



**Empowering People to Change the World**

**A Kingdom of God Revolution in Colorado Springs**

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**Wasn't that awesome last week? Dr. Myers did a superb job explaining the state of our nation and our need for a Biblical Christian Worldview...**

**Road Declaration...**

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**Imagine Colorado Springs as God meant it to be:**

- Imagine a city where the very feeling in the atmosphere is righteousness, peace and joy.
- Imagine a city where people celebrate life, think creatively, and dream imaginatively.
- Imagine a city where every life—whether unborn, born with defects, or born out of wedlock—is valued and celebrated.
- Imagine a place where you would feel safe on any city street at night.
- Imagine a city with doctors, hospitals, and clinics that have the conviction that every life is protected and fought for—whether born or unborn.
- Imagine a city where there is hope in the schools because the kids are excited about their future and desire to dream dreams of changing the world.
- Imagine a place where there is prosperity throughout every sphere of influence—whether it is media, government, healthcare, education, business, military, church, or family— and people love what they do and can't wait to bring the Kingdom of God into their God-calling.
- Imagine Colorado Springs being a model city to the rest of the nation.
- Imagine a city where the community comes together to work together on issues and problems with the goal of prosperity for all people regardless of race, ethnicity, or socio-economic background.

- Imagine Colorado Springs starting to look a lot like Zechariah's vision.

### **Zechariah 8:4-5**

**This is what the Lord Almighty says: "Once again men and women of ripe old age will sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each of them with cane in hand because of their age. The city streets will be filled with boys and girls playing there."**

### **Jeremiah 29:4-7**

**This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."**

- God spoke to me in my seminary years at Fuller while riding my bike to school, "Build and rebuild the Church; build and rebuild the family."
- It's a deep calling I have felt for many years.
- God spoke to me over 25 years ago that God wanted Colorado Springs to be a "model city."

**Our vision is too small. We desperately need a Kingdom of God revolution in our nation...but our nation is right here!**

**The vision of The Road is a Kingdom of God Revolution.**

- In Colorado Springs!
- We need a Kingdom of God revolution in the Rockies!
- Beginning right here in our church!

## **Matthew 4:17**

- I believe Jesus came not just as a Preacher, not just as a Reformer, but as a Revolutionary.
- We don't need just a revival; we need a revolution.
- Jesus gave us the pattern for such a revolution.
- Jesus came preaching the Kingdom of God—a Kingdom of God revolution started with Jesus.
- The main theme of Jesus' revolutionary ministry was the Kingdom of God.
- He spoke over 100 times on the Kingdom of God.
- The Kingdom of God is the main theme of the Book of Matthew.
- Jesus taught us to seek FIRST the Kingdom of God. In the same setting, He told His disciples to pray, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."
- I believe the Kingdom of God should be the main theme of every church.
- The vision of The Road: A Kingdom of God revolution in our city and in our time.

**What do we mean? I'm going to first teach from Matthew 4, and then I will share the blueprint for a Kingdom of God revolution, as we see it at The Road.**

### **Verses 17-19**

#### **1. Person of the Kingdom-Jesus, "Follow Me." (Matthew 4:17-19a)**

**It all starts and ends here—in Jesus, the perfect Person—He is the King.**

- Jesus began His ministry proclaiming a Kingdom has come! The Kingdom of God has come through Him.

**Definition of the Kingdom of God: A kingdom is a domain ruled over by a king. It's not a democracy. There is one ruler, a king, who leads, guides, and protects the citizens of the kingdom. The Kingdom of God is the reign and rule of Christ over His domain. He is the King over His Kingdom. His Kingdom begins with the King, Himself.**

- **Jesus came to reinstate the original vision given to the first Adam. Genesis 1:26-28:**

**Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."**

- Man and woman were created to have dominion over the earth, but we lost that. The first Adam sinned and gave up his power and authority to Satan.
- Jesus has come as the second Adam to restore what was lost and to birth a new humanity, a new kind of person, a Kingdom of God person.
- Jesus said that He has come to seek and save the lost, to destroy the works of the devil, and to restore the original vision of the Kingdom of God on earth!
- **Romans 14:17, For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.**

- He started with “repent.”
  - Change, turn to Jesus, and you will experience the Kingdom of God—righteousness, peace, and joy in your life.
  - “Metanoia”—to do a 180, turn around, become like a child—faith.
  - It all starts here—a Kingdom revolution in your own heart—turn away then turn to...

