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“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

We hear this refrain over and over again as Jesus addresses the churches of Asia Minor in the book of Revelation. Some believe those churches are representative of the church age from its inception to the Rapture. Others believe there are characteristics of these churches in the Church today. Either way, we need to hear what the Spirit is saying to us today. He still speaks.

I want to take a few moments and use the Revelation format to address the Arkansas District Council. Jesus is always observing the church and speaking to the leadership in terms of encouragement, calling out discrepancies, a pathway to correction, and ending with a challenge. More important than that was the revelation of Christ to each church. We must heed the warning lest the candlestick (church) be removed.

Commendation

We must be clear and convinced that Church is not a passing whim of Christendom.

Challenge

Yes, the church has faced challenges through the ages, but is still a viable force in the world.

The American church, including the Assemblies of God, has found itself in a challenging moment particularly with the Covid pandemic and its fallout. However, the church was under siege before that.

A Lifeway research study, published in April, estimated that in the decade ending in 2020, 3,850 to 7,700 houses of worship closed per year in the United States, or 75 to 150 congregations per week. It also projected those numbers will double or triple in the wake of the pandemic.

The biggest reason for church closings is a decline in church membership. A March poll from Gallup found that fewer than half (47%) of Americans say they belong to a church, synagogue or mosque, down from more than 70% in 2000. (Lifeway research)

2 in 5 ministers have considered leaving the ministry because of stress, loneliness, political division, family toll, and very little optimism about their futures. (Lifeway research)

1.5% leave the pastorate each year. (Lifeway research)

According to Thom Ranier – now churches have to grow by 32% a year just to maintain.

We live in challenging times. Few have a Biblical worldview. What will it take for a turnaround for our pastors and churches?

Encouragement

In an October 2022 Barna survey of 2,000 U.S. adults, three out of four (74%) say they want to grow spiritually. Additionally, the same proportion (77%) say they believe in a higher power. Nearly half (44%) say they are more open to God today than before the pandemic.

Overall, 80 percent of Americans say they think there is a spiritual or supernatural dimension to the world. Eleven percent say they don't think such a dimension exists, but it is possible. Meanwhile, only 9 percent say they do not believe it exists.

Some of the greatest signs of hope for the Church come from our recent study—our largest one to date—of teens around the world, including in the U.S. Findings from *The Open Generation* indicate that young people may be fueling this rise in spiritual hunger. Overwhelmingly, Christian teens today say that Jesus still matters to them; 76 percent say, “Jesus speaks to me in a way that is relevant to my life.”

What does a Healthy Minister and a Thriving Church look like? They should resemble the New Testament church.

Acts 2:42-47, And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. (New King James version)

As I read through this scripture, I discovered the first and maybe the most important characteristic of a healthy church – it was **UNITY**.

A Healthy Church is Unified

Dictionary definition: The state of being one; oneness. A whole or totality of being united or combined into one.

1 – Unity

Unity does not mean uniformity! We are unified in our core values and essential doctrines, yet we may all have varying perspectives and emphases. We don't

have to see eye-to-eye on everything, but we must always endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Jesus and Unity

Unity was the focus of Jesus' prayer in John 17:11, 21-23, *Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are... that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. NKJV*

Paul and Unity

Unity was Paul's desire in writing to the church at Ephesus. Ephesians 4:3, *Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

He emphasized our attitude toward others more clearly in this passage in Colossians 3:12-14, *Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.*

In the Ephesians passage, Paul goes on to mention some other keys to unity, those being our beliefs, our gifts used to serve the body of Christ, and a focused purpose.

What Are the Enemies Of Unity?

What are the real enemies of unity in the local church?

- The color of the carpet
- Who gets the key to the supply closet?
- The thermostat
- The color of the flowers out front
- How loud the speakers are.
- Slow songs or fast songs? Old songs or new songs? No one can agree.
- Sister Ethel bought that piano 50 years ago – she won't let you buy a new one.

The Pastor and Unity

Pastor, God has called you to be the primary peacemakers. "Blessed are the Peacemakers."

My pastor told me years ago 90% of church problems are the pastor's fault. I

bristled until I realized what he was saying. We are either the solution or the problem.

I conducted a meeting at a church that was in the middle of a pastoral transition. I was told by a congregant sitting on one side of the church they were in unity. That was good until someone on the other side of the church said something the other side didn't like and the argument ensued. I had to call time out and give them a path forward. The family that was stirring up problems left the church.

Last year while reading the Bible through again I ran across an interesting portion of scripture in Zechariah. In this passage it contrasts the evil and the good shepherd and has Messianic reference.

