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Title: The Difference Between Anointed and Appointed

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I am Grant Hill if I haven't met you. I'm an associate pastor here at the Garden Gathering church. Tonight is a continuation of what I brought this morning. We talked about, "Seek Impact," and the mission of God therein.

Let's pray. Father, I know that you are right here. I thank you that you are the God that is with your people. I thank you, Jesus, for that love. I thank you for the tangible presence of the Lord tonight. I thank you, Jesus, for how you have been faithful to us. All the time you ride in on our praises, and it is so good. You are so merciful, and Your face has shone upon us. We recognize it, God. I just thank you, Father. I bless Your words tonight. I ask God that you would have the fruit and the glory. Would you do the work that we can't do even with these words. Your words strike the heart. Your words hit the thoughts and intentions of our soul and our spirit. I am so thankful for that, God. I ask for your love to strike hearts tonight very quickly, and we would be undone by that. Why would God love me this way? Because you love us, and because you love. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Last night, Brandy encouraged us with the word for this year, "Overcome." You may have seen it on the screen, "Overcome." It's to encourage us. It's also to give you vision for 2026. You don't know what you are going to need to overcome personally, or in your family, or in this family. He's already seen. He has seen the intricate details that you might not see. He tells us what we need. I think we always are amazed at what the Lord tells us today, for the year. Last year it was, "Exact Obedience." To obey Me is to love Me. To love Me is to obey Me. What would happen if we focused on the majesty of God? What would happen if we had exact obedience? Many of us have had to walk in exact obedience. The Lord has forced our hand. There was no other option, because He told us at the beginning that this is what's going to be needed for you in 2025.

In 2020, the word was, "Heed wisdom. Really live, don't just survive." We really remembered that one, because 2020 was an exceptional year, that we have not lived before. God told us at the beginning, "Heed wisdom. Really live, don't just survive." We clung to that word. So if you take it to heart today, "Overcome." It's not a word to be afraid. It's a word that God is saying, "I'm already seeing. I'm already ahead. I already made a way. I'm already in your future. I am already there, and the word is, overcome. I'm already in that. Overcome in Me. Overcome through Me. Overcome with Me. This is the way, yes."

Brandy said last night, "Surrender is the gateway to glory. Surrender is the gateway to glory." I really believe that what I'm going to bring tonight, if you can lay hold of it, will change your life. I really do believe that, but it is going to be very hard to lay hold of. But, if we can hold onto this, it will change our lives. I really believe that. As I told you this morning, you are anointed. We had a fresh outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. If you're going to make an impact, you have to have the Holy Spirit. He has given us the Spirit of Jesus. In the Spirit of Jesus, you have access to all the gifts. But some of us, just have an anointing for that gift. It's not that it's the only gift that He's going to give you, or you will ever have. It is an anointing from the Holy One and you have to know it very well. So, there was a fresh outpouring in it. We *received* and were blessed.

You are anointed to the bone. You have the Spirit of Jesus in you, and you are anointed in Him, because He is the Anointed One. He is Christ, the Anointed One. All of us have the Horn of Salvation in our hands. All of us have the fire of the Holy Ghost in our hands. All of us have the

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glory of God in our midst. He is there. He is with us. You have an anointing from the Holy One, and you were called to make an impact. The only way you will make an impact that will be eternal, is if you are making disciples. Doing the works of the Kingdom is only *un poquito*. Making an eternal difference is making disciples. Right? What will I leave on this Earth? My children, that's it. That's all I will leave on this Earth. Yes, I could've given to this church many years ago and had my name written on these beautiful stained glass windows. Some of them are actually fading away. You don't know who gave this window over here, but their children do. The only thing you will leave in this life is your children.

If you want to make an impact in the Kingdom, we need to make children of the Kingdom. You can be a spiritual mother and a spiritual father, raising up the sons and daughters of the next generation. Make an impact. Seek impact, you are anointed to do this. Say it with me, "Sheep make sheep." Do sheep make goats? No, sheep make sheep. Are you sheep? Sheep make sheep. Make sheep, and make an impact, yes. Fathers discipling more sons into to fathers. Mothers discipling daughters to *become* more mothers. Fathers discipling more sons to be fathers. Mothers discipling more daughters to be mothers. You have an anointing. Know it. You are anointed to the bone. There is nothing that you cannot do in Christ. We are all sent. We are all apostolic. We are all given wisdom to save souls. We are evangelical. We are evangelistic. You are all teaching someone. "Freely I have been given a truth. I will teach that truth to someone, even though I might not feel qualified. Even though I might not feel I know all the answers." You know some answers. Give the answers that you have.

I am going to teach, although I might not be the teacher. You all have this in you. You can all take care of one another and be pastoral. You are sent to love. Love others in the same way that you want to be treated. This is the heart of a pastor. You all can hear God and speak. The Spirit of God is in you. You can be prophetic. You have prophecy in you. I wish that you all would prophesy. You can prophesy. You are sent in apostolic ways. You are evangelists. You are teachers. You can teach, and you can love in the pastoral way. It's in you to do. You are anointed to do it. You are anointed to do it. You are going to do it, if you say, yes. That's all it takes is a willing heart. Surrender is the gateway to this glory.

Surrender is the gateway to the glory. We each have, "Christ in us, the hope of glory." But, in the Kingdom of God, and in the House of God, He appoints offices to govern, equip and carry authority within His House. Okay, do you understand what I just said? We each have, "Christ in us, the hope of glory." But in the Kingdom of God, in His House, He appoints offices to govern, equip and carry authority within His House. Within His House, yes. We all have the scepter of righteousness in our hand. We all carry His authority. We all have the Ram of God. He is the Horn of Salvation. We all have the Captain of Salvation in our midst. We all have that authority. But, in His House, He appoints certain ministers that He will speak directly to. Think of it as in the presidency in the White House. In the White House there are certain people that he has appointed to speak directly to, but they are all in the authority of the White House. If they wrote a letter with that authority, it would be in the authority of the White House and the presidency. But, the president might not be talking directly to every single person in the White House. But, he has spoken, and he has chosen to delegate that responsibility.

