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# Apostolic Network Meeting

Nationwide impact, Europe Awakening kind of thing. Huge earth shaking testimonies. The size is hard to describe. Have to do with political leaders, back offices, CEO of big cooperations that turn to the Lord. Thinking back 5 years ago, testimonies were wonderful, but very small. They were about the local church, personal family stuff. Talked about shaping culture, impact on nations, cities, education. Fast forward 5 years, without anyone realizing they were sharing testimonies about what they were talking about 5 years ago.

Climate change in the body of Christ, the hunger there is. Europe shall be saved, awakening taking place there. Distant almost impossible dream 5 years ago. Nobody could've prepared for that. Cancer being healed. Not that the small picture shouldn’t matter to us. He is concerned about things that don't have eternal significance at all. I'll see Him land on something, surprising unto this day.

# Small and Big Picture

Your small testimonies prayed for people getting touched by God. Let it feed to your big picture! If you get big testimonies and have small things that you can't get rid off. Let what is happening in the big picture feed your own life in the small. Make sure that you intentionally feed from you area of strength to your area of weakness. Can’t afford to be depressed or discouraged. Nothing good ever came out of depression, I came out of it.

The Word of God, a relationship with a book with paper. One you can write in. If yours is too good to write in throw it away and buy a new one ;)

# Hunger for the Bible

An hour a day to go over his knowledge again, keep his memory current about the books he remembered earlier. Living room once, could not get enough from the Bible. Fun to research and see the meanings of verses and books.

His uncle said looked far away and he said; “If I only understood this book.” Such a statesman in the missionary world, spiritual world everything. Bill found out in the journey that the Lord peels back layers of the onion. Shows something today, in a few years He will show you something new. You will never exhaust the revelation that is in this book. You will still be baffled by the Lamb of God in this book. Never lose the consciousness of sin in the sense that it is your history, but not any consciousness of it as a scar or pain. Everything will work for good in heaven.

# Revelation that changes a life is simple!

Reading the word with the Holy Spirit. Read it together with Him, Treasures of the Bible. Most of them too instrumental, Philosophy behind the book is the Bible is the best commentary, 500.000 cross references, they will help you understand it. God will catch me by surprise a little later, what I asked you last week. Always ready to learn, not in an anxious sense, anxiety doesn't bring revelation. How to get revelation will be another time. One hint; Jesus said: "Father I am so thankful that you reveal these things to babes instead of to those who are wise." Contradiction in our understanding of biblical revelation, tend to think the mature get the best revelation, but the childlike will get the best revelation. **The revelation that changes a life is simple!**

Joel 2:28-31 (ESV)

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. 29 Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit. 30 “And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. 31 The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes.

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit, he crossed class barriers, age barrier, sexual barrier. Every barrier that people create to have a reason. Jesus only numbered by man, in Acts it wasn't numbered by man, according to how many people were there. To fulfill the appetite of the Law, what Jesus did in His ministry it was counted by the number of men. We live in the time of the great outpouring, all the barriers are broken in the outpouring.

Acts 2:1-2 (ESV) 1 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

# Open Heaven

Genesis 28

Angels ascending and descending. What came out of the open heaven? The Father came and spoke, identified the place. The name is Bethel. Jakob wakes up and says this is none other than the house of God, the gate of heaven. First mention of the house of God and it isn't even a building. The first mention always gives something that the rest will expand or identify. Known by open heaven, angels ascending and descending, the voice of the Father. By nature the house of God must have; an open heaven, angelic presence completing and coming with new assignments and the voice of God.

Gate of heaven, a transition place. Front yard to public sidewalk. Always a transition place from one realm to another realm. What does Jacob say about this experience? House of God/Gate of Heaven. So what is the Church? A house built on the edge of 2 worlds.

Sound of heaven = sound is roar. Here we have a sound, roar breath of God that is released into this house. What manifested over the people here?

