

TRANSCRIPT for Episode 1

“Introduction to Unleashing the Kingdom”

Steve Pixler:

Hello everyone, welcome to “Unleashing the Kingdom”, the brand-new podcast that is presented by Kingdom Brewing, which is the ministry of Gregory and Susan Dewbrew. Of course, Susan is our host for the podcast, and we're really excited about sharing a lot of great content. I'm Steve Pixler, I'm the co-host of the podcast, and we're about to have a lot of fun.

Susan Dewbrew:

Yes, we are.

Steve Pixler:

We're going to be talking about the Kingdom of God and we're going to be talking about unleashing the Kingdom and all its various forms. We have some books to talk about, online courses, and some different things that we are doing to present, as we say, “creating and curating Kingdom resources”, but we want to launch this podcast in order to share the heart, the vision and really to see the things that God has showed us about the Kingdom take route in your life. It is about seeing the Kingdom unleashed in you, in your heart, in your family, in your finances, and every area of your life. That's really what this is all about and we're going to talk a good bit about that.

First of all, let me introduce you to Susan Dewbrew.

Susan Dewbrew:

Hi everybody.

Steve Pixler:

Maybe you're already a friend of hers or a follower, you know that she is a Real Estate Broker. She is a broker and runs a fantastic business called Dewbrew Realty, which in many ways is our sponsor wouldn't you say?

Susan Dewbrew:

It is. It actually is supporting all of this. Yeah.

Steve Pixler.

That's exactly right. Coming to you from Dewbrew Realty, our sponsor.

Susan Dewbrew:

That's great, we should do that. So, tell your friends and your neighbors to refer us, because the more we get Dewbrew Realty involved the more we can spread the Kingdom message, which is

really what it's all about. What I really love about Dewbrew Realty is that it is the message in action.

Susan Dewbrew:

It is. It's actually proving the message. It proves that the Kingdom works and that Kingdom principles work by bringing God into every aspect of your business, even when it's challenging. It actually does release the Kingdom. It unleashes the Kingdom in the marketplace and in people's individual lives. It actually puts legs to the theology. It's been a real learning curve, and it's been an opportunity to say this is not theory, this is actually the way the Kingdom works.

Steve Pixler:

And I love what we're doing too with Dewbrew Realty, Kingdom Brewing, and all the resources that we're developing. I love the fact that we are creating a new model for ministry, and of course, a lot of people are doing it as well outside of what we're doing. But the model for it is much what Paul did with tent making that he would use the resources developed in the marketplace to fund the advance of the Kingdom in every other area which in reality is what the Kingdom is meant to do anyway.

Susan Dewbrew:

Exactly. I think that's what I didn't understand when I first came into the business world. I was previously in ministry working for a Church so to speak, and my idea was that there was like the Kingdom, there was Christian stuff, and then there was the world -

Steve Pixler:

With a sharp divide betwixt them.

Susan Dewbrew:

Secular and sacred and part of my journey was the Lord pushing me into the worldly systems to bring the Kingdom and then understanding in his heart and in his mind that there is no separation between secular and sacred. It's all sacred. It's all his and he wants the Kingdom to permeate and to actually transform the kingdoms of this world into the Kingdom of our Lord. And he does it through individuals.

Steve Pixler:

Yeah.

Susan Dewbrew:

Sometimes I think we stand back and pray, "Lord, you do it", and we miss the whole point like he wants to do it through us.

Steve Pixler:

Yes, in partnership with us. Which is the whole idea of dominion from the very beginning was agency, which actually I've learned a lot about in this whole Real Estate world. It really is about agency. It is about stepping into this relationship of partnership with God. By the way, I have become a Real Estate Agent, a little plug for my business here, I have actually become an agent with Susan Dewbrew and Dewbrew Realty, and one of the things I've learned is that you're authorizing me to do business, but the agreement is really between the broker and the seller or the buyer. I'm an agent. Isn't that a beautiful picture?