In the same way, God's House is much bigger, much broader, much wider, much more intricate and well managed. He has a House, and He is the Father of that House. Within His House, He has appointed offices, that He will speak directly to, and administer, govern, and equip the rest of the House. Even though all are anointed for it and even though all are qualified and righteous before Him. Even though all have the anointing of the Holy One in them, He will speak to those that He has appointed. You say, "I did not know that." I know. He appoints certain ministers to speak directly to. You have an anointing from the Holy One. I told you this morning, "Know it and know it very well." That is the call we need to learn, and you need to be teachable.

Luke 6:12-17 English Standard Version

“In these days, He (that’s Jesus) went out to the mountain to pray, and all night He continued in prayer to God. And when day came, He called His disciples and chose from them twelve whom He named apostles. They were Simon, whom He named Peter, and Andrew, his brother, and James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called the Zealot, and Judas, the son of James, and Judas Iscariot who became a traitor. And He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon.”

I want you to recognize something here. Go back to verse thirteen, “When day came, Jesus called His disciples and chose from them twelve. There wasn’t just twelve disciples. There wasn’t just twelve people following Him, but He chose twelve. Later in verse seventeen, “When He came with them and stood on a level place with a great crowd of His disciples and a great multitude.” There was a difference. There was a great crowd of His disciples. People that had said, “I will follow Him.”

We read this a lot. Those that got healed started following Him, giving praise and glory to God, and followed Him from that point forward. That’s a disciple. But even Jesus says, “Did I not choose you?” There was a point when these disciples turned away. When was it? When was it? He said, “You have to eat My flesh and drink My blood.” It says in John, “Many of His disciples turned away. But the twelve remained, and He turned to them and said, “Will you leave Me, too?” “Leave Me, too.” As if somebody has left. “Leave Me as well.” As if somebody has left, and Peter has the answer. He says, “Lord, where else shall we go?” “Where else shall we go?” He says, “Did I not choose you, and yet, one of you is a devil.”

I’m saying that it was good to follow Jesus, but even in this, Jesus chose and appointed someone that He was going to talk to directly. He chose out of His disciples those that, “I am going to speak to you, and it has been given to you to understand the Kingdom of Heaven. It has been given to you to understand the parables. It is to you twelve that I am going to speak directly to.” Were they to keep it? No, “Freely give as you have been given.” We know that He sent out the seventy. Where did the seventy come from, if there’s only been twelve following Him this whole time? It’s not that there were only twelve disciples. There were twelve that He chose to pour Himself directly into. This is a key that you must understand in the House of God.

I want you to see something. Remember, even in the twelve disciples Jesus then poured into just three of them sometimes. James, John and Peter went away with Him. Only three disciples saw Him transfigured on the mount, Peter James and John. Even then, there was a choosing within the choosing. They were pillars so to speak according to Paul, that Jesus chose to speak directly to the heads, even within the heads. But, the twelve were not to just keep what they had been hearing, but to give to those around them. Jesus chose to give Himself and speak the word of God directly to those that He had chosen.

Acts 1:21-26 ESV

“So, one of the men who accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when He was taken up from us — one of these men must become with us a witness to His resurrection.” What are we talking about here? Judas is dead, and as the disciples are waiting for the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the promise of the Father, in Jerusalem, they are convicted saying there’s only eleven of us, but God chose twelve. Judas has made this choice of his own accord. We need to follow the way of Jesus. He had twelve that He was going to give the baptism of Holy Spirit to.

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They said, "We need to find one among us who has been with us following Jesus, from the time of His baptism of repentance with John till today." They were able to find two, but we don't know their names until here. In verse twenty-three, "They put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen, or appointed, to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." There is so much in this. Verse twenty-six, "And they cast lots for them and the lot fell on Matthias and he was numbered with the eleven apostles."

Bummer for Barsabbas. What did he do wrong? Was he not qualified? Was he not anointed? Did he scowl at Jesus a couple times at His teaching? Why was he not chosen? Why wasn't he appointed? Why wasn't he picked? We don't know. We will never know. God may never tell us why, but this is what eats at the church. "Why are they chosen over me? Was I not with you all this time? I'm one of two." But, nobody complains because they're understanding something. There is a difference between appointing and anointing. There is a difference between being anointed and being appointed. We are all anointed, but some are appointed. How do we know this? Because God looks at the intricacies of the heart and sees what He needs for every House. They said that. They said this when they threw lots. They said we can't decide this. We're going roll a couple of dice. We're going to gamble on this. We're going throw the dice, and we trust that God's got this. God knows. He will move the dice where it needs to be for who He wants. Wow, that's how much of a flip it was. They could not determine who was more worthy.

It's just between God and His heart and His ways. He sees the intricacies of what a family needs, and what a House needs, and whose heart needs to be the ones that He's going to speak directly to. He appoints them as heads in that House. There's nothing that Barsabbas did wrong. But, you can focus on that in the House of God. Wow, what did they say? "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen." Or appointed, "to take the place in this ministry and the apostleship," the sent ones, from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." Remember Judas chose to turn aside from his appointment, wow. God is not looking to see the fault. He's looking to see the qualities of what He has born in the heart and what the House needs in that moment. He chooses what is necessary for the House to be built up to be governed with authority and to thrive, flourish and to grow. In this moment, He looks at Matthias and He looks at Barabbas. He says, "I need Matthias, now."

