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Welcome to the Fall edition of the Destiny Magazine. In a world filled with distractions and loads of ministry demands that vie for our attention, I encourage you to step away from the hustle and bustle, the latest news of international turmoil, and be encouraged. While we are faced with our share of challenges and difficulties, the news from Destiny is good. Great things are happening all around the Network!

In this edition you will be challenged to dream, to go, and to check your heart. You will hear about opportunities to connect, and of the incredible harvests that can come through simple obedience. There are things to celebrate and wonderful people who are part of our Covenant family with whom to celebrate. There are pictures from our 23rd Annual Destiny Gathering and information on how you can re-live the great messages that were presented. And as a reminder that this month is National Suicide Prevention Month, we've included a couple of powerful articles on mental health from friends that are experts in the field. All and all, this edition is packed with help and hope! Enjoy.

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From Dream TO REALITY

DR. PHILLIP BRASSFIELD

Several years ago, a young man drove me to a rundown building in a busy part of town. The building looked abandoned. What was once a beautiful retail center, no doubt filled with the latest fashions or home furnishings, now sat in darkness, cold, and empty. Now, clearly overlooked by the powerbrokers of the city and considered past its prime, it sat alone, ignored, irrelevant.

As we pulled into the parking lot, I asked the young man, "What do you see here?" He quickly responded, "I see a church. I see people - children and young adults. I see families, all sorts of people serving, reaching and loving the community to Jesus." He said, "I see a Kingdom center with supernatural possibilities." I remember thinking, after we finished our tour, "What a monumental undertaking."

A little over a year later, I traveled back to dedicate the building as a church. It was filled with excited people who were living the dream of a young, visionary man of God.

DREAMS CAN AND DO COME TRUE

As I reflect on this story, I am reminded of the power of a dream and how God uses our imaginations and the dreams conceived there as a channel to introduce His purpose in our lives and into the lives of others we lead. I know this to be true; I can testify. Destiny Ministries was conceived in my heart as a dream for a ministry that would identify, develop and serve ministry leaders. Every facet of Destiny, every department and operation was conceived, charted and strategized in my imagination before Destiny existed. (I still have the visioning sheets.) Now, all these years later, after having labored in that same dream for over two decades, here are several things I've learned about dreams and what you can expect when they come:

1. Dreamers are inspired to dream, because God wants to introduce or accomplish something in the world.
2. Dreams are containers; they hold and carry God's purpose into the earth. When God wants to do something on earth, He plants a seed in the heart of a leader and inspires him or her to act.



3. Dreams have layers that must be discovered and become more powerful the deeper into them you go.
4. Dreams involve a process that inspires people, invites group participation, and makes room for others to share in the dream.
5. Dreams become a reality and are sustained when a team invests themselves in the purpose they carry.

THE WILCOX TURF FARM

I illustrated my idea that morning with the story of the Wilcox Turf Farm. It had been told to me years before by a businessman after a leadership session I had taught on potential. The man came up to me and asked if I was familiar with the story of the Wilcox Turf Farm in Arkansas where we lived. He said that the farm had been on the market for sale for a long time with no interest. It was an undeveloped section of land along the Arkansas River. It was on the market so long that a large wooden sign that advertised it to the passersby had rotted down and lay in the tall grass below. The land was cheap, priced to sell.

One day a fellow had an idea to develop it and asked the price. After a bit of negotiation, he purchased the land nobody wanted. It was a large tract of land, and he bought it for only a few hundred thousand dollars. Before he set out to develop it, he had a core sample taken and an analysis of the materials that lay beneath the surface. As it turns out, the first layer was prime topsoil, the kind you buy at the local home improvement store in bags. And the layer was almost a hundred feet thick, then grade A sand suitable for construction purposes was below that, followed by feet and feet of pea gravel suitable for concrete. The core sample analysis was appraised, and the land was valued at over 63 million dollars in raw materials. It began with topsoil and became more valuable the deeper you went into the ground.

I explained to them that God-type dreams are like that. They often begin in the unlikely and unexpected, but have layers that become more valuable the deeper into the dream you would go. I encouraged them to not stop until every layer of the dream had been discovered.

DREAMS HAVE A PROCESS; DO YOUR PART...

I next encouraged them with the fact that for a dream to be sustained long-term, there is a process that must be followed. And there is room for everyone to play a part in the process. In fact, long-term success demands it.

Great achievements, all dreams that are destined to become a reality, follow a predictable process that involves more than one person. While dreams begin with a dreamer, they seldom stop there. A God dream takes a team to produce. Why? Because seldom does any one person, a dreamer, for example, possess all the gifts, talents and skill sets needed to bring the dream to its greatest potential. Big dreams must have a communal quality. Through the gravity they create, they inspire people to participate. Leadership is about making a place for inspired people to serve the dream.

The process, I told them, looks something like this:

1. **Someone must dream it and see it.** This is the visionary leadership component.
2. **Someone must believe it.** This is the faith part, the supernatural secret sauce of everything in the Kingdom of God.
3. **Someone must fund it.** This is the provisional and resource element.
4. **Someone must strategize and organize it.** This is the management component.
5. **Someone must commit to it.** This is the faithfulness and follow-through part.

Yes, God uses a leader with a vision, but great dreams are supported through a process that involves others, and depending on the size of the dream, perhaps many others. When each person brings their gifts, their talents, and their skills to bear on the project, a dream becomes a mission.

Today, you may have a dream, a vision of something God wants to do. Dare to dream - dream big, for sure. But understand this: Dreams have layers and a process. Dreams involve inspiring people to bring their gifts, talents, and skills to invest into the purpose the dream has created. This is when a dream becomes a purpose, a mission. When they do, and as you unpack your dream, you will discover layers that can become more valuable the deeper you go.



Soul Care

AMBASSADOR



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Since 2003, September 10th, has been recognized as World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD), as a commitment of action to prevent suicides globally. Veronica Sites is on a mission to elevate soul care and inspire action in suicide prevention and recovery at church. It is by calling, anointing, and credentials to understand mental health and communicate biblical principles in simplified ways for practical life skills that she makes this call to action. Inspired by her book, *Love Me To Life; Suicide Recovery At Church*, the Lord has birthed a 501c-3 called *VS of Life* that provides training and facilitates programs with a ministry focus on whole soul care and mental wellness. Failure to care holistically for mind, body, and soul limits healing and restoration. The vision is to equip people with the resilience and skills to flourish in the plan God has to prosper whom the enemy seeks to destroy.

