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# **Kingdom Dominion**

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God has sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to save all who would believe in Him and His Word.

God desires to reveal Himself and to give us His divine nature in Christ Jesus our Lord through the power of His Holy Spirit.

God is Jealous. He wants us to encounter His presence daily and walk with Him in glory – intimate communion - today, while it is called today, and forever.

It is my prayer that this teaching would so impact the readers that all would come to know and believe JESUS, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, our Great God and Savior, and receive the PER-FECT LOVE He has for us all as we grow up into Him and mature as true sons and daughters of God. May you grow in faith and knowledge of your God and Savior and come to know the love that He has for you. I pray for you the Apostle Paul's prayer for spiritual growth:

# Ephesians 3:14-21 The Living Bible (TLB)

"14-15 When I think of the wisdom and scope of his plan, I fall down on my knees and pray to the Father of all the great family of God—some of them already in heaven and some down here on earth—16 that out of his glorious, unlimited resources he will give you the mighty inner strengthening of his Holy Spirit. 17 And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts, living within you as you trust in him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love; 18-19 and may you be able to feel and understand, as all God's children should, how long, how wide, how deep, and how high his love really is; and to experience this love for yourselves, though it is so great that you will never see the end of it or fully know or understand it. And so at last you will be filled up with God himself.

20 Now glory be to God, who by his mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes. 21 May he be given glory forever and ever through endless ages because of his master plan of salvation for the Church through Jesus Christ."

In Christ our Lord, Brandy Helton A child of God

# **God's Love**

God's love is good news! Don't believe the lie that God is distant, unapproachable, and angry!

God is love. He is the only true, eternal God. He is perfect and holy, and He is truth. God is One. He has revealed Himself in three distinct, individual, equal persons: God the Father, God the Son – Jesus, and God the Holy Spirit.

The Bible tells the story of God's perfect love. In that love, God created the first family to live on the earth with Him. Through their deep intimate relationship with the Father, Adam and Eve were meant to fulfill all that was in God's heart on Earth just like it is in Heaven, for God's glory and purposes. Adam and Eve were chosen to walk with God, clothed in His glory presence and were perfect, as He is perfect, and they lived in His beautiful garden, the secret place called Eden. He gave them His breath, life and power to have dominion over all He created and wanted them to reproduce that LIFE replenishing the earth with it, until all the earth is filled with His glory.

### Genesis 1:26-28

"26 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.' 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 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.'"

God created His children in His likeness. He made them spirit beings, with a soul – mind, will and emotions – and placed them in a physical body. He gave His children the choice to love Him and to walk with Him in obedience to His every word. He gave the first family the power to overcome any temptation offered to them through God's adversary, the devil, who had rebelled against the Most High God in Heaven's glory and was cast down to the earth. The devil, Satan, brought great darkness and chaos prior to Adam and Eve's existence.

Adam and Eve were deceived into thinking that God was not perfect in love as Satan, the adversary, tempted them to believe that God would not keep His Word to them. Through their own will, Adam and Eve disobeyed the Father by eating from a tree that had the power to open their eyes to both good and evil. Through their choice of disobedience, they willfully gave their inheritance and authority over to the devil and his kingdom. Sin entered mankind, which produced death, eternal separation from a Holy God. Adam and Eve were banished from the dwelling and intimacy of perfection in the garden and were sent into the world as a fallen creation.

Father God knew He had to come Himself and save His family, and in His wisdom, He chose to send His Son, Jesus Christ into the world to save us and restore fallen mankind back to relationship with Him. Through His Son, He destroyed all the works of the devil and the curse of death. Hebrews 9:22 says. "And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission." Remission means to cancel the penalty, so according to the law there must be shedding of blood to cancel the penalty for sin. The Father cancelled the penalty for the sins of His children through the shedding of the blood of His innocent, holy Son Jesus, who was the Sent One, called and chosen to die for all, so all could live.

# John 3:16-21

"16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 'He who believes in Him is not condemned: but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may

be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.""