Some people look at this and say that the apostles did wrong, because only a few chapters later comes Saul. But, there is a lot of time between the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the apostleship of Saul, who became Paul. Some people look at this as the Church doing things in the flesh. I do not at all. I feel them saying, "We need to make things right and in alignment for the promise of the Holy Spirit to come up on the twelve. What happens if they would not have done this? Would the apostleship get the baptism of Holy Spirit? I don't know, I think they have the unction and they are of the Holy Spirit saying we need to make this right. We need to make it right before God because Jesus chose twelve. Just because one of us has chosen not to step into that appointment, it should not stop the promise of the Father. So, God is not looking at who has more qualifications. He is saying this is what I need from Matthias because he's going to dedicate himself to the studying of the word and setting himself apart because that was what was needed when they put aside, Stephen, right? They put him aside, and Stephen became the first martyr. Who is at the feet of Stephen? Saul, and that's how it went. But, the twelve, and Matthias was one of them, had to give themselves to prayer. They needed it. God sees what is coming and He says, overcome. I know what's coming, and I see what is needed in this House. I know what I have to have. I know the qualities of the heart that is necessary for the future. It's not just about today.

Jude, 10-11 ESV

I really do believe that this can change so much if you lay hold of this. Verse ten, "But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively." It's a harsh rebuke. Who is Jude? I don't remember him. We will get back to that. Wait a minute. Why is he telling me what to do? Why is he rebuking me? Well you have to be.... My call is not to baby you. My call is to grow you up. My call is to grow you up. "But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand." If you don't understand something. I have to lay it in front of you. "And they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively." That means you're walking in the flesh that you care about gratifying verses surrender and sacrifice. Verse eleven, "Woe to them, for they walked in the way of Cain and abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam's error and perished in Korah's rebellion."

There are three things here. "Woe to them for they walked in," one, "the way of Cain." "Woe to them," two, "they abandoned themselves for the sake of gain to Balaam's error." "Woe to them," three, "they are perishing in Korah's rebellion."

The way of Cain, what is that? Cain was envious of Abel, and he was offended in the choosing of Abel's sacrifice over his. So when you are in the way of Cain, it is you comparing yourself to those around you in the House, and you're offended at someone else's sacrifice. You're offended at what they are doing that God says, "that's so well pleasing," versus me.

Two, the gain of Balaam. He was using his spiritual gifts for fame and profit. Balaam was a seer of the Spirit, and he knew what the spirit realm was doing, but he used it as a business. He was using it for fame, he was using it for reputation, and he used it for profit.

The third one is the hard one that we're going talk about tonight, the rebellion of Korah. The difference of this one is that Korah did not understand the difference between being anointed and being appointed. Who will come near to God? Only the one whom He appoints to set apart to come near.

Moses wasn't the most qualified, but he was chosen out of the Levites. Who will come near to God? It's only the one whom He appoints and sets apart to come near. Moses wasn't the most qualified, but he was chosen out of the Levites. David was not the most qualified of the sons of Jesse, but he was appointed and chosen to be king. Esther may not have been the most polished or beautiful woman, but she was chosen to ignite the heart of the Persian king, yes.

Matthew 12:46-49 ESV

Here is the reference of Jude. "While He, Jesus, was still speaking to the people, behold His mother and His brothers stood outside, asking to speak to Him. But He replied to the man who told Him, who is my mother, and who are my brothers? And stretching out His hand towards His disciples, He said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers, for whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is my brother, my sister, and my mother.'"

Matthew 13:55 ESV

The question comes up, is not this the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called, Mary? And are not His brothers, James and Joseph and Simon and Judas, or Jude? There is your reference. Wait, he's not following Jesus. He's not one of those guys that was with the seventy. How do I know? Because I told you, he showed up saying come on home. Like, what are you doing, Jesus? Like, we're going home with you. Jesus goes, who is my mother? Who are my brothers? They're not with me. These are my mother and my brother and my sister, and my father. Well not my father, but you know what I am saying.

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So why is Jude rebuking you if he wasn't one of the twelve? If he wasn't one of the eleven? If he wasn't even there when they cast lots for Matthias and Barsabbas? Who is this guy?

Well, actually his brother got called too, because the guy James, that you read about, and you get really offended about when you read *the book of James*, that's this James right here. He's right there. James and Jude are the brothers of Jesus. James and Judah or Jude are the brothers of Jesus. Something changed. Something happened. Something has happened between this passage and what he wrote. And now Jude has enough gumption to write by the Holy Spirit and says, you guys are just instinctive brute beasts following in the way of Cain and the prophet of Balaam and the rebellion of Korah. You're a hidden reef in our love feast. You're a cloud without water. And you're like, who are you? I read about you. You didn't even follow Jesus. You can do this?

Galatians 2:9 ESV

"And when James and Peter and John, who seemed to be the pillars." James became the head apostle of the early church with Peter and John. Because John's brother James, the son of Zebedee, was martyred by Herod. His head was cut off. But Paul gives us an insight to the early church, when he went and visited them after he was away fourteen years. He went to Jerusalem. He said James, *brother* of Jesus, Peter and John, who seem to be the pillars. There's three again. Three went up on the mount. Three are still here. James makes the judgment call in the book of Acts when they're asking if the Gentiles need to be circumcised.

