You must then position yourself in the stream of the kingdom in order for you activate a strong stance in the spirit! Governmental prayer is current – it must locate where God is today!

"Forceful men are pressing their way into the kingdom" – This means that there is a resistance, that there are factors designed to stop you from coming to the same bandwidth, the same mentality, the same frequency as the kingdom of God in 2005.
*Therefore if Governmental prayer is kingdom prayer, it is intense prayer – it is not nice charismatic prayer! It is forceful! Something has to happen!

The minute you stop pressing, the kingdom leaves you behind. So, we must be in constant upgrade – locating always where God is positioned in the spirit and we journey there!

THE KINGDOM HAS A DIMENSION OF UNFOLDING MYSTERY
MATT.13:10-11
"The disciples came to him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?" He replied, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them."

Jesus was the most unorthodox preacher in His day!
He spoke to the people and they did not understand!

VS.12 The context of this verse has to do with the understanding of mystery. The kingdom has mystery. In the context of the Bible a mystery is the intent of God that is not yet revealed! It is something God fully intends to do, that has not been opened up by Him.
The Bible says that the kingdom is full of mysteries – stuff that God wants to do. It is full of the next intent of God, the next desire of God that has to be unfolded, unloosed, or uncovered. That's why if we are in a kingdom environment there must always be a new thing – God always does a new thing: *a new nation, a new word, a new speaking, and it is given to us to know – to come into knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom.*

So, part of an interaction of us with the kingdom is that we are continually uncovering more of God! We are coming into an understanding of His intent and purposes!
Every time you come into alignment with the kingdom, you enjoin yourself with mystery.
Governmental prayer must always go beyond the known! It must always be pushing into the next thing – it must be prophetic – It penetrates into the next thing God wants to release!

Governmental prayer must have a prophetic edge and a prophetic dimension to it! It is always going beyond the known – it is always declaring things that is not yet revealed
Example: sometimes we say: "pray prophetically over India and begin to decree and declare things that you have no reference for – It is prophetically prying into God's next thing! It is a dynamic interaction between that which we know and that is yet to come! That is how you advance!
We advance into mystery. Pioneers always move into that they do not know. Stepping into new destiny!
VS.12 – God wants us to have an abundance of the resource of heaven. If you desire, God will give you more!

VS.19 "*When anyone hears the message (word) of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart"*
You can hear the words of a teaching and still not hear the word of the kingdom!
'Hear' means to understand it and apply it – the process of bringing it into your heat so that you can do it. Hearing occurs at the point at which the kingdom word is ministered and you resolve in you heart to do it. You transact with God at the point of entrance of the word! It will be taken away from you, if you do not hear it!

THE KINGDOM IS ASSOCIATED WITH DIVINE AUTHORITY
MATT.16:19
"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven"

'Keys of the kingdom', not 'keys to the kingdom'

A key unlocks closed doors, both spiritual and natural!
Authority is the force of heaven backing you declare and decree!
It is the right to govern and control for God in any jurisdiction without any resistance!
However locked-up a place or region of the earth might be – we have been given the same right of control that Jesus walked in. His authority has been delegated to the Church!

These are five descriptions of what the kingdom is like.
These dimensions must live inside of our hearts as we pray!