Jesus was conceived by God's Holy Spirit in the womb of a young virgin named Mary. He appeared as the second Adam, in the flesh, with the choice to walk in perfect love and obedience, full of God's Spirit, as a man to do the will of His Father.

Jesus grew up as any male child did in the flesh but He had divine fellowship with His Father and Holy Spirit. At the appointed time, He was revealed as being sent from God to save. Jesus went around doing good and healed all who were oppressed by the devil spiritually and physically. He revealed His Father's heart and perfect love to all who believed through His teachings, grace and miraculous power.

Salvation means eternal life, healing, deliverance, protection, peace, wholeness, and forgiveness. Salvation came to all men through the cross, where the Son of God, the perfect One, was slaughtered as a lamb, bearing all sin for all times from a fallen people. Jesus bore the wrath of God against the darkness that separated God's family from Him. Jesus was punished for our sin and died to cleanse us from the guilt, shame and condemnation sin produces. Sin separates. Love restores.

Jesus was crucified, dead and buried, spending three days and nights in the depths of Hades, the realm of the dead fallen race. Jesus took back the keys of death and hell from that old serpent the devil, Satan, and therefore, all authority was restored back to Jesus. Great Holy Spirit breathed LIFE into Jesus and raised Him from the dead. He appeared to His disciples, those who followed Him and obeyed His teachings. He showed them that He conquered sin, death and the grave and now, had the keys of hell and death, and would give ETERNAL LIFE to ALL who chose to believe in Him. King Jesus ascended back to the Father of glory where He ever lives to make intercession for us all, and He is coming again to the earth in power to establish His Father's Kingdom on Earth.

Jesus Christ is the head and Lord over His church, those who have made Him Lord and Savior, by believing He is the Son of the Living God and God in the flesh, who finished the work the Father gave Him to do. He not only died for our sins to save and heal us, He chose to give His authority to those He called and chose to follow Him as His disciples, His family.

Jesus has commissioned His followers to do the same works that He did while He lived on the earth.

### John 14:12-14

"12 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. 13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it."

God loves us and desires that none should perish. He desires for His family to be with Him where He is. These books are written to inspire all who read them and to reveal the heart of God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and Holy Spirit in order that we might RECEIVE THE LOVE HE HAS FOR US and be CHANGED INTO HIS VERY LIKENESS. God desires to dwell with His family forever and ever just as He did in the beginning. How glorious it is to live in His presence and dominion, beholding His goodness, forever and ever, amen.

The book of Revelation describes the time that is coming when all things are made new according to God's heart of love:

### **Revelation 21:1-7**

"1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also, there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. 4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.' 5 Then He who sat on the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.' And He said to me, 'Write, for these words are true and faithful.' 6 And He said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. 7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son."

To understand what is presented in the Bible, you must start by understanding God's love. The good news is that God loves you!

# The Heart of It

The heart of this book is to bring strong encouragement to the people of God as they pursue the Lord and do the works of the Kingdom of God. God's heart is always to reveal Himself to His family and to the families of the world that do not know Him as Lord yet. Jesus is Head of His church, and He moves in submission to the Father to accomplish the Father's will on earth. Through the atoning sacrifice of the cross, and His resurrection, Jesus has made the way for mankind to return to the Father. The Lord desires for His people to carry hope, life, and truth to all humanity. Wherever the saints' dwell and work, His passion is for the Kingdom of Heaven to influence and have dominion.

Jesus is wise in how He has chosen to build His church. He raises up leaders who have strong faith and courage to lead others to victory. He wants all to be faithful stewards of His Kingdom as assigned by Holy Spirit. Jesus calls His church to 'occupy until He comes', in the land, sphere, territories entrusted to them. We need to work while it is still day! Jesus said of Himself and His Kingdom mission, in John 9:4, "I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work." God's word brings great faith to those who love and obey Him. Through faith in God and obedience to His Word, the Kingdom will advance. May the church of Jesus Christ flourish in His anointing to bear much fruit, always increasing, multiplying, and taking dominion.

