《天路导向》 双语讲义

故事的精髓 - 4 THE POINT OF THE STORY - 4

SECTION A

<u>甲部</u>

- 1. Welcome our listening friends 亲爱的朋友,你好,
- 2. What a delight it is to know that you are there listening to this broadcast 很高兴你能收听我们的节目。
- 3. In this broadcast, we will discuss the third parable in our series called "The Point of the Story."

 今天我们会谈到"故事的精髓"系列的第三个比喻,
- 4. The parable is known as the "Parable of the Leaven." 这个比喻也叫做"面酵的比喻"。
- 5. But let me begin by speaking about power just for a minute 让我先来谈谈能力这个词,
- 6. Power and the pursuit of power has always intrigued most people. 能力和追求能力总是人们感兴趣的话题。
- 7. There are those . . . who are impressed with power.
 有些人崇拜能力;
- 8. There are those . . . who pursue power. 有些人追求能力;
- 9. And there are those . . . who have power. 也有一些人拥有能力。
- 10. But today I want to tell you about the power that you may not know that you have in you 但今天我想告诉你的是,你里面的能力,而你自己也许还没有意识到。
- 11. The parable of the leaven is a parable about the transforming power of God 面酵是用来比喻神的能力的,
- 12. it is not the mirage power of this falling world 并不是这个堕落世界海市蜃楼一般的虚假能力,
- 13. but real power with the God of the universe. 乃是宇宙之主的真实能力。

- 14. This parable is about the only real and lasting power . . . not the temporary power of our secular society.
 - 这个比喻是在讲唯一的真正永存的能力,不 是我们这个世俗社会的短暂能力。
- 15. If you are fascinated by power . . . 如果你爱慕能力,
- 16. if you are intimidated by power . . . 如果你畏惧能力,
- 17. listen carefully. . . for this message is about the real power. 请仔细听,因爲这个信息就是关于真正能力的。
- 18. Turn with me to Matthew 13:33. 请和我一起翻开马太福音 13:33,
- 19. Let's read it 我们一起读。马太福音 13:33。
- 20. HAVE ANNOUNCER READ MATTHEW 13:33 HERE
- 21. Jesus doesn't give us an explanation of this parable. 耶稣没有把这个比喻的解释告诉我们。
- 22. But you can be certain that: The disciples knew exactly the things he described. 但你能确定的是,门徒知道祂所比喻的是什麼。
- 23. There was not a single home in ancient Palestine . . . in which the woman of the house did not bake bread.在古代的巴勒斯坦地区,没有哪家的妇女不会烤饼的。
- 24. They did not go and get bread from the bakery. 她们不是去外面的面包店买,
- 25. Women were constantly baking bread, and in large quantities .

 而是在家大量地烤饼。
- 26. because bread was their major food . .and . sometimes their only food.因爲面饼是他们的主食,有时甚至是唯一的食物。

- 27. And the way they made bread is, they kept a portion of the leavened dough from the risen batch just before it was baked. 在烤饼之前,他们总是留下一小部分发过酵的面团,
- 28. Modern-day bakers call it "starter." 现在我们称之爲"发面"。
- 29. Then, when the next batch of dough was being mixed . . . 然后当第二次和面时,
- 30. the woman would take the saved portion that has been kept . . . and put it in the middle of the new one.

 妇人就会把头一次留下的发面放入新的面团中,
- 31. That way . . . the leaven or the yeast would ferment the new batch of dough and make it rise.

 面酵就会使新的面团发起来。
- 32. The small piece of leaven or yeast . . . given enough time . . . it pervades the entire dough. 很小的一块发面,只要给它足够长的时间,就可以把全团新面都发起来。
- 33. A small piece of leaven would penetrate every particle of the dough.

