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## **The New Church**

In 1967-1968, My husband and I were pastoring a church we had started in our living room in 1964. I found myself many times during our prayer meetings kneeling behind our small baby grand on the platform in our sanctuary crying out to God, “Lord, I know there is more than this!!” It seemed like I was standing at a place where God was wanting to reveal more of Himself – and He did!! I was so hungry for God and my heart was just crying out to Him. There was a price to pay for the revelation of God that came, but “I wouldn’t take nothing for my journey now”, as the old song goes.

Today, I find myself once again in that place calling out to God!! I believe many of you are in that very same place. You’re not sure where you are going. You’re not sure what it is going to look like, but like my praying behind that piano so many, many years ago, your heart is crying out to God – “Is this all there is? God, I KNOW there is more” – and the hunger for the things of God is rising in your hearts and lives.

For several years, I have preached and said, “God is bringing great change to the church. It is not going to be anything like we know now. Although I don’t know what it is going to look like, I know it is going to be different.”

I still don’t know what the ‘church’ is going to completely look like in the near future, but I do know it is going to be different. I believe there is a new ‘template’ God is bringing forth. Yes, we will still be gathering together – but I believe the ‘template’ is changing. Amazing when you know God is speaking, but you don’t have all the picture. You give in part that which you believe He is speaking. This has been building and building over quite a time period, but suddenly, it seems as if the time is at hand!

The ‘church’ actually is in action when I go to Curves and speak a different prognosis over a lady than the doctor has given her and I tell her she will be hearing that from her doctor. The following Monday when I saw her (I still don’t know her name and I doubt she knows mine), the doctor had just told her that it was her medicine that was wrong, it was not the disease they had pronounced over her.

The ‘church’ is at work when one goes into Kohl’s as Debbie did some time ago and asks a woman if she would like prayer. The woman can’t reach a garment she wants to see. The woman tells her that her shoulder isn’t working and gives her much pain. Deb prays for her, and immediately, the woman can move her arm with no pain.

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The 'church' is also at work when Daryl goes into Starbuck's and meets atheists and is able to speak about the Lord Jesus Christ to them, and when he is asked to fly to NY to preach a funeral – and people are touched and turned to the Lord (and he's never preached a funeral before!).

Yes – 'THE CHURCH' is at work. Why do I use my family for examples? Only because I know the most about what is happening with them and me.

There was a blind man healed by Jesus and when the man was asked about it, he didn't even know the name of Jesus Who healed him. All he knew and answered was, "I once was blind, but now I see." Interesting how Jesus went about His daily life doing good and most of His healings and teachings seemed to be out among the people and on the hillsides.

Thank God for this day that is dawning when people won't necessarily have a clue who we are, but they will know the Lord Jesus Christ because as they are healed, they will understand, "The Kingdom of God has come nigh them."

Today it is as if I am standing at a great precipice. It would appear there is a great big step to be taken and it may appear that all things are over, but as I take that giant leap of faith, the Spirit of the Lord is going to move in and swoop me up in the next big thing He is doing. He's done it before, and I know He can do it again!!

This may set some to wondering what is going on with me, but I'm excited about God and the things of God!!!

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