# **Kingdom Dominion**

Jesus taught us to pray in *Matthew 6:7*, "Your Kingdom come, and your will be done on earth just as it is in heaven", fulfilling the original mandate of the blessing found in *Genesis 1:26-28*,

"26 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." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 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."

The definition of **dominion** according to Dictionary.com is:

- the power or right of governing and controlling; sovereign authority.
- rule; control; domination.
- a territory, usually of considerable size, in

which a single rulership holds sway.

- lands or domains subject to sovereignty or control.
- Government. a territory constituting a self-governing commonwealth and being one of a number of such territories united in a community of nations, or empire.

The Strongs Concordance H7287 defines the word *dominion* from Genesis 1:26 KJV as, "to rule over; reign, prevail against; dominate; subjugate, to tread down."

God's dominion and Kingdom are eternal. Scripture declares,

# Psalm 45:6

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom."

This verse confirms God's eternal dominion and that from His throne, righteousness shall reign. A scepter according to Dictionary.com is "a rod or wand borne in the hand as an emblem of regal or imperial power. It represents royal or imperial power or authority; sovereignty." A scepter is simply God's way of ruling righteously in absolute truth, power, and justice. The scepter represents a Rule of Authority.

## Psalm 125:3

"Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people from this time forth and forever; for the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous reach out their hands to iniquity."

Jesus consistently taught about God's Kingdom. He brought true revelation from heaven, as He told the people where the Lord God wanted to dwell and have the preeminence. God's Kingdom begins within the believer's heart or spirit man once he is born again.

# John 3:3-7

"3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.""

# Luke 17:20-21

""20 Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation [that is in a visible manner, as can be seen with the eyes]; 21"nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you!"

Jesus proclaimed with confident assurance truths about the Kingdom of God! He imparted truth to empower His followers and their families. All His believers should simply put God and His Kingdom first in their hearts and lives.

# Luke 12:31-32

"31 But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you. 32 "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

Jesus has all authority in heaven and on earth, and because of His great victory in His death, resurrection, and ascension back to heaven, He has literal dominion in ALL THINGS. He has reconciled all things to Himself.

# Colossians 1:15-18

"15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence."

## Philippians 2:9-11

"9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

It pleased the Father in heaven to give Jesus

all the dominion because of His obedience unto death on the cross!

# Colossians 1:19-20

"19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, 20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross."

The goal from heaven was for Holy Spirit to dwell and have the preeminence within every believer.

# Colossians 1:26-27

"26 the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. 27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory**."

### I Corinthians 6:19

"19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?"

God wants His family to 'take dominion' over their own lives, and then, through relationship with Him, this kingdom will be manifested or released to people around them. The good news, or Gospel of the Kingdom will affect every sphere of influence His disciples, and families had. These are often referred to as the seven mountains of society. This includes, (1) the church (2) education (3) government (4) business (5) law (6) arts and (7) media. Jesus said to His followers:

## Matthew 5:13-16

"13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

The church, Jesus' bride, has been given authority from Jesus Christ, the Messiah, to be witnesses and light and represent the Kingdom of God within these areas of influence. The saints are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, and in His name, the church will carry the anointing of Jesus as His ambassadors into the world to accomplish His mandate.

### **Romans 8:17**

"And if children, then heirs – heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ."

## II Corinthians 5:18-20

"18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. 20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God."

The Kingdom of God not only affects human lives and different spheres of opportunities, but also the lands in which believers dwell.

# New Territory and Giants in the Land

Looking back to the Old Testament, we will look at the Lord's command for His people to 'take new territory' in the lands He was sending them to inhabit.

The family of Abraham was sent forth by God to a new land He designated.

## Genesis 11:31

"31 And Terah took his son Abram and his grandson Lot, the son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, his son Abram's wife, and they went out with them from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to the land of Canaan; and they came to Haran and dwelt there."

God chose Abraham to be the one to carry His name and kingdom dominion into the promised land. He made a covenant with Abraham and his descendants. How great was God's promise!