 一小块面酵可以穿透面团的每一部分,
- 34. This small piece of leaven works silently and persistently to impact the entire dough. 这一小块面酵静悄悄,但又持续不断的工作,直到把全团都发起来。
- 35. The three measures that Jesus referred to is the normal amount of dough that a household would batch at a given time 耶稣比喻中所说的三斗面,是当时一个家庭所用的正常分量,
- 36. It is sometimes called one ephah or one bushel of flour. 也就是一伊法细面。
- 37. And, that was the amount used for the meal offerings which symbolize fellowship with God.
 也是用来献祭的分量,象徵著我们与神之间互相来往的关系。
- 38. It symbolized service and dedication to God. 象徵我们对神的服侍和献身,
- 39. It symbolized the hospitality of the soul to the living God.也象徵我们灵里对永生神的热诚。

- 40. In Genesis, that was the portion of the wheat flour that Sarah baked for the Heavenly visitors.
 在创世纪里,撒拉正是用一伊法的细面爲神
 - 在创世纪里,撒拉正是用一伊法的细面爲神 的使者烤饼。
- 41. In the Book of Judges, that was the portion that Gideon baked for the angel of the Lord. 在士师记里,基甸也是用这麽多面爲天使烤饼。
- 42. So, what is the point of the parable? 那麼,故事的要点精髓到底是什麼呢?
- 43. The point is this: 精髓就是:
- 44. God's power working supernaturally and often invisibly . . . by faith . . . can do great and mighty things. 神的能力,通过信心,虽然眼不能见,但却能成就大事。
- 45. The power of the Kingdom of Heaven is far greater than its initial size or appearance would suggest.

 天国的能力远超过它起初的样子,
- 46. The smallest part of the Kingdom . . . when it is placed in a conducive environment will have influence beyond its size 天国最小的一部分被放到它可以发挥的环境,就可以有远超它自身的影响。
- 47. Why? 爲什麽?
- 48. Because it is the power of God's own spirit. 因爲这是神圣灵的能力。
- 49. The power of Kingdom is the power of the King...天国的能力就是国王的能力,
- 50. and the power of the King plus the least among us . . . equal a power house. 神的能力加上我们中最小的一个,就等于一个发电站。
- 51. Jesus taught that when the power of God is being kneaded into the lives of those who are His own 耶稣教导说,当神的能力进入到他儿女的生命里,
- 52. it will have power with God 这生命就有了神的能力。

- 53. when His power is fermented in the lives of those who welcome Him and receive Him 当祂的能力像面酵一样进入到那些接待他的人心里,
- 54. when His power has penetrated every area of the lives of those who seek Him 当祂的能力穿透到那些寻求他的人的生命中,
- 55. when His power of His Holy Spirit is not grieved nor quenched by sin . . . 当他圣灵的能力不爲罪的缘故忧伤压抑时,
- 56. it will transform every particle of the dough. 就会改变全团的面,
- 57. This is how it works. 面酵就是这样工作的。
- 58. First of all, the Lord leavens us . . . 主的灵先发动我们,
- 59. and then He uses us to leaven society. 然后祂又用我们去发动整个社会。
- 60. First, His power transforms us . . . 神的能力先转化我们,
- 61. then we have power to transform those around us 以至我们有能力去转化别人。
- 62. First His power is displayed in us . . . 神的能力先在我们里面彰显,
- 63. and then we are able to display His power in the world. 这样我们才有能力将祂的能力彰显于世上。
- 64. First, He forgives us . . . then He tells us to forgive others. 神先宽恕我们,然后又叫我们去宽恕别人。
- 66. And this is exactly how it works: 面酵就是这样工作的,
- 67. Through this parable, the Lord helped me to correct an error in my life. 通过这个比喻,主帮助我去改正我生命中的错误。
- 68. Let me explain: 我来解释一下:
- 69. I have often prayed "Lord . . . get me out of the way."
 我以前常祷告说:主啊,把我挪开。

- 70. "Lord, move me out of your way in order that you may accomplish your purpose." 主啊,把我从你的道路上挪开,好叫你的旨意成全。
- 71. But here is the error: 但这就是错误所在:
- 72. If I were the dough . . . then I must do the job of the dough.