STIGMA

Like Goliath, a giant called stigma must be defeated. Thankfully, church leaders have started to speak out and facilitate conversations addressing mental health. Deaths by suicide and attempts send shockwaves of pain, making it imperative that churches step up as a more intentional resource of restoration. Compromised mental health touches one in six people. Consider the size of your congregation. Far too many potential assets of lived experience have not been tapped into as powerful arsenals essential to soul care. Healing and restoration must

extend to situations referred out, yet still in need of healing soul wounds. Consider the Church as part of a continuum in mental health.

Suicide has long been a tragedy hesitantly addressed in ministry. Because it is a mental health crisis, a general result is a quick referral to a therapist and minimal follow-up care by ministry servants. Licensed therapists largely lean on evidence-based scientific research with limitations on how beliefs or spirituality can be discussed. This is where biblical follow-up is important and derived from the model found in the parable of the Good Samaritan. Without consideration that individuals as a whole are mind, body, and soul with feelings and thoughts that are neither a byproduct of brain development nor originating from the soul, only partial care is accomplished by medical care and counseling. We must consider the divine. Somehow, in the miraculous weaving together in the mother's womb, the soul inexplicably took residence in the body where physical and mental wounds lead to thoughts and penetrate to the soul by way of damaged emotions and the psyche, therefore, impacting the whole person. Mental health without soul care leaves vulnerable, wounded souls overwhelmed by God-designed emotions intended to be messengers that change is necessary. Confusing, reactive emotions escalate chaos that wreaks havoc on a person. This is one way the enemy seeks to kill, steal, and destroy minds in need of remaining clear. Because spiritual warfare is more than what the confines of mental health allow, and in much mental breakdown, there are lies believed, it is imperative that a person in need knows how to use biblical principles to advance to a place of resilience with help from mentors and therapists.

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SOUL CARE

We must realize that countless silent testimonies remain untapped assets of hope and help to others beyond scientific, evidence-based data. It behooves the masses that leaders advocate in this area of evidence by freedom ministry and testimony building. The Church has room for improvement in the development of practical soul care mentors. As an advocate of hope and growth, there is a call for H.E.L.P. Survivors need Humane Emotional Language, Please! Improvement starts with awareness of the language we use. In the tongue is the power to speak life more effectively.

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Reframing, Neurolinguistic Programming, Eye Movement Rapid Desensitization, and a host of other effective modalities have the limitation of not addressing soul wounds. Modalities without ministry do not result in wholeness. Soul care is the work of the Holy Spirit carried out through God's Word and the triumphant stories and voices of those with lived experience. The power of a testimony to silence the enemy when someone is in the struggle is immeasurable!

Training will enhance the impact of soul care. The lives of others literally depend on the recovery from soul wounds left by trauma. Trauma-informed discipleship would improve the soul work believers get to do.

CONSIDER

Ask yourself, how do my biases or personal hurts impact how my faith is lived and worked out when it comes to suicide? How do we, as a church, restore connection when someone is touched by suicide? How can we improve ministry, so that wounded souls return for restorative care, love, and affirmations that an incident does not determine identity? We have a responsibility to help those alive, as well as bound to "remove the grave clothes" of stigma.

Without development, it may be that evidence based on lived experience has not found the most effective means of serving. Healing fosters healthy dependence on the Lord and interdependence within communities. Survivors need one another, and with no freedom to discover how God took what the enemy meant for evil in one person's tragedy who currently lives in triumph to help others, we hinder restoration.

CALL TO ACTION

The next step to enhance soul care is to create a safety net of people trained in safeTALK Suicide Prevention. Statistics indicate that most people turn to coworkers, clergy, or friends before contacting a professional or hotline when struggling with thoughts of suicide. Are you equipped?

Fatality statistics do not emphasize critical pieces of information that we must realize. For each counted death by suicide numbering 45,979 annually, thirty individuals have attempted and survived – meaning annually, there are 1,379,370 to help. As leaders, we must recognize the need and opportunity in order to improve ministry. Impact starts with conviction and being a beacon of hope as a host church that will offer training as a force multiplier to create suicide-safer communities.

Soul Care ministry will develop in cohorts so that, as a larger network, we work together. The simple model requires training and collaboration with mental health professionals recognizing and supportive of whole soul care. From there, peer support cohorts are developed to commence biblical and trauma-informed mentorship. The goal is collaboration, utilizing the foundation of Scripture, so that lies believed are transformed from the chaotic to the freedom attained. Health care addresses the body. Mental health addresses the mind and emotions. Souls need soul care ambassadors.

Many times, a person in crisis loses the capacity to do simple tasks. Sometimes, the greatest help is to go the extra mile to facilitate the next step for a person in crisis. Prevention is not about one person doing more than he can. Ministry is about how much each person can do as part of the body of Christ to be the difference someone needs.

To bring safeTALK training to your community, reach out to Veronica. As a Destiny leader, she is here to serve.

Suicide prevention is stewardship. Save this hotline number in your contact (800) 784-2433. The use of 988 is an intended faster way to simplify calls, yet, at present, not all states are fully operational to facilitate faster response times.

(Cited National Institute On Mental Health, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, [Love Me To Life](#))

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GAUGES

of the Heart

LONDON GALLOWAY

Leaders undoubtedly recognize the importance of keeping their hearts pure and healthy. Scripture is replete with admonitions that life and leadership flow from the heart. We believe in our hearts that God raised Jesus from the dead (Rom. 10:9). We love the Lord with all our hearts (Matt. 22:37). We serve the Lord from our hearts (Col. 3:23). Yet, the fall of man created heart problems for all of us. Our hearts are deceitful (Jer. 17:9), calloused (Matt. 13:5), the origin of all types of evil (Matt. 15:19-20), and unrepentant (Rom. 2:5). There are few Christian leaders who deny the centrality of the heart to what they are called to do. I've never met any leader who said, "I don't think the heart is all that important. I'm just going to keep ignoring mine." I am confident that we all desire to keep a pure heart before God.

