

EP 31 — FROM EVENT TO MOVEMENT

The Church Becoming the Ekklesia Episode 31 — Prophetic Prayer & Declaration · Chris & Prudence Ministries

OPENING

Here is a hard question worth sitting with.

If your church building disappeared tomorrow, would the Church in your city disappear with it?

For too many congregations, the honest answer is yes. Because what we have built is an event. A gathering. A well-run Sunday experience. And when the Sunday experience ends, the Church goes home.

That is not the Ekklesia Jesus said He would build.

The word Ekklesia was not a religious word. It was a governing word. An assembly of citizens called out to conduct the business of the city. Jesus took that word and applied it to His people. Not gathering for comfort. Gathering for governance. Not consuming a service. Exercising authority.

The early Church had no buildings. No sound systems. No stage lights. And they turned the world upside down.

They prayed in upper rooms and the city shook. They met in homes and revival spread through regions. They went into the streets, the markets, the prisons, the palaces. They were not an event people came to. They were a movement that went everywhere.

That is the Church Jesus is building in this hour. Not a better Sunday. A mobilized people who carry the Kingdom into every room they walk into.

Today, we pray the Church into her identity.

Let's go to the Father.

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PROPHETIC PRAYER

1. Worship

Father, hallowed is Your name.

You are the God who is not contained. Not in a temple made with hands. Not in a Sunday morning time slot. Not in a denomination or tradition or stream.

You are the God who moves. Through people. Through streets. Through conversations and healings and moments of undeniable Kingdom authority that happen outside four walls.

We worship You as the One who said the gates of hell will not prevail against the Ekklesia. Not the event. The movement. The governing assembly of heaven's ambassadors deployed on earth.

Holy is Your name over the sanctuary. Holy is Your name in the marketplace. Holy is Your name in every place Your people carry Your presence.

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2. Submission

Your Kingdom come. Your will be done. On earth as it is in heaven.

Father, in heaven there is no passive Church. No spectator section. Every son and daughter is deployed, engaged, carrying weight and authority and the name of Jesus into the assignment they were given.

So we submit our consumer Christianity. The version of faith that asks what we get from the gathering without asking what we bring to the world. The version that measures success by attendance and comfort instead of transformation and impact.

Your Kingdom come through a mobilized people. Your will be done through feet that go, hands that serve, mouths that speak, and lives that look like Yours.

Make us a movement, not an event.

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3. Petition

Give us this day our daily bread.

Father, today we ask for identity. Help the Church see herself the way You see her.

Not a gathering that meets weekly. An army that deploys daily. Not a service people attend. A Body that goes where You send.

Give every believer an understanding that they are the Church. Not a consumer of what the church produces. The Church. Wherever they go.

Give pastors the courage to measure their success by how many they send, not how many they seat. Give the Body the hunger to be Ekklesia, not audience.

Daily bread for the mission. Not just the meeting.

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4. Confession and Forgiveness

Forgive us, Father.

For building an event when You asked for a movement. For measuring faithfulness by church attendance instead of Kingdom impact. For hiring professionals to do what You called every believer to carry.

We confess the comfort. The preference for a well-run Sunday over the messy, costly life of actual deployment. The passive faith that waits for someone else to do the Kingdom work while we sit and receive.

Forgive us for keeping the anointing in the building instead of releasing it into the streets.

Cleanse us. Mobilize us. Send us out.

And as You forgive us, we forgive every religious system that convinced us the gathering was the point. We release that framework. We are done with it.

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5. Protection

Lead us not into temptation. Deliver us from the evil one.

Father, the temptation for the Church in every generation is to settle in. To build structures, hire staff, and let institution replace movement. To manage what God meant to deploy.

Deliver us from the spirit of institutionalism that cares more about protecting the organization than advancing the Kingdom. From the fear that movement is messy and control is safer. From the idolatry of the building that replaced the fire of the Spirit.

Protect the movement. Let nothing contain what You are releasing. Let nothing domesticate what You are sending out.

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DECLARATION

I declare over the Body of Christ in this hour.

The Sunday event is not enough and you know it. That restlessness in you is holy. That hunger for more is not impatience. It is the Ekklesia waking up.

I declare the Church is coming out of the building. Into the city, the school, the hospital, the government, the business, the street corner. Everywhere she was always meant to be.

I declare believers are waking up to their identity. Not consumers. Carriers. Not audience. Ambassadors. Not passengers. Deployed.

I declare Acts 1:8 over the Church in this hour. You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. And you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.

Not from the stage. Into the world.

The movement is being released.

SEALING PRAYER

Father, we seal this.

Every passive mindset broken. Every spectator seat emptied. Every believer awakened to their deployment. Sealed in the name of Jesus.

What heaven is releasing, no institution on earth can contain.

Movement over meeting. Deployment over attendance. Ekklesia over event.

It is finished. It is sealed. It is so.

In the mighty name of Jesus.

Amen.