## Genesis 17:7-9

"7 And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. 8 Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger,

# all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

Years later, God's chosen people, were still on their 'journey' into the lands He had sworn to give His family. Moses became the leader of His people, and at God's direction, he sent certain 'spies' into the new lands before them to come back and give a report about what they found.

### Numbers 13:1-3

"1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the children of Israel; from each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, every one a leader among them." 3 So Moses sent them from the Wilderness of Paran according to the command of the Lord, all of them men who were heads of the children of Israel."

Moses wanted to know the details of the new territory to which God was sending them.

# Numbers 13:17-20

"17 Then Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said to them, "Go up this way into the South, and go up to the mountains, 18 and see what the land is like: whether the people who dwell in it are strong or weak, few or many; 19 whether the land they dwell in is good or bad; whether the cities they inhabit are like camps or strongholds; 20 whether the land is rich or poor; and whether there are forests there or not. Be of good courage. And bring some of the fruit of the land." Now the time was the season of the first ripe grapes." Moses wanted to know about the literal land, the peoples who lived there, and how many there were. The spies returned and brought their report to Moses.

### Numbers 13:25-29

"25 And they returned from spying out the land after forty days.

26 Now they departed and came back to Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the children of Israel in the Wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh; they brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. 27 Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. 28 Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there. 29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Jordan."

The spies came back reporting the land was amazing with much fruit, but the inhabitants were strong 'giants', and their cities were fortified! One man, Caleb, spoke up in faith knowing they could take possession of all!

### Numbers 13:30

"30 Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it." The other men continued with their report:

# Numbers 13:31-33

"31 But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we." 32 And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature. 33 There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."

Fear had gripped the men! Despite the promise from God to give them this land, they were full of unbelief in His Promises to them. Only Joshua, the son of Nun and Caleb believed, and were ready and confident to take the land.

## Numbers 14:6-9

"6 But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes; 7 and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying: "The land we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land. 8 If the Lord delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, 'a land which flows with milk and honey.' 9 Only do not rebel against the Lord, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the Lord is with us. Do not fear them." Later in the story of Israel's wanderings, we read in the book of Joshua, after Moses's death, of God's commission for Joshua. God was faithful to His Word to give the land He had promised. Joshua would be the new leader, and God promised him, that literally every place he walked would be given to him so that he could take the dominion over it.

### Joshua 1:1-4

"1 After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that the Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying: 2 "Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them the children of Israel. 3 **Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you**, as I said to Moses. 4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory."

In taking new ground and territory, God knew Joshua would need to be very brave. What assurance God gave Joshua!

#### Joshua 1:5-6

"5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. 6 Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them." God commanded Joshua to remain faithful and obedient to His voice, His words, and His commandments. Joshua prospered and had good success because of God's WORD.

# Joshua 1:7-9

"7 Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.""

All believers in Jesus Christ can be greatly edified with this testimony! No matter what our circumstances are, or the lands in which we live, or situations in families, or work, or any assignments, or missions God gives His people, we can rest assured that He has gone before us! His Word assures us of His faithfulness as the church of Jesus Christ 'takes dominion' in all areas of their lives and heavenly assignments.

God desires to inhabit not only our families, but the territories, the 'dirt' in which we live. No matter the evil resistance or 'giants' that oppose His Kingdom, God has given the church Holy Spirit, who will lead the saints into all truth. The power and authority of Jesus enables us to accomplish His will and purpose in our lives.

# **Contending for the Tangible Presence of God**

While living in our God appointed territories, Holy Spirit will lead the believers in Jesus to deeply desire His presence, His Word, and truth, which will lead to transformation! Jesus said in *John 16:13-15:* 

"13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore, I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you."

## Jeremiah 29:13

*"13 And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart."* 

As God encouraged Joshua, in His Word, how to be successful. Holy Spirit spoke to the author of the written letter to the Hebrews, of the power of God's word. God's Word reveals anything hidden. His Word empowers the saints. His Word will judge motives!

### Hebrews 4:11-13

"11 Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. 12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account."

God will reveal His WILL, His plans, His strategies, and His ways to those who hunger and thirst for Him. In taking new ground for Jesus, it's imperative for all believers to deeply desire His presence and His Word in their midst. Through His Word, we all grow in the knowledge of God and can hear His VOICE in our life!

