TAKE OUR PLACE

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

God is about to bring transformation in the supernatural way. The hand of the Lord must be upon us.

**Jdg 6:1** Then the sons of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD gave them into the hands of Midian seven years.

**Jdg 6:2** The power of Midian prevailed against Israel. Because of Midian the sons of Israel made for themselves the dens which were in the mountains and the caves and the strongholds.

If we do what is right, the hand of the Lord will be upon us. Nothing can stand against us. When righteous people stand, all other powers will go down. The 7 years is important. We started the campaign in 2009 and this year is the 7th year. We must act immediately. In the last 7 years, many things have been happening. God is causing change and He is pushing for change. Change can only take place when wrong people are replaced.

In verse 2, because of the Midianites the people changed the lifestyle. People now live in caves and they have come into a desperate way of survival. Homes, sustenance, etc were lost. We must know the God that we serve that He is mighty and strong and has the power to save and heal. Those who believe in Him can become the catalyst for change. We can turn things around. God spoke to them the word and told them not to be afraid. Fear is one of the tactics of the enemy. When we fear, we will compromise and choose not to stand and fall back. Instead of believing, we tremble. We can bring a change.

Judges 6:1 – 10 is a study of how the power of the Midians trying to prevail. If we continue in sin and do not rise up in righteousness, nothing will change. We who have the bible, Holy Spirit, the Presence of God, etc and decide to become the tipping point to push against evil, we will bring destiny into our hands. Trust God. God is in control. It is time to take our stand. We need to be obedient and not live according to our opinion. Our warfare is not natural. God has given us weapons that are divinely powerful. We can intercede and raise up good men and women so that we can take our place in our home, city, church, etc so that as it is in heaven, so it can be on earth. For so long we believed in the power of evil and fear evil but the righteous didn’t know that what they carry is greater than evil. We must allow faith to rise in our heart. Our prayer, faith, life, influences works. Before long more people will join the crowd but someone has to initiate and pioneer the pathway first.

Don’t be careless and don’t make wrong decisions. Whatever that is happening here is also happening in all other parts of the world. No place is safe unless we are found in the presence of God. For a New Malaysia, we need new men and leaders. The church is the best place to be trained and can be trained. The Holy Spirit can help us on a consistent basis.

God wants us to take our place. Every husband and wife and child must take the place. If we are in the school, we must take the place in school. If we are working we must take our place in the working place. If we are leadership in the church, we must take our place. There is a place where we can receive maximum leverage. When we do what is needed, God will give to us what we cannot have. If we give the 5 loaves and 2 fishes, God will give us the multitude. This is the best time of our lives. God is looking for
materials that we can rebuild. We have to choose God’s will, kingdom and the church will be changed and reformed and take the responsibility to rebuild the nation.

Find our place and know what to do and have a prevailing position. If we are at the mountain top and the enemies are coming out, it is easy to kill them because we are at the higher ground. Go to the higher ground and go up to the next level. When we are up, we have better leverage. It is going to be an uphill task for the enemy and an easy task for us.

1. The first spiritual position / place is one of practicality
   We must start doing what needs to be done. We cannot wait anymore. We don’t have to decide. We just do. As we do it, God will do the extraordinary. Do it with all our might. Don’t say we cannot do because of fear. We must do something to get out of our fear.

   Jdg 6:11 Then the angel of the LORD came and sat under the oak that was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite as his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the wine press in order to save it from the Midianites.
   Jdg 6:12 The angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, “The LORD is with you, O valiant warrior.”
   Jdg 6:27 Then Gideon took ten men of his servants and did as the LORD had spoken to him; and because he was too afraid of his father’s household and the men of the city to do it by day, he did it by night.

   This is one of practicality. If we want to take our place in society, we must do what is right. We have to do what is right and speak what is right and do the best we can. Never give in and never give up. Whatever practical things we have to do, do it. Some people are not practical and they only think things will happen just because they prayed. Some just want God to bless them without lifting a finger or do anything. The person that God chose is the one who will start something. God has great things for us. The minimal practically we have to do is pray, read the bible and come to church on Sunday and contribute during cell group. If these we don’t even want to do, how can we do great things and have a great harvest? If we don’t sow, we don’t reap. If we ask God for great things, find out from God if we are doing the right thing. We must be practical. We must do our best. If we are not a practical, we will not get the job done.

2. The place we want to take must be a place of competence
   We must know our job well, do it well and develop the skills. If we want to move in the politics in the years to come, we must know Bahasa and know more languages. We must have skills to open up the word and skills to talk to people. We cannot be an agent of change if we are not competent. We must be able to talk, negotiate, bring peace, and take our ground. We need people skills, writing skills, etc.

3. The place we want to take must be a place of strength
   We must be strong and strong in people relationship, knowing God, passionate and all out with the zeal of God in our heart. We must be capable to do what is needed to be done. We must become a valiant warrior.

