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1. THE ANOINTING

is the **supernatural enabling or empowering of God** to **do His work**

"....how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him."

ACTS 10:38

THE ANOINTING

Greek V "Chrio"

To rub holy oil in order to set aside

THE ANOINTING

Comes with the Spirit of God Saul (1 Samuel 10:9-11)
David (1 Samuel 16:13)

IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, IT WAS THE "ANOINTING UPON" THAT OPERATED

It was not available to every believer It came upon certain persons for certain functions for certain times! "Then the Lord came down... and took of the spirit that was on Moses and **placed the same upon** the 70 elders and as the spirit rested upon them they prophesied though they never did so again."

NUMBERS 11:25

IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, THE ANOINTING WAS AVAILABLE TO EVERY BELIEVER

Because the Holy Spirit now abides in every believer

This is the "Anointing Within"

"But the anointing which you have received from Him **abides** in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him."

1 JOHN 2:27

2. HOW DO WE GROW THE ANOINTING?

1. CULTIVATE THE PRESENCE

Presence precedes Anointing

What Attracts the Glory of God?



A. SURRENDERED LIFE

- Exodus (Moses)
- Genesis 22:4 (Abraham)
- Genesis 31:11 (Jacob)
- 1 Sam 3:4 (Samuel)
- Isaiah 6:8 (Isaiah)

B. UNCOMPROMSED LIFE

God says to Moses:
"My Angel will go with you...
I will drive out the Canaanites, Amorites..
Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey
BUT I WILL NOT GO WITH YOU..."

EXODUS 33:1-15

C. OBEDIENT LIFE

Obedience is the Key
"To obey is better than sacrifice,
And to heed than the fat of rams
For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft"

1 SANUEL 15:22

2. HOW DO WE GROW THE ANOINTING?

- 1. Cultivate God's Presence
- 2. Renew Our Minds

2. RENEW OUR MINDS

A. Reject the Theology of Powerlessness (Hosea 4:6, John 8:32)

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the **renewal of your mind.**"

ROMANS 12:2

2. RENEW OUR MINDS

B. Meditate on the Word of God

"This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. Then you shall make your way prosperous and successful."

JOSHUA 1:8

meditate = "hagah" = mutter



WE HAVE AUTHORITY!

It is the power to heal / cast out demons (Luke 10:9)

"Heal the sick there and say..."

It is spiritually violent! (Matthew 11:12)

2. HOW DO WE GROW THE ANOINTING?

- 1. Cultivate God's Presence
- 2. Renew Our Minds
- 3. Build Up Our Spirit-Man

HOV?

A. By Praying in the Spirit

He who speaks in a tongue **edifies himself**, For if I pray in a tongue, **my spirit prays...** What is the conclusion then? **I will pray with the spirit**, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding

1 CORINTHIANS 14:4, 14

HOV?

B. By Confessing & Meditating On the Word of God

"Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

ROMANS 10:17





2. HOW DO WE GROW THE ANOINTING?

- 1. Cultivate God's Presence
- 2. Renew Our Minds
- 3. Build Up Our Spirit-Man
- 4. Obey the Holy Spirit

A. BY OBEYING THE PROMPTING OF THE SPIRIT

Faith is what you build on the inside...
Boldness is what you say and do on the outside!



TO BUILD FAITH WITHOUT USING IT IS LIKE HAVING MONEY AND NOT USING IT: USELESS!

FAITH IS SPELT R-I-S-K

"For God has not given us a spirit of timidity (or fear) but of power, love and a sound mind."

2 TIMOTHY 1:7

"The righteous are as bold as a lion."

PROVERBS 28:1



OBEDIENCE: PRAY AUTHORITATIVE PRAYERS

The Prayers that Bind and Loose

"...and whatever you bind on earth be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

MATTHEW 16:19

B. BY PRAISING GOD IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

"In everything give thanks!"

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

"Giving thanks for all things..."

EPHESIANS 5:20

for = "huper" (Greek)
"over and above..."

