

Spiritual Bootcamp & More Lesson 3

WHERE YOU ARE (Pointer Finger) — —> Kingdom of God

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After focusing last lesson on **WHO YOU ARE** (thumb), our focus this lesson will be on **WHERE YOU ARE** represented by your pointer finger. Our theme verse for this lesson tells you or *points you to where you really are* because of who you are in Christ. Part of knowing *who you are* is knowing *where you are*.

1. Write Ephesians 2:6 "And God raised us up with Christ & seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus."

2. Although physically your earth suit is living on planet earth, in the spiritual realm where does the above verse say that you are seated? "in heavenly realms"

It is hard to grasp this amazing truth with our natural, limited minds. Although you might not understand it, you must know and believe that *you are actually seated in the heavenly realms*—this is the *Kingdom of God*. This is not a geographical but a spiritual kingdom where you are a citizen. The mark of any kingdom is the presence of a king who is a ruler. The king sets the rules. It is not a democracy. Of course the Kingdom of God is ruled by King Jesus and the kingdom of this world is ruled by Satan.

Take a few minutes and read over the scriptures (pp. 19-20) on the two opposing kingdoms—the Kingdom of Heaven (God, Light) vs the kingdom of this world (Satan, darkness). Make no mistake about the truth that these two kingdoms are in direct opposition to one another, but are nowhere equal in power. Remember that Satan is a defeated foe. He has been disarmed and has only limited power (Colossians 2:15). The Kingdom of God is all-powerful because our King is all-powerful!

After reading the scriptures, look closely at the trifold photos on p. 21 summarizing the two kingdoms. You are always operating in one of these kingdoms. There is no neutral kingdom. You cannot have one foot in each kingdom. There are no spiritual gymnastic "splits" going on here. You either have your feet on the narrow road of God's Kingdom, or you are on the wide road of the kingdom of this world.

Write Matthew 7:13-14 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow is the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

You always get to choose **where you are**. Look closely at the photo on p. 22.

The below fill-in-the-blanks and questions can all be answered by looking at pp. 19-22. Reading the scriptures in other translations is helpful.

3. The Kingdom of God is within you (Luke 17:21).

4. The Kingdom of God has come upon you (Matt. 12:28).

5. Romans 8:17 says that you are a co-heir with Christ and Philippians 3:20 says that you are a citizen of heaven.

6. As a co-heir/citizen of the Kingdom of God you have a King (ruler) named Jesus and the Holy Spirit (your guide, your counselor, your comforter, your “trainer”). Everything you need to know, the rule book, the instruction manual for living, is written in the Bible. This inspired Word explains that one of your Kingdom jobs is to “colonize” the earth. Your job is to bring the kingdom of Heaven to earth and not the other way around. Jesus came preaching the good news of the Kingdom and He is calling you to do the same. The Church (Greek *ekklesia*, Strong’s 1577) has a simple message and mission—to reveal King Jesus and His Kingdom. Your job in this *ekklesia* on earth is to bring Kingdom influence or culture wherever, whenever, and however He directs. As a believer you really have dual citizenship. You are a citizen of heaven and you are a citizen of the physical country where you were born. He is training you to walk in Kingdom power! Remember, you are a co-heir of this amazing Kingdom.

7. **Food for thought:** Are you experiencing the rights and privileges of the Kingdom of heaven?

What would the EVIDENCE of that look like? P’s and Fruit.

List 8 “P’s” that are a direct result of **living in obedience** in the right Kingdom:

peace, power, presence, provision, protection, purposes, promises, plan

List the 9 “Fruit” that are a direct result of walking in the Spirit (of the right Kingdom):

love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control

This is really **FOOD** for thought— *P’s and Fruit!* Are you enjoying abundant “P’s and Fruit”?

_____ Why, or why not? _____

8. Ephesians 2:2 has another name for the kingdom of this world. Write down that verse: “the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work, in those who are disobedient.”

The prerequisite for that kingdom is simply one word: disobedience

9. Write 1 John 5:18-19

“We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the one who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him. We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.”

10. The EVIDENCE of being in the kingdom of this world vs the Kingdom of Heaven can be simply summarized by “NO P’s & NO Fruit” of the Spirit.

