



MESSAGE 1: INTRODUCTION TO A KINGDOM MAN

WANTED: KINGDOM MAN

SUGGESTED PASSAGE: Ezekeil 22:30

"I searched for a man among them who would repair the wall and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land so that I might not destroy it, but I found no one."

MESSAGE GOAL: The goal of this introductory message for Kingdom Man is to share with the audience the difference between a Kingdom Man and all others. Christian character and leadership is based upon God's standards and not our own. In other words, don't run with haste into a battle that you're not prepared for, but equip yourself with the skills, gifts and blessings that only God alone can provide to you and your family. In Ezekiel 22:30 God is crying out for a Kingdom Man so that He would not have to destroy a people, today we are lacking Kingdom men and, as a result, we are destroying ourselves.

SERMON IDEAS:

- Begin by showing the statistics on fatherlessness in America; roughly 70% of all prisoners come from fatherless homes, and 80% of all rapists. Fatherless homes produce 71% of high school dropouts and 63% of teen suicides.
- Outline the Kingdom of God. In Mark 1:15 Jesus makes mention of the kingdom of God. What does this kingdom look like and how are we to live under the authority and rule of God.
- God makes man & woman in His image (Genesis 1:26), how does being made in His image equip us for ministry, worship, works.
- Adam, where you at? Adam lost control of his domain shortly after having received it. Reflect on the fall in the garden and lead the congregation through the progress of the fall. Misplaced trust, pride, shame, and then the refusal for Adam to stand up and admit that they had sinned against God.

INTRODUCTION: The game of basketball has been set up to be played on a 97 foot court, with the free throw line 15 feet away from the backboard. The net is 10 feet above the court and has an 18" diameter. These standards ensure that the game of basketball is played amidst the standards set forth by the NBA, NCAA, Olympics, and other governing sport

bodies. Without these standards the game would be changed and would not have the same credibility, honor, or prestige that the NBA Championship, or Team USA has enjoyed within the sport. Standards can be raised, but more often than not they are lowered. This would put the court out of regulation, and would limit the game or players on the court.

God has a standard. He has a goal. His kingdom is that goal. Yet many men have lowered His standard and then congratulated themselves for being able to dunk the ball. The results of a low standard on the court affect many more people than just the men playing. They affect us all. They start locally, spread regionally, grow nationally, and destroy culture around the world. Just look around our homes, churches, communities, and globe to discover that men – maybe even most men – have missed the goal to live as Kingdom men.



VIDEO OPTION: Play "Kingdom Man Trailer" found within your Leader Kit. Use the Trailer to introduce the congregation to the standard of God. He will not lower His standard to us, but invites us to rise to Him.

Continue the introduction by explaining that over the next six weeks you will be looking into the concept of what it means to be part of God's kingdom. Explain how the husbands, wives, fathers, mothers and children will learn about the biblical standard God is calling men to within the home. The standard by which women should long for, children need, and men are constantly trying to achieve is God's standard.

POINT #1: You have been commissioned by God: Genesis 1:26 – Dominion is given by God and ushered in through His creation in man.

POINT #2: Don't be silent: Genesis 3:6-9 – Adam was silent when God was calling for a leader

POINT #3: Commit yourself to the rule of God: Exodus 34:23-24 – When man commits himself first and foremost to living under the rule of Jesus Christ, you can rest assured that God will take care of the rest.





MESSAGE 2: CALL TO GREATNESS

CLAIM YOUR DESTINY

SUGGESTED PASSAGE: Matthew 20:26b - 27

“Whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave.”

MESSAGE GOAL: To achieve greatness you must position yourself to be used by God as a servant to His will. The goal of this sermon will be to encourage the men, and women, within the congregation that a call to greatness within men is okay, in fact it is ordained by God (Psalm 8). Engage and showcase this call to greatness through the dominion God has granted humanity over creation. However, that greatness is only possible through the heart of humility, servant leadership, and becoming slaves to His will over your own ambitions for success.

SERMON IDEAS:

- Start by defining the worldly perspective of greatness. Greatness carries the implication that the particular person or object, when compared to others of a similar type, has clear and perceivable advantage. How does this relate to biblical humility and leadership?
- Look at the roles of dominion of man as established in Genesis 1:26-27 and Psalm 8, compared to that of Christ’s dominion (Jude 1: 24-25, Revelation 5:13). What difference do you see in man’s created dominion over Christ’s dominion over the Kingdom?
- Redefine the principles of greatness. From created glory and power (financial, career, possessions), to character greatness (humility, servant leadership, empowering others, giving).
- Showcase biographies of faith rather than testaments to power (Book of Martyrs, Fanny J. Crosby, Dietrich Bonhoeffer).

