

MSG: A Generous Mentality

SCRIPTURE: 1 Kings 17:9-16

SZN 2: REVIVAL THROUGH LOVING

REVIVAL MENTALITY

(Core values conversations)

- 1. AUTHENTICITY - We live in the truth of God**
- 2. CREATIVITY- We design with the beauty of God**
- 3. DISCOVERY - We seek truth everywhere.**
- 4. FAMILY- We accept everyone with love & dignity**
- 5. GENEROSITY- We live open lives.**
- 6. HEALTHY- We live in rhythm with margin**
- 7. PARTY- We celebrate everything**
- 8. QUALITY - We set the bar for excellence**

A GENEROUS MENTALITY

1 Kings 17:9 “Go and live in the village of Zarephath, near the city of Sidon. I have instructed a widow there to feed you.”

1 Kings 17:10 So he went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the gates of the village, he saw a widow gathering sticks, and he asked her, “Would you please bring me a little water in a cup?”

1 Kings 17:11 As she was going to get it, he called to her, “Bring me a bite of bread, too.”

1 Kings 17:12 But she said, “I swear by the lord your God that I don’t have a single piece of bread in the house. And I have only a handful of flour left in the jar and a little cooking oil in the bottom of the jug. I was just gathering a few sticks to cook this last meal, and then my son and I will die.”

1 Kings 17:13 But Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid! Go ahead and do just what you’ve said, but make a little bread for me first. Then use what’s left to prepare a meal for yourself and your son.

1 Kings 17:14 For this is what the lord, the God of Israel, says: There will always be flour and olive oil left in your containers until the time when the lord sends rain and the crops grow again!”

1 Kings 17:15 So she did as Elijah said, and she and Elijah and her family continued to eat for many days.

1 Kings 17:16 There was always enough flour and olive oil left in the containers, just as the lord had promised through Elijah.

Introduction

A mentality is a way of thinking. We are taught that God's Word transforms thinking. Creates new neural pathways so you think in ways you've never thought before. Romans. 12:1,2

We are fundamentally selfish and self centered. Keepers not givers. Receivers not transmitters. Consumers not producers. Before Adam sinned we lived grateful and after he sinned we began to live dissatisfied.

As born again believers we have the chance to review our minds and set new habits in motion. We may not be different but we have the power to be different.

Romans 8:9 But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.)

Romans 8:11 The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

TRANSFORMATIVE WISDOM

*Psalms 112:9 They share freely and give generously to those in need.
Their good deeds will be remembered forever.
They will have influence and honor.*

*Proverbs 11:25 The generous will prosper;
those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.*

*Proverbs 22:9 Blessed are those who are generous,
because they feed the poor.*

*Isaiah 32:8 But generous people plan to do what is generous,
and they stand firm in their generosity.*

OBEDIENCE UNLOCKS PROVISION

BRING THE TITHE AND OPEN THE WINDOW

Malachi 3:10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the lord of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!

SMALL AMOUNTS OPEN HUGE RESOURCES

BRING YOUR LEFTOVER BREAD AND GET INFINITE FLOUR

BRING A COIN AND MAKE JESUS SHOUT

Mark 12:41 Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts.

Mark 12:42 Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins.

Mark 12:43 Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions.

BRING A LUNCH FOR ONE AND IT CAN FEED 10K

John 6:9 "There's a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?"

NOT JUST ABOUT MONEY

1 Kings 17:17 Some time later the woman's son became sick. He grew worse and worse, and finally he died.

1 Kings 17:18 Then she said to Elijah, "O man of God, what have you done to me? Have you come here to point out my sins and kill my son?"

1 Kings 17:19 But Elijah replied, "Give me your son." And he took the child's body from her arms, carried him up the stairs to the room where he was staying, and laid the body on his bed.

WHEN OTHER STUFF DIES

How you handle your money impacts how God handles your other stuff!

Matthew 6:21 Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

YOU HAVE A GOD YOU CAN CALL ON

KEEP YOUR PROPHET IN YOUR HOUSE

1 Kings 17:19 But Elijah replied, "Give me your son." And he took the child's body from her arms, carried him up the stairs to the room where he was staying, and laid the body on his bed.

I KEEP THEIR TEACHING CLOSE....DONT listen to lots of ppl

You all are spoiled and have no concept of how shallow most preaching is today!

I KEEP THEIR NAMES IN PRAYER CLOSE.....Pray for them consistently

I KEEP THEIR HONOR CLOSE....NO NEGATIVES