Zechariah 7:11 NLT, So I cared for the flock intended for slaughter—the flock that was oppressed. Then I took two shepherd's staves and named one Favor and the other Union.

We, as Pastors have two major roles toward our people that is the gospel of grace and that of maintaining unity.

Psalms 133:1-3 NLT, How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony! For harmony is as precious as the anointing oil that was poured over Aaron's head, that ran down his beard and onto the border of his robe. Harmony is as refreshing as the dew from Mount Hermon that falls on the mountains of Zion. And there the LORD has pronounced his blessing, even life everlasting.

Unity creates an atmosphere for the blessings of God to flow.

Transition statement: *Although Unity may be the most important characteristic of a healthy church, it all begins with a person, and that person must be a healthy man or woman of God.*

2 – Healthy Ministers

The birth of the church began with a restored, healthy minister explaining to the crowd of onlookers what had just happened on the day of Pentecost.

Peter had been recognized by the Lord and others for having apostolic qualities. His calling and close relationship with Jesus strengthens the idea of him being a responsible person. Peter was bold to proclaim his allegiance in the face of growing animosity to Jesus. Peter's brass and bold approach crumbled at the point of denial when Jesus died on the cross. Peter's recovery was a beautiful picture of redemption and love. Following the resurrection, Jesus set up a scenario much like the one where Jesus first invited Peter to come and follow him. Jesus assured Peter of His love for him and his call was never in question.

The key to a thriving church is a healthy pastor.

In Matthew 16:18 Jesus declared "upon this rock I will build my church..."

The debate rages over whether “the rock” on which Christ will build His church is Peter, or Peter’s confession that Jesus is “the Christ, the Son of the Living God” (Matthew 16:16). In all honesty, there is no way for us to be 100% sure which view is correct. The grammatical construction allows for either view.

The first view is that Jesus was declaring that Peter would be the “rock” on which He would build His church. Jesus appears to be using a play on words. “You are Peter (*petros*) and on this rock (*petra*) I will build my church.” Since Peter’s name means rock, and Jesus is going to build His church on a rock – it appears that Christ is linking the two together.

God used Peter greatly in the foundation of the church. It was Peter who first proclaimed the Gospel on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14-47). Peter was also the first to take the Gospel to the Gentiles (Acts 10:1-48). In a sense, Peter was the rock “foundation” of the church.

We say Healthy Pastor. What does a healthy pastor look like? How do you know if you are healthy?

- Realistic about weaknesses – humbly relies on God.
- Maximizes strengths – use the gifts God has given you.
- Empowers others – the first church was not a one man show. We need everyone!
- Active in community – we are better together. Strength, safety and accountability is found in relationship with other ministers.
- Treasures their spouse / family and proves it with their time and attention.
- Spirit dependent.
- Financially wise – debt can crush your spirit and discredit your testimony.

Manifestation of health

Key Component – love and care for people.

The Good Shepherd:

- He loves.
- He leads.
- He feeds.
- He Intercedes.

Managing Your Health

Luke 2:52, *Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.*

Be proactive in managing and maintaining your health - physically, mentally, spiritually, relationally.

Transition statement: *We are not only to be healthy messengers, but we carry*

The Message – the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We must preach the Word that declares the person and purpose of Jesus.

3 – Biblical Preaching

V 42: *They continued in the Apostles' doctrine.*

“Consider the previous sermons you preached; how many scriptures did you use in your sermon? (Charles Stanley)

When I preached at my first church, I often heard, “son one of these days you’re going to make a good preacher.” After I had left that church the pastor asked me to come back and preach. I did and at the end of my sermon I felt like they would be impressed at how I had really improved in my preaching ability. While I was greeting the people, I noticed Sis. Grace Epperson coming to speak to me. Sis. Grace was a godly woman and if there was anyone I wanted to tell me how good I preached it was her. As I waited to hear what I was hoping she would say, she said something that has meant more to me than accolades about my preaching, she said, “Brother Ronnie, I will never forget when you came and sat with me when my sister was so sick.”

I read years ago Charles Stanley used at least 30 scriptures in every sermon he preached.

Have you examined what Peter preached on the birth of the church? Peter Preached the Word and gave meaning and application. As you well know, he used scriptures from the writings of Joel.

Preach Jesus

Then Peter preached Jesus from what he had seen and heard from Jesus personally and incorporated from the Psalmist concerning the Son of God. It was here that the focus was on the purpose of Jesus. Peter could have – and would have been justified to – preach against the people that had just killed Jesus. Remember, the very people who called for Jesus’ crucifixion were in the crowd that heard Peter’s first message. But instead of preaching condemnation, he preached Jesus.

