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Suddenly is Beginning – March 2023 Letter

The Bible tells us these words in Acts chapter 2:

Act 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Act 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Act 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

These four verses alone are the testimony of the birth of THE CHURCH in the earth. This is how it starts! This is where it begins! SUDDENLY!

Seemingly out of nowhere, suddenly, a sound from Heaven comes. This sound did not come from the heavens as in the atmosphere above the earth, but rather this sound came from the Heaven where God lives. The description of the sound itself describes the intensity and the intent from God for the assignment He has for His Church in the earth. The sound was rushing, meaning it was coming from some other place fast. It was in a hurry to get there! It had some kind of forceful command or charge behind it. It did not appear as a gentle breeze. There was nothing subtle about the appearance of this wind. No one questioned if something was really happening. The intensity removed all doubt from the question of if this was from God. It was as if it had a godly violence attached to it. REMEMBER, IT HAD BEEN SENT FROM SOMEWHERE, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, FROM SOMEONE. AND IT FINALLY ARRIVED SUDDENLY.

Luk 24:49 And, behold, I SEND the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will SEND in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Joh 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will SEND unto you from the Father, *even* the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

The above verses are the promise from Jesus that when He returns to Heaven, He and the Father together will SEND the Holy Spirit back to the earth for the birth of the Church. We have to

remember that what happened that day was far more than just a demonstration of power. It was far more than just for the immediate church at that time. It was the birthing of the ageless Church of Jesus Christ. It was the birthing of the Church then, and it is the birthing of the Church now.

I am certain that the Holy Spirit was still on the earth even prior to Jesus and the Father sending Him back from Heaven. But for all practical purposes, the only way that Jesus could describe the manifestation of the birthing of the Church in power was to describe Him coming from the command of being SENT FROM THE FATHER! OH MY! I know that the Holy Spirit is a member of the Godhead. But here we see an incredible picture of one member of the Godhead commanding another member of the Godhead to GO! And the Holy Spirit, in full agreement of the finished work of Jesus, (and in my way of thinking), left suddenly!

I know the Holy Spirit is omnipresent, meaning He is every place at once. And of course, this would supersede the need for travel even at the speed of light. But His coming on the day of Pentecost as a Rushing Mighty Wind suggests to our natural way of thinking that He was traveling from somewhere in a hurry to accomplish an incredible task.

The word “suddenly” also carries with it a powerful understanding of just what happened on that powerful day. The Greek word used here is the word “aphnō.” It denotes something “unawares, i.e. unexpectedly: - suddenly.” It comes from another Greek word “aphanēs” that means “non-apparent: - that is not manifest.”

If we put all this together, we understand that something happened that day so suddenly from a place that was so unexpected because there was no apparent prior manifestation of anything like it in the past.

Yes, the disciples had been waiting for something to happen. And yes, there was some sort of expectation based on the words of Jesus to wait. But this happened so suddenly and without any previous history to base it on, that Luke only describes it as a sudden manifestation of God’s glory coming.

“Suddenly” happened because the day had “fully come.” Luke once again describes the setting by telling us that the day of Pentecost had fully come. The word “Pentecost” simply means “fiftieth,” as it is the 50th day after the Passover feast. It is also known as the Jewish holiday of the “Feast of Weeks,” and just like every other Jewish holiday, it was celebrated for days in advance leading up to the actual day of the feast. When Luke the writer of Acts writes that the day of Pentecost had fully come, he is simply saying that the 50th day, or the actual feast day, had arrived. I am confident that God does not schedule His spiritual outpourings on the basis of men’s calendars, but I believe in this instance we can see something far more than just a play on words. I believe that what we are seeing here is far greater than a calendar date. “And when the day of Pentecost was fully come” speaks to us that the full maturity of something being made ready for the “suddenly” to happen was in place. Because everything was in place, the “suddenly” happened.