Jesus commanded His believers to remain in His Word and to abide in a deep relationship with Him.

### John 15:4-5

"4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."

### John 15:7-10

"7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. 9 "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. 10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love." When God's people are obedient to His Word and remain in true fellowship with the Lord, He shall manifest Himself.

# John 14:21 NLT

"21 Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them."

This manifestation is what brings heaven to earth! Oh, how great it would be if all would seek the Lord!

## **Encountering God – Bringing Heaven to earth**

Jesus taught His disciples to pray to His Father in heaven, asking for His Will and Kingdom to come! His deepest desire was for His Father's will to be done!

### Matthew 4:17

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

He sent His first apostles out with His Word to manifest the presence of God in signs, miracles and wonders!

### Matthew 10:7-8

"7 And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give." The apostles were gaining authority in Christ, and taking new territory for God wherever they were sent. God desired then and still desires that none should perish, but that all would believe in His Son, Jesus.

### Mark 16:15-18

"15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Jesus taught a story about stewarding the Kingdom. His intent of the parable was for His followers to receive His command, "Occupy till I come!" In the story He is saying, 'Be fruitful, keep producing, always abounding, increase more and more, take ground!'

### Luke 19:13 KJV

"And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come."

Let's read the story from *Luke chapter 19, verses 11-27 NLT:* 

### Luke 19:11-27 NLT

*"11 The crowd was listening to everything Jesus said. And because he was nearing Jerusa-*

lem, he told them a story to correct the impression that the Kingdom of God would begin right away. 12 He said, "A nobleman was called away to a distant empire to be crowned king and then return. 13 Before he left, he called together ten of his servants and divided among them ten pounds of silver, saying, 'Invest this for me while I am gone.' 14 But his people hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, 'We do not want him to be our king.' 15 "After he was crowned king, he returned and called in the servants to whom he had given the money. He wanted to find out what their profits were. 16 The first servant reported, 'Master, I invested your money and made ten times the original amount!' 17 "'Well done!' the king exclaimed. 'You are a good servant. You have been faithful with the little I entrusted to you, so you will be governor of ten cities as your reward.'

18 "The next servant reported, 'Master, I invested your money and made five times the original amount.' 19 "'Well done!' the king said. 'You will be governor over five cities.'

20 "But the third servant brought back only the original amount of money and said, 'Master, I hid your money and kept it safe. 21 I was afraid because you are a hard man to deal with, taking what isn't yours and harvesting crops you didn't plant.' 22 "'You wicked servant!' the king roared. 'Your own words condemn you. If you knew that I'm a hard man who takes what isn't mine and harvests crops I didn't plant, 23 why didn't you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.' 24 "Then, turning to the others standing nearby, the king ordered, 'Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one who has ten pounds.' 25 "'But, master,' they said, 'he already has ten pounds!'

26 "Yes,' the king replied, 'and to those who use well what they are given, even more will be given. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. 27 And as for these enemies of mine who didn't want me to be their king—bring them in and execute them right here in front of me."

This parable represents faithfulness. True servants of the Lord should be faithful and good stewards of the gifts and callings God has given to them. The Spirit will multiply what He has entrusted to those who are called by God. The children of God will be greatly rewarded for taking care of what has been entrusted to them!

# **Prayer Testimony**

One night, in a worship/prayer time at a church I was attending, I was speaking with another individual about prophetic dreams that the Lord had been giving. Some of these dreams included angel armies, and their assignments in our territory. As we were speaking about the dreams, the Holy Spirit released an utterance deep from within my spirit. I said out loud, "It's as if they (angels) need to be UNLEASHED!!" As soon as I said this, immediately there was like a mighty spiritual 'wind' that seemed to 'swirl' into the sanctuary. In the spirit I heard the literal doors open and angels filled the sanctuary, surrounding us. Feeling the tangible presence of the Lord, we quickly took our
positions....on the floor! The fear of the Lord was with us and upon us and it was truly a holy moment. Clearly, we were having an angelic visitation! Instantly, I began to pray in tongues, and asked the Lord what was happening and what did He need me to know? What was He saying? What was this about? What was happening? What was in His heart? What was the message? I heard certain verses from the Bible, one at a time, and knew to grab a Bible from the pew. I began to read what He spoke.