--Instead of preaching what your political party aligns with, preach Jesus.

--Instead of preaching your tradition or the belief you were raised in, preach Jesus.

--Instead of laying out your church’s dirty laundry for all to see, find that sense of unity and preach Jesus.

--Preach Jesus when the bills pile up.

--Preach Jesus when the world seems dark.

--Preach Jesus when your faith is small.

--Just preach Jesus.

Preach with Power

1 Corinthians 2:2-5 *For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.*

It is not our fancy homilies or so-called good sermons that have the power to change lives. It is not even our apparent weaknesses in communication; the power is in the inerrant and infallible Word of God. Preach the Word.

Mark 16:19-20, *When the Lord Jesus had finished talking with them, he was taken up into heaven and sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand. And the disciples went everywhere and preached, and the Lord worked through them, confirming what they said by many miraculous signs.*

Preach With a Response In Mind

That day 3,000 were added to the church and daily those who were being saved were added to the church. Our intended response for the messages we share should not be "Wow, look at how good of a preacher they are." Instead, we should preach a message that evokes the response of "Wow, look how good God is." Anytime a message or movement from your church leads to the person behind the pulpit and not the Savior on the cross, you have missed the point.

Transition statement: *Being united, healthy and word-oriented does not happen in a vacuum, it happens in answer to prayer. Prayer is the life blood of a healthy church.*

4 – Prayer

Acts 2:42, *And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.*

Jesus modeled a life of prayer. His disciples observed that and then wanted it to be a part of their discipline and asked Jesus to teach them to pray. Thus we have the model prayer in Matthew 6.

Following the Lord's triumphal entry, He went to the temple. From the prophet Isaiah He declared, "My house shall be a house of prayer."

The Church was birthed in prayer. It continued through prayer. If the church as we know it continues there must be "prayer without ceasing".

The rebirth, revitalization, and restoration of the church must begin and continue with effectual, fervent prayer.

Prayer is not flashy. It's work. It's discipline. A praying church comes as the result of a praying pastor.

The Bible and Church Revitalization

Solomon dedicated the Temple by leading his people in prayer and prepared them on how to pray when they found themselves in difficult circumstances. Following the prayer the glory filled the Temple.

Read through Acts 16 and one will discover again the keys to birthing and sustaining a church. Paul and Silas were directed to Philippi by the Spirit. Upon arriving, they found a women's prayer group gathered by the river. A demon possessed girl was delivered and brought trouble for Paul and Silas as it had affected the economics of the city adversely. Paul and Silas were imprisoned but they began singing and praying. They were supernaturally delivered and the church in Philippi began with a women's group and a jailor and his family.

The Teschen Revival

In the 1700s, Central Europe was divided between Catholic states and Lutheran states. As a rule, the religion of the ruler was the religion of the people. But in Silesia, which is now mostly part of Poland, a Catholic dynasty was forcing all of the Lutheran Pietists in their kingdom to convert to Roman Catholicism.

In 1708, Pietist children in southern Silesia began holding large outdoor prayer and song services. The phenomenon soon spread all over Silesia and included adults as well as children. The children called their prayer services "camp meetings," a term that was famously adopted by Methodists in America about a century later.

With some military help from Sweden, the Pietists gained religious freedom from their Catholic rulers and planted the Jesus Church in the village of Teschen, which had become the center of the prayer revival. The Jesus Church had between 5,000 and 10,000 worshippers every week and conducted services in German, Polish and Czech.

The Teschen Revival spread to other newly formed Pietist churches in Silesia and then to other parts of Central Europe. John Wesley in England and Jonathan Edwards in New England followed the Teschen Revival and began to pray for similar outpourings of the Spirit in their lands.

Today, most historians consider the Teschen Revival to be the beginning of the transatlantic awakening that swept across Europe, the British Isles and North America off and on during the 18th century. We call the American version the First Great Awakening.

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When I pastored at El Dorado, I had a lady there whose name was Fanny Davis. Once I went to see her in the emergency room because she was in dire straits. As I was preparing to pray for her she said, "This time Bro. Ronnie pray like you mean it!"

James 5:16, *Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*

It was John Wesley who gave us the first recorded use of the phrase when he wrote:

“Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God, and I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or laymen; such alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the kingdom of heaven on earth. God does nothing but in answer to prayer.”

