

## The Adventure Continues

Join the Journey

### ESTHER

#### Introduction

- Jesus People - Scattered servants
- Because he lives, you have life, now give that life to others
- Ambassador's of Christ - Representing the Father, with the ministry and message of reconciliation
- Come Follow Jesus - Join the Journey

### STEVE

because a great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me. **1 Corinthians 16:9**

- Opportunity & Opposition normally go hand in hand
- Embracing the new yet dealing with fear of the unknown
- Excitement of change with reality of fresh challenges
  
- Wisdom is to focus on the new while dealing with the challenges

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- This is a moment of opportunity - A time or set of circumstance that makes it possible to do something
- Acts 2 season has begun - A season of unprecedented Holy Spirit activity
- Act 2 or Pt 2

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Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. [14] Do everything in love. **1 Corinthians 16:13-14**

- Be on your guard - Watchful, alert, Awake
- Stand firm in the faith - Hold firmly to all you believe
- Be courageous
- Be strong
- Do everything in love

Remember to stay alert and hold firmly to all that you believe. Be mighty and full of courage. [14] Let love and kindness be the motivation behind all that you do. **1 Corinthians 16:13-14** TPT

1. **Be on your guard** - Watchful, alert, Awake
  - We do have a real enemy
  - We can be easily distracted from the main thing
  - Watchful over of voices - internal voice, negative voices, human concern  
- the voice of the Lord, the word of the Lord,
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## 2. **Stand firm in the faith** - Hold firmly to all you believe

### A. Rooted in Christ

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, [7] rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. **Colossians 2:6-7**

- John 15 - Jesus People in the vine

### B. Stand firm under pressure

**Moses** - Wouldn't fight but gave it to the Lord to prove who was right.

- We need the Humility of Moses      Numbers 12.3 & Numbers 16.4-7

**Nehemiah** - Had a grace to not allow the words of Sanballat, Tobias, Gehshem

- We need the Focus of      Nehemiah 2.20 & Nehemiah 6.8

**Jesus** - was not moved by the praise or criticism of people, rooted in Fathers love

- We need to be Secure like Jesus

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## 3. Be Courageous

## 4. Be Strong

## **STEVE**

### **5. Do Everything in Love**

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. [5] It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. [6] Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. [7] It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. [8] Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. **1 Corinthians 13:4-8**

### Jesus prayer for oneness

that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. [22] I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one--- [23] I in them and you in me---so that they may be brought to

complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. **John 17:21-23**

- Speech
- Actions

### **ESTHER**

For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. **Isaiah 44:3**

“I baptise you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. **Matthew 3:11**

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### **Question and Answer**

1. **Esther** - How will we allocate people to Home Churches and when will they take place
2. **JS** - Could home churches, themselves, be seasonal? Is it possible that they might be for a time only?
3. **Steve** - What is the difference between a life group and a Home Church?
4. **JS** - What is a cluster gathering? When would it be and what would it involve?

### **Next Steps**

- **Steve** - Gathering Overseers - People who will help provide oversight
- **Esther** - Identifying and speak with Home Church leaders
- **Esther** - Home Church E Course - available to all - start now
- **Steve** - Last Saturday evening of the month 5pm & 7pm - Encounter nights
  - May 29th 5pm & 7pm,
  - June 26th 7pm,
  - July 31st 7pm
- **Steve** - Sunday online will continue as we transition
- **Steve** - Meeting people area to area and beyond - Zoom, in person

Would you both be happy to help us answer some questions? If so here is what we have: