

# The Revivalist

A M I N I S T R Y O F T H E R I V E R ' S E D G E C H U R C H

Set the trumpet to thy mouth.  
*He shall come as an eagle against the house of the LORD, because they have transgressed my covenant, and trespassed against my law.*  
KJV Hosea 8:1

## U N L E S S T H E L O R D

Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman keeps awake in vain.

NAU Psalm 127:1

It really is time for us to humbly accept the facts that God is not going to bless the house that He did not build in the first place!

We may think we have God's blessing quite often because things appear to be working, or numbers appear to be on the rise, or promotions seem to be coming our way, but ultimately none of these things indicate the favor of God.

We have said it before and it does bear repeating, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, meekness, faith...you know the drill, it is not measured by the apparent natural success of our labors.

We can accomplish so much without God's blessing, or His having directed us at all, and I know that may ruffle some feathers, but we need to remember the tower of Babel and the fact that God Himself declared that this group of people would most certainly attain their immortal goals simply because they were unified.

It is built into man to be productive, to create and accomplish, because we have been created in His likeness, and even the most reprobate can accomplish great things in the eyes of the world, but of course God doesn't measure greatness the same way that the world does.

Beloved we have everything from mega churches to entire denominations built by simple human effort, without any divine directive or approval, nonetheless they exist as a testimony

of human ability, but God declares such works to be nothing more than vanity!

Social programs abound, human governments give out handouts like there is no tomorrow, and humanitarian organizations labor non-stop with great zeal and effort, but the Master Builder says it is all a waste of time, null and void if He didn't inspire it, if He didn't direct it, if He doesn't anoint it!

Yes the scriptures teach us to do good, and yes they tell us to love, to give, to remember the poor, but this is not some haphazard approach that God has called us to saints, He has called us to "Walk in the Spirit. It is a supernaturally guided walk that we are called to and this means we must give ear to the Director, to the Builder of the house made without human hands.

Doing something good may seem to be a work that the Christian simply does by nature, but we are not called to independence, but an absolute dependence upon the voice of our Good Shepherd.

It is not my intent to complicate things, or to mystify the way we are to walk with God, but it isn't enough to simply put one's hand to some grand task and ask God to bless it because you are going to do it all in His name!

We are not talking about the individual's obedience to the obvious demands of scripture, or the obvious demands of love, but we are speaking of the construction projects here that individuals and groups are committing themselves to, and I speak of both natural and spiritual projects and endeavors!

For some of you it will be trying to minister in

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## UNLESS THE LORD

some arena that God never called you to, while for others it may be joining a like-minded group that you only see good results from. Most will simply support something with their heart or their finances, or perhaps even their vote, because it looks like a good idea, or it seemed like a great program, but the question must come down to "Did I hear from the Father, and did He give the directive to build this house?"

Of course you are free to disagree, but there is a biblical precedent for hearing God in both the Old and the New Testaments, and I don't know if you have noticed yet, but God doesn't seem to like the ordinary route to the ordinary destinations.

In this day and age it is more plausible than ever for a person of modest talent to apply the right marketing techniques and formulas within a given city and Voila! A wondrously successful church is up and running, but beloved God doesn't ordain every church, nor does he ordain every ministry! Do we not hear the word of God which did forbid the blessed Apostle Paul from entering into Asia Minor? Did God not love the people of that region, or was He going to deprive them of the light? Honestly it is not our job to understand the reasoning of God behind His directive, but it behooves us to understand that He simply doesn't give out blank blueprints!

God is interested in building His house, and He has decided to use living stones to do it with, but Jesus was a carpenter and I can tell you from my own work as a carpenter, or makeshift carpenter that it requires a plan, directions, and our God is not one to build anything upon frail foundations, nor is He turning this thing over to our desires, that is to say He doesn't approve of me building it according to my own likes and dislikes!

It is critical that we hear the Father speak direction to our lives in these last times since the majority will be wasting time building according to their own plans, or the plans of another and it is not going to stand in the end. Yes we must put our hands to the work, but let us do so with full confidence that the given work is inspired of the Holy Ghost.

Don't misunderstand saints, this is not a call to inaction, or a call to draw back, but I believe we are under the mandate to make the best use of our time "for the days are evil." It isn't about you having your name on every volunteer list, or you participating in every church program that is under way in the entire county, but it is about our hearing the gentle voice of the Master as He says "No, go here and build this, or yes keep working on that, just as I told you."

We don't have time to waste working on anything we initiat-

ed on our own, or anything that simply sounded worthwhile, and this is not the "mind of Christ." Jesus never followed simple need, or even His own agenda, but it is written :

But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me. <sup>ESV</sup> **John 5:36**

Jesus was committed to accomplishing the works that the Father had given Him, and He claimed that those works actually testified of His divine mission, and again:

"I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. <sup>NAS</sup> **John 5:30**

The anointing of the Holy Spirit, which you have received, and which does abide in you, is present to accomplish the will of the Father and nothing less!

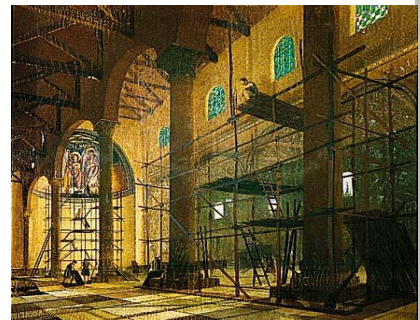
Let us not draw back beloved, but let us seek wholeheartedly the desire of the Father, while we continue of course to love, to share, to bless, to speak the truth at all times, but the word that I want you to see this month, indeed the truth that I believe the Holy Spirit wants to open up to us is all about real supernatural direction.