Some people will tell you that the birthing of the first church was a sovereign manifestation from God without any previous intercession or prayers from the saints. This is simply not true. The

first outpouring, or what we are referring to in this teaching letter as the birthing of the Church, was no more sovereign, nor lacked any less the need for intercession in prayer than any other past-tense revival in history. The birthing of the first revival or outpouring rested on the shoulders of the greatest Intercessor that mankind had ever known: the prayers and the intercession of our sovereign Lord Jesus the Christ.

Joh 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever.

The greatest prayer intercessor of all time would birth the Church not just with His own blood, but in intercessory prayer that the Father would send the Holy Spirit in the fullness of time.

In the same way Jesus was sent by the Father in the fullness of time, Jesus was sending the Holy Spirit for the birth of the Church and Revival in the fullness of time.

Gal 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law.

“Suddenly” in the spirit realm does not just happen because nothing is going on. “Suddenly” happens because things in the spirit realm come to a place of maturity. And then when the fullness of time has come, “suddenly” happens.

We, the present-tense Church of Jesus Christ, are at a “suddenly” moment in time. “Suddenly” is beginning to happen. “Suddenly” is beginning to happen all around us because the Church has been crying out once again for a Revival to sweep our land. Many of us have been praying and confessing God’s Word for decades for what is now beginning to happen. The Church and the world are witnessing undeniable manifestations of God’s ability to “suddenly” come.

I watched an interview recently on *Fox & Friends* with a young lady regarding the Asbury College revival in Wilmore, Kentucky. The reason for the segment was to bring notoriety to what has been happening in America. Fox News was describing in their own words a sweeping revival that was happening not just at Asbury, but across America, and in other colleges and universities.

Most of you have probably heard about the Asbury revival that began last month in the sleepy little town of Wilmore, Kentucky at Asbury College. The services that lasted for weeks brought tens of thousands of people from all over the country, and dare I say, around the world into the little town of Wilmore just to sit in the chapel services and experience an overwhelming presence of God. I wept watching thousands of people standing in line just hoping to get a seat inside the chapel where the worship services were taking place. I was in godly awe of watching how the presence of God can affect people’s lives. Thousands were willing to put their lives on hold or change their schedules just to experience a true presence from Heaven. But I believe for me, the most amazing part of all of this was observing the way in which it began. It began “suddenly!” One day, after a normal chapel service, a powerful presence of God came totally unexpectedly and began to change the course of thousands of lives. And now I’m watching *Fox & Friends*

show other colleges and universities where the same phenomenon is taking place from students who had visited the Asbury outpouring.

Last night, I visited the theater (which I rarely do these days) with my wife and some friends to watch the movie *Jesus Revolution*. Once again, I was a big baby crier. The movie is the true story of the “Jesus movement” that happened in the late 60s and early 70s on the sunny beaches of Southern California. It happened among the unexpected drug-cultured youth of the day called “hippies.” Hundreds of thousands of the misfits of that hour turned to Jesus and were born again because they were fed up with the status quo of life. They flooded the beaches of Southern California to be baptized and repent of their sins. This was a true revival for the harvest of souls. For the pastors in Southern California who embraced what God was doing and welcomed the harvest, their churches changed “suddenly.” Pastor Chuck Smith was one of those pastors. His church went from a few dozen to thousands in just a matter of months. Something happened in his ministry that programs could never produce. God “suddenly” came with something that had never happened before, and thousands appeared seemingly overnight.

“Suddenly” is beginning to happen once again. The above examples are only microcosms of the much larger picture concerning this End-Time Harvest!

We are at the beginning of “suddenly” once again. Everywhere I look and every place I go, I feel some kind of supernatural expectancy of something about to happen. I feel that any spark in the spirit at any place and any time can start a spiritual avalanche of God’s supernatural move. I see the possibility of “suddenly” all around me. You and I are part of this end-time army, and to coin an old adage, we are like “bulls in a china shop.” Ha! Something is about to break everywhere we turn, in a wonderful sense of the word. The first dominoes have fallen, and now the end result will be a worldwide Harvest.

LIVE WITH THE EXPECTATION OF SUDDENLY!

Candy and I love you and appreciate you so much. Thank you, thank you, thank you for what you do and for helping us in this ministry.

I will see you in the Revival!

Blessings,
Pastor Bronc