

Spirit Away

2 Kings 9: 30-37

I feel that the things I will be sharing with you today are really connected to the world today and everything in the world is changing and we cannot be changing our identity. And if we base our life on what's acceptable each time, then we're just constantly just changing. And were just going to conform to what people say is okay to do. And the more we do that we conform to what society tells us to be like other than what God tells us to be and that we should listen to what God says about who we are instead of society telling us who we should be.

One of the biggest issues we have in this generation is identity. We take our identity in many other things that we forget who God calls us to be. And I feel like society today kinda informs you your own opinions. And we have to be careful of what we let in us because I'm pretty sure you can tell that the world we live in, the darkness is increasing but the glory of God is also going to increase. As the darkness increases the light also increases and so we have to be strong in that light.

Some of us may hang out with people who may not believe in what we believe in. And when you surround yourself with that society and your faith isn't stronger than their society then your behavior will align with that society.

The problem is when you step into ungodly systems and culture such as schools and workplaces and your there as a believer and you're surrounded with those who don't believe what you believe, that lives a lifestyle in the darkness, when you step into their society, if they are stronger in the darkness than you are in the light they influence that place. And many of the times we aren't the ones that are influencing them but are being influenced by them. And we have to be careful about that. The bible says we should not conform to the world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind. And as we as believers that become of the world instead of in it lose the power to change the world we live in.

It's going to get intense but i really do believe this is what God is telling us as a group.
Matthew 17:10-13

10 The disciples asked him, "Why then do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?"

11 Jesus replied, "To be sure, Elijah comes and will restore all things. **12** But I tell you, Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but have done to him everything they wished. In the same way the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands." **13** Then the disciples understood that he was talking to them about John the Baptist.

Jesus said "To be sure, Elijah comes and will restore all things." In which has not been fulfilled in its fullness. Jesus is saying yes Elijah has come and yes you just saw him on the mountain. But Jesus then says Elijah is coming.

In Luke 1 the angel appeared to Zechariah and said to him that his son was going to carry the spirit of Elijah. So John the Baptist was carrying the spirit of Elijah on him. And John's message was that God's judgement on the world was imminent and to prepare for his

judgment you should repent on your sins, be baptized, and produce appropriate fruit for repentance. In other words, it was to prepare them for the coming 1st of Jesus. But Jesus is also saying Elijah is coming again.

The point is that just like the spirit of Elijah was rested upon John to prepare for the 1st coming of Jesus. Which was when he came and healed people, raising from the dead, dying for us and going up to heaven. He's going to come back again. John was fierce in prayer, fasting, and in seeking God. He was preparing for something so much greater that was to come. God is also calling us to be just as fierce as John. God wants to lift up passionate followers. Many people in the Bible did so much because they were so passionate about God.

And just like the 1st time Jesus came down here there were preparations. And so there will be preparations for the 2nd coming of Jesus.

In the same way just like the spirit of Elijah resting on John. The spirit of Elijah is going to rest on a generation, rest on us, to prepare for the 2nd coming of Jesus.

Lets begin

So we know that if Elijah is coming in preparation of Jesus's 2nd coming so is Jezebel. Where there is Elijah there will always be a Jezebel. Jezebel is more than a woman, she is a spirit... she is something. And Jezebel is really prominent in our generation today.

2 king 9 30-37

30 Then Jehu went to Jezreel. When Jezebel heard about it, she put on eye makeup, arranged her hair and looked out of a window. **31** As Jehu entered the gate, she asked, "Have you come in peace, you Zimri, you murderer of your master?"

32 He looked up at the window and called out, "Who is on my side? Who?" Two or three eunuchs looked down at him. **33** "Throw her down!" Jehu said. So they threw her down, and some of her blood splattered the wall and the horses as they trampled her underfoot.

34 Jehu went in and ate and drank. "Take care of that cursed woman," he said, "and bury her, for she was a king's daughter." **35** But when they went out to bury her, they found nothing except her skull, her feet and her hands. **36** They went back and told Jehu, who said, "This is the word of the Lord that he spoke through his servant Elijah the Tishbite: On the plot of ground at Jezreel dogs will devour Jezebel's flesh. **37** Jezebel's body will be like dung on the ground in the plot at Jezreel, so that no one will be able to say, 'This is Jezebel.'"

