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- I. A Revelation Driven Life
 - a. Social Post: *I won't lie and say I've ever felt or heard God in my life. I was programmed to believe he talks back but honestly. Not to me. So I don't believe.*
 - i. This was from a thread where she was celebrating her future in Hell and couldn't wait to confront God and tell him off.
 - ii. What she didn't understand is the level of pursuit and consecration required to regularly hear God's voice.
 - b. 100% effective prayer results when we pray what God wants instead of what we want.
 - i. This is why three things are critical for Christians:
 - 1. Believing the Word of God
 - 2. Praying in tongues
 - 3. Prophecy
 - c. I'm convinced the only way to consistently hear God's voice is if we are living holy lives, walking in the Spirit and praying in the Spirit.
 - i. Radical surrender
 - ii. Radical intimacy
 - iii. Radical holiness
 - iv. Radical faith
 - v. Radical endurance
 - vi. Radical baptism in fire
 - vii. Radical warfare
 - d. It's worth it!
 - i. A revelation driven life will result in absolutely incredible encounters.
 - ii. So many are crying out for God to manifest in the natural realm, while He is calling us to manifest in His supernatural realm!
 - e. Story of frustrating prayer
 - i. God told me, "Your prayer is doing damage."
 - 1. My prayer was hindering me.
 - 2. God said, "Without faith it is impossible to please Me." He added, "Doubt in prayer will ensure that prayer goes unanswered."
 - 3. God asked me why I was praying for something that was already promised in His Word. He has promised to supply all of my needs according to His riches in glory. The very act of asking God for my needs to be met revealed my lack of faith in trusting that it has already been done! I was attempting to convince God to do something that He

already had resolved! My prayer evidenced my doubt which resulted in my prayer being unanswered.

4. The Bible reveals, as a man thinks in his heart, so is he (Proverbs 23:7). Doubt was in my heart. It also reveals that out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks (Matthew 12:34). I was speaking unbelief. Finally, the Bible reveals that the power of life and death are in the tongue (Proverbs 18:21). The unbelief in my heart was manifesting as decrees of death over my finances! It would have been better if I didn't pray at all.
 - a. Doubt and revelation are competing forces.
 - b. "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them." (Mark 11:24)
 - c. No begging, no coercing, no convincing, no doubting is allowed in prayer!
- f. Acts 16:6-10 (NIV) – *"⁶ Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. ⁷ When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. ⁸ So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. ⁹ During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' ¹⁰ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them."*
 - i. This is the revelation driven life.
 - ii. How can we do this?
- g. Revelation 1:10 (NKJV) – *"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,"*
- h. Luke 12:11-12 (NKJV) – *"¹¹ Now when they bring you to the synagogues and magistrates and authorities, do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say. ¹² For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say."*
 - i. How powerful is this!
- i. 1 Corinthians 2:9-10,14 (NKJV) – *"⁹ But as it is written: 'Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.' ¹⁰ But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God... ¹⁴ But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."*
 - i. The Christian life is a deeply intimate and experiential one.
 1. An experience with God will often defy logical explanation.

- j. In the West, people often find themselves processing truth in reverse.
 - i. Dings vs Groans
 - 1. Ding! That makes sense! I can take notes! Teach that! Let's see how that works in my life on a practical level.
 - 2. Groans! It's so deep! It's transforming! God is amazing! Tongues!
 - ii. "Intimacy based intercession" results in the Bride of Christ ruling with Jesus.
 - 1. Deep intimacy, revelation, agreement, intercession
 - k. Again: 1 Corinthians 2:14 (NKJV) – *"¹⁴ But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."*
 - i. It's important to discover the wonder of spiritual discernment.
 - ii. We'll see in this next verse that our calling hinges on it.
 - l. Romans 8:26-28 (NKJV) – *"²⁶ Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. ²⁷ Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."*
 - i. Our data is limited – we don't know what we should pray – but, as we go to the place of experiencing God and allowing Him to flow and pray through us, we will discover deep love and fulfilled callings!
 - ii. We have to discover the wonder of moving from the groan to the ding!
 - 1. Let God burn in you in ways that go beyond your human experience, and then ask the Teacher, the Holy Spirit, to turn the groan into a ding!
 - 2. This is impartation!
 - m. 1 John 2:20 (NKJV) – *"But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things."*
 - i. This is a powerful verse!
 - ii. It's not that we mentally know it all, but the teacher abides in us and is working in such a way that truth and revelation is right there all the time!
 - iii. The cry, the groan, intercession, declaration is how that truth is embraced.
 - n. 1 John 2:27 (NKJV) – *"But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him."*
 - i. This doesn't mean that we don't need teachers, but rather, that every pure thing that is being taught is already dwelling within you!
 - ii. This is the power of revelation!
- II. Issue vs Principle vs Revelation Driven Life