Acts 2:3-4 (ESV) And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. 4

Something from this world. Hebrews 1 speaks of angels, winds, and fire. Millenium, preparation of something in this world to get into this place. The fulness of time, 120 people in the upper room, a roar came from heaven. Gave the signal for the angelic to be released. They see wind and fire.

Acts 2:4-7 (ESV) And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. 6 And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. 7 And they were amazed and astonished

Acts 2:13 (ESV) But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

So those are the signs of a good revival. Revivals aren't squeaky and clean.

Languages spoken that they did not understand were praise. Prayer or praise, tongues speak to God, not to men. Peter stands up and quotes Joel 2. All in one accord, roar came, angelic came, immersion in the fire of God who Jesus carried and the sound passed through the gate into a city that made the entire city conscious of God. People make the mistake here, what did they hear? Don't tell me thousands of people flocked to a sound because they heard different languages. International city wasn't that kind of a sound. Instruments, one of my favorites is the saxophone. Professionals in there, in church they take off. Amazing to hear a sound that can come from breath, across a reed create a sound, becomes projected.

# Before and after the Ressurection

In one accord, what were they before the resurrection? Divided, diverse. Came into the resurrection competing with one another, thinking they were better than one another. Superiority Jesus raises from the dead. 120 people start praying together, all in tune with each other. Together they are in tune with the heavenly sounded. When we humble ourselves and love people we adjust the sound of our lives to mirror the perfect pitch from heaven.

You can't imitate the sound of heaven, make the reed come. You can make sure the settings are right, living in unity, peace. When they were in one accord there came a sound that enveloped an entire city, people suddenly became conscious of God. From the crucifying group to a group that is instantly hungry and curious about God. Come to this house build on the edge of 2 worlds, what must we do to saved? The Same group that said: Crucify him, crucify him. Somehow the sound was released, changed the consciousness of an entire city. Day after day after day souls were added. At some point it goes from addition to multiplication.

# Biblical backing for Acts 2

Manifestations were dreams, visions, prophecies.

Any dreams in Acts 2? Visions? Prophecies? no none of them. When the Holy Spirit wanted to bring a biblical backing to what was happening He brings it to Peters mind that Joel 2. Holy Spirit inspired Peter to bring Joel 2 into Acts 2. Signs to you of a last days outpouring, what happened in Acts 2? Wind, tons of fire, speaking and praising in other languages, none were prophesied in Joel 2. Still, the Holy Spirit said this is the proof text for this experience. Why is that important? We approach Scripture differently than God does, we think in lists. They don't confine Him, they reveal Him. 9 gifts of Spirit, 3/3/3 Divine humor for people who are ordered and structured.

Copies of people writing perfect Chinese who didn't know Chinese language, family held on to them a supernatural experience, some days later a missionary came to visit the church. The missionary read the documents, all praise to God. Pretty cool, except it is not on the list. Does it have to be on the list or consistent with the list?

According to the Holy Spirit, Acts 2 could be explained with Joel 2, even though not the same thing was happening. Some people say where is laughter in the Bible, ever hear of Joy? The fulness of Joy? Any part of it that is actually laughter, is that in any way related to joy?

# Revelation consistent with Scripture?

The question we need to ask is: "is it consistent or fitting with what the Holy Spirit reveals through Scripture?" Writing in perfect Chinese that is praise without them knowing it. I don't think the devil inspired that. Study the Scripture, but listen.

Associated with cults, spread bad rumors. Some people prone to believe fearful things about other people. What no one seemed to notice was the guy traveling the country never talked about Jesus. Jesus wasn't the subject, him destroying other people's ministries was. The guy talking about fearful things wasn't even rooted in Jesus himself!

Discernment is not that complicated, not I have answers to every cultic question. Just need to be used to the real. Need to know what a moral life looks like. When compromise does show up it is seen for what it is. No deviation from the person of Jesus

# REVELATION has to warm our affection for Him

Revelation from Scripture has to warm our affection for Him. John Wesley, what is the world? His response was: Whatever cools my affection for Christ that is the world. That from this year will rise an army with people, not satisfied with knowledge in the head, but fire in our hearts. Power and purity, purity and power.