

Open Doors 4

In the series we were talking about the nature of doors.

God opens doors for us, and they lead us in the best possible direction.

Isaiah 55:8-9 “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts”

God doesn't want us living with any limitations.

One of the greatest characteristics of the New Testament church is boldness.

Jesus prepared the disciples to walk with boldness through the open doors.

John 16:7-13 “Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. 8 “And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 “of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 “of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 “of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. 12 “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 “However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

The Holy Spirit will lead us into places we've never been before.

John 14:12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

If you walk through the God doors you will see more salvations, more healings and miracles.

John 4:35 "Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!

Psalms 107:15 Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness,

And for His wonderful works to the children of men! 16 For He has broken the gates of bronze, And cut the bars of iron in two.

1. New doors are an invitation not a sovereign absolute.

Yes, God has a plan and a purpose for your life, but it's not automatic.

God invites you to go through the doors but he will not override your will.

If you choose poorly, that is your choice not God' **sovereignty**.

2. New Doors have an expiration date.

Life is a highway it's not a buffet.

God is bringing opportunities into our lives.

But there is a time line on the opportunities that God gives you.

In other words the door is open for you but if you pass it up God will send someone else.

Will you walk through your open doors?

Have you been brought into the kingdom for such a time is this.

3. New doors come complete with new challenges.

The apostle Paul said it this way.

1 Corinthians 16:9 For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.

Most of the time if you go through a God door there will be resistance.

Acts 2:12 So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “Whatever could this mean?” 13 Others mocking said, “They are full of new wine.” 14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. 15 “For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. 16 “But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17 ‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.

18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy.

19 I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath:
Blood and fire and vapor of smoke.

Peter walked through the open door.

His first sermon 3000 are added to the church.

In Acts 10 we see the new challenges.

Peter gets a revelation from Heaven.

Acts 10:34 Then Peter opened his mouth and said: “In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. 35 “But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him. 36 “The word which God sent to the children of

Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ—He is Lord of all— 37 “that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: 38 “how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

New doors come complete with new challenges.

Acts 12:1 Now about that time Herod the king stretched out his hand to harass some from the church. 2 Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword. 3 And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also. Now it was during the Days of Unleavened Bread. 4 So when he had arrested him, he

put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to keep him, intending to bring him before the people after Passover. 5 Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church. 6 And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison. 7 Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off his hands. 8 Then the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and tie on your sandals"; and so he did. And he said to him, "Put on your garment and follow me." 9 So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. 10 When they were past

the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him.

Don't let potential resistance or temporary difficulty keep you from walking through the doors God is opening in your life.

John 16:33 “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

On the other end of God doors there is always fulfillment.

3. New doors come complete with new challenges.

4. New doors always move us into a preferable future.

Jeremiah 29:11 AMP “For I know the plans and thoughts that I have for you,” says the Lord, ‘plans for peace and well-being and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.’”

God never leads you into a place to diminish your life.

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

John 10:10b I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

God’s desire is always to increase His kingdom!

John 15:1 “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 “Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

The cutting is always because of where he’s taking us.

The reason God opens doors is to increase His Kingdom.

The potential inside you is in the process.

When you don't understand his methods trust his character.

Luke 10:2 Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.