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Declare It!

"The winds of refreshing are blowing over the intercessors!"

For those of you who have felt despondent, punch drunk and disconnected— We declare by righteous decree that the winds of God's spirit is blowing to resuscitate the watchmen!

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." Acts 3:19

We declare peace and respite to the intercessors who have contemplated suicide as a result of being punk drunk. As we pray that the strength of the Lord comes upon the intercessor, we declare that new wells of life spring up within you!

"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." John 3:16

We cancel any contract or covenant that we have made with the spirit of death—whether it's by way of our emotions, thoughts or words. Father, we remind You of the word that You declared about Your sons and daughters before the day of our conception. We come in the volume of the book that was written about us and implore You to not just watch over Your word to perform it but bring it to pass!

Lord, bring in angelic assistance to perform Your word. We silence the voice of the enemy that tells us that have no way out. For Your word declares that You provide a way of escape for us! Father, we're asking that you silence the voice of despondency and depression that suggests that we have no way out. Open up our hears to hear you beckoning us to the way that we should go! In Jesus' name.

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." 1 Corinthians 10:13

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me..." John 10:27

Pray for the mental health of the Saints.

Jesus discloses in the last days that men's hearts will fail them because of fear.

"Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken." Luke 21:26

Because of the things that we are seeing, sensing and experiencing, we need to pray for the <u>mind and mindset</u> of the saints and *ourselves as intercessors*. Cover your mind daily!

Declare It!

"Holy Spirit, help me to gird up the loins of my mind!"

"Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;" 1 Peter 1:13

You cannot prosper above and beyond your soul. Your soul encompasses your mind, will and emotions. We must sober up in the area of our mind because the enemy is going to attempt to weigh us down with oppression, depression and spirits of death & destruction that seek to take us out mentally. You can be present spiritually and physically but check out mentally. Be in good health IN YOUR MIND!

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." 3 John 1:2

Anointed mental health professionals will be needed over the next 2 to 3 years.

As we begin to go into the latter part of 2023 and into 2024, you're going to be very much so needed because there will be occurrence that happen that will adversely impact the minds of the people. Don't allow religious people to talk you out of your assignment in this season. Don't allow them to tell you that mental health has no place in the church. We are triune beings—body, soul and spirit beings. Just as we talk about spiritual and physical health, we need to speak about mental health as well. People will come running to you for help and strategy. Posture yourself to pour. As you become a blessing, you will be blessed. For the mental health professional, this is your hour and time to rise!

There is a supernatural grace that heaven is releasing for people to go back to school.

If you've been feeling the nudging of God to get back into school or pursue an academic career, obey quickly! Receive the grace to pursue the degree, certification and/or formal training to be a blessing to others. As you launch out in faith and make steps towards obedience, resources will find you! Very many of you will not come out of pocket to fulfill

the financial obligations of schooling. Not only is God giving you grace to try again but He has released a finisher's anointing to FINISH IT!

There's a new level of strength coming on creatives and those who are creatively gifted.

2023 has been a year of revealing—both good and bad. Throughout the revealing it has been extremely taxing mentally, spiritually, financially and emotionally. As a result, it feels as if wells of creativity have either dried up all together or that they're non-existent. However, there is a strength coming to do a number of things.

There's a strength to:

- Start it
- Work it
- Complete it
- Nurture it
- Push it

For many of us, what we create will be the answer to what we have praying about specifically regarding our finances. We've be talking to God about money and resources but God has been talking to us about ideas. Because the ideas aren't packaged the way we believe it should be, we've been handling the idea like we have missed God. Consider the narrative of Rhoda in Acts 12. The answer to the saint's prayers was quite literally knocking at the door but they didn't lend an ear to Rhoda informing them of this.

Do it scared, if you must... But do it!

The spirit of fear and the emotion of fear <u>are not the same thing</u>. The emotion of fear is the original, innate part of our emotional will. It's present to safeguard us. The spirit of fear is intrusive. It violates us, holds us hostage and aborts God-inspired answers and solutions.

Mind your focus.

There will be a myriad of things that unfold towards the end of the year and even fearmongering. However, mind your focus. You may feel the emotions but you are not subject to the spirit of fear.

"Be strong! Be courageous! Do not be afraid of them! For the Lord your God will be with you. He will neither fail you nor forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6 The Living Bible

Don't mislabel God's picking as abandonment.