Ignore the urge to devote yourself to every cause, regardless of how worthy they may seem, and don't move on it until you hear from heaven, and know that God is not the God of whims! If He told you to put your hand to it, He will not change His mind, and His direction is not based upon your emotions but upon His eternal insight and purpose.

Beloved, let us take time to pray, and let us put everything on the table before Him. Allow the light of the Holy Spirit to shine upon the motives behind all the projects and plans, and covenant with Him to build only as He instructs, only as He initiates, lest everything we labor on should only be rewarded with a "I never told you to build that!"

He desires to inspire! Now let's allow Him to do so. Alleluia!

TONY DINGESS



THE YEAR OF THE WOMAN

Well, I did it. I didn't think I could follow thru, but by the Grace of God and a multitude praying I did, or I should say HE did it. I have to give God all the Glory.

You see, I was given a great honor to speak at The Christian Women's Conference in Danville this month. I was asked to step out of my comfort zone and let me tell you it was a scary thing.

My knees knocked, my palms were sweaty and I was most certain I would barf everywhere or do something equally embarrassing. But Abba saw me through, just as He said He would.

I want to thank everyone for the prayers of support, and for the honor of being able to perform this task for The Lord for such a time as this.

At some point during the event, Priscilla Weaver who is the WV Area Team President of Aglow, made the most interesting statement. She simply said, "this is the year of the woman". Of course my mind and my spirit have been running with this since.

I have often had issues with the fact that in most religious circles women are cast to the side. We are allowed to sing and even lead praise and worship, teach the Sunday school class, and cook, but when it comes to anything else or other types of leadership that famous scripture is quoted. "1 Timothy 2:12 "I do not let women teach men or have authority over them".....

Or, if by chance there are women deaconesses and ordained ministers, they are rarely used or heard. I have often heard people say, "even though she is a woman, she can sure teach/preach the word of God." This gets my blood boiling.

Yes, I have fallen along that same trap too. I have often cried out to Abba "Lord! Do you know I am a woman!". Then I would hear that sweet, sweet voice reply: "Did you ever stop to think I called you because you ARE a woman? ". WOW !

God is calling Spirit filled women to places of leadership within the church and I think it is time the church hears this call too. There will come a time that a woman leader will not be synonymous with the loss of esteem in the community as being labeled as a "woman's church."

Please understand I am not talking about demanding any sort of rights but I am urging the environment to be such to able women to exercise and develop gifts from the Holy Spirit.



**We have a world to win for Christ. The ship is sinking, and we [stand] on the shore arguing about who should go to the rescue, men or women." (Van Leeuwen, Mary Stewart, "Life After Eden," Christianity Today, July 16, 1990, 19)**

I know women that enjoy building things. I watch them build businesses and do major projects, knowing in the supernatural their responsibility is doctrine and discipline, the role of the Apostle.

What about those women who have a keen sense of justice in the natural, but in the supernatural this would be suited to discern and proclaim, the role of the Prophet.

The woman that thrives on direct contact with people and would wither without it, moves in the gift of evangelism.

I see a multitude of women who serve and do it naturally and they love to have people drop by, these are the pastors.

And I have seen women that can explain Einstein's theory of relativity to a six year old that walks away with complete understanding, a gifted teacher waiting to be used.

Are all of these women called, I can't say one way or the other. I just see where the gifting is, and wonder and pray it is being used for the edification of The Body of Christ. But, in some of their current denominations, I very seriously doubt it.

Assemblies of God evangelist, Mae Eleanore Frey once said, "... for God-fearing, intelligent, Spirit-filled women, upon whom God has set his seal in their ministry, to have to sit and listen to men haggle over the matter of their place in the ministry is humiliating to say the least."

I pray that all men and women who feel called and those who would guide others to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, and shepherds/teachers would reexamine what these ministries were in the first century. Maybe when this happens, many will be led into brand new directions. And those directions will undoubtedly lead them to break with cherished and current traditions.

I know the time is coming when the church will know what to do with women and their call upon their lives and it will indeed be The Year of The Woman!

Get ready! Our Lord comes quickly!

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**Awake...and God shall give you light!**

The River's Edge Church was born out of the desire for the return of the presence of God to the Church in holiness and awesome majesty. We believe that these last days shall be more astonishing than the days of the Book of Acts, and we believe in praying until we experience it!

We are focused on repentance, reformation, revival & restoration. We are praying for the body of Christ on the earth to arise from the death of comfort, self indulgence and greed and to truly allow the Spirit of Judgment & Burning to purify us from all our corruption!

***Pray that we obey, and walk through the doors that open unto us. Alleluia!***

## T H I R S T Y ?

For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my spirit on your offspring, and my blessing upon your descendants" Isaiah 44:3

The River's Edge Church is simply a group of believers with a common purpose; to bring glory to the Father by exalting the Name of Jesus and allowing the Holy Spirit to revive us and others through us. We have no certain location and we simply meet in various homes for prayer, communion, and whatever else the Holy Spirit has in mind from one week to the next.

***Please give us a call if you would like to gather with us, or if you would like us to gather with you!***

**Our Lord is coming!**