### **Romans 10:9-10**

**That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

- Everything begins with Christ! Turn your heart and your life to Jesus.
  - His presence
  - His power
  - His peace
- Learn to walk out in the presence of God (I will talk more on this tonight at “We Will Abide”).
- In our lives first, then our marriages and families.

### **Matthew 18:2-5**

**Jesus called a little one to his side and said to them:**

**Learn this well: Unless you dramatically change your way of thinking and become teachable, and learn about heaven’s kingdom realm with the wide-eyed wonder of a child, you will never be able to enter in. Whoever continually humbles himself to become like this gentle child is the greatest one in heaven’s kingdom realm. And if you tenderly care for this little one on my behalf, you are tenderly caring for me.**

- Repent, come to Christ, and then get baptized today.

## Verses 19-22

### 2. Pattern of the Kingdom-Discipleship, “I will make you fishers of men.” (Matthew 4:19-22)

- Jesus builds His revolution with disciples who became leaders.
- This is the first church—these 12 men.
- It begins with us as “Kingdom carriers” of the virus.
  - They did not become “Kingdom carriers” of the disease when they just hung out with Jesus for three years.
  - They got it by surrendering to the Holy Spirit.
  - Jesus told them to “tarry in Jerusalem” until they were “endued with power from on high.”
- Jesus started with 12, and He changed the world! The common denominator with every great movement is leadership!

**Ephesians 4:11-13 defines the purpose of the local church:  
And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.**

- **The Road Mission: Empowering People to Change the World**
- New initiative in 2021 – EmpowerU.
- Building wholehearted worshippers and warriors, especially among our young people.

- God is calling us to build a church that will last for 100 years—building revolutionary leaders who can penetrate into all spheres of society.
- This is why we have: AIM, Shine, WorshipperWarrior Men’s ministry→building wholehearted worshippers and warriors.

## Verses 23-24

### The PERSON, the PATTERN, and now the POWER

#### 3. Power of the Kingdom-Holy Spirit, “Healing all kinds of sickness.” Matthew 4:23-24)

- Pattern is the Person of Christ revolutionizing their heart; then they get empowered by the Holy Spirit, then they change their world
  - Acts 1:8 → Acts 17:6
  - “You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the remotest parts of the world.”
  - “Those who have upset the world have come here also.”
- Proclamation and demonstration; word and deed
- We need the illumination and the illustration.
  - The Word of God is our illumination.
  - The works of God are our illustration.
  - The Word and the works is the whole Gospel.
  - Jesus taught us that when you SEE the works of Jesus, it makes us LOVE Jesus even more!
  - SHOW AND TELL. Jesus did it every time He hit the road.
  - You see, the Word without the works is an incomplete Gospel.



- Jesus did an interesting thing: He didn't just TALK about the Kingdom, He DID the Kingdom.
  - It was proclamation with illumination through illustration.
  - It was the Word and deed.
  - We've reduced the Christian message without the Kingdom to teaching, Word, and proclamation.
  - But the world is largely looking for the illustration!
  - Sometimes we talk about the "Good News," but become the "bad news."
  - We read the Bible differently now—we see the pattern and the power of the Kingdom.
  
