

Introduction:

- Is 43:18, Is 42:9, Haggai 1:3, 5-11. Haggai is a call to repair...the temple/House of Prayer.
- I want to revisit a word from Apostle Andres that he spoke to us on Sunday morning, March 18th.
- Two things stood out to me that morning: One was the word of the Lord that he received to call us to prepare. And the other was what God would do if we prepared... The Lost will be saved, the saved will be trained and the trained will be commissioned.
- Here was the prophetic word given to us: *"I am birthing a move of My Spirit through this house and from this house it will spread to the region and from this region to the nations. Prepare your hearts to seek My face so that your wine skins are renewed in order to receive the new wine and flow with My Spirit. Much work of preparation needs to be done which will involve sacrifice and hard work. Prepare the way of the Lord and make His paths straight. The Lord would have you enter a state of readiness through a season of preparation. The key word for this house in this season is PREPARE... PREPARE...PREPARE... PREPARE FOR WHAT GOD IS ABOUT TO DO IN YOUR HOUSE AND THROUGH YOUR HOUSE. FOR THERE IS A MOVE OF GOD ORDAINED TO BE BIRTHED THROUGH THIS HOUSE WHICH WILL REACH THE NATIONS. That is your redemptive purpose!"*

- I. **Prepare** - from 12/31/2017. First message of the year. Prepare to Crossover Joshua 1. God speaks to Joshua. "Moses is dead. It is time to take the land. You are the leader. We leave in three days. Therefore prepare the people to cross over the Jordan."
 - A. The power of the prophetic is to move us...physically, emotionally, spiritually. It lets us know what God is doing or about to do in order that we can journey with Him.
 1. True prophetic is the voice of God. It is God revealing His plans, His purposes and His emotions to His people.
 2. As Christians, the fact that God is speaking to us should be a big deal. And it requires a response from us. I see five main possible responses:
 - a) This is God! I am on it!
 - b) This is God. I will get to it.
 - c) I think this is God...but let me meditate on it to make sure.
 - d) This is God. But I have other plans and priorities right now.
 - e) That is not God. Leave me alone.
 3. IE. Early in 1987, I received a prophetic word from Willie Hinn. "At the birth of your first child marks the birth of your ministry." That word moved me to action and preparation began in the Franklin house. Something was going to be birthed! Both in the natural and in the Spirit. The word to us is, "I am birthing a move of my Spirit... prepare."

- B. Prepare - Hebrew, *Kun* - "The root meaning is to bring something into being with the consequence that its existence is a certainty." Oswalt, J. N. (1999). *Kun*. R. L. Harris, G. L. Archer Jr., & B. K. Waltke (Eds.), *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament* (electronic ed., p. 433). Chicago: Moody Press. To make ready beforehand for some purpose. To equip. To be willing.
1. The command to Noah, to Moses, Joshua, John the Baptist was to prepare. To make ready beforehand.
 2. God gave us this command in March, again. We have received this word many times though the years.
 - a) For forty years Joshua had been dreaming about this day when he would see his people, his family, his nation enter the land that God had given them. What took so long? God was preparing a people for a move of His Spirit in the earth.
 - b) Joshua was calling the children of Israel to bring these things into existence with certainty.
 3. They were to prepare/make ready for the purpose of entering. They were to prepare for the obtaining of the promise. What they were about to do was to convert ownership by promise (from God) into actual possession!

II. Points of Preparation these were the things that the Lord shared with Apostle Andres

- A. Prayer Neh. 1:2-4 So I fasted and prayed. He confessed sin of the people. In our passage of Haggai, the call is to finish building the temple/House of Prayer, which had stopped.
1. What God is looking for, from us, is intercessory prayer. IE. It is much of what we did during the Night Watch two Fridays ago. I also believe that much of the joy we experienced that night was because of the season God is calling us into, to prepare.
 2. To intercede involves taking hold of God's will and refusing to let go until His will comes to pass. Both individually and corporately.
 3. Intercession is warfare -- the key to God's battle plan for our lives. But the battleground is not of this earth and it is not against flesh and blood. The Bible says, "*We are not fighting against humans. We are fighting against forces and authorities and against rulers of darkness and spiritual powers in the heavens above*" (Eph. 6:12). Intercessory prayer takes place in this spiritual world where the battles for our own lives, our families, our friends and our nation are won or lost. "*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.*" Ezekiel 22:28-30 NKJV
 4. God wants us to embrace our city and our region in prayer. He wants us to take ownership and responsibility for what is happening in our city and region,

5. Another way of doing this is in humility acknowledge and confess not only our sin but the sin of this region and cry out to God for His mercy.

B. Release

1. *"Release all manner of offenses, unforgiveness, anger, and bitterness from your heart. Release any ought you might have against anyone and forgive from your heart, so that your faith may not fail you."* Andres Kyriacou
2. *"Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you."* (Ephesians 4:31-32, NLT)
3. Letting go takes work at times. Because your head/heart will keep hitting replay and creating unlikely scenarios.

C. Repent and Return

1. *"Repent from and return all tithes and offerings you have withheld from the Lord due to this house in preparation for what the Lord desires to do through this house. There was a neglect of the House according to Haggai..."* (Haggai 1:3, 5-11)
Apostle Andres
2. *"I am the Lord, and I do not change... Now return to me, and I will return to you," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. "But you ask, 'How can we return when we have never gone away?' 'Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me! 'But you ask, 'What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?' 'You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me. You are under a curse, for your whole nation has been cheating me. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test! Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and disease. Your grapes will not fall from the vine before they are ripe," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. "Then all nations will call you blessed, for your land will be such a delight," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies."* (Malachi 3:6-12, NLT)
3. See again, Haggai 1;3, 5-11.

D. Discern the Body of Christ

1. *"Recognize and honor the entire body of Christ in your region and find ways to express this honor. Pray for the Church in your region and for the unity of the Church seeking ways to promote this unity."*
2. We pray for the church especially the church in our region and state!
3. I want all of the church to succeed! Local business man sponsoring lunches for pastors all for the purpose of getting them together. I am seeing this building in our county again. It reminds me of life before renewal of 1995. Pastors coming together of all denominations.

III. Fruit of Preparation

- A. *"If you will follow these directives of the Spirit and other directives which the Holy Spirit will give you in prayer the Lord will accelerate this promised move of His Spirit which will do three things: The harvest will be gathered in... the saints will be trained and equipped for works of service and thirdly the trained will be commissioned."*
Apostle Andres Kyriacou
- B. ***"The Lost will be saved, the saints will be trained, and the trained will be commissioned and so the influence of the kingdom of God will be extended and established through you not only in this region but beyond reaching the nations."***
~Andres These three things have always been in our "DNA."
1. The lost will be saved.
 2. The saved will be trained
 3. The trained will be commissioned.
- C. As Andres ministered to us that Sunday morning in March. He did say prophetically, "Much work of preparation needs to be done which will involve sacrifice and hard work. Prepare the way of the Lord and make His paths straight."

Conclusion:

- Two things stood out to me the morning that Apostle Andres gave the Word to us: One was the word of the Lord that he received to call us to prepare. And the other was what God would do if we prepared... The Lost will be saved, the saved will be trained and the trained will be commissioned.
- This message is a reminder of what is in the heart and mind of God towards us.