



Empowering People to Change the World

## **7 Dynamics of a Wholehearted Church Part I**

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**God can move mountains in my life  
I will build up my faith with God's Holy Word  
I will come alive in the power of the Holy Spirit  
With Jesus, nothing will be impossible**

- Last week, we looked at Jesus being the fulfillment of the Law.
- We looked at the word “playroh” for fulfillment which means to fill in like a painter fills in the outline sketching of a beautiful painting.
- The Old Testament speaks of a day coming when the Holy Spirit would be poured out in unprecedented measure upon a people called out by God to carry His Kingdom revolution to the nations.
  - Ezekiel is a kind of “charismatic prophet” used by God powerfully during the exile of Israel in Babylon. He says that the Holy Spirit came upon him and he began to see visions of the future church, the future millennium.
  - In Ezekiel 47 he saw a day coming of a great outpouring of the Spirit coming from the Temple.
  - A rising of the water level that begins with the ankles and rises so high that it overwhelms everyone and becomes a mighty river that even flows down to the Dead Sea and purifies it.
  - Ezekiel prophesied of a day coming where this Spirit will flow through His people in a new way, unseen in David’s day, unseen in the days of the great prophets.
  - **Ezekiel 36:26-27 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.**
  - Ezekiel continues his prophecy in the same chapter:

***Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, the Lord, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted what was desolate. I, the Lord, have spoken it, and I will do it.”***

***<sup>37</sup> ‘Thus says the Lord God: “I will also let the house of Israel inquire of Me to do this for them: I will increase their men like a flock. <sup>38</sup> Like a flock offered as holy sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem on its feast days, so shall the ruined cities be filled with flocks of men. Then they shall know that I am the Lord.” ’ ’***

- Ezekiel is prophesying the coming of the Spirit upon us, His people, the church.
- Jesus prophesies the same thing.

**John 7:37-39**

***<sup>37</sup> On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. <sup>38</sup> He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” <sup>39</sup> But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.***

**Now, turn to Acts 1**

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**Vs. 1-8**

- Even after 3 years with Jesus and being with Jesus all that time, they still did not have what it would take to move in power and impact the world for Christ.

- They still thought that the Kingdom of God was going to be a political, economic, even military take-over that would kick the Romans out of Israel and set up an independent nation.
- Jesus is announcing that a New Age of the Spirit has come! The Temple will not be literal Temple in Jerusalem but that each of us would be His Temple and the Spirit would make us a people who could be filled and empowered by the Holy Spirit.
- Two things are about to happen:
  - **1)** We are the Temple of the Holy Spirit overflowing like a river of His Spirit.
  - **2)** A new people together, united, of One Passion and One Purpose. The Church would overflow with the Spirit and touch not just Jerusalem but the **WHOLE** World!

God is building a “wholehearted church” that can bring a Kingdom of God revolution on our city. Colorado Springs is our “Jerusalem.”

The foundations of such a movement is best illustrated in the book of Acts.

I’m calling it “The Wholeheart Church” and our vision is a Kingdom Revolution but our mission is an empowered people, building wholehearted disciples.

### **Acts 1:14**

***14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.***

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Dynamic: Wholehearted in One Accord Prayer**

- It all started here! The presence of God! The presence of God through one accord prayer!
- And this commitment to being one accord in prayer and in everything they did continued.

- **Acts 2:1**

***When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.***

- Constantly mentioned in the first 5 chapters of Acts.
- “One accord” means “being unanimous, having mutual consent, being in agreement, having one mind and purpose.”
- **Philippians 2:1-4** ***“Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, <sup>2</sup> fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.”***
- Paul’s joy was fulfilled through the unity he found in the church.
- This was the fulfillment of Jesus’s prophecy in **John 17:20-23**

***“I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: <sup>23</sup> 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.***

- Nothing unites a church more, a family more, a couple more, than praying together, believing God for the same things! Crying out to God together.
- I am calling for a new night of Worship and Prayer at The Road starting once a month, Wednesday nights at 6:30pm? Our first one will be September 11<sup>th</sup>.

