

## Matthew 6:10 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as *it is* in heaven.

I believe the Body of Christ is on the edge of the greatest revival ever

If we are going to be a part of this revival, we must have a desire for "more" and an understanding of the **culture** that will usher it in and maintain it.

More miracles, healings, deliverance, glory, power, more ministries and churches planted, more of the presence of God

## 1 Peter 2:9 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> But you *are* a **chosen generation**, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, **that you may proclaim the praises** of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

- Identity doesn't come from education it comes from impartation
- We are "sent" to change our culture

We are living in a new Kingdom with a new identity

## Colossians 1:13 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup> He has **delivered** us from the power of darkness and **conveyed us** into the **kingdom** of the Son of His love

People who are lost in darkness need more than an encounter with God they need a relationship with Him and His people

- The born-again experience is only the beginning of the new life in Christ
- To grow, it requires nurturing and care from the family of God

The born-again experience is mirrored in the natural through a husband and wife in starting a family

### Genesis 4:1 (NKJV)

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, “I have acquired a man from the LORD.”

- Knew – (*Hebrew*) *Yada*
- Deep, intimate relationship with someone
- It is out of this relationship that Cain was conceived
- Its more than the act of sexual intercourse
- God fashioned blood covenant into nature itself
- The hymen seems to have no physical purpose
- When it is broken it doesn't heal like other parts of the body
- God wants children to be born out of a covenant relationship between a husband and a wife

In our society it has become commonplace for children to be conceived in a passion filled one-night stand – or even worse, rape

- We live in a culture that desires intimacy without commitment
- Unknowingly the church has been influenced by this mindset

Week after week we see people at altars all across this country praying a prayer and becoming born-again

- But where are they?
- Many of them return to the same lifestyle they were stuck in
- They are not meant to be cast aside on their own

They have a need for a family with mother's, fathers, sisters and brothers

When the church of Jesus Christ becomes a family where honor is exemplified, people don't just "*come*" to church they "*become*" the church

- It is no longer a place they go but a tribe they belong to
- A family that nurtures one another in the good times and the bad times, sickness and health, until death to us part
- They don't jump ship for the best entertainment down the street – they become contributors not just consumers

They are committed to a family where they hear the voice of their Shepherd in the people who are leading them

We live in probably in one of the most fatherless generations in history

- In part, due to cohabitation and divorce
- Yet many are so busy they neglect their children and let the world raise them

### Malachi 4:5–6 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. <sup>6</sup> And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.”

- God is reuniting fathers and sons in these last days
- Restoring honor and family
- This last day’s revival will be founded in both the natural and spiritual

Evangelism is not meant to be a sales pitch or late-night commercial

I think sometimes in the church we are more concerned with getting someone to pray a prayer rather than being prepared to nurture a family member

- We must rise up and become mothers and fathers who care
- This last revival will emphasize the ministry of the Father
- Typified by complete reformation and restoration of fatherhood and sonship

## God is a covenant-making God

- Jesus died bringing an end to the Old Covenant
- This covenant could only be ended through death
  - *Romans and Galatians teaches this*
- God established a New Covenant based on better promises
- The covenant is made through the shedding of Christ's blood
- Baptism is the act that initiates this covenant relationship with God and His people

### Romans 6:3-11

- We are making a prophetic declaration when we go under the water
- We are being buried with Christ in death

When we come up out of the water, we are demonstrating that our new life is found in Christ who raised us from the dead

### Galatians 2:20 (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Keeping covenant with God is the mark of a true disciple

- Jesus had 12 apostles
- He kept saying that one would betray Him
- For three and a half years they had no clue who the betrayer was
- Judas must have had all of the same power and authority that the others did

On the night Jesus was betrayed, “*Let’s make a covenant*”

**Luke 22:19 (NKJV)**

<sup>19</sup> And He took bread, gave thanks and broke *it*, and gave *it* to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”

- Judas’ cover was blown
- He betrayed Jesus with a kiss
- He pursued intimacy without covenant
- He was in the relationship for what he could get out of it
- When he realized it would require a sacrifice, he was sold out for 30 pieces of silver
- He didn’t want to be in a relationship that would cost him something

False leaders and fathers cohabit for what they can get out of the body of believers

- The children (disciples) they produce are incidental
- They never plan to take care of them

When false leaders get caught, they try to create their own redemption – Judas hung himself

- Many times, we serve a leader for what it benefits us, not them or the body as a whole
- We don't want to be in submission to anyone
- All of our trust issues begin to surface
- We don't believe that if we give our life to another, they will reciprocate

More importantly, we don't believe that Jesus can give us the desires of our hearts while serving another

### Jude 1:16–19 (NKJV) Apostates, feasting with you

<sup>16</sup> These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling *words*, flattering people to gain advantage. <sup>17</sup> But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: <sup>18</sup> how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts. <sup>19</sup> These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.

