



Make It Plain – The Principle of Representation

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

In this message from the *Make It Plain* series, Pastor Ron unpacks one of the most powerful kingdom principles in Scripture: **the Principle of Representation**. Beginning in Jeremiah 3, he explains God's promise to provide shepherds after His own heart—leaders whose passions are aligned with God's and who guide people into spiritual growth, restoration, and kingdom access.

Pastor Ron teaches that throughout Scripture, God often chooses to work through people rather than appearing directly. Just as the Ark of the Covenant represented God's presence in the Old Testament, God now places His purpose, presence, wisdom, and power in people. This requires believers to develop spiritual perception—to recognize what God has placed in others and receive from them accordingly.

The message challenges us to move beyond seeing people only through a natural lens. Whether leaders, fellow believers, or those God places in our lives, we are called to honor the image of God and the anointing within them. When we learn to perceive people correctly, we position ourselves to receive the blessings, wisdom, encouragement, and breakthroughs God often sends through them.

KEY SCRIPTURES

- Jeremiah
- Psalm
- 2 Corinthians
- Matthew
- Colossians
- John

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you most from Pastor Ron's teaching on the Principle of Representation?
2. Pastor Ron said that repentance is more than saying "I'm sorry"—it's changing the way we think. How does a renewed mindset affect the way we see God, leaders, and other people?
3. Jeremiah 3 describes shepherds who are after God's own heart. What qualities do you think characterize a leader whose passions are aligned with God's?
4. Pastor Ron taught that "you receive people as you perceive them." Have you ever experienced a time when God used someone unexpectedly to encourage, teach, or help you?

5. Why do you think it can be difficult to see others through a spiritual lens instead of simply viewing them according to their past, personality, position, or flaws?
6. How does understanding the Principle of Representation help you better understand biblical examples such as Adam, Jesus, Moses, and the tithe?
7. In what ways can honor create an atmosphere where people grow into the potential God has placed within them?
8. Pastor Ron challenged us to honor not only leaders but also one another. How can our small group, church family, or workplace look different if we intentionally practiced this principle?
9. Is there someone in your life whom you may need to see differently in order to receive what God wants to do through them?

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Challenge:

This week, ask God to help you see people through His eyes rather than through past experiences, assumptions, or outward appearances. Look for opportunities to show honor, encouragement, and appreciation to someone God has placed in your life. Pay attention to how God may be speaking, leading, or blessing you through the people around you. Write down one specific way you saw God's hand at work through another person this week.

PRAYER

Father, thank You for speaking to us through Your Word. Help us develop spiritual eyes to recognize Your work in the people You place around us. Give us hearts that honor others and wisdom to receive the gifts, encouragement, and direction You send through them. Teach us to see beyond outward appearances and to value the anointing, purpose, and calling You have placed within each person. Let our church be marked by honor, unity, and a culture that reflects Your Kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.