

Sunday, August 1, 2021 "Confident Faith" - Ron Myer - Dove Fellowship

Char - Reminder of summer word "A summer of celebration and refreshing. The Lord was going to release peace over our summer." When God gives you a word, sometimes you have to really stand on that because you don't always see that actual fruition of that coming forth....Whatever your situation is, we are going to celebrate in faith that He is faithful,

Worship was a celebration of joy, a release of joy from within.

Dale - "As we were worshipping and releasing the sound, that it was going up, but it was going out. As the sound is going up, it's like opening up this portal, it's like this gate is getting wider into the heavens. As we gather together, as we come together and as we release the sound together, guess what-God releases down through that as well then. And it has an effect on the region. Sometimes I think we think the only way that God can work outside of the four walls is by us going out and doing. Hang on, because I believe God is-we are coming into a time where God is going to release us out like never before, ok? But we can't lose sight of what worship ... does. That's the first thing. As it goes up, it then releases out and when we go out, the power of God is released. We're going to see incredible things happening but as we worship first, as we exalt Him, and then what we do here has great effect outside the four walls."

Ron Myer

There are amazing opportunities in every challenge. It's a tremendous opportunity for you to walk in the grace of God. Wherever you go, the Kingdom of God goes. You've been born in this season for this season. What is God saying in the midst of the challenges, in the midst of the circumstances, in the midst of the situation? God chose you to be a representative of His kingdom here on the face of the earth today.

We pray "His Kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven." People see problems; look at them as opportunities. Habb 2:14 - Don't look for a way out; look for a way in. Don't look for a way over; look for a way through. Don't look for a way out of a situation; look for a way to bring His kingdom into the situation. How can we bring the kingdom into the marketplace, into the business world? Each of you have a destiny. Each of you have a call. With every call and with every destiny comes an objective. The call of God and the destiny of God is not about you, it's about objective. There is an objective that God has for you. Your call and your destiny are centered around His objective. That objective fulfills His plans and His purposes.

You can count the number of seeds in an apple but you cannot count the number of apples in a seed.

(How do we make it about me? When I weigh risk and sacrifice : reward. I make it about me instead of God's objective) I give my life for His reward -those six words. Unless you see yourself as God sees you, you will never fulfill His objective.

God wired me a certain way to fulfill the role and responsibility that I carry. I grow in the personality that God gave me so that I can become His expression through me. I accept the way God wired me, because He's wired me this way to do what He has called me to do. It's a reflection of Him. It's a part of who He is, being created in His image. Being created in His likeness is more than just outward features; it's His inward heart that He has created in you. He's given you His personality, so that you can fulfill His plans and His purposes.

Under a crisis, we begin to test our faith so that later on we can exercise our faith. What I experience of God this year will build my faith so that next year, it is not a testing of my faith but it is an exercise my faith.

Word for River Church: River Church, you are writing history.

River Church was not conceived in the heart of Bob and Debbie, River Church was conceived in the heart of God. And then it was birthed in the heart of Bob and Debbie. And Bob and Debbie took something that was out in the spirit and brought it into the flesh and you are living that right now. As you are living that right now, I believe that God has expansion and extension and kingdom expansion for you and I want to talk to you about that this morning.

1. **EAT AND DRINK** - when Elijah ran away from Jezebel, by the brook and he was sleeping, the angel touched him and said, "rise, eat and drink". He did. Then the angel touched him again and said, "rise, eat and drink, because the journey is too difficult for you." "Eat and Drink" is the presence of God. What you have been experiencing in the presence of God is great for now but there is more that he has for you to take you into what He has for you. Eat and Drink His presence.
2. **NO FEAR** -any thoughts of fear are NOT my thoughts so waste no time on them. If I am in fear I have a lack of understanding of God's love, because His perfect love casts out fear. If you are dealing with fear (sometimes there are spirits of fear), but the reality is that you are lacking a fresh understanding and a real understanding of God's love for you, because God says my love casts out fear. There is no fear if you have a clear understanding of my love.
3. **DREAM BIG**-my thoughts are limitless and I am a limitless God. Don't let your thoughts to limit my plan.
4. **BE AGGRESSIVE** -The kingdom of heaven suffers violence and the violent take it by force. There were a number of things God spoke to me in April of last year (2020) as we began to walk through all of the uncertainty of that year. I felt the Lord say this—that, "you'd better be certain. In times of uncertainty, you'd better be certain, you'd better be sure of what you're certain about." One of the things I know I was certain about and I wrote down those things, is the kingdom of God is never on the defense. It is always on the offense. Your future will not come to you. You have to pursue it. "If God wills, it'll

