

Episode 17 (Exposé 25): All Things Are Yours; Quit Trying

Anchor Lady: On this cold Saturday, I will like to welcome you to Exposé 247 where I believe the Word of God will warm your heart. If you will take your time to chew on this pages of the word of God, you will find it as a comfort food and you will be chewing the same experience with Jeremiah who said in Jeremiah 15:16 that *Your word I have found and I did eat them and they were refreshing—joy and refreshing to my soul.* So today, we gladly welcome you to the table of the Lord for refreshment. We've been on the Prodigal Father series for a while and we've been wrapping the lessons in it. We are in the box of the elder...elder son

Peter: yeah

Anchor Lady: and for the past two weeks, we've been looking at that box, trying to see. We've looked about the background history trying to see his attributes. And the sober moment for me last week was just realising that this son was slaving for what is rightfully his. And that gave me some moment to think and reflect, and try to picture my life and my walk with the Lord in the light of that revelation, that do I... are there places in my life, are there instances in my life where I'm still slaving for what His divine power has rightly given me? So I will like to ask, what is your own big moment in last week's episode?

Peter: Hmmm... Now, errm, viewers, last episode, there was something that we did look at that is very important for everyone to think about. In verse 29 and verse 31, there seems to be a bit of a dead end between the Father and the elder son in terms of communication. **The younger son told the father, he said, *I've done all these while... I've slaved out for you... I've never broken Your instructions and You have never given me...*** And the father responded in verse 31. The Father said, *All things I have is yours...* And last episode, we were trying to figure out, why's there a problem between the communication between the father and the son? The son told the Father, *You have not given me...* And you see, for most of us who believe in the power of Prayer, in the efficacy of petition, of requesting things from God... If you are in that situation, if you believe in praying, you want to listen to what we are going to talk about today on Exposé because it sounds to me that the prayers of so many Christians—the prayer points of so many Christians—has always been that we approach the father to say, *Father, You have not given me this... You have not given me that...* Even when we pray, even when there are times we don't use the word *'You have not given me this...'* but the tone, the sound, the approach of our prayers to God is more of accusation suggesting to the Father that the reason that my life is the way it is at the moment is because *You have not given me...this thing I need for my life.* And you see, if you have been in that situation, or if you've been in situations where you believe you've prayed prayers that have been unanswered, you want to listen to what we are going to discuss today on Exposé. Now, if you look at it, the younger son, the elder son told the Father, *You have not given me...* and you see, when the elder son told the Father in Luke 15:29, he said *You've not even given me a young goat to celebrate with my friends...* Now, I want to listen to what the Father has to say to him in response to that. Now, and like I said, everybody should be

Comment [11]: That was actually the elder son, not the younger son.

interested in the Father's...in the Father's response to the elder son. But look at what the father said, the father said, *All I have is yours* in Luke 15:31. That's a very amazing response. The Father said *All I have is yours*... Now listen; the foundation, the basis, the, the, the, the platform for you to understand how God gives is to first, to come to God on the basis that He said in verse 31 that *all I have is yours*. Now, what does that mean? It means that before we start going on petitioning God, before we start praying and requesting anything from God, we have to approach God on this foundation. The Father must be approached on this foundation that *All He has*... is not that it would be ours if we pray long enough, or overtime it will belong to us, no. The Father told the elder son in verse 31 of Luke 15, *All I have is yours*. Now, listen to this; If you are born again, if you have been born of the Spirit; if you are a child of God, you need to understand there's a language the Bible use for us. In the book of Galatians 4:6, in the book of Romans 8:15, there's a language there; the bible says that we are ADOPTED. It said in Galatians 4:6, it said *You have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear but you have received the spirit of adoption, by which we cry out, Abba, Father*. What does that mean? Now, I have seen people and I've known people who have given birth by, in quote, by 'mistake'. What I mean by 'mistake' is to say that you can give birth to a child without much financial, without much psychological preparation, without much physical preparation,

