

# **KINGDOM COMMUNITY: Lessons From 2 Unusual Events**

Two things occurred at our Community gathering recently that teach us 2 very great lessons. The names of the people involved are withheld in this account for their privacy and I'll use the generic 3<sup>rd</sup> person (they/them/their) to refer to those being referenced.

## **Occurrence #1**

One of our Community members was given the instruction by the Spirit to give their car to their father who was in need of a new one. They fixed up the car and made the repairs that were needed. They asked the Lord for a replacement car for themselves. He showed them the make and model of the vehicle, but asked them to wait until their finances were in a fit state before buying one. They obeyed both directives and held onto their car, waiting until they were financial enough to part with it.

Recently they were given the revelation that another member of our community needed to update their car. When they raised it with them they were told that they were also given that instruction. Together, with the Spirit's leading, they both sort the replacement car, found the perfect one and purchased it. This second person was also told to give their existing car to the other community member.

So last week, 3 cars changed hands. One was purchased, and 2 were given away.

The person who was told to wait until they were financial before passing their car on was blessed by our King with a car of similar 'style' to the one they were shown to get. Our Lord did this because they followed what the Spirit showed them to do with joy and no hesitation. He blessed them in the interim with a vehicle that they would really appreciate.

## **Occurrence #2**

We had a visitor who made themselves at home at our meeting, contributing greatly to our time together. They shocked us with their freedom because our religious baggage couldn't handle the atmosphere they created. The way this person participated displayed that they:

- Were excited to see those she knew or had met before
- Were totally open
- Were totally honest
- Were totally transparent
- Made themselves vulnerable
- Knew they needed fathering
- Freely gave away their loved possessions
- Expounded revelations they had received
- Challenged us with deep revelations beyond our understanding
- Spoke with remnants of religious language

Holy Spirit doesn't make mistakes. This person was sent to us as a lesson for us to learn from.

## **Lesson #1**

We've been redeemed (bought with a price)<sup>1</sup>. We are not our own, we belong to our Redeemer and King. Our possessions are not our own, we are only stewards.

- In the Kingdom we give away our possessions and receive gifts from others when the Spirit brings it about. This is done freely, happily and without regret, even if it doesn't make sense.

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1 – 1 Corinthians 6:20; 7:23

## **Lesson #2**

We are to be Community – a Kingdom family. We belong together and will spend eternity together.

- In the Kingdom we behave like a perfect family. Genuinely loving each other; being open and honest; being totally transparent; & free to be ourselves.

## **Lesson #3**

We see in scripture that Jesus offended his home town<sup>2</sup> and the religious leaders of his day<sup>3</sup>. We know that the cross and the Gospel of the Kingdom is an offence to the wise.<sup>4</sup> We also know that we are being raised to do great deeds for Father and we'll be an offence to the Elite because we are 'nobodies'. It will be an end-time phenomenon that we will offend religious people.<sup>5</sup>

- We will know when we are truly operating as the ecclesia when many people will find us disarmingly offensive in our simplicity, openness and humility.

**Everything must change. We must change.**

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2 – Matthew 13:57; Mark 6:3

3 – Matthew 15:12

4 – Galatians 5:11; 1 Corinthians 1:18, 21, 23, 25; 2:14

5 – Matthew 24:10