Susan Dewbrew:

It is a beautiful representation of the Kingdom. "The heavens belong to the Lord and the earth he has given to the sons of men." The word there forgiven is like he still owns it. He could take it back in a moment, but he has delegated it to us. He has given us dominion and authority here on the earth and so that's why when we look around and we see the wars and the trials and even the individual heartbreak in people's lives, we have to understand God's not authorizing that. He didn't permit it. So many people in pain, I hear them say, "Why did God allow that?" And it's kind of like why did we? We have to understand we are part of a collective unity. Yes, my prayers matter. Yes, my individual decisions matter, but so do yours and so do the other people around us. So we need to infect the world with the Kingdom.

Steve Pixler:

Yes. I know for me the Lord made the statement to me, "I work in the world as it is, not as you wish it was." It was really a transforming moment for me. You know when God gives you an insight like that, there's so much in it, it unpacks sort of all at once? It's like all the cards just fall out and you see so much. And for me, it really was a revelation about his sovereignty and our partnership with him, that literally when he says, "He gave the earth to the children of men," he meant it. And so, when we say, "God what are you going to do about it?" He says,-

Susan Dewbrew:

"I'm going to do it through you".

Steve Pixler:

"What are YOU going to do about it?" What are WE going to do about it together? And that's really what we're all about with "Unleashing the Kingdom".

Now there's several resources that we've developed and we'll kind of wrap up with going into a little more detail about them. We've developed a series of books that we're now promoting. They've just been released August the 17th 2021. We're very excited about that. They will be available in audio books, and ebooks, and in all of the different formats. We are also doing a conference in September 2021. We are also doing an online course and also doing a podcast, which is what we are doing right now.

Susan Dewbrew:

The main reason for doing this and for doing so many things is that the Kingdom message is so huge in its scope. It really will change the whole world, but it starts at the individual level like in

the human body it all comes down to the cellular level. So, in order for me to be able to have the Kingdom impact my life and begin to change my heart, my attitudes, my faith, my goals, and my destiny, all of that it has to permeate from the inside out. That's what the Lord was talking about in Luke 17:21, "The kingdom of heaven is within you." The word therefore within some translations will say it's in your midst, or it's like at hand, but the Greek word there is *entos* and the only other time in the New Testament that word is used is when it's talking about the difference of the inside of the cup versus the outside. And so, it literally is meaning that the Kingdom of heaven is on the inside of you.

It's important to understand that the Kingdom of Heaven should permeate and change who we are. He is the vine; we are the branches and we're hooked into him. It transforms who we are by his love, by his compassion, by his ways, and then we begin to transform the world around us, so it's literally unleashed from the inside out.

Steve Pixler:

Which is our theme, it's our vision. It's really what of course in my own life and ministry and of course yours and Gregory's and all the different people that God is bringing together in this movement, it really is the heartbeat and passion of what we are called to do to see the Kingdom unleashed in the world. Now, let's bring Simon Sinek into this podcast. We have a special guest with us today.

Susan Dewbrew:

He doesn't know it; we will send it to him later.

Steve Pixler:

He has no idea he is our special guest today.

Steve Pixler:

We started off this morning talking about as we discussed what we were going to talk about in our opening podcast we started talking about Simon Sinek and you felt like Holy Spirit took you to his work which is --

Susan Dewbrew:

Yes, his whole work is about his world-changing vision and one of his core messages that launched his career as a public speaker is start with why. So, when I was praying this morning I prayed Lord what do you want us to say on our very first podcast? The message is huge, the Kingdom message is huge. How it plays out. How it can change the world. How it can change us as individuals. We could talk for a million years and never plumb the depths.

So, how do you start with one podcast to be able to help people to understand what the Lord is doing through this? And I felt very clearly, he said start with why. And I saw Simon's face. So, I went back and looked at the little Ted Talk, Start with Why. And the whole premise is that when people understand why you do what you do, why did we write the books?

