



Creating the Kingdom ... Together!



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Dear Ed,

If you've been a part of our Sunday morning energy so far this year – either in person or through our CD, webcast or podcast ministries – you know we are affirming together that 2008 is meant to be a year of important, positive change and spiritual breakthrough. From the political leadership of our nation to the spiritual leadership of our own community of faith, we are called to make significant choices – choices that will move us much further along the path that leads to the expression of new consciousness that Jesus Christ describes as “the kingdom of heaven.”

Because great, epic dramas excite and entertain us so, it's tempting to assume that this new kingdom of consciousness will emerge on a global scale, and that we will receive its benefits in our own lives through a kind of spiritual “trickle-down” effect. In spiritual truth, however, the exact opposite is true.

If we want to experience in the world the kinds of dramatic, positive, empowering changes that we feel must surely be at hand, we have to look first to the small, seemingly minor choices we make everyday in our life routines. It's only when we are individually making “kingdom” choices at every opportunity that the larger “kingdom of heaven” consciousness can take root and flourish in the entirety of this life experience which we create and share together.

That's why, for six Sundays in February and March, we're going to share a focus that is personal and immediate. We're going to be affirming The Power of One – recognizing that only by changing our personal choices – and dissolving any negative residue from choices made in the past – can we fulfill our spiritual purpose, which is to serve joyfully as the creative cutting edge that brings the kingdom of heaven into permanent expression. Here are the five Sunday themes that will help us to move forward:

Sunday, February 17	THE POWER OF ONE: Choosing the Kingdom
Sunday, February 24	THE POWER OF ONE: Clearing the Past
Sunday, March 2	THE POWER OF ONE: Forgiving Our Debts
Sunday, March 9	THE POWER OF ONE: Embracing the New
Sunday, March 16	THE POWER OF ONE: Becoming the Christ

And then, on March 23, we will celebrate together – with great joy, great music and deep gratitude – the step up into higher consciousness demonstrated for us in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. I hope you will be able to join us as we discover that only The Power of One can transform our individual lives, and transform the world as well.

Blessings!

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