**The first scripture was from Numbers chapter 11.** The context of Numbers chapter 11 is about the journey of the children of Israel in the wilderness on their way to the promised land. They had been murmuring against Moses even though they had been supernaturally delivered from Egypt! In the desert, they grumbled, complained, and feared being without food and sustenance, even though God had faithfully provided for the nation repeatedly. During this time, their leader, Moses, had enough of their complaints as well, and called out to the Lord for help.

## Numbers 11:10-15

"10 Then Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, everyone at the door of his tent; and the anger of the Lord was greatly aroused; Moses also was displeased. 11 So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have You afflicted Your servant? And why have I not found favor in Your sight, that You have laid the burden of all these people on me? 12 Did I conceive all these people? Did I beget them, that You should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a guardian carries a nursing child,' to the land which You swore to their fathers? 13 Where am I to get meat to give to all these people? For they weep all over me, saying, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' 14 I am not able to bear all these people alone, because the burden is too heavy for me. 15 If You treat me like this, please kill me here and now—if I have found favor in Your sight and do not let me see my wretchedness!"

Moses had enough! The burden he had been carrying of the entire nation was just too much and he let the Lord God know exactly how he felt over the entire situation! He needed help or else he was done. He said, "please kill me here and now!!"

### Numbers 11:16-17

"16 So the Lord said to Moses: "Gather to Me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tabernacle of meeting, that they may stand there with you. 17 Then I will come down and talk with you there. I will take of the Spirit that is upon you and will put the same upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, that you may not bear it yourself alone."

The wisdom God offered was to take the Spirit's anointing, the mantle Moses had received for this task, and place it upon seventy elders as well. God's wisdom was perfect, as one man could not carry the entire burden and oversee all effectively. God multiplied the anointing by raising up more leaders to carry the dominion mandate.

**The second scripture** I heard in the visitation was from Zechariah chapter 4. Zechariah was a

prophet of God, and he prophesied to Zerubbabel, the governor of Judah, the Word of the Lord. Zerubbabel was given the assignment to return to Jerusalem to oversee the rebuilding of the destroyed temple King Solomon had built for Israel. Zechariah was told Holy Spirit would pave the way.

### Zechariah 4:6-7

"6 So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel:

'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the Lord of hosts. 7 'Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone with shouts of "Grace, grace to it!""

The temple had been destroyed, and the ruins were left in what looked like 'mountains' of rubble! God told Zerubbabel that he could NOT accomplish this assignment in his own might or power. God would faithfully provide what was needed for this massive work through Holy Spirit! The Word of the Lord was so sure and strong, that it would literally 'flatten the mountain of rubble' and God assured Zechariah that His GRACE would finish the work!

The NLT translation says,

### Zechariah 4:7-8 NLT

"7 Nothing, not even a mighty mountain, will stand in Zerubbabel's way; it will become a level plain before him! And when Zerubbabel sets the final stone of the Temple in place, the people will shout: 'May God bless it! May God bless it!""

The Word of the Lord declared Zerubbabel would indeed lay a new foundation for the temple and he would finish it! What a promise it was to know that the massive project would be completed!

# Zechariah 4:8-9

"8 Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying: 9 "The hands of Zerubbabel Have laid the foundation of this temple; his hands shall also finish it. Then you will know that the Lord of hosts has sent Me to you."

God promised His Spirit would oversee as well as empower Zerubbabel in the rebuilding of the Lord's temple! When God starts a new work, we should never despise what seems to be 'small' beginnings, in light of a huge, massive, impossible project!

## Zechariah 4:10

"10 For who has despised the day of small things? For these seven rejoice to see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. They are the eyes of the Lord, which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth."