For some of us, the picking of the Lord feels like abandonment but it is a developmental process. It is a space where God is sharpening and refining you.

"I pulled you in from all over the world, called you in from every dark corner of the earth, telling you, 'You're my servant, serving on my side. I've picked you. I haven't dropped you.' Don't panic. I'm with you. There's no need to fear for I'm your God. I'll give you strength. I'll help you. I'll hold you steady, keep a firm grip on you." Isaiah 41:9-10 The Message

There will be a demand for men who will avail themselves to disciple other men in the area of soul health.

Not only is God invested in the holistic wellbeing of women, He's committed to the wholeness of men as well. Going into the latter part of 2023 and even into the next 3 to 5 years, it is imperative that you pursue soul integrity and sobriety. There will be events that unfold in our society that will cause you to reel internally if you aren't stabilized in your soul. Invest in your wholeness. Your soul matters to God. While God can utilize the emotions to speak to us, we don't hear Him through them. *God speaks to our spirit and it is processed through our soul.* If your soul is fractured, it will impede upon the voice of God in your life. It will be important to unburden yourself in safe environments.

"And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." Luke 22:31-32

4 Practical ways to ensure soul sobriety:

- There must be strong and honest assessment of who has your ears and your space.
 - The spirit of fear needs the peanut gallery in order to exist.
- We must be committed to interrogate our inner chatter.
 - Don't be afraid to scrutinize your thoughts and ask yourself "Where did this come from?"
- We must permit the mind of Christ to be manifested in us in all things.
 - o "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:" Philippians 2:5
- Smoke your movements out in prayer.
 - o Talk to the Lord and obey quickly.

There will be an unusual grace on sober and sanctified community.

If you make a decision to rebel against sober counsel and instruction, you will relegate yourself to living a sun-scorched existence. Who you break bread with could determine if you're protected from snake bites. Scripture denotes in Ecclesiastes 10:8 "He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him." We must make sure that we are posturing ourselves to be susceptible to the venom of snakes because there are gaps in safe community surrounding us. This means that many of us will discover that the sobering of our souls will mean extending apologies and seek reconciliation.

"God places the lonely in families; he sets the prisoners free and gives them joy. But he makes the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land." Psalms 68:6

The latter part of 2023 and beyond is demanding the maturity of the Saints.

"So let us stop going over the basic teachings about Christ again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding. Surely we don't need to start again with the fundamental importance of repenting from evil deeds[a] and placing our faith in God." Hebrews 6:1 New Living Translation

There is a need in this hour for sober prophets (this includes the entire prophetic spectrum: prophets, seers, prophetic people, intercessors, prophetic arts & music, etc).

We need healthy prophets. Healthy prophets are <u>sober prophets</u>. Healthy intercessors are <u>sober intercessors</u>. Healthy prophets and seers can hear, see and discern what is the will of God and what is their own will. We are able to use the sword of the word to pierce asunder the soul and spirit. However, you can only do this if you're sober.

The Apostle Paul says in 1 Corinthians 14:10 "There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification."

The wounds that we have not dealt with have voices. Sometimes, the voice of our woundedness speaks louder than the voice of God. We must make sure that we are hearing God and not our soul wounds. Are you whole enough to carry the weight of intercession? God will absolute have you pray for people who trigger you.

Pray for the Lord to increase your discernment.

In the latter part of 2023 and beyond we will see the hand of God radically purify the apothecary. The standard of rancid oil has expired. We are in a time where egregious evil is being promoted as holy and the sacred things are being bashed as evil. *YOU MUST KNOW THE DIFFERENCE*. You must be able to readily discern the pure voice of God through the prophetic decree or words that were pulled from the soul of man!

"And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not." Malachi 3:17-18

We must be prepared to ask the Father to lead us to the right gatherings and streams. Failing to do so can prove to be detrimental to our spirit and lives. Ask God for wisdom which he gives freely! You must be bold in this hour. There is a remnant arising There will be voices [some of whom were trusted in times past] who have now departed from the faith and are regurgitating doctrines of devils. You will have to have the courage to call a thing a thing. Heaven is imploring us to return to the foundations of our faith! Discernment also encompasses what we permit to enter into our gates.

"O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified?" Galatians 3:1

Pray against race wars.