First Corinthians 15:3 ESV

This is Paul, "For I deliver to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and He appeared to Cephas, that's Peter. Then to the twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James. And we get a picture that Jesus, Himself went to James, His brother and called him into the ministry. I have appointed you. I have chosen you to be head in the House. He appeared to him. Wow, do you see it? He appeared to him. Why is James qualified? He didn't even know Jesus, his own brother, was the Christ. He tried to get Him out of the ministry. He tried stop the ministry of Jesus. He convinced his mama to come with him and convince the older brother to come out of the ministry. He's not qualified.

I'm pushing the buttons, yes. Think about this. Yet, Jesus chose him and appointed him. Saying, I'm going speak to you, and we're going get to some decisions that have to be made about salvation, that it is not just going affect the Jews, but the Gentiles forever. The judgment is going to come on you, brother. But, I'm not your brother. I am your Lord and your Master. I am not just the One who grew up with you. I am the Ancient of Days who birthed you before you even knew who you were. Wow, and obviously Jude was there or something, because Jude comes in. Or, James was like, I just met Jesus. Jude was like, our brother? I don't know how that went, but that would be awesome. And James was probably like, He's not our brother, man. He is God and He is alive.

But, Paul tells us that "Jesus appeared to James. And then to all the apostles. Then last of all, as one untimely born, He appeared also to me." We know Paul's story, and how is he chosen? It's the grace of God that we're even called. It's the grace of God that you have salvation unto righteousness, forever. But, in the House of God, He will choose and appoint those He will speak to. He spoke to this man, the gospel of Jesus. He spoke to Paul, the least, untimely born, of what He actually did on the cross. He told Paul, this is what I accomplished in the Spirit at the cross. And even Peter writes in his letter that some of the things that God has shown Paul are deep.

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I, *Peter*, didn't even get the first time, that He was buried and rose from the dead, and when He put His hands on me and breathed, I received the Holy Spirit. But yet I'm not envious. But yet I'm not offended. I receive the revelation of the one, that tried to kill me, as one appointed to hear God. Yeah, Jude and James were appointed to lead the church, and they were not even a part of the original twelve. Now Jude is warning us of the rebellion of Korah, and what did Korah not understand? There is difference between being anointed and being appointed.

Numbers 16:1-35 ESV

“Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab and On, the son of Peleth, the sons of Ruben, took men and they rose up before Moses with a number of the people of Israel, 250 chiefs of the congregation chosen from the assembly, well-known men. They assembled themselves together against Moses, and against Aaron and said to them, you have gone too far, for all in the congregation are holy, every one of them and the Lord is among them. Why do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the Lord? When Moses heard it he fell on his face. And he said to Korah and all his company, “In the morning, the Lord will show you who is His and who is holy and will bring him near to Him. The one whom He chooses He will bring near to Him.” Do this: take censers, Korah, and all his company; put fire in them and put incense on them before the Lord tomorrow, and the man whom the Lord chooses shall be the holy one.”

That doesn't mean like they're holier than thou, that means they'll be chosen, appointed, set apart, sanctified to the office. “You have gone too far sons of, please note, Levi! And Moses said to Korah, “Hear now, you sons of Levi, is it too small a thing for you that the God of Israel has separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to Himself, to do service in the tabernacle of the Lord, and to stand before the congregation and minister to them, and that He has brought you near Him and all your brothers, the sons of Levi with you? And would you seek the priesthood also? Therefore it is against the Lord that you and all your company have gathered together. What is Aaron that you grumble against him? And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and they said, “We will not come up.” (Like they were doing other things.) Is it a small thing that you have brought us up out of the land flowing with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, that you must also make yourself a prince over us? More over you have not brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, nor given us inheritance of fields and vineyards. Will you put out the eyes of these men? We will not come up.” And Moses was very angry, and said to the Lord, “Do not respect their offering. I have not taken one donkey from them, and I have not harmed one of them.” And Moses said to Korah, “Be present, you and all your company, before the Lord, you and they, and Aaron, tomorrow. And let everyone of you take his censer and put incense on it, and everyone of you bring before the Lord his censer, 250 censers. You also and Aaron, each his censer. So every man took his censer and put fire in them and laid incense on them and stood at the entrance of the tent of meeting with Moses and Aaron. Then Korah assembled all the congregation against them at the entrance of the tent of meeting and the glory of the Lord appeared to all the congregation and the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying “Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment.” And they fell on their faces and said, “Oh God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin and will you be angry with all congregation? And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Say to the congregation, ‘Get away from the dwelling of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.’” Then Moses rose, and went to Dathan and Abiram, and the elders of Israel followed him. And he spoke to the congregation saying, “Depart, please from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs lest you be slept away with all their sins.” So they got away from the dwelling of Korah, Dathan and Abiram. And Dathan and Abiram came out and stood at the door of their tents together with their wives, their sons and their little ones. And Moses said, “Here by you shall know that the Lord has sent me to do all these works, and that it has not been of my own accord. If these men die as all men die, or if they are visited by the fate of all mankind, then the Lord has not

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sent me. But if the Lord creates something new, and the ground opens its mouth and swallows them up with all that belongs to them, and they go down alive into Sheol, then you shall know that these men have despised the Lord.” And as soon as he finished speaking all these words, the ground under them split apart. And the Earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households, and all the people who belong to Korah, and all their goods. So they and all that belonged to them went down, live into Sheol, and the Earth closed over them, and they perished from the midst of the assembly. And all Israel, who were around them fled at their cry, for they said, “Lest the Earth swallow us up! And fire came out from the Lord and consumed the 250 men offering incense.”