God, the Master builder, was in charge of the new construction of His temple. Heaven seemed to have the blueprints and master plans, and Zerubbabel was the master carpenter and overseer who held the actual 'plumbline' to establish it properly and in order.

Scripture explains the fullness of Holy Spirit and His functions in seven different roles. These seven, as referenced in Zechariah 4:10, as seven eyes, also refer to the seven-fold function of Holy Spirit.

### Isaiah 11:2

"2 The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him [Messiah], The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might,

The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord."

## **Revelation 5:6**

"6 And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth."

God used these scriptures and this testimony of the Word of the Lord as instruction in how He would build or begin a new work for His Kingdom in my territory! God was going to lay a foundation that was new, and His Holy Spirit, in His fullness, would oversee all to see it accomplished!

*The third scripture* I was told was from *Malachi 3:16-18*.

### Malachi 3:16-18

"16 Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, and the Lord listened and heard them; so a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the Lord and who meditate on His name. 17 "They shall be Mine," says the Lord of hosts, "On the day that I make them My jewels. and I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him." 18 Then you shall again discern between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him."

As my friend and I were talking about the kingdom of God and all He had been saying, it was as if the Lord was affirming that He heard us contemplating all that He was doing. He heard us, and the fear of the Lord was truly upon us. I trust the Lord, and I know He has for us all. God promises to take care of His special people Israel, and He will take care of us as well. It is very interesting that in light of this scripture, the Lord states that it will be clear and obvious to me who is righteous and who serves God as He moves within my territory. At the time I wondered what kind of work He would do? What new work would He start, that He would finish? I was confident Holy Spirit would lead each and every step. Wisdom would lead this movement.

The apostle Paul wrote an amazing prayer for the church in Ephesus. He knew to ask God for His wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Christ Jesus, and for the hearts of all believers to have new insight to what He was doing.

## Ephesians 1:17-20

"17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places."

God is always working! The Lord is the Master Builder, the Creator, the Beginning, and the End. He gives power to those who are weak. He leads His church in the works He has planned for the church to do before the beginning of time. He knows how to bring His Kingdom in fullness in order to accomplish His perfect will on the earth through those He calls and chooses.

A couple of years later, after the visitation, the Lord chose to build a "Supernatural Training Center (ATC) to equip the saints to do the work of the ministry" in our city through my oversight. Holy Spirit revealed the plans to accomplish this literally, step by step, year by year, layer by layer. As He built, He reminded me of His faithfulness to His Word to Abraham. He started with a couple who were 'barren' and without hope of having a child, yet God promised that through His covenant with Abraham, He would fulfill His promise. God provided everything and everyone that was needed to see the ATC come to pass.

### Isaiah 51:1-2

""1 Listen to Me, you who follow after righteousness, you who seek the Lord: Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the hole of the pit from which you were dug. 2 Look to Abraham your father, and to Sarah who bore you; for I called him alone, and blessed him and

#### increased him.""

The Lord knows how to bring His dominion into a territory. He may start with 'one' or 'two', but He will bring the increase and multiplication needed to fulfill His divine mandate. Moses knew he could not carry it all so God multiplied the anointing He gave to Moses to seventy other elders! God's manifold wisdom will be made known to His church. Jesus knows how to build His church, and He Himself will be the foundation. On this rock, He will build His church.

### Ephesians 2:19-22

"19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit."

Whatever God builds, His desire is to 'fill it'! God was preparing for a new move to see the saints equipped and empowered through the fullness of His Holy Spirit. My prayer testimony showed how God prepared me for His move in my territory to see the saints equipped and empowered through the fullness of His Holy Spirit. In that move, He raised up and established His five-fold government, according to *Ephesians 4:11-16:* 

*"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, 13 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; 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head-Christ-16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love."

