

SERMON NOTES

Don't Sell the Truth

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SERMON SUMMARY

Drawing from Ephesians 1, Proverbs 23, 2 Samuel 24, Philippians 4, and Zephaniah 3, Bro Beau preached on the legal reality of the believer's purchase: the Holy Spirit is God's arrabon — a first installment and down payment that makes the transaction binding and removes us from the market. Truth is not given but bought through decision, sacrifice, and the accumulated weight of watching God come through. The enemy cannot reach in and take that knowing; what he can do is present pressure designed to make you trade your testimony for a number that feels safer. David had no enemy and no threat when he ordered a census — only a fear planted by demonic influence that convinced him what God had done before would not be sufficient for what came next. He sold what he knew, and judgment came immediately. Paul had to learn contentment — it was not his starting point — and the learning came through the process of stripping, obeying, and discovering that the Almighty who called him would ensure his daily bread was enough. The answer to every selling pressure is the presence of God, where he sings and dances over his people and the enemy's voice becomes a distant echo.

KEY SCRIPTURES

REFERENCE	VERSE (NKJV)
Ephesians 1:13–14	<i>"In Him you also trusted...you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession."</i>
Proverbs 23:23	<i>"Buy the truth, and do not sell it, also wisdom and instruction and understanding."</i>
2 Samuel 24:1–10	<i>David's census — numbering the fighting men of Israel apart from God's command, looking to the arm of the flesh.</i>
Philippians 4:11	<i>"Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned, in whatever state I am, to be content."</i>
Zephaniah 3:17	<i>"The Lord your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing."</i>

MAIN POINTS

- The Holy Spirit in you is God's down payment (*Grk: arrabon*) — a down payment that makes the transaction legally binding. You are off the market. The full inheritance is guaranteed.
- Truth is bought through lived experience. Every testimony, every answered prayer — that is a deposit of knowing. Once bought, it cannot be taken directly; it can only be sold.
- David's census: no enemy, no threat — only fear disguised as prudence. His general Joab warned him. He didn't listen. The closer you walk with God, the more he holds you accountable to what you know.
- Paul learned contentment — he did not start knowing. "I have learned" means he didn't begin there. Obedience and peace are not the same starting point. The contentment arrived through the process.
- His presence is the silencer. When you turn your gaze toward him, he is there — singing. You cannot hear the enemy's voice over God singing and shouting over you.
- Obedience is the only binding. We are not subject to the world's economic system. The will of God is waiting on one thing: our cooperation.

KEY QUOTES

"A down payment makes it a done deal. The negotiation is over. The back and forth is over. The question of is this going to be mine is over the minute the down payment is exchanged."

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"The will of God is waiting on one thing for me, and that's cooperation. Not discernment on whether or not God can accomplish his part of the equation once he expresses to me what his will is."

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"You can't hear the devil over God singing and shouting over you. It's like a distant echo."

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"He cares more about you than you will care about yourself. He will provide more for you than you will ever be able to provide for yourself."

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