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Desperation for More of God

Dear Friend,

Recently, I read a blog by Mario Murillo. In that blog, he referred to a conversation that he'd had with a pastor. Mario wrote, "A pastor asked me why he didn't have greater power. I asked him, 'Do you really want to know?' He said he did. I answered, 'You don't have it because you can live without it.'"

I believe that one of the major reasons why the Body of Christ has not seen a full-blown Revival to date, is because in the hearts of Christians, they can live without it. There has not been a desperation for more of God to be experienced and demonstrated.

Hunger for more of God is the prerequisite to a deeper walk in Christ. Hunger creates a desperation in a life that gives place to time and space. Whatever time is necessary to spend in God's presence becomes a sacrifice that the desperate heart is more than willing to give. Whatever space God needs to occupy to be first place in a person's life is granted by the hungry heart.

No matter what crisis mainstream Christianity has seen in the last two years, it still did not drive them into a desperation for more of God. COVID-19, lockdowns, and the economic crisis did not pack our churches full of desperate-hearted Christians when they were allowed to return. No matter how hard it got, Christians found that there was still enough available from the world to satisfy any possible hunger that could be turned into a desire for more of God.

BUT GOD!! But God has been calling by His Spirit to a remnant of people within His Church. The Lord has been creating an insatiable desire for more of Him. This desire is the building blocks for Revival. It is the lovesick desire that two young lovers headed towards matrimony have for each other. Their desire for one another cannot be quenched by anything except time spent in each other's presence. Before their marriage takes place, they cannot think of anything except being able to be in each other's company. The work day can't end soon enough. Any available moment throughout the day is given to a phone call, an email, or a text to just communicate. They are desperate for each other.

Jesus gave the perfect example of the excuse-filled church, and why they were too busy to experience more of God.

Luk 14:15 And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed *is* he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.

Luk 14:16 Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many:

Luk 14:17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.

Luk 14:18 And they all with one *consent* began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.

Luk 14:19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.

Luk 14:20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

Luk 14:21 So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.

Luk 14:22 And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.

Luk 14:23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel *them* to come in, that my house may be filled.

Luk 14:24 For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

With the genius that only Jesus could give, He rehearses a number of what seem like legitimate excuses from these Christians on not being able to attend this “Great Supper.” Notice that none of these distractions are sins in and of themselves. The only sin is that these believers are more focused on their lives than a call from Heaven to facilitate a Revival. For us that are believing God for Revival, this Great Supper is no less than the full demonstration of the power of the Kingdom of God. Notice that later in His parable, the real intent for the supper was expressed by Jesus.

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The heart of Jesus is to serve a supper to the earth through His Body (the Church), such the like that has not been seen since the book of Acts. The destitute in spirit and body are always on His heart. The lost sheep of humanity – those who are in the streets and the lanes of the city, the rich, the poor, the maimed, the halt, and the blind – He has a Great Supper for them.

What do you feed destitute people? You feed them the bread of Heaven, which means to the blind man, “You don’t have to be blind anymore!” To the sick and infirm people, the supper that is served is the healing bread from Heaven through an empowered Body of Christ that has not made excuses as to why they could not attend the supper.

Those who were called at the beginning of this parable and made excuses were the very ones who were called to facilitate the supper. Their lives were “together/stable enough” that they could come and serve at the table of the Lord. The problem was that they were too satisfied with themselves! There was no hunger for more, no hunger for more of what they could not presently demonstrate of themselves. They were like the pastor to whom Mario Murillo told, “You don’t have it because you can live without it.” Their lives were so filled with themselves that they could not attend the supper.

What does this mean in terms of a church seeking God for a Revival? When a believer makes every kind of excuse to themselves as to why they cannot pray more, why they cannot fast more, or even why they cannot attend, to some degree, corporate prayer meetings, they are only really saying, "I can live without it!"

Desperation for the bread of Heaven that the Church does not have is the very reason why the man in the parable in Luke 11 got up in the middle of the night to seek for more provision.

Luk 11:5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;

Luk 11:6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?

Luk 11:7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.

Luk 11:8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

Luk 11:9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

You and I are part of a growing remnant that is turning into a powerful movement of God. WE ARE DESPERATE! WE ARE LOVESICK! WE CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT THIS OUTPOURING OF GOD'S SPIRIT! There is no amount of time and space that we cannot give Him for this purpose. There's no excuse available that is legitimate enough to excuse us from facilitating this Great Supper. There are many things in this life that God expects us to accomplish besides for prayer. But you and I will not be able to distinguish illegitimate excuses from true responsibilities if we do not spend time in prayer.

Our ASKING, SEEKING, and KNOCKING for more supernatural bread must come from desperate believers who say in their hearts, "God, I will die if I cannot have more of You!"

Candy and I want to thank you with all of our hearts for joining us in this desperation for Revival. Thank you for your gift and your monthly support. You are so appreciated.

With all my love,
Pastor Bronc