

Having A Holy Spirit Renovation

I got home the other day, and I sat down in my favorite chair, and it was like I sat on the lap of the Holy Spirit. I didn't know what to do, and His Presence was so strong, and then I got this silly thought in me, like, "Holy Spirit, what are You doing here in Sheboygan? Why have you come to the "frozen tundra?" And He said, "I am about to do an incredible work here! This will be such a powerful work that many thousands of people will be changed and given eternal life. **Then He started to say to me, "Look again at Romans 12:1 – 2." I knew it by heart. At least, I thought I knew it – but then when you get wrecked, you do a lot of relearning.** Funny how you can know something and not know something. At the same time my wife was watching one of those TV shows **where they renovate an old house** and make it desirable to inhabit. And the Spirit said, "Take a look at what they are doing." And I saw something – anyone – at any age – can be made – renewed – renovated – into a better place for God's Spirit to inhabit.

We could be a church that God wants to inhabit! I think He came through the door last Sunday and we had an E3 service! Anyone know what an E3 is? Let me tell you ... and let's make very Sunday E3 – all it takes is giving our Lord permission ~~

Rom 12:1-2 -- I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. NKJV

The word "renewing" jumped right off the page at me. "Renewing" = "renovate, remodel, change for the better." Does anyone here think they need a little renewing or renovation? And I sat there and thought about the many times God decided to renovate me – and I discovered this comes in stages. All those stages had one common characteristic – every time I began to spiritually stagnate, God EVICTED me from where I was to where He wanted me next. Eviction is a strong word, but that is what I NEEDED!

Eviction comes in different strengths depending on what you need. In my case, it was more like being shot out of a cannon. BUT -- when God shoots His cannon His aim and His shot are perfectly what we need.

I needed an eviction for my conviction! Change is difficult – especially when you know you need it but you are not sure you want it! God knows!

Maybe you would like to join me today on a Holy Spirit renovation.

Hosea 6:3 -- Let us know, let us pursue the knowledge of the Lord. His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, like the latter and former rain to the earth. NKJV

The former rain is the first Pentecost – the latter rain is the last Pentecostal move of the Spirit. **This is the last move of God before the return of Jesus. The cry of Hosea was, “Let’s press on – no, let’s hunt down and chase the encounter with God that changes our reality – let’s get renovated.”** In fact, all you dear people, this is the kind of relentless pursuit each believer should have about the things of God. We need revelation to renew our minds, to help us prove the will of Go on earth as it is in heaven, even a reason to go on in life – It gives you a zest for life. I am ready for a Holy Ghost makeover! Are you?

Today I know much better why I feel wrecked – ruined for the ordinary. If I were to try to describe it, I would say that I can’t be content knowing that there are realms of the Presence of God that are available to us that we have yet to discover. Let’s get it done! I can’t sit back and say, “If it be Thy will”, and not know His will. I need more! How about you? My spirit is hungry this morning for things I have not known.

ILLUST – Sometimes I get around some people and we start talking about Jesus. They have the same restlessness in them and similar gifts and we get revelation in our conversation so fast I wish I had a tape recorder. I get knowledge of 15 things at the same time that I have been thinking about and things start to tie together. I love that! And then – I start listening to myself, and I’m saying, “Where did that come from?” It comes from the heart and not the head! And then I sit at home and say, “Now what was that point we talked about?” And I’m trying to remember. I got to start using a notebook when I talk to you!

But it also makes me want more. And something inside says we can't afford to live only with what we understand because then we can't grow or progress anymore. And we travel in the same in the familiar roads we have traveled all of our Christian life. That is why many churches are BORING! I am looking for a church – a people – that are so in love with Jesus Christ that we are willing to go where the Kingdom of God is in full operation.

And I got this idea that God has been evicting me from location to location so that I could get to this place where the normal Christian life is perfectly poised between what we presently understand and the unfolding revelation of the Kingdom of God. Oh, hallelujah!

