



EPIISODE TWELVE - REVIVAL: THE APOSTOLIC & PROPHETIC

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THE JOURNEY IN ALL NATIONS

There is a parallel between longing for revival and pregnancy with a child. First you live for a long time with a promise and anticipation, with a desire for revival. Then intimacy in prayer leads to conception: All Nations had seasons of prayer and fasting and sought to develop a culture that would welcome the Spirit to come and stay but last year this increased.

There was the excitement of the new in the 'first trimester.' Appetites/tastes change in pregnancy and as we grow closer to God in prayer.

In the second trimester you share the news with the world: later last year we started to share the changes we could see.

Now we feel we have moved through towards the time of delivery. If we do not fully commit we will not make it (like jumping across a canal!)

APOSTLES AND PROPHETS WORKING TOGETHER

Last year we began to see in practice, not just theory, five-fold ministries working together. Steve and Esther in particular were discovering how to pray and work together well and be like spiritual parents in the church. We need each other's gifts and we need all the fivefold ministry gifts together to birth true Christian community. It cannot be birthed without all the fivefold gifts and there can be no advance without true apostolic communities.

Prayer is so important, asking the oil of the Spirit to flow through all our relationships. Working together has its challenges because we see things from different perspectives - we need humility to work together.



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QUOTES

"We move from discipline to delight ... then we crave more. That has been our journey in prayer."

"Prayer always starts in the small - do not aim for the big to start with."

"Prayer is the only thing that will take us into the new."

"Apostles are first in authority and least in privilege."

"It is all about seeing others go further than ourselves. That is our heart for our children and for what God is birthing on earth."

"He has not given His gifts all to one individual but spreads them out - we need each other."

"It is costly but it is worth it to have children. Birthing the move of God will cost us everything."

"It needs a singleness of focus to birth what God intends."

"What has helped us enormously is to be surrounded by people who love us and encourage us."

"These are the days we were born for."

CONVERSATION/REFLECTION TIME - WHAT DO WE THINK?

1. Why does preparing for revival involve so much prayer and radical changes in us?
 2. We all 'see in part' and need to work together with our different perspectives - how do we make sure we work together well?
 3. Spend some time asking the Holy Spirit 'What changes do I need to make in how I pray or in my lifestyle?' and 'How can I embrace some disciplines so they become a delight?'
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