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From the desk of Abner Suarez

2 Peter 1:12 (New King James Version)

¹² *For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth.*

"Most importantly, the way we worship, gather for church, and think about the Lord in this age also relies upon embracing change and thinking differently." Chuck Pierce

We are living in an hour of great transition in the body of Christ. For those who have ears to hear and eyes to see what the Holy Spirit is saying to people of God, God desires a reformation that brings about a transformation in the way the world looks upon the Church. While the word "reformation" may sound like a buzz word or just another Charismatic fad, it is the will of God for the hour. Reformation is never a means to an end. One of the primary purposes of reformation is so that the people of God can more accurately represent Him. A secondary purpose is to release God's desire for complete fulfillment of an unprecedented outpouring of the Holy Spirit, before the second coming of Jesus (Joel 2:28, John 14:12). While it certainly is true that in the body of Christ we have experienced many revivals and outpourings since the day of Pentecost, there is a movement of the Holy Spirit coming; so strong that it will make previous moves of God seem like child's play. Previous moves throughout Church history are prophetic seeds for the greatest demonstration of the goodness of God. In this article, I want to share the five characteristics that the Holy Spirit communicated to me about the coming move of God. Please note, I do not claim this article to be an exhaustive study on the subject, but rather some characteristics which the Holy Spirit highlighted to me personally. It is my conviction that the idea of reformation and a worldwide revival are synergistic concepts. It is my prayer that this idea is further understood through this article.

- 1. New Wineskin:*** The current thought process and structure we have created as a result of that thought process cannot contain the next wave of grace that God is going to release in the earth. Programs and man-made structures that are now considered the fabric of western Church culture must be evaluated in light of what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Churches in this hour. As we "critically" evaluate these structures

according to the will of God, many of them will be replaced Church structures where our number one priority is to obey the greatest commandment (Matthew 22:37). That which has always been the inside the Church does not need to define where we go and what we look like in the coming years. I believe that one of the keys, if not the main key to positioning ourselves as the body of Christ to make the necessary changes, is the emerging worship and prayer movement. The Holy Spirit spoke to me last August while in Washington D.C for The Call prayer event. He said “The reformation that you are praying for and prophesying about will not take place without 24 HR/ 7 days a week worship and prayer.” In these last days the Holy Spirit will find a group of people who will recklessly give themselves to a lifestyle of worship and prayers. The foundation of the house God desires to build on the earth is a people who know their God as and do great exploits (Daniel 11:32). Each of us was born for the express purpose of intimacy with God. Churches all across the world will be known as Houses of Prayer and history will be changed through an emerging worship and prayer movement that has no end.

Key Verses:

Amos 9:11-12 (New King James Version)

¹¹ “ On that day I will raise up
The tabernacle^[a] of David, which has fallen down,
And repair its damages;
I will raise up its ruins,
And rebuild it as in the days of old;
¹² That they may possess the remnant of Edom,^[b]
And all the Gentiles who are called by My name,”
Says the LORD who does this thing.

Isaiah 56:7 (New King James Version)

7 Even them I will bring to My holy mountain,
And make them joyful in My house of prayer.
Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
Will be accepted on My altar;
For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.”

Acts 15:15-17 (New King James Version)

¹⁵ And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written:
¹⁶ After this I will return
And will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down;
I will rebuild its ruins,
And I will set it up;
¹⁷ So that the rest of mankind may seek the LORD,
Even all the Gentiles who are called by My name,
Says the LORD who does all these things.^[c]

Matthew 21:13 (New King James Version)

13 And He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’^a but you have made it a ‘den of thieves.’”^b

Revelation 2:4 (New King James Version)

