

# Our Royal Identity Restored

Peter Dunnet shared this quote at our meeting:

*“We have been given authority over this planet. It was first given to us in the commission God gave to mankind in Genesis (see Genesis 1:28-29). and was then restored to us by Jesus after His resurrection (see Matthew 28:18). But Kingdom authority is different than is typically understood by many believers. It is the authority to set people free from torment and disease, destroying the works of darkness. It is the authority to move the resources of Heaven through creative expression to meet human need. It is the authority to bring Heaven to earth. It is the authority to serve.*

*As with most Kingdom principles, the truths of humanity's dominion and authority are dangerous in the hands of those who desire to rule over others. These concepts seem to validate some people's selfishness. But when these truths are expressed through the humble servant, the world is rocked to its core. Becoming servants to this world is the key to open the doors of possibility that are generally thought of as closed or forbidden.*

*Neither our understanding of servants or of kings can help us much with this challenge for both are soiled in our world, probably beyond repair. That is where Jesus comes in. He is the King of all kings, yet the Servant of all. This unique combination found in the Son of God is the call of the hour upon us. As truth is usually found in the tension of two conflicting realities, we have an issue to solve. Like our Master we are both royalty and servants (see Revelation 1:5; Mark 10:45). Solomon warns of a potential problem, saying, "the earth cannot bear up under a slave when he becomes king" (Proverbs 30:21-22 NASB). Yet Jesus contradicted Solomon's warning without nullifying the statement, by being effective at both. Jesus served with the heart of a king, but ruled with the heart of a servant. This is the essential combination that must be embraced by those longing to shape the course of history.*

*Royalty is my identity. Servanthood is my assignment. Intimacy with God is my life source. So, before God, I'm an intimate. Before people, I'm a servant. Before the powers of hell, I'm a ruler, with no tolerance for their influence. Wisdom knows which role to fulfill at the proper time.”<sup>1</sup>*