INTRODUCTION: The height of recognition within any sport is winning the championship prize such as a National Championship, Olympic Gold, or the World Cup. The battles fought over these prestigious titles have resulted in tears, pain, and trips to Disneyland. However the greatness associated with the triumph is short lived. Sure they will always have the medal, ring, or name etched on the trophy. But regardless of how big of underdog, how great the victory, or how grand the parade,

these victories fade into the past. New heroes arise and fall. Man was meant for greatness. He has been searching forever for a path to achieve it. God ordained him to do so and we are not to be ashamed of that fact (Psalm 8). However our greatness must never come at the cost of God’s glory. Greatness is the reason we were created, and the greatest we can become is in reflecting the glory of God.

We’re all in a battle. The teams on both sides are battling for control over our lives, families and churches. Sure the other teams are vying for the trophy and will do anything to knock you out of the race. But you are on the team of officials (John 16:33b). We take heart through the battle because Christ has overcome the struggles and difficulties for us. He has enabled us for greatness through His Word, and given us authority over His creation. So ask yourself, who’s team are you on? And see what greatness God has planned for you.



VIDEO OPTION: “Who’s Team Are You On?” found within your Campaign Kit.

Start into the principles of greatness as defined within the Bible. Address the qualities that make up a Christian leader (humility, integrity, righteousness, courage, and grace), and expand the principle of claiming the destiny God intended for you through the ministry of Christ (Matthew 20:26b-27).

POINT #1: Greatness is achieved through proper alignment to God: God intended man to rule over creation (Genesis 26), however the earth and everything in it belong to God (Psalm 24:1).

POINT #2: Dominion and greatness has been marred by Sin: Romans 8:19-22 – Creation is waiting for greatness within God’s people to be revealed.

POINT #3: Greatness is achieved through proper alignment to God, not through man: Matthew 20:25-28 – Men who achieve earthly greatness will fade away, but those who align themselves with the league office achieve greatness through God’s Word.



MESSAGE 3: TAKE OVER
CLAIMING YOUR TERRITORY

SUGGESTED PASSAGE: Psalm 115:16
 "The heavens are the Lord's, but the earth He has given to the human race."

MESSAGE GOAL: Within the Word of God are the steps to achieve the authority we have been granted by God. People in the kingdom are struggling to actively put the Word into action. They are trying to claim the authority without taking the steps for the territory. The problem isn't within the power behind the authority. It's the motion taken to claim the territory through God's kingdom authority.

SERMON IDEAS:

- Motion detectors. Although the power is supplied to them by the power company, no action occurs until motion is detected.
- The work of the Israelites under Joshua was only as strong as their faith to move forward. God had given them the authority, but they had to walk in it to enter the land.
- Giving up our past is hard, but it makes walking in the future easier. Walk into the future God has for you through the authority only He can grant.

INTRODUCTION: The stage has been set. The balcony is ready. The smoke machine is working perfectly. The crowd has quieted to a low murmur, eager for what is to come next in one of the most important parts of the high school rendition of Romeo & Juliet. But something is missing. Juliet is waiting on the balcony saying more convincingly each time "O Romeo, O Romeo, where for art thou Romeo?" But as the people start to get restless the tone becomes "O Romeo, O Romeo, can somebody get me a different Romeo?" Similarly the authority has been given to us, God is waiting for us to step into that next scene and claim what he has already provided.

VIDEO OPTION: "Merry-Go-Round" outlines the purpose and scope Christ has in taking you out of the merry-go-round of life and placing you on the path of success.



Begin the sermon by outlining the normalcy and pattern of life we can fall into. Showcase the struggle the Israelites had in overcoming the fear of trusting in God against those of the congregation today. The Israelites were led by the pillar of fire by night and yet they lost trust in the authority God had granted them. Joshua would become the leader God called out to claim the destiny for the people of Israel. Joshua 1:1-9 outlines God's call to Joshua to lead the people into claiming the land He had prepared for them saying "I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses." God took a people who were going around and around in the desert and set them on a path to victory.

POINT #1: Walk by faith in what God has prepared: Psalm 115:16 – God has equipped you for greatness, but He won't force you into the land He has prepared (Numbers 14).

POINT #2: Leave the past behind you: Joshua 1:1-2 – God has equipped you for a future, not hindered you with a past. We can only step with faith into the future.

POINT #3: Focus on God, Not People: Joshua 1:5 – The enemies Joshua would face in the promised land would be great, but Joshua wasn't focused on the enemies but on God.





MESSAGE 4: LIVING AS A KINGDOM MAN Man Up

SUGGESTED PASSAGE: Psalm 128:1-6

"How blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in His ways. When you shall eat of the fruit of your hands, you will be happy and it will be well with you. Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, your children like olive plants around your table. Behold, for thus shall the man be blessed. Who fears the LORD. The LORD bless you from Zion, and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. Indeed, may you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!"

