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The Truth of Jesus Is Being Attack Within the Church

Number 4. The thing I want to convince people of—this is the most attacked truth, the truth of Jesus, again, overtly attacked within the Church. I don't mean secular society—within the Church, the pulpits, the leaders, attacking, denying the claims of Jesus.

Equally dangerous is the passive neglect, becoming familiar with business as usual, without encountering Jesus; building large ministries without even figuring Jesus into the relationship, encountering Him in this way, and it being normative and okay with every one.

It is not okay with the Holy Spirit. He has so much more.

Matthew 16:13-19—now this is one of the most significant passages in the Bible on the Church, how it functions, its inevitable victory, and what its foundation is. This is the first teaching in the Bible on the Church, and it is from the lips of Jesus.

It is focused on Jesus asking the leaders of the early Church the most important question—and it is the most important question today in the Church—not just to the leaders, but if the leaders get it right, the people will follow suit. There is no question that is more important, and when I say leaders in the Church, I mean leaders in the kingdom. It is whatever your assignment is; you don't have to have an assignment in the pulpit.

Your assignment may be in the marketplace, in media, in education, at the university, wherever your assignment is, that is your kingdom ministry. I am talking about leadership in those ways.

Prayer:

ABBA Father, raise us up in leadership to carry an attitude and atmosphere of obsession for Your Son's magnificence, a reflection of Your glorious beauty beyond compare! May I be dazzled by Your glory and captured in Your presence!