4 Nevertheless I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love.

#2. A New Leaders Arising: I will always remember about a year and half ago I was reading Joel 2:28 and I heard the Holy Spirit say “ The full release of this prophecy, has not been seen on the earth, and I am going to release Apostles and Prophets that the world has yet to see.” This was very exciting news to me. While I am thankful for all that God has done over the last several years, I am really excited to see what He will do before I pass into eternity. The Apostle Paul tells us in Ephesians 2:20, that apostles and prophets are the foundation of the Church with Jesus Christ being the chief cornerstone. As we posture our hearts to pursue the greatest commandment and transition into the Holy Spirit’s purposes for this hour, a new emerging leadership will emerge in the Church. God will promote current leaders willing to make the transition that He demands and also raise up new leaders the same way he chose David to be King over Israel. Apostles and Prophets are foundational gifts that Jesus has given to the Church. In order for the Church to successfully transition to where God wants, it is necessary to have strong Apostles and Prophets. The Holy Spirit will raise up an army of “Generals” and will place the anointing that was upon the revivalists of the past and give it to many. As these new emerging leaders come forth in the body of Christ, one of their primary focuses will be in raising up sons and daughters and equipping the saints for the work of the ministry. The Holy Spirit’s desire is not simply to raise strong leaders for the sake of having strong leaders, but, rather for building a strong healthy body of Christ.

Key Verses:

Ephesians 4:11-12 (New King James Version)

¹¹ And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

Acts 2:42 (New King James Version)

⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Acts 4:33 (New King James Version)

³³ And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

#3 A Church Without Mixture/#4 Transition To A Kingdom Culture: A prophesy from the Holy Spirit that Paul Cain gave concerning the next move God has resounded in my heart over the last number of weeks. Cain's prophesy stated "To the Church without mixture I will give the Spirit without measure." As we posture ourselves to fulfill the greatest commandment, the Holy Spirit is going to raise a pure, holy, uncompromising bride. This has always been God's intent from the very beginning. In this next move of God, He will have a bride that represents Him in a unique way in Church history (perhaps history will never have a chance to judge this generation).

I believe the focus in this hour is not getting rid of the "big sins" in the lives of those in the body of Christ (though, this is certainly part of the process). I believe that the Holy Spirit's focus is in exposing and ridding us of the sin of acceptance. What I mean by acceptance is that many in the body of Christ (from leaders on down) have accepted the current landscape that we see in the body of Christ as God's best intent, and many are unwilling to challenge the status quo. The reasons for this acceptance varies greatly, but is certainly a topic that as leaders we need to ask the Holy Spirit to examine within our own hearts.

We have accepted a Church culture in the Western world that, despite our beautiful buildings, mega-Churches and often well attended conferences, is one that is largely looked upon as irrelevant to an unbelieving world. The truth is that we raced to false finish lines in the body of Christ and we have accepted a standard far below what God ever intended and laid out for us in scripture.

This morning I heard the Holy Spirit tell me "The vaults of heaven are open." I inquired to Him as to what He meant by such a statement. The answer, I believe, is simply that the vaults of heaven are open to hear the cry of the people to God so that we may become what He has always intended for us. God wants us to answer the prayers of His children in this hour. He wants us to become the answers to our own prayers. He wants the people of God to live out the reality of becoming an overcoming people. An overcoming people not always loved by those in the world, but respected for their ability to bring solutions to society's problems. I have a conviction in my heart that one day the first stop for those diagnosed with terminal illness will be the local healing room. A people who contribute to soundness of a city and are not known simply for their belief system, but rather for a belief system translates to transformation to the world

around them. The truth of scripture and the authority given to us by God in scripture were always where intended to have a destination. The destination that God intended is transformation. Transformation that leads to the people of God living out the reality of Christ in us, the hope of glory. (Colossians 1:27)

The Holy Spirit wants to entrust the people of God with unprecedented power. He wants to entrust us with the authority of His Kingdom. However, we must realize that the grace He longs to pour out upon us is not for the purpose of building our own kingdom. As the body of Christ we must be careful not to associate the promises of the coming hour as vehicles to build our own ministries, profiles and portfolios. I believe in the past (and currently) this has been one of our pitfalls. As the people of God, we should be mindful of these pitfalls- as we head into the coming years. There exists a big gap marked between our current western Church culture and the culture of the Kingdom God intends for us.

