

CHURCH WORDS



ACTS 1:3-4

AFTER HIS SUFFERING, HE PRESENTED HIMSELF TO THEM AND GAVE MANY CONVINCING PROOFS THAT HE WAS ALIVE. HE APPEARED TO THEM OVER A PERIOD OF FORTY DAYS AND SPOKE ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD. ⁴ ON ONE OCCASION, WHILE HE WAS EATING WITH THEM, HE GAVE THEM THIS COMMAND: "DO NOT LEAVE JERUSALEM, BUT WAIT FOR THE GIFT MY FATHER PROMISED..."

JOEL 2: 12-13

THAT IS WHY THE LORD SAYS, 'TURN TO ME NOW, WHILE THERE IS TIME. GIVE ME YOUR HEARTS. COME WITH FASTING, WEeping, AND MOURNING. DON'T TEAR YOUR CLOTHING IN YOUR GRIEF, BUT TEAR YOUR HEARTS INSTEAD.'" RETURN TO THE LORD YOUR GOD...

JOEL 2:25

THE LORD SAYS, "I WILL GIVE YOU BACK WHAT YOU LOST..."

JOEL 2:28-29

THEN, AFTER DOING ALL THOSE THINGS, I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT UPON ALL PEOPLE. YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS WILL PROPHECY. YOUR OLD MEN WILL DREAM DREAMS, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN WILL SEE VISIONS. IN THOSE DAYS, I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT EVEN ON SERVANTS—MEN AND WOMEN ALIKE.

PROMISE

RESTORATION

THEN...POUR OUT YOUR SPIRIT

ACTS 2:1-8

ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST ALL THE BELIEVERS WERE MEETING TOGETHER IN ONE PLACE. ² SUDDENLY, THERE WAS A SOUND FROM HEAVEN LIKE THE ROARING OF A MIGHTY WINDSTORM, AND IT FILLED THE HOUSE WHERE THEY WERE SITTING. ³ THEN, WHAT LOOKED LIKE FLAMES OR TONGUES OF FIRE APPEARED AND SETTLED ON EACH OF THEM.

ACTS 2:1-8

⁴ AND EVERYONE PRESENT WAS FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BEGAN SPEAKING IN OTHER LANGUAGES, AS THE HOLY SPIRIT GAVE THEM THIS ABILITY. ⁵ AT THAT TIME THERE WERE DEVOUT JEWS FROM EVERY NATION LIVING IN JERUSALEM. ⁶ WHEN THEY HEARD THE LOUD NOISE, EVERYONE CAME RUNNING, AND THEY WERE BEWILDERED TO HEAR THEIR OWN LANGUAGES BEING SPOKEN BY THE BELIEVERS.

ACTS 2:1-8

**⁷ THEY WERE COMPLETELY AMAZED. “HOW CAN THIS BE?”
THEY EXCLAIMED. “THESE PEOPLE ARE ALL FROM GALILEE,
AND YET WE HEAR THEM SPEAKING IN OUR OWN NATIVE
LANGUAGES!**

ACTS 2:13-18

**AND WE ALL HEAR THESE PEOPLE SPEAKING IN OUR OWN
LANGUAGES ABOUT THE WONDERFUL THINGS GOD HAS DONE!”¹²
THEY STOOD THERE AMAZED AND PERPLEXED. “WHAT CAN THIS
MEAN?” THEY ASKED EACH OTHER. ¹³ BUT OTHERS IN THE CROWD
RIDICULED THEM, SAYING, “THEY’RE JUST DRUNK, THAT’S ALL!”**

ACTS 2:13-18

THEN PETER STEPPED FORWARD WITH THE ELEVEN OTHER APOSTLES AND SHOUTED TO THE CROWD, "LISTEN CAREFULLY, ALL OF YOU, FELLOW JEWS AND RESIDENTS OF JERUSALEM! MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT THIS. ¹⁵ THESE PEOPLE ARE NOT DRUNK, AS SOME OF YOU ARE ASSUMING. NINE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING IS MUCH TOO EARLY FOR THAT. ¹⁶ NO, WHAT YOU SEE WAS PREDICTED LONG AGO BY THE PROPHET JOEL:

ACTS 2:13-18

¹⁷ 'IN THE LAST DAYS,' GOD SAYS, 'I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT UPON ALL PEOPLE. YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS WILL PROPHECY. YOUR YOUNG MEN WILL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN WILL DREAM DREAMS. ¹⁸ IN THOSE DAYS I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT EVEN ON MY SERVANTS—MEN AND WOMEN ALIKE—AND THEY WILL PROPHECY.

ACTS 2:16 KJV

BUT THIS IS THAT WHICH WAS SPOKEN BY THE PROPHET JOEL..