The pattern of “DIS”-obedience that gets one there will cause EVIDENCE marked by much “DIS ease .” Write down as many “DIS- fill-in-the-blank” as you can think of.

disorder, discontent, discouraged, disinterest, dispassionate, disappointed, disarray, disbelief, disconnected, disdain, disgrace

What is other evidence of living in the wrong kingdom? confusion, comfortable, no sense of purpose, striving, “need constant attention or approval”, lonely, bored, craves the world, lust, “me-me”, no peace, self-absorbed

11. Read Hebrews 12:28. The Kingdom of God cannot be shaken .

Now ponder that. That is your home— a place that **CANNOT BE SHAKEN!** You are a citizen of a kingdom that is unchanging, unshakable, all-powerful!

Remember from last lesson Psalm 16:8. “I will not be shaken .”

12. **Time for transparency** (This is likely to help someone in your small group.):

Please share a testimony of something that really used to “shake you” or “move you” (could be a person, a circumstance, a feeling, etc), but now it doesn’t. How did you fight the temptation to be “shaken” and how did you ultimately win the battle?

Is there something or someone that still “shakes you” at times? If so, please explain.

13. Take a long hard look at your first two fingers. You are indeed a child of the King and you are seated in heavenly realms— in a Kingdom that cannot be shaken. This Kingdom is truth— a fact, not a feeling. Sometimes we have to remind ourselves of **who we are** because the enemy reminds us of who we are not. Sometimes we have to remind ourselves of where we live. Sometimes we have to point that pointer finger up and say “no way devil, not today.” I live in a Kingdom that cannot be shaken, and I know my King. His name is JESUS. Look up Ephesians 2:14 and write down who He is for you especially when you are tempted to be shaken or “moved” to that other kingdom. “He is my peace .”

Let’s get practical:

14. Look over the scriptures on pp. 19-20 and ask the Holy Spirit to highlight some of these “Kingdom” verses for you. Write them on your index cards and meditate on them daily. You get into the Word so the Word gets into you. IT IS ALIVE! Reading the Word out loud is powerful— over time it physically changes your brain. You are transformed as your mind is renewed (Romans 12:2).

15. Think again on the “things, people, circumstances, feelings, etc.” that you may be allowing to “shake” you, thus “move” you, from the Kingdom filled with PEACE to the other kingdom of NO peace and DIS-‘ease’ and every other DIS____. Now let’s again put a “verse on that curse.” Because of *who you are* and *where you are*, you have a guide, the indwelling Holy Spirit who will guide you to specific scripture(s) for your situation. It can be helpful to use a Bible concordance or simply google “Bible verses for _____.” The scriptures He gives to you are not automatic. You must couple faith with obedience to the Word. Put these verses on index cards and “meditate on them day and night and be careful to do what they say” (Joshua 1:8).

Bootcamp checkup time:

If you’ve been cooperating with the Holy Spirit, you have quite a few scriptures on the index cards by now. If you’ve been meditating on them daily, you’ve already built faith muscles and begun real mind renewal. The alive Word is actually physically changing your brain! As the Holy Spirit guides you, you will begin to see that a “theme” of sorts may begin to surface. Bootcamp will be vastly different for everyone. Your personal trainer, the Holy Spirit, knows exactly which faith muscles need toning for you. He knows what He wants to take away and add to continue to grow you even more into His Kingdom purposes. Do not tell Him what you want Him to do, or what you want to do or not do. Simply in surrender to your King say, “Not my will, but yours be done.” Stay up on the Bootcamp training table and let Him work. He has a specific plan just for you. You will be sore as your faith muscles get stretched, but any pain is gain. You are growing God’s way! “No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening— it’s painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way” (Hebrews 12:11).