 如果我是面团,那我就要做面团该做的。
- 73. As the leaven penetrates every area of the dough . . . Christ must penetrate every area of my life...so that I can be used. 就像面酵穿透面团的每一个部分,基督必须穿透我生命的每一个角落,好叫我可以被祂使用。
- 74. Getting out of the way . . . may be a nice humble way to pray. 把我挪开,可能听起来是一个很谦卑的祷告,
- 75. But, it is the wrong way to pray. 但却是一个错误的祷告。
- 76. Here is what the Lord taught me 主教导我说:
- 77. Just as the leaven is so intermingled with the dough . . . 就像面酵和面团一样结合 ,
- 78. until the distinction between the two has become imperceptible. 两者的差别已是微乎其微的时候,
- 79. Even so, I must allow the leaven to leaven every part of my life . . . if I am to serve His purpose. 即便是这个时候,我也要允许面酵来发起我生命的每一部分,如果我是要顺服祂的旨意的话。
- 80. God can do His work without any of us. 神可以不需要你我任何一个人而自己做工,
- 81. But that is not the way He works. 但这不是祂工作的方式,
- 83. This is consistent with what Jesus said with John 15:4: 这就像耶稣在约翰福音 15:4 中说的一样:
- 84. Abide in me, and I in you 住在我里面,我也住在你里面。

- 85. Some people see this parable this way: 有些人这样解释这个比喻:
- 86. Since leaven in the Bible often refers to evil and corruption . . . 既然面酵在圣经中常被用来比喻罪恶和腐败,
- 87. therefore, Jesus must be referring to the corrupting influence of the world upon the church.

 所以,耶稣一定是比喻世界对教会的腐蚀力,
- 88. But this understanding undermines the positive influence of the leaven here. 但这个解释误解了面酵在这好的影响力。
- 89. Let me give you an illustration of how a negative figure of speech can be used positively.
 让我给你举一个贬义修辞被用作褒义说法的例子:
- 90. In the Bible, the "serpent" usually symbolizes evil.
 在圣经里,蛇通常象徵魔鬼,
- 91. But, in the Book of Numbers chapter 21 verses 8 and 9 God told Moses to make a "serpent" of bronze and to lift it up high... 但在民数记 21:8-9 中,神要摩西造一条铜蛇,并要他高高把蛇挂起来,
- 92. and everyone who looks upon the "serpent" of bronze . . . will be healed. 每个仰望蛇的人就可得医治。
- 93. Moses did and those who obeyed were healed. 摩西遵照神的意思去做,那些顺服的人都得救了。
- 94. In John 3:14, Jesus referring to His dying on the cross said the following 在约翰福音 3:14,谈到自己的死时,耶稣这样说:
- 95. As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the son of man be lifted up. That whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.

 摩西怎样在旷野举蛇,人子也要照样被举起来,凡相信祂的就得永生。
- 96. So this is how we understand this passage 所以,我们也要用同样的方法去了解这个比喻,
- 97. The context of any passage always determines the symbolic meaning. 上下文常常决定了比喻的象徵意义是什麼。

- 98. And here, clearly, the leaven symbolizes the power of Christ in His Kingdom. 在这,很清楚,面酵象徵基督天国的能力。
- 99. When Jesus said, in Luke 12:1: 在路加福音 12:1 中,耶稣说:

