

Welcome to Kev's on-line eGroup

The e-Glue that helps with the glitter

Part 1: Detailed sermon notes

Part 2: eGroup study questions

Here Comes Church – “In the know”

- Interested in serving at Elevation Church: See: www.elevationchurch.cc
- Please consider joining an eGroup (small group) so you don't have to walk this walk alone – See www.elevationchurch.cc. The “e” stands for empowerment - because getting the instructions from God without having the empowerment to live them out will frustrate you. These groups are our way of putting some very wonderful people in front of you feed you spiritually.
- Stay out of “isolation silos” - you are an easy target for the enemy – and you don't have the benefit of friends to support you. Embrace the power of numbers.
- Interested in leading an eGroup? See: www.elevationchurch.cc
- Don't over-think it – Invite someone to church – “Who do you know that is close to you that is far from God?”
- What are your Gr8ful eight?
- Elevation Nights 2025: Elevation Nights is coming your way soon - Fort Worth - Tulsa Oklahoma - Pennsylvania - Toronto - Detroit - Hartford Connecticut – Newark NJ - Washington DC – The dates are February 25th through March 6th.
- K-Love and Elevation Workshop at Red Rocks in CO in August 2025
- Advent = four Sundays and weekdays leading up to Christmas. The word "advent" comes from the Latin word ad-venire, which means "to come to". Dates: Sunday, December 1, 2024 Tuesday, December 24, 2024

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“Arresting Anxiousness” by Dr. Dharius Daniels on 12/1/2024

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So – how do I arrest anxiousness? Answer: Adjust my perception, adjust my praise, know that praise is a spiritual discipline, adjust my perspective, adjust my prayers, and adjust my practices. Closing Prayer: I want you to think about this: Has God ever not come through even if you cried? - was he faithful to His promise - that those who so in tears will reap in joy - even if you walk through grief the valley of the shadow of death - Has He been with you? Has there ever been a time that God didn't give you what you needed? He doesn't always give us what we want - but has there ever been a time where he didn't give you what you needed? He's never lost the battle - and he never will - we're human we will have anxiousness - but anxiousness does not have to have us - we can put anxiousness under arrest. Father, as we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Prince of Peace in this Advent season - I pray for your people everywhere that we would have unprecedented experiences with the peace of God – Heavenly Father - would you assist us in arresting our anxiousness and may peace and joy be our portion both now and forever - we ask it all in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Closing comments #1: "That seed was not responsible to produce anything God didn't encode it to produce. God has already done the hard part. Jesus has already done the hard part. It's so hard for you to receive the forgiveness, but he already did the hard part. He died to give it to you. It's so hard for us to walk in his new life. Do you know what I think the passage is trying to say? That God the Father is the soil and Jesus the Savior was our seed. He is the seed who went into the earth for three days, and when he came forth, he became the Bread of Life. He was already bread, but for us to receive him... If you have spiritual ears to hear what I'm saying right now, I am telling you that you have to go through some things to become what God has called you to be, but I'm here to also tell you that what you need to be is already in you. It had to be buried to be bread, and it was bread when it was buried. You already are chosen by God. You already are loved by him."

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“Let Me Show You The Door” by Pastor Steven Furtick on Sept. 22, 2024

"I'm not staying in this place. I'm not staying under these rocks. I'm not staying under this debt. I'm not staying under this crippling anxiety. I'm not staying under this bad report. I'm not staying under this weight of depression. I'm not staying under the shame of my past. I'm not staying under the written record that was held against me." Thank God for the greater one. Thank God for the holy one. Thank God for the anointing. Thank God that they threw their rocks - but you rose up. High-five your neighbor and say, "You be Paul. I'll be Barnabas." Now encourage them and say, "You can make it. You've got this. God is with you. You have a grace for it." "You were made for it. You were born for it. You were formed for it. You were filled for it. You have the Holy Ghost." I'm trying to get you to see your door is open. Go through your door."

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“Running For A Reason” by Pastor Steven Furtick on August 4, 2024

Closing Prayer: "Father, in the name of Jesus, I thank you for the blood that covers me today. I thank you for the times in my life that I've known it to be true. While I was praying in a cave, you were sending people. Hallelujah. You were making plans. Thank you, Jesus. And you were fulfilling my purpose. Sending people, making plans, and fulfilling purpose. I declare your Word over this church. Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you." Just because we are not aware of them does not mean they are not active. God, I come against everything that shoved those kings into those caves. I come against everything that has told this child of God, this individual, they will never be what you've called them. Right now, in the name of Jesus, I thank you for your covering, protecting presence over our families."