What is the rebellion? The rebellion is this, that the sons of Korah, looking at the congregation, they think, we are the tribe of Levi, and are anointed to be ministers to the House of God. Why are Moses and Aaron taking on all this responsibility? We should have a part. We should be appointed to help them. That is kind of a simpler version. They had more in mind. The real offense is that Moses has a non-Jewish wife, a Midianite. He didn't even circumcise his children till God almost killed them. There is a lot that you can accuse Moses of not being the perfect choice. In Korah's heart in the people, they were saying, “We could do better. I mean, Aaron even made the statue at Mount Sinai. Like you take on too much. You've exalted yourself a little too high. You're thinking of yourself more highly than you ought to, Moses and Aaron. We are sons of Levi. We have said, yes, on that day when you came down the mountain. All of Israel was sinning. You made a cry out that said, “If you're with me, be with me. The sons of Levi came. Out of all the tribes they said we are not having anything to do with idolatry. We are with God and Korah was there. Korah says, “Why are you the appointed ones? Why are you chosen? Do you not see our hearts?”

Moses' first response is basically, “I can't do this. God chose me, but if He's going choose you, so be it. If you want this responsibility of leading these people, that's between you and God, okay?” I am on my face. If God chooses you, so be it. He doesn't defend himself. He says, “This isn't an appointment, that I have made of myself. I did not do this of my own accord. God sent me. What does that word mean? I am an apostle. I have been sent. If God has sent me. I am an apostle to you, if God has chosen me to be sent to you to tell you what God is saying then the apostleship is mine, not by my accord, but by what God has said. That's it. The sons of Korah go, we are of the sons of Levi and we are anointed. We have the gifts, and we have the call. I know. Moses called them out. God has separated you. God has blessed you. You do come near to God. You are the ones that He is going to speak to. You are the ones that are going to minister to Him. You are going to minister what He says, and what He does to the people. You have an anointing, but now you want the high priesthood. Now you want the office of high priest. They wanted that title. They wanted the office of high priest that was given to Aaron. It was given to Aaron and the sons of Aaron. All Levites are priests, but not all Levites are in the high priestly office. Those could only be from the sons of Aaron, then later it goes onto David and the sons of Zadoc.

I'm trying to say that Jude is talking about this in the New Testament. He recognizes it in the House of God today. Those that are sent have to be the ones that God has appointed. If you were after it in the way of Cain, or in the prophet of Balaam, or when you come to the House of God and say I have the gifts, I have the callings, I have been called, I have the anointing of the Holy One and I know it very well. Jude is saying that does not matter. It does not matter. That it is a hidden reef that will sink the ship. The offices are appointed by the Holy Spirit Himself. You have to know and you have to see this. The Israelites paid a very severe price for not understanding this. Now the other two guys, Dathan and Abiram, they were not even Levites. they were offended at the leadership of Moses and Aaron. They knew it. That's why they said, “We are not coming.” You come to us, Moses, and he does. He's like, fine, I will come to you. Moses says, fine, if God chooses you to come near to Him, so be it. What does that mean?

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That's what I was talking about at the beginning. The president of the United States in the White House has only so many that he says can come near to me, and I will speak to you. God does the same thing in His House. He appoints some, not because they're better than everybody. It's just because He has to choose someone. When He chooses, He says, "I'm going to speak to you. I trust that your heart, and your humility, and your humbleness is what I need. Because you're not going to be haughty when you speak to the House." The president doesn't need someone who thinks they are the president. God needs a person that will be a vessel. He needs a person that will be a voice and needs a person that is humble. What do you know? Moses was the most humble on the Earth. That's why God chose him. Not because of his qualifications or because he did everything righteously. It was the heart that God saw in him. Wow, Brandy said last night, "I see intricate details that you cannot see, yet." This was the Holy Spirit speaking.

Remember, I just taught on Wednesday. I said, "Sheep make sheep." and you are like, "Grant, Sheep make sheep, yes." Every person that comes into this House is a potential leader. I know it. I told you all this morning, "I want you to seek impact. I need you to seek impact. I need you to say, Wherever my feet are, wherever I am walking, I'm going to build a church there." You are an ambassador of Christ. You are Apostolic. You are sent out. You are evangelistic. You are prophetic. You are pastoral. You are teachers. I've said this. But, you're going to get your call and your mandate from whom God speaks to in His House. It is not a public thing. This is an in-House family thing. That's why it's important. That's why it can launch you when you really understand the difference between being anointed, which we all are. Every single row in here is anointed to the bone. But only so many has God called out in this House to be appointed to speak to us. Not that He doesn't speak to you. I'm not saying that. He will speak to each one of you, but He's going to delegate governance. He's going to delegate authority and He's going to delegate vision through the ones He said I am going to talk to. When you really understand this, it will change your life.

We did not grow up in the culture that this Bible was written in. That's why there was no argument from Barsabbas when God chose Matthias, because he realizes, "God sees intricate details that I don't yet see," and appointment does not negate my anointing. My call in life is not to be appointed. My call in life is to be a son of the living God. If you have the honor of appointment, that is a great responsibility. It is a big responsibility because you're not responsible for your own walk and your own disciples and your own sheep. Now you're responsible for the voice of God to an entire family. And teachers get judged harsher. Do you want the harsher judgement? Do you want to be judged on a harder scale? Do you? Who will come near to God? The one whom He chooses to set apart to come near. I am teaching you.

In our American culture, it is very hard to submit to church government, because our roots are based on meritocracy which is effective in a capitalist country. It is necessary for us to succeed in our constitution that there are equal opportunities for all to flourish in freedom. Liberty and freedom cannot appoint certain ones that they feel like should be the leaders. No, we have to know you earn the promotions, you earn the rank, you earn the respect of the society to vote for you. You have to earn it and that is necessary in our constitutional democratic republic. This is necessary, but actually fights or brings a tension to what the Bible and how God governs in the Kingdom, because God doesn't go by meritocracy.