I didn't write books to sell books. Honestly, I didn't. These books have actually been percolating and brewing for 20 years. When we've worked on the classwork behind it for 10 years. And now that it's in book form and able to be delivered to people so they can catch the vision, my why was not to sell a book, ever. And even in the Real Estate company, my why is not to sell a house, or to get a commission.

My why is actually to meet people where they are and to serve them and to help them. The Kingdom message is honestly God's whole design for our planet, for our world and our life experience here is for us to have intimacy with him and intimacy with each other, and it's through our unity and through our union that we bring God's image to the earth.

We are created in his image and in his likeness. He's a triune God in a fellowship and in a relationship of love. And that's the power that actually fuels the Kingdom on the earth. And when we come into alignment with our true identity and our relationship, we...kind of like the vine and the branch the tree doesn't strive to produce the apple and the vine doesn't strive to produce the grape. When we are in relationship with him, and we are in relationship with each other in a healthy Kingdom way then the fruit naturally is born and the Kingdom naturally comes.

Steve Pixler:
Through union.

Susan Dewbrew:
Through union. It's like the leaven and the yeast. Like when Jesus said, "The Kingdom of heaven is like leaven and it will leaven the whole lump," if the world is a lump of dough and the Kingdom is leaven it will naturally permeate and actually change the molecular structure of the dough. That's what the Kingdom does. The world wants to force its will. Even the crusades were people in Christ's name trying to force or dominate people to come into alignment with the Kingdom and it was the wrong kingdom. God only changes the world through love. It's what he is and it's who he is. It's not that he loves, it is he IS love, and that brings the renaissance that changes our government, entertainment, and the sciences.

Steve Pixler:
So, the message that we're sharing is taking dominion through the unity of men and women, but it really starts as you just mentioned prior to the creation of male and female, men and women. It really is rooted in the triune God, and so talk a little bit about how we're brought into union with him and how the union of Father, Son, and Spirit becomes the model for that unity.

Susan Dewbrew:
That's one of the core messages of the Kingdom, and we'll probably have to do another whole big book just on the word *perichoresis*, who Baxter Krueger introduced me to. It's the idea of

the early church fathers described the union between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as a perichoretic union. It's like a love dance. And they are like a divine family.

Steve Pixler:

The word perichoresis actually means like dancing in a circle.

Susan Dewbrew:

That's right. It's like a flow, an ebb, and a flow. In that union God himself is love. Love is not singular, love always has an object of affection. And they are so one you don't know where one stops and the other starts. We can go into a whole lesson on the unity of the Trinity because it's a very big idea. It's probably beyond our full capacity to understand, but in that unity, we understand God is a plurality and he's a plurality of relationship. It's all about the love union between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And it's in that image that we were created.

We were created to be plural by definition. And so, Adam, the man was first created the female was inside of him. And the only thing in creation that was not good was that he was alone because it violated the nature of his creation. He started there so we would understand that unity and relationship was important, and that's why the enemy comes to divide. It's the only way the enemy wins on the earth is when we divide. The only way he can win is to keep us divided. The only way we can lose is when we let him. And we buy those lies that I'm against you or if I become selfish and take from you.

Steve Pixler:

Let me just interject here that something really triggered in my mind as you were talking about union and the fact that God is love. One of the primary understandings of the Kingdom that shifts the way we do Kingdom business and actually gets us in alignment with the right Kingdom, rather than the wrong kingdom is understanding the idea of love versus power. Most people have a model of the Kingdom of imposing power, so through power, we impose the will of the sovereign God that's kind of the concept of the Kingdom.

Susan Dewbrew:

Therefore, the will of the leader, or the will of whoever upon them.

Steve Pixler:

It filters down to the will of the man of the house, the will of the father, the will of a parent –

Susan Dewbrew:

Boss –

Steve Pixler:

Or whoever. It really does become, as you describe in the books, the pyramid of power. It becomes that. When you see circle dance as the perichoretic union of Father, Son, and Spirit

rather than this pyramid which we often use the triangle to try to describe the Trinity, but it's more of a circle than a triangle which is much simpler. I think that is so huge to the Kingdom message, and it also explains why it's taking so long, and it explains why there are such setbacks. Like we're living in a time right now with what's happening in Afghanistan right now it's just horrifying -

Susan Dewbrew:
It breaks my heart.

