

# Message Moments

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In every message, God is speaking. It's how He works in the church. <sup>13</sup> Then Haggai, the Lord's messenger, spoke the Lord's message to the people saying...(Haggai 1:13). God sends a messenger with a message (as He did with Moses, Joshua and the Apostle Paul).

Pastor John is supposed to know God's will. God tells him first (Acts 22:14). He sees Jesus Christ, the Righteous One, in the Spirit. When he's intimate with Jesus, intimate with the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit shows him Jesus. Pastor John hears a voice from Jesus' Own mouth, and a message from Jesus' Own lips. He then speaks and testifies of it to the people that God has called him to. That's how God works in this church. We fear the Lord to speak, to say we're speaking for the Lord and then we are not.

I know the ways of God. When I was planted in my local church, the Lord taught me and said, "Why are you sitting on a Sunday morning and you don't care what My messenger is saying? It's going in one ear and out the other ear. He seeks Me during the week. He seeks Me so that He may speak. You sit here and you read every other book and you listen to every other message, but you do not understand My ways. Now you will sit when My messenger comes to speak and you will take note of everything that he says because it's Me speaking."

We are to welcome the message that comes from Pastor John, <sup>13</sup> not as the word of [mere] men, a [mere] man, but as it truly is, the Word of God, which is effectually at work in you who believe. (1 Thessalonians, 2:13) These words from these messages will only be effectually at work in you who will believe. You'll believe everything that God says. That's covenant. There are things that God's requiring us to believe from today. There's a fresh consecration that He is expecting us to make because He is wanting us to make spiritual progress. We have come a way on this journey, but we have not arrived. We've got a long journey ahead of us that we must walk together.

Today, He wants you to hear His voice. If you hear His voice today, and you receive it, and you adhere to it and you believe it and you trust in it, and you begin to walk in what you hear, you will have God's superhuman power at work in your life, in a way you never could have imagined. Do not harden your hearts by saying, "I don't really need to adhere to the messages to that degree." You've already spoken and reasoned in your mind from a hard heart. If you've dismissed the fact that from today you need to be making a consecration and a dedication to be listening to what God is saying and you think this is just a man - stop it! That's the sin of familiarity. You've reasoned contrary to the Word. You are in rebellion if you're not in agreement with God's Word that comes to you today.

God speaks His message in every legitimate local church. A legitimate local church is where there's a legitimate spiritual leader that God sent there. He is legitimate in his walk with God. He's legitimately hearing messages from His mouth and a word from His lips.

A legitimate local church is Ecclesia. It's those who God has called out to rule and to reign on His behalf on the earth. It's not a commodity. It's not what people have made church to be. Jesus said, "My house shall be called a house of prayer."

*Local* means, means *pertaining to a fixed portion of space, limited to a spot*. We are here as a spot in Witbank. God called Pastor John here. *Characteristic of a particular place, not broad or widespread or general*. Most of the Body of Christ live in the general and the widespread. They think everything in the Bible pertains to them.

When I saw the power of local, the specific part of the body and what it meant - *local church* is an *Ecclesia called out to a particular part of the body, called out to collectively govern and be the vehicle through which God's Kingdom keeps coming on earth as it is in Heaven*. That is happening in this church big time. We are having impact in the Spirit realm.

Pastor John brings God's message to us in order and in His sequence. We've been on a journey. Pastor John brings the will of God to us. He's seen Jesus. He's progressing in this journey and he's knowing the will of God. The message is full of seed. God intends for us to take the seed in His messages to heart. There's power in that seed to produce, it will work superhuman energy in us. There are two primary ways of sowing seed. The first is to scatter seeds. The other is what the best farmers do. They sit in the dirt of the field and personally plant the seed into the soil by hand. In the corporate setting, the members, all of you are His field. Your personal heart is God's field. There are things growing in your heart. Whether you like it or not, you've spoken words and seeds are growing in your heart, whether for life or for death. But God wants my mouth to speak only Your Word. My eyes behold only Your Word. My ears hear only Your Word. My faith comes from Your Word.

He's been saying to us, it's not hard for you to do this, for you to give attention to every message that comes from God here in this house. It's not hard for you. It's just not your priority if you're not doing it. If you are doing it, it is your priority. You will always make room for yourself for what's your priority.

Today the Lord said to me that He is requiring from the people that know that they are called to Pastor John, He is requiring a new fresh consecration and a dedication to Message Moments. That's what Message Moments are, you have moments with God in the message.

If you've been with us for any length of time, you should be getting ready for this level of discipleship. But it's heavy on Pastor John's heart that we do not let go of Message Moments personally with us. Can I tell you why? All of those among us that are on a regular basis having their moments with God in the messages, are becoming what the messages intend you to become. We're going to continue to become sons of God on the same page as God, in sync, in step, in time, in tune with Him through His messages. That's how He keeps us on the same page as He is on.

Every Sunday is a true north for you again. Every message has got direction in it. Every message has correction, where you can self-correct. It exposes your own attitudes and the motives of your own hearts. Every time you say no to what God is saying here, you expose your own heart to God.

Anybody who comes in here fresh and new touches your liveliness, your spiritual aliveness. Then they have every opportunity to get onto that same path quickly. That's why this church is the perfect environment for baby Christians. As a family, you can take some time during the week. You can go home and start to talk about this - listen to what the Lord said to us today. We've got to be more diligent in the messages.

So, God wants a fresh new consecration in two areas. He wants you to make fresh consecration for prayer meetings and Message Moments that are going to be coming now.