

The Church, The Whole Church, and Nothing But The Church, So Help Us, God- Part 2

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When you worship, it's not just the song service, but when you worship and you engage with your heart, it calibrates everything in your life.

On Sundays at the end I usually say something pretty much word for word like this. *"Before you get out of the room, say hello to four or five people that you don't know"*. I'm serious about that. There is going to be a greater influx of people.

We see the church as a family of God, ordained, God-assembled family. It just makes sense to get to know the family.

Some may wonder, why do you talk so much about the church? Well, we're going to get a whole new, deeper understanding and revelation of what the church is, and what the Church is, and what the Church is supposed to be about. The only stability that can be brought to the world is coming through the Church.

If you know me, you know that I don't do the intimidation thing, the manipulation thing, to make people feel badly if they don't come. I don't do that. I will tell you this, though. There has never been a better time in the history of the world to get connected deeply, heart to heart, in the church.

Talking about this awakening, baptisms and the greatest move of God that the planet has ever seen, is making something come alive in your spirit. It's the Spirit of God bringing you awake to the things that God is doing right now, on the planet.

Jesus was a polarizing figure. He was hated by the religious system. The religious system was people, religious people, who put Jesus on the cross.

There was an atmosphere around Jesus that was 100% charged with unconditional love, and the people were drawn into that atmosphere. They didn't feel those religious constraints. They didn't feel any intimidation, manipulation, coercion or pressure.

God wants to produce that same atmosphere in you, and around you, where people are drawn into that. The Lord just likes to haze (guide) people over in front of you, into your space, so they get touched by something real, and not some cheap imitation of something out there.

Here's the most important question that will ever be posed to you or anybody else. *"Well, who do you say that I am"?* Who do you say that Jesus is?

You only know that Jesus is the Son of God, because God has given the knowledge to you. There's a revelation of that. Flesh and blood didn't reveal it to you. It's the Spirit of God who quickens your heart to the life that's attached to that. That's a Father-given revelation.

"How can I know what to do"? Well, you get your ear to the railroad tracks and you listen to what the voice of God is saying. That's what we do around here. That's the only way we'll

get to the next point, to another level of understanding the authority and anointing that you have as believers, and as part of the Church. You have to embrace it.

Your level of anointing is never going to exceed the responsibility that you take.

I'll commend you, because I'm feeling that there's more of the household now that's embracing and doing something with the words that come from this place up here (the pulpit).

The enemy, our adversary, the devil, who walks about like a roaring lion, has, and is, unleashing everything he can in the world right now. And if you can't see that, you're not paying attention. There's a spiritual battle at hand. You've been swept into it, and you need to know what to do in the midst of this battle.

If you're looking with spiritual eyes, the gates of hell won't prevail against you.

God won't reach over the church and do what He's given the church the authority and the power to do. It's up to the church and the people to make a decision to comply with what God is doing in this season, and get on board. There's never been a better time to do that.

This is my definition of the church. *"The church is an ever changing, ever evolving supernatural called out and victorious Kingdom family of like minded believers in Jesus, working together and known for their love for one another. Bonded together by the common thread of agape love, and the unity of the Holy Spirit, who were commissioned and empowered by the Father with authority to propagate and spread the good news by communicating that, and demonstrating it with signs and wonders to the world, and to carry out the perfect will of Jesus, to co-labor with Him as He establishes His Kingdom in the earth".*

The mandate that I have on my life is this: It's to bring the church into it's true identity. That's the call of God on my life. That's what I do. The little spark, the little light, the little fire of believing that the church is really going to be what we see depicted in the Bible. It has never left me, not one single time. But now, that little spark has grown into a full, a full-fledged blaze in my heart, in my life.

A couple of things God has been speaking to me; God the Father is in a really, really talkative mood and also, *"Andy, I'm really generous with My presence"*.

I've never heard the voice of God as clearly, as concisely, or as much of it as I am hearing now. Is anybody experiencing that besides me?

I'll tell you what I'm doing. I'm getting with the Lord. I'm not asking Him anything. I'm just there to hear what is in the heart of the Father for me.

My calling is to bring the Church into its wholeness, its identity, and to bring people into their true identity. Also to bring life to the body through biblical truth.

I'm more interested in teaching you who you are than to teach you what you ought to do, because if you know who you are, you'll do what you're supposed to do with your life.

I'm called to the whole church, not just Trinity Fellowship.

People who have the hand of God on them need to stand up and be speaking and talking about the church, and what God wants to do in the church, through the church and with the church.

This is a repeat from last week. *“Deception is as an all-time high”*. These are the end times. It’s not if, and or but. But God is also saying: *“You ain’t seen nothing yet”*. So, heads up!

The ones who are not going to be deceived are the ones who are in an abiding, living, walking relationship with the Father. Listening to the Spirit, walking in the Spirit, being led by the Spirit and living in the Spirit. You heard it here, so it’s up to you to do it. **Will You?**

The definition of the church (Ecclesia) means *“ecc”*, which means *“out of”*, and *“clesus”* meaning the called out. It means that you didn’t come out. You got called out. You got called out by the Creator of the universe, Who wants to be your Father.