- This is not the picture of a happy family
- There is a dramatic contrast between God's love and the world's lust for self, power, and control
- The world is longing for the supernatural, unconditional love of the Father who loves us as sons and daughters
- Lets' give them the "Real" thing

*“You can tell what a person loves by what he hates.”*

– Bill Johnson

God loves His children; He is jealous for them and hates anything that violates love

- God hates injustice

### Exodus 2:11–12 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> Now it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out to his brethren and looked at their burdens. And he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren. <sup>12</sup> So he looked this way and that way, and when he saw no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

- What caused Moses to defend his brothers?
- Why didn't he just mind his own business?
- Most people know the difference between right and wrong
- Sons and daughters of God act when they see injustice
- They have a deep sense to right what is wrong in the world

We see similar behavior in the life of Paul the apostle – **Acts 17**

- He arrives in Athens
- He is ahead of Timothy and Silas who he is to meet there

As he is waiting, he becomes a little riled up seeing the city worshiping false gods, starts to preach repentance – See verse 16



Gideon was a man who was provoked by what wasn't going on for Israel

- The Midianites, Amalekites, and the armies of the east were oppressing his country

The Lord had already sent a prophet to remind the Israelites of their history with God and how He freed them from the Egyptians

- Gideon has yet to see the kind of deliverance he is expecting
- We find him hiding in a winepress, trying to save the wheat crop from the enemy who would destroy their fields
- The Angel of the Lord appears to him

### Judges 6:12–13 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said to him, “The LORD *is* with you, you mighty man of valor!” <sup>13</sup> Gideon said to Him, “O my lord, if the LORD *is* with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where *are* all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, ‘Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?’ But now the LORD has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.”

- Have you ever been sick and tired of being sick and tired?
- He had heard of the miraculous works of God
- Yet, all he saw was a huge gap between that and Israel's powerlessness to change their circumstance

True sons and daughters have a deep passion in our souls that causes us to rise up and confront injustice and believe God to fill the gap in what we are experiencing and what we see in His promises

We see this in the life of king Saul

He has been anointed king but returns to the only thing he knew, farming

He receives word that the elders of Jabesh-gilead were going to lose their right eyes in order to make peace with the ammonites

### 1 Samuel 11:4–7 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> So the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul and told the news in the hearing of the people. And all the people lifted up their voices and wept. <sup>5</sup> Now there was Saul, coming behind the herd from the field; and Saul said, “What *troubles* the people, that they weep?” And they told him the words of the men of Jabesh. <sup>6</sup> Then the Spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard this news, and his anger was greatly aroused. <sup>7</sup> So he took a yoke of oxen and cut them in pieces, and sent *them* throughout all the territory of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, “Whoever does not go out with Saul and Samuel to battle, so it shall be done to his oxen.” And the fear of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out with one consent.

Injustice has a way of calling out greatness in the lives of sons and daughters of the King

- You can tell when someone is aware of the identity and inheritance
- How do they respond to injustice?
- Do we act in their authority or run for cover?

Psalm 97:2 (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup> Righteousness and justice *are* the foundation of His throne.

Luke 4:18–19 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> *“The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; <sup>19</sup> To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.”*

- Jesus came to bring justice and restoration
- It gives back people what sin and the devil have stolen from them
- The wages of sin is death – **Romans 6:23**
- Death is a spiritual condition of being separated from God
- The death of the body is a result of that separation
- Sin doesn't only affect our final end but the quality of our entire life

It is time for the body of Christ to rise up and receive our inheritance

- We must rid ourselves of complacency
- We can't be satisfied with great music and friendly services
- Divorce is destroying our families
- Violence is destroying our children
- Cancer and other diseases are taking the lives of so many
- We have been called to see the powers of darkness destroyed and ruined cities restored

God is calling us to prophesy blessing and destiny over our cities

- To love people even when they curse us
- To pray for the Kingdom to come to earth
- The weapons of our warfare are for pulling down strongholds – **2 Corinthians 10:4**

**Psalm 149:6–8 (NKJV)**

<sup>6</sup> *Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand,* <sup>7</sup> *To execute vengeance on the nations, And punishments on the peoples;* <sup>8</sup> *To bind their kings with chains, And their nobles with fetters of iron;*

- We must be people of courage and confront the enemy!
- We must embrace our position and gifting as we step forward in faith and power!