

# The Church, The Whole Church, and Nothing But The Church, So Help Us, God

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The first thing I want to remind you of is, don't forget to forgive. Don't forget to forgive. That'll set you, and somebody else, free.

The Lord said that He's perfecting the essentials. Well, forgiveness is one of those essentials. You can't move from where you are spiritually, emotionally, or any of that, unless, or until, you forgive.

What I want you to do is ask the Lord what He's doing, and what He wants to do in you now, what He wants to do in you in this season. Ask Him what He's doing, and then write some things down, and then begin to adjust, based on what you believe you have heard from God.

Sometimes when I hear God, at first I only **think** it's God. Pretty sure it's God. And a lot of times I won't know for sure that it's God until I add my faith to it, and take a step in the direction of what you believe God is saying to you, and He'll do the rest. That's how your faith works.

If you will do the things that we talk about around here, you will get well. I don't care how messed up your life is, what kind of jam you are in right now, or in the future. If you'll do the things we talk about, starting with a relationship with the Father, that's the key to it all, wherever you are at.

The Kingdom of God, in a church that is walking in step with the Lord of those Kingdom values, transforms lives.

When you cooperate, it turns out, as your life is restored, in the final analysis, 100% God and 0% you. You have to cooperate, but God does the stuff.

If you see all the negative stuff that's happening, that just says to me that God is doing more, because the enemy isn't smart enough to get in front of God and do that. He wants to counterfeit, and he wants to discredit everything that God has done.

Expect some greater challenges. You may be going through them now, or you're going to go through them in the future, and that's a good sign. It may not be fun, but the outcome is fantastic. So, get into it. Just roll your sleeves up and get ready. The more you cooperate, the easier it'll be on you.

If you could see where this awakening is headed, if you could see where our house is headed, you would jump in with both feet, all in, at one time. If you could just get a glimpse. It's more exciting, more exhilarating, more dangerous. But there's more glory in the deep end than in the shallow end.

*"But of the increase of His government and His Kingdom, there is no end".* Which makes me wonder, even after we're in heaven, will His Kingdom keep growing? I think so.

How many of you have undergone, in the last year or two, some of the greatest trials you've ever gone through? It's 75% to 80% of the people in this room. That's a very good sign. That just said that God is working to bring you into a place where you can be more than a spectator in what, I believe, could be the greatest move of God that ever happens.

There's a lot of tests. And there are a lot of people who are passing those tests. I believe in you more than you do. You might say "*you don't know me very well*". No, but I know God pretty well. And I know that God, He's the author and the finisher of our faith. These tests are going to be intense. We might not have experienced the greatest ones yet, and, for some people, that's bad news.

God told Abraham to get out of his country, from his family, and from his father's house. He went out, not knowing where he was going. And that's kind of what we are doing. This is referred to as "**The Abrahamic Adventure**".

I find myself a lot lately praying for people who really think they know where the church is supposed to go. Careful Now. I am finding myself a lot lately with the Lord, and I am saying this. "*I don't know anything*". We are going to stay in a place around here where we're not going to go, unless God goes before us. We're not going to do a bunch of stuff that we haven't heard God on. **But when we hear God, we're going to move. That's how we got here.**

There's something special in this house. Something special happening in this house...well, that's happening in you. It doesn't have anything to do with this house. It has to do with the people who are in this house.

I'll commend you again, because I feel, and sense, and hear reports from people who are overcoming, and that they're standing up. They're learning not to get pushed around by the enemy.

The people who are passing those tests, are going to find themselves in this really, really unique place of being used mightily in this move of God. Those who know who they are, know what God's called them to do, have made it a top priority, are desperate to hear the voice of God, and to move in what God is saying. So, do something with it. That's the key.

In Christ, there's neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male or female, rich or poor, Baptist nor Pentecostal. We're all one. We're all part of this mystical thing called the Church, and we've been called out.

