

OUR PRIMARY ASSIGNMENT

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My message for this morning is titled "**OUR PRIMARY ASSIGNMENT**"

I've really been seeking God for a fresh word from Him. About two weeks ago God gave me this word during the middle of the night. As the word of God says, He gives to His beloved even in their sleep.

There are a few things that came to mind....

1. It is not my assignment, the pastor's assignment, a ministries assignment BUT our assignment. So what does it mean when something is ours....Our house, our car etc... belongs to the entire family not just to the father or the mother. In the same way, I have come to realise that "OUR' assignment makes not just the pastors and leaders responsible for it but each and every person. From the youngest to the oldest....we must all take responsibility for our assignment.
2. What comes to mind when we think about primary goal or primary objective? What comes to my mind is that distinct aim or goal that you wish to achieve? We sometimes have secondary goals but the primary goal is the main aim/goal. We must jointly meet that goal.
3. Then the word "assignment" reminds me of the many assignments we all did in school at University or even at work. Any assignment assigns a specific task to you which must be completed in a certain time frame. I am not sure about you but I have failed an assignment before purely because I either did not read/ interpret the task correctly or I did not answer it properly. We must therefore endeavour to collectively work towards finishing our assignment.

We must understand that God has given our spiritual father and mother the blueprint. He has given them a primary assignment for this church. We cannot do what others/ other churches are doing because we must do what God has called them to do. Church our primary assignment must be established on the solid foundation of what the true church is.

Genesis 28 v 10-22 (READ)

- Jacob came to a certain place which was an ordinary place which then became an awesome place;
- He was on a journey to Haran, so he used that place for rest which is to meet his personal needs;
- Jacob was just like most of us, coming to church / God's place or God's house without any consciousness that it is God's dwelling or God's habitation;
- How many of us came to church this morning with that consciousness that this is God's place it is His dwelling or His habitation
- We sometimes come into church for rest. Just like Jacob to refuel, to renew ourselves for the journey ahead.
- The institutional church has always catered for this kind of weary traveller and for his/ her needs;
- This unchanged soul has always used this place to meet his own needs.
- He will take one of the stones of that place for his pillow, being content to enjoy a night of rest;

- Unless God reveals himself to Jacob through a supernatural encounter the certain place would have remained just an ordinary place.
- Church do you realise that we can miss this God given opportunity of meeting God through that super natural God encounter;
- We can miss this opportunity completely by using the church to meet our personal needs.
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We all know Jacob's story. Jacob struggled for 20 years. You may think but why for 20 years. It's because self never came to an end. They heard about Zion but chose an alternative Sinai. They heard about the contemporary church vs the original church. As long as Jacob was out of line the blessings could not follow. What we see here in scripture is that Jacob became aligned, adjusted and approved. Jacob became a choice instrument for God. We can actually see that Jacob then steps into legacy transfer.

We have to come to a place of not expecting the natural when we come to church but the supernatural. Church unusual. We are talking about "**OUR PRIMARY ASSIGNMENT**" where church becomes the gateway of heaven and the gateway to heaven. Like Jacob, God met him there and in the same way God will meet us there.

Let's look at few characteristics of this church.

1. The church must be connected to heaven

Do we realise that church does not have its origin here on earth. When Jesus was exalted at the right hand of God, He received the Name higher than every other name. He received the promise of the Father and the Holy Spirit. His work on the cross was approved by the coronation and the crowning at the Throne. He received a pledge from the Father that all His enemies will be His footstool. Then the Holy Spirit was sent to empower the hundred and twenty gathered in the upper room to receive His Name and be His representatives here on this earth. Then His Kingdom rule began on earth in and through the church.

2. The church operates under the authority of God from heaven

The church is therefore an official agent of heaven's kingdom. Do we understand that the CHURCH is a LEGAL ENTITY of heaven? It is deputized by the ALL AUTHORITY and ALL POWER in heaven. Jesus is the King and the Church is the executor of His authority and power here on earth. The church carries the authority of God to enforce His rule and reign over all His enemies.

3. The church must operate to express His government from heaven

The King is already on His Throne. His reign has already begun in heaven. He is exerting His rule to subdue all His enemies. Sin, sickness and satanic forces in all situations must now bow to His rule. Every place the sole of the church will tread on will usher His presence and His rule.

Joshua 1:3,5

"Every foot on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you, just as I spoke to Moses...."no man will be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you. I will not fail you or forsake you"

His government will be established and His influence will be felt. God will increase His territorial influence and impact on the region as the church allows His government to permeate them into every domain of the world system.

4. The church must reveal the One who is on the Throne in heaven

The church is His Body and He is the Head. The church must express Jesus Christ to all humankind.

Gal 1: 15-16 reads " But when God, who had set me apart even from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son in me so that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood"

We see here that the church must manifest the thoughts, desires and actions of her Head. His plans, His greatness and His nature must all be expressed through the church...and guess who is the church. It is me and you.

5. The church must operate with the resources and reinforcement from heaven

Do you know that the church spends from the pocket of Jehovah and heavens resources are available for her to finish her assignment? The church representing Kingdom of God does not operate through an earthly finance ministry. We must know that all the earth's finance ministries are subjected to His Kingdom reign.

Hag 2:7-9 "I will shake all nations and they will come with the wealth of all nations and I will fill this house with glory, says the Lord of hosts. The Silver is Mine and the gold is Mine declares the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give peace, declares the Lord of hosts.

Church of has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places so that we have more than enough to finish our assignment. We must not fear any lack or any want.

Psalm 23: 1 – The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Matt 6:33 "But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

When we operate as God's true church and are properly built in our main frame we will have no anxiety or worry about the needs of our lives.