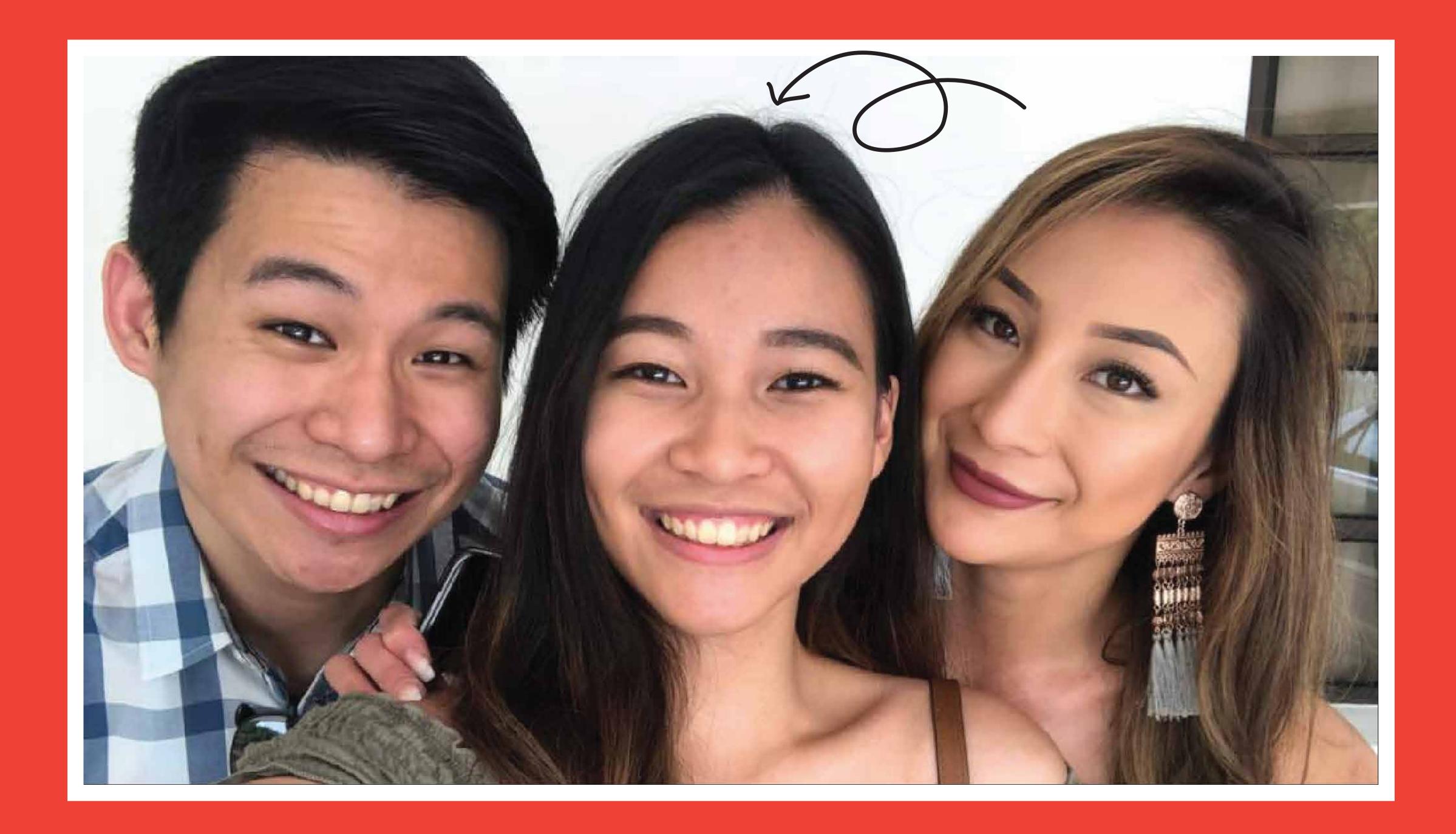


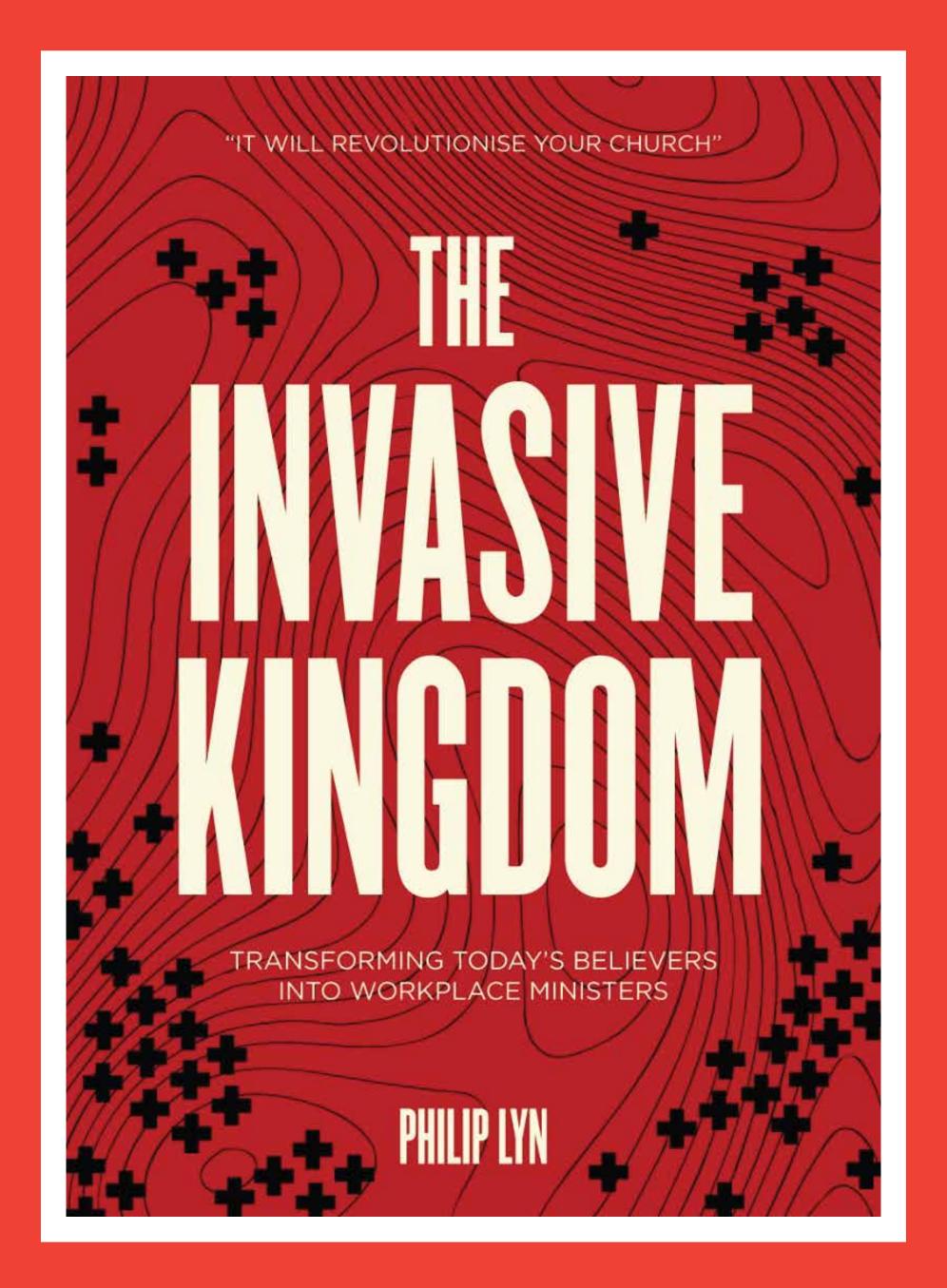












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