Preparation, Celebration, Separation For Integration Part 5 John Bendixen 19 January 2020

You got to do spiritual things, to get the spiritual results. To be a strong Christian, is to be a joyful, praising, Christian.

If you have familiarity with yourself, you become comfortable with your own familiarity about yourself and about the way that you live with God. That own spirit of familiarity will keep you from serving God in a different way (it is what I've always done, it's always been a weak thing, I'm not a morning person, I don't have strong willpower). If you allow that familiarity to stop you from going forward in God, then you'll never spend time with God. Rather use the strength somewhere else in the day, to get you close to God, then when you are close to God, God's strength will help you get rid of the familiar things that you need to get rid of.

Brother Jerry said that he withheld his function in spiritual gifts, because there are so many people that have abused the gifts of the Spirit. He didn't want the integrity of his ministry to be undermined by his gift operating, and he made a decision to withdraw. Brother Copeland has spoken to Brother Jerry and said, "You have got to go and use that gift (spirit of seeing and knowing, the word of wisdom and the word of knowledge) to the point where God has instructed me to lay hands on you to stimulate that, reactivate it and make sure that those gifts that God has given you are working." I am wanting us to be ready for it, and I don't want familiarity to prevent us from receiving everything God has given him.

If you're going to stand any place and speak for God, then you should be judged by what you speak. I am very cautious when I get up here and I say, "Thus says the Lord, because I am aware that I am representing the mouthpiece of God". I flow more regularly in the gifts of the Spirit, when it comes to people in our ministry. (Pastor John shared Miranda's story).

Having familiarity is a dangerous thing. There's a familiarity that we all can have about our attitude towards the vessel that God uses to preach and make changes. If we keep seeing the vessel as a human vessel and not a God vessel, then we can't receive from God through that vessel. When Brother Jerry comes we are going to press in, not make a demand on him the person, but make a demand on the gifts that operates through him as a person, that we can have everything that God has put in him.

Truly, God is doing amazing things. If I didn't believe the 2019 Word, we wouldn't have made the progress that we did last year. Now we've got a chance to make progress this coming year, based on the progress we made last year. The execution for us is: *Project Strike, Project Celebration* and *Project Conditioning*.

Brother Jerry gets to lay hands on our seeds in two weeks' time. These are life-changing moments. God has never observed, or has been impressed with how much you give, God is only worried about how much you keep. If you give what is in your heart and that's all you got, it is a spectacular seed. Brother Copeland talked about the choke point in your life. If you want supernatural increase, find out what is your choke point (I don't know if I can do that).

Don't speak against what God says, because if you speak against what God says, you can't get what God says (Isaiah 54:17 KJV).



There are five levels to relationships: touch, integration of ways, strategic intentions, divine productivity and covenant. If you want more from God in 2020, say, ""I am going to integrate ways more with God and with the church." When you're going to stand on the outside, you're not going to get what God wants for you.

God's word will never come back to Him without productivity (Isaiah 55:8-13 KJV).

If we understand that God has His special messengers speak words into the earth at strategic times to get the job done, then we've got to believe those words. God is busy doing something among us, that is going to be an everlasting established work that He's doing in our lives. The *Contact Seed* is not about money for Brother Jerry, this is about getting money to you. If you sow sparingly, then the supernatural increase comes on the sparingly given.

<u>Strike</u> means: to deal a blow, to collide, to hit with a missile, to cancel or expunge, go toward or come upon, to touch or hit with some force, either with the hand or an instrument, to give a blow, to make a sudden impression as by a blow, to take forcibly, to advance, to proceed, to strike with effect.

I am wanting you to come up with seven areas that you want God to advance, to strike with force, so that you change the direction, the momentum of things that you need and want changed in your life.

Conditioning is: a process of training that results in fitness, the process that modifies a person's behaviour, a learning process by which a subject develops, consistent response to a previously unrelated stimulus by association of the stimulus with another stimulus.

That is to say, "I am not going to let that stimulus, stimulate me, I'm rather going to say, I am a child of God, I am conditioning myself physically and spiritually, so that I can change my behaviour for the glory of God. I am going to eventually start responding to my words rather than the stimulus." I have been conditioning you already since last year to put your hand on your heart and say, "I am a child of God and because I am a child of God, I can be free of anything and everything in my life that's holding me back." After condition yourself spiritually you can go to the next level to get rid of bad habits by having the power through the fact that you are a child of God. Then you are not accessing your humanity child, you're accessing your spiritual child.

<u>Celebration</u> is the action of marking one's pleasure at an important event or occasion by engaging in enjoyable typical social activity, praise and appreciation, a joyful diversion, a joyful occasion for special festivities.

We are in celebration mode, we are going to do some awesome things this year.

Pastor Sharon and I are connected to spiritual leaders who are not fake. They are only high quality spiritual people. Other people that do fake things, are not going to prevent us to be the authentic people of God that God has called us to be. Let's not ever compromise certain things in our lives, just to get some extra goods. Let's rather believe God and get the real thing. You are always going to pay a price for something that is of real value.

Put your hand on your heart and say, "I am a child of God, I am free from everything that keeps me back from God". I am free from all my weaknesses, my twisted ways and my bad habits, in Jesus' Name. Because I am a son of God, I can hear His voice and I can live for Him, and I can be an authentic Christian in everything I do, In Jesus' Name. Amen".

I pray that you will have happy feet for the whole week.