MESSAGE GOAL: The path to a better world begins with you. The aim of this message is to incorporate the previous messages' focus on what it means to be a kingdom man, what greatness God has instilled within you, and how you are to walk in faith to claim that. Now you move into encouraging the Christian men, women, and families within the congregation to lead, submit, and function under the headship of God and leadership of kingdom fathers.

SERMON IDEAS:

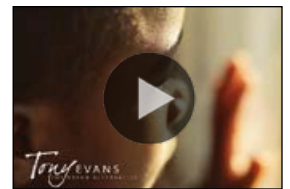
- Refresh the congregation on the issues and points addressed throughout the previous weeks.
- Look at the major issues within a marriage; intimacy, finances, parenting and careers. Outline the responsibilities within the Christian family in order to lead the discussion into arming the congregation with kingdom men and women.
- Fear of God is a misunderstood and often scary thing to understand. Review a biblical understanding of fearing God; how to live under His authority so that you can live with authority.

INTRODUCTION: If you're a messed-up man, you're going to contribute to a messed-up family. If you're a messed-up family, you're going to contribute to a messed-up church. If you're a messed-up church, you're going to contribute to a messed-up community. A messed-up community adds to a messed-up state, which leads to a messed-up country resulting in a broken world.

The only way to remedy a broken world is to build it with better countries composed of better states filled with better communities influencing better churches attended by stronger families led by better men. It starts with you.

Only through the transformation from good to great can a man truly realize God's intended plan for his life. Psalm 128 clearly outlines the path from normalcy to extraordinary, from mediocre to amazing, and from good to GREAT. It begins with integrity, "how happy is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways." Integrity is the beginning of understanding the four major spheres of life: personal, family, church, and community. A man who has the integrity to fear and serve God will see and experience the transformation from good to great. This is the anthem of a kingdom man.

VIDEO OPTION: "A Kingdom Father"; developing the role and purpose of a father within the family and kingdom of God.



The daily life of a kingdom man is lived with integrity and filled with the fear of the Lord. However this can only be actualized and experienced through obedience to His laws, statutes, and grace, which has been bestowed upon you through His Word. This doesn't require continual fasting, prayer without literal ceasing, or the casting of lots for which one of your bowling friends will become high priest. However it does mean that we obey the commands Christ called us to: "If anyone wants to come with Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of Me will find it" (Matthew 16:24-25).

POINT #1: Seek first fear of the Lord: Psalm 128 – A kingdom man lives with integrity. A kingdom man also fears the Lord.

POINT #2: Deny self for the sake of the cross: Matthew 16:24-25 – Kingdom men are in a constant process of transformation into the likeness of Christ.

POINT #3: True blessing is a mark from God not only for you but to flow through you: Genesis 12:1-3 – There's a disconnect in God's kingdom system of blessing when men think blessings stop with them.

POINT #4: Kingdom men only begin with themselves: Galatians 3:6-9 – A kingdom man begins with himself, however the true transformation begins when he transfers that blessing to others.



MESSAGE 5: KINGDOM HOMES

THY KINGDOM FAMILY

SUGGESTED PASSAGE: “Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, your children like olive plants around your table.” – Psalm 128:3

“Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” – Genesis 1:28

MESSAGE GOAL: The home, when led by a successful husband and father, not only brings blessing to his own life but enables his wife and family to fulfill their divine destinies as well. In this sermon you want to guide the congregation into scripture that outlines the covenant of marriage as God defines it.

SERMON IDEAS:

- Begin with the building blocks of a home. The walls that stabilize, the roof that covers, and the doors that provide entry into a saving knowledge of Christ. Now build this theme into the sermon as the key demonstration of how God has positioned the godly marriage within the home.
- Challenge the church to pick an unexpected way to serve their spouses this week.
- Engage in a dialogue about the Kingdom Family with the church. Set aside an evening, weekend, or conference dedicated to teaching principles on the Kingdom family.

INTRODUCTION: When it comes to the decision to marry a woman, the man must take a few things into account before committing to such an important life moment. For starters, you should consider the ramifications of making such a powerful statement of trust, faith, and hope in a covenant of marriage. It is not to be taken lightly.

Marriage has been built by God and ordained as a demonstration of His love and grace in the world. Peter teaches that believers must take marriage as seriously as God does through an exhortation to husbands in honoring their wives, “as co-heirs of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered” (1 Peter 3:7). The covenant of marriage is so serious that He links fellowship with Him to the fellowship that exists between husband and wife. Breaking the covenant of marriage is to break a covenant with God.