Steve Pixler:
We're seeing and people can cry out, "Why is it not working? Well, then Jesus just come back and get us because it's not working. You just need to come and do it for us." But the message of the Kingdom is one of love and love takes time and it's relational. So then talk about how that filters down from the triune God, Father, Son, and Spirit, then manifests in the Adam, the human. Then, the woman is drawn out of his side and extracted in this messy surgery kind of thing that you described very powerfully in the books. Here comes the woman out of the man and now that they're drawn out, they're then introduced to each other, and they're then led back into becoming one.

Susan Dewbrew:
I like to describe it as if you think of them as when they were first created, he shaped them from the dust of the earth and he breathed into them the breath of life. When God created the woman, he didn't start with a new batch of dirt, and he didn't breathe in a new breath of life. The woman was hidden inside of him. We don't know what that looks like. Were they like Siamese twins? Was it just a little teeny rib on the inside? I doubt that, but we don't know. We can only imagine, but we know that they were so one that there was no relationship. They were so together there was no fellowship. And that's what was not good.

Steve Pixler:
Which requires distinction in order to have fellowship. Ultimately, that's the only way love is experienced.

Susan Dewbrew:
That's why the Father has to be separate from the Son and separate from the Holy Spirit. I don't mean separate, that's not the right word. They're distinct but not separate.

Steve Pixler:
Theologians have fought for centuries over the difference between distinct and separate.

Susan Dewbrew:
They actually are one, but they are individual in their personality, and they have the capacity to give and receive love individually.

Steve Pixler:

So, one in being, but distinct in person. And then that plays out in the male and female relationship which then produces a child.

Susan Dewbrew:

Right, they are so one, there's no fellowship, and when he drew her out, now they're two and they can have relationship, and now they're to be one. That's the whole point of unity is that it's unity and diversity, and from that union, fruit is born, children are born, and things are birthed like creativity.

Steve Pixler:

Love embodied.

Susan Dewbrew:

Love embodied on the earth. And that's the other thing, is when we're created in his image and in his likeness, he's a creative being. By the time they're created in the garden, we don't know a whole lot about God we just know that they're plural. "Let us make man in our image and our likeness." The plural pronouns were used on purpose so that we understood it was about our plurality, but also that he was creative. He said you go take dominion and subdue the earth and be fruitful and multiply and from love things are born.

Steve Pixler:

So, if the Kingdom is the release of love, bringing people not just imposing dominion as in domination, but if the Kingdom is truly bringing people into union with God and into union with one another if that's what the heart of the Kingdom is and then we have that being manifest as the image of God embodied in the male and female, the female drawn out of the male or drawn out of the human, and then now they are made one again through sexual union, then they produce a child which becomes the living embodiment of that oneness, and then it's in that society of human relationship that the image of God is fully manifest. But then of course, here comes the enemy and he disrupts that and creates division, so talk a little bit about it because this really is the heart of the message in the books. It really is about how the disruption of the union between male and female literally frustrates or hinders the unleashing of the Kingdom.

Susan Dewbrew:

It does.

Steve Pixler:

Because, if the Kingdom remember is not just the imposing of power on people, the governmental sovereignty if you will do my will or else, not the tip of the sword, so if the Kingdom is embodied in that loving perichoretic union of Father, Son, and Spirit manifested male, female, and child, then the Kingdom requires that unity to be unleashed.

Susan Dewbrew:
Yes.

Steve Pixler:
So, this is really the most fundamental aspect of that cellular level.

