

### 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

### Mark 16:16–18 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. <sup>17</sup> And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; <sup>18</sup> they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

- Jesus never meant for miracles to be an end in themselves
- He meant for them to be an invitation into The Kingdom of Heaven

In our churches we find people that can identify with one or both of the brothers in the story of the Prodigal

## Luke 15

- Sacrifice and servanthood are important Kingdom attributes, meant to embrace, not replace family values
- We must identify and put an end to old religious paradigms that are hindering the Kingdom from coming

## 1 Corinthians 4:15 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet *you do not have* many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

Jesus taught us to pray, “*Our Father Who is in heaven...*” not “*Our God Who is in heaven*”

- To mirror heaven the Church must be built on family values and relational connections

Kingdom Minded Churches create covenantal family relationships because people are attached through fathers, mothers and family not doctrine

- This promotes freedom for people to think creatively, dream and envision with God to experience new depths of the Holy Spirit
- This environment attracts revelation, deeper insights into God’s word, and supernatural encounters with the Kingdom of God

Joshua received wisdom from fatherly impartation when Moses laid hands on him

Before Joshua ever received his own mantle, he had a chance to experience the effects of the mantle that rested on the shoulders of Moses – **Exodus 17:8–13 (NKJV)**

When Moses raised his arms on the top of the mountain, Joshua defeated the enemy

- What actually made him successful that day?
- I believe angels were the reason
- They were released that day because Joshua honored his leader
- Angels are released where there is honor, spiritual covering and true spiritual authority
- This is what mandates and mantles are all about
  - Authority
- Kingdom Minded Churches have angels assigned to them
- They are commissioned to help carry out the leaders mandate

New Testament:

The Holy Spirit commissioned the apostle Paul

- The apostles at Jerusalem sent him out – **Acts 15:22-25**
- His ministry witnessed the effectiveness of being under (submitted to) the covering of true spiritual authority
- Power and authority is released in this way
  - **Acts 19:11–16 (NKJV)**

## Luke 7:6–9 (NKJV) The Centurion's servant

<sup>6</sup> Then Jesus went with them. And when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, “Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof. <sup>7</sup> Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>8</sup> For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does *it*.” <sup>9</sup> When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, “I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!”

- This gentile was under authority and understood how that worked
- Jesus said He had never seen such great faith

We come into submission to the Father's mission and we get commissioned

- You cannot lead if you cannot follow – **Matthew 10:40**

Legitimate, anointed leaders carry an apostolic mission and are responsible to commission the body of Christ

## John 6:38 (NKJV)

<sup>38</sup> For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

### John 5:30 (NKJV)

<sup>30</sup> I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

This is how apostles (Sent Ones) receive authority

- They yield to the will of God
- They allow Him to carry out His plan through their lives and the lives of those over whom they have authority
- Like the disciples and apostles we need to be sent, not just go

When we submit to Gods authority in this way, angels are commissioned on our behalf

### Hebrews 1:14 (NKJV)

<sup>14</sup> Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

### Psalms 103:20–22 (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> Bless the LORD, you His angels, Who excel in strength, who do His word, Heeding the voice of His word. <sup>21</sup> Bless the LORD, all *you* His hosts, *You* ministers of His, who do His pleasure. <sup>22</sup> Bless the LORD, all His works, In all places of His dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

- The angels heed the voice of His word
- The Church is His voice which declares His word

When we are under authority, pray and prophesy in the name of the Lord, the angels hear it and perform it!

A transition is taking place

The pool of Bethesda is a picture of the church and fivefold ministry as most people know it

**John 5:2–4 (NKJV)**

<sup>2</sup>Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep *Gate* a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. <sup>3</sup>In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. <sup>4</sup>For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.