The walls of marriage are held up by the love and support of a godly and Christian demonstration of love between a husband and wife. However the roof is to be sustained by the husband. God has equipped and given authority to husbands to uplift and provide stability to the covenant of marriage as a kingdom man. Ephesians 5:22-32 outlines the wife’s role in a marriage, but men don’t think that this is a role of submission to a lazy king. Paul describes absolute submission to God by husbands through the role and act of submission by a wife to their husbands. A kingdom man loves his wife as Christ loved the church, or in other words, a kingdom man loves his wife till death due them part. A kingdom man is willing to sacrifice everything for her salvation, well-being and sanctification.

VIDEO OPTION: “All you are Destined to Be”; God’s transformative power in changing lives for His purposes.



Psalm 128 progresses through integrity within the personal life of a kingdom man, to his marriage as ordained by God, and finally to his children. Children are described as young olive trees around the table. The table is a theme that has been lost through the sands of time, and sadly, culture. When a young olive plant is cared for and nurtured it will grow into an olive tree that can produce fruit for more than two thousand years. Similarly the house held up by the walls of marriage, with a roof supported by a kingdom man, must provide entry for children through the doors of salvation. Build the home around the table. With everything in motion, one of the greatest gifts we can give our children is stability.

POINT #1: God’s Blueprints for the family: Psalm 128 – It’s your job to lead your family to understand, love, and embrace the values of the kingdom of God.

POINT #2: Making a kingdom marriage: Ephesians 5:25, 28 – Be willing to be a kingdom spouse by loving them sacrificially. Pray that your marriage is made a visible representation of the gospel.

POINT #3: No perfect dads, only a perfect Father: Ephesians 6:4 – Thank God for His perfect fatherhood. Ask Him for help with specific areas of your parenting that are falling short of His example.





MESSAGE 6: A KINGDOM INFLUENCE

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SUGGESTED PASSAGE: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

MESSAGE GOAL: In this final sermon from the Kingdom Man series you will want to conclude with a summary of all the information you have exhorted the congregation to pursue in becoming a kingdom man, or pursuing kingdom men in current marriages and future relationships for others. The cry for kingdom men is felt throughout society. So make that cry heard through the call within your congregation for men to stand up and honor the destiny God has called them to. The influence of a kingdom man doesn't end within the walls of the home, it is cultivated and sent out to build up other homes, families, churches, and communities so that they might be brought into the family of faith.

SERMON IDEAS:

- Call the men of the congregation to stand at the end of the service. Commission them with prayer from the families, friends, and elders who surround them. Send them with prayer into their homes so that they would begin a change for the community.
- Bring up your own, or a church congregants' family and have each member talk about the role they have within a kingdom family. This can act as a break from the normal and allow for friendly interaction between them and the pastor.
- Bring up the Elders of the church and have them stand alongside you in the front. Remind them of their duty not only as kingdom men but also as men responsible for the church family.

INTRODUCTION: The destiny as a kingdom man isn't just a calling to be different. Many people are different, act different, look different, I would call most music today "different." But a kingdom man is called to also make a difference. It's that

added responsibility to take the influence beyond the scope of your own home and into the world. Kingdom men go public.

Kingdom men don't run from responsibility as many men do in today's culture, rather kingdom men are ready to step up to the plate and be leaders in their churches and communities. No greater challenge exists today than to make a difference within our own backyards, so that we can impact our communities and country for Christ. Men who accept the destiny as kingdom men are desperately needed to answer the call in this nation and around the world.

VIDEO OPTION: "A Father and A Friend"; God uses spiritual fathers as well as friends in order to encourage and carry each other through life.



An ambassador for Christ is greater than a political position. Ambassadors see the world, explore treaties, trades, and spy agent type secrets, all while representing their leader in a foreign land. Scripture makes it clear in 2 Corinthians 5:20-21 that we are messengers bearing the power and authority of Christ's righteousness and not our own. We are given the keys to kingdom authority that we are to share with others, and through that we represent Christ to the world. It makes dealing with mowing the lawn, taking out the garbage, and running back and forth to the grocery store worth it if you get to see the keys open one more life for the glory of God in someone else's life.

POINT #1: A Kingdom Ambassador: Acts 1:8 – The kingdom ambassador goes from good to great when the kingdom message is used to bring others to Christ.

POINT #2: The Kingdom Church: 1 Timothy 3:1-7 – Grow in the faith with others, so that you to might raise up kingdom men and leaders to carry on after you.

POINT #3: Communities for the Kingdom: Psalm 128:5 – Pray for your community. Seek its welfare, and pray for opportunities to make a difference for the kingdom in your community.

POINT #4: Kingdom Legacy: 1 Chronicles 7:40 – Asher left a legacy of leaders within the kingdom and story of God. Pray for your own responsibility to mentor the next generation of kingdom men. We must represent God in our society by being surrogate fathers to people in need.