This class that is starting up in a few weeks, called "*Discover Your God-given Gifts*". It's a take off on what I call "*motivational gifts*" or "*personality gifts*". I highly encourage you to be a part of that. If you know that along the way the Lord might use you in some kind of capacity as a leader... I'm not making it mandatory, but you need to be there.

We talk about the Kingdom a lot. That's what Jesus did. Everything that Jesus did while he was here, and since He's been gone, everything He said, every part of His being, was to introduce, initiate, and establish a Kingdom.

*"The Kingdom is the new frontier"*. It's happening, but we're going to see it at a greater measure than any generation has ever see before. That's why I'm serious about this stuff.

When we talk about and you start to understand that there's just one church, what that does is it destroys the competitive spirit that exists in religion. We're not competing with other churches.

We all need to be in one accord.

I'll say this. I've said it before. It might have a little shock value, but I believe this is where we are. You have to decide for yourself. If the church in America doesn't stand up, America won't make it. That's how much trust, vision, and confidence that God wants to impart to this people of God who will stand up, and this is the time to do it.

The church is the hope for the world. It's imperfect. Boy, is it imperfect, but it's being perfected. He is perfecting the essentials; forgiveness and faith, those simple, basic things that God is doing.

The church is still the only organism on the whole planet that has the God-given mandate and authority, and power to cooperate with Him to advance His Kingdom.

With a lot of you around the room on Sunday mornings, I see the light bulb going. Like I said, I commend you for doing something with the things you're hearing.

Wherever you are and whatever you're doing, God will use you, and it's not based on your know-how, or how much Bible you know.

We have had liberty in our nation to worship, to come together. Listen, if you're not paying attention, there's a move to take those things away from the church. Pay attention. It's time for us to stand up. America needs you to stand up.. It needs the church to speak the truth, and do those kinds of things.

Deceptions is at an all time high. It hasn't peaked out yet, but it's higher than it's ever been before.

There are things happening right now that are causing the church to be the church. It's happening in this house. And, congratulations, you're part of something alive, something full of the presence of God.

When you decide to be obedient to Him, He stops at nothing to move you to a better place.

A God- focused church is the one, and the only one, that's going to work. You have to be more than God focused. You have to be God filled, God led, and God empowered. 100% God and nothing of man. That's what it needs to be.

Probably, this is just an observation. I would guess that 10% or less of the leaders in the church around the world today are focused, and have their eyes fixed on God, and are hearing what God wants to do with them, and with the church.

*"I don't think you're asleep. I just want to make sure you're not".* Don't be on the sidelines. Don't be just hanging around as a spectator in, what I believe is, the greatest move God is ever going to do.

If we're not doing the things the New Testament spells out, we're not walking in the full manifestation, the blessing, the favor of the Lord. We're about to see it. You're about to see something that most of us have only dreamed about.

The more you get obedient to what God's doing with you, the more you open up your heart, and let God do what He wants to do in your heart.

What is the church? As simple as that question might sound, I'd say about 90% or more of the entire body of Christ would either answer vaguely or couldn't give a clear, concise and complete definition.

I said about the leaders, I think there's a small percentage of leaders who are on task. **If you want to pray, pray for leaders, pray for the leaders here.**

This move of God is going to require a level of leadership none of us have ever experienced or engaged in before.

The church is not an organization. It's an organism, that only gets life from the Father, from Jesus, by His Spirit.

Every area of this church, everything that we've done, everything, every place, everything that we do, is in a place of transition. Everything is changing. If you're looking for something that's all the same all the time, this might not be the place for you.

*"The Church is an ever changing, ever evolving, supernatural, called out and victorious Kingdom family of like minded believers in Jesus, working together. They are known for their love for one another, bonded together by a common thread of agape love, and the unity of the Holy Spirit. They are commissioned and empowered by the Father with the authority to propagate and spread the Good News by communicating and demonstrating 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 earth".*