- The pool is a picture of the grace and power of God
- The five porches are a picture of the fivefold ministry, prophetically, (apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, teacher)
- An angel touches the pool and the healing occurs
- People come to most churches for the same reason
- If you need to get saved – come to church
- If you need a touch of God – come to church
- If you need healing – come to church
- If you need counseling or deliverance – come to church
- The emphasis is on “coming to church”
- Miracles are infrequent and inconsistent
- Waiting for the waters to stir

God wants us to move from the limitations of His presence, power and healing in our services out into the world

## Ephesians 4:7–13 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup> Therefore He says: "*When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men.*" <sup>9</sup> (Now this, "*He ascended*"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup> And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

- The fivefold is to equip, train and send out to the world
- Releasing multitudes of angels and manifestations of the grace and power of God

## Ezekiel 47:1–12 (NKJV) The River

Then he brought me back to the door of the temple; and there was water, flowing from under the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the front of the temple faced east; the water was flowing from under the right side of the temple, south of the altar. <sup>2</sup> He brought me out by way of the north gate, and led me around on the outside to the outer gateway that faces east; and there was water, running out on the right side.

<sup>3</sup> And when the man went out to the east with the line in his hand, he measured one thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the water *came up to my* ankles. <sup>4</sup> Again he measured one thousand and brought me through the waters; the water *came up to my* knees. Again he measured one thousand and brought me through; the water *came up to my* waist. <sup>5</sup> Again he measured one thousand, *and it was* a river that I could not cross; for the water was too deep, water in which one must swim, a river that could not be crossed. <sup>6</sup> He said to me, “Son of man, have you seen *this?*” Then he brought me and returned me to the bank of the river. <sup>7</sup> When I returned, there, along the bank of the river, *were* very many trees on one side and the other. <sup>8</sup> Then he said to me: “This water flows toward the eastern region, goes down into the valley, and enters the sea. *When it* reaches the sea, *its* waters are healed. <sup>9</sup> And it shall be *that* every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river goes. <sup>10</sup> It shall be *that* fishermen will stand by it from En Gedi to En Eglaim; they will be *places* for spreading their nets. Their fish will be of the same kinds as the fish of the Great Sea, exceedingly many. <sup>11</sup> But its swamps and marshes will not be healed; they will be given over to salt. <sup>12</sup> Along the bank of the river, on this side and that, will grow all *kinds of* trees used for food; their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear fruit every month, because their water flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for medicine.”



The river represents the grace and power of God

- It flows out of the sanctuary
- It gets deeper the further it flows

This depicts movement as God's presence grows more powerful as more of us take the presence of God with us into our homes, businesses schools, marketplace, etc.

- The deeper the water the deeper the grace of God pierces the darkness
- We see a greater expression of the Kingdom in the worst, darkest places of the world

Sent Ones:

**John 17:18, 20 (NKJV)**

<sup>18</sup> As You **sent** Me into the world, I also have **sent** them into the world.

<sup>20</sup> "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;

- Jesus is the Apostle and High Priest of our faith  
– **Hebrews 3:1**
- When Jesus promoted His disciples from learners to leaders He didn't call them patriarchs or priests, He called them **apostles (sent)**
- We do not all hold the office of Apostle  
– **Ephesians 4:11 some**
- We are all sent ones!

Apostle – Roman meaning borrowed from the Greeks

- Not only were they (sent) they had a very specific purpose
- To expand the empire
- They would conquer the kingdom and then culturize them in the Greek ways and customs
- This would assimilate the conquered peoples into a new national identity and government
  - “*When in Rome, do as the Romans do.*”

The generals, (apostles) were to transform the legal, financial, educational and all other systems so that the new land would be like Rome, even to the emperor himself, should he decide to visit

- We have been commissioned to displace the powers of darkness with the power of God
- Replace the enemy’s authority with the government of God
- Bring the Kingdom’s ways and influence into every aspect of society

### Matthew 6:9–10 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. <sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as *it is* in heaven.

Our churches will thrive when we perceive our primary purpose is to transform the culture of earth with the culture of heaven

Simply gathering for a service for two hours on a Sunday is not synonymous with transforming the culture of a city

Statistics prove that cities with some of the largest church attendances (with the exception of only a few) also have the highest crime rates, poverty, poorest health, most divorces and greatest number of abortions, per capita

- We are to be like Ezekiel's river
- Everything we touch is affected by a supernatural atmosphere
- Wherever the river flows things get healed, refreshed and supernaturally productive

### Isaiah 61:1–4 (NKJV)

“The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to *those who are* bound; <sup>2</sup> To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, <sup>3</sup> To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.” <sup>4</sup> And they shall rebuild the old ruins, They shall raise up the former desolations, And they shall repair the ruined cities, The desolations of many generations.