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“Cutting Room” by Pastor Steven Furtick on May 6, 2024

"If God cuts it out, he already knows what he's going to put in its place. God is bigger than this. He has a thousand ways to provide for you. He has a hundred ways to help you. He has a million ways to see you through it. Don't get picky about it right now. Let him prune what he needs to prune so you can be fruitful. This is a productive cut. The instrument of scissors is surgical in the hands of the Savior. It's masterful what he's doing in your life right now, and if you stay there long enough, if you pray there high enough, if you pray there wide enough, and say, "God, I'm in this right now, but I know you're bigger than this, and this is bigger than me..."

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"Source Material" – part of the Ghost Writer Series – by Pastor Furtick on April 21, 2024

"How did the gospel go from a small room and spread all over the globe? You and I have the source material - the spirit of God and the word of God. We have the same gospel - do you not realize you have been given the same gospel that broke chains off Paul and Silas's feet - what are you doing with it - oh I believe there is so much more inside of you - and I hear a sound sounds like a violent wind - I see what seems to be tongues of fire - I hear the voice of the Lord speaking over your life today – Breathe - breathing baby - you can't run if you don't breathe - you can't lead if you don't breathe - you can't think if you don't breathe - it's the spirit of God - it's not a violent wind - it's a creative breath and it's coming to you right now - lift your hands like their sails and receive it - I receive the Holy Spirit - I receive a fresh filling of the holy spirit for my life - tap into it - speak to me Lord - I'm breathing well - I'm breathing this week - I'm walking in this word - I can walk through this situation in my life this week with one word from you almighty God - I worship you – God, I worship you - Lord I worship the one who is and was and is to come - his name is Jesus - He is the almighty - Lord I worship you - Now is your wind - your fire - come and light us up again - and fill our lungs with your praise - we intend to accomplish every assignment that you've given us - we are your children - I commission these your children - by your grace God that from The Upper Room of their waiting - they will see manifestations of your glory in every area of their lives - I believe it because you've spoken it - we didn't come to church to look around today - we came to look up and look in and to praise you for who you are."

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Christ Is In Me. I Am Enough” by Pastors Steven Furtick & Holly Furtick on Feb. 25, 2024

“I want to help you with your crazy . . . I remembered Jesus taught his disciples to pray this: "Give us this day our daily bread." Don't you wish he would have said, "This day our monthly bread" so you could have the whole closet full of paper towels that you need? God is not like Costco like that. He's not giving it to you in a pack of 48. He's going to give you the strength when you need it...one word at a time, one apology at a time, one day of sobriety at a time, one day of coming to church at a time, one day of going to eGroup at a time. I don't want you to think I live in a place of perpetual enough-ness wherein the abundance of God never leaves the forefront of my imagination, causing me to triumph over every doubt and obstacle. I just trust that he's going to give me enough for now. When I need the next step. You have enough for now. Suit up and see.”

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“God Chose You... Will You?” by Pastor Steven Furtick on Feb. 11, 2024

“6 Mindsets - To Become Who God Created You To Be:

- o I'm not stuck unless I stop.
- o Christ is in me.
- o I am enough.
- o With God there's always a way, and by faith I will find it.
- o God is not against me, but He's in it with me, working through me, fighting for me.
- o My joy is my job.
- o God has given me everything I need for the season I'm in.”

“Closing Prayer: Lord we thank you that we're not chasing your love, acceptance, or Grace - it has been given to us by your son Jesus Christ - We thank you Lord that this is the last day that we will believe the deceitful desires – yes, we may still struggle with them - but from this day forward we are oriented toward truth - your truth will make us free - and God - today - we thank you that we are chosen by you - and now we chose to put ourselves in the path of your power today – because you spoke a word and this word is now received in our hearts - I declare rain for the seed that was planted today - for the words that were spoken - I decree and declare an increase of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost - and I thank you that our eyes have not seen - nor have our ears heard - nor has it entered into the heart of a man what you have prepared for those who love you - but you have revealed it by your spirit – I thank you for revelation and I thank you for Grace to change and I thank you that you are making All Things New in Jesus. Amen.”