Comment [12]: That's Romans 8:15, not Galatians 4:6

Anchor Lady: Even without the knowledge that the baby is—

Peter: even some people actually have, you know...they become pregnant (but didn't know) until the third or fourth month before they knew that they were pregnant. So people have children, there are times they have children without much preparation. But I've never heard about a situation where somebody adopted in error. When people adopt, they go through a legal process up to the point that the government...actually have to come to your house to check whether you have everything in place, or the adoption board, they have to check that your house is in place; the rooms...everything is all set for this incoming adopted child. Adoption is not by error; people adopt by the time they've actually put everything in place. Now, the Bible uses the language of adoption for you. It says *You have received the spirit of adoption*... It means before you ever came into Christ, everything was set, everything was ready. That's why Jesus said on the cross, *It is finished!* It means when you come into the kingdom, there's nothing like God saying... God scratching His head and saying, *you know what, I forgot that you will need this or you will need that*—you have been adopted! The spirit we have is the spirit of adoption. It means before we ever came into Christ, everything was set; everything was ready. Now, that's the revelation we need to have anytime we approach the Father. Now, this is the system that God has used all the time, even if we go all the way back in creation to Adam. Have you noticed that God did not create Adam, Adam was not formed until everything was set. That is why... the bible made us to understand that when Adam was created, God told Adam, God said, *I have given you all the herb bearing-seed as food*. It means before Adam showed up on the scene, everything was set. And that's why Adam showed up on the sixth day, because on the day one to day 5, God took time to set everything in place. It was on the last day before God entered into rest that He made man. Now, that is a parable for you

Comment [13]: Added for smoother reading...

to understand that God did not bring man into existence until He's put everything in place. Even when there was a need for a woman—for Eve—when God found no helpmeet for Adam, have you noticed that God pulled the woman out of the Adam. It means everything was set even in Adam. Now, it's the same way God deals with us in Christ. It is the spirit of adoption that we have received. *Everything we need for life and godliness has been provided.* So anytime we approach the Father, we need to approach with the revelation that everything that we need has been provided. Now, if you wonder if the Father will tell the elder son, you see... because when I see the Father responding to the elder son, I wanted him to give the elder son a reason why he has been in the house and he has never had access to a young goat because that was the complain of the elder son. He's saying, *I've been in the house...* We don't know how old the elder son is. He could be 25 years. He could be 30 years or 35 years—I don't know how old the elder son is, but we don't know how long he has been stuck in not getting the young goat, but the father is saying to the elder son, *the reason you've had no access to a young goat, the reason nothing has been given to you in your own accusation is because you don't understand that all things are yours!* And I think this revelation have not sunk into the recess of the mentality of so many Christians. That's why the Father said *The reason you are stuck, the reason you keep complaining that you have no young goat is because you still don't get this into your understanding, you still don't get this revelation, you still don't get this ideology that everything that I have is yours.* And I think if Christians can spend their time, can spend their energy in understanding all the things that we have in Christ Jesus, that is the platform, that is the foundation to receive anything. Now, I think it's very possible that some people actually, they do know these things that we have in Christ Jesus; they know the things that God has freely given to us; in fact, the bible says in 1 Corinthians 2, *We have not received the wisdom which is of the world; we have received the wisdom which is of the Father that we might know the things that God has freely given us.* So Christians do know, but they are still not laying hold upon it. But if you don't know in the first place, you cannot lay hold on what you don't know. Now, I want us to think about this... Have we never wondered that if the elder son has been in the house for these so many years, how come the Father is not having mercy on this elder son to just force a—

Anchor Lady:—to force a kid on him—

Peter:—to just force a goat on his head... to put a young goat on his head? Now, in the kingdom of God, there are principles. There are concepts in the kingdom of God. God will not violate kingdom principles. The bible says in Psalms 138; it said *God has exalted His word far above His name.* It means that God Himself is subject to His word. And the earlier we understand how the word of God works, the more we can gain access to the depth of the riches that we have in Christ Jesus. The Father will not throw or force the young goat down the throat of the elder son. What the Father will want everyone to know is that we must approach God on the platform of understanding that all things are what? Are ours. Now, the reason why we might be stuck on so many things... the reason why we keep complaining that God has not given us could be this. Now, if you noticed, there is something that comes to my understanding