God said, "Out of all the sons of Jesse, I am picking that one." God said, "Out of all of the sons of Levi, I'm picking the murderer, that's not even in Egypt, but is hiding in the wilderness." It's not fair according to the American system, how God appoints. That's the offense that American Christians get into is, that the society and the culture that you grew up in that is necessary for us to thrive as a country, opposes the appointment of the Kingdom of God. It is easier to say, "I will not submit to God's government authority in the House, because I can

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go down the street and find another one who doesn't teach what Grant is teaching right now. Yeah, but you are in my family. So, I am teaching you this. Do you understand? This is like we set up a banner here. What is the banner? Why are you here? The banner was because God told someone, "I want to put a supernatural training center in San Angelo, Texas." My father-in-law said, "Well, if you're going to be supernatural, you better do supernatural things." If you're going to have a supernatural marriage, it better have some supernatural things in it. So many of you have come here, because you heard that there is a God who heals syndromes, who heals autism, who heals the impossible Lou Gehrig's disease. Someone stood right here, and said, "I heard that you have faith to heal Lou Gehrig's disease. You have faith to heal the paralytics. I hear that there is freedom here from my bondages, because San Angelo has been in religious bondage for centuries that opposed Holy Spirit."

Yet, someone from Abilene, Texas comes to this dirt and displays a banner that says, "The banner of love will conquer all of this." Okay, you have to believe that was spoken for real by her. You have to believe that God really said that to her. You have to believe, just like the sons of Korah came to a reckoning where, "I don't really believe God sent you. I don't really know because we have evidence that you have not brought us to the land flowing with milk and honey." You have not brought us to where we each have our own land, Brandy. You haven't brought us to the flag that you raised. The banner has been lifted fourteen years. It comes down to, God is going to speak to His delegated, appointed authority before He tells you. I'm sorry. It's not because you're not worthy. It's just because it's what He said. Why, I do not know?

One day, August 8, 2018, I got a phone call. It said, Grant Hill is your man. It is like the greatest honor to love you. I do not take standing here very lightly. I've stood here, broken, a lot. God didn't choose me because I was worthy. I was homeless military kid who didn't have a home. He brought me here. He said, "I've given you the dirt." I think it was last year. He said, "There's gold in the people here." Go west, young man. Why am I saying this? We have all come here, because there has been a miracle of freedom in our lives, that we cannot deny. We have been oppressed. I had been oppressed since I was born in sin, and the demons were winning. Bondage was real. Oppression is real. A poverty mindset was real. I was going to die at 55 years old. My dad died at 55. His brother died at 55. His other brother died at 55. That was my future. My grandmother had three sons. They all died at 55 years old from a curse. That curse was in me. But, because of God and the supernatural, it's supernatural that He can destroy curses of death in a family line. Now I have no myotonic dystrophy in my life. My brother does not and my sister does not. I have three sons. Wow, that's the glory of God. Glory to You, Jesus. Glory to You, God. You have done this. You have saved my life. I'm not the most qualified, but yet God chooses.

We get offended, because are we not all anointed? Are you not all loaded for bear? Are we not all frustrated that we don't have more souls to feed into, yes. We are frustrated. We want more souls. We want to give. We want to seek impact. I'm with you, 100 %. But, when we get hardened to the call on her, He's going to talk to her, before He talks to you. So, if you're not connected to her, you're not going to hear the heart of God. Because God didn't necessarily call me for everything. He is going to tell me things about you that are going on, because I am in that direct line that He has appointed to speak to. Just like the president has somebody he's going to speak to and talk to someone else. But, if you do not want to hear what I or she has to say, you will be disconnected from the heart and appointments of God. It stunts your growth. It stunts your freedom and who you are in Christ. This is why it's so hard, because it's really easy to get offended about this in America. It's easier to go to church than where we're all equal here, because that's the American Way. It is, I understand that. But, if you can truly understand authority and governance in the Kingdom of God, it will launch your life.

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Because, you don't want the burden. We don't want you to carry the burden. We want you to be free and launched in God. But you get offended because she carries the burden you think you're worthy enough to carry. God's going to talk to her about you and about things happening in your heart, even before you see it. Because that's what happened in the sons of Korah. You read it. God is talking to Moses, and Moses is talking to God. "I didn't take a donkey from them. I haven't harmed them one time." He's talking right there with God. God's right here talking to Moses. Do you hear it?

In America your merits can qualify you for promotion, for rank, for position, for authority, or for civil positions, but in the House of God, only the Holy Spirit chooses who gets positions. If two candidates are equal in qualifications, or even if one is less than qualified, it is still up to God to appoint the ones He will speak to directly, and direct His will within the family. It may not seem right or fair, but it is how God operates, yes. Wow.

Now in America, church leaders have abused this delegated power, and we have seen it all last year. Many men that were heads in the House of God fell, and they abused their power. I understand the trauma in a flock where there has been abuse by those that had the delegated authority in the appointments, and they have said that in the name of God, this is how it is, and they have abused it. I understand the shying away, and I understand the transparency. I understand that you're like, "Well Grant, you're talking about a dictatorship." No, I'm not. Moses was not a dictator, but Korah accused him of it, *saying*, "You have gone too far." Moses didn't act like a dictator though. He fell on his face. Many times I've seen her fall on her face a lot faster than I even have.