16. Read your Bootcamp Declaration on p.10 out loud.

17. Recite your Bootcamp Hand Drill #1 (p. 3) out loud:

Right Thumb up: **WHO YOU ARE** (now say out loud who you are) and

Pointer Finger pointing up: **WHERE YOU ARE** (now say out loud where you are)

Tallest: **WHAT YOU HAVE (Power & Authority)**

#4 and #5: **WHAT YOU DO (He must increase; i must decrease.)**

Corporate Prayer:

“Father, we come to You in the name of Jesus, and we praise and thank You for all that You have done for us. We thank You that because of the blood of Jesus we can enter into a Kingdom that is not of this world— Your Kingdom can never be shaken. We thank You for providing everything we will ever need. We thank You that your Kingdom of Light dispels all darkness, and that we can carry Your Light everywhere Your Hands lead our feet. We thank You for all “the P’s” in this wonderful place You have provided— PEACE, POWER, PRESENCE,

PROVISION, PLANS, PURPOSES, PROTECTION, & PROMISES. We thank You for the FRUIT You give to us as we walk in Your Spirit. We confess that our feet have not always stayed firmly planted in Your Kingdom. Sometimes we stray with our thoughts, or words, or feet. We sin and miss Your mark intentionally at times and unintentionally or out of ignorance, and we ask You to forgive us. We repent and confess that when we end up in the wrong kingdom it is our fault. We want to get out quickly. Thank You for Your faithfulness, patience, kindness and Your never ending love for us. You are our good Father. Thank You for training us in righteousness for Kingdom purposes. Have Your way in each of us and help us help each other as we train together. We love You, Lord.”

Personal prayer of commitment, etc, after this lesson:

My testimony concerning “Kingdom”:

If you watched the two brief videos on our website under Lesson 3, you heard me share that I really did not understand “being seated in heavenly realms” (Ephesians 2:6) or “The Kingdom of God is within you” (Luke 17:21). I had very little understanding of “Kingdom.” The first thing to do when you do not understand something is to simply pray and ask God for clarity. He always brings this clarity through His Word and Spirit. I meditated on “kingdom scriptures” as I have asked you to do (pp. 19-20); then I listened to quite a few internet teachings on “Kingdom” by a few pastors. All I can say is WOW. The Holy Spirit used those to give me fresh revelation, confidence, and clarity. For me, understanding “Kingdom” has been life-changing. There are many excellent Biblical teachings—I’ll list a few of the shorter ones at the end of Lesson 3 on the website. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you into your further understanding of Kingdom. It is the message—it is the reason Jesus was sent to earth. “I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God...because that is why I was sent” (Luke 4:43).

As we close out Lesson 3, you should realize that Bootcamp is really a mindset. Don’t think of it as a curriculum or a small group, but think of it as a mindset. Bootcamp must first be a MIND SET on Jesus, then a MIND SET on **WHO YOU ARE** and **WHERE YOU ARE...** more to follow!

GREAT JOB! A “Most High Five” for completing Lesson 3. See you at Bootcamp!

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Scriptures on *The Kingdom of Heaven* (God, Light)
not geographical but spiritual realm where God rules as King, and we share
abundant life as citizens with rights, benefits and privileges
vs. *kingdom of this world* (Satan, darkness) (*emphasis added*)

Luke 17:21 (NKJV) “The *Kingdom of God* is within you.”

Matthew 12:28 “...the *kingdom of God* has come upon you.”

Philippians 3:20 “...but our citizenship is in heaven.”

Ephesians 2:6 “And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.”

Luke 22:29-30 “And I confer on you a *kingdom*, just as my father conferred one on me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my *kingdom* and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

Colossians 1:13 (NLT) “For he has rescued us from the *kingdom of darkness* and transferred us into the *Kingdom of his dear Son*...”

Romans 14:17 “For the *Kingdom of God* is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”

1 Corinthians 4:20 “The *Kingdom of God* is not a matter of talk but of power.”

Matthew 6:33 “But seek first his *kingdom* and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to yours well.”

Matthew 4:23 “Jesus went throughout Galilee teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the *kingdom*, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.”

Luke 4:43 “But he (Jesus) said, ‘I must preach the good news of the *kingdom of God* to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent.’”

Matthew 10:6-8 (Jesus speaking to the twelve) “Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. As you go, preach this message: ‘*The kingdom of heaven* has come near.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.’”

Luke 9:1-2 “When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, he sent them out to preach the *kingdom of God* and heal the sick.”

Matthew 16:19 “I will give you the keys of the *kingdom of heaven*, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Matthew 11:12 “From the days of John the Baptist until now, *the kingdom of heaven* has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.”

Ephesians 1:22-23 “And God placed all things under his (Jesus’) feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the *fullness of him* who fills everything in every way.”