However, we are in the midst of an epidemic of heart issues. Leaders are burning out and blowing up. We honor God with our lips on Sunday, but find that our hearts are far from Him on Monday. We too often find ourselves in the grips of cynicism and hopelessness. We are prayerless and thus powerless in the battle against temptation. While gaining the world, we are losing our souls. Why is this so? Why do we acknowledge the importance of the heart, while still neglecting our own hearts?

I believe the issue is that we don't know how to truly gauge whether our hearts are healthy. Many of us are extremely talented at ignoring notifications on a daily basis. We can decline a call without taking our phone out of our pockets. We don't open our messages, so we don't accidentally send a read receipt. While it's one thing to ignore notifications on our phone or computer, it's another thing to ignore the notifications which come from our hearts. The heart's signs are more subtle and easier to avoid. There are lots of socially acceptable ways to ignore our souls. We can work too much, go on a Netflix binge, waste time online, invest more energy into that hobby, add a service, build a building, or relaunch groups. The possibilities are endless.

Because we are so efficient at ignoring our souls, we often fail to recognize problems until it's too late. We need better gauges to determine the health of our souls. I believe that we find these gauges in Solomon's famous admonition: "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it (Proverbs 4:21)."

So far, the wisest man to live is tracking with what we have discussed to this point. Guard your heart, because EVERYTHING flows from it. Solomon's proverb then spells out some gauges of the heart. He shows how we know if our heart has been guarded.

THE FIRST GAUGE OF THE HEART IS THE WORDS THAT YOU SAY.

Proverbs 4:24 - *Keep your mouth free of perversity; keep corrupt talk far from your lips.*

The tongue is a great indicator of the condition of our hearts. The tongue is so powerful that you can break all ten commandments without moving an inch. How do you know if your heart is in trouble? What do you say when you are angry? What do you say about the opposite sex when your spouse isn't around? What words do you use to describe those who hold a different political perspective than you do? Are you always critical? Always negative? Do you use your words on social media to bash and criticize? If so, the gauge on the dashboard of your life is flashing- there's something wrong!

If you have a pure heart, your words should be pure. Jesus's little brother, James, discusses the power of the tongue and reminds us that fresh water cannot come from a salty pond and that olives cannot come from a fig tree. So often, people claim to "not mean what they say." In a moment of anger, they explode, then later say, "I didn't mean it," or, "That's not how I really feel." But eventually, you have to realize that evil words come from evil hearts, and pure words come from pure hearts.

THE SECOND GAUGE OF THE HEART IS YOUR AFFECTIONS.

Proverbs 4:2 - *Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you.*

Solomon continues to show us what a guarded heart looks like. We know the condition of our hearts by the words of our mouths. And we know the condition of our hearts by our affections and passions. What are our eyes fixed on? Where is our gaze directed? What dominates our thoughts and demands our concentration? What do you think about when you first wake up? What is the last thought you have when your head hits the pillow?

We live in a world with countless things competing for our attention. It's easy to set our eyes on the world around us with all of its problems and issues. It's easy to fix our gaze on our circumstances and leadership challenges. But, we have been called to fix our eyes on Jesus. If Eve had kept looking straight ahead, she would've looked at God's loving provision and not at the forbidden tree. If Lot's wife had kept looking straight ahead, she would've gone down in the Bible as a recipient of God's saving mercy instead of a pillar of salt. If David, as a young man up on top of his roof, had kept his eyes straight ahead, he wouldn't have found himself guilty of adultery and murder.

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith (Hebrews 12:2)." The word "fix" comes from a Greek word that has the idea of concentrating your gaze. It means to look away from other things, so that you can focus all your attention on one object. In a race, a coach will tell his runners, "When the gun sounds, start running as hard as you can. Don't look back. Don't look around. Keep your eyes on the finish line and keep on running."

Is your attention fixed on Jesus, or are you more concerned about building a name for yourself? Has that hobby become an unhealthy obsession? Is your life dominated by a habit you can't break? The things you are most passionate about give you honest feedback about the state of your heart.

THE THIRD GAUGE OF THE HEART IS YOUR GENERAL DIRECTION IN LIFE.

Proverbs 4:26-27 - Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways. Do not turn to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.

Which direction are you going? Every path leads somewhere. If you continue down the path you are on, what is the likely destination? Solomon tells us to give careful thought to our paths, to ponder our paths. Sometimes a significant amount of time goes by without us pondering our paths. We seem to just drift through life being carried along by circumstances that seem beyond our control. What direction have you been going