Though there have been church leaders in America that have abused their delegated power, it doesn't change how God operates and governs His own House. He doesn't change. He will not change His ways. His ways are perfect. Even though we don't like it in America, He will not change His perfect ways for our convenience, our gratification, or what is easy for us. Our ways are failing this country, and we have more rebellion against authority than ever. The church will not submit to their own authorities in their House. They don't understand. They don't get it. I'm trying to teach you this. He requires the House to trust his appointed heads, even though they may be imperfect. Even though they may have done things not quite right, like Moses and Aaron. Even though they may be like David when he says, "Why are you affecting the sheep? This was between me and you, God, when I made the census. Now there's a plague on my own people. I know that I have sinned. I'm sorry." Yet, He's talking to David. The truth is God will speak directly to His appointed authorities before He talks to you in some things. He will. Not in all things, but in some things, in important things, in directive things, in government things, in administrative things, and in rebukes.

In Corinthians, Paul says, "Make room in your hearts for us." He is talking about the apostles. The ones that were sent to them. He goes, you're making room for so many. You're making room for each other. You're making room for the sons of Korah. They got 250 people on board with their anger, with their offense, and with their hardness of heart towards Moses and Aaron. But none of them came to Moses and Aaron. None of them talked to them individually first. None of them actually went to the person talking with God at the tent of meeting every morning. The apostle in Corinthians is saying, "Make room in your hearts for us." I have harmed no one. I have taken from no one. I have corrupted no one, is what the scripture says in that exact place. Why am I being shoved out of this? Why am I being out of this bubble? Why am I out of the network? "Make room in your hearts for the sent ones," You hear it?

There are offices in the House of God that God chooses and appoints. God has done this in this House. The Holy Spirit has done this. We have not taken up resumes for any of the offices here. I mean, you didn't ask for mine. Like you guys, do you really understand?

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I have been so amazed. I have been up here when God has called so many of you into the office. It's like, wow. Like undeniably, those are some of the times that I have felt the presence of God the most. I'm not joking. I say, wow.

We are all called to be leaders. There is so much potential in everyone of you. I want you to be a leader in the House. I'm not talking about being a leader. I'm talking about offices. Okay, you are all leading the House of God. I hope you can see that you are called to be a leader. When you're done being a baby, be a leader. But in those leaders, God is looking in the leaders, and He goes, I need this one to be in the office of deacon. I need this one to be in the office of elder. I need this one to be in the office of intercessor and watchmen. I need this one to be in the office of teacher. I need this one to be in the office of pastor. I need this one to be in the office of evangelist. I need this one to be in the office of prophet. I need this one to be in the office of apostle, because "I am seeing intricate details that you cannot see yet." That is necessary to equip the saints for the work of the ministry until we all come to the full maturity who is our head, Christ Jesus. It's not that they are being promoted. It is that they are now being lowered, because it's an upside down kingdom. If you want to be the greatest, you have to get lower. You have to be humble. You have to be broken more often. You have to be on your knees. You have to carry the House of God. He says, "You, I'm going put the burden on. Do you want that?" You didn't know that was the call. You thought you were getting promoted, Grant Hill. You're like, wow, this is what we do. This is what it takes. This is what it looks like.

Deacons are helps, servants, and messengers. If you're a deacon in the White House, you're a messenger from room to room and you are helps. If you're an elder, you are a gatekeeper. You have been given discernment. When God set apart elders in the House, He gives them supernatural discernment, to say yes and no. When an elder says, yes, it is yes. When an elder says, no, it is no. You are not allowed to enter, no. You are allowed to enter, yes. This is not allowed in the House. This is allowed in the House. So those that have the integrity, have learned my yes, is yes. My no, is no. God says, I see it. You are an elder in the House. It's important.

Pastors are the shepherders, the shepherds. They're oversight. They are the love. They are the ring finger. They are the rod and the staff. Evangelists, fishers of men, the ones who are wise in saving souls. Teachers of sound doctrine, they judge between truth and error. Prophets have the vision, the direction, the warning. They are seers and perceivers of the spiritual realm that is necessary. Without vision, the people perish. If you do not have supernatural vision, you have natural vision. Natural vision leads to death. Spiritual, supernatural vision leads to life. You must see in the spirit. You must be of the spirit. You who are spiritual restore.

Apostles have the blueprints. They are the sent ones from God to us. We have to come to a place, and you have to come to this place in the Garden. Is she sent from God to you? That's what you have to settle. Is she sent from God to you? That's apostleship. God has sent them. The testimony is, are there supernatural things, that this apostle has done, to show that God has said, who she says she is, she is. I will not try to convince you of that. It is between you and God. That's between you and her.

If you are anointed to an appointed position, you must wait for the day of inauguration. David was appointed to be king, but he could not step into that office until God inaugurated him. We know in November who our president is, but he is not in the office of the presidency until January. Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated in March. So, you are not in the office until you are inaugurated and you are put in that position.

We have many and I've been there, where you have been anointed into the office. I had been anointed into an office when I was in high school, but God did not set me or inaugurate me into

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that office. What is the difference? It means that I have an anointing from the Holy One, and know it very well. But, wait until it is the moment you are needed in the office. Then in that moment, He gives you what you need. He speaks to you what you need in that office.

Now, Judas turned aside his appointments. You can turn aside these appointments. You can be in the office and say I do not want to do this. Man, it's gut wrenching. Judas paid the severe torment. Not even Jesus pushed His appointments. We read that at the wedding Jesus's own mama was like, you can do this. You're anointed. You are appointed to be the Christ. He goes, My hour has not yet come. He understood there's a difference between being anointed and being appointed. There is an appointed time for this office of Christ. Not even Jesus pushed it. He waited 30 years. Not everyone in the family of God is called to be set into an office. That is right and it is holy. It is an honor for the Father to ask you, anoint you, and place you in any one of these offices. If you have been set apart in to one of these offices, take hold of it as the biggest honor of your life. It is the biggest honor to be appointed to serve His House, and that God would use you to love and equip the saints for the work of His ministry. It is His ministry. He trusts these people. Many of you are set into office in this House and you weren't seeking the position of it. How many? I mean, it wasn't like you were hoping that was going to happen. But God sees the heart. But, for the glory of God, He has chosen you.