Susan Dewbrew:
What's the core of all human relationships is the family? And that's where the most intimate love relationships on earth are, and the enemy wants nothing more than to disrupt that because then all other relationships are hindered. In the garden, when he came after them, the only tactic he has and the only power he has is a lie. And because he has to get our agreement he has no actual power, and he has no actual authority, especially post the cross.

Steve Pixler:
He's a vampire. He takes the life from us. He has nothing to give. and nothing on his own.

Susan Dewbrew:
He has nothing on his own. He can come and manipulate and twist so that we agree, and that's those negative thoughts and things of that nature. In the garden, the first thing he did was he got him to question God's motive, God's goodness, and our own identity. "If you want to be like God, right do something. If you eat this tree, you'll be like God." What was the problem with that? Number one, they already were.

Steve Pixler:
They already were like God.

Susan Dewbrew:
They began to question, is God holding out on me? Is there something that I'm missing? Am I not enough? And that's the ultimate wound -

Steve Pixler:
Is God really good?

Susan Dewbrew:
Is God really good and am I really enough? Is there something else I need to do to strive to achieve in order to be lovable and in order to be acceptable? And so, the minute he got them to believe the lie they divided. They began to turn on one another and turned on the Lord, "Here is the woman you gave me". And then so it was her fault, then it was his fault, and then it was the devil's fault. The whole idea was that instead of being side by side and taking dominion over the earth, they turned on one another and her desire would be for him. That word for desire is the same word in chapter four where the Lord comes to Cain and he said, "Since desire is for you", and the word, there for desire means to master, to control. So, her desire would be for him, but he would rule over her and that is the curse.

That is not God's original intent. His original intent was for them to be one, literally in union with that love flowing so that it was hard to know where one stopped and the other started. You can only do that when you're laying down your life for one another. When you're doing this, it's not that you're becoming less and you're losing your life. In the Kingdom, when you lay your life down you find it. It's actually that when you do it in the Kingdom way, both rise to a higher level, and both become more than they ever could be as individuals. But the enemy knows if he can get us to try to rule or manipulate or control one another, to come from selfish insecure motives, the Kingdom is thwarted, not released. It's a totally different Kingdom.

Steve Pixler:

Which then brings us to the central message of the books that we've just released and that is how male supremacy is such a distortion that comes from that division from that lie that then in the curse causes women to be subject, silent, and second. We talk about that a lot in the books. That lie is that women then are meant to be secondary. That they were created in some way as the servant to the man, or as the man's helper, which we talk a lot about in the books.

This is why the message of equality for women and how that actually brings genuine equality for men. Because the truth is, a man who is subjugating a woman is less than a man, he's not fully a man until he empowers the woman. That's true headship. Whereas you say in the books, he's lifting her up like the dancer that's holding up the ballerina and they're spinning in this beautiful perichoresis. That is true headship, and that is truly submitting to one another and submitting to hold the other up that's the whole point. And so, when that begins to happen, the man becomes everything he was created to be in the full actualization of the female, and she becomes everything she was meant to be in the full actualization of the male.

This doesn't mean of course that all humans have to be married, but it does mean that you're going to find in a society of relationships your fulfillment in your service to others. So that brings us then to the central message that's in the books and everything we're talking about, because we're going to talk about the Kingdom in a million different ways. Especially in the podcast.

Susan Dewbrew:

That's right, it plays out in every aspect of life, in every complicated controversy, as well as every everyday issue.

Steve Pixler:

But if we don't get this right, if we don't get the equality of men and women right, unity cannot happen without equality and the Kingdom cannot be unleashed without the unity.

Susan Dewbrew:

No, it's like the Kingdom is being unleashed on the earth with it's hands tied behind it's back. It's like it's dragging a ball and chain trying to change the world but not fully engaging in it because the union is broken. And that's why Jesus spent so much of his ministry talking about the establishment of the Kingdom of God on the earth. He talked about the Kingdom way more than he ever talked about salvation. But the Kingdom boils down to its fundamental level. The unit or the union of the husband and wife first of all, and then the relationship of men and women in general. If we don't get that right, we're never going to establish his Kingdom on the earth. It's always going to be a pseudo kingdom; it's always going to make a few steps forward and then the world throws it back. What I have seen happen is even good men, who absolutely adore their wives and their daughters, but they believe that it's God's design for women to be secondary. And when they believe that, even if they mean it in a benevolent way, they hinder her because they're feeling like their job is to provide, protect and to keep them at home.