Back story

Jezebel is from the old testament and the wife of King Ahab. Jezebel influenced him to worship Baal, a nature god and turned him and Israel away from God. Because of King Ahab's disobedience, God told Elijah to anoint Jehu to take over and destroy Ahab family and wife. And by the end of this Jehu killed the source of wickedness which was Jezebel.

Jezebel is a witch and has been associated with sexual perversions in her time. The spirit of Jezebel is the spirit behind this expression of perverse sexuality in this generation.

The spirit of Jezebel is the spirit behind gender confusion. The spirit of Jezebel is what's behind the abortion and pornographic industry's multi-billion dollar industries.

Even though she was killed, the evil spirit of sexual perversion still lives till this day, many people still call it the spirit of Jezebel. Even though it wasn't her spirit it was a demonic spirit that lived within her.

Jezebel is a very powerful manipulator and her lies still influence us today. (I Kings 18:19–19:3)

But God has a solution. God has a remedy for those that want to be free and overcome this spirit in this generation.

The Deception of Jezebel

1. There's nothing wrong with looking at it (v30)

In verse 30 it says “**30** Then Jehu went to Jezreel. When Jezebel heard about it, she put on eye makeup, arranged her hair and looked out of a window.”

She knew that Jehu came to kill her but why did she get ready? Why did she put makeup on, arrange her hair? Why did she look out the window? Because she wanted to capture his eyes, his gaze.

There's something about looking at sexual sin opens a window into our hearts and that will instantly enslave the mind and trap the soul.

Revelation 2:18-23

These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze. **19** I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.

You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. **21** I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. **22** So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. **23** I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds.

Here it says Jesus will let her repent but she was willingful. And so he will cast her into a sick bed. He will make those who commit adultery suffer with her intensely. And he will strike her children dead. Jesus says he will kill her children. And that all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and repay each of you according to your deeds.

You can see here that Jesus is a passionate man, his eyes burn like fire with tenderness for us, but fiery passion against anything that foils with love. Jesus is very serious about corruption that is going on in our world, He is serious with all the things that are tossed at us in this generation. To that point he says somebody is going to die.

We are living in a place where everything is sexualized, you see it everywhere. Why? Why do we see it everywhere in everything. It is because that spirit is working, it wants to captivate us because this spirit knows that God hates immorality. This battle was never about

God against the devil. But it is God through us against the devil. The enemy can't get to God for God has no opposites but the devil can hurt God by hurting the people God loves.

One of the main tactics on immorality is to capture your eyes. So God tells us don't fall into that gaze but instead have an unveiling gaze of my fiery eyes. God asked us to have fire in our eyes and our hearts on fire. Because the enemy is after our gaze.

The enemy goes after our purity. The darkness in our generation right now is so intense, that the only way to live pure in their generation is to have a burning heart before God. It's not trying to ignore the things we see around the world, like obviously yes we do need to be careful and stay away from certain things. But the only way to keep your heart before God is to keep your heart burning for God, and your eyes captured by God.

2. Let's just not deal with it, everything is fine. (v31a)

“Have you come in peace?”

So I searched up what peace was and here's what it says: peace is freedom from disturbance: tranquility.

Which is really funny because nowadays we always think peace means not dealing with the situation, when Godly peace requires us to fight with temptation and struggle with sin

Acts 26:17-18

17 I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them

18 to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’

The spirit of Jezebel will always demand us to keep the “peace” and not talk about it, not deal with it, or even fix it. Making us believe that everything is fine and under control.

The last thing we want is somebody calling out on our sins but that is what the holy spirit does.

3. I will be judged or made fun of, if people knew. (v31b)

“You Zimri, you murderer of your master?”

Zimri was the fifth king of Israel. He was a stupid king that only ruled for 7 days because he killed an Ally. So Israel turned on him and out cowardness we set the whole palace on fire to kill himself.

