

KINGDOM RECON

RAISING THE CHURCH FROM THE DEAD

THE PROCLAMATION OF CHANGE



A Kingdom Discipleship Directive

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Introduction: The Great Shift

There comes a moment in every generation when God's people must decide whether they will continue preserving yesterday's move of God or become participants in what He desires to do today.

Many believers have inherited a Christianity centered on waiting.

Waiting for revival.

Waiting for God to move.

Waiting for a breakthrough.

Waiting for another great awakening.

Waiting for someone else to answer the call.

Yet when we examine the life of Jesus, the ministry of the apostles, and the explosive growth of the early Church, we discover something radically different.

Jesus did not create a culture of waiting.

He created a culture of obedience.

The disciples were not trained to become spectators of Heaven.

They were trained to become ambassadors of Heaven.

The prayer Jesus taught His disciples was never intended to be reduced to religious repetition:

"Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

Jesus was teaching His followers to partner with Heaven's reality invading earthly circumstances.

The Kingdom is not merely a future destination.

The Kingdom is the reign of God expressed through yielded sons and daughters.

The cross is finished.

The tomb is empty.

The Spirit has been given.

The commission has been spoken.

The authority has been delegated.

The Church has been empowered.

The question is no longer whether God is willing.

The question is whether His people will believe Him enough to obey Him.

This document is a call to reject passive Christianity and embrace Kingdom Christianity.

Not striving.

Not self-promotion.

Not human ambition.

But complete surrender to Jesus Christ and radical obedience to everything He taught.

Throughout this manifesto, one question will continually be asked:

What does that look like?

Because Kingdom truth must become Kingdom action.

Faith must become expression.

Belief must become demonstration.

The Kingdom was never designed to remain a concept.

The Kingdom was designed to become visible.

PART ONE

FROM WAITING TO WALKING

Weak Theology:

"God will do it someday."

Kingdom Understanding:

"God has already spoken. I will obey today."

What does that look like?

When Jesus commanded His followers to make disciples, He did not attach a future date.

When Jesus commanded believers to heal the sick, He did not tell them to wait for a special season.

When Jesus commanded His followers to preach the Gospel, He did not tell them to wait for perfect circumstances.

Kingdom people refuse to postpone obedience.

They recognize that delayed obedience is often disguised disobedience.

The Kingdom advances every time a believer acts upon what God has already revealed.

Weak Theology:

"We are waiting for revival."

Kingdom Understanding:

"I will become a vessel through whom God brings awakening."

What does that look like?

Revival is not primarily an event.

Revival is not a conference.

Revival is not a historical memory.

Revival begins when believers return to wholehearted obedience.

The disciples did not spend the rest of their lives trying to recreate Pentecost.

They carried Pentecost.

The Church was never commanded to preserve a move.

The Church was commanded to continue the mission.

The greatest revival testimony should not be what God did in a previous generation.

The greatest testimony should be what God is doing through surrendered believers today.

PART TWO

THE KINGDOM IS NOW

Jesus did not spend His ministry teaching people how to escape the earth.

He spent His ministry demonstrating how Heaven operates within it.

He healed.

He delivered.

He restored.

He forgave.

He transformed.

He revealed the Father's nature.

Every miracle was a declaration:

"This is what the Kingdom looks like."

What does that look like today?

When sickness is confronted by faith-filled prayer.

When broken lives are restored.

When addictions are broken.

When marriages are healed.

When the oppressed are set free.

When believers live with supernatural peace in a chaotic world.

When generosity defeats selfishness.

When holiness confronts compromise.

The Kingdom becomes visible.

Weak Theology:

"If God wants something done, He will do it."

Kingdom Understanding:

"God often works through surrendered people."

What does that look like?

God feeds people.

But He often uses someone's hands.

God comforts people.

But He often uses someone's voice.

God heals people.

But He often uses someone's obedience.

God reaches people.

But He often uses someone's willingness.

Throughout Scripture, God's pattern is partnership.

The Kingdom advances through yielded vessels.

PART THREE

THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS GIVEN FOR ACTION

Acts chapter 2 changed history.

The disciples waited because Jesus specifically instructed them to wait for the promise of the Father.

Then everything changed.

The Spirit came.

Power came.

Boldness came.

Demonstration came.

Movement came.

Mission came.

The waiting season ended.

The going season began.

What does that look like?

The Holy Spirit was not given merely to produce emotional experiences.

The Holy Spirit was given to empower believers for Kingdom ministry.

The evidence of the Spirit is not merely what happens inside a church gathering.

The evidence of the Spirit is what happens when believers leave the gathering.

The early Church did not gather to hide from darkness.

They gathered to become equipped to invade darkness with light.

Weak Theology:

"I hope God uses me."

Kingdom Understanding:

"The Holy Spirit lives in me and I will make myself available."

What does that look like?

I will pray for people.

I will encourage people.

I will share the Gospel.

I will step into uncomfortable situations.

I will trust God beyond my own limitations.

I will become available for Kingdom assignments.

PART FOUR

HEALING, DELIVERANCE, AND DEMONSTRATION

Jesus did not merely announce the Kingdom.

He demonstrated it.

He healed the sick.

He cast out demons.

He cleansed lepers.

He restored lives.

Then He instructed His disciples to do the same.

"Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give."

Notice the order.

Demonstration often preceded explanation.

People encountered the reality of God before they understood everything about Him.

What does that look like?

Kingdom believers stop treating prayer as a last resort.

Prayer becomes a first response.

Prayer becomes expectation.

Prayer becomes action.

Not because believers possess power in themselves.

But because Christ lives within them.

Kingdom people refuse to allow fear of failure to produce disobedience.

Their responsibility is obedience.

