

Seven Secrets of the Kingdom

The Secret Things Will Be Shouted

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Read

Luke 12:1–12 ; Psalm 139:1, 4 ; Genesis 3 ; John 4 (Woman at the Well) ; Romans 8:28

Acts 4:13 ; Romans 8:1

Key Points

- Freedom Begins with Honesty and Authenticity - God is not asking for perfection—He desires integrity and wholeheartedness. Healing begins when we stop hiding and bring our lives honestly before Him.
 - Free People Understand the Heart of the Father - God does not expose us so that He can shame us; He reveals hidden things so He can heal and restore us. We no longer have to fear being fully known because we are fully loved in Christ.
 - Free People Free Others - When God redeems our stories, our pain, failures, and brokenness, these things can become testimonies that help lead others into freedom and hope.
 - People Freed by Christ Are Empowered by the Holy Spirit - The Holy Spirit gives ordinary believers courage, wisdom, and boldness to live openly for Jesus and help others step into the light.
 - Hidden Faithfulness Is Never Wasted - God sees every unseen act of obedience, prayer, surrender, and trust. What is done faithfully in secret will one day reveal the goodness and faithfulness of God.
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Questions

1. Jesus warns that hypocrisy spreads like yeast (Luke 12:1). Why do you think it can be easy for Christians to appear spiritually healthy on the outside while hiding struggles, sin, or brokenness on the inside? What are some subtle ways this can show up in everyday life?

2. The sermon said, “The worst thing isn’t being exposed...the worst thing is staying hidden and missing out on freedom.” Why do you think people often choose to hide their struggles instead of being honest and vulnerable? How can shame keep us spiritually stuck?
 3. In John 4, Jesus exposed the woman at the well’s hidden life, but instead of condemning her, He brought healing and freedom. How does this change the way we often think about God when we are dealing with sin, fear, or brokenness? What does this reveal about the heart of the Father?
 4. Jesus says that what is hidden will eventually be brought into the light (Luke 12:2–3). How should that truth shape the way we live privately, not just publicly? Why do honesty, repentance, and surrender play such an important role in experiencing true freedom in Christ?
 5. The sermon emphasized that “free people free people.” How can God redeem painful or shameful parts of our stories for His glory and the healing of others? What role does the Holy Spirit play in transforming hidden wounds into testimonies that point people to Jesus? How have you seen someone else’s testimony bring freedom to another person?
 6. Is there anything God may be asking you to bring into the light today? What would taking one step toward honesty and freedom look like this week?
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Life Application

- Practice Bringing Hidden Things into the Light - God already knows all of you. Spend time with God and ask Him to reveal an area of your life that you have kept hidden; whether it is shame, fear, sin, pain, or insecurity. Bring it before Him in prayer and consider sharing it with a trusted believer.
- Replace Fear of People with Reverence for God - Ask God to help you care more about His truth than the opinions of others. Practice living authentically instead of managing appearances.
- Let Your Story Become a Testimony - The healing God has done in your life was never meant to stay hidden. Think about an area where God has brought healing, growth, or redemption in your life. Pray for an opportunity to encourage someone else through your story this week.

- Practice Hidden Faithfulness - Commit to one unseen act of obedience this week—prayer, generosity, confession, encouragement, or serving someone quietly—and trust that God sees and honors faithfulness done in secret.
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Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You that we no longer have to live in hiding or fear. Thank You for loving us fully, even while knowing every part of our hearts. Give us the courage to walk honestly before You and trust Your heart completely. Help us bring hidden things into the light so You can heal and restore us. Use our stories to encourage others and fill us with the boldness of the Holy Spirit to live openly for Jesus. Teach us to walk in freedom, authenticity, and grace each day.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.