

## INHERITING THE NATIONS SERIES

### DOMINION OVER THE NATIONS

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Tonight we want to touch on the topic on dominion. There is no doubt when we speak about authority we speak about dominion. Dominion is conditional; it's not something that will be automatically in our life although potentially we were created to have dominion. It's in God's perfect plan for man to exercise dominion for in Gen.1: 26 God originally gave man dominion. When Adam had dominion and Eve also was there and she received dominion too from God. God made them male and female and He gave them dominion over all the birds of the air, the beasts in the field and over every creeping thing and over that entire God created. He gave *them*; He didn't just give *him*, He gave *them* dominion.

We see by Genesis chapter 3 that the dominion is not working. It doesn't mean that when God has given us something it will work automatically. In case we do not realize it God has again gave the dominion to the church and the redeemed race of mankind who are washed by the Blood of Jesus Christ. God through Jesus has once again given dominion. The sad story is that dominion is once again not seemingly working in many Christians' lives. I believe it is an insult to God and the work and redemption of Jesus Christ. We can understand it if a non-believer doesn't have dominion. But if the Blood-washed believer, the Spirit-filled saint cannot exercise dominion over sin, death, Satan and all the works of the world system, it is an insult on all that God has bought for us with the precious Blood of Jesus. The problem is we do not understand how this dominion flows.

I want to touch on one key weapon in which this dominion will work. And it is just one sentence that is so simple that we miss the whole point. It is just the simple phrase: faith in the word of God. Dominion can only come when we exercise faith in the word of God. And by word of God we include the *logos*, the written word, the living word and the *rhema*, the spoken word. Dominion comes when we believe what God says. That's how simple it is. If Adam had believed what God said he was, he would have exercised dominion. If Adam had remembered what God said that he had, he would have exercised dominion over every creeping thing and over the serpent that tempted Eve. If he had remembered what God said and acted on God's word and believed what God said that He had made them in his image, there would be no more meaning to the temptation to be like God. For God said He has made them in His image. There can only be dominion when we have faith in the word of God. The key behind it is faith.

A lot of people think they are exercising faith. And think they are operating in faith. They are not. They don't understand the quality of faith. They understand the symptom of faith, the byproduct of faith. They can see the result of faith. They understand the operation of faith. But they don't understand the essence and the quality of what faith is. Let me tell you there are a lot of believers who are living like unbelievers. There are a lot of believers who have unbelief in their hearts. Therefore God cannot work through their life, God cannot heal them, God cannot prosper them, and God cannot help them to take dominion over this earth. Once in a while when a believer catches a glimpse of what God's word is saying they launch their authority. But the moment they hit some difficulty they don't have dominion any more. Their dominion is a childish dominion. Their dominion is almost like the sower going out to sow and the seed fell on stony ground. And immediately it sprang forth but when difficulty arose they stop exercising their faith. What they have is not faith. They only have zeal. We can have zeal on the principles of God without having faith in God.

I want to define the quality of faith. First of all I would define it in a negative way, what it does not have. We all have our land of Canaan. We all have our inheritance in God. Every tribe has an inheritance. Every tribe of Jesus Christ and all the gifting of the Holy Spirit have an inheritance in God. Heb. 4:2 *For the good news came to us just as to them; but the message which they heard did not benefit them, because it did not meet with faith in the hearers.* Why didn't they possess the land of Canaan?

Somebody said because the giants were there. That's not the real reason. Why didn't they possess the land of Canaan? Because they were so discouraged. That's not the real reason. The New Testament summarizes the real reason why they did not enter in. They don't have faith. Let me tell you there are a lot of believers who don't have faith. They seem to have faith but they don't have faith. They have knowledge but they don't have faith.

I know in my life that all fear and unbelief has to grip is one toenail and you had it. That's all it takes for the one seed to destroy what God has planted in your life. When the disciples could not cast out the demon, Jesus said this kind come out by fasting and prayer. Those were His second sentence. His first main sentence is because of your unbelief. A lot of believers don't like this kind of statement spoken to their life. Let me define what real faith is. We know how faith works. We know faith sees, faith speaks, faith acts etc. But I am talking about the quality when you know real genuine faith is there. It is not some mental knowledge that is being exercised out of zeal and partial understanding.