JOHN 14:16-17

**AND I WILL ASK THE FATHER, AND HE WILL GIVE YOU ANOTHER
ADVOCATE, WHO WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU. ¹⁷ HE IS THE HOLY
SPIRIT, WHO LEADS INTO ALL TRUTH.**

**THE HOLY SPIRIT ALWAYS
HAS A PURPOSE.**



1 CORINTHIANS 14:1

**LET LOVE BE YOUR HIGHEST GOAL! BUT YOU SHOULD ALSO DESIRE
THE SPECIAL ABILITIES THE SPIRIT GIVES - ESPECIALLY THE
ABILITY TO PROPHECY.**

1 CORINTHIANS 14:3

**THE ONE WHO PROPHESES SPEAKS TO PEOPLE FOR THEIR
STRENGTHENING, ENCOURAGING AND COMFORT.**

WHAT'S OUR PART?

1) WE REPENT

2) WE ASK

3) WE WAIT

4) WE PRAY

5) WE SURRENDER

6) WE STEP OUT

I also feel that it is vitally important that we keep the channels of communication open about questions and suggestions you may have about this move and its process. I can't promise you that every suggestion will be incorporated or that every question will receive an immediate answer. What I can promise you is this; Every suggestion will be *prayerfully* considered, and if we don't have an immediate answer for your question, we'll look until we get one.

In Joshua's day, God spoke to him and said, "Let's move," and then Joshua spoke to the people to get ready to go. They didn't have *denominations* with bylaws and procedures to deal with. They didn't have *city governments, zoning laws, health and safety regulations*, or anything else of that nature to deal with. Joshua didn't have to go to the Jerico City Counsel to get a use permit before he could take the city. I wish we didn't have all these man-made things to deal with either, but I look at it this way. *The walls of Jerico were also man-made and they came down.* We can also look at it another way; This is a great opportunity to let God exalt Himself as we *"love Him in front of people and love people in front of Him."*

Following the service this Sunday morning, we will be having a special meeting to fulfill the next step in the process of getting this building - the confirmation by the voting members. This meeting is open to everyone that calls this your church home, but unfortunately, only official members will be allowed to vote. Everyone's feelings are important, but your feelings can only be supported by a vote if you are a member. You can become a member by filling out one of the applications for membership on the back table, but we won't be able to process it by the meeting this Sunday.

Myself and the church counsel covet your prayers as we continue seeking God's direction and leading you in that direction.

Our God Is An Awesome God,

Pastor Lonnie

The Vision

It occurred to me this past Sunday, after watching you come and go in the building we are considering moving into, that there was something missing. I could see it in most of your faces but I couldn't quite put my finger on what it was until the following morning. I knew I had heard from God, and even understood why God wanted to move us into a building that seemed so small after He had called us to *"pray big prayers and believe Him for big things."* What I saw in your faces and heard in some of your voices was an attempt at being positive even though you were feeling some contradiction in your hearts.

I realized that I was expecting you to see everything I saw but hadn't taken the time to communicate that to you. I'm not much of a writer but I wanted to take the time to communicate my whole heart to you so that you can better understand why I believe the building we looked at Sunday, is the building God has for us.

First of all let me say for the record that I believe God wants to do extra-ordinary things in this valley through this church. I believe we are destined to reach thousands for Christ before His return. It is normal today, when so much is being written about *"church growth"* and *"mega churches,"* to assume that when God says, *"I want to use you to reach thousands,"* that He also wants us to build a building to seat those thousands. I have to confess, I was thinking the same thing. To be honest with you I haven't found a building in this area big enough to match what I believe God wants to do, and that's why I was looking for property big enough to build on.

It wasn't until the Sunday Rick and Kathi Trimble were here that my thinking changed. The Saturday morning before the Lord had spoken to my heart and said, *"stop focusing on how you're going to get everyone into the church and start focusing on how to get everyone out."* I knew immediately that He was talking about raising up and releasing people to ministry. (Church Planting) Then on Sunday morning Rick talked about the church at Antioch being a sending church which confirmed what I had heard the morning before.

Up until that point I had never been impressed with the building we are looking at for a couple of reasons. (1). It looked too small from the outside, and (2). It didn't look like a church. Two days after Rick was here, Dan Buckley and I were driving by, saw someone there, and stopped to see if we could look inside. I must confess I wasn't feeling real positive until we walked inside. What I saw wasn't what you saw yesterday. What I saw with the natural eye was actually worse. What I saw in my spirit was the finished product, a beautiful sanctuary that was being filled several times on Sunday and once on Saturday. I saw couples and families being prayed over and released to plant new churches in key spots elsewhere in this valley. I could see this church assisting them financially and prayerfully until they were on their feet. In this way we would be a church that was reaching thousands for Christ. If you want to know the truth, I think this is probably closer to the New Testament plan for church growth than trying to build a building big enough to fit everyone into it.

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There will be a breaking forth of my spirit. There will come forth a power that has never been seen in this town or in this valley. There will come forth a time that the body of Christ is starting to establish a unity of the faith of my son Jesus. The prayers that have been prayed diligently for revival and for a pouring out of the spirit of God here. There will come a time, be fervent and stand and watch the glory of the Lord break forth a special anointing that will come and set this town free from the bondages that the enemy has laid hold. There will come forth a deliverance. There will come forth a total turning around of people's lives because of the prayers of the saints. There will come forth a time when the believers will unite in one accord for the spirit of my Son has set this place free.

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