Faith Christian Fellowship January 1, 2017 2017: Build, Share, Stand 1: Standing and Staying

TEXT: 2 Thessalonians 1:3 / Romans 1:16 / Ezekiel 22:30 So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one.

2016: a year of desiring fresh fire, rekindling passion for the Word, the world, the call of God, and our covenant commitments: an infusion from heaven to our hearts in response to our acceptable sacrifices – Prayer, praise, service, finances, kindnesses. Strange fire is our attempt to appease God and do things our way – turning up the volume but not the passion.

We visited fresh fire for healing, for revival, and for prayer. We accepted the mantle of Elijah, the rainmaker. We saw a remarkable uptick in the prayer power in the house. We studied intensely the prayer of intercession: praying for others.

For 2017, the Holy Ghost said, "Build your faith, share your faith, stand in the gap." We are in a new season, there will be calm before the storm. Don't ignore this window. The dark is getting darker, there is a window of light.

We will talk about each one and give some updates on 2016 as we go. I am going to take the third one first. We cannot step out of the gap.

October 30th. prayer meeting. The Spirit of God came in the place in a very powerful way and gave us a word of encouragement: "You have entered in to the gap before me. You are standing between your nation and judgment. Stay there. Do not be deterred by what you see and hear around you. Stay in the gap and make up the wall." We prayed Proverbs 16:9-15 in the Message translation, asking for good and sound leadership. Then we turned to Psalm 75:6-7 and asked God to elevate the ones He wanted. I believe He did.

On Nov. 27, we had this admonition: The window is open. It will close. Let the wind blow. See the video of that service at FCFTucson.org

Our call from God for this year is to stay in the gap We are gonna pray!!

1) Our church

- a) Fresh Fire 1 Cor 2:1-4.
- b) Healing revival Acts 4:29-31
- c) 1 Chronicles 22:15-16 Workmen and provision
- d) Rain. James 5:7-8, 17-18. Harvest cometh

2) Our nation.

- a) Note the context of Ez 22:30. What a mess!
- b) In 2015, the Lord spoke to us concerning dangers: ethnic and racial strife (including Islam), sexual sin in the church, bizarre doctrines, and quenching the Spirit (substituting strange fire).
- c) Since then, we have seen increase in sexual sin, ethnic tensions, murder in the operating room and in the streets, churches changing doctrine to suit culture, and now we have cursed Israel.
- d) Note the word given on 10/30: We are standing between our nation and judgment. Don't move!!!!!
- e) The election is exactly what God told us it is. A reprieve. He called it "a window of opportunity." He said to "keep the window open." We need to act on that word.
- f) Rain. James 5:7-8, 17-18. It is time for revival.

3) One another

- a) Let us take the principles of intercession we have learned and use them!
 - a.i) Be willing to take on another's burden in the Spirit
 - a.ii) Use your heavenly prayer language liberally
 - a.iii) Find terms of the Covenant (Word) to stand on.
 - a.iv) Walk in obedience in love and in finances.
 - a.v) Ask the Spirit for endurance don't give up!
- b) Bring your brothers and sisters into the throne room and make intercession for them concerning spiritual health, physical health, family health, emotional health, financial provision, ministry fruitfulness, rain to bring up dormant seed.

Remember:

The pressure is on the covenant, not on you.

Let the Word be your bulwark and the Spirit your strength, and pray for one another that ye may be healed.

James 5:16