No.1 real faith is a complete absence of doubt and fear. Now the positive side of this is that faith has a conviction that is so unwavering that nothing can stand against that rock of faith. Time and tide can come, persecution and misunderstanding can come but nothing can stand against that rock or faith because when everything is passed away faith still stands. Just by the first point a lot of believers don't qualify. Many believers when they talk about believing God for something within one hour you can find doubt in their life. There are very few believers when God said something they never ever doubt. I am not just talking about a few doubts. I am talking about the complete absence of doubt and fear. Now there are many areas that we exercise dominion. But that particular area that God is speaking about there is a complete absence of doubt and fear. And these are the words that Lord told me, "Son, my people are not receiving what they should be receiving from Me not because they don't believe in Me but because they don't believe in Me without a doubt." Most believers would at first believe, then doubt, then later believe again and then fear. In this way they will never ever see the manifestation of their faith. There is a certain quality that comes upon a spirit of a man when faith comes.

In the book of Mk.11: 23 *Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, "Be taken up*

*and cast into the sea, and does not doubt in his heart."* Now I didn't say the doubts are in your mouth. There are a lot of people who are already having negative confession. When they pray for something they privately nullify their prayers by speaking wrongly. Or they let out wrong things out of their mouth. That is already bad. But God is not even talking about having something wrong in your mouth. He is speaking about having something wrong in your heart. And sometimes you come across someone new to the things of God. And they get a hold of the faith teaching. And you could see them confessing with their mouth and they are very careful with their confession. But you can see doubt in their eyes. And you could feel the doubt in their hearts. God didn't say if you didn't speak negatively you would get it. God said you must even remove it out of your heart. If it is in your heart and you didn't say it out it still won't work. Didn't you read Mk.11: 23. He didn't say that if doubt were in your mouth it wouldn't work. He said if doubt is in your heart it won't work even if you don't say it out. That gets rid of almost 99% of people.

Now you know why the church of Jesus Christ is not where it should be. They learn meditation on the word. They start confessing. All I have to do is to look straight into their eyes and you could see the doubts in their mind. Then your spirit reaches out to them and you could feel the doubts beating in their hearts. We must come to the position where we learn how to completely reject doubt. We learn how to sweep the house clean and sweep all the dust of doubt and fear out of our hearts. Shut the door and when doubt tries to come in you say sorry no entry. There is a way to learn how to completely reject every doubt and fear that ever comes: don't ever entertain it. When God tells me something I don't even entertain doubt. To me entertaining it would be canceling everything God said. I don't know how to doubt something that God tells me to do. I don't care if someone is in the way. I will bulldoze it through. The only time I get fear is when I encounter unbelief and fear.

Now what are the symptoms of doubt in people's heart? You cannot hide the symptoms of doubt and fear inside. One of the symptoms is the lack of steadiness. I have sat in committees; I have been with many people. When it comes to some project of God or doing things for God, many times fear and doubt try to come in. I have sat with many people when they talk about different things in their life that required believing God for. You notice that doubt has crept in. One of the main symptoms is wavering. Didn't God say that the moment you doubt is almost like you never started the journey? Its almost like you have back tracked.

How much doubt does it take to cancel what we prayed for. Most people think that it takes a whole lot of doubts to cancel what they believe in God for. Let me answer by looking at the other reverse. How much faith does it take to move a mountain? One mustard seed. That's very little to move a mountain. And you bring that principle into doubt. How much doubt does it take to cancel everything. Just a little bit. You say but the mercy of God, the grace of God. These are the principles of God. Many believers think it takes a huge big doubt or they must doubt for 7 days a week before they could cancel their faith. That's not the way. I have walked in the realm of faith. Let me tell you all it takes are just a few seconds of doubt and you are back where you started. Spiritual warfare is like that. And so many people are actually going back and forth. They hardly move and they don't know what's the problem. Because they think it takes a big junk of fear to grip their life. Just one mustard seed is enough to cancel what you believe God for. And you sort of accept it for those microseconds. What makes it different is whether you accept them or reject them. All it takes is just a few microseconds and that's it.