Ephesians 3:19 “...that you may be filled to the measure of *all the fullness of God*.”

Matthew 6:10 “...your *kingdom* come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

Romans 8:17 “Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and *co-heirs with Christ*, if indeed we share in his suffering in order that we may share in his glory.”

Revelation 1:5-6 “To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a *kingdom and priests* to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.”

1 John 4:4 (NAS) “You are from God, little children, and have overcome them, because greater is He who is in you than he who is in this world.”

Acts 26:18 (NAS) “...to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the *dominion of Satan* to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.”

Ephesians 2:2 “...the ruler of the *kingdom of the air*, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.”

Ephesians 6:12 “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the *powers of this dark world* and against spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes...”

1 John 5:18-19 “We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the one who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him. We know that we are children of God, and that the whole *world is under the control of the evil one*.”

1 John 2:15 “Do not love the *world* nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”

John 14:30 (NAS) “I will not speak much more with you, for the *ruler of the world* is coming, and he has nothing in me.”

John 15:18-19 “If the *world* hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the *world*, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the *world*, because I have chosen you out of the *world*. That is why the *world* hates you.”

2 Corinthians 4:4 “...in whose case the *god of this world* has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”

Psalms 119:19 “I am a stranger on earth; do not hide your commands from me.”

Psalms 69:8 “I am a foreigner to my own family, a stranger to my own mother’s children.”

KINGDOM LIVING IS A CHOICE.

WORLD (Darkness)	GOD (Light)
Satan	King Jesus
unbelievers	citizens, "co-heirs"
world system	BIBLE, HOLY SPIRIT
"things"	"abundant life"
"no P's & Fruit"	"P's & Fruit"
sight	FAITH

You get to choose *everything* on the left side or *everything* on the right side:

- To live in the Kingdom of this world *or* The Kingdom of God
- To be ruled by Satan *or* by King Jesus
- To be an unbelieving, disobedient child of this world *or* a child (co-heir) of The King
- To be governed by this world system *or* governed by The Bible through the Holy Spirit
- To enjoy "things" of this world *or* the abundant life in Christ Jesus
- To be devoid of true peace *or* enjoy peace and all the fruit from walking in His Spirit
- To walk by sight *or* by faith, the currency of His Kingdom

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KINGDOM OF GOD (LIGHT)

- His Kingdom is established & extended through the church (ekklesia).
- King Jesus owns ALL & rules with absolute power.
- Co-heirs surrender ALL & receive rights, benefits, & privileges of this unshakeable kingdom.

- **One King (Jesus) with His children-citizens, co-heirs (sealed with Holy Spirit)**

- Government/Law = The Bible

- EVIDENCE = "P's & Fruit"

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| 1. Peace | 1. Love |
| 2. Power | 2. Joy |
| 3. Presence | 3. Peace |
| 4. Provision | 4. Patience |
| 5. Protection | 5. Kindness |
| 6. Purpose | 6. Goodness |
| 7. Promises | 7. Faithfulness |
| 8. Plan | 8. Gentleness |
| | 9. Self-Control |

- One way entrance = FAITH
- Citizens colonize the earth ("on earth as it is in heaven" . . . bring heaven to earth).
- The Holy Spirit in you is your personal trainer, governor, etc. He governs you through obedience to His Word and voice.

KINGDOM OF THIS WORLD (DARKNESS)

- Satan has a hierarchy of demon forces- "our struggle is not against flesh and blood . . ." (Eph. 6:12).
- They work through people using lies, deception, manipulation, intimidation, control, domination, chaos, compromise, etc. to "steal, kill, & destroy" (John 10:10).

- Ruler: Satan
- Unbelievers: minds are blinded by Satan, slaves to the world, ruled by their desires
- Governed by world system/culture
- Evidence: No "P's & Fruit"

Disobedience
 Dis-ease, No peace
 Discontent
 Disorder
 Discouraged
 Confusion
 Striving
 Need constant attention/approval
 Craves world vs. Word
 Lonely
 "Me, Me, Me!"

- True believers have been "rescued from this kingdom of darkness & transferred to God's Kingdom of Light" (Col. 1:13).
- Satan will tempt you back through disobedience.
- Satan hates God, His Word, & His children.