as we are talking... Errm, you see Christians praying about revival, you see Christians praying about 'God, move!' *God do something...* Now, you see, most of these prayers that we pray, the hidden fact behind those prayers is a bit accusational. Because we are busy saying, the reason why things are the way they are in our generation, or the reason our nation is the way our nation is or the reason the land... is because 'God has not given us'. God has not done what He should do. The father has not done His part and that's why we are the way we are, and we start accusing God and saying that the reason why things are the way they are is because God has not done His part, and that is far from the truth. That is not the truth of the scripture. You see, talking about the move of God in the land, I just... the story that comes to mind is Acts chapter 3. Look at Acts 3. The story of Peter and John at the gates of Beautiful. Now, viewers, we don't know how long this young man had been at the gate of Beautiful. Acts 3 tells us that they always bring this man to the gate of Beautiful everyday. Daily, they bring this man to the gate. Everyday, he was there... they put him there in the hope that somebody will give him something. Now, Peter and John, the bible says they went into the temple on this particular day as their custom was. Now, we don't know how long Peter and John had been going into the temple and nothing happened to this man. We don't know how long but the bible did say that was there custom. But you know what is amazing? Nothing happened to the lame man. Not because God had not done everything He had to do in Christ for this lame man to walk again because the Bible tells us that *by the stripes of Jesus, you were healed*. Now before I continue the story, do you know why it's a bit amazing for us Christians in our current generation? That we are supposed to look back on what Christ did, but in the time of Jesus, in fact, most of the healings that happened in the time of Jesus, people had to look forward to the stripes of Jesus. Look at that woman, that Syrophenician woman, when that woman claimed healing for her daughter, Matthew 15, I think verse 29; when that woman claimed healing for her daughter who was vexed with a devil, the reason why Jesus said He has never found such a great faith in what?

Anchor Lady:In Israel

Peter:...is because that woman looked ahead into the future of what Christ would do, of the stripes of Jesus, and she brought it from the future into the present. That's why Jesus Christ said... how can... that's why Jesus Christ called her a dog, because it was not yet time for the Gentiles to lay hold on the benefit of Christ because God had a plan that the Gentiles will come into that same benefit by the time this woman laid a hold upon that benefit, it was not time for the benefit to come. Now, Jesus Christ said He has not found such a great faith because a woman can look into the future and bring it all the way back into the present. But look at our generation, we are in a different situation; we are looking back into what Jesus Christ did. That's why 1 Peter 2:24 says *By His stripes, you WERE (past tense) healed!* Which one is easier; which one is harder? Is it to look back to what had happened or to look into the future? Now, listen. When Peter and John approached that lame man at the gate of Beautiful? What happened? (laughs) Everything had been the way it was until the day that Peter and John said, *We don't even have our money here; we don't even have any silver here; there is no gold here; but*

what we have in the name of Jesus, rise up and walk... and it says *We give unto you that which we have...* Think about it. It was the very time, the very season that Peter and John recognised and said *We have something!* There is something we have here; we have Christ here; there is something we have here...we have something. See, the confidence of knowing what we have—of knowing that all things are ours. So Peter and John said *That which we have, we give unto you...* This is not about boasting; this is not about pride. You need to know what you have. The very foundation of laying hold to what you have in Christ is knowing what it is in the first place. If you don't know what you have in the kingdom, you will keep accusing the Father of what he has not given to you. You need to know...

Anchor Lady:Philemon 1:6

Peter:Now, that's it. *Acknowledging every good thing you have in Christ Jesus.*

Anchor Lady:...if you don't acknowledge...?

Peter:If you are in a church gathering, or if you are among people or brethren where you don't share or understand the things that are yours in Christ, you are mortgaging—

Anchor Lady:your destiny

Peter:your ability to lay hold on everything that is yours in Christ Jesus. Listen, in verse 29, the reason why the elder son was stuck in Luke 15:29, For many years, he had no access to lay hold upon a young goat...and the father said the reason why he was stuck was because he didn't even understand that all things belong to him. That's what it says in verse 31. And the reason why so many Christians are stuck in being able to actually execute the call of God upon our lives, the reason why we have so much inadequacy, the reason why we have a sense of lack, the reason why we have a sense of limitation is simply because we do not have deep seated revelations of the things that God has given us; the implication of the life, the implication of the death, the implication of the resurrection of Jesus. What do these things mean for a Christians? The bible says *Christ in us, our hope of glory...* What is the weight of Christ that we have in us? In Ephesians 1:17, it says *The power that works in us is the same* (not something a bit below), *is the same power that raised Jesus from the dead.* How much of this understanding do we have? How much of this revelation do we have? How much of these perception do we have? If we don't know these things, if we don't understand these things, we will keep accusing the Father in the place of prayer and we will keep claiming *we don't have because You've not given us.* And this is what the Father was saying to the younger son, errm to the elder son. Now, there's something we need to clarify which is very very important. It doesn't matter how long you are going to pray; it doesn't matter how long you've been praying; you can pray from now till kingdom come, you can pray from now till eternity; it doesn't matter. You can be like the elderson who keeps complaining to the Father that reason he doesn't have access to a younger goat is because you never gave me. You can complain for as long as you want to complain, the Father has only one answer for you; the Father has only one response for you; the Father will tell you: *All things are yours!* Pray like that; talk like that; think like that; reason like that; talk to