We will only receive dominion or the answer to what we are praying when we reach a point that James speaks about in James 1: 6 *But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.* I have in my lifetime not met a single man of God or Christian who has never waver. I wish there were more who have learned not to waver. And these are the reasons why they are limited. Cannot achieve much in life. Cannot have dominion over the nations. Cannot reach into the millions of dollars you can believe God for. Cannot reach into healing and mighty signs and wonders that you can reach out to God for. Cannot reach out into the realm of dominion over principalities, over demon powers, over nations. Cannot reach out into the realm that affects the life of nations of this world. Jas. 1:5-6 *if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all men generously and without reproaching, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting,* He didn't even say with little doubting. He says with zero doubting, *for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.*

The vast majority of Christians when they pray for anything have some percentage of doubt. In my life time talking about I come to know I have not come across a single Christian or man of God or woman of God who has reached that stage where

they ask God for something there is zero doubting. Now you know why the body of Christ is not receiving what it should. You could be receiving more than what you are receiving today in prosperity if you have never doubted. You could have been receiving a greater measure of health and healing more than what you are having now. Some of us say I learn in all things to be contented. I don't doubt that principle. But let me tell you sometimes we have settled for less than God's best. I am not talking about waste. I am not talking about economizing. But I am talking about if you know God's heart and what He wants in your life, what He wants to do in the church, what He wants to do in your ministry, you would shake off all those doubts and rise up to take dominion in the realm that God wants. It is God's will for all the churches in every country of the world to be right now today filled with tremendous victory and overcoming power taking dominion over the cities that they are located. It's God's perfect will for your life to receive God's best for you and not be satisfied with Satan second best. When it comes to some of the things of God there is too much doubt, too much unbelief and too much fear.

When you ask have you reached that point where there is zero doubt. Now it takes time to reach that point. For example if I am believing God for a new blessing. Before I ever start praying, before I venture into that, I will get in my spirit and get a full revelation and understanding and count the cost. That is why some people don't understand why I take time before I do something. I don't believe that when you exercise faith there is no difficulty. Look at Genesis to Revelation was there no difficulty when people exercise faith? Were they not challenged when they exercised faith? Of course; throughout the bible people were challenged when they exercised faith. Not only are they challenged, but many people also fail at their first challenge. I have sat on committees and the first time you strike a crisis or difficulty people start questioning whether this is the will of God. If God has spoken and we have settled that question and we have crossed the Jordan River, anyone who doubt now would be drowned. Let me tell you 95% of Christian doubt the moment they hit a difficulty. And I am not even talking about reaching the point of zero doubt.

The first point you got to settle is did God say it? If you have a ministry right now and you are working with a group of people, ask them from the heart of hearts do they really believe that this is what God is asking us to do. Let me tell you some of them cannot give an answer. Those fellows should be kicked out. Not out of the church but out of your committee. We are not talking about playing church. We are

talking about taking authority over Satan, over demon power, over principality. If anyone in the committee is a doubter, you will be held back from success. You will have partial success. If you don't believe me one day we will all stand before Jesus Christ's judgment seat. Then you will understand what I am talking about. I am talking from heaven's perspective. I am not talking about being nice with human beings. I am not talking for human society. I am not talking for human diplomacy. I am talking from heaven's perspective. If you have anyone on your team who is a doubter its finished. I am teaching about taking authority over nations. I am talking about taking dominion over Satan and demon power. And I cannot come against Satan when I have someone at the back doubting that this is what God wants to do, because if he fails me he can cost me my life. When I am going out to the front line, I don't want my back line to say I don't think this is a good idea and leave me behind there. Can you see how dangerous it is?

We are talking about dominion. We are talking about exercising authority over the nations. And that is why if you have anything that God wants you to do, the people that you look for are people who have faith. You can't do it without faith. Some times in the church you have to give room for people who are at different levels of spiritual maturity. If I were to do something that God told me to do under the banner of my ministry and if I could pick and choose only those that I want, we would get the job done very fast. But the process in the church sometimes does not allow the job to get done fast. We have to get the people to be trained and given opportunities to serve. But let me tell you there are some things in the ministry that only the strong can enter. There are some areas where I will not permit anyone but the very strong because we cannot afford one tiny little doubt. That one doubt can cause casualty.