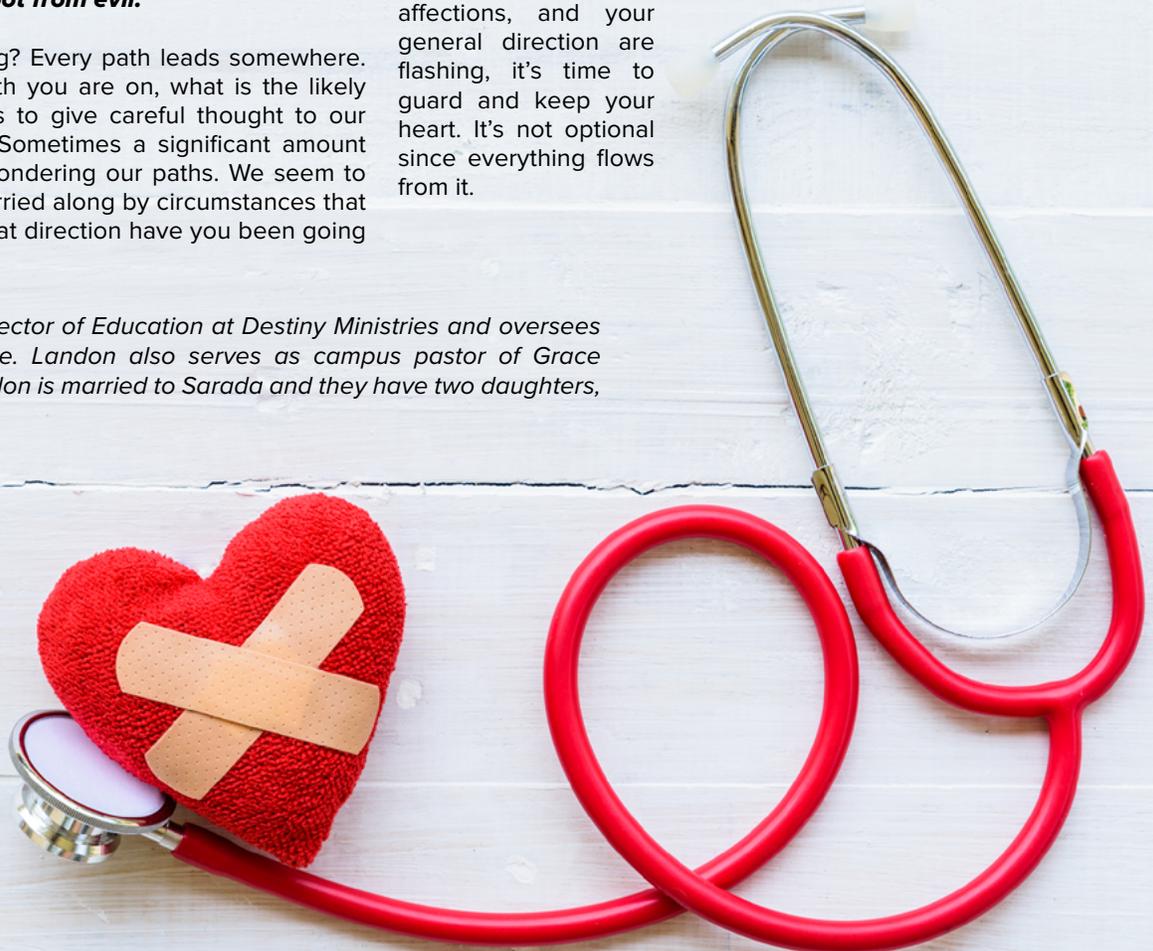
for the last few years? Are you growing, or are you just getting older? Do you love Jesus and His Church more or less than you did this time last year? Lives and ministries are rarely blown up overnight. Instead, there is a long drift in the wrong direction.

If you are like me, this self-evaluation is revealing. My words, my passions, and my general direction indicate that it is not completely well with my soul. To address our heart issues, we need to go back to Solomon's instruction that we "guard our hearts." Other translations say, "keep your heart." I think this presents two sides of the same coin. We must guard our hearts by pruning out the bad. And, we must keep our hearts by cultivating the good.

We must guard our hearts like a soldier guards the walls of a city. He keeps intruders out. He is vigilant against anything that will come against the city. We must stand guard against evil, and put a shield around our hearts. If the gauges of my words, affections, and actions indicate that my heart has been defiled, I must look at what I have allowed in. If I'm struggling with lust, I need to change what I watch on TV and what I click on online. If I'm struggling with bitterness, I need to guard against offense and gossip.

We must keep our hearts like a gardener keeps his garden. This "keeping of the garden" does involve some component of guarding, such as spraying pesticide and pulling weeds. However, there are also more positive components, such as planting, watering, tending. We are to protect our hearts from sin, and we are to cultivate our hearts to Christ's likeness. We are to put to death our old nature, and we are to put on the new nature. We keep our hearts through prayer, devotion, worship, and other spiritual habits. If the gauges of your words, your affections, and your general direction are flashing, it's time to guard and keep your heart. It's not optional since everything flows from it.

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Taking the Gospel to **PAKISTAN**



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In May of 2022, at 01:00 A.M., Pakistan time, our flight had just touched down in Lahore, and we were waiting nervously in a long line of travelers in the customs area to see if our visas on arrival would be approved or denied. We knew about Pakistan's reputation as a country notorious for its harsh laws regarding evangelism. So, our anxiety shot up when a uniformed customs officer herded our group away from the usual line of normal travelers into a back room of the airport, which we naturally worried was the location where the authorities dealt with problem cases. But surprisingly, without questioning or hesitation, the back-room customs officer simply smiled and stamped our paperwork as approved. As he handed us the official acceptance into his country, I felt a wave of relief and thanked Jesus. This mission, a mission resulting from years of prayer and a lifetime of preparation, was going to happen.

Seven years before, I was at home either scrolling through some social media or watching random online videos, when I came across a video about the nation of Pakistan. As I learned about their desperate hunger for the Gospel, I was overcome with

emotion for the Pakistani people. This moment was an encounter with the presence of God, and I knew that I was feeling His compassion for that nation. Jesus was inviting me to participate, to whatever extent I could bear, in what God wanted to do in Pakistan. At that moment, I felt the invitation was to participate through prayer. I prayed. As I prayed, I wept tears of passion, praying that God would send laborers to the harvest. I prayed for the peoples' hearts to be open to the Gospel and for God to raise up leaders to multiply disciple makers throughout the nation of Pakistan. I prayed for God to move in Pakistan. After that encounter with God, I knew that somehow I would be a part of what God was doing in that nation.

Over the next seven years, I moved from my hometown in Louisiana to a city I had never heard of in Florida to plant a church and build relationships with amazing men and women who are in passionate pursuit of Jesus, both inside and outside of that new church plant. And during those years, we helped pioneer spreading the Gospel among the Marwari People of Pakistan, where 2,700 people from 27 villages began to follow Jesus. I am thankful for God's abundance of mercy and grace through which He invited

me to participate in what He is doing in the world! I am so grateful to have said “yes,” and I emphatically choose to continue to say “yes!” His invitation plus my “yes,” has equaled a journey immeasurably greater than I could ask, think, or imagine.

Then our May 2022 trip to Pakistan happened. God planned to build on His previous work! Approximately 22,000 Pakistanis, most of whom had never before heard the Gospel, attended our Jesus Festival. Initial reports showed 9,850 of those who attended were born again. In this single event, our prior Gospel work multiplied from 27 villages to 158 villages and from 2,700 new believers to approximately 12,500. Discipleship groups are being established in the new villages with the new believers as I write these words. We are also in the process, with God’s help, of buying 2 acres of land on which to build a training center. God is so good!

The Lord’s grace in Pakistan results from His mercy and the unity in relationships between multiple aspects of the global body of Christ. Two other local Florida churches joined our church plant in unity to put on one of the three Jesus Festivals that we have done in the area of the Marwari peoples. Also, a non-profit headquartered thousands of miles from Florida partnered with us and even traveled on our recent trip to Pakistan to experience God’s miracles firsthand.