Steve Pixler:
Domesticated.

Susan Dewbrew:
It doesn't even mean they can't go to work, but it's the idea behind it that she's really there to serve them, that she really is an appendage and she really is the side dish to the meal when they do that she feels it on the inside, especially from a little girl up and she will never step into her real God-given creativity or find her God-given voice. And honestly, as hard as it is to say it, we're not going to make it until the men give us permission. Because they do hold the power. It's almost as if it's counterintuitive, I am free in Christ, but until the men come alongside and say we agree with you, I'm like the women in the New Testament chapters where Paul talks about wives being subject to your husbands and slaves be subject to your masters. Both of those phrases are used in conjunction every single time within a few paragraphs of one another. Why? Because women were domestic slaves back then. We don't get that in our 21st-century perspective, but in fact, they were. And even when she came into Christ, and she realized that in Christ there is no male or female and that it wasn't God's design that I be secondary, I actually am free, but here I am in a world that doesn't look like that.

So how do I change that world to reflect my freedom? Do I stand up and fight and say, "You better make me free, and you better give me the power"? Or do I say, "I know who I really am, and I begin to love and submit? Then the world around me can see Christ in me and begin to make the changes that are necessary to transform the circumstances so that the slaves and the women are no longer in chains." But as long as the men believe we should be, we're always just going to play the façade, the stained-glass masquerade. There it is, I wondered where that was coming in. I heard that song in my head this morning, if you all ever remember that old song by Casting Crowns, *Stained Glass Masquerade*? Where we'll come into church and we put on our happy plastic smiles and we're in shiny plastic steeples and we build up these walls to hide the pain that we're in and we don't really become authentic and real so that we can get healing and wholeness, which is another big part of unleashing the Kingdom is the individual healing like inner healing and learning to hear God's voice for ourselves as individuals, and then coming together corporately.

Unity does not mean uniformity. Men and women are not the same. We're not supposed to be the same, but I'm okay if I'm a woman and I'm the provider. It's not about roles and when we push people into those categories, we get confusion. My husband is one of the most nurturing men you'll ever meet and he's a man's man. He is completely masculine, and we've had seasons where he supported us 100 percent. And this season, I'm the main breadwinner. That does not diminish his masculinity, nor does it take away my femininity, and nor should I feel bad that he's more nurturing than I am. I can be exactly who God created me to be, and I'm fully a woman and he's fully a man.

Steve Pixler:

And while Susan's leading Dewbrew Realty, Gregory is leading the Him Center which he founded many years ago, and they feed thousands upon thousands of people. The organization has grown into a powerful and very efficient organization here in our community, but it doesn't generate huge income and it does not have the capacity to be the main provider at the same time look at how again a Kingdom-centered business like Dewbrew Realty is actually funding and making possible what's happening even with the Him Center even by allowing him to be there.

Susan Dewbrew:

He's food, I'm shelter. He's non-profit, I'm profit.

Steve Pixler:

Food and shelter, I love that. Now we just need clothing in there. So, let's begin to wrap it up by driving home one final thing that is a huge part of *Unleashing the Kingdom* in the books and the message of the books, and that is that the unity of men and women that is essential in order for the Kingdom to be released and dominion to be fully explored and manifested. The primary hindrance to that is actually not the world, it's the church. And so, a huge part of the message that's in the books, *Unleashing the Kingdom*, is actually going through the scriptures and looking at the arguments that have been presented for centuries that have subjugated women and actually showing that that's not what Paul is teaching. It's not what Jesus was teaching. In fact, it's just the opposite.