See there must be knowledge of what God wants to do. And of course many time people say I hear God. Fine do what you want if you hear God. Three years down the road they are canceling everything they say God told them to do. I may take time to find out whether it's really God's will. But if its God's will once I do it, don't ever try to stop me. I never believe in going against what God says. If God said something and we have started doing it, don't ever, ever doubt. If you want to do all the doubting, do it before you start. It says here in the book of James chapter one. Most of the time in people's life, it is doubt that has eaten up all their blessings. Jas.1: 5-8 *if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all men generously and*

*without reproaching, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that person suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.* A lot of people will deny that they are double-minded. But when they come to the things of God, they behave like double-minded. Only the single-minded person can achieve what God wants them to achieve in this life. Most people only have some knowledge. That's all they have. They don't have real genuine faith. When the first difficulty strike, you will have five stooges who will stand up and say pastor I think this is not of God's will. They don't understand that when you exercise faith you do confront difficulty. That's where the challenge is.

Lets read Heb.11: 32-34 *And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets - who through faith conquered kingdoms, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.* Did he say faith doesn't have difficulty? No. Lets look at the Hebrews 4 examples. Here were the Israelites and they stood before the Jordan River. Nearly one year has passed. They had all the revelations they needed. They had the pillar cloud. They had everything. They had Moses; they had the rod of Moses. They have seen the miracles of God. They have seen the signs and wonders of God. What about us believers? We have the Holy Spirit of God. We have the redemption of Christ. We have the written word of God and all the preaching that we have. We have the experiences of answered prayer. Then when we come to a fresh new situation the problem is not a matter of how difficult it is. The problem came when they looked across the land of Jordan and sent 12 spies there, they saw the giants and they doubted. God did say He give us this land but what about the giants. Let me tell you the problem is not the giants. The problem is not the difficulty. Your giant may be the difficulty in getting a loan from the bank. Your giant may be the difficulty in getting a house. Your giant may be the difficulty in succeeding your business. Your giant can be any area. Let me tell you the problem is not that problem. The problem is do you really believe the word. That's where the real problem is. You can name from A to Z but that is not the real problem. The real problem is do you believe that God asked you to do this. If your answer is no, get out. If your answer is yes, stay and see yourself through. And stop ever doubting.

If you are in the ministry God called you into and suddenly your supply seems to

stop and there are difficulties. Your ministry is not being accepted. And you are wondering whether God really called you. The problem is not the difficulty. The problem is not the rejection you are confronting. The problem is not the closed door you are confronting. The problem is not those fortresses that are built against you. The problem is do you really believe that God said for you to do those things. The problem is do you believe that God asked you to do that business. The problem is do you believe that God asked you to enter the five-fold ministry. That's the real problem. Are you sure that you are hearing from God. And if you haven't settled that in your heart, you better settle that before you move further. Don't rationalize it. O yes God said this but, but, no buts. Maybe we got what God said rightly. But maybe we got our methods wrong. So what just keep going on? Did God ever stop because His people use spears instead of bows and arrows. God killed more people through the hailstones than through their own weapons. Do you think God is limited by your methods? God is more limited by your heart. If your heart is right and sincerely you did your best, even though your best may not be God's best for your life, no matter how difficult it is God will see you through. The grace of God will cover you for the rest.

Now the end never justifies the means. But when you see the end, you use the best means you know how at your time and God will take care of the rest. He only asks that you believe His words and you stand by His words through thick and thin. The good news is if you really stay with God's word, God's word will really do the fighting for you. In the midst of the battle you can have sound sleep. In the midst of the hardest time you will be resting because you have faith. Now sometimes when people pray hard they don't pray hard with faith. When I pray, I pray because my faith is working. In other words I will not lose sleep because of doubt. A lot of praying and a lot of worship sometimes have no faith. Sometimes when we are fellowshiping I said look when you sing songs make sure there is faith. I don't mind singing some of those songs to stir up certain emotions in my life to worship God. But if I sing too much of that song *Holy Spirit come, come, come*, I might begin to believe He is not there. Then comes the second song *Quickly come Holy Spirit*. Then third song will follow *Where are you Holy Spirit*. Then *send your fire now*. And for these songs we keep begging Him. All the time from the beginning of the service till end of the service we are like the woman at the well who never met Jesus. At least the woman at the well met Jesus. Like the woman at the well I was thirsting. At the end of the worship you are still like the woman at the well still thirsting.