Like a stone cutter does with a raw rock, the Master Builder is chipping away the stuff in you, on you, and around you that doesn’t mesh with the life of Jesus.

You mark my word. Write it down this day. You’re going to experience the presence of God beyond what you ever dreamed for, or imagined, or hoped for, if we do the stuff that God is spelling out for us to do. It’s contingent upon the obedience of the people of God.

So, this is not what most people want to hear their leaders say. But I’m saying this to the Lord a lot when I sit down with Him on the porch. I don’t know anything! And you know, God can do something with somebody who doesn’t know anything. And it’s the ones who know everything that He can’t do anything with.

All we have to do is cooperate and embrace God’s true joy. You can’t have it by reading the bible alone. You can only have it by embracing Him in relationship.

God wants to share the excitement, the challenges, the power, and His glory with us, but you really have to be careful not to take any credit for it. Spiritual pride is the ugliest kind of all. Spiritual pride is like bad breath. Everyone knows you have it but you.

You’re in your greatest test right now, because God’s going to use you to a degree that you haven’t seen before. Are you experiencing God using you in ways that you hadn’t even thought about before?

If you’re not going through some or one of the greatest challenges that you’ve ever experienced, you have to wonder if you’re really walking in step with the Father.

The Kingdom of God already exists in its fullness and its completeness. But it only manifests in the natural, in the world, when we make Kingdom decisions and when we do Kingdom things. It’s about righteousness. It’s about walking it out. The Kingdom manifests in the natural, as we cooperate with Him, doing the right thing, doing the Kingdom thing, acts of righteousness, thinking the right stuff.

“And you need to be thinking right about the right things”. Every time you take a step of faith and do something like we’re talking about, the Kingdom is manifested to a greater degree.

One of the first missions of the Church is to pursue. Pursue Him. There's nothing else more important than you pursuing God. He's pursuing you. He's waiting for you. He's standing at the door of your heart and He's knocking.

A lot of people, especially in the Bible Belt, their Christian life is confined to Sunday. We've never confined the Christian life just to Sunday around here. Every message that you've heard here, it talking about living that life out there.

You need to get this. Most ministry is going to take place outside of here.

"Well, what is my ministry?" Well, you ought to ask Him. You have to find that out, and you start ministry with the people who are in your circle of influence. If you're faithful in a little, God will continue to bless that. The Kingdom of God grows like that.

The Church is to facilitate the advancement of the Kingdom of God, as the Lord gives instructions.

Evangelism is best done through relationship. That's why you need to get to know people. There's stuff happening in the hearts and lives of people.

"All authority", Jesus said, *"has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples"*. It doesn't just say go get them saved. He says go make disciples. It takes time to disciple people. It doesn't happen overnight. It happens over a lifetime.

The body of Christ needs to hear from people who've been with the Lord. That's what needs to happen. He's really generous with His presence. He's in a talkative mood and wise people know what to do with that.

They continued steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine. Apostles, doctrine and fellowship. It's engaging in an activity where hearts are engaged toward one another. It's spending time with one another (like in small groups). It helps you to express yourself.

Meals are important together. Come to the Thanksgiving meal. Let's get to know one another a little better.

Some of you guys who watch online, you should make a pilgrimage to Sayre. We'll put you up. Stay here for a Sunday and meet these people here, and see what it's about here.

I love my online people, but the online people in our community who are watching, I would encourage you to be here, because one thing you maybe can't feel when you're watching online, is the presence of the Lord when we come together. I'm saying that something happens when we come together.

God's not looking for a congregation. He's looking for a family. If He wanted something other than a family, He would have called Himself something other than Father. So, He's after a family.

You're hand picked for this particular generation. Are you getting this? You're hand-picked!

This is kind of scary sometimes, but it's true. God is using you, and people like you, to set the world in order. God's not looking for people who can do something. He's looking for people He can do something with.

You get mad, ticked off, because of something I said, or something somebody else said. You can go find another church, you can do that for the rest of your life. But if you are called to this family, you can't leave this family. So, you need to decide then, if you're called to this family. And if you are called to this family, roll your sleeves up, and figure out where you belong. And, let's get it on!

The only two ordinances that Lord left us to observe are the taking of the Lord's Supper, communion, we call it. And water baptism. That's what we do when we come together. It's also caring for the poor. I'm not just talking about the poor in resources. There are people who are spiritually poor, people who are emotionally, relationally, physically poor.

“Lord, I pray that the word about the church today would sink into the soul, the mind, the will, and the emotions of the people of our household. And Lord, I pray that the Word would invade the Spirit. So right now, Holy Spirit, just start bringing those things to life in the hearts of your people, and that the gifts and the calling of God would be on every person, every body part, every member of the body, Lord, in Jesus name”.