- a. To hear God's voice is not only exhilarating, it is deeply important.
 - i. Literally, without exaggeration, eternity for many people in our lives hangs in the balance.
 - ii. A continual, never ceasing, prophecy-driven life is deeply critical!
 - b. 1 Corinthians 14:1 (NIV) – *“Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy.”*
 - i. Prophecy is information from God.
 - ii. As we live our lives based on this continual flow of information, everything is different.
 - c. Three primary dimensions believers tend to live their lives in:
 - i. Issue Driven life
 - ii. Principle Driven life
 - iii. Revelation Driven life
 - d. The church must transition from issue driven to revelation driven.
 - i. Revelation 1:10 gives us the secret – “I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and behold I saw.”
 - ii. To move into this dimension of supernatural revelation requires a reformation in the church.
- III. Issue Driven Life
- a. Too many believers live their entire life on the earth as an issue driven life.
 - i. Their pursuit of God is most often a reaction to their struggles in life.
 - 1. Ephesians 5:15-17 (NIV) – *“¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.”*
 - ii. If our question as a believer is “How can my life be made better by including God in it?” we will never advance beyond a life of continual frustration and struggle.
 - iii. The Word tells us to understand what the Lord's will is.
 - iv. Those that live an issue driven life live primarily on human energy and with human perception.
 - b. Mark 5:35-36 (NKJV) – *“^b While He was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?” ³⁶ As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, “Do not be afraid; only believe.”*
 - i. We are called to live according to a different set of senses.
 - c. Matthew 8:26 (NKJV) – *“But He said to them, “Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?” Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.”*

- i. If we walked in the Spirit, we would have answer after answer before we even petition God at all!
 - d. 1 Corinthians 1:25 (NKJV) – *“Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.”*
- IV. Principle Driven Life
 - a. A principle driven life is a very good life to live.
 - i. However, it's simply a platform, a foundation.
 - ii. As we come to a place of maturity, we understand we don't have all the answers.
 - 1. We have no choice but to embrace the answers in the Word.
 - b. Psalms 119:71-72 (NKJV) – *“⁷¹ It is good for me that I have been afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes. ⁷² The law of Your mouth is better to me Than thousands of coins of gold and silver.”*
 - c. Psalms 119:162 (NKJV) – *“I rejoice at Your word As one who finds great treasure.”*
 - d. Psalms 86:11 (NKJV) – *“Teach me Your way, O Lord; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name.”*
 - e. Tithing is a great example.
 - i. An issue driven life will resist a life of financial giving.
 - ii. A principle driven life will push through the struggle and embrace the principle.
 - iii. A revelation driven life takes it to a whole different level.
 - f. If Amy and I would have been living an issue driven life, we would have quit after having our house was robbed in Kansas City and returned to Colorado Springs.
 - g. If we had lived a principle driven life alone, we would never have left Colorado Springs because the work in Manitou Springs was not completed.
 - h. However, God imparted revelation and told me not to connect the dots.
- V. Revelation Driven Life
 - a. This comparison between the issue driven life, principle driven life and revelation driven life is all about how we respond to situations.
 - i. It's important to make decisions with the best information possible.
 - ii. This comes from a place of vulnerable, deep and continual intimacy with the lover of our souls.
 - b. With the Pray! Event, I would have responded differently if I was an issue driven person or only a principle driven person... but with precise data I was able to respond precisely.
 - i. Share story if time allows.
 - c. As we start as a church to walk in the Spirit, see in the Spirit, and hear in the Spirit, we will experience perpetual miracles.
 - d. Daniel 2:22 (NKJV) – *“²² He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, And light dwells with Him.”*
 - i. Hours of intercession becomes exhilarating when it's fueled by revelation.



- ii. When the cry of our heart is to discover the cry of God's heart, life in the invisible realm of prayer ramps up powerfully.
- iii. I believe the church will become the thrill ride that it's meant to be when it becomes predominantly a prophetic movement.
- iv. Praying prayers into the nether regions without at least a low level of supernatural insight is a frustrating activity. It's a prime reason many people are resistant to a life of prayer.
 - 1. Job 11:7 (NIV) – *"Can you fathom the mysteries of God? Can you probe the limits of the Almighty?"*
 - 2. Romans 11:33 (NIV) – *"Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!"*
 - 3. Story of being demonized at T-Mobile

VI. Conclusion

- a. Revelation Driven Prayer changes everything.
- b. We need revelation driven lives, revelation driven churches, revelation driven everything!