We have to understand the difference between doubt and faith and success and failure is a very thin line. When you play chess the difference between winning and losing can be one move. Lets say all the time I am checking you to checkmate you. But if I stop checking once I myself might get checkmated. The difference is just one move. When you play good chess the difference between winning and losing is just that one move. If you had that one extra move, you would have won. It is the same in this life. I have known top business people who made just one wrong move and suddenly the debts pile up in a row. Some of you who stretch your faith might take just the right sequence of faith and you got everything rolling. But if during your stretching something has failed it would have been gone.

Its important for us to understand that success and failure is not a big fat line. It's a thin little line that you exercise faith in and you walk through what God tells you to do without doubt. You have to pass the stage where you don't waver. From that point of not wavering you reach a point of not doubting. Then you have a tremendous quality in your life where you never ever doubt when you do something for God. Of course you would have passed elementary areas of human rejection and isolation that comes because you were the only one who heard God and nobody else hears what God is saying. And you would have probably passed the stage of normal persecution. All these are little ant bites, which are little normal things. The difference is in the size of your faith. If your faith grows you would have passed the stage of those normal things. Then you pass the stage where you don't waver.

Abraham reached a point in his life where he learned never to waver. If you want to walk with God to reach that closest with God that Abraham reached, you must reach a point where you never ever waver. All the great men of God you read about their biography John G. Lake, Smith Wigglesworth, Hagin and all these people who affect the world have reached a point where when God said something, they go for it and there is no doubting. You need to reach that quality of faith where there is an absence of doubt and an absence of fear. When you pray my question is where is the faith. Now it's all right to pour out our hearts to God but that must not be the ending of your prayer. David may begin his prayer like that but he never ends his prayer like that. When he begins his prayer like that is because he is looking for a shoulder to cry on. It is not your tears that move God alone. Judas cried but it

didn't work. Esau cried but it didn't work. It's not your loud cry or long prayer that makes the difference. It is loud cries and long prayers with faith.

Sometimes some people say they exercise faith. What do you want to pray for? You want to pray for Russia. You want to believe God for 20 millions souls. Father God by faith we claim 20 million souls in Jesus name amen, thank you. That's all. You know that there is no *oomph* to that prayer. That is not faith. That is just mental assent. When real genuine faith is there, you can feel it vibrating through every bone of your being. And faith people don't simply claim this or claim that. You might as well get the whole map and claim all the nations in the world. Faith is just not based on the written word. It's based on the spoken word. Which means that if you ask me to pray for 20 million souls in Russia. The word of God may say ask for the nations of the world. But I don't feel that's for you, I can never pray. The most I can pray is O God his desire is for this. Grant that your perfect will be done. I haven't really prayed for him yet. All I prayed is God's perfect will. As a pastor you learn to pray prayers like that because many people come to you for things that are not God's perfect will. I mean if you don't pray for them they get offended. So you learn to pray like that. Father God you know the desires of their hearts. O God we pray for your perfect will to be done.

Let me tell you if we really praying for one for 10 nations of world we would be praying differently. That's No. 1 when you have dominion Satan is not afraid of your screaming, your shouting. The only thing that demon respond to and obey is your faith in God's word. Remember Jesus said this kind needs fasting and prayer. It is not just fasting and prayer. It's fasting and prayer based on the word. Demons can only be removed or taken dominion over through faith. When you begin to lack faith, that's when they begin to go off track. You begin to depend on the flesh. You begin to depend on other things except faith. If God tells you to do something do it with all your heart. And you believe that God will bring the people to help to fulfill that vision.

My second point on this quality of faith, which exercises dominion, is loving not our own life. We overcome Satan by the Blood of the Lamb, by the word of our testimony, and by loving not our own life. If your faith is such that you are not prepared to die for your faith then your faith is not a faith that you could live by.

Real faith is faith that you are willing to die and place your entire life on. Let me show the reason. In the book of Heb.2: 14 *Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death He might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil.* There is one force that Satan uses to hold people in bondage: the fear of death. Fear of death sounds very strong. We say we are not fear death. We know that when we die we are going to be with Jesus. Then we put it in this other way. Loving not your lives means also the risk of losing your entire life, which includes your property, your position and everything else. A lot of people say yes I know when I die I go to heaven. But right now they are not willing to risk all for Jesus. People who are not willing to risk all for Jesus are too attached to the things of this world. It may be your position, your possession or other things. Many people are walking around like the little peanut cartoon; the little fellow who goes around with his security blanket. They will follow God as long as the security blanket is not taken away from them.

