

# Stepping Into Your Kingly Call as a Friend of God

You are a vital force to be released on the earth to bring forth the kingdom of God. I believe today the Lord is looking for friends on the earth. Like the patriarch Abraham who was a king, God desires our friendship to accomplish His will and to enjoy us as His sons and daughters.

“Greater love has no man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. I no longer call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master does. But I have called you friends, for everything that I have heard from My Father have I made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that the Father may give you whatever you ask Him in My name. This I command you: that you love one another” (John 15:13-17).

He calls us His friends. God desires us to be His people who know His business. According to this text in the Bible, at least a portion of this business is to love each other. The loving of each other is the fruit that lasts.

It takes one person, man or woman, to believe God. They need to step out of their comfortable, uninvolved boat to allow others to worship. It's the man who teaches people to read English by using the Bible, the woman who goes to the women's prison cell, the lady who starts a small group to teach young mothers some basic life skills. It's the man who uses his previous addiction to reach out to those still trapped who allows people to come to Christ and worship Him.

What if Peter had stayed in his boat? What if he, like the others that day, only wanted to watch the miracles? Then 11

people would have had less of a revelation of who God is.

How many kings have forfeited their ministry and kept others from not seeing Jesus? See, you are the kings of your city, state and nation. It is totally up to you. If you don't get out of the boat, who will? You are the closest to the lost, broken and needy in your community. You are the solution for a small group, whether it be a home Bible study, Sunday school class, teaching young men how to start a business or any of the hundreds of ideas your church or community needs. You are kings and queens. You see the needs and often, what you see spiritually, you are responsible for spiritually. So I encourage you to get out of the boat and jump in.

Be the only sea-stained, wet, trying, worshipper of God from your boat. Don't look at what others in the boat are doing. They are spectators. As a king, you have a ministry, and sitting in the pew is not it. I see nowhere that kings are to just give money, warm a pew and watch the priests. You are to be about your God-given mandate. Start implementing your ideas. Dare to make your dream a reality. Go for it. Get wet.

You see, when we lay down our lives by getting out of the boat and loving people, we become the friends of God. According to John 15:13-17, loving others is the family business of God. In other words, as children of our Father's business or industry, our job is to love them.

Some of us kings are business-owners. Is it not a great day when your kids want to become involved in the family business, not just for the pay, but because they really enjoy it?

Hasn't Jesus, through His death and resurrection, clearly made known to us the business of loving others?

You are the kings and queens of the earth. Without your ministry, your church, community and nation suffers. If we live only for ourselves and don't release Christ in us through some form of touching others, what kind of kings would we be?

I encourage you, as a king, to seek the heart of God for your usefulness in the family business of loving the world and church. Find your kingly ministry so the revival of God can come to you and through you. I really believe it's when we rise and take our place in ministry that our churches will grow through people being saved and touched.

I pray God uses you all the days of your life. I love being in the family business of loving people. God will show you His will. He will guide you. {eoa}

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