

Russell Brand Gives Sermon, Receives Prophetic Blessing

After just a few months of being a Christian, Russell Brand had the privilege of delivering the message of his powerful testimony to Oceans Church in Destin, Florida.

Brand has been very outspoken ever since accepting Christ about the transformation he's seen in his life. From excitedly sharing his baptism with the world, videos of him baptizing others and discussions on the Holy Spirit, Brand continues to make it clear that he is all into his newfound faith.

"I've not been Christian very long, like eight months since April the 28th," says Brand. "So you all know more about this than I I do remember a verse that struck me prior to being saved."

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Brand says the verse, which he later points out as Isaiah 43:1, struck him while participating a poetry event at a prison in London. He notes that he felt inferior compared to other famous people at this event because he had been worshipping the "false idol of fame." This feeling of being less-than led him to visit the chapel in the building for a time of solitude.

"I went to the chapel there, just drawn there mostly for solitude and for quiet. Something in me [has] always known that you have to be at times alone with God," says Brand.

Brand says that just as he had a false idol of fame, he wonder what other kinds of false idols are in our world today.

"Perhaps we have seeded power too easily to institutions that

cannot carry sacred power. Government being one, the culture being another, technology. I wonder what these false idols and these altars in high places would be today,” Brand says. “I don’t think we choose whether or not we worship, we just choose what we worship because surely we are worshipping something.”

Brand also discusses Jesus’ mention that He was present when Satan fell like lightning from heaven. He makes the point that perhaps, instead of us feeling that we are filled with great power when the Lord gives us authority to do things, that we must remember Jesus is the one with the ultimate authority over all creation.

“When I am excited about my power or gifts, I would do well to remember where they came from and how they might be used, who put them there and what they are for. And what they are for, and if I’m using my gifts to make money or get pleasure or get status, or to glory myself, then I might be reminded who I’m really worshipping at that time and what the consequences are for wanting to set up your own dominion to bask in the false,” says Brand.

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“The condition of Satan and indeed the condition of the world for three times it says in the New Testament, that this world is run by the evil one. That we fight not against flesh, but against dark power and high principalities and that the evil one is in control of the world,” he continues.

As Brand concluded by encouraging the Oceans Church congregation to keep their eyes focused on Jesus, he received a prayer of blessing and prophetic insight from the pastors of the church.

“Thank you, Father, for the great fruitfulness, Lord, that he

will abound as he remains connected to you, that all the fruit that he desires to see in his walk with you and his marriage with Laura, and as a father watching over and raising children, and even as an ambassador for the gospel to be a prophetic voice in this season, in this generation, Lord I pray that you would keep him in tandem with You,” pastor Michael Janetis prayed.

“As we were praying over you, Russell, I feel there’s an inheritance from God for you,” Pastor Mark says. “There is a mantle almost like a John the Baptist type of a forerunner anointing, that as you speak and as you present yourself and all that He has done in you and through you that many will discover Jesus as a result of your has been almost like an Esther moment for you. God has brought you here to this time, for this season, this era, for such a time as this.”

As Russell Brand continues on his newfound faith journey, keep him in prayer as the Lord continues to speak to him and through him.

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