God is still writing this story, and I am thankful to get to be a part. I am confident that the ministry that God started both in Pakistan and in Clearwater, Florida, is in its infancy, and the best is yet to come.

May I take a moment to encourage you forward?

Ephesians 2:10 says, “For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” This verse is usually taught and preached from an individual perspective. That perspective is not wrong. Each of us individually are God’s handiwork. Our Heavenly Father knows the count of the numbers of hairs on our head at this very moment. He knew us before we were born. He formed each one of us in our mother’s womb. He has prepared good works for each of us, and these good works are not random.

They are planned. They have purpose. They are connected.

Yet, when Paul writes these words, all the pronouns are plural. He is talking to the Ephesians as a group, as a church—together. The local church is God’s handiwork. He knew each church before they were planted. He not only prepared each individual for good works, but He prepared each local church for good works, too. Each local church has multiple purposes, and some of those purposes will only be realized as we pursue deeper connection with the global Church. Those God-prepared purposes are designed to perfectly fit together in the global Church to carry out His plan! We have much to give to one another, and we have much to learn from one another.

Our work in Pakistan began to synergistically multiply through the unity of those in relationship and on mission together. Before our church began to follow God’s will to partner with outside relationships, we got to lead about 400 of the Marwari people to receive Jesus in 6 months, and we dug 15 water wells in their villages. We are thankful. But in the 18 months or so since we invited God-ordained relationships that were external to our church to participate with us, we have seen — praise Jesus! — 12,500 salvations, thousands of miracles, over 100 leaders raised up, 10 discipleship teams (two paid full time) to go to new villages making disciples, 10 motorbikes provided to those 10 teams, 16 more wells dug, and a financial commitment to buy 2 acres of land and build a training center in the center of the work! The demonstration of humbly submitting one to another has attracted the supernatural grace of God.

Many of you are great at what I am about to write, and I want to encourage you all the more. Intentionally take a little time to get outside of yourself and of your own work. Honor the work of those around you. Sow into them. Build relationships with them. The key to winning your city and eventually the world for Christ is not only found in your local body, but also in your local body owning its strengths while connecting and working with others in theirs. Destiny Ministries is so important in the body of Christ, because it instigates these types of relational connections. Dive in... Jesus wants to do great things through you and other believers!



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THE TIMELESS MIRACLE OF NOW

KEVIN HERRIN

I can still feel the press of my elbows and forehead on the altar in the large prayer area of what was referred to as the Tabernacle at the campgrounds of Lufkin, Texas. With tears running off my cheeks and soaking the bench that was becoming my personal, transformational waypoint, a pastor with hands that felt like bear paws laid his palm on the back of my head and began to pray for God to use my life for His glory. When I thought the presence of Jesus couldn't possibly get any stronger, the emotion of the moment intensified

as I felt the Holy Spirit wrap around me like a weighted blanket. I knew in that moment that my heart would forever belong to Christ. Over my formative teen years, this experience would be repeated over and again in Lufkin and Louisiana's campgrounds in Tioga. You would have had a better chance of sending me to the moon than to get me to miss summer youth camp. A bit of hyperbole, of course, but it meant that much to me. Even after my high school graduation, I would make sure my schedule was clear during my summers at college to come back home and serve at camp, whether it was youth or

ultimate privilege was when I began to receive invitations to preach those camps with both Robbie and my lifelong brother, Scott Jones. I made sure I was there in whatever capacity that was available just to be in that electric atmosphere. Robbie used to tease me and say, "Kevin loves camp so much, he could eat the dirt from Lufkin for lunch!" He wasn't far off.

After I was married in 1990, my wife, Melissa (who I met at camp in Tioga, by the way!) and I moved to Texas City to pastor with my father and mother. Melissa, I was elated to discover, was raised cutting her teeth on the summer camp culture of Ohio. Her parents, Bud and Flo Brown, had given tireless years of their lives serving in those camps and loving on kids for Jesus. We were a match made in Heaven. Over the following years, we found any way we could to be involved in summer youth camps. And we've raised our kids, Jade and Jentry, with that same crazy passion. Jade and her husband, Raf, have been heavily involved in the camp culture of New York.

I believe God reserves a special anointing for youth camps. I just think it's a gift from Him to His kids for the effort they make to



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Pastor Kevin and Melissa's heartbeat is that our world would know its identity through an intimate relationship with Christ. They are co-founders of NOW Camps, Inc. which has been raising up leaders in the summer for over 25 years. They have two books in the works and Kevin has several recording projects as well as a monthly leadership podcast entitled *Leading the Heart Way*.

kids camps which my father led for the fourteen years he was our denomination's Sunday School Director for the state of Texas. After graduating with my theology degree, I traveled with my best friend, Robbie Mitchell, as a preaching duo. With our combined contacts, we stayed booked up year around... except for, you guessed it, summer camps. We made sure we kept those weeks clear for both states' summer camps. The



get there. On our end, it's the excitement of the trip, the expectation of something extraordinary, the dedicated hours to one goal of getting closer to Jesus with few distractions, and the synergy of many hearts gathered together in fellowship with Jesus and one another that I believe makes it so amazing. One of my former team members, Pastor Robby Emery, said he went looking for the reason why there seemed to be such a concentration of anointing at the week of youth camp. When he added up the hours that youth pastors get to spend with their students at camp, it equaled the amount of hours that youth pastor spends with his students at church over the period of a solid year. I haven't done that math myself, but if I'm trusting his figures, that's just powerful.

Over the next few years, we would move from place to place in search of what felt like home. As other leaders dropped away, my friend, Steve Miller, and I became co-leaders of the camp. We found an amazing campground in Alvin, TX and were so excited. In 1997, Steve, his wife Mary, my wife, and I started what would become known as N.O.W. Camps. New Order of Worldchangers. Our theme scripture was Acts 17:6, "These

that have turned the world upside down have come." Over the next two decades, the scene would change several times as God would move leaders in and out. Steve and Mary took a church in California and it was down to Melissa and me. But we never missed a beat. From Chuck and Urshanna Colegrove who created our internship where select students come a week early for training and help us run camp, to Dusty Dean, Robby Emery, Anthony Morehead, Chuck Martin, and their wives who took our creativity, passion, technical ability, and sheer craziness to another level, to our present team of Manny Gonzalez, Carley Jones, Mikey Faulkner, Cody Pierce, Chris Strawder, Spencer Jones, and Jentry Herrin, many of whom are former campers, this thing has been rolling for 25 years.

