

Tale of Three Kings *Slide Notations*

The "Steward!"

Not his kingdom... No real power... Serves because it's "profitable," willing to sacrifice nothing *but* others! Undone by worldly ambition, conflict, fear, competition, injury, stress... Manifests bad decisions, blindness, blame casting, impulsiveness, "me"-ness," discouragement, helplessness, hopelessness... (bad clothes too!) Needs to be saved, moved, shot!

Wiener's are plentiful on the planet... But they are not the majority!

The "King!"

Has a crown and a throne... and a "four corners" mentality. Game Boy "In it" if it helps him/cause... willing to sacrifice *anyone* to win, but only *self sacrificing* w/others... Undone by self doubt, disbelief, lack of understanding, indecision, despondency, premature judgment... Needs reassurances, help to be brought back to the point/courage, heroes in the background, lots of delivering grace!

Whiner's are definitely the most plentiful on the planet... But they are not the most valuable!

"The" King!

Has a heart for the whole kingdom... "fully engaged" because it's right... rallies others who are of the same ilk... willing to sacrifice self for others/*before* others... "Undone" only by deference...

Decisive, *offensive*, informed, bold, eye for the "momentary" need, inspiring, honest, hope-full, magnetic... Needs to make a way/difference, save lives, take place w/Father's before him...

Winner's are definitely the minority on earth... But let them be found in abundance right here!

Of Three Kings... We need to be, can be, like the last... *Sold out unto the end!* Not undone by people/events/circumstances.

Nothing worse than a Christian who has forgotten Christ is...

Redeemer, restorer, Resurrector!

Too many Christians undone by everything around us!

The only thing... That should undo us is deference to the One above us!

Isaiah; "woe is me..." Peter; "depart from me, I am sinful..." Jairus; "saw Him and fell at His feet..."

Syrophenician; "fell at His feet..." Leper; "on his face, at his feet..."

Paul; "trembling, what must I do..." John; "fell at His feet as one dead..."

We need to be turned around! Still undone by everything *but God!* *Are you undone in His presence? Are you standing forgiven or defiant? Covered in grace/shielded hardness? What undoes you? World issues/events? Money issues/stress? Possessions/desires? End times issues/King returning?*

Lots of confusion... About the End times scenario's

Are we going to be here for the *Tribulation*? How bad will it be? What will things be like? Will I make it? What about the Rapture?

Whole idea of last days/events has real potential to shake people up...

Week Events that can shake us up...

Parents charged w/negligent homicide/daughter who died... Faith/understanding defective/Open door to judge our practices

Miley Cyrus pictures released. She's sorry... and I believe her! But another believer moved off base by money and fame!

Famous family of musicians, Christians appeared on Oprah. She asked, "What keeps your family grounded?" Not a mention of Jesus!

Credit Card companies have *a plan!* Watch for new raise in "late pay" penalty/interest rates – *pay early!*

10% income now spent on energy! \$4 gal gas AND a rise in consumption! \$9 European gas prices/coming to US

2 Brothers retrofit Prius w/3rd energy source/get 100mpg!

Montana coal plant can produce synthetic oil/supply 200 yrs gas!

Foreclosures higher rate/expected: Florida, 1:98; Arizona, 1:95; California, 1:78; Nevada, 1:54!

States torn by odd weather

CW Network/Gossip Girls campaign/ "OMFG!" *Target? 10-14 yr olds!*

Local school: group of teens go off on a teacher a la Peretti novel

What does it take? To not be moved in lionized times/ world crises/end time events?

Words of God in us! Written: "by them we become partakers of His Divine nature..."

Spoken: "Sons of God are led by the Spirit"

Network of Brothers/Sisters! Life meant to be lived in intimacy w/Him and fellowship w/each other!

Attitude of Positive-hopelessness! "I am absolutely hopeless w/out Him!" "My hope is in nothing other than Him!" "Nothing to do but die and see Him!"

Holy Spirit! intimacy w/God comes by Holy Spirit! Why there's been so much confusion!

The Holy Spirit... The Comforter, in times of duress! The Companion, never leaves! The Counselor, in dark confusion! The Discerner, against deceptions! The Teacher, fulfillment/ knowledge! The Inspirer, for verbal readiness! The Foretaste, of the life ahead! The Intercessor, warfare pray-er!

We have yet to see the full potency and performance of the Holy Spirit...

But the times coming before Jesus does will show Him in new light!

So settle your heart... No *cheap* answer to standing like a winner in the face of disasters, tragedies, even *deaths*, with the ability to honestly worship God! The Words of God! The Family of God/Body of Christ! Life built on nothing else! The Holy Spirit!

The Words of God...

Stroke your hunger, by the pains you feel not having answers... Make preparation, to gather together the "stuff" for your feast... Set aside the time and place to eat to the full... Invite the One and Only dinner guest to your feast!

The Family/Body of God... Find your place in the family and work to make it functional!

"love one another" is a command! "speak the truth/love" is a method! "perfecting the saints" is the goal! Find your place in the Body and begin the "workout" for health! Connected to the most beautiful Head Let's stop making Him weak/plegic

Positive Hopelessness... Whatever else you have as a source of hope to lean on... Makes "it" the target of the enemy! If he takes "it" he has you! He doesn't allow for happiness/joy! Makes "it" a target for God! If He takes "it" you have Him! He doesn't allow idols that steal true happiness/joy

The Holy Spirit... Prepare yourself for an encounter with the dynamic personality of the Godhead! What you take for granted, can dilute you to nothing! What you don't know about Him can hurt you deeply! What we haven't seen of Him will help us completely!

No cheap answers... To being a winner when we face the coming of our King! Your heart will have to be focused on Him and your mission! You will you have to know what to expect and how to respond! You will you have to be "real" and faithful to the end!

"the day and hour the Son of man comes, no man knows..." But he who says, "there is plenty of time for me before the coming of the Son of Man... is a deceived and cut off servant... a foolish and unwise bride... a wicked steward... so... be doers of the Word, continuing in it, not being forgetful of it, and you will be blessed!

Jesus saved us from death and hell... to engage an enemy for the souls of men... He promised to resource us on the way and decorate us another day... He prayed and prays that our faith doesn't fail... that we are kept from the evil in the world... and sanctified by His truth... He gave us the Holy Spirit to make His prayer sure...

The only thing left is your decision... Steward, in it for the benefits... King, in it to win it as long as it doesn't cost too much... KING, in it, because it's right, and it's where He wants you...