**THE HU$TLE IS OVER**

**Part 5 of 6**

**We’re Kings…Let’s Talk Like It**

**Ecclesiastes 8:4**

What’s up fam! Please grab your Bible and turn to Ecclesiastes 8. And as you’re turning there, I’ll remind you that we’re in the 6th week of our teaching series *“THE HU$TLE IS OVER.”* Quick review…

* Week #1*“He Owns It…We Use It!”*
* Week #2*“He’s Faithful…(so) Don’t Worry!”*
* Week #3*“He’s King…And He’s Worthy!”*
* Week #4*“We’re New…Let’s Live Like It!”*
* Week #5*“We’re Kings…(so) Let’s Talk Like It!”*

OK…let’s check out our theme verse. **Ecclesiastes 8:4: “The word of a king is authoritative and powerful.”**

Believe it or not, God has a GOOD plan for your life, and He doesn't want you to be HUSTLED by fear or let it hold you back from your destiny. His will is for you to walk forward in authority and power as a king, confident in His love, trusting Him to take care of you all along the way.

You also have an enemy, Satan, who will do everything he can to stop you from walking in God's GOOD plan. Anytime you’re making progress and moving forward in God's will for your life, the devil will try to come against you with fear to drive you *backwards*. He lies to you because he doesn’t want you to know WHO YOU TRULY ARE—your true identity. You’re a king, not a beggar! You walk in authority and power, not in lack and longing. You’re the head and not the tail. Above and not beneath. You’re blessed, not cursed.

One of the enemy's greatest tactics is to bring FEAR and try to prevent you from making progress. He wants you to fear your current circumstances and what other people will think. He wants you to focus on the *"what ifs.”*

* *What if…I fail?*
* *What if…I make a fool of myself?*
* *What if…I didn't hear from God?*
* *What if…others disapprove?*
* *What if…my reputation suffers?*
* *What if…I get fired?*
* *What if I go broke?*
* *What if I get sick…and die?*

And on and on.

All of us will periodically come to these crossroads in our lives—places where we must move forward DESPITE OUR FEARS. Because if we wait for the feelings of fear to subside, we’ll NEVER step out. We won’t overcome in life; life will overcome us.

However, (*and this is a WORD for this time*) if we’ll trust God, step by step, we can learn to face our fears and enjoy new levels of freedom. We can mature in our understanding of the power we’ve been given in Christ and learn how to wield it every day. We can grow in grace.

Remember this truth: **You can’t always control the feeling of fear, but you can keep it from controlling you.**

During life's moments when there are NO answers—or when unexpected changes occur (and we’re in a moment like this right NOW)—Kim and I are learning to NOT live by our feelings. Instead, with God's help, we’re learning to face fear head-on…even when we’re “shaking in our boots.”

When fear strikes, many times, our first inclination is to run away and go back. But that's when God’s saying, "Don't stop now! Keep moving forward in authority and power…AS KINGS!"

Today’s confession is powerful! **“I am a king and my words have power; so, I will speak them.”** Say that with me!

Let’s break these three things down. *1) I am a king! 2) My words have power! And 3) I will speak!*

1. **I am a king!**

* In Genesis 17, verses 6 and 16, God told Abraham he would be “the father of many nations and kings will come from you.”
* Revelation 1:5-6 says, “Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loveth us and loosed us from our sins by his blood…he made us to be a kingdom, to be priests unto his God and Father; to him be the glory and the dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”
* Luke 4:6: “All their authority and splendor has been given to me.”
* Matthew 28:18, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”
* Ephesians 2:6 says, “In our union with Christ Jesus he raised us up with him to rule with him in the heavenly world.”
* Psalm 115:16: “The highest heavens belong to the Lord, but the earth he has given to man.”

1. **My words have power!**

* Ecclesiastes 8:4, “the word of the king has authority and power.”
* Romans 10:14 says, “But how can people call for help if they don’t know who to trust? And how can they know who to trust if they haven’t heard of the One who can be trusted? And how can they hear if nobody tells them?”

1. **I will speak!**

* Mark 11:22-24 says, “Have faith in God,” Jesus answered.  “I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”
* 1 Peter 2:24 says, “Christ carried our sins in his body on the cross so that freed from our sins, we could live a life that has God’s approval. His wounds have (past tense) healed you.”
* 2 Corinthians 8:9 says, “You know about the kindness of our Lord Jesus Christ. He was rich, yet for your sake he became poor in order to make you rich through his poverty.”
* Galatians 5:22 says, “But the fruit of the Spirit (in you) is…peace.”
* Luke 10:19 says, “I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.”