me as a Father like that; talk to Me as someone that knows all things are yours; reason like that; this is what the Father will respond to—I mean, will reply to you. It doesn't matter how long you pray, the Father has only one response. Because, you see... I was waiting for the father to give a good response... to give a very logical response, and the only response the Father would give to the elder son is to say, *You don't know that all things are yours!* And, see, there's one thing I want us to think about. Even when you gave your life to Jesus; when you became born again, you are a child of God. Don't you understand that the day you gave your life to Jesus, you could have given your life to Jesus much more earlier than that. Or do we think the reason why you gave your life to Christ when you were 19 years old or 25 years old was because God was waiting and saying, *I'll wait till he gets to 25 years so that he can give his life to me?* That's not true. Titus 2:11 tells us that *The grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men* [chorused]... It means the grace of God that brought you salvation, the grace of God that brought me salvation has appeared to all men, now the reason why some people are not saved today is not because the grace has not appeared, the reason why some people are not saved is because they've not even heard, they don't even know that there's something available. I know some people have heard but they have rejected it, but there are still people who have not even heard about such a grace, people who have not even known such a grace existed, and as long as they don't know about it, they cannot receive it and if they cannot receive it, it means to those people, it's as good as Christ not resurrecting. It's the same thing that applies to you as a Christian if you want to receive anything from God. What you don't know, what you don't know you cannot lay hold on it in Christ Jesus. That is why in 1 Corinthians 9, there's a particular verse there where it says about the fact that *You've excelled in revelation, you've excelled in faith and in utterance*, but it says *see to it that you excel in this grace also*. It means, what we don't know ... you see, Paul met some Christians in Acts, I think Acts 19, he met them. These Christians, they've actually...they were born again under John the Baptist...teaching—under the teaching of John the Baptist. And they've not up-to-that-point before Paul met them received the Holy Spirit baptism. And the Apostle Paul asked them, *Ever since you believed, have you received the Holy Ghost?* Hear what they told Paul. They said *We've not even heard about the Holy Ghost... We didn't even know that there's something beyond just baptism*. Now, if they've not even heard about the Holy Ghost, if they've not heard something beyond John's baptism...

Anchor Lady:how will they...

Peter:Do you know that was the reason why they've not had the Holy Spirit baptism—they've not even heard... Now, I'm not sure about if you understand the implication of that statement... to say that some people were stuck and could not receive the Holy Ghost baptism because they've not even heard about the Holy Ghost. Now, the same thing applies to us for every benefit of the cross of Christ Jesus, every benefit of redemption in Christ Jesus, if you've not heard, if you don't know, you cannot...

Anchor Lady:...receive it

Peter:you cannot benefit from it. So, the elder son was being told by the father, the reason why you have no young goat is simply because you don't even understand the revelation of the fact that everything I have is yours. What we don't know, we cannot lay hold on. What we don't know we cannot receive. So I think in our Christian life, we spend much time...

Anchor Lady:...to know...

Peter:we dissipate more energy, of our bible devotion, of our exhortation to begin to decode to begin to break down the implication of the life of Christ that we have in our Spirit, the implication of the death of Jesus, the implication of the resurrection of Christ, the implication of Christ in us our hope of glory, if we begin to spend more time to understand these things, there will be a great revolution. Now, for some of the prayer we are praying for, praying for God to do that, praying for God to do this, in most of these things, God is the one waiting on us. Now, before we round up, you see, back to my story of Acts 3 of Peter, have you noticed that Peter and John were not praying for revival? When Peter and John told that man at the gate of Beautiful and they said that, *That which we have, in the name of Jesus, rise up and walk...* When they rose up and begin to walk... when the man rose up and begin to walk, they had all the revival they needed. In fact, so many people came to the xxx and there was such a great revival. In fact, the same thing applies to us as well. You see, most of the prayers we pray today accusing God and saying the reason why we are like this is because You have not given us; if we would stand up to know what we have...

Anchor Lady:...acknowledge...

Peter:If we acknowledge what we have, our faith will become effectual. That's why Philemon... it says, I pray that there will be what?

Anchor Lady:...communication...