I was blessed to be raised in a church where prayer was important and powerful. When it was time for prayer in the service everyone prayed. When MM John, a native of India, was asked to pray it seemed as though he pierced the heavens and the glory of God permeated the place. Night time prayer meetings were common place where the men gathered and sought the face of God and prayed for their community. It was a powerful church and hundreds of lives were transformed because of prayer.

Transition: *The significant realization of a healthy church is a healthy environment where there is a sense of the power and presence of God.*

5 -- Presence and Power

Acts 2:43, A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. (NLT)

Is there anything that happens in our gatherings that causes us to be amazed and marvel?

Kenny Hibbard -

Back in November, the Lord said 2023 would be the year of outpouring – and that has become our “word” for this year. Since then, these things have happened:

- Waylon, 9 yr. old boy, healed of migraines in Children’s Church
- Jimmy, facing shoulder surgery, instantly healed
- Ed was diagnosed with cancer in liver, spine, lymph nodes, kidney, bladder. He had kidney removed in January – all other tests for other cancers came back benign
- Gracie, teenager with 5.3cm cyst on ovary confirmed with ultrasound, went for further tests and another ultrasound and the cyst was gone. She shared her testimony in the youth service and 8 teenagers came to the altar and were healed. Four kids gave their hearts to Jesus and 6 were baptized in the Holy Spirit
- Melinda was diagnosed with large mass on uterus – went for surgery and it was benign
- Pattie was diagnosed with breast cancer – went for surgery and lump was removed with no complications, no radiation, no chemo

The last two Sundays in January, God has been pouring out His Spirit. The crowds have greatly increased. On January 22, the Lord called forth a remnant and He said we won’t need to be convinced of this outpouring but have already experienced it and the altars were flooded with people on their faces for the remainder of the service. Before dismissing, I felt

led to give an altar call and two young men, brothers, came forward – neither knowing the other was coming – and both rededicated their lives to Christ at the same time.

On Sunday morning, January 29 God's glory so filled the house to the point where it was almost impossible to preach the Word. The Lord instructed me to go ahead and preach and then to make an altar call. People were filling the aisles as they came forward. God's resurrection power kept everyone there for about 40 minutes, with one being filled with the Holy Spirit. When service was over our Recovery Ministry director came to my wife to share with her the vision she had during service. She said right at the end of worship she saw liquid gold flowing down from the ceiling, flooding over our worship pastor and then turning to dust as it flowed over all of us standing on the stage. She asked the Lord what she was seeing and He spoke and said it was His glory being poured out. Sunday night we had 13 people filled with the Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues – 8 children, 3 teens, 2 adults. One thing happened that I have never experienced. During this service a father carrying his 4 year old son walked up to me in the altars. He said that during the altar call, while holding his boy, he heard him begin to speak in tongues. He brought him up to the altar and the power of God was all over this child! He put him down and immediately the other children came around him to pray as he freely spoke in a Heavenly language.

I share this because the Holy Spirit outpouring is here and He's moving wherever He is valued. 2023 will be marked by miracles, signs, and wonders because of His glory!

Travis McKamie-

"I cast a demon out of a guy 3 weeks ago. He got saved and has been bringing people to Jesus ever since.

"Last week the Holy Spirit told me that today would be a day of deliverance at Unity Church Magnolia. Today we saw 4 first time salvations, 6 rededications & 30 were baptized in water! 8 were planned baptisms 22 were spontaneous unplanned after the altar call! Many freed from addictions, depression, fear & anxiety! All glory to Jesus!"

Acts. 2:7 Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?"

Some will be amazed, others will mock. Some will be engaged, others will casually observe, and others will ask, "What does all this mean?" Hey, the same people who sing the song "Lord send revival" on Sunday morning in their church were questioning the validity of the revival at Asbury. **HELLO** – He sent what you were singing for and instead of celebrating, you criticized it.

We must be careful not to judge, question, or invalidate the Holy Spirit's activity in other places and focus on how we are going to steward the move God wants to begin in our own church.

If God's glory saturated the Tabernacle of Moses and then manifested again in

Solomon's Temple, then I know we can anticipate and experience the same. Especially when we take into consideration the scripture in Haggai that declares, "The glory of the latter house shall be greater than the first."

The glory is the Person of Jesus, the Presence of Jesus, the Power of Jesus, and the Praise of Jesus.

As pastors, evangelists and those who minister in the house of God we need to learn to be sensitive to the Spirit.

We must hear the voice of the Spirit. We must not grieve the Spirit by disobedience. We must not quench the Spirit by trying to suppress or legislate against His work of imparting spiritual gifts and ministering to the church through them.