- I cannot think of a better night to remember our nation, what happened on that day and ignite with power the Wholeheart Advance the next day!
- What a powerful way to begin the Wholeheart Advance but praying in one accord for a great outpouring of the Spirit upon the men at The Road.

### **Acts 2:1-4**

***When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.***

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Dynamic: Wholehearted Empowerment with the Holy Spirit**

- Jesus knew of His 12 disciples that they did not have what it takes to live the Christian life. Jesus's teaching alone is not enough; being with Jesus 24/7 for three years was not enough; memorizing and knowing the Scriptures was not enough.
- They needed power and the word in Acts 1:8 is "dunamis;" the word we derive dynamite from.
- This was the rivers of living water that Jesus had prophesied.
- Are you full of fear? Full of anxiety? Full of doubts? Get filled with the Spirit.
- ***Ephesians 5:18-20 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, <sup>20</sup> giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,***

## **Acts 2:5-42**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Dynamic: Wholehearted in Preaching the Word of God**

- Immediately after being filled with the Spirit, they wholeheartedly committed themselves to the Doctrine, to the Word of God.
- The Word was now preached with results—lives being changed and transformed.
- Because they believed in God's Word, because they built the church on God's Word, Paul could say to Timothy in **2 Timothy 3:15-17**

***<sup>15</sup>from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.***

***<sup>16</sup>All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.***

## **Acts 5:42b, 46**

### **4<sup>th</sup> Dynamic: Wholehearted Relationships with other Disciples**

- They were in the homes of the people, hanging out, having meals together.
- We are starting small groups at The Road...

## **Acts 5:42c**

### **5<sup>th</sup> Dynamic: Wholehearted in Taking Communion Together**

- Jesus told His disciples to remember his life, death and resurrection through Communion.

## 1Corinthians 11:23-26

***For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; <sup>24</sup> and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." <sup>25</sup> In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.***

## Acts 5:43-45

### 6<sup>th</sup> Dynamic: Wholehearted Extravagant Giving

- One of the most powerful Kingdom Principles I have ever learned!
- Honestly the Church should be the wealthiest, most robust giving, generous institution in the World! I really mean that! We should be a place where entrepreneurs flock to learn how to build kingdom wealth.
- I call it the "Malachi Miracle."
- **Malachi 3: 7-12**

***<sup>7</sup> Return to Me, and I will return to you,"  
Says the Lord of hosts.  
"But you said,  
'In what way shall we return?'***

- ***<sup>8</sup> "Will a man rob God?  
Yet you have robbed Me!  
But you say,  
'In what way have we robbed You?'  
In tithes and offerings.  
<sup>9</sup> You are cursed with a curse,***



***For you have robbed Me,  
Even this whole nation.***

***<sup>10</sup> Bring all the tithes into the storehouse,  
That there may be food in My house,  
And try Me now in this,”***

***Says the Lord of hosts,  
“If I will not open for you the windows of heaven  
And pour out for you such blessing  
That there will not be room enough to receive it.***

- ***<sup>11</sup> “And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes,  
So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground,  
Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,”  
Says the Lord of hosts;  
<sup>12</sup> “And all nations will call you blessed,  
For you will be a delightful land,”  
Says the Lord of hosts.***

## **Acts 5:46-47**

### **7<sup>th</sup> Dynamic: Wholehearted Praise and Worship**

- They were constantly worshipping the Lord!
- **Acts 16:25-26**
- Praise and worship does 3 things:
  - **1)** Praise and Worship brings the Presence of God.
  - **2)** Praise and Worship brings Joy and Confidence.
  - **3)** Praise and Worship brings God’s Power.
- 2 Chronicles 20 Jehoshaphat is full of fear, surrounded by all the armies of Israel and he tells the people we are going to just worship and praise the Lord...

