

“Hot Blooded.”

Luke 10:16-20

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Lord, thank you for giving us the ability to be empowered by your Word and Spirit, and giving us the opportunity to nourish our souls with True Beliefs. Forgive us for depending on the blood of animals rather than the blood of Jesus where true LIFE resides, and we ask for an opening of our minds and our hearts, so we can take-in Your Healthy Ways. We now give you our complete attention to be fed through Your Truth and Spirit, in Jesus name, Amen!

I'm still excited, as I hope you are, about our yearlong series, “L.I.F.E. ROCK ON!” L.I.F.E. represents “**L**iving **I**n **F**aith **E**very day!” and ROCK ON is standing on the Greatness of God through Jesus Christ. Our goal for 2019 is to equip you with understanding what it means to be a whole and complete (Integrity) person living with Jesus as your manager, coach, and team captain.

Each week we are linking a “Classical Rock” song to powerful biblical truths and lessons we can apply to our lives, so, again, we can live a life of integrity standing on a biblical perspective – a worldview that lines up with God’s Goodness rather than Man’s defensive ways.

We now have four powerful touchdowns or biblical lessons on the score board for the year 2019 to assist us in moving God’s ball, True Belief, forward in our lives. Recall our first touchdown or message; “Dream On!”. This message, rammed, the biblical truth of the importance of vision - where there is no vision, the Rams parish.

From there, “Dust In the Wind” uncovered the powerful truth of living life as a Patriate of God “Fearing Him and obeying his commands” so we can experience victory in LIFE. Two weeks ago, the message, “Shooting Star”, and like the Broncos, we now know if we don’t follow the Direction of Great Leadership, you’ll be watching the play-offs and Superbowl passively outside the game. This message pointed us to the reality that life truly is One Breath which ought to be lived out meaningfully, first through virtuous living with Jesus, then football. Not the other way around.

Last week, we scored big with the touchdown message, “Lean On Me” which directed us to Friendship (Teamwork) with Jesus and others. This week the classic rock song, and like the Rams and Patriots players awaiting to play the big game today, the message: “Hot Blooded”. Read with me these very powerful verses from Luke:

Luke 10:16-20

Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

¹⁸ He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. ²⁰ However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

Do you know, Christian, you have the power to overcome all the evils or hurts in this world, and nothing will harm you?

Yes, the enemy has power, but compared to the “Hot Blooded” power of the Holy Spirit and God’s Word coming together within you, even Satan himself has no power over you, and when God’s Spirit and God’s **properly interpreted** Word come together within you, then, and only then are you a “Hot

Bloded” Christian. A “Hot Blooded” Christian to conquer all your hurts in all your relationships so you can be the SALT of the earth, meaning, you will add flavor where ever you may be, in any relationship, in this world. Raise your hands up high, like scoring a touchdown, if you want this type of Power in your life?

Now, many might ask, what in the world does our core verses this morning have to do with the song “Hot Blooded” composed and performed by the band Foreigner released in 1978. Well...nothing, when it comes to the expression or what the song indicates. We don’t care about the intent of the song writers, Lou Gramm and Mick Jones of the band, but what we are after this morning is the value of these two words “Hot Blooded” when it comes to a biblical understanding, you know a biblical prospective that gives stability to the Christ follower.

Now, before getting into our two words, “Hot Blooded”, I need to give a little understand of authority or what power is about to clarify some misunderstanding of what True Power is all about. Simply put, know and understand there are two sides to authority or power - **Positional Power** and **Personal Power**.

When thinking of **Positional Power**, think of Legitimate Power: “Religious - The Boss – The Law – Worldly Authority”. You can also, think of Reward Power: “Bribery – Buying Off – Corrupt Authority” when it comes to positional power. This is how most people think of power or authority today – reward and punishment. Another aspect of positional power is Coercive Power. Power that is “Intimidating or Forced”. This aspect of positional power can be passive, like gossip (Shooting the breeze with friends talking about everybody else’s issue to justify their sad or boring lives.) or slander (Degrading a person’s character because they don’t have the same beliefs, preferences, or likings). Coercive power can also be active in nature – bullying, scorn, or physical hitting. Personally, I prefer being hit in the face with a bat rather than being knockout with a bunch of passive aggressive people talking behind your back (cowards – weaklings – chickens) because they don’t have the discernment or discretion to keep their mouth closed. Something to think about next time you are having coffee with friends. The people of our town love this passive way of living, beware of the passive aggressive citizen or member of the church who expresses their dislike or passive anger this way. They are “wolves in sheep clothing”.

One last aspect of positional power is Resource Power. This aspect of positional power is easy to identify. It’s all about “Control”. These are the folks who believe, “The one with the most gold has power or control or gets to make up the rules”. These are the members of a church who constantly remind you how much they give their time, money, or resources to the church. Somehow, they believe this gives them the “right” to control. “Boy, are they going to be surprise when they are face-to-face with Jesus in the next life.” (See Matthew 7 to understand what I mean). Know this, Positional Power is superficial in nature, immature, and absurd when it comes to the power Jesus was referring too. Think about it. How often does Jesus use legitimate (The Law), reward, coercive, or resource power, NEVER with the mature Christian, always with the immature ones. This should give you reason why the “church” is in the state it is in. Most, so call Christians rely on Positional Power rather than Personal Power.