Susan Dewbrew:

It's the opposite actually, and that's the true tragedy.

Steve Pixler:

Ultimately what we're after with "Unleashing the Kingdom," and Susan I've, it's really interesting actually how much our ideas about the kingdom were already aligned before we ever even met.

Susan Dewbrew:

It's true.

Steve Pixler:

It really is pretty startling, but as we've really talked through and worked through this, our team, my wife Jeana, Gregory, Susan's husband, and our lead team at our church, we served together at Freedom Life Church in Mansfield, Texas, and as we've really begun to work through what the Kingdom looks like and what it looks like at church, what we are working to create at Freedom Life is a congregation that models just what we're talking about where it's not just the pastor and then everybody serves him and his leadership or even if it were a female pastor, we're not just looking for this pyramid structure. We want -

Susan Dewbrew:

It's still the wrong Kingdom.

Steve Pixler:

We want team-led leadership, which is what we have where people serve in their capacity, bring to the table what they're most gifted at, and it's really amazing how well it works.

Susan Dewbrew:

And I think for a lot of people the struggle comes if you don't have the pyramid power structure then there's no order there's chaos, there's you're not going to get anything done, whatever. And that's actually a false paradigm because when you have a pyramid power structure where everything funnels to the head, you're actually sucking the life from the congregation or from the constituents or you know if you're in business from your clients or from your employees or whatever. And the idea is in the Kingdom it's not that there's not order, and that there's not structure, it's kind of like again the Lord always brings us back to the analogy of the human body like we're all parts, we're all necessary like my heart is necessary you might not see it beating right now but if it wasn't beating you wouldn't hear my mouth talking so every part of my body is necessary and it all is working in unity and in unison and like my spinal cord, for example, brings order and structure to my body, it actually brings life to the whole body, that's what it's designed to do is to bring life to the body through order and through structure, but my body doesn't exist to serve the spinal cord.

Steve Pixler:

That's right.

Susan Dewbrew:

And so, the pyramid power structure because if we get fallen human nature in there, if we get the enemy in there, to twist the way the Kingdom is coming, we end up where people end up, they start off well, but they end up building kingdoms of men.

Susan Dewbrew:

It all becomes about serving the vision of just one individual and although the leader's vision is so important because it helps us to know if we're on the right track, am I in the right tribe like your vision for the Kingdom and your vision for Freedom Life helps us to know we're in the right place because we have a common -

Steve Pixler:

Yeah, it gives us unity of voice, we can be on the same page, and there are people that may not align with our vision, it may not be at where they're at at this particular stage of their life and it's fine for them to go elsewhere-

Susan Dewbrew:

Absolutely.

Steve Pixler

And that's not a problem.

Susan Dewbrew:

We are not building a church we are building THE CHURCH.

Steve Pixler:

We don't expect that everyone is going to align with our vision, but we know our assignment. But what you just said about, "Does the church serve the vision of the pastor in his ministry or is it the other way around?" I think that's really the key.

Susan Dewbrew:

It has to be yes and both.

Steve Pixler:

And it has to come back to the whole message that we're talking about here it has to come back to a place where you have apostolic leadership that creates room for people to flourish. Men, women, young, old, black, white, rich, poor, it doesn't matter who you are you come into this place the goal here is to be foundational.

Susan Dewbrew:

And to lift up.

Steve Pixler:

When you walk into someone's home you don't say, "Oh, what a magnificent foundation." You notice the cabinets, you notice the wall treatments, you notice all the different things, but you don't say, "Oh what a magnificent foundation." The foundation is almost unnoticed unless it's bad, then you know this in real estate, is this not the thing that often can create some of the most problems-

Susan Dewbrew:

Oh absolutely. Especially here in Texas where the ground moves.

Steve Pixler:

Exactly right. It's like the ground is always moving. So that's the church government. That's really the way church government is meant to be, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets so when you have apostolic leadership and prophetic leadership the goal is to create a footprint, a solid foundation that really undergirds and holds up everything else that flourishes within the church. And that all goes back to this is why we're emphasizing so much male and female because if that's not right nothing else is right.