Peter:...that your communication of your faith might become effectual by the acknowledgement of every good thing that we have in Christ Jesus. If we will start to acknowledge every good thing we have in Christ Jesus, if we say things like *I am no longer under Law but under grace, therefore sin shall have no dominion over me...* If we say things like *All things I need for life and godliness, God has given to me...* If we say things like, *My God supplies all my needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus...* If we say things like *We are seated with Christ in the heavenly places...*

Anchor Lady:*far above!*

Peter:If we say things like *We are blessed with all spiritual blessings...* If we say things like... you know, when we begin to say these things, when we begin to acknowledge these things, the Bible says, our faith will become effectual. We will begin to experience these things.

Anchor Lady:For emphasis sake, I will like to bring out those two things that you said, the story of the Syrophenician woman, the one that was able to reach out into the future to bring healing...

Peter:yeah, to bring healing back into the present...

Anchor Lady:and why we don't need to do as much as it; and that reminds me of the... of the psalms. David in Psalms 103 was laying hold of all those benefits beyond salvation; some are only stuck. Some have only received salvation, the benefit of divine health... you know he was saying renewal of the flesh... filling all his mouth with good things. Those were the benefits someone was reaching for even when Jesus Christ was not yet...

Peter:Jesus was... even the stripes... even though, the bible says *Jesus was crucified from the foundation of the earth*, but we need to understand one thing; even in Matthew 8:16-17, the bible says *They brought unto him those who were under the power of devils and with His word, he cast out the spirit and He brought healing to those who were sick so that he might fulfil that which was spoken by the mouth of Isaiah the prophet that surely, He has taken away our infirmities and carried away our diseases...* Now, in Matthew 8:16, Jesus had not yet been beaten with stripes; Jesus had not yet been to the cross, but, see, right from that time in Matthew 8:16-17, the bible says the reason why Jesus healed men is because *By His stripes, we were healed*. So, if people in the Gospels could look forward to what Jesus would do on the cross, if they could look forward to the stripes in the future even though Christ had not been beaten with...had not received stripes, they looked forward to what Jesus would do on the cross, what about we that we are looking backwards to what Christ did on the cross? We are even looking backwards. They looked forward and they got it. Look at what David even said, David said in Psalm 103, he said *Bless the Lord, Oh my soul and don't forget his benefits...who heals your diseases...who forgives your sins...* Even David had to look into the future, you see, how is it hard for us as Christians to look back into what Christ did, and like we said before, 1 Peter 2:24 says... it didn't say *by His stripes you are healed*, it says *by His stripes you WERE healed* because the bible was not telling us to look forward to what Jesus did; he was telling us to look backwards and lay hold on life eternal. And you see, this would take us from this elder son mentality where we keep saying *You have not given me* and we will change our tone and say *Father, thank you that all things that You have is mine, and I'm gonna express all of those things...* And that's why the Bible says we are joint heirs with Christ; we are co-heirs with Christ. Now this is the understanding we need to have and it's going to revolutionise everything about us if we come to the Father with this understanding.

Anchor Lady:I can boldly say from today, our audience will not be saying, nobody who has heard us today will be saying *You have not given me* anymore...

Peter:it's wrong to say *You've not given me*.

Anchor Lady:Well, all we've been saying is that we have been given ALL THINGS [chorused]...ALL THINGS

Peter:all things that has to do with life and godliness, the father has given it unto us.

Anchor Lady:So, thank you for joining us today; I want to say a special welcome to those people who join us today and those new set of people who joined us last week, we want to say if we've been blessed by it, we want to say there's more to where those came from, so we can sit back and listen to our previous episodes. So tomorrow, same time, we will be having...we will be continuing on this series. And the little consolation from the story of the elder son is like he already knew, he doesn't have a problem that the father does not even have, He doesn't have the ting, you know some don't even know that the Father has. He was just saying *You have, but You have not given me...* you know some people have a deeper problem, deeper issue than the elder brother... they don't even know that the Father owns things.

Peter:You see, there's one thing that is quite interesting in that story? How come the Father was telling the elder son what was obvious to the elder son? You see...

Anchor Lady:I don't think we can continue on this, I think we have to leave that. We leave that till tomorrow. So we will be expecting your comments; we'll be expecting you to join us same time tomorrow. So till tomorrow, please, stay in the knowledge that all things are yours.

Peter:hmmm... amen! So, thank you. Byeeee

Anchor Lady:Byeeee