Jesus Himself, multiplied His gifts to those He appoints: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. The Holy Spirit anoints each 'office' as the Lord calls the people who will occupy such positions! Many individuals have been chosen to assist in helps, administrations, and serving in the community! Many of encountered fresh infillings and baptisms in Holy Spirit! The saints are growing in the Word of God, and in the spiritual gifts Holy Spirit has chosen to impart! Fresh vision for the kingdom has been released and the Lord has raised up leaders whose hearts have said YES to His call for their lives! Worshippers and songwriters have emerged as they host His Presence and the spirit of prophecy rests upon them all! When the saints are empowered, equipped and trained under this apostolic mantel and mandate, they will multiply themselves as they give freely to all the Lord God has appointed. The Lord is glorified and delights in bearing much fruit for Father God! May the saints join Him in high praise and thanksgiving!

# Conclusion

The Lord said to 'occupy until He comes'. He does this through His chosen vessels of honor who have surrendered completely to His Vision and His heart! God's ways are good! His calling is sure! He is always working for His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

## Romans 8:28

"28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."

Kingdom Dominion affects every area of the believers' lives. The Lord will start with every saint and his/her 'own personal walk' and 'life'. As we surrender to His Lordship in our lives and are filled to overflowing with His Holy Spirit, He will lead us into all truth and into the destinies He has planned for us.

Absolute surrender to the Lord is essential in all! His Lordship and dominion in our own lives will not only change us and our families, but will flow out of us into our communities, marketplace, and cities. The Kingdom of Heaven will come into our own territory! God takes dominion in His people first and then goes out from there. His Kingdom isn't built on mere human ability or personal achievements, but rather on His Own Word and plans!

Does His Kingdom rule in you? Is He Lord of Your life? He will truly transform you and bless you above and beyond what you could ever imagine!

## I Corinthians 2:9

"9 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

# **Prayer for Salvation**

If you have not made Jesus Christ your personal Lord and Savior, and you desire this with all your heart, then please, join me in prayer:

"Heavenly Father, I choose to believe with all my heart, Your love for me. I believe that Jesus Christ is Your Son, the Son of God, and that He is God in the flesh. I believe that You sent Him to this earth to save me. Thank You. I believe He died on the cross for my sins and He was dead and buried three days, and then rose again from the dead and that He ascended to Heaven and is now seated at Your right hand and is returning again.

Father, please forgive me for all my sin and iniquity and I choose to forgive others who have sinned against me. I give You all my heart and choose to live with You forever. I believe I have been born again according to Your Word and that I have been transferred out of the kingdom of darkness and into the kingdom of light. I declare I am forgiven and healed! Now, I ask for Holy Spirit to fill me. Jesus, baptize me in Holy Spirit and fullness in order that I may know You intimately and serve You all my days. Thank You, Lord, for loving me. Amen."

# Scriptures:

## John 14:6

"6 Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.""

# Romans 10:8-13

"8 But what does it say? 'The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 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. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, 'Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.' 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For 'whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

# John 3:3-8, 16-18

"3 Jesus answered and said to him, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.' 4 Nicodemus said to Him, 'How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?' 5 Jesus answered, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, "You must be born again." 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

"16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 'He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

## II Corinthians 5:17

"17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

## I Corinthians 15:3-5

"3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve."

### **II Corinthians 5:21**

*"21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteous-ness of God in Him."* 

## Colossians 1:13-14

"13 He has delivered us from the power of dark-

ness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins."

## Luke 11:9-13

"9 So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. 11 If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

# Acts 1:8

"8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

# I Timothy 3:16

*"16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:* 

God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory."

# **Fresh Infilling of Holy Spirit**

#### **Acts 1:8**

"8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

If you have been born again and filled with Holy Spirit and you desire MORE and want to encounter the Lord's presence afresh and anew, please join me in prayer:

"Father, in the name of Jesus, I thank You for loving me and I ask according to Ephesians 1:17-19, that You would give me the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, Jesus, and the eyes of my understanding would be enlightened; that I may know what is the hope of His calling and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power towards us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places. Amen. Father, according to Colossians 3:9-12, I ask in Jesus name, that I would be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that I would walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power. Amen.

I surrender and yield my life to the fullness of Holy Spirit; His power and anointing; the spirit of wisdom and revelation; counsel and might; the spirit of the fear of the Lord and knowledge according to Isaiah 11:2, in Jesus' name. Amen."

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