Susan Dewbrew:

Everything else is off kilter because if the foundation is broken -

Steve Pixler:

It is a serious crack in the foundation.

Susan Dewbrew:

And again, I love how you said in the beginning the Lord works in the world as it is not as how we want it to be, so yes, he has worked through broken families and yes he has worked through broken societies and he's done great and mighty things through broken people right.

Steve Pixler:

He doesn't wait till we get it perfect.

Susan Dewbrew:

No, he sure doesn't. No, he doesn't.

Steve Pixler:

Thankfully.

Susan Dewbrew:

But in the establishment of the church, so it is yes, the individual expression like Freedom Life, and the more we get that right the more people are released, the Kingdom inside of them begins to flourish and grow, then their families do, then our community will, and then we'll be able to influence the world for the better. It will become like leaven, and it really will leaven the whole lump. And I love in your leadership, it's not that you're not the leader, it's not like we

can't look to you and say, "Okay, we trust his leadership, we trust his heart for the people, and for the Lord", but it's like it's an ebb and a flow almost like with the Lord. We don't feel like we're just there to serve you, we understand you're also serving us as well. Look at this, this is a great example of in this moment it's okay for it to be like the Susan and Gregory ministry and you're helping us, but we'll turn around and at Freedom Life, we're helping you too.

Steve Pixler:
Yeah.

Susan Dewbrew:
It just doesn't have to fit in these nice neat little boxes-

Steve Pixler:
So right.

Susan Dewbrew
With the grand poohbah on top.

Steve Pixler:
Yeah. The circle dance, everybody is in a flow.

Susan Dewbrew:
Like with my husband at home for example there's areas in our life where he's stronger than I am, there's areas of our life where I'm stronger than he is, and it and it might not look that way in the same way next year. Right? There's seasons where we ebb and flow or we grow or mature, we have more time or whatever. And if and if we stop pigeonholing people and stop putting them in these categories where you're the pastor you better make all the decisions and anything that's wrong in this church it's your fault

Steve Pixler:
That's right.

Susan Dewbrew:
And it takes the responsibility off of me to fully show up and fully be all in.

Steve Pixler:
That's right. That's why so many pastors are crushed under the weight of leading because of the corporate model that we've had which is the wrong kingdom.

Susan Dewbrew:
It's the wrong kingdom.

Steve Pixler:

Okay, so as you can tell, we have a million years' worth of discussion that we want to do so we're going to come back and talk a lot more about the Kingdom of God and just what it looks like. And the main thing we want to do in this podcast is we want to help facilitate concepts in revelation that will flow out to your life so that it really begins to take root in you. And we're not just theorizing the things we're talking about are not just happening on a whiteboard somewhere they're actually happening in the real world and we're very very passionate about seeing that happen in your real world. We've created some resources that you can get started with if you'd like to dive in deeper. Of course, the books are now released. Go to kingdombrewing.com, you can find the books there. You'll find a blog where Gregory posts daily devotionals that are always just very pithy and short and sweet and very -

Susan Dewbrew:
A Daily Vitamin.

Steve Pixler:
Yeah, daily vitamin –

Susan Dewbrew:
A little dose.

Steve Pixler:
And they're powerful. You can find that there. We're going to have an online course that's coming very soon. We're doing the conference in September. You can actually if you're if you're from a distance and can't get to the Dallas area, Dallas Fort Worth area, you can actually register for the live stream and do it online. We got audiobooks coming, all that's still happening. We have so many different ways to communicate this message. Check these resources out, go to kingdombrewing.com, connect with us, subscribe to our email list, connect with us and follow and get involved in the movement. We really want to see this become a movement that builds momentum, and we know you're meant to be a part of it, so thank you very much for joining us. Thank you, Susan, for your vision, all you're doing, and we can't wait to get together again in our next episode of "Unleashing the Kingdom".