- It's not complete in this life—it's just the finger of God at work (magicians talking to Pharaoh about the signs and wonders, "This is the finger of God." Jesus said He cast out demons by the finger of God.).
  - It's just Jesus' finger that can cast out demons and heal the sick.
  - Imagine when we get the whole hand?
  - But it's the "already but not yet." We don't get the whole tamale yet.
  - But we still pray, "Lord bring Your Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven."
  
- Lives are being changed—body, soul, and spirit. (Jesus' Kingdom revolution mission is Luke 4:18-20.)
  
- Springs Initiative, outreach with Second Chance, outreach to the local apartments.

**Charles Spurgeon gave a sermon on July 17, 1859:**

**“When people hear about what God used to do, one of the things they say is, ‘Oh, that was a very long time ago.’ I thought it was God that did it. Has God changed? Is He not an immutable God, the same yesterday, today, and forever? Does not that furnish an argument to prove that what God has done at one time He can do at another? I think I may push it a little further and say what He has done once is a prophecy of what He intends to do again...whatever God has done...is to be looked upon as a precedent. Let us with earnestness seek that God would restore to us the faith of the men of old, that we may richly enjoy His grace as in the days of old.”**

### **Verse 25**

**With the presence of Jesus, the pattern of Jesus, and the power of Jesus, God desires to bring a Kingdom revolution in our city, state, and nation!**

- Cities are being touched and transformed by the Kingdom.
- Seven mountains of society are being touched.
- An atmosphere of the Kingdom is over our city and the Rockies!
- Equipping Kingdom disciples to go into the city.
- We are called to be “priests and kings” - priesthood and kingship of every believer.

**And hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. (Revelation 1:6)**

We are not in a full “open heaven” over our church and city, but rather we are in the embryonic stages of an “opening heaven” that is not completely open but is opening with signs and wonders. We might say we are in an “opening heaven.”

With an opening heaven at The Road, we are living in a “presence Kingdom church.”

The present tense Kingdom is what I would call it. It’s that mighty work of the Holy Spirit currently at work.

I believe God has given us a strategic plan, a Kingdom revolution blueprint for our city. God said to me we must not be satisfied with just a revival in our city. God wants to build a Kingdom of God revolution through a move of His Spirit that begins with revival that leads to reformation.

### **Repentance + Revival + Church + Culture = Kingdom Revolution**

Repentance: The starting point, the place we lead our church that ushers in the Kingdom of God. This begins in your marriage, family, and our leadership team: it takes courage to repent. If you are holding onto ANY animosity toward someone, you are quenching the Holy Spirit!

Revival: Visitations of God wherein the Holy Spirit quickens or accelerates His work in a particular locale. (Acts 2)

- As I see it, revival is short-lived by its very nature. It stimulates, lights the spark, as it were. The church always needs divine visitations from God. They light the fire. But the problem is that too often they end here and don’t continue.

Church: Actual reformation in a city can only come through powerful, forceful, loving, disciple-making, Christ-centered local churches.

### **Matthew 16:18-19**

**Jesus said, “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.”**

- Jesus’ Plan A is that it would come through the local church where individuals, families, and the community are being disciple; and men, women, and children are accountable to apostolic leadership.

Culture: The vision and values of society.

- We must be Word-rooted, Spirit-alive, and culturally engaged!

Revolution: Defined as “a dramatic and wide-reaching change in the way something works or is organized or is in people's ideas about it.”

**A Kingdom of God revolution is the ongoing move of God through the citizens of the Kingdom, emanating from local churches, that brings dramatic change in all of society (education, politics, media, health, church, etc.) and sets into place new structures, new strategies, and a new way of life that lasts for hundreds of years.**

**The Road, the children: Every child, every week, encounter God!**

We need a “vision for a 100-year revolutionary Kingdom movement.” A vision and Kingdom strategy that is for the next 100 years that would work toward, plan for, and build with a long-term strategic plan for a Kingdom of God revolution in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and America.

**The revolution begins and grows within you starting with coming to Jesus. Jesus said, “Come and follow Me.”**