

Faith Christian Fellowship
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2018: Purity, Maturity, Power

TEXT: 1 Peter 2:11 / 1 Corinthians 3:1-2 / 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

In 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.

I trust we have fulfilled that mandate, and will continue to follow through on all three. For 2018, The Lord has been speaking to me, and therefore to you, for some time about things that need to be adjusted in order to see the kind of power He desires for this hour. Let's take a little look at where we are and where we are headed

- 1) FCFT Vision/Commission: "Open a Fountain of My Healing Power in this place" We do this by Repairing broken people, preparing willing people, and celebrating the goodness of God.
 - a) In 2014 we came into this facility, "a headquarters, not a cathedral."
 - b) Mrs. Harrison came and dedicated it for us and brought several words important to us:
 - i) "It's the Word of God and the Spirit of God that changes lives, not us."
 - ii) "The fountain of God's healing power involves spirit, soul, and body" "I believe your vision will change millions of people's lives." "A vision never leaves things the way they are. It leads us to change things for the better."
 - iii) "Take hold of the vision and run with it. There's a lot more for you to do in this city."
 - iv) "God has given this building to you. It is a step up toward where He is taking you." "Just because we've come to this building doesn't mean the vision has stopped and it's over. It just means we're keepin' goin'. It's gonna expand, folks. And in that expansion you've gotta stay together. You've got to learn how to administrate the things of God."
 - c) We plan based on what we know. He guides based on what He knows. The two are not always identical. Proverbs 16:9
 - d) A fountain is a source- the spring from which healing power flows. That has always been what I see: power and love flowing out to a broken world carried in earthen vessels – you.

- e) People come here for all sorts of reasons: Some for a reason, some for a season, some for a lifetime. The first two, God uses to fulfill parts of the vision, the latter remain because they are part of the vision. (Support, provision, outflow)
- 2) There has been a theme for a while
 - a) Beginning in 2011 I have been emphasizing right living as a predicate to effective, victorious Christian life. The importance of a servant's heart and the power of the Spirit, obedience in the realm of personal prayer life and finances, moving the fountain to the mountain, challenges and purposes for the local church – over 1/3 of the year on these topics: prophetically describing the challenges for the church, desire fresh fire, not strange fire, and 2017 Build-share-stand.
- 3) **2018:** Personal Purity, Spiritual Maturity, Supernatural Power
 - a) Personal holiness –
 - i) For some, this will mean finally breaking free of the weights, no more laps around Sinai. 1 Peter 2:11
 - ii) How do we get there without becoming Pharisee? Corinthians 7:1 / 1 John 3:2-3
 - iii) Holiness precedes wholeness.
 - b) Spiritual maturity –
 - i) God wants to show us that we can't grasp until we grow up. John 16:12-13 / 1 Corinthians 2:6 and following. Note 3:3.
 - ii) Heb 5:11-12 Knowing without doing makes us big old babies. Rise up, fill up, grow up.
 - c) Supernatural Power: contending for the supernatural
 - i) 1 Corinthians 12: 7-11 is written to the Church, not the Pastor. Gifts for all for the profit of all.
 - ii) 1 Corinthians 2:1-5. Demonstration!!!!!!
 - iii) Christianity is either supernatural or it is a club for the discussion of religious themes. God didn't save us to be nice people, He saved us to be a holy people for the purpose of showing Him to the world: 1 Peter 2:9-10 MSG
 - iv) The fountain flows out to the thirsty - Let's do this!
 - 4) Before we talk about personal purity, I want to inoculate you against a deadly virus: The leaven of the Pharisees: If you were born on 3rd base and think you hit a triple. You may already be infected.