We've seen healings, deliverances, and student intercession at stellar levels. One year a prophet named Ruckins McKinley stopped in the middle of his sermon to say that a life in the middle east was hanging in the balance. The students got on their faces to pray. That weekend, parents from one of the churches represented said that their son had an IED explode

at that very moment we had prayed. He was spared and his story appeared in USA Today. Pastor Mikey Faulkner and others like him can point to the place on the floor around the front where he received his call to the ministry. Marriages began there. Concentrated training and exposure to crafts and trades have been given to students that inspired them to move on into ministry and marketplace assignments. All from their brief two to three weeks at NOW Camp every summer. Dusty Dean is now senior pastor of an amazing church outside of Dallas, and still highly influential in our camp culture. He was a 14-year-old camper the year we started in Alvin. He's about to be 40. This year the team honored Melissa and me for 25 years of NOW. I was overwhelmed as faces from the old days showed up for the celebration – overwhelmed with gratitude to God for allowing us to be at ground zero for a movement that has impacted over 15,000 students for the Kingdom. Thank You, Jesus. Thanks to all the amazing people and churches that have made it happen. If our world ever needed young people to rise filled with the culture-flipping fire of the Spirit, it's NOW.

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HOLD ON

REV. RICK UNDERWOOD, PH.D., LPC, MHSP, SATP

I was boarding a Southwest flight when I noticed a father and his young son in the line just ahead of me. When we boarded the plane, they sat in a row on the left side of the plane. I sat one row behind them on the right in the aisle seat. The father sat absorbed in his magazine, while his young son was excitedly taking in his new adventure watching the movement of the plane as we taxied down the runway. I was traveling from Nashville, Tennessee, to Minneapolis, Minnesota, for a speaking event. As I sat reviewing my notes, I heard an exchange between the father and son that caught my attention. “Diddy, are you scared? No son, I am not scared,” the father replied. When the plane’s engines throttled up, pulling the weight of the plane filled with passengers and luggage, one honest little boy said, “Diddy, you need to *hold on* so you can *hold me*.”

In his letter to the saints in Ephesus, Paul exclaimed, “I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his spirit in your inner being,” (Ephesians 3:16).

As pastors, teachers, mothers, and fathers in these times, we find that there are people in our lives that are concerned, unsure of the future, fatigued, and even frightened. They are expecting, hoping, and asking us to hold on to the truth of God’s promise of strength.

Sometimes the challenges, joys, and culture of ministry tends to guide clergy to rely on their own strength. I walk along the journey of life with pastors, and I am aware that time, expectations, and fear often hinders pastors from taking assessment of their inner being. By God’s design, there are several aspects of self: spiritual self, physical self, and emotional self. Living in the balance of these supports the overall well-being of self.

Research supports numerous factors of ministry that need to be addressed in the support of overall well-being. Vocational ministry can contribute to personal isolation. It is true that the pastor is often with groups of people, and yet they often state they have very few close friendships with whom they can share their concerns and request accountability. The role of the pastor is often

packed with requests of time to shoulder the concerns of others within the local church and the community. While few requirements of the role of clergy include physical activity, it can be a sedentary occupation for many. Clergy need to allow themselves the time, energy, and commitment to physical health. National studies reveal that clergy have a higher rate of chronic diseases such as arthritis, asthma, high blood pressure, and heart diseases than the general population. I believe most readers would agree the role of clergy contributes to emotional stress elevated by expectations of self. Studies reveal that in the United States, clergy suffer from some form of depression at 8.7% compared to 5.5% of the United States population. What might be the cause of these rates? Some may be contributed to the higher average age of clergy in the study, the presence of congregational conflict, unrealistic clergy expectations about ministry, excessive demands of congregants, and serving a first-line support of life circumstances, (illness, death, financial losses).

Positive information of the research revealed that two-thirds of clergy reported being happy, fulfilled, satisfied with their lives, and filled with warm, trusting relationships, compared to half of the population of the United States. Pastors are resilient and can “bounce back” from the stress, expectations, and demands. Pastors often share that positive spiritual renewal is enhanced by an encouraging call or time spent with fellow pastors, Sabbatical, and family time. When pastors can find more ways to spend time on the joyful aspects of ministry, there is a greater overall satisfaction in ministry.

Please consider these brief questions and thoughts for yourself:

- What brings me the greatest joy in my current ministry context or leadership role?
- Do I take the time God expects of me to examine my overall sense of well-being?
- Are there fellow ministers that God is bringing to my mind that would benefit from my encouragement?
- How do you assess your sense of physical, emotional, and spiritual self?

As a fellow clergy and mental health therapist, I am grateful for the increased emphasis on the overall well-being of God’s servants. We are focused on the “Person of the Pastor” to be able to “hold on” to rely on God’s strength, power, wisdom, and grace.

Blessings,

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stories from **SERVE DAY**



VIBRANT CHURCH | *The Woodlands, TX*

At Vibrant Church, serving others is not just something we do, it is who we are. Our love for the people of The Woodlands and surrounding areas stretches far beyond the walls of our church building. We're passionate about putting foot to pavement to meet people where they are with the love of Jesus. We aren't a church on a block, but a city on a hill!

On Serve Day, July 16th, we came together as a family to make the town Vibrant orange with the love of Jesus. Our teams served over 700 meals in three locations, prayed for hundreds, ran two block parties, wrote 75 letters to the elderly shut-ins, and led a beautification project 1 mile surrounding the church building. But the best part was seeing 9 people give their lives to Jesus between the various events in the city!

OASIS CHURCH | *Round Rock, TX*

On Serve Day, our wonderful servant leaders at Oasis Church were able to serve breakfast to 9 firehouses, lunch to 50 police officers, pay for over 200 loads of laundry, and cleaned windows for our surrounding neighbors. What an honor it was to serve our city and local neighbors.



