

BUSY WEEK?  
WHAT DO YOU THINK CHURCH IS SUPPOSED TO BE?  
EXPECTATIONS

BUILDING UP  
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**EPHESIANS 4:7-10**

But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.)

EACH ONE - GIFTS/ABILITIES GIVEN FOR BIG GOD

EACH OF US = PARTICIPATORS OF  
THE DINNER SPOILS OF CHRIST'S VICTORY

Psalm 68:15-19 - O mountain of God, mountain of Bashan; O many-peaked mountain, mountain of Bashan! Why do you look with hatred, O many-peaked mountain, at the mount that God desired for his abode, yes, where the Lord will dwell forever? The chariots of God are twice ten thousand, thousands upon thousands; the Lord is among them; Sinai is now in the sanctuary. You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train and receiving gifts among men, even among the rebellious, that the Lord God may dwell there. Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our salvation. Selah.

BASHAN VS SINAI  
GOD GOES UP, LEADS CAPTIVES BACK DOWN, SPOILS GIVEN

PRIM: JESUS' DEATH ON CROSS CONQUERED  
SATAN, SIN, + DEATH

LEAD HOST OF CAPTIVES, SPOILS = GIFTS/HTS.

TAKEN BACK FROM DOMAIN OF DEMONS  
+ GIVEN TO US TO USE!

**EPHESIANS 4:11-14**

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

① GIFTS GIVEN TO THOSE WHO HEARD WORD OF GOD  
TO EQUIP SAINTS TO MINISTER

THIS IS PROPHETIC

MINISTRY OF WORD IMPORTANT BECAUSE  
THE WORD + THE SPIRIT TRAIN US  
TO LIVE + MINISTER WELL

② WITH PURPOSE OF:

- ① BUILDING UP BODY
- ② UNTIL WE ACHIEVE UNITY OF FAITH + KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS
- ③ MATURING / FULLNESS OF CHRIST

OTHERWISE WE ARE SUSCEPTIBLE, TOSSED AROUND

③ SO THAT:

GROW UP  
NOT BANSUM CARRIED AROUND / BLOWN

WHEN MINISTRY IS LIMITED TO PAID PROFESSIONALS  
THE CHURCH SUPPORTS

**EPHESIANS 4:15-16**

Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

- HEAR WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE  
- USE TRUTH IN LOVE TO SHAPE ONE ANOTHER  
TO LOOK LIKE JESUS - NEED BOTH, PRACTICE BOTH  
THIS IS HOW WE GROW - AS WE WORK TOGETHER TO DO THIS,  
WE BUILD ONE ANOTHER UP IN LOVE

- YOUR WITNESS IS NOT  
JUST YOUR OWN  
- WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER  
- YOU DON'T HAVE TO FACE  
MORM COUNTRY ON YOUR OWN