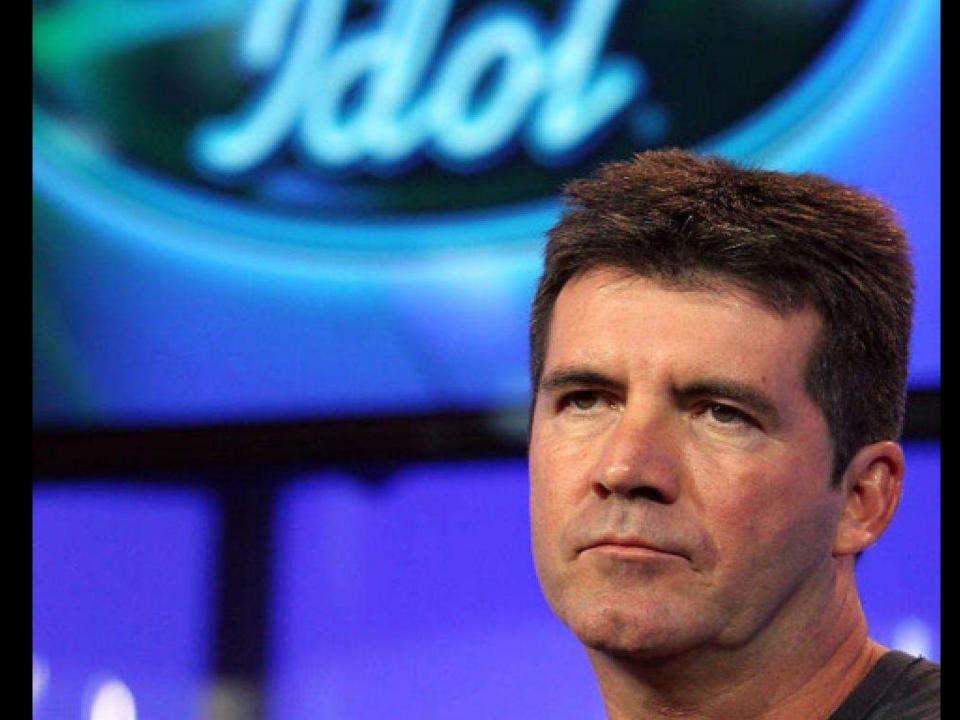
Katalyst Church



A Revolution of Love







As Jesus was traveling, two blind men followed him, shouting, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"

When he had gone into the house, the blind men came to him.

Jesus asked them, "Do you believe I can do this?"
They told him, "Yes, Lord!"

Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith, let it be done for you!" And their eyes were opened.

Matthew 9:27-30

The fundamental question of Jesus is no different today

Do you really believe He can do it?

Embedded in this story are the two most potent and indicative words of Christian faith.

YES LORD

Potent: because saying YES to Jesus is:

- 1. Affirming our allegiance Kingship
- 2. Qualifying our perspective Servants
- 3. Proclaiming our surrender Obedience
- 4. Activating our intent Follow
- 5. Demonstrating our trust Faith in Christ

Indicative: because it exposes the state of our heart

- 1. Fervour Passion toward the possibilities in God
- 2. Faith Lip service to our belief system

The danger is that we can say yes with our mouths but no with our hearts

There was a man who had two sons.

He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.' "No,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

"Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'Yes sir,' but he did not go.

"Which of the two did what his Father wanted?" "The first," they answered. Matthew 21: 28-32 Our Father who is in Heaven.....

It's the response every Father wants to see in and hear from his Children

YES

"yes, Lord, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you; your name & renown are the desire OF OUR hearts. " - Isaiah 26:8 Enculturation = the process by which people learn the requirements of their surrounding culture and acquire values and behaviours appropriate or necessary in that culture.

The enculturation of the Kingdom of God is:

Yes Lord - Yes and Amen

There has to be a YES on our lips and a YES in our hearts all the time

He says will you? He says can !? We say....?
We say....?

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ.
And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.

2 Corinthians 1:20

There isn't maybe or no!

The YES enculturation of our lives has very personal and corporate implications

Corporately: "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Matthew 18: 19-20

The power of the agreement of YES

John Newton had received from the Lord some almost unbelievable answers to his petitions, and so he often engaged in "large asking."

In support of this practice he would frequently tell the story of a man who asked Alexander the Great to give him a huge sum of money in exchange for his daughter's hand in marriage. The ruler consented and told him to request of his treasurer whatever he wanted. So he went and asked for an enormous amount.

The keeper to the funds was startled and said he couldn't give him that much without a direct order. Going to Alexander, the treasurer argued that even a small fraction of the money requested would more than serve the purpose. "No," replied Alexander, "let him have it all. I like that fellow. He does me honor. He treats me like a king and proves by what he asks that he believes me to be both rich and generous."

Newton concluded the story by saying, "In the same way, we should go to the throne of God's grace and present petitions that express honorable views of the love, riches, and bounty of our King!"

Personally: The angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come over you, and the power of the Most High will surround you. Therefore, the child will be holy and will be called the Son of God. And listen! Elizabeth, your relative, has herself conceived a son in her old age, this woman who was rumoured to be barren is in her sixth month. Nothing is impossible with respect to any of God's promises." Then Mary said, "Truly I am the Lord's servant. Yes, let everything you have said happen to me." Then the angel left her. Luke 1:36-38

The power of the profession of YES



We will never thrive with a spirit of unbelief presiding over our faith