We will not worry about:

- Status – Matt 6: 28 &29 "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow, they neither toil nor spin"
- Needs – Matt 6: 31 "Therefore do not worry, saying "What shall we eat or What shall we drink? Or what shall we wear??"
- Lack – Matt 6:33 "But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you"
- Supply – Matt 6:26 "Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"
- Time – Matt 6:27 "Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature"
- Lives – Matt 6:25 "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you eat or drink nor about your body, what you will put on. Is your life more than food and the body more than clothing?"

- Tomorrow – Matt 6:34 “Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

6. The church must be God’s entrance point into the earth from heaven

The church is the doorway, the gateway and the highway if heaven to earth. God will visit the earth passing through His church.

Psalm 110:2-3 says “The Lord will stretch forth Your strong sceptre from Zion, saying “Rule in the midst of Your enemies” Your people will volunteer freely in the day of Your power, in holy array, from the womb of the dawn, your youth are to You as the dew.

He will stretch his Sceptre from Zion and will rule in the midst of His enemies. The Church is His House and “it will be heard that He is AT HOME (Mark 2:1). The church will be where He will manifest as it is His House. Jesus went to the same temple twice in His ministry not just to cleanse the temple but to redefine its use. (John 2:16&17). God is raising the church that will carry His life, His nature and is power into the earth. He will reveal and express Himself through this Church. We see in Hebr 3: 6 we are His house. The house will reveal the architect’s and the builder’s taste and expression. The house will reveal the intentions, the thoughts and the inspiration of the builder.

7. The church must be man’s entrance point with heaven

He who has touched us can also be touched by God. He who has heard us can also hear His voice. We can all become a clear reflection of the life, the nature and person of Christ on this earth. This is the same ministry Christ had here on the earth. His Ministry was not just confined to healing and deliverance. His ministry was not just confined to healing and deliverance. His ministry was not just to meet people’s needs. His ministry to God was to house and express God and finish His will on the earth as it is in heaven. This is our call, our life and our ministry. We must be the salt of the earth and the light that overcomes darkness Even nations will come to our rising brightness when we come into the fullness of this light. (Isah 60:1-2) Matt 5:13,14,16). The church is that salt, that light and that city of God. Church, what an awesome concept of the true church which has the sovereign Christ as the Head.

Hebrews12: 22-24

“But you have come to Mount Zion and to the City of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, v23: to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect v25: Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel”

Let us quickly look at the ten dimension of Zion.

10 Dimensions of Zion

1. Zion – This is a spiritual state of the church
2. It is the habitation of God, the City of the living God
3. The divine pattern and order of the future. The church will move from physical to spiritual. Any certain place will become an awesome place;
4. The angels ascending and descending really illustrates the reinforcement from heaven. Angels are all the time involved with us;

5. General Assembly refers to parliament, government. The ones passing legislative laws. Place to establish prophesy;
6. The church of the first born - This is the inheritance, double portion of stature in the spirit. The church of the first born;
7. To God the judge of all speaks to accountability, adjustment, alignment, reckoning, perfection
8. The spirit of righteous men made perfect – It is a place of maturity and cleansing;
9. Jesus the mediator – Better covenant and better promises. Securing a better future. Securing the promise of the kingdom for us;
10. Blood that speaks – the blood pleads on our behalf, speak for vengeance. The blood silences the enemy

Remember we previously spoke about the church which we must build on the dimensions of Christ which is Christ life, Christ spirit, Christ work, Christ name, Christ grace, Christ word, and Christ revelation of men, Christ revelation of the Father, Christ glory and Christ life. A tried stone, a tested stone, a sure foundation and the cornerstone.

I've learned this week that Jesus introduced the church to three dimensions which are:

1. Connecting the church to heaven
2. Shutting down hell
3. Advancing the kingdom of God

God expecting each and every one of us to become doers of the word. The message and the messenger must become one. The Word in His mouth must become the word in our mouth.

So, we cannot settle for alternatives. We cannot reduce the church to a natural level. Do you know that we dealing with flesh and blood when we go to a natural level? On the natural plane we tend to fulfil natural duties. Meeting just natural needs is not church we must hear from God and connect the church to heaven. Church this is our primary assignment so let us work jointly with our spiritual parents because God wants to give our church a heavenly face. Let quickly go to 1 Corinthians 2: 1-11. What are those things that the Holy Spirit will give us:?

1. Things beyond flesh and blood v.9
2. Things which the Father reveal to us v10
3. Things which the Holy Spirit reveals to us when we are ready (Eph.3:3-5)
4. Things which are in the depth of God's heart v.10
5. Things which are in His thoughts v.11
6. Things which are freshly given to us by God
7. Things of the Holy Spirit realm of the dimensions of the Spirit (Acts 19 – Church of Ephesus)
8. Things which God is declaring & testifying in heaven v.1
9. Things which have an origin in God (Rom8)
10. Things which transfer God's wisdom to us v6-9

The time is here and the time is now for Kingdom transformation. God wants to raise the church to His blueprint...the pillars of Zion. The church that descends from heaven. No longer natural but supernatural. No longer usual but church unusual where heaven and earth becomes one. Arise Shine for your light has come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you now.... That's the glory of Zion. We must fulfil our kingdom mandate. We must build on the pillars of Zion. The Certain place, that ordinary place must become an awesome place. Church this is our primary assignment not the leaders or pastors but our collective assignment.

Prayer:

Father, I thank you for your word this morning. We declare kingdom transformation in us, our church, our city and our nation. We choose our primary assignment which we understand is not natural but spiritual. Give us the grace to build the church on the dimensions of Zion, we pray that you will give our church a spiritual face. We prophesy that this certain place will become an awesome place. We have the grace to govern and the power to prevail. So help us Father God to usher the church into the 3 dimensions which is to connect the church to heaven, to shut down hell and to advance the kingdom of God here in our City and in our nation.