COMPASS NORTH CHURCH | *Akron, OH*

We worked on two Hope Houses in our community. One of them is in Akron, OH, and the other is in Canton, OH. In Canton, we added to the presentation of the outside by cleaning up and planting flowers. We created platforms in the green space for people to pray, read, and rejuvenate. At the Hope House in Akron, we improved a sober living facility by replacing the roof, rebuilding steps, and cleaning up the yard, so the men living there feel good about where they are doing their recovery.

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WHEN HUMMINGBIRDS DON'T FLY

Bishop Mark Briggs

Are you ever surprised when God uses something small to teach you a big lesson? More than a few times, this has happened to me. One particular time was an early sunlit morning while sitting on an elevated deck overlooking a gently flowing creek. My view was through the midsection of various hardwood limbs, and the lesson came from what was between me and the rippling water below.

A tiny hummingbird was totally still and seemingly lifeless, only 10 feet from where I sat. If you know anything about these little creatures that are like bumblebees on steroids and too much coffee, then you know for this 70 wing-flaps-a-second temperamental bird to remain calm is a phenomenon. “Why is this hummingbird not flying?” I said out loud. And, of course, just like The Good Lord intended, I searched and researched to find out why.

It’s easy to answer the question as to why they fly. Hummingbirds are migratory birds. Many of the over 300 species fly over the same familiar path of 2,000 miles twice a year. They will winter in Central America or Mexico and then travel back to their breeding grounds in the U.S. in early spring. Most of the time, they travel alone.

You might call them talented little creatures! They can fly forward, backward, and even – “Look, Mom!” – upside down. Hummingbirds are the only vertebrate capable of hovering for any period of time.

What about when hummingbirds don’t fly? Hummingbirds go into torpor – an intense, sleep-like state in which their metabolism slows down to only 20 percent of normal.

The little bird before my eyes was teaching me an important life lesson about rest. And, if I were to continue to dream and plan, I would need some rest.

Essentially, torpor prepares this seemingly insignificant little creature for what’s next. **As humans doing and being, we have no problem with a vision for the future, but we often need to rest in the present.**

When hummingbirds don’t fly, they are preparing for what’s next! Maybe it’s to suck the nectar from 2,500 flowers in one day or to avoid its number one enemy, the praying mantis. Or perhaps, it’s just resting before the long flight of migration.

Are you ready for what’s next?

I know flying is the cool thing to do, but it’s way more cool if you can get to where you’re going! You’ll want to prepare in order “*not to faint*,” Galatians 6:9.

When you see a “green pasture,” it’s hard not to run toward it and consume it when God may want you to simply rest in it. “*He makes me lie down ...*,” Psalms 23:2.



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INVITING EGYPT HOME

DR. DAVID AYER

In this age of scandal, where so many of our prominent leaders have fallen, I have been asking, “How is this happening?” The answers to this question are as wide-ranging as the diversity of the people involved. Because of this, I began to seek the answer to what happened to another great man of God. “What happened to Solomon?”

We need to understand something before we can really begin this conversation. Since the beginning, Satan’s goal is always to keep us, God’s people, in slavery. Why? Because when we are oppressed and serving another power, we can’t fulfill God’s design for our lives (Spiritual DNA). So, the Lord sets us free from our “Egypt” of sin slavery. He redeems and then empowers us to show the world that there’s a better way to live, full of healing and true freedom. Satan could not hold us back, because Jesus has won.

Then how does the enemy bring God’s people back into slavery? The Cross defeated him. Through the resurrection, we are justified, so Satan has no claim to us. So, how can this happen? Simple. He makes you want Egypt.

Satan could not keep God’s people in Egypt.

All of us know the story, but few have really understood what happened in the Exodus. In each of the plagues, the LORD

judged Egypt and its gods (Exodus 12.12). What I mean is that each plague was designed to touch the domains of one or more of Egypt’s gods to show them to be powerless before the Lord. Here’s a short list of plagues and the gods the Lord judged through them.

1. **Nile to Blood:** Osiris, Isis, Horus, and specifically Ha’pi, the god of the Nile
2. **Frogs:** Heqit, goddess of fertility and water renewal
3. **Lice/Gnats/Sand Flies:** Geb, god of the earth & vegetation
4. **Swarming Flies:** Kepfi, god of creation, movement of the sun & insects
5. **Livestock:** Apis/Mnevis- bull; Hathor- cow; Khmum- ram
6. **Boils:** Thoth/Imhotep, god of medicine, and Isis, goddess of medicine
7. **Hail, Thunder & Fire:** Nut, goddess of sky; Shu, the god of wind; and Hesus, god of the sky
8. **Locusts:** Nepri, grain god; Anubus, god of the fields; Seth, protector of the crops
9. **Darkness:** Ra, sun god; Horus, god of sunrise; Shu, god of light
10. **Firstborn:** Pharaoh, son of Ra

There are two messages here. The first is that there is no power that can stop Him. Jesus is King of kings and Lord of lords. He has no equal. The second message is closely related to the first: No matter what you are facing, the Lord can set you FREE!

So, God makes a family of slaves, a nation, and calls them His children. Under David, the Lord makes this nation something that had not existed since Adam ate the fruit. He made Israel the Kingdom of God in the earth. Then the Lord gives Solomon Israel's throne to establish the kingdom in peace and to build His temple. At this point, the Lord has poised Israel to become a global power to reveal to the nations that its God is supreme, and, thereby, draw the world to become devoted to Him alone.

We know the story. Solomon started out strongly. He goes to the Tabernacle of Moses and sacrifices a thousand burnt offerings. That night, the Lord appears to him and asks, "What shall I give you?," and Solomon asks for wisdom. The Lord answers his request, and with it, also gives him the best of everything he didn't ask for. It's perfect... but something happened. Solomon changed his direction.

When Solomon went to Moses' Tabernacle, the Ark was not there. Most of us forget that the Ark was still in the Tabernacle of David in Jerusalem, so the Ark and God's presence that hovered over it was not there. The Bronze Altar was.