An example of this would be the Montgomery Brawl. Beyond being a viral moment, this ordeal is what Dr. Paula Price refers to as a "prophetic change signal". It's not just a random moment, it was a prophetic fulfillment symbol. This was an alert that went off in the spirit to suggest that something that was previously spoken about or warned about has now come to manifest in real time. As sober intercessors and prophets, we must posture ourselves to inquire of the Lord about the significance of this occurrence and what He is saying concerning it.

Pray for the upcoming election and the chaos that will surround it.

This is one thing we are being distracted from. This will be one of the most volatile elections of our lifetime. This isn't something that we can necessarily stop but <u>we can</u> pray to God for mercy to lessen the effects of it. Our political systems [particularly in the USA] are being judged. As a nation, we are about to get exactly what our idolatrous hearts have been asking for. We are in serious trouble but let's band together to pray that the United Nations won't have to step in to govern us.

"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn." Proverbs 29:2

Not only should we be postured for spiritual leaders, but we should pray for our natural leaders as well. It is important that we don't just pray but that we vote also. We must pray the heart and mind of God for this upcoming Presidential election as well as our local and state elections. When you prophesy, please don't prophesy your preference. Don't just pray for politicians that you like. Pray for ALL of them, take it to the Lord and allow God to tell you who to vote for.

For what and how we vote should be influenced by God because we are kingdom. We must posture ourselves to pray correctly and not amiss. The church did more "whoring around" in the bed of politics in the last season. Let's not allow that to be said of us this time around. Seek God and don't allow propaganda to sway you.

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way." 1 Timothy 2:1-2 English Standard Version

Mask up! Stock up!

It doesn't take a prophet to tell you what CNN can. It would be advantageous in this time to look into grown your own food supply. Beyond the uptick in Covid cases, we will see the rise of new viral infections that are on the way. Be mindful of how it coincides with the upcoming Presidential elections.

"The prudent sees danger and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it." Proverbs 22:3 English Standard Version

Pray for the physical health of the Saints.

There is an assault from hell launched against the saints to cause freak accidents internally. Specifically, heart attacks, strokes and blood abnormalities such as clots and aneurysms. This is the hour that you pull yourself into the ark of safety (Psalms 91).

We declare that the Father will place hooks in the flesh of the saints and pull them into the ark of safety in your shadow according to Psalms 91!

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." 3 John 1:2

Do not forsake your consecration.

<u>Partner with Holy Spirit to break the power of prayerlessness.</u> Prayerlessness finds its genesis in a lack of humility. Recommitting in the place of devotion and relationship will be imperative. You NEED Him..

"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16

Holy Spirit says in this hour to remember your vow. The Lord is coming to collect the vows that you've made to Him. *Consecration is paramount.* If you've been feeling God nudge you to take some time to quiet yourself, still away or even consecrate... Obey. Quickly.

"Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?" Isaiah 58:6

Don't neglect to pray for yourself.

Please understand that intercessors are a God's friends. This is the time that we must strengthen our relationship with God.

"But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend;" Isaiah 41:8 English Standard Version

Declare It! "I renounce the spirit of fear and I receive the spirit of faith!"

Fear is a door and invitation. Job says that what he feared had come upon him. What you fear has the ability to open doors. When you hear words of insight or warning, you cannot allow fear to overtake and consume you. You cannot let fear control you.

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." 2 Timothy 1:7

Intercession saves lives.

Anytime that God leads you to pray for someone's health [be that in your personal time or corporately, DO IT IMMEDIATELY! These are the times of miracles, signs and wonders because these are the days of glory. We will begin to see scripture fulfilled out of necessity that says "And you shall lay hands on the sick and they will recover".

Posture yourself that whenever Holy Spirit says to pray for someone, do it quickly. There is such a profound spirit of death that has been released in the land but as intercessors, we can collectively come to the threshing floor and push back darkness.

"And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." Ezekiel 22:30

Change looks like chaos until it's completed.

What the enemy intends for evil, [be that strife, controversy, doctrinal disputes, misunderstandings and the likes] God will absolutely leverage to rehabilitate and reform the spiritual landscape within the Body of Christ.

While we are accustomed to the prophetic functionality of "tearing down", we appear to abandon the admonishment to "build up". You cannot build healthy, sustainable structures independent of didactic ingenuity. We're currently seeing the depths of creation's groaning that is summoning the appearance of teaching Prophets & legitimate Teachers within the 5-Fold construct. Teachers build walls of revelation around the Bride.