True faith, genuine faith is not that simple normal faith you exercise for food on the table or other simple things. I am talking about taking dominion over the world. When you confront Satan the one thing that Satan throws against you is that fear for your own life. And unless we become a people who are not afraid for our own life, but we are only concerned for the word of God and for the vision of Jesus we can never take dominion over the nations of the world. Most people when you talk about doing something for God they begin to count the cost. And if the cost is too heavy they are not willing to pay the price. Or they may not know the price and halfway along they realize the price is quite costly and they start back tracking. That's not the way to take dominion. Satan is afraid of only one type of believer. He is not afraid of all the other believers although potentially he should be afraid of them. It is because the believers are not taking dominion. Satan is only afraid of believers who take God at His word and fear not death. That's the only type of believers that Satan runs from. All the others the moment Satan threatens them they are afraid. Threaten them with a bit of persecution they get frightened. Threaten them with the loss of possession they get frightened. Threaten them with a little bit of the loss of their prestige they get frightened. Don't even talk about threatening them with their lives. You can't hide it; these are things that are real.

Let me tell you there are a lot of believers who outwardly say they are willing to die for Jesus. When it comes to actually doing it, very few are really willing. That's why

we don't have a strong body of Jesus Christ on this planet earth. There are but there are not enough of people like that. And Satan will have control over your life. That is how he rules the world. Look at Heb. 2:14 that's how he rule the world and put the whole world under his bondage by putting the fear of death, the fear of losing their own property. We should reach a point of complete surrender to God where our lives, our properties, our positions and everything are in the hand of God. Like the 3 Hebrew children Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego they said we would not compromise. If we die we die. People who chose nations are people who are willing to lay down their life. Unless a grain of wheat falls on to the ground and die it will not bear much fruit. Look at what the Hebrew children say in the book of Daniel and they said before the king in chapter 3:16-18 *Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego answered the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image which you have set up."* That is uncompromising faith. Faith is this kind of thing. If you die, you die. People who are afraid for their life, their possession, their property, their prestige, cannot be used by God to take dominion over the nations of the world. Because the price is very great to win the nations of the world; it is not just a small price. Sometimes I laugh at people who say they claiming 10 million souls for Jesus. They don't know the price they talk about. The first step God gives them is the ant bite step, which comes in the form of misunderstanding and persecution from brethren. They can't even pass the ant bite test don't talk about other thing.

Turn to the book of Esther 4:16 *"Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish."* You know what she says if I die, I die. She is a queen who had everything to gain. I mean if everyone gets affected she is still a queen. Look at what she had to loose. Sometimes when you think about people like that who had walked with God. And you think about people who hold so tightly to their little bicycle or little motorbike, it is nothing in comparison to what Queen Esther had to give up. We don't realize what God wants to use our life for. Be willing to die for Jesus.

Now I bring you what Peter said. When the Lord Jesus said every one of you would

desert me only one will betray me. Then Peter said Lord I will be with you. I will be prepared to die for you. Positive confession. But let me tell you positive confession is not enough. You need positive faith. Real genuine faith of what God wants you to do. When Jesus started revealing all these things to them. Look at Lk. 22:33 *And he said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death,"* What did Peter say I am ready to go with you to prison and to death. Big mouth. Tonight when we pray I pray to God that there will be something deeper than just confession. It will be what I call a commitment. You know how many times young people when they fall in love they say I love you. Then the next problem comes they don't love any more. Some people call that puppy love. Young people confess their love. They pledge their allegiance to one another. The first problem comes and they run off.