We all have an anointing of the Holy Spirit in this Garden. But now, God is asking you to take on your appointments. If you have been called to be a deacon, be a deacon. If you are called to be an elder, be an elder. If you were called to be a teacher, be the teacher. If you are called to be a pastor, be the pastor. Take on the responsibility. Realize that you are going to hear God, specifically for that office, for this House. You can't say, "Well, He'll speak to you, or He'll speak to them." Yeah, He'll speak to them, but it's going be different to you, because you are in the office, son. Not so in so. You are in the office. Take that responsibility. Be the evangelist. Be the prophet. Be the apostle. Set apart into that office.

But I hear, "But I don't know how to be a deacon. I don't know how to be the elder." Who teaches that? What class is that? I don't know how to be the teacher. I don't know how to be the pastor. I don't know how to be the evangelist. I don't know how to be the prophet. I definitely don't know how to be the apostle. I hear it. I hear it. I hear it. Surrender is the gateway to glory, overcome. Overcome yourself. Get over yourself. Overcome yourself. Surrender is the gateway to glory. The reason why God doesn't have classes is because He wants to have a unique deacon. He wants to have a unique elder. As in, you are the elder I want. You and all your unique characteristics and abilities to be My elder." Christ is in you and I'm going to refine the things that are not my eldership, not my integrity and not my dignity, but I want you.

Often when she prays, it's like God sees you. When she sets apart people in the office, I've heard her say, it's like God is not saying do anything different. I've heard her say this. God's not asking you to be different. He is saying, be you, but take on this mantle. Be you, but take on the mantle. Take on the responsibility and understand that now God's going speak to me. In this authority, in this governance, and in this responsibility, that doesn't change who I am in Christ. It just now gives me access to a part of His heart that I had not heard or encountered before. That He's going to mold me into the likeness of Jesus. Because Jesus is the Deacon. Jesus is the Intercessor. He is the Watchman on the wall. Jesus is the Elder of our faith. He is the Ancient of Days. Jesus is the Teacher of sound doctrine. Jesus is the Pastor with the sheep. Jesus is the great Shepherd of the flock. Jesus is the Evangelist, and nothing hinders the work of the evangelist. Jesus is the great Prophet that has never been wrong. Jesus is the high Apostle of the faith. Yes, overcome yourself. Surrender is the gateway to glory, amen. If you would lay hold of this, it will change this Garden. Because you are not going be separated from her anymore. You have to settle it. Is she the one God sent to you?

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Has He done enough to prove it to you? That's between you and her, and that's between you and God. Stand up and we will pray. We'll just let the Lord do what He wants to do tonight.

Lord Jesus, I just I honor you, God. I am so sorry that in our culture we rebel against you, and your House, your operations, your authority, and the way that you do it, God. The American way fights against and kicks against the goads. Lord, I ask that you would open our eyes. We repent for what we didn't know, God. But, I ask that you would have mercy on me and my House. Forgive us God for doing what we've been taught since we were in elementary school. Teach us the way of the Kingdom. Teach us the way of your House. Teach us the security of this. Teach us the protection. We are safe in the covering of your government. We are safe in the covering of your ways. I thank you that you govern this way. That you have anointed us all full. This is a House of priests. This is a House anointed to the bone. We are honored that you would call some of us into an office to equip, to wash the feet, to love, to tend to the wounds, to lay hands on, to speak into, to prophesy, to give the wisdom of saving souls, to raise up the babes, to love them to the end, to teach that it's a family, and He's the Father. Sometimes He chooses sons and daughters to speak directly to, not because of favoritism, not because of prejudice, not because of abuse, not because of neglect, but because He is good.

He is raising it up the right way. He is raising us all up the right way. I ask Lord, give us the humility of Peter and the humility of John, that when the brother of Jesus has called, they submit to His calling. They submitted to His chosenness. James was considered a pillar of the House of God. Peter and John said, yes. Wow, God, what humility is on your leaders. What humility is on those appointed positions. God, make us humble. Make us humble. We fear the Lord. We fear the Lord. We fear you. We care about what you think. We care about this, God. We don't want to be out of your ways. Now that you have taught us this, God, we are responsible to walk in this and it will be hard. Some will say, no. We already forgive, God. This is a hard word. We know that it is life for this land. We know it is life for the gold of the souls in this region, from the Concho Valley through the Permian basin, and on. Go with the truth of the family of God. That we can be submitted to one another. We can serve one another. We can think of ourselves not as haughty. We cannot think of ourselves more than we ought to. God, the true family looks like something we've never seen. You are asking us to do it.

Overcome ourselves, overcome our offenses, overcome our callous hearts, to our apostle. Overcome our callous hearts to our pastors. Overcome our callous hearts to our elders, where our elders voices have been heard, no, and it offended this House, God. Those elders have been silent, because of that offense. Disarm it, displace it, destroy it, God. We hear our elders' voices say, no. We hear elders' voices say, yes, and we trust it, because they are hearing you, and you are talking to them first. We relinquish that envy of Cain. We relinquish that envy spirit, in Jesus' name. God, shake it off, cut it out. We have no fame. We have no reputation. We will not walk in the way of Balaam, that we want the fame of our spiritual gifts, and we want the profit of this spiritual way. No, God, no. We ask, God, that we would take to heart this rebellion of Korah. Show us your ways, God. Not just show us. Let us walk in your ways. He who loves you obeys your commandments and walks in your ways. We receive this God, in Jesus' mighty name we pray, amen.