After that everyone used that name as a word of humiliation. Sometimes we are scared of facing our sins and sharing our struggles because the spirit of Jezebel keeps us quiet in shame and judgment.

But the power of sin many times is in secrecy. We have to be better in confessing. Not just praying to God to yourself. The bible says in **James 5:16** “Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”

Something happens in here when you let it out. And when you let it out you may be healed.

How to overcome the Spirit of Jezebel

1. There is power in the King's command (v32)

32 He looked up at the window and called out, "Who is on my side? Who?" Two or three eunuchs looked down at him.

Those who stand with Jehu will obey him.

Eunuchs are men who had their genitals cut off to work in the royal service. These were the people that she dominated and robbed their sexual identity. In our culture men have been heavily influenced under the power of Jezebel, especially in a culture that is so sexually confused and damaged.

God has chosen King Jehu and he holds authority over Jezebel. Jesus is our king and he has authority over his subjects. In scripture every time Jesus gives a command, he also gives the power to do it. Such as when Jesus asked Peter to walk on water, Or when he broke bread for the 5 thousand, also when he told that paralyzed man to pick up his mat and go. Jesus gives the power to do it.

Those who are enslaved to the spirit of Jezebel can have the power to cast it down.

God is telling us the reason why there is so much sexual immorality, perversion, and so on. Is because we have a task to throw Jezebel down. That spirit is working so hard now because they want to bind us before we are able to bind it. Because this spirit knows that God has anointed us to take down that spirit.

2. There is power from group cooperation (v33)

2 kings 9: 20

20 The lookout reported, "He has reached them, but he isn't coming back either. The driving is like that of Jehu son of Nimshi—he drives like a maniac."

The people of God dealing with Jezebel have to have that spiritual violence, like in a good way, spiritual intensity violence. And Jehu who rode his horse like a maniac had that spiritual intensity.

"Two or three eunuchs looked down at him."

It just shows us that you aren't meant to walk on this path alone. The enemy wants you to feel isolated and if you tell others you will be judged or made fun of. But a Christian's life consists of battling sins together with your brothers and sisters.

This story gives us a picture of how we are supposed to have 2 or 3 accountability partners who can do everyday life with us so that together we can overcome our struggles. These eunuchs were able to cooperate because they were all looking at the king, their gaze was on the king and not on Jezebel's demonic trance.

3. There is power through Christ communion (v34-37)

Jehu went in and ate and drank.

It's interesting because Jehu set a table to eat with them, not just wanting to order his subjects around. This action reflects Jesus at the last supper where he gives his disciples a new covenant. Now Jesus promises that he will not just live with us, but live in us so that we may

continue to have victory over sexual sin.

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Jehu didn’t seem fazed that she was no longer there because he already knew the prophecy of Elijah. Telling the Eunuchs to take care of the body is to see how God has already taken care of the power of evil.

In fact, Like the horses of the King: v33 So they threw her down, and some of her blood spattered the wall and the horses as they trampled her underfoot. It shows how the coming king will crush the head of the serpent and blood must be spilled in order to overcome the power of evil. Christ defeated the power of sexual sin on the cross and came back to life to have victory over death in the grave. Just as Jesus went back up to heaven he's going to come back down.

The solution to a generation that has been bound or held by perversion is fire, the fire in our eyes and hearts. So when i choose this lesson if i was being honest i didn’t read it i just choose it just because, but i don’t believe it was just because i believe that this was meant to happen and that God wanted to highlight this lesson so that we can set people free. This lesson isn’t meant to make you feel like a horrible person or point you out for we as brothers and sisters are meant to fight this together. I believe that in God's name he can break anything down, break this corruption, the perversion, and sexually imorallity. It's not only just this but as we are about to pray, I would like you to lift your hands if you would like to step up in purity or that God could give you eyes of fire or anyone who are struggling with shame and certain issues, not of what you have done but what has been done to you. And this is a sensitive topic and I want you to feel comfortable as you lift up your hands and that there is no judgement here. And that God wants to see freedom in this place.