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Queensland Brisbane (Logan)

23rd - 24th February 2007

To book in phone Pam Hardy 0428 474 940

Cost is \$10.00 registration + \$10.00 for lunch

Speakers: Kim Hammond, Kevin Wilcock, Larry Taylor, Dave Fenton & Ken Robinson

NSW - Newcastle & Port Stephens

Prophetic & Apostolic Conference

29th to 31st March 2007

To book in phone Café Church 4981 9339

Cost is \$10.00 registration + \$10.00 for lunch on Friday

Speakers: Peter Vacca, Kevin Wilcock, Robert Homes, Martyn Webb & Others

Youth Leaders Conference

Saturday 21st April 2007

10:00am to 2:00pm @ Newcastle Life Church

Speaker: Rob Allen

Cost: \$10.00

Wollongong

18th & 19th May 2007

To book in phone Central Church on 4226 6366

Cost is \$10.00 registration + \$10.00 for lunch

Speakers: Martin Webb, Kevin Wilcock & Gary Althorp

Newcastle

5th to 6th October

Life Church on 4961 0211

GLOBE REACH CONFERENCES

Philippines

9th - 10th February 2007

Contact Ken Gibson

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Speakers: Kev Wilcock

Ken Robinson

Myanmar - Burma

20th - 21st March 2007

Contact Kevin Wilcock

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Cambodia

30th to 31st May 2007 (TBC)

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Any senior ministers wanting to come and minister at these conferences or anyone wanting to support Kevin on these trips, please phone him on 0407 467 798

The cost of each Asian is approximately \$3000.00.

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Next Friends in Ministry

NEWCASTLE Re Inventing Church

When: Monday 26th February 2007

Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Where: 15 Denison Street, Newcastle West

Speaker: Kim Hammond & Kevin Wilcock

To Book: Ph 4961 0211

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Men's day Conferences

Newcastle Spirit, Soul & Body

Saturday 4th August 2007

9:00am - 2:00pm @ Life Church Ph 4961 0211

Speakers: Col Stringer (Spiritual manhood)

Kevin Wilcock (Soul Therapy)

Shane Johns (Fit at Fifty)

Alan Bailey (Improving your sex life)

Shellharbour

Friday 28th & Saturday 29th August 2007

South Coast City Church - Shellharbour

Speakers: Col Stringer

David Fenton

Kevin Wilcock

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WARNINGS Part 2

Breaking Spiritual Strongholds

During the holiday break I was watching graphic footage of boxing day Tsunami disaster as it was the second anniversary. Information of the new warning systems were shown and was stated it would have spared thousands, even the system they had would have saved lives if they had paid attention to it and not ignored it.

It really got me thinking about all the people over the years throughout the body of Christ who have:

abandoned the faith (1Timothy 6:21).

Wandered from the faith (1Timothy 6:21)

Turned away from the faith (Matthew 24:10)

Shipwrecked their faith (1Timothy 1:19)

Or destroyed the faith of another (2Timothy 2:19)

It got me wondering how many people could have been spared if they had just been warned, taught and made aware of false teachers, prophets, deceiving spirits, myths, endless genealogy, controversies, false doctrines and truth that has been slightly distorted or taken further than God intended (1Corinthians 4:6) in order to draw people after themselves (Acts 20:30).

Spiritual Strongholds

Ephesians 6:12, 2Corinthians 10:36, 1 Timothy 4:1.

The scriptures clearly say that there are spiritual powers, deceiving spirits and forces of darkness operating around us and endeavouring to build strongholds within our heart and mind that set themselves up against the knowledge of God. That is why one of the biggest battles for a believer is the battle of the heart and mind. One of those strongholds that wedges itself very firmly into the very fabric of society is the spirit of Jezebel.

The Spirit of Jezebel

This spirit is born out of weak and wrong leadership within men whether it be in the work place, marriage, family, church or community. This poor role model and leader within their arena has caused a deficit within people allowing other subtle things to rise like:

Feminism

Control

Manipulation

Intimidation
Distorted acts of sexuality
Gender confusion

The end result causing marriages, family and relational break-ups, and church and business division. That is why in Revelation 2:10 God warns us about tolerating the spirit of Jezebel within our churches.

So Who was Jezebel

She was first mentioned in 1 Kings 16:31 - 33. Jezebel was the daughter of Ethbaal who was a priest of Baal and also King of Sidon. He was a cruel and vicious man that ascended to the throne by assassinating his own brother. Sidon was considered a vile place, even by pagans. The Romans were even shocked by the sexual perversion and brutality of the Baalism at Carthage.

Jezebel was born and brought up in this culture and was certainly out to promote it. She married Ahab who she quickly controlled for her own purposes. (1Kings 21:25 - 26).

Personally Speaking

For a while, I didn't really think much to the whole Jezebel thing. I thought it was an overrated story in the Old testament that Christians were reading too much into. That was until I started pastoring churches and overseeing people. I began to realise that the spirit of Jezebel is alive and well in the twenty first century. It's been a real education. Let me share some of it.