I'm going to take a moment to state the obvious. For every great man or woman of God, it all started at an altar. Each of you started there. It's where the fire fell. It's where the calling came. It's where your passion to do something great for God was kindled. It always starts at the altar. Though this is absolutely true, I need to say something that, when you first read it, is going to seem wrong. It doesn't just matter that you went to the altar, at least not to everyone who will ever follow you as a leader. Whether you are their pastor or parent, a spiritual leader or a spouse, what matters most to everyone who will ever follow you is how you walk away from that altar.

Where are you going?

When we read a little further, Solomon is still walking with God, but he's beginning to walk away, following his own direction. It's subtle but still true. People often wonder what happened to Solomon. I mean, how does David's son, the King of Israel, the wisest man who ever lived, end up becoming unfaithful to God and falling into idolatry? I think the clue is in 2 Chronicles 1:13-14.

2 Chronicles 1:13-14, 16

13Then Solomon went to Jerusalem from the high place at Gibeon, from before the tent of meeting. And he reigned over Israel. 14Solomon accumulated chariots and horses; he had fourteen hundred chariots and twelve thousand horses, at which he kept in the chariot cities and also with him in Jerusalem...16Solomon's horses were imported from Egypt...

Right after his sacrifice and the visitation from the Lord, Solomon sets a direction away from God and His commands. "Solomon gathered chariots and horses..." This doesn't look

like much. The problem is that the Lord told Israel's Kings NOT to. In Deuteronomy 17, we find the regulations for Israel's king.

Deuteronomy 17:15a, 16-17

15you shall surely set a king over you ...16But he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, for the Lord has said to you, 'You shall not return that way again.' 17Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself.

The Lord told Israel that the king was not to multiply horses to himself, nor return to Egypt to get them, but that is exactly what Solomon does. He takes Israel back to the place they were slaves to get horses for himself. It does not take a lot of imagination to realize that it was probably on one of those trips to Egypt to get horses that Solomon set the treaty with Pharaoh (1 Kings 3.1), and noticed the beauty of his young daughter. So, that means that everything that happened after this, Solomon's fall into idolatry, the divided kingdom, and ultimately the Assyrian and Babylonian captivities - all of it - was the result of ignoring God's Word about gathering horses.

In this age, when so many hear God's Word and consider it irrelevant or reason that it was for another time and can't be considered a compass for morality at this moment in time, I want us to be cautious of what we throw away. We can always reason our way out of having to follow God in areas where we want to do something different than what He prescribes. We say, "It's JUST a horse!!!" But so did Solomon.

A great man that many of us would know used to say, "*Sin will take you further than you wanted to go and cost more than you wanted to pay.*" We must remember that the enemy's goal is always to keep God's people enslaved. Satan could not keep Israel enslaved in Egypt, so he made them want Egypt so badly that they'd bring it back into the land of promise with them to enslave them there. That is why God warned against horses.

I want to conclude with this: Satan cannot stop the ministry that God has placed inside each of you! His only hope is to get you to stop yourself. Where does the enemy want you to compromise? Where is he telling you, "It's just a Horse?" You see, it's not the horse he wants you to buy. It's what's behind it!



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The Latter Rains



DR. PHILLIP BRASSFIELD

Ask any farmer, especially an ancient Jewish farmer, about harvesting crops, and his first thoughts will normally go to rain. For a farmer living in an agricultural economy, as was the case in ancient Israel, whose family and very lifestyle are dependent upon the harvest to survive, it is impossible to separate rain and the harvest. Without the one, you simply will not have the other. Consequently, when we study the Scripture, we hear a lot about rain, specifically, and most often about the former and the latter rain of Israel's agricultural season. These two rains were not usually one-time downpours, but rather were identified by a season of increased moisture or rainy seasons. The farmer knew that sowing seed without moisture was futile. It takes water to germinate a seed.

The former rains, (sometimes called "early rains"), were the autumn rains that began in late October and continued through November until they surrendered to what is usually a dry, winter season. The former rains' principle purpose was to prepare the ground for planting, to get sufficient moisture into the soil, so that the seed would germinate when it was time.

The latter rains, (sometimes called the "late rains"), were the summer rains that, if present, could greatly increase the yield of the crop and also caused the crop to ripen. This late rain, which came normally in June, was critical. This is why the Prophet Zachariah told Israel to pray for rain in the season of the latter rain.

Zachariah 10:1, Ask the LORD for rain in the time of the latter rain. The LORD will make flashing clouds; He will give them showers of rain, Grass in the field for everyone.

These rains would dramatically increase yield and quality. Therefore, quantity and quality were dependent on not the plant, particularly, but the rain. Getting the right amounts of rain at the right time was essential if you were to reap a great harvest.

Throughout the Scripture, the Holy Spirit is often associated with water, springs, and even rivers of living (fresh and moving) water. But the Holy Spirit and the favor of God are also associated with rain. Hosea 6:3, *Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the*

morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth. When the rains came in their proper time and in abundance, the harvest would be great! We then can assume that when Jesus told His disciples that the harvest was plenteous, it was a result of an excellent season of rain, both the former in the fall and the latter in the summer.

Matthew 9:35-38, 35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

It is also interesting that He mentions the fact that the harvest is plentiful, but that the laborers were few. Imagine that, a record-breaking harvest, every farmer's dream, yet few laborers to get the job of harvesting the crop done.

By connecting these ideas (rain and abundant harvest), we can assume that when we ask God for rain, and He sends it, the result will be an abundance of harvest. This abundance of harvest translates to the need for laborers in the field, as was the case when Jesus told His disciples to pray to the Lord of the Harvest for help. So, as we pray for rain, we need to also ask for laborers and the tools needed to access and gather the harvest into the barns of the Kingdom.

WHAT ABOUT TODAY?

On the Day of Pentecost, the former, or early rains, came and began to prepare for the hearts of men the sowing of the seed of the Gospel. As the water of the Spirit found its way into the spiritual soil of desolate fields around the world, and the Gospel was sown, the crops of the Church began to grow.

Through fields of suffering and persecution, difficulty and sacrifice, as the Church has matured, we have now arrived in the season of the latter rains. It's harvest time! As the Prophet Zachariah says, we should, *"Ask the LORD for rain in the season of the latter rain."* We remember that according to the Scripture in Hosea, "He (God) will come to us in the latter rains." And remember, the latter rains prepare the wheat for harvest and multiply the yield of the crop.



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