Have a good navigational beacon in 2022:

“Life and Leadership at the Highest” A quote from an unknown author and requoted by Pastor Tim Keller in his sermon “This is Jesus” part 4 “Two Grieving Sisters Encounter Jesus” at Oxford University in 2016: “The accounts of Him in the New Testament speak for themselves – He combines qualities that no one has ever seen – despite his incredible claims, we never see him pompous, offended, or standing on his own dignity. Despite being absolutely approachable to the weakest and most broken people, he is completely fearless before the powerful and the corrupt. Despite being weary and lonely, we find him remarkably human - filled with joy, fear, love, and anger. Yet, we never see him Moody. We never see him being inconsistent. We never see Him strong when He should be tender and we never see Him tender when He should be strong. Most interesting of all – Of all his encounters with people - we are continuously surprised – shocking us - but never disappointing us – it is difficult for us to imagine words that Jesus ought to have said or deeds that he ought to have done. Nothing he has done ever falls short - in fact He is always surprising us - because He is incomparably better than what we could imagine for ourselves. Why? These are the surprises of perfection – He has tenderness without weakness – He has strength without harshness – humility without the slightest lack of confidence – unhesitating authority without the slightest sense of self-absorption – Holy and unbending convictions without the slightest lack of approachability – power without insensitivity – passion without prejudice – there is never a false step – there’s never a jarring no – this is life at the highest.”

Back up material

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Closing Prayer: "Praying For Those Who Are Buried: Right now bow your head and close your eyes. The Spirit of the Lord is moving powerfully. Maybe in your living room, maybe in our kitchen, maybe in your sickbed, maybe in your car, maybe in your workout, maybe in your mid-night hour, maybe right here in this church on the fourth row, God has you in the soil. It's not hard for him; it's hard for you. It's easy for him. He's God. But it's hard for you to know how long, to know what to do. It's okay to be like the man in the passage, to say, "I don't know how." The how part is not your job; it's God's part. I declare in the name of Jesus that you are a seed too, that God is working through your life, that God is giving you nutrients you know not of in this season, that God is giving you everything you need for the calling he has assigned to your life. You, like a mustard seed, might start out small, but there will be really big branches - if you faint not. "Let us not become weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." I declare over your life today that this is rich soil. This is good ground. You are hidden under the shadow of the Almighty. This is good ground. You are planted in the garden of the Lord. You are an oak of righteousness, and this is good ground. Now let me pray for your children you're worried about. God has them in good ground. They're going to bring forth things too. They're going to be bread too. They're going to go through a process too. You just keep on praising right through that process. You keep praising while God is doing stuff in the studio. You keep praising while God keeps producing."

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What does Pastor Furtick mean when he uses the term "buried bread?"

"In Mark, chapter 4." Jesus said to them he is the bread. He's talking to them about seed, but he is bread. He's giving them a picture of what is possible, and he's painting it on a level that they can comprehend. The seed can't stay in your hand and become a harvest. I'm trying to tell you, "Let go." Let go of your need to control people and just start adjusting your access. Let's go back to our key verse. Mark 4:28: "All by itself the soil..." The soil represents God. The soil represents "In him I live and move and have my being." The soil lets me know that when the seed went out of sight, it didn't go away. It went somewhere to change. Everything in your life has to go through the soil to become what it's meant to be. If it never gets planted, it never becomes grain. If it never becomes grain, it will never be bread. If it never is bread, it will never be what it was meant to be. So, before it can be bread, it has to be buried."

The soil is where God produces you.

What is your primary job here?

Outstanding theology Here – I really lean in when Pastor Furtick talks about Gideon in Judges 6:

“When God Goes In” by Pastor Steven Furtick – March 27, 2023

“Make Peace With Your Strength” by Pastor Steven Furtick – April 2, 2023

“Breaking The Bondage Of Wrong Belief” by Pastor Steven Furtick on 8/11/2024

Power quote from Pastor Furtick on 8/11/2024: *“They have come into a land whose customs have become their captivity. They have come into a land that God gave them, and the customs of that land have become their captivity. The Lord says, “Gideon, I want to use you to lead a revolt and a revolution. I’m going to enable you, strengthen you, supply you, and give the enemy into your hand, and you will strike them all down.” Gideon said, “Me? I’m the least in my family. My clan is the least in the nation. Why me?” God said, “Why you? Because me.” God turns 2s into 10s instantly. Only God can do that. The beauty of this is God doesn’t say, “Gideon, I’m going to put you through a preparation process. This is going to take three years to get it done.” He has actually been preparing Gideon while Gideon has been hidden. Do you know God has been preparing you while you have been hidden too? Do you know God has been giving you tools, resources, lessons, words, and confirmations while you have been in the cave of what you perceive to be your abandonment and wasted season?”*

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