Let something happen to our hearts tonight that there is really a true quality of commitment to Jesus. Maybe you met Jesus many years ago. You fell in love with Jesus for all that you have done for your life and you committed your life to Him and you accepted Him as your personal Lord and Savior. But tonight as you pray let something happen to your life. Let there be a commitment to Him on to death. I am not saying that will happen but I am saying that kind of commitment must be there. I have my commitment to Jesus. You can have your cross. You can bear your cross but after every cross there is a resurrection story. There will always be a beautiful ending. I know that as long as I lay down my life for Him and as long as I follow His word and follow Him that this physical life will change 4 to 5 billion lives on this planet earth. Would you exchange that for your life? History needs to see just one man or one woman committed to Jesus who can change the world. All we need is just one. Let me tell you I intend to be that one. If you want to join me come along. I intend to live my life on this earth such that even if I have to risk everything I want to follow Jesus to the very end. We don't need many. It took 120 disciples to change the world. We can have just one person on this earth who will live in the power of the Holy Spirit. It begins from the commitment from our heart and understanding this kind of faith that God wants us to have. Once you have it stay with it. Join the band of disciples that will mean business with God. In the midst of the church where there may be one thousand strong we need a band of committed people who would mean business with God. That would be the unseen invisible backbone to the revival that God is bringing to this planet earth. There will always be followers but we need leaders. If you are willing to join the team I will back you with all that we have. That's the only way to take dominion.

In the bible, who are the people who exercise dominion over nations? Queen Esther exercised dominion. If she didn't make the decision to save her nation, today we would never hear of her at all. God would have raised up help from somewhere else. Look at Daniel who affected the nation under 4 kings. What were his commitments? No. 1 he was someone who have faith in God. He believes that God is in the midst of people who did not see the reality of God. Tell me how many people still want to keep Jewish laws when the Jewish nation was completely eradicated and all of them have become captives. Jerusalem was destroyed. The temple and every stone had been destroyed. There is no semblance of even the Jewish religion. How many people would keep their faith under such circumstances? But Daniel had faith in God. In the midst when the system of religion has completely broken down he still had faith in God. I know that Jesus is real. I know that the bible is real. I know that the revival God intends to give is real. And we need to make a commitment to follow that. We need to believe what God says in His word. We must have an absence of doubt and unbelief and fear. And we must have a commitment onto death for this dominion over nations. Daniel for the sake of following the word that he had was willing to pay the price with his own life. Do you know that when he knew that he would die, he continued praying 3 times a day? He still went on. For him his faith means so much. How many Christians would still go to church on Sunday if told that they would be shot. If you were ever caught worshiping you will be shot. How many Christians would spiritualize it and stop worshiping God? But the Christians who would continue keeping their commitment to God will see the hand of God protecting them.

We need that commitment to God. I pray tonight that we will rise up in our commitment to God to the word that God has given to us. As we pray tonight firstly examine everything that God has spoken in your life. Have you been true to them without doubting? If you have not once and for all tonight make a commitment to God that you will never doubt any more what He told you to do. Because one little doubt will stop you right where you are in your track. Physically you are still moving and doing things. But spiritually you have been stopped in your track. Firstly examine every thing that God has spoken. I am not talking about the written word. I have on my own personally listed the things God told me to do. Let no man or demon ever stop those things God told me to do. I just bulldoze through them because I have a mandate from heaven. And I want to finish my mandate from heaven. What is your destiny and mandate from God? Have you heard from God the mandate for your life? Are you prepared to live and die by that

mandate?

Secondly let the quality come into your life as you pray tonight. The quality is almost like the time when you first accepted Christ but in a different way. Now you are embracing the cross of Jesus to your very bosom. It is one thing to accept Christ. It is another thing to accept the cross that He gives to your life. And you are willing to embrace it because behind the cross is the demonstration of the resurrection power. Tonight embrace the cross in your life. Jesus says that unless you take up the cross and follow Him you cannot be His disciple. A lot of people accept Jesus as Lord and Savior because of what they can receive not because of what they can give up. But tonight as you pray and if you want dominion over the nations, you need to lay down your all and take up the cross of Jesus. And have a commitment to Him that you are willing to go all the way with Jesus. You won't just say it with your lips. There is something that comes out from your inside. Sometimes we struggle to reach that stage. Let me tell you it is a struggle to embrace the cross of Jesus to your bosom. It's the struggle of self-preservation. It's a struggle to yield our all and our lives to Him. But once you yield you find that beyond the cross is the resurrection life that He promises you. When you reached that stage there will be a dominion that comes into your life that you never received before. It is that kind of dominion that whatever you do, say and believe that will affect the life of every other human being on this planet earth.