

# **INFLUENCE OUR CITY, IMPACT THE NATION**

***Thy Kingdom come on earth, Thy will be done as it is in heaven. Christ Revealed, Church Reformed, City Rebuilt***

God use us not because we are great. God use us because we want to be His channel.

We can start somewhere when God gives us the assignment; our town. There must be steady ongoing influence in our city. As we start to keep on influencing the city, there will be a chain reaction to the whole nation. God will kindle a fire in the south and all will be consumed by it. God is giving us the opportunity to change everything around us.

What our church can do? What must we do to create a movement across the earth?

When we start something and gave momentum and spiritual dynamics, change will come.

## **1. The church must rise to a new position of spiritual stature**

The church must go up to the next level. We can no longer be Jacob but become Israel so that we can prevail with God and with men. It is this reason we can change our city. If we remain the same, that's all we can do. If we go to the next level, our strength will become supernatural. Leave the flesh and start to rise up. When our stature goes to the next level, God's favor will come upon us. With what we have now, it is impossible to change everything. But when we go up higher, we will go to the next category. God has to make us and change us and give us a new position. Jesus looked at Simon and changed his name to Peter.

A spiritual stature means we have a new nature, new life, new character, and new place of life in God (life of God and the favor of God). God speaks to us, builds us, changes us, reduce us, so that we will become the person God wants us. The man increase or else all blessings and resources cannot come to us. We must become mighty first before we can do mighty things. If we are a sower, we will sow. The work is not impossible. We must become the sower. If we are a fisherman, we must go and fish. Out of our life, will come forth what is needed.

When we do not have stature, we have to keep fighting, cheat and lie, struggle, etc. God wants to put an end to this life and upgrade us to become a better person. That's why our nature will have to change. A change life must be our priority. If we don't go to the next level, so many things will not be able to come to us. Even though God has planned great things, God things cannot come to us if we do not have stature.

God will give us authority after He has made us and formed us. We have to grow. The things that will happen in our life is because God has touched our life and change our life. Jacob started his life by doing his own will after he met God; 20 years of struggle. God wants to bless him but He can't because Jacob did his own ways. There must be an inner frustration inside our heart to go back to God. Things will only change when we change and go to the next level.

***Read: Gen 32 : 24 - 32***

If our church rise up to the next level and all our lives and changed; thinking pattern, attitude, desire for the things of God, God will give us the grace to do what needs to be done. The church needs to come into place a new position in Christ. Every Sunday when we meet we must grow in wisdom, favor with God and favor with men. Keep going up higher and learn to walk in a higher plane. Become stronger. God wants to change our walk. We will not longer be what we were in the past. We will prevail.

When we have a new stature in God, sin, sicknesses, satan, etc cannot touch us. Satan will be replaced and put out of place.

*Rev 12:5 And she bore a son, a male, who is going to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her child was caught up to God and to His throne.*

*Rev 12:6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she had a place prepared by God, so that they might nourish her there a thousand, two hundred and sixty days.*

God wants us to rise up and be caught up to God and caught up to the throne. That's our place. It is from there we can rule the nations. We must be caught up to God and be caught up to the throne. We must rule from there. When we start to rule, there will be war in the heavens.

*Rev 12:7 And there was war in Heaven. Michael and his angels warring against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels warred,*

*Rev 12:8 but did not prevail. Nor was place found for them in Heaven any more.*

When we become stronger and find our place and enter to where God wants, there will no longer be a place for the devil. That's why we must rise and take our place. If we don't rise, our place will always be taken by someone else. When we take charge of our land, no one will enter.

God has called us to be salt and light. God has to work in our life and give us a new name and speak to us. We must be in partnership with Him and He will give us a place. If we don't work with God, we will not go up higher. If we connect ourselves with Him, things will change. If we don't have the spiritual stature, we will not have a starting point. We must know what He wants and live a life pleasing to Him. Regardless if we are a businessman or student, we must find the stature in God. If we can win that part, we will become a winner in every area. God is our best bet. If we find Him, and please Him all things will fall in line and find everything. God is more interested that just our church life. God is interested in every aspect of our life. When promotions come from God, no one can take it away. Touching God must become our passion. If God sets His eyes on us to bless us, no one can stop it. Regardless of how many attacks, God will pull us through. Win Him and touch God and draw God closer to our side by the way we live. The key is God and us. Find a way to go up higher.

Start laboring with God and allow God to speak to our heart. Every day our life should change and go up to the next level. That's when Christians will have a very powerful beginning. Find a spiritual stature in God so that we are not ordinary. The powers of darkness will crumble because God will use us and promote us. Our beginning must be in Him. Follow Him and He will assign us. Stop calling ourselves ordinary. If we want more we must press in.

## **2. Keep the heavens open and hell shut**

If we want to influence our city, we must have the power to open the heavens. We must have the power to shut hell. The people in the world don't have the power to do this. Only the church has. When we please God, the heavens will open. We want to go beyond windows and doors. We want the whole heaven to open. This is the reason why we can change our city. This is our second contribution to our city and the transformation of our nation. Our spirit must be full and free. We cannot see the heaven of the spiritual realm if we are not in that place. The heaven must be open so that God can look at us and pour out the blessing over us until overflowing. Sunday morning is important. We keep the heavens open and our spirit is full and saturated. Our spirit is free and buoyant. More and more of God is coming to our heart. We carry a lot of the spiritual dimension. God hears what we are saying and God comes to confirm it. When the heavens are opened, there's no interference. What God wants to say, we will say. Whatever God wants to do, we will do. People can stop anything in the natural but God cannot be stopped.

Our prayer and prophecy every day will keep the heavens open. Look up and not look around. We have to keep pushing so that the heavens will not be shut. Rain will come and God will speak and come down to manifest Himself. Our place is not to complain but change. Stand in the plot of barley that God has given to us. Worship God with all our heart and sing in the spirit. Push more and more in prayer. By what we do, the heavens will open. That's why we gather on Sunday and pray the way we pray. If the heavens are shut, hell will rise. God is merciful to us.

## **3. There must be a passion to transform lives**

This is something we must face every week in church. There must be a passion in our heart that life transformation is before our eyes. The danger is for us to go to church and don't change. If we leave this place and continue to do whatever we do in the past, then we are not tapping the power. When we pray, serve, and give testimony, we must demand change. If we remain where we are, God will raise up help from other place. We must make priority for transformation of life. What we do is defined by what we are. Every one that comes to church must change and go up to the next level. This will be the testimony of our life. No one will believe us if they see our lives and study our lives and the way we live and behave is no difference with them. If we know how to talk big, we better have a life that we can show. We cannot affect the society if we cannot change our own people. Cell group leaders must set the example and lead the flock well. We must practice what we believe. Touching God is our passion, changing life is our priority.

All creation waits eagerly for the manifestation of the sons of God. They are waiting for what comes out from the church. What comes out is our message. If we are crooks, we will attract crooks. If we are a friend of crooks, we cannot be better. Don't walk with the counsel of wicked and sit in the seat of scoffers. If we are sitting among crooks and living their standards and gather more crooks around us, no one needs to find out. Looking the people around, they will know who they are. People are looking for quality life. They don't care if you are a cell group leader or a pastor. They will look at your life. What people can see is life and how we behave and how we behave in secret place. How we talk will use against us one day in the Higher Court of Law. God is looking for a new type of life and life that is honorable.

Transform life and prioritize change of life. Our behavior should become more Christ like; not religious. That's why we can have a lot of friends and lose the power of influence because change has never occurred in our life.

We must produce a true life that is promised by our message. What we want to do in our city is important.