

FATHERS DAY 2020

***Opening Words

On this Father's Day, I want to speak to all of us, but particularly to those of us who are male...

***Origin of Man

For just a moment this morning I want us to go back to the beginning...

In the beginning, God created the earth, and the earth was without form and void...and water covered everything and **darkness** covered the water...

It was chaos...it was total and deep darkness...

God spoke into that darkness and into that chaos, **in order to create life.**

He brought beauty and life out of the confusion.

A. Darkness means confusion

The Bible speaks of several different kinds of darkness – most of them more figurative than literal...

- Christians have been called out of darkness into His marvelous light.
- But the ***darkness in the beginning*** was different...
- **it was literal.**
- But it also means “**confusion**”...
- It was disorder and random chaos.

There was no design...no order...no beauty...no life – **just darkness.**

The Spirit of God hovers about the darkness... **SUDDENLY, GOD SPEAKS.**

With power greater than the darkness, He gives life through His Word.

- **GOD SPOKE, TO THE DARKNESS.**
- **GOD SPOKE, TO THE CHAOS.**
- **GOD SPOKE, TO THE DISORDER.**
- **GOD SPOKE, TO THE CONFUSION.**

B. He Began To Create

Then, He began the six day process of creation.

...Grass, trees... sun, moon, planets...fish and fowl...animals

Finally on the sixth day He created man.

Man was different... ***“God created man in His own image.”***

The first thing God told Adam to do was name the animals...

In other words, speak the name of each animal and that’s what it would be.

Adam – had the power of God’s spoken word in him!

Like God, man was called to speak into darkness...

Could it be that God intended men to behave like Him by speaking life-giving power into whatever confusion they face?

*****Adam’s Silence**

Let’s look at what happened...

- God gave Adam paradise...
- Charged him to eat anything except ONE tree...
- Gave him a wife

Here’s the problem...

And here’s why we’re in the mess we’re in...

- This generation **we want to be passive**...
- Let the women lead....
- Play game stations....
- Produce children and **not father them**....
- We allow **our responsibilities to be lured** with our silence...

When Satan began a conversation with Eve to lure her into his world of disobeying Deity...

- Adam, made in God's image...had the power of God's spoken word in him...
- STOOD THERE AND SAID, NOTHING!
- HE WAS DESIGNED TO SPEAK BUT SAID NOTHING!
- HE SHOULD HAVE SAID, "SATAN, THIS CONVERSATION IS OVER...!"
HE SHOULD HAVE SPOKE TO EVE...

ADAM'S SILENCE PLUNGED THAT FIRST FAMILY INTO A WORLD THAT NEITHER THEY *NOR WE* WERE EVER SUPPOSED TO BE IN!

GOD SPOKE INTO CHAOS...DARKNESS...DISORDER -
AND IT BECAME CALM...LIGHT...ORDERLY AND BEAUTIFUL...

...BUT WHEN ADAM STOOD SILENT...

...WHAT WAS CALM AND LIGHT AND ORDERLY AND BEAUTIFUL -
BECAME A WORLD OF CHAOS AND DARKNESS AND DISORDER AGAIN!

From that moment until now, men have been more silent than spoken...

- And the condition of our world...
- The condition of our culture...
- The condition of our families...
- Is due largely to the silence of man!

***It's time for us to Stand Up - It's time for us to be refreshed!!!!

We need to Mount Up, Train Up, Teach Up, Raise Up, Serve Up, Grow Up, AND Bring Up!!!!!!!

1. Grow Up – 2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ *that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

2. **Train Up** – Proverbs 22:6 - **Train up a child** in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.

3. **Serve Up** – Joshua 24:15

And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will **serve**, whether the gods which your fathers **served** that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. **But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.**”

4. **Raise Up** – Matthew 3:7-10

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

⁸Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance,

⁹and do not think to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as *our* father.’ For I say to you that **God is able to raise up children** to Abraham from these stones.

¹⁰And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. **Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.**

5. **Teach Up** – Deut. 6:4-9 CEV

Listen, Israel! **The Lord our God is the only true God!**

⁵So love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and strength.

⁶Memorize his laws

⁷and **tell them to your children over and over again**. Talk about them all the time, whether you’re at home or walking along the road or going to bed at night, or getting up in the morning.

⁸Write down copies and tie them to your wrists and foreheads to help you obey them.

⁹Write these laws on the door frames of your homes and on your town gates.

6. **Mount Up** – Isaiah 40:30-31 cev

Even **young people** get tired, then stumble and fall.

³¹But those who **trust the Lord** will find new strength. They will be strong like eagles soaring upward on wings; they will walk and run without getting tired.

7. **Bring Up** – Ephesians 6:4 - And you, **fathers**, do not provoke your children to wrath, but **bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.**

Silence Is Deadly

Adam's silence was lethal.
It was the severing of the relationship...

It was deadly... **"by Adam we all die..."**

We are silent in our relationships...wives...children...

We disappear into our work, our hobbies, sports...cares of life...
...things that matter less than relationships.

The silence is **lethal...it's deadly**.

It's time for men to speak UP!!!!!! We were designed to **speak UP!!!!!!**

We were designed **to create**.

We were designed to **cast UP** a vision to others.

**Speaking can bring life out of death...light into darkness...order into chaos.
But silence can destroy.**

- The problem with **our society**...
- The problem with **our relationships**...
- Is that **too many men** are **silent and passive!**

It's time for men to **be the men that God designed us to be!**

It's time to **stop relying on the women** to be the spiritual ones!

It's time to **stop depending on the women** to do ***all the praying for*** our families... our church... our community... our country!

We were created in God's image and **it's time for us to act like it!**

CLOSE:

Maybe you've been damaged...maybe you've got issues...maybe you've got secrets that nobody knows about...

IT'S TIME TO SPEAK TO THAT CHAOS...THAT DARKNESS!

- Our culture has **created weak men.**
- But God wants us to get back **to His image!**

What kind of God is he?

He's a warrior. He's mighty. He's a Rock. Jesus Christ was a man's man.

He was not weak and a wimp...

- He wreaked havoc in the temple one day...
- He took on the whole place...
- Turning over stone tables...

But then He could turn around and speak with compassion to a woman, or a child... and even another man.

- **He spoke** and chaos became calm...
- **He spoke** and blind eyes were open...(etc.)
- He was a man not afraid to speakingUP!

God intends for Men to speak life giving power into whatever situation or confusion they face today!!!

Does anyone have anything to say about this????

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Will anyone stand Up for change?????????