

# **Empowering People to Change the World**

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We are prone to slavery, fear, and shame. It's our natural bent. In the Garden is where it all began; it all started there.

- Adam and Eve could not have had a more secure situation.
   They had complete freedom to do anything and experience
   God's manifest presence every day, all the time, constant!
- No nation and no persons have ever been more free in the presence of God than Adam and Eve, and they handed it over to the Slave Master.
- They gave their freedom away, all of it; they gave it away, for a lie. An invitation from Satan to be like God, to be selfactualized, to be self-fulfilled, to be happy. It was a bait and switch. Satan: "If you will serve me, you can be like God; you can be really free!" Free without God!
- This is the offer of the world, of Satan, of your own fleshly desires.
   Be free without any restraints, without God, without any boundaries. You can have all you want, any time you want, and the result is actually slavery!
  - o The bait is freedom; the switch is slavery!
  - Sex without any rules; drugs without any common sense!
     When you follow Satan, you become a slave. You really don't have freedom. You are caught!
  - o Satan has a slick marketing campaign to enslave.
  - o Satan's goal for your life is to "steal, kill, and destroy."
- God is shaking the heavens and the earth to bring about the unshakable Kingdom of God.

### Hebrews 12:25-29

- God offers us the unshakable Kingdom of God in a time of unprecedented shaking.
- The unshakable Kingdom of God comes through the shakable kingdoms of this world!
  - Our health care system is shakable: from the world's #1 healthcare in the world in 1984 to dead last among major industrialized nations in most major categories in 2021. Under Dr. Anthony Fauci, with his expansion of a pharmaceutical and chemical paradigm since 1984 as the chief of NIAID, according to the Commonwealth Fund, the U.S. has gone from the most healthy nation in the world to the least healthy among the industrialized nations, with the highest infant mortality rate and the lowest life expectancy.
  - Our educational system is shakable: from one of the best in the world in the 1990's to one of the lowest among developed nations.
  - Our political systems are shakable: from a voting system par excellence in the world to a still unresolved, disputed election and the tampering of a presidential election in 2020.
  - Our economic systems are shakable: under the auspices of state and federal government mandates, business closures have pulverized America's middle class and engineered the largest transfer of wealth in human history. In 2020 workers lost \$3.7 trillion, while billionaires gained \$3.9 trillion. Some 493 individuals became new billionaires, and an additional eight million Americans dropped below the poverty line

- Domestically, inflation is soaring, with the greatest rise in inflation in over 30 years. Gas prices have doubled. Food supply chains have diminished.
- It seems from Scripture that God does His best work during shakable times! God shakes Israel to awake Israel; God shakes America to awake America.

### Verse 28

- Jesus is bringing His Kingdom. It's not all at once. It's a process of Lordship. It's about you daily placing Christ on the throne of your heart to build an unshakable kingdom in your life.
- The early Apostles built the unshakable Church during a time of Roman rule and the shakable kingdoms of the Emperors and Caesars.
- Jesus explained the game plan...

#### Matthew 16:18-19

## God is building His Church:

- In the summer of 2020, a group of pastors in our city gathered here at The Road and prayed over our city. We then went to three other locations on the east, west, and south and prayed for a mighty Kingdom of God revolution. That's the unshakable Kingdom!
- In September 2020, we brought in Sean Feucht and saw 6,000 people come out to Memorial Park to worship and pray.
   Hundreds were baptized. That's the unshakable Kingdom!
- In December 2020, our pastors went to Washington, DC, and worshipped and prayed with Sean and about 10,000 people. That's the unshakable Kingdom!

- For the 2020 and 2021 elections, Chaim Goldman developed the Church Voter Guide, and we were able to turn five out of six school districts in El Paso County. That's an unshakable Kingdom!
- In 2021, Pam Holloway developed the Health Recovery
  Ministry for people struggling with covid. There have been
  1,700 people healed through natural vitamins that our bodies
  need. That's an unshakable Kingdom!
- Working closely with our County Commissioners and key government leaders, we saw our county declared a "Freedom County," and government mandates for shots and masks were rescinded!
- We held our second annual Marriage Conference focused on strengthening marriages across our church. That's an unshakable Kingdom!
- We held our fourth Men's conference, the Wholeheart Advance! That's an unshakable Kingdom!
- Pastor Brian developed the Unveiled Worship Conference!
   That's the unshakable Kingdom!
- We have had over 400 days of noon day prayer! That's an unshakable Kingdom!
- Wholehearted Men on Tuesday mornings at 6am, went from 140 men to 290 men in a year! That's an unshakable Kingdom
- Join us tonight as we hold a Special Prayer Alert at 5pm in the sanctuary.

I truly believe this year, the year 2022, is going to be a turning point in our county, state, and even our nation! I believe that this

conviction is from the Lord. I've never said this for any year before. Let me explain what I mean:

• Without a Kingdom of God revolution, a mighty outpouring of the Spirit, our nation is lost.

## Matthew 16:18-19 Church and Family

- Arguably, the most important structures in society are the Church and the Family—the very institutions that Satan wants to derail and destroy.
- But the foundations of a good and stable society are the Church and Family.
- We are to storm the gates of hell, to overwhelm Satan's demonic hordes with power and boldness. This is Kingdom victory.
- Indeed, we are called to be a Church that is fulfilling the prophecy in Genesis 22:17, "Blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies."
- This passage is one of the most powerful in the New Testament because we see a few key elements that relate to victory and triumph of the Church. Let me explain:
  - "On this rock": A church must be built on Christ! Christ is the Rock. Your family must be built on Christ! If the church is built on Christ, if Christ is the Senior Pastor, if we are "partnering" with Him and He is leading the Church then, #2
  - 2. "I will build My Church": Jesus builds HIS Church! If a local church is not His Church, He will not build it. The pastor,

the elders, the presbyters, and the priest must build in partnership with Christ.

- Your family must be a "little church" where Christ is "at home" in your home!
- But if Christ is building the Church; if the Church is built on the Rock, it will succeed and it will advance. Under any conditions! Look at the book of Acts in history; look at the Pilgrims coming to America; look at modern day China.
- When Christ builds His Church, His Church Prevails!

Then, Jesus explains how the Church advances in the world; this is how we storm the gates of hell.

- 3. "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven": God doesn't do it! NO, He has given us what we need. You see, He builds the Church, and we unleash the Kingdom. He builds.
- 4. "Whatever you bind...whatever you loose": We have the keys to bind (tie up, stop, decrease) and loose (release, set free) the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven.
- 5. So, the question is how do we wield the keys of the Kingdom of God? I believe it is through a study of the Bible, history, and the victories of God, in the world that we battle through "prayer and activism." What I mean is that it is first in prayer that we ask God to move in power, and we bind the enemy and loose the Kingdom. But, then we go out through activities that also bind the enemy.
- Jesus told us how to pray and instructed us to pray: "Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is heaven."

### Paul told us how to fight in warfare: 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

 Jesus did not just pray, but He went out and healed the sick, preached the Kingdom, and cast out demons.

Ex. Noonday War Room Prayer and sharing our faith and inviting people into a relationship with Christ.

# The 2022 Challenge:

- 1. Come to Sunday services and take notes. Bring your Bible and pick up a journal and use it.
- 2. Pick a Noonday Prayer hour once a week and come to the church and pray. Pray as a family.
- 3. Join a Community Group and develop allies.
- 4. Discover your ministry area and work it.

Next week: 2022: Arise and Shine