I believe we are at this place together – actually I am convinced – that the pace of God's moving is going to move very rapidly in these last hours of history. Amos 9:3 says, "the plowman will overtake the reaper" meaning that God is about to move so fast that planting and harvesting for souls is going to occur in one motion. We are about to enter a supernatural season where spiritual fruit will develop at an accelerated pace. But it will not come without it being bathed in prayer!

We got to pray it in! We got to claim it in faith. We got to follow 2 Chron. 7:14 -- if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. NKJV

Break that verse down for yourself – you will find everything we are seeking together is in that verse and is found by us praying together. The problem is that without God being allowed to renew our minds most Christians spend very little time praying, if at all.

ILLUST – When I pastored a church on the other side of the state, we built an addition after 1 ½ years. When we dedicated it, one of the dignitaries poked me during the service, and whispered, "How did this happen in a church that never did much for the last 40 years?" I whispered back, "We gathered to pray as a congregation every month." He looked at me, and said, "Yeah, but what else – what kind of programs?" I said, "None, just prayer." Listen to his answer – "You go to be kidding!" No I'm not kidding – our God answers prayer."

I asked the Lord, why are you birthing such a holy discontent in the saints? He said, “What you feel is My wooing people into a deeper intimacy so that you can see how I am building a destiny for each and every one of them.” It’s about the last roundup before He returns. It’s about seeing and understanding things we have never understood before.

Hey, let’s be people of on-going, life changing moving in the Holy Spirit.

I have been very privileged to see countless numbers of doctor-baffling healings both in this country and overseas. Every one of those healings at the time were so “off the charts” that I began to realize we can have Christian reality where Kingdom reality has crashed down upon our ideas of earthly reality. **Can we go deeper?**

Friends, we are on the verge of the greatest revival the world has ever seen. If I could prophesy – The ***normal Christian life*** will mean miracles, spiritual intervention, and revelation all the time. Every day! It will bring peace, love, joy, and a sense of well-being and purpose – all the traits that elude far too many Christians. The traits that they are trying to develop on their own and can’t get lasting victory!

God wrote into your spiritual DNA an appetite for the impossible that will no longer be able to be ignored. The very Spirit that raised Christ from the dead is going to reign in our hearts as never before. Anything less than seeing impossibility bow its knee to the name of Jesus will become ABNORMAL & UNFULFILLING! Are you ready for it?

Bad teaching and disappointment have robbed some of you of this reality, but Jesus is about to change all that *because eye has not seen nor ear heard the things that God has prepared for those who love Him!* You are the fulfillment of that scripture. This is an amazing and unprecedented time to be alive, and we get to be a part of it!

We have a calling Breath of Life Tabernacle -- We are called to REDEFINE “normal Christianity” so that it lines up with God’s idea of normal – until we show our world that we were put here to do the will of God “on earth as it is in heaven”. You know what? I am thinking this is what renewal of the mind is really all about.

People say, "I want to know the will of God for my life." Here is the will of God – "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. THY KINGDOM COME. THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN."

Do you know what happens when that prayer is answered? The sick are healed, the leper (the addict) is cleansed, the dead are raised to real living and the what we have been freely given will be freely shared by us because of the gratitude we have for what we have been given.

God has not kept His desires a secret – He wants the reality of heaven to invade this rebel-torn world – to transform it – to bring it under His headship.

SAY THIS WITH ME -- We are out to destroy the works of the devil.

I was talking to a person about this last week. They asked the most interesting question – **What happens when the Church makes this its mission?** Lives are set free, bodies are restored, darkness will lift from people's minds and the rule of the enemy will be pushed back in every way imaginable. People will reconnect with their calling and it will feel like you have been reborn! **AND ... are you ready? You will step into a lifestyle for which you were made from eternity past in the heart of Father God!** The only delegates God needs are the ones committed to Him!

