

## **RELATIONSHIPS THAT MATTER**

*Strong Families, Great Churches*

Move away from the people who do not understand the power of the church. In the society with all the power and money that they have, they cannot unite the nation. The day we are not functioning we will see all the bad things about church. The day we function we will see all the beauty. For what Jesus say, He endured the cross.

This house is so powerful and all the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. He is not just talking about an individual. He is talking about us (corporate).

When the Holy Spirit was given to us, God gave us the leader of the Lord Jesus Christ. Hell is not challenging the government. Hell is challenging the church of God because the devil know the church can change the nation.

A man with an experience can never be under the mercy of an argument. The reason we cannot see what Papa has spoken was because our heart has changed.

**Deu 8:1** *"All the commandments that I am commanding you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD swore to give to your forefathers.*

If we listen to what God is doing and careful to do, we may live and multiply (not add). How are we going to see the multiplication?

**Mat 6:33** *"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

We don't want to see addition only. We want to see multiplication.

When we go through difficult times, we may be thinking what is wrong. It is not about what is wrong. It is something that we have to go through in order for God to fulfill His word. We may be going down and down but we need the word to go up. We may be thinking the business is going down but it is not going down. God allow these things to happen to test our heart, head and

attitude. God engineered this so that we may realize who we are, not about who the other person is. God shows us who we are so that we can measure up.

God humble us. He does not humiliate us. He humbles us so that we can rise up. If God is with us, no weapon formed against us will prosper. God tests us by taking us out of the classroom and bring us to the open. God will take us out to the real world and if we can win Him there and change the world, the world will come to the House because they want the same thing we have.

When God leads us, He will test our heart. If we don't understand the heart of the people, we will never understand the people. When we serve God, don't expect anything to happen other than what God has said. If we obey God we will live.

A lot of things God has said for our church is already spoken in the past. If our heart is open we will see God open up more and more. Wonderful things will happen.

*Deu 8:5 "Thus you are to know in your heart that the LORD your God was disciplining you just as a man disciplines his son.*

God knows our heart and we also know our own heart. Many things happen in our life because we created it. And we are the answer to our own problems. Just as a man disciplines his son, the Lord is bringing us into good land. He leads us into good things. That's why going forward is the answer. We must love what God loves and hate what He hates. He loves the church.

*Deu 8:7 "For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing forth in valleys and hills;*

*Deu 8:8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey;*

*Deu 8:9 a land where you will eat food without scarcity, in which you will not lack anything; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper.*

When we receive a good promise from God, it is not just for ourselves but for others. In the world, they operate on scarcity. Just like petrol, the more they dig the lesser the oil will be. However in the spirit, the more we dig, the more we will have.

*Deu 8:11 "Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments and His ordinances and His statutes which I am commanding you today;*

*Deu 8:12 otherwise, when you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built good houses and lived in them,*

*Deu 8:13* and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiply, and all that you have multiplies,

*Deu 8:14* then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

People forget what had happened in the beginning. Don't forget the blessing, people's labor, God's help, etc. Don't forget. Join our hands together so that we can build the house. When God comes down, He will inhabit the place and become His dwelling place. Heaven then can release the resources and the church can shut hell down. Then we can enter into the addition life.

If we want all aspects of life multiply, guard our heart and do not let our heart become proud and forget the Lord. God spoke to us that we will build great family and with great family we will have strong church. We have to be careful so that we can love His house. Jesus chose twelve so that He can speak to them.

*Mat 16:16* Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

*Mat 16:17* And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

Before the next GLS, make our families strong. New things are going to happen and we cannot have an old mindset to work. Start clearing our mind. The future depends on what we decide and that's the freedom we must have to choose God's will, plans and purpose. In order to have the freedom to choose God's will, our spirit has to be strong.

### **Churches are built around honorable relationships.**

We can be successful and make our way prosperous once we know God's counsel. Important decisions in life don't ask people to decide for you especially those who are outside of the Christian order. See what they are doing in their own life before listening to them. We must receive advise from the higher order, not the lower order.

For life we want to grow from level to levels. In the Kingdom of God, our connection is based on relational. God wants to give us counsel and time and the relationship and stature that is needed so that we can become successful. God is not jealous when we prosper because He is the one that made us prosper.

We must honor this and live it out. Life is about collective. If our parents think about ourselves, we might not even be born. If the family wants to succeed, we must be strongly related.

Our relationship with heaven must be clear. If people say thank you, we accept it. If people don't say thank you, we still continue.

*Act 2:42* They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

The world will try to make us busier until we do not have time. We must join our hearts vertically towards heaven and the Father. We must be devoted to God's word.

Then we must be added to the church and guard our brothers. If anything happens to them, their family will go down.

We must have a place to pour everything out of our life and that's why God gives us the opportunity to serve. We must start opening our heart to the house. When we serve God, it means serving people. Honoring God means honoring our father and mother and to our brothers and sisters. When we surrender our life to God, we must surrender our life to His people. Pray and find out how to get involved. We can only resign if God says no.

When our thinking pattern is not connected, we can't join together. There can't be partnership. The reason we are successful is because of our relationship with God is good and the relationship with people is right. Don't let one person's bad behavior destroy us. Serve Him and if other people are wrong. Serve God well by being right with our own life. Give our life back to Him. Don't take back our life into our own hands.

### **Homework: Read Acts 2:37-47**

*Act 2:37* Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

*Act 2:38* Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

*Act 2:39* "For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself."

*Act 2:40* And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!"

*Act 2:41* So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

*Act 2:42* They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

*Act 2:43* Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.

*Act 2:44* And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common;

*Act 2:45* and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.

*Act 2:46* Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart,

*Act 2:47* praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.