

## Releasing Creativity

### Example:

- Mothers co-laboring with God to birth a child
- Scientists don't know what triggers birth
- Renaissance and the Bible
- At the turn of the 20th century (the 1900's) it was publicized "everything that can be invented has now been."

Then came Azusa Street

### I. We have to know who we are in order to co-labor with God.

- A.
1. Servants – obedience
  2. Friends – insight
  3. Sons – expression
    - i.e. Adam named the animals (Name = character)
- B. The misunderstanding of:  
 "none of me – all of you"
- a. John's statement concerning his OT ministry – "He would increase, I would decrease."
  - b. God had none of us before we were born and He didn't like it.

I Cor 3:9 "For we are God's *fellow workers*;  
 You are God's field, you are God's building.

KJ says "labours together"

Greek root is where we get the word "synergy" – "*The interaction of two or more agents or forces so that their combined effects is greater than the sum of their individual effects.*"

- He is in me as a river not a lake; and He wants out and that which is manifested is creativity.
- Religious traditions (Jesus said have made the word of God of no affect) exist by falling into a rut and are a result of the lack of creativity.

II. God is glorified when you are creative.

Daniel 1:19-20 And the king spoke with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king. And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm.

Daniel 2:27-28 Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king has demanded the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, and the soothsayers, cannot show unto the king; But there is a God in heaven that reveals secrets, and makes known to king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, are these;

From shepherders to craftsmen:

Ex.31:1-5 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: "See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. And I have **filled him with the Spirit of God**, in **wisdom**, in **understanding**, in knowledge, and in all *manner of* **workmanship**, to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze, in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all *manner of* workmanship.

1<sup>st</sup> reference of being filled with the Spirit of God

**Wisdom:** to fulfill His instructions

**Understanding:** to solve the projects complex problems

**Workmanship:** skill to accomplish the task with accuracy and excellence

We are created to be creative:

Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

B. Creative expression causes a response

1. Art creates an emotion

a. What if that response is spiritual?

b. It was for the Queen of Sheba – she glorified God when she saw Solomon's temple.

C. Because the devil can not create, co-laboring creativity is a spiritual weapon.

1. Spiritual battle – send out the choir
2. Zechariah 1:18-21 Then I lifted up my eyes, and saw, and behold four horns. And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What are these? And he answered me, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem. And the LORD showed me four craftsmen. Then said I, What are these coming to do? And he spoke, saying, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man did lift up his head: but these have come to terrify them, to cast out the horns of the nations, who lifted up their horn over the land of Judah to scatter it.

Horns – authorities that brought division; the four craftsmen stopped the scattering.

### III. How to release creativity

Romans 12:3-6 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, **let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith;**

Know your grace, to think outside the grace on your life is to think more highly.

Verse 6 faith and grace together = creativity

2 Cor 6:1 as workers together (co-laborers) with Him receive not the grace of God in vain.

1 Corinthians 3:6-9 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that plants anything, neither he that waters; but God that gives the increase. Now he that plants and he that waters are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are laborers together with God: you are God's field, you are God's building.

Paul had *grace for planting* (apostolic); Apollos had *grace for watering* (the prophetic)

Because they had faith for their grace, God gave them increase.  
( God gives increase to grace operating through Faith)

Example of the apostolic and prophetic working together – synergy.

B. Discovering your grace and gifting  
grace = empowering

The power of God to be all you are called to Be and to do all you are called to Do.

1. The witness of grace
2. The gathering of grace
3. The experiment of grace
4. The inspiration of grace