If you know of anyone that fits the following description:-

- People who have an inner desire to control everything and everybody around them;
- People who continue to get their way every time through intimidation, speaking loudly and aggressively until everyone else cowers and lets him/her have his/her way even though they may not agree.
- People who are so manipulative in your office, they get their way by manipulating other people in order to get what they want and in the way they want.
- Wives who do not respect or submit to their husbands but ruthlessly domineer over them;
- People who isolate themselves and just seek their own gain (proverbs 18)

Then you can be sure that the spirit of Jezebel is operating in our society. The spirit of Jezebel is a spirit of aggression, intimidation, control and manipulation and a spirit of false worship. In regard to Control, even though Ahab married Jezebel it wasn't long before he was a puppet in her hand. (1 Kings 21:25-26) Control is the foundation of cultish behaviour. It brings bondage and co-dependency and the loss of freedom. God never operates like that, He:-

Leads
Guides
Encourages and even
Corrects

But He never controls. In regard to manipulation this is how control is achieved. Jezebel did it with Naboth the Jezreelite who was manipulated to sell his vineyard (1 Kings 21:8-10). She even used spirituality to do it as seen in (Acts 16:16-18).

In regards to intimidation Jezebel did this to Elijah in (1Kings 19:1-3), all this was done to silence the prophet (who spoke the Word of God). Just like with John the Baptist who spoke the Word of God into the very core of society, advancing the Kingdom on earth. The words he spoke reached the common person to the priests, the roman soldier to the very throne of Herrod, who's morality was challenged.

Herodias, Herod's wife was outraged and at an opportune time when Herodias' daughter was dancing before the King, he offered her up to half the Kingdom. What did she ask for? What her mother wanted, the head of John the Baptist on a platter. She wanted the Word of God silenced in the land. (Mark 6:17-28). The spirit of Jezebel wanted to silence the prophet and emasculate pastors and leaders, causing the church to be like Samson:-

- Bound from the purposes of God;
- Void of Power; and
- Walking in circles Judges 16:21

How the Jezebel Spirit works and came to be.

Does the Jezebel Spirit always work through the female gender? No, it can also manifest through men. (3John 9), but for reasons mentioned earlier, single women or women married to weak husbands or under weak leadership are more susceptible.

One thing worse than a spirit of Jezebel is the Ethbaal and Ahab that created and caused it. Ethbaal was not a great father. He created wrong worship, lifestyle motivation and attitude with his daughter. The fatherless ness that she lived under would have created a major deficit in her life that she filled with the wrong stuff. As fathers we have a major responsibility to raise our children as whole and complete as we possibly can. (Psalm 78:1-8).

Ahab was not a great husband. He was a man that just wanted to keep the peace at any cost. In Ephesians 5:22 it speaks of wives submitting to husbands. This was not an old fashion instruction or a suggestion but it went hand in hand with husbands loving their wives. In an environment like that there is incredible release and empowerment within a marriage.

The Ephesus church was a tough environment. A strong sense of feminism seen in some of Paul's instructions to Timothy. 1Timothy 2:8-15 and 1Timothy 4:6-15. Whether part of this problem was that previous to this the city worshipped the Goddess Dianna, a multi breasted God of which the city made a living from making Idol statues of her. (Acts 19)

There is an interesting verse in 1Timothy 2:12 "*I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent.*" The word authority used in this verse in the Greek language means: "to ruthlessly domineer over a man." Personally, I think there is nothing uglier except for a man doing the same thing.

However, there is nothing more beautiful than to see a woman leading with the right kind of authority in her sphere of influence and calling of which there are many great examples today in society and in the church.

Women that know the authority they are under have authority. Whenever in the bible it mentions a woman's leadership it mentions her headship, e.g.

Debra - Judges 4:4
Miriam - Exodus 15:20
Priscilla - Acts 18:18

You cannot get totally upset at a person with a Jezebelic nature or spirit. I feel a little sad that the root cause came from:-

- Fatherless ness
- Absence of Leadership
- Hurt
- Rejection
- Insecurity

But while feeling sorry for them, I will not tolerate that spirit or nature because this spirit and nature operating in hurt people, will hurt people by:-

Destroying marriages and families
Ruining businesses
Dividing churches and
Corrupting communities

How to break strongholds

1. Be aware that we are in a spiritual battle
Ephesians 6:10-12 & 2Corinthians 10:3-5.
1. Realise our weapons are divine and supernatural. They are:-
 - The Word of God
 - The name of Jesus
 - The blood of Jesus
 - The finished Word of the Cross
 - Our faith
 - Repentance
 - Walking in the truth
 - Unity
 - Prayer and its many aspects
3. To break these strongholds we must:-
 - Live right roles
 - Keep a good attitude
 - Don't give the devil a foothold or opportunity

Ephesians 4:25-28

Love Kevin

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