

Introduction

- To go to new levels, places and spaces with God, it will require us to make the decision to move. Move away from what the Apostle Paul describes in **Romans 12:1 (NIV)** as "... *everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.*" Things like ideologies, habits, strife, or unresolved issues we may have with our brother or sister in Christ.
- God is not about to move, He is already moving and preparing us for a great revival. And He desires to move in us so He can have His way through us, around us, for us. **Genesis 1:2 (NIV)** ² *Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.*
- Even Adam testified in **Genesis 3:10 (AMPC)**, ¹⁰ *He said, I heard the sound of You [walking] in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."*

I. There are a few things we must do to prepare for the Lord to move in our camp. As with every great move of God we prepare, we watch and pray.

A. **Deuteronomy 23:14 (NIV)** *"For the Lord your God moves about in your camp to protect you and to deliver your enemies to you. Your camp must be holy, so that he will not see among you anything indecent and turn away from you."* So, God is moving in the camp.

- Must be unified in agreement
- Decide if you're going to be a part of this move
- Get Rid of Unnecessary Items
- Take Inventory
- Prepare to move into a new season.

II. Unified in Agreement

It is difficult and nearly impossible to have unity in a family if they seldom worship or study together. The same can be said about the body of Christ. Real unity is only found through Jesus Christ. When we decide to unify with one mind and one heart as the body of Christ, Holy Spirit moves.

A. **Acts 2:1-4 (NIV)** When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

B. Our family had to decide if we were all in.

We had to all agree that this was going to happen.

1. This move is inevitable.
2. The investment will be very expensive.
3. Purchases and arrangements will be made.

4. Sacrifices and negotiations as well.
- C. Jesus made the arrangement to pay the price for sin and made Himself the ultimate sacrifice. The debt was paid by His blood. There was no turning back. Holy Spirit received His cue to move.

III. Decide if you're going to be a part of this move.

- A. Sometimes you don't want to move, but you know it's time to go. But there comes a time when you must move because it will cost you to stay.
 1. How do we say to God, "I'm not moving?" Here are a few signs to look out for that show you may be communicating to God, "I am not going, I am not moving."
 - a) Procrastinate preparation.
 - b) Do not see improvements that are necessary.
 - c) Delayed obedience.
 - d) Failing to plan and planning to fail.
 2. We have an individual responsibility to agree and prepare for a corporate move of God. Our action shows when we agree with someone.
 3. The things we do or won't do speaks volumes of whether we agree.
 4. It shows in our body language, our non-verbs, our facial expressions, our mannerisms, and most importantly, our actions. Are you going with me or not?
 5. If you are, then there are prerequisites you must complete.
- B. Whenever we prepared to move to the next duty station when I was on active duty, everyone was responsible for their living space. Everyone had personal decisions to make concerning possessions. What you agree or disagree to do will determine whether you will be a part of this move. It's hard to let go of something you don't have use for anymore, but it reminds you of milestones you've achieved. Your decision will determine whether you will partake of the benefits of the move or be left behind.

IV. Get Rid of Unnecessary Items.

- A. When moving we must make sure that what we've packed will fit into the place we are going. Oftentimes it is necessary to downsize. We must take inventory of our possessions and we must decide what stays and what goes. The increase God has in mind will require us to empty everything to insure we only have room for Jesus.
 1. We must decrease and allow Jesus to increase in our hearts that we may experience the fullness of God!
 - a) Paul writes in **Ephesians 3:17-19 (NIV)** ¹⁷ *so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,* ¹⁸ *may have power, together with all the Lord's*

holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

2. To experience the greatest impact of the move of God, we must possess the fullness of God.
3. To experience increase of the Father, be prepared to get rid of baggage that prevents the increase of Jesus in our hearts, or else you will pay for storage, and it's not worth it.
4. There are things we accumulate over the years that we are sometimes very surprised to see when we find them again.
5. Things we were sure we had gotten rid of.
6. Don't allow these things to prevent you from experiencing a move of God. Get rid of them.

V. Take Inventory.

- A. Taking inventory requires integrity about things we possess. Integrity about what we possess and don't need. Discovering what we thought we had is no longer where we left it.
 1. Understand what you have and what you need.
 2. Spiritual inventory helps us to see who we really are according to God's viewpoint. Consistent inventory from time-to-time shapes and leads us to spiritual consistency. As we consider our spiritual needs, we could also sort out things that are worthless.
 3. There are so many things to do when moving; taking a full inventory often becomes overlooked. Don't allow this to happen to you as there are too many good reasons to take an inventory of what's in our hearts.
 4. In **Psalm 139:23-24**, David said, *"Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting."*
 5. Honest spiritual inventory is attained through humility on the part of a believer and through the working of the Lord.

VI. Prepare to move into a new season.

The Lord is beckoning us, wooing us, inviting us to come away from where we have been and arise into a new place with Him. A place of greater revelation and demonstration of all that He is. If you have noticed lately that things seem different, or you're not quite finding God "how" or "where" you have in the past, do not despair and do not be discouraged. He is simply answering our prayers. He is moving. And He is inviting us to prepare to come along with Him.