SECTION B 乙部

- Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees which is hypocrisy.
 当心法利赛人的酵,也就是假冒为善。
- 3. The leaven of hypocrisy has negative and powerful and pervasive influence too. 假冒为善的酵也有负面的强大影响力。
- 4. In Galatians 5:9, Paul said that leaven has a powerful and pervasive influence. 加拉太书 5:9, 保罗说面酵是很有能力的。
- 5. He said: "A little leaven, leavens the whole lump of dough."他说:一点面酵,就可以使全团都发起来。
- 6. He said the same thing in I Corinthians 5:6: 他在林前 5:6 也这麽说过:
- 7. "Evil leaven has evil influence." 罪恶的酵就有罪恶的影响力,
- 8. But Godly leaven has Godly influence. 但是敬虔的面酵就有敬虔的影响力。
- 9. In fact, Israel was asked to eat unleavened bread only for one week a year 实际上,以色列人一年只要吃一个礼拜的无酵饼就够了,
- 10. in order to remind them of their past slavery in Egypt . . . 是爲了让他们记住在埃及爲奴的日子,
- 11. but for the rest of the year they eat leavened bread. 其他日子他们都吃有酵饼。
- 12. And, because of the pervasive power of leaven they were not allowed to bring any of it out of Egypt. 并且,正因爲面酵的能力,他们不能够将面酵带出埃及。
- 13. In the ancient days 在古代,

- 14. When a Jewish girl gets married . . . 当一个犹太女子要嫁人的时候,
- 15. her mother would give her a small piece of leavened dough from a batch that was mixed just before the wedding.

 她的母亲会在婚礼前给她一小块发过的面 团。
- 16. Back then, leavened dough . . . was a very special gift to the bride from her mother. 在那个时候,发过的面团是母亲给女儿的特别礼物,
- 17. From that gift of leaven . . . the bride would batch bread for her household throughout her married life.

 女儿会用这块发面爲她的新家做一辈子的发面饼。
- 18. To the bride . . . that gift represents the love and the blessedness of the household in which she grew up.
 对于新娘来说,这礼物象徵著她娘家的爱和祝福。
- 19. One of the greatest joys for a committed follower of the Lord, Jesus Christ is to see how his, or her leaven . . . is transformed into somebody else's life . . . and produces a new life in Christ.

 对于一个忠心跟随主耶稣基督的人来说,最大的快乐莫过于看到自己的面酵改变了他人的生命,并在基督里制造出新的生命来。
- 20. It is sheer delight to watch people rid themselves of the leaven of malice . . . bitterness . . . and anger . . . 看到人们脱离罪恶,苦毒和恼怒的酵,是多麽无上的快乐啊!
- 21. and they become filled with the leaven of love and joy and peace. 就像被爱,喜乐与和平的酵充满一样。
- 22. The greatest blessings that a father or a mother has . . . is when they see their children receive the leaven of the Kingdom of God into their lives . . .
 对父母来说,最大的喜乐莫过于看到自己的孩子接受神国的面酵在他们的生命中。
- 23. My listening friends, listen very carefully as I conclude this message 我亲爱的朋友,请仔细听我的结论。
- 24. Whether you like it or not, your life is a leaven 无论你喜不喜欢,你的生命都是一个面酵。

- 25. Your life has the leavening influence and power 你的生命有面酵的影响力和能力,
- 26. Only sour leaven makes sour bread 酸面酵就会发出酸面来。
- 27. Christ-centered personalities will produce Christ-centered influence 以基督爲中心的性情,就会发出以基督爲中心的影响力来。
- 28. Christ-centered life will produce Christ-centered lives 以基督爲中心的生命,就会制造出以基督爲中心的生命来。
- 29. And that is the real power that Jesus gives his followers 这就是耶稣给祂跟随者的真实的能力。
- 30. What do you do with that power 你要怎样使用你的能力呢?
- 31. God wants you to have power with him 神要你靠著祂来得能力,
- 32. And no one can take that away from you 没有人可以夺走,
- 33. Nothing in the world can take that away from you 世上没有任何东西可以将它夺走。
- 34. Will you claim this power today 你今天想要这个能力吗?
- 35. It is my prayer that you do 盼望你能得到。
- 36. Until next time, I wish you God's richest blessing 愿神大大赐福给你,再会。