We, as pastors, say we don't want someone controlling us or the church, however, we are often guilty of controlling from the pulpit by not being sensitive to the Spirit. I know we must pastor revival and there are those overzealous that try to ruin it. However, we must not be guilty of shutting it down, but instead be courageous enough to correct error.

We can be a Pentecostal church and grow. Let's remember on Pentecost 3,000 were added and growth continued.

We must not be guilty of "having a form of godliness and deny the power thereof."

What I long to see in every healthy church:

- A hunger for the Word of God.
- Worship that is Christ-centered and God honoring.
- A greater understanding of the five-fold ministry gifts to the church and their operation.
- The gifts of the Spirit in operation – all the gifts, not just your favorite one.
- The sick are prayed for and receive healing.
- The church prays together.
- There is a sense of the divine and an expectation for God to do great things.

Conclusion: Is there hope for the church?

Matthew 16:13-19, *When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."*

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not

prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

This story is even more powerful in context:

Mark 8:27 Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi.

It was a 25 mile walk to Caesarea Philippi. This was not an accidental or "on the way" destination. It was a long, intentional trip.

Caesarea Philippi was an evil city, built on a cave dedicated to the worship of Pan, the goat god. For many centuries, men and women went to Caesarea Philippi to commit sexual immorality and worship false gods. At one point in history, everyone was required to be naked when walking through the city. It was a horrible, evil, sin-filled place – the capital of idol worship and sexual depravity.

The rock cave Caesarea Philippi was built on was a large hole in the ground, so deep you couldn't see the bottom - where people threw animal and human sacrifices. That cave was called **The Gates of Hades**.

Good Jewish people did not go to Caesarea Philippi. But Jesus took His disciples there. They had to be wondering, "What in the world are we doing? Why are we going to such an evil place? What is Jesus up to?"

Jesus took his closest disciples to the most evil, depraved place in their world- The Gates of Hades. I picture Jesus pointing in the direction of the cave and saying, "We've avoided this place for centuries, but there is no reason to fear. Even The Gates of Hades will not overcome My church. We will even prevail here. No evil place or evil people can stop the Word of God and the work of God."

Absolutely! The gates of hell will not prevail against the church built and focused on Jesus.

The Church was God's idea and He put Jesus as the Head of the Church. Jesus also loves the Church and proved it by giving His life for it.

Jesus is the Chief Cornerstone, the framework, the foundation, and the capstone, He is walking in the midst of the Church and working in it to will and do His good pleasure. He is coming back for His Church that is without spot or wrinkle. This doesn't sound like the Church is going out in a cloud of dust but instead is going out in a blaze of glory!

We need Zechariahs and Haggais to stir up the leaders and workers to re-establish and revitalize the church. It started with the preachers who declared "The glory of the latter house shall be greater than the former."

Jesus was saying "Not even the worst place on the planet will prevail against

my kingdom". Not North Korea, not Iran or Russia, no school, institution, violent religion, or corrupt system will win against God's Kingdom."

Christians worry that politicians, governments, courts, laws or evil leaders will stop the church. ***It won't happen. It can't happen.*** No power of Satan or man will defeat the Church of Jesus Christ. You don't have to live in fear. God's Kingdom will stand!

Nothing shall prevail against Christ's Church:

Antichrist	Isms	Quarantine
Betrayal	Judgment	Reason
Corruption	Kingdoms	Social Chaos
Darkness	Lies	Tribulation
Evolution	Manipulation	Unbelief
False prophets	Negativity	Violence
Government	Opposition	World
Hurt	Principalities and powers	Zero Zilch

Prayer:

Father show us your glory in the Person, Power, and Presence of Jesus. Reveal the areas that we need to address and correct to line up with your will and purpose.

May we worship you in spirit and in truth. May your rid us of entertainment and preferences to simply focus on You.

May we endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Rid us of cowering to the moral dilemma and take courage to handle every disruptive situation with the spirit of humility.

Give us a heart for a lost and dying world and add to your church daily those who are being saved.

Anoint us to preach the Word of God with boldness anticipating its confirmation with signs following.

Help us steward revival without a spirit of control while encouraging the Gifts of the Spirit to be in operation.

As ministers, bring us to a state of health so we can effectively lead our churches to where we are thriving and not just surviving.

May your house be a house of prayer in order to change the atmosphere from mere formality to demonstration and the power of the Almighty. May signs, wonders, and miracles be the norm and not the exception.

Thank you for the promise of a latter day outpouring that raises up a new generation of world changers and anticipates Your return. Help us to be about Your business until the catching away of Your glorious Church.