When thinking **Personal Power** think of Jesus and His preferred way to influence. Referent Power should come to mind. Referent power has to do with “likability”. Jesus was a likable leader. When a Christian says, I don’t care if someone likes me or not. Know, you are going against the one you call Lord and Savior. Everyone, except the religious (Pharisees) and political zealots (Sadducees),

liked Jesus. Isn't it time for you to quite thinking like the world and be like Jesus. Just saying! Also, when it comes to Personal Power think of Expert Power. What are you extremely good at, "Special abilities"? Some are good at gossiping and others are good at vitreous living. Based on True Beliefs rather than your cherish beliefs, "What are you good at? Information Power is yet another Personal Power element. Information power is simply what you know, objectively speaking. What do you depend on with your information, "Tradition, history, and your own Experience" or objective knowledge? One last element of Personal Power is Connection Power. Connection power is "Who you know that's worth knowing". Some people are not worth knowing because they believe they are the center of this world. Again, these are the folks who continue to do things the world's way rather than make any effort to "Fear God and keep His commands (objectively speaking) for this is the responsibility of human beings."

Know, we all have these two Power Bases. Everyone has Positional Power in Life and Personal Power to either draw in God and people or shove them away. God has given you the choice and this is how God made us. Your daily choices with these power bases will determine if your "Hot Blooded" for God our just a "Hot Blooded" person, passive or aggressive, people just tolerate. Are you "Hot Blooded" towards God's realities or are you causing hurt in this world? Again, raise your hands like making a touchdown if you want to be "Hot Blooded" towards God's realities rather than your misinterpretation of how life should be lived out? That's power based. Now, let's look at our two words. "Hot Blooded"

"Hot Blooded", like the two hands you just raised, has two parts—"Hot" and "Blood". Understand, both parts, "Hot" and "Blooded", are needed if you expect to live within God's Power. One cannot live apart from the other if the Christian wants the complete power of God to overcome the hurts in this life or any hurts Satan can throw at them. Again, the secret, both the "Hot" element and the "Blood" element must marry (bond) if fruitful or flourishing living is to be held in place in Life.

John 4:23-24

Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit (Hot) and in truth (Blood), for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit (Hot) and in truth (Blood of Jesus).

Now, we are getting into the power Jesus is referring to in Luke 10 where you are living life where "nothing can harm you", not even Satan himself.

To live with this divine power, Hot (The Spirit) and Blood (The Commands of Jesus), must come together in your life if you want God results. First, let's take a closer look at God's "Hotness" then His Blood.

To live in the integrity of God's power, to be a true worshiper of God know and understand, you have to have, first, God's "Hotness" within you, His Holy Spirit, energizing your heart and mind so you can have sacred subjective power, Personal Power, that only comes about by making an interception of True Belief to get you playing on the offensive side of life, that is God's Plan, vs. man's defense strategy through Positional Power. It doesn't work for the real Christian.

If you want to be a true worshiper of God then you have to allow God's "Hot" Power within you, subjective power, to fuel your life to attain your very best with God and others. To be a "Hot"

Christian means the “Hotness” of God, that is...His genuine, reliable and faithful Power with in You. Are you a “Hot” Christian?

Now, sitting next to “Hot” is the word “Blooded”. Whereas “Hot” is subjective in nature, “Blooded” is objective in nature. Again, “Hot” is the subjective side, the Spirit of God dwelling in you, and “Blood” is the objective side - the Word of God dwelling in you so you can express it properly.

Understand “Blood” is a metaphor or symbol used to direct us to Jesus, to God. And, symbolically speaking, it points us to all the simple commands, principles, True basic beliefs sitting in life interpreted in the book of creation (The universe) and The Bible. These two books must be interpreted properly (Remember Personal Power Base earlier – Expert Power.) Understand, it is your responsibility, Christian, to use your Positional Power to compel, discipline, and set boundaries within “Self”, not others, to grow in your “Personal Self” so you can influence through your Personal Power as Jesus model. Positional Power was never meant to control others, just get you in control.

The only way to grow in your Personal Power is just like opening your physical mouth to feed your stomach. You must open your mind to feed (Listen as Jesus puts it in Luke 10) your soul, objectively, through The Bible and reliable or reasonable sources who know how to interpret creation. Let’s open our minds to listen to True Beliefs so we can receive the nurturing Ways of Jesus – Nothing but the Blood of Jesus flowing through your spiritual blood, everything else must be put in the toilet back in the locker-room.

Please, oh please, understand it is the combination of these two factors, “Hot” and “Blood”, that makes up the Power of God in your Life. Both are needed. The written, correctly interpreted, objective Side of God, The Bible and The Book of Creation, and the subjective side of God, the inward illuminating and persuading work of His Spirit dwelling in you to experience God’s Power.

If you properly use God’s Power in your life, then you will prevent cold, fruitless, and meaningless living on one side of LIFE, and on the other, you will avert manic, frantic, and overzealous living on the other side of LIFE. Together, they yield maturity that is necessary if the Christian wants to live with a cool head and warm heart (not a cold heart and hot head). Let me put it this way.

“If you have the objective power (The Word - Blood) without the subjective power of God (Spirit - Hot), you will dry up. If you have the Subjective power of God (Spirit - Hot) without the Objective side, (The Word – Blood) you’ll blow up. But if you have both the subjective side (Hot) and the objective side of God’s power (Blood) together, standing on the proper power base, you will grow up and nothing will harm you. They you are a Hot-Blooded Christian.

The Message: “Hot Blooded”. Amen! If you took in the message today, say, “Go Offense!”