It's my fervent prayer that the seemingly chaotic landscape of this current time will shake every Teacher and teaching Prophet out of complacency, despondency and fear. May the Counselor that we esteem as Wonderful trigger a miracle in the minds that are marred by imposters syndrome. May the God who answers by fire burn every ounce of running out of your feet. Hey, Teacher. Come out, come out wherever you are... We need you! There are many of you who have been walking in levels of disobedience because you believe that a call to teach must be connected to a pulpit or microphone.

"Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching. For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. They will reject the truth and chase after myths. But you should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don't be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you." 2 Timothy 2:2-5

<u>We are going to see the rise of didactic and apostolic collaboration and partnership.</u> It is imperative that we build solid apostolic structure through sound teaching and doctrine. How you pull down strongholds is through teaching!

"We use God's mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. 5 We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ." 2 Corinthians 10:4-5. New Living Translation

There has to be a deep dive into Apologetics. Apologetics is the defending of the faith. We must arm ourselves with information and study to show ourselves approved unto God. You must anchor yourself in what the word of God tells us to be true. This is not the time to tether yourself to the opinions of man. READ THE WORD. TALK THE WORD. MEDITATE ON THE WORD.

Innovation will rise for the Saints in times of famine.

We've entered into a brief span of time where heaven is unloading, unlocking and entrusting the future to those who are willing AND obedient. Document and steward what heaven is releasing in this time. The innovation, ideas and instructions that God is dispersing in the next fleeting moments will not only change the life trajectory of those who hear but also the Body of Christ at large. Obey.

"Behold, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs forth; do you not perceive and know it and will you not give heed to it? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:19 The Amplified Classic

Pray to Heaven about economic strategies to prosper in crisis and famine.

You have the Holy Spirit to be prepared and preserved in times of unrest, conflict and famine. Holy Spirit will begin to talk to many of you concerning certifications & degrees and they will be useful in the days to come because you're going to be equipped with knowledge. The Holy Spirit will allow you to accumulate information so you can be an answer!

"But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today. Deuteronomy 8:18 New International Version

If you are expecting download or even a transfer of wealth, get your buckets ready!

Be prepared to receive what you believe.

If you are expecting download or even a transfer of wealth, *get your buckets ready!* We have heard for years about wealth transfers. The wealth transfers aren't coming... They are here! However, it requires a paradigm shift to receive it and be able to steward it. You must have the right mindset about wealth and money to steward it. Money is attracted to your mindset. Therefore, don't just pray for money. Pray for creative ideas and witty inventions. Pray that you will be blessed to be a blessing. As the world's economic systems continue to fail as we go deeper into famine and recession in 2024, the world will run to the church for strategy again. The world will come to the church for strategy, answers and the sure word of the Lord.

"Elisha said, "Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Don't ask for just a few. Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side." 2 Kings 4:3-4

In the coming days, the church will need physical healthcare professionals and administrators. We will begin to see hospitals overwhelmed and under staffed. People will have to come to the church to get their needs met— be that naturally, spiritually, physically and so on.

Pray for strategy. Pray that God would make you a strategist. <u>Consider Joseph.</u> He wasn't just merely a dreamer. Joseph was a strategist and solutionist. He was literally a prophet in the marketplace. Because he was sober in mind, He was able to stabilize an entire nation. Joseph preserved a nation. Prophets and prophetic people are like salt... We preserve things. God will place us in places where we can be answers and provide strategy.

Buy land.

This is why God is releasing the money and wealth. It's for the purpose of distribution and stewardship. The power to get wealth these days are for the sake purpose of God establishing His covenant with us. Be sure to have liquid assets in reach. This is not for the sake of lining your pockets but rather for the preservation of the Saints.

We will see the reemergence of the Acts Church model. <u>Communal living will become</u> <u>more popular over the next 2 years.</u> People will want to pool their resources together. There will be many of you who will come into resources and land to provide a place for people to experience rest and respite. The Holy Spirit is even releasing farm land—Literal hundreds of acres of land for the purpose of growing food supply and even housing. This may not even be land that you purchase but even land that is in your family. Pray to holy Spirit to reveal these resources as it relates to land and property.