

You shall Receive

There is a saying that what your heart wants you shall receive. I for one believe it. If you think church is a bad place and Christians are evil, then you will see it everywhere. Why is that? Some would say that you're looking for it. I know that I did not notice cancer until my wife got it. Now we see cancer everywhere. Is that because we are aware now? Yet, I have noticed that people stand up and say they believe something. That it is true to them. But is it true?

Someone I listen to on a podcast said "challenge people on their truths." Ask them point blank to prove it. The fact is most of what we believe is not generally provable. Is the Big Bang provable? No, but we believe it! Is Darwin provable? No, it's been called a theory, but people treat it as fact. Is God provable? I say no. The Bible says He is real. Billions of people say He is real. Yet, what are the provable facts? What we have is belief. Air is real but we cannot see it. Science has told us how it works within our body. We all believe it's real. What if science found out a different answer to breathing? Do the air facts become false?

We understand air. We understand that the universe is moving. How do these things exist? Yet, we all have our own idea of what is real. There are flat earth believers. There are people who believe in aliens. Each person really believes it. Are they crazy? What if they are right? Yet, we have little to no proof of aliens or a flat earth. We have seen with our eyes round things in the night time sky. From the moon, men have seen the earth (so they say). We understand gravity because things fall. There are formulas that prove gravity. Yet, people have beliefs and theories on these things that differ from others.

What does God have to say? Exodus 9:12 *"But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart and he would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the LORD had said to Moses."* This verse has

troubled many. Why would God harden a heart. Most scholars believe that God did not harden Pharaoh's heart; but rather, He allowed Pharaoh to have his heart's desire. There was reality and then there was what Pharaoh wanted to be true. God had pressed Pharaoh to let the people go. This leader didn't want to do it. He resisted what God wanted. So, God gave Pharaoh the freedom to make a choice. Listen to God or listen to his own heart. Pharaoh died because he chose poorly. No matter God's will, He will let us choose based on our heart's desire.

A skeptic wants to go to church. Deep down he knows church is a scam to him. Yet, within that is a small unsure desire to be in church. That church could be a good place. Yet, he goes to see if they talk about money. He goes to be snubbed by a Christian. His heart is not really looking to be loved or fed by the spirit. What does church generally do. They talk about money. Christians are busy on Sunday. They might miss someone in all the busyness. You can find what you're looking for in church.

I had a man tell me once that the pastor is cold. He did not get a handshake that weekend. Yet, in a church of 3000 that might be random. How many hands should you shake? All 3000? Yet, if that man had sought out the pastor. Looked for the handshake. Seek and ye shall find. What if the man wanted to love the pastor and give him a handshake? It's all in what you believe. It's all in what you desire. When we seek to give of ourselves then we tend to find peace and happiness. Yet, when we desire something from people, we tend to be disappointed.

Pharaoh was told to let the people go. He did not want to. Pharaoh wanted a way to keep the people. He did not look for a way to let them go. Pharaoh was not really interested in helping or loving those slaves. His desire was to have things his way. Yet, he might have had a way to keep them. What if he treated them with love? What if he looked to help the people and pay them

properly. The people only cried out to God for help because Pharaoh was mistreating them. Yet, Pharaoh only saw the Israelites as the problem, not himself.

I would not want to do this test. Just write down 10 things that we believe strongly. Then ask yourself to prove it! I bet we would be surprised about how little we could prove without a doubt. Yet, we would believe without a doubt. Black lives matter. Do companies ever say Asian lives matter? All racism is a problem. Is racism against white people an issue? Come on now, be honest? Is racism among middle eastern people an issue? Does it carry any concern compared to gay rights issues? Be honest here. As humans we believe certain things very strongly. There are others issues that are important to other people that we don't care about.

Last week I asked you to reflect on this year. To see the world as it is. That humans are not that good to the earth or ourselves. This week I want you to look inside your own heart. You believe certain things very strongly. Many of them have no reason or hard fact. In-fact you might defend them at all costs without a shed of truth in those claims. Yet, you believe it! You might not go to church because you have heard about Christian institutions. Yet, have you actually experienced hatred at a local church yourself? Does a church need some amount of money to run? To pay the mortgage and a pastor? Or, do you think a church should not take in money? Would you ask yourself if a pastor should have money to feed his own family? Where should that come from?

I must check myself from time to time. To reflect on why I am the way I am. I still want to believe that homeless are lazy people. Yet, I have seen the data that many are rejected by society for other reasons. I want to dislike the other political parties. To believe that they are evil. Yet, good people are in them, right? Why do I think a certain way about everything? From time to time, I have to reflect. Why do I believe in God? People that just believe are generally hollow

in their faith. Know why! Why is church a bad place to you? Know why with truth not rumours.
Pontus Pilot said “what is truth?” Is it really just that simple? Really? Because, what you believe
is probably what you will receive no matter if it’s really true or not.