God's responsibility is the outcome.

Weak Theology:

"I will pray if I feel led."

Kingdom Understanding:

"I am already led by what Jesus commanded."

What does that look like?

When I encounter someone who is hurting, I pray.

When I encounter someone who is broken, I minister.

When I encounter someone who is lost, I share Christ.

I do not need a special revelation to obey a clear command.

PART FIVE

THE CHURCH MUST CHANGE

Many churches have become highly skilled at gathering people.

The New Testament emphasizes equipping people.

Attendance was never the ultimate goal.

Transformation was.

What does that look like?

Can believers pray for the sick?

Can believers make disciples?

Can believers share the Gospel?

Can believers hear God's voice?

Can believers walk in holiness?

Can believers minister outside church walls?

A successful church is not measured merely by attendance.

A successful church is measured by maturity.

The Church is not called to create consumers.

The Church is called to create disciples.

Weak Theology:

"The pastor does all the ministry."

Kingdom Understanding:

"The saints are equipped for ministry."

What does that look like?

The pastor equips.

The believers minister.

The church gathers.

The church scatters.

The church worships.

The church serves.

The church learns.

The church demonstrates.

Every believer becomes a carrier of Kingdom reality.

PART SIX

WORSHIP MUST BE RESTORED

Worship has never been about entertainment.

Worship has always been about surrender.

Songs matter.

Music matters.

Gathered worship matters.

But worship extends far beyond a song service.

What does that look like?

Worship is obedience.

Worship is generosity.

Worship is purity.

Worship is service.

Worship is loving God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.

A worshiper does not merely sing to God.

A worshiper yields to God.

Weak Theology:

"Worship is my favorite song."

Kingdom Understanding:

"Worship is my surrendered life."

What does that look like?

I worship when nobody is watching.

I worship when obedience costs me something.

I worship when I forgive.

I worship when I serve.

I worship when I obey despite opposition.

PART SEVEN

SALVATION IS MORE THAN A MOMENT

Salvation is not merely agreeing with information.

Salvation is entering a Kingdom.

Jesus is not merely Savior.

He is Lord.

The Gospel is not merely about avoiding judgment.

The Gospel is about reconciliation with God and restoration to His purpose.

What does that look like?

A transformed life.

A renewed mind.

A changed heart.

A new identity.

A new mission.

A new allegiance.

The New Testament repeatedly describes people being added to the Kingdom.

Something happened.

Something changed.

Something became visible.

Weak Theology:

"Did you pray a prayer?"

Kingdom Understanding:

"Are you following the King?"

What does that look like?

Kingdom conversion produces Kingdom fruit.

Not perfection.

But transformation.

Not religious performance.

But genuine surrender.

PART EIGHT

DESTROYING RELIGIOUS PASSIVITY

Throughout Scripture, God repeatedly confronted systems that preserved appearance while lacking power.

Religion without relationship produces routine.

Tradition without truth produces stagnation.

Activity without obedience produces exhaustion.

What does that look like?

Kingdom people refuse to settle for powerless Christianity.

Kingdom people examine every tradition through Scripture.

Kingdom people refuse to preserve methods at the expense of mission.

The goal is not rebellion against structure.

The goal is restoration to biblical purpose.

PART NINE

WHAT DOES A KINGDOM BELIEVER LOOK LIKE?

A Kingdom believer:

I will pray.

I will obey.

I will forgive.

I will love.

I will disciple.

I will share Christ.

I will pursue holiness.

I will serve.

I will give.

I will encourage.

I will confront darkness with light.

I will carry hope.

I will walk by faith.

I will depend upon the Holy Spirit.

I will advance the mission of Jesus.

I will represent Heaven well.

FINAL DECLARATION

I will rise.

I will pray differently.

I will preach differently.

I will disciple differently.

I will worship differently.

I will live differently.

I will become living evidence that Jesus Christ is Lord.

I will not merely talk about the Kingdom.

I will demonstrate the Kingdom.

I will not merely discuss revival.

I will become part of God's awakening in the earth.

I will not wait for perfect circumstances.

I will obey today.

I will not postpone obedience.

I will act upon what God has already spoken.

I will walk in the authority Jesus purchased through His death, burial, and resurrection.

I will submit to the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

I will carry Heaven into every sphere of influence entrusted to me.

I will live as an ambassador of Christ.

I will not merely anticipate the Kingdom.

I will advance the Kingdom.

Jesus Christ is Lord.

His Kingdom is advancing.

His Spirit lives within me.

His mission is now my mission.

His victory is now my confidence.

I will walk accordingly.

Amen.

SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATION

Kingdom of God:

Matthew 4:17; Matthew 6:9-10; Matthew 12:28; Luke 17:20-21; Romans 14:17; Colossians 1:13

Authority of the Believer:

Matthew 10:1; Luke 9:1-2; Luke 10:19; Mark 16:17-18; John 14:12; Ephesians 2:6

Healing and Deliverance:

Matthew 10:7-8; Luke 9:2; Luke 10:9; Mark 16:17-18; James 5:14-16

Holy Spirit Empowerment:

John 14:16-17; John 14:12; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1-4; Acts 4:31; Romans 8:11; 1 Corinthians 12:7-11

Disciple Making:

Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-18; Acts 1:8; 2 Timothy 2:2

Worship:

John 4:23-24; Romans 12:1-2; Hebrews 12:28; Psalm 95:6

Kingdom Living:

2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Ephesians 5:8-11; Philippians 2:15; 1 Peter 2:9

Faith in Action:

James 1:22; James 2:17; James 2:26; Hebrews 11

Victory in Christ:

John 19:30; Colossians 2:13-15; Hebrews 10:12-14; 1 John 3:8; Revelation 12:11