

Dear Friend,

In the last quarter of 2019, the Lord began giving instructions to the body of Christ that would allow the Holy Spirit to do a more thorough purging process in all of us. The purpose was to "cleanse the temple" of all things that were not of God. Individually, and collectively, we are the temple of God:

**1Co 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?**

In great detail, the Lord gave us instructions to spend more time in prayer, in worship, in meditation and confession of the Word of God, and in fasting than we had ever done in our lives. We called those instructions our "Blueprint for the year 2020." The Lord knows all things, but none of us knew at the beginning of the year that we would be facing a worldwide pandemic. None of us knew that we would face such a tumultuous time of division in the United States of America, as well as similar divisions in many other countries.

As many of us have faithfully given ourselves to doing the instructions given in the Blueprint for 2020, we have found that the Lord has shown us idols in our heart that we did not know were there. In a time of great division worldwide, the Lord has drawn His bride closer than ever to His bosom. As we near the end of the year 2020 I can say honestly, I have never felt closer to the Lord than now. It is almost like the "honeymoon" days of when I was first born again. There is a closeness, a fellowship, dare I say ... a deeper love in my heart for my Master, than there has been since those earliest days when I was first born again.

It is hard for us to see how humility and boldness walk together, but they do. We see it in the shadow of the Old Testament when Moses is described as the meekest man on the face of the earth, yet at the same time Moses ground the golden calf to powder, mixed it with water and made the people drink it. We see it in Jesus who humbled Himself all the way to the death of the cross, yet spoke so boldly against the religious hypocrites of the day that they sought to kill Him.

I see this same pattern of humility and boldness being developed in all those who have given themselves to obey the instructions contained in the Blueprint for 2020. Humility that bows to the mind of Christ with a boldness to obey Him even unto death. It is the very nature of Christ being formed in us, and we should all praise God for this marvelous, miraculous work of the Holy Spirit.

Many people are talking about how glad they will be when the year 2020 is over. I was too until I heard the Holy Spirit say, "*That is because they do not yet know what is coming in 2021.*"

One thing we know about the coming years is that there will soon be an outpouring of a supernatural revival the likes of which have not been seen since the book of Acts. That will be a time of great glory, of signs and wonders, miracles, and salvations. It will also be a time of great persecution by the world ... including the religious world that is governed by men and not by God.

The only hope for our nation, and for the whole world, is a genuine, supernatural revival. Man can change the laws of the land, but man cannot change the hearts of the people. Only God can do that. He does it through the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.**

We read the book of Acts and marvel at the power of God that was demonstrated by the hands of believers in those days. The gospel of God did not come in word only, but in power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost. For example, people were healed when they got in shadow length of Peter. In the book of Acts, the lame walked, the blind saw, the dead were raised. Wonderful!

But we tend to forget that at that same time in history, there were thousands who died in the Colosseum being torn apart by wild animals. Many were set on fire and used as human torches to light the stadium. We tend to forget the multitudes who were crucified ... simply because they were Christians. Humility with boldness; unwilling to deny Jesus no matter the cost.

I am not so much looking forward to the end of 2020, as I am looking forward to the beginning of the outpouring. I pray all of us will allow the Holy Spirit to complete the purging process so that when the supernatural outpouring begins, we will be ready for the wonder ... and the trials ... that are ahead of us. My spirit cries within me, "Come Lord Jesus. Come! Harvest the precious fruit of the earth through these vessels. We give ourselves to You Lord; spirit, soul, and body."

Your friend and co-laborer,

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