   Jdg 6:14 The LORD looked at him and said, “Go in this your strength and deliver Israel from the hand of Midian. Have I not sent you?”
If we want to change anything, our spirit has to be strong. The stronger we are in the spirit, the better we are to achieve. We must go from strength to strength.

4. **The place we want to take must be a place of authority.**
   Why send a man who is weak and doing nothing? The government is operating on the authority of self. We never get to choose them. If we want to choose a good leader to be in the kitchen, they must know how to cook and has the passion and skill to cook, even with little money. If they don’t have the strength, why do we give them the authority? We need to have authority and this authority comes from above. When we place kingdom authority over our lives, we will be able to face challenges because we have the position of strength. When we do our best and do what we can and maximum and in full capacity and practically doing the right thing, develop competencies, we will be a person who will know the job. Even though we may not know at the beginning, by the end of the 3rd week, we will know all that needs to be done.

5. **The place we want to take must be a place of favor**
   If we take our place, God will stand by our side. If God is for us, no one can be against us. We must make sure we bring God. If God is by our side, we will not fear anything. Everything about our life will be blessed because this is the God factor. When we do a work and a business, make sure God is our first. We must win Him. Regardless of how many sales we want to do, we must go and meet the client. The same, we must meet God first for God to be by our side. When God surrounds us, no enemy can touch us. If God is for us, who can be against us?

6. **The place we want to take must be a place of new identity**
   We need to know who we are. We must find our rightful place. If we don’t take our place we will be replaced. If we don’t hold on to it, then we do not know our identity. Our identity is not of what our parents gave us. Our identity is in Christ. Our identity is what we can become in Christ. Jesus said follow Him and He will make us. God will form us. Our identity is not Malay, Chinese or Indian. We are Malaysians. Don’t play the religious and race game. That’s why many of these leaders will be sideline in the days to come. The new generation doesn’t think this way anymore; race and religion. That’s why when we are found in Christ, we will not depend on men. We will not take from the king of Sodom. Let the government do whatever they need. We don’t need to demand and fight for what is ours. Good governance will give what belongs to us. We pay taxes and they will build the road. We don’t mind giving what is theirs. In good governance, we get back more than what we give. Bad governance will take away.

We must start to believe for a New Malaysia Dream. Let our heart be filled with gladness. Let us change our lives, change other’s lives and change our city. As far as we can see and we can go, they belong to God. The earth belongs to the Lord.

*Jdg 6:32* Therefore on that day he named him Jerubbaal, that is to say, “Let Baal contend against him,” because he had torn down his altar.

We are a new citizen that will bring change upon the earth. Most of us don’t want to do anything but now Malaysians realize that if they don’t do anything, we will lose everything. Those who are not righteous can take over our lives and this is dangerous.
7. **The place we want to take must be a place of integrity**
   Gideon, Job, etc are such men. They are unchangeable in changeable times. We must find men who will not change. Good Christians must become good agents of change. We learn from our Father. He stands behind His promised and that’s why nothing will go wrong. We cannot live a hypocritical life. We must be honest. We must believe for amazing things to happen in our life. The trust is lost if we don’t live right. Many nations are losing their trust in their governments because they are liars. They said a statement but then denied that they didn’t say it. Your word must be your bond. When we say something, we must believe. That’s why our place is important.

8. **The place we want to take must be a place of partnership**
   We need one another. We cannot defeat the enemy with just one man. If everyone doesn’t rise up, then the burden is only on a few people. All of us laboring together will make things easier. The school and the church are not about Papa. It is about all of us and the vision is our vision. We can save a lot of money and strength if we come together and stand together. When our partnership becomes better, the job can become faster. We want our nation and our city to have a better start when we build the school.

9. **The place we want to take must be a place of faith**
   We trust what God is saying. All that Gideon wanted to know was if it is God who spoke it.

   *Jdg 6:17*  So Gideon said to Him, "If now I have found favor in Your sight, then show me a sign that it is You who speak with me.

   *Jdg 6:36*  Then Gideon said to God, "If You will deliver Israel through me, as You have spoken,

   If God has not spoken, we should not be doing it. When God has spoken we will be at the position of faith. We will not be afraid of the Midianites, the man of the city, enemy, etc. If God has said it, then He will back us all the way and provide for us. That’s why we can move from one agenda to another. When we first become Christians, we ask what is there for me. But as we grow and mature, we think about others. Then we think about our city.

10. **The place we want to take must be a place of national interest**
    At some point we must capture the national vision. To go to the church to be blessed and bless others is easy. But to touch the whole nation is a different game. The state of our nation is changed. God has spoken and He will be by our side. God will not abandon us and be with us until the end of our days.

    Take a new place and position. We must be in a place to stand alongside with Papa. Don’t stand behind.