Rom 12:2 -- And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, **that you may prove** what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. NKJV

Is there anyone here that would be willing to admit that one of our jobs on earth is to prove the will of God? According to the verse I just read, to prove the will of God is to show others what He is like. To allow Him to overwhelm the enemy's works through you! Your calling and my calling may be too massive to fully understand, but the Bible's command is clear – **OUR JOB IS TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE REALITY THAT EXISTS IN HEAVEN CAN BE MANIFESTED RIGHT HERE RIGHT NOW.**

We are not just people to be people who BELIEVE the right things about God, but people who put the will of God on display, expressing it, revealing it, and causing others to realize, "So this is what God is like." Healing and deliverance and restoration do much more than solve the immediate

problem; they give people a concrete demonstration of who God is and what they can trust for their future.

Principle – A revival will always mess with your past and your present to give you a better future.

There is a real revival that is coming – its right around the corner. I want to share with you the original calling – God’s commission to mankind:

Gen 1:28 -- "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." NKJV

God said that to the first representatives of mankind – extend the boundaries of My government so it cannot be your will but My will to the ends of the earth! His idea was to have this planet engulfed in His glorious rule, with mankind FLAWLESSLY “PROVING THE WILL OF GOD” on earth as it is in heaven. It remains His goal for us, for the Church, and for all mankind.

A great part of our personal mission today is to have a Holy Ghost renovation of the mind so that we are focused on God’s Presence – His goal has always been “EXTEND MY KINGDOM.” It takes a renewal of our mind to see it happen.

Good news and bad news at the same time – Few of us today follow those instructions, even thinking we can’t, but the good news is we can when the mind is renewed to do the perfect will of God. We don’t need to get caught up in side arguments, intellectual skirmishes, theories, and emotional head-trips. We don’t need to get involved in our own talents. All of that is well-intentioned, but it can lead you into your own self-appointed commission while honestly believing you are submitting to God. All the world needs from the Church today is Holy Spirit DEMONSTRATION!

SAY THIS WITH ME ~~ There is no CO-missioning without SUB-mission to His primary mission. There is nothing that awakens that in me more than a renewed mind - a Holy Ghost renovation.

That was Jesus’ assignment; it was Adam and Eve’s assignment; it was the disciples’ assignment; and it is our assignment as well. Only a renewed mind can grab that and run with it.

God's purpose in saving you was not simply to rescue you and let you keep busy until He shipped you off to heaven. His purpose is much more stunning – He has commissioned us to demonstrate the will of God “on earth as it is in heaven” transforming this planet into a place radiant and saturated with His power and His Presence. This is the very backbone of the Great commission and it is the one thing that ought to define your life and mine.

I remember a story of some Bible school students – the teacher was determined to teach these folk how to use the gifts outside the walls of the church. He had taught them on the power of the renewed mind. They went together to a hospital and visited a person who had a brain tumor, was deaf in one ear, and was losing feeling in the right side of her body. She could barely speak, slurring her words, and was in terrible pain. Instead of laying hands on her and praying, their renewed minds were able to hear the Spirit say, “Just sing!” So they sang songs of love for the Lord. Suddenly the woman said, “My ear just opened.” The deafness had left. They kept singing, and she said, “I can speak clearly now!” Pretty soon she started singing with them. She started to move her limbs, and said, “All the pain is gone!” God overhauled her in the midst of worship.

Now let me tell you why – fellow renovated one -- when we do the will of God, we bring Kingdom of God reality crashing down on the works of the devil. We become the bridge and the connection point that makes it possible through prayer and radical obedience to assert the rulership of our mighty God.

SAY IT WITH ME ~~ Kingdom reality overwhelms the devil's works!

That is the normal Christian life for those who will ~~ Rom 12:1-2 -- I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

If you are willing to do that, stand where you are and start singing in the Spirit. Let God touch you. Let your renewed mind embrace all God has for you. **Remember this – the only way to do Kingdom works is to view your reality from God's perspective.**