The landscape of the Church has not been fueled by ill-intentions (although, undoubtedly there have been some). Rather, somewhere along the line, much like the alignment on a vehicle, it started to go a little off and it was never “fixed” or repented of. Now many years later we have a car (the Church) that not only needs an alignment but a major overhaul. One of the reasons we did not get the “alignment” that was needed, was because we did not understand the nature of the car we were driving (the nature of our Father). We have tried unsuccessfully to please our Father because we did not have accurate understanding of the one we were co-laboring with.

One of the reasons that God desires to transition the Church to a place of deep intimacy before the Lord is because He wants us to have an accurate revelation of His nature. One of the number one keys to intimacy with God, is understanding His deep love and longing for relationship with us. Out of a revelation of the Father’s heart towards us, He wants to transition us to the culture of the Kingdom. In this transition God will move upon the people to posture our hearts continually before the Lord. As we posture ourselves before the Lord He will be faithful to keep our hearts tender before Him. As we posture ourselves before the Lord He will speak to us to make the necessary changes to become truly a Kingdom people.

Key Verses:

Ephesians 3:10 (New King James Version)

¹⁰ to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly *places*,

Ephesians 5:27 (New King James Version)

²⁷ that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

Matthew 4:17 (New King James Version)

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Acts 1:3 (New King James Version)

³ to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

#5 Unprecedented Wealth Moving Through The Body of Christ: Our current resources do not scratch the surface for what is needed to fuel and to fund the end time harvest. This coming wave of grace in the body of Christ will cause a new missionary movement to be birthed and millions, (if not billions) of dollars will be needed to send them to the nations of the world. Small gatherings scheduled for one day will turn into mass gatherings in major arenas and stadiums in cities. The Spirit of wisdom and revelation in this hour will be released on the people of God to infiltrate the kingdoms of this world. Pioneers will be raised up in business, agriculture, education, and government. A new breed of lawyers will stand as stewards of justice in the United States and speak for the rights of the unborn in the Supreme Court. A new paradigm of ministry training centers will be opened all across North America and they will release a new breed of revivalists to the nations of the earth. “This, says the Lord, “will be funded by unprecedented wealth moving through the people of God. Even now, many are being tried, tested and approved to prove themselves as good stewards of capital, income and great wealth. While the systems of the world may shake and many will cry economic crisis, it is my will that none of my children should suffer lack in this hour, so store up your treasures in heaven and see the goodness of God in the land of the living.”

God is calling a group of people to dream extravagantly with Him. No longer can we look with our natural eyes to see what is possible. We must look with the eyes of faith to see that which is not but needs to be. In this coming hour we cannot allow small thinking or lack of resources to be an obstacle in the vision the Holy Spirit desires to give His people.

For me personally, as a son of God and a leader of a ministry, I have asked God to allow millions if not billions of dollars to flow through the ministry. I believe it will take a vast amount of resources to begin to implement the vision I believe God has given me. One of the ways God has been positioning me to receive these resources is by consistently challenging me to give extravagantly. I challenge you to dream big, but also ask the Holy Spirit how to stretch you in the area of giving so that you may obtain your financial harvest in the coming hour. It is indeed an honor to live in this great hour of change and transition in the body of Christ.

Key Verses:

Isaiah 60:5 (New King James Version)

⁵ Then you shall see and become radiant,
And your heart shall swell with joy;
Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you.

Isaiah 66:12 (New King James Version)

¹² For thus says the LORD:
“ Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river,
And the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream.
Then you shall feed;
On *her* sides shall you be carried,
And be dandled on *her* knees.

Proverbs 13:22 (New King James Version)

²² A good *man* leaves an inheritance to his children’s children,
But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.

Hebrews 11:1 (New King James Version)

¹ Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