happen" --maybe, maybe not. There is a call and a destiny, but there is a response to what we have to respond to that. "There's a big difference between one day and day one."

5. **STAY FOCUSED**-there's lots of distractions. Stay focused on what God has called you to. Listen, the goal of the devil is to keep you from sharing Jesus. Most persecution is not about you, it's about, to keep you from sharing Jesus with anybody else. God's plan for your life is to share Jesus with others. The enemy's plan is to just contain you to contain you from sharing Jesus with others.
6. **DEFINING MOMENTS**-church, there are defining moments that will be coming to you. Defining moments of what I have called you too, but also what I've not called you to. When your elbow tries to do what your finger is doing you have problems. You have been created and wired in a certain way to do what God has called you to do. Everyone is important for you to fulfill and do what God has called you to with functioning as a body.
7. **BE A SERVANT** -lay your life down for others. "The best speakers are those who have something to give, not something to sell." What do you have to give?
8. **BE INTENTIONAL** -disciplines will be paramount. An undisciplined life can cause a mature person to fail. A disciplined life can cause or will keep a weak person from making mistakes. Disciplines are paramount as you fulfill God's plan or purpose.
9. **TICK TOCK** -it's time! It's time to take back what the enemy has stolen. If there is anything the enemy has stolen in your personal life, or the life of River Church, it's time to take it back. It's time to pay the price to take it back. Listen, if it's valuable enough for the enemy to steal it, it's important enough for you to take it back. If it warranted his time to take it from you, then it certainly behooves you to take whatever is necessary to gain it back again.
10. **I HAVE SET YOU IN A PLACE OF INFLUENCE**-River Church I have set you in a place of influence. You have a voice and a medium to influence others. Don't keep quiet. Your future is not in front of you. Your future is inside you. I can say that to you personally, I can say that you collectively: Your future is not in front of you as much as your future is inside you. What has God placed inside of you?

Psalm 139: --While I was being formed in my mother's womb, in utter darkness, all my days were laid out before me, before I had lived even one of them. (paraphrased) I don't have to make something happen. He also said they are written in the books of heaven. So I pray, "Lord, let me live what's already been written." Your future is not in front of you, your future is inside of you. Your future as a church is inside of you. Inside these four walls, inside of you collectively as a group. What has God placed inside of you? What are the abilities, the mandates, that He has given to you to reach this county and beyond, the church plants and ministries that come out of here? What's inside of you is your future. What's inside of you personally is your future. What God has placed inside of you He wants to release and bring it into reality. When I started I said that River Church was not conceived in the heart of man, it was conceived in the heart of God, birthed in the heart of a couple. And they brought it out of the spirit and brought it into the natural the same as true for you. There are things that are in the spirit, look there are books here that need to be written right here within this room. I believe there are churches that need to be planted. I believe there are businesses that need to be started right here in this room. I believe there are ministries that need to be launched right here in this room. Some of you have been buying lies from the enemy. I really believe I am saying this prophetically, it isn't just a thought. This isn't just ideas. There are books in this room, there are ministries in this room, there are businesses in this room waiting to be started, waiting to be launched. And fear or some other dynamic is holding you back. And the Lord wants you to take the steps to release them, to bring them out of the spirit and placed in the natural to see them become reality. The Lord has a call, a plan, a destiny for you individually and for you as a church. And the things that you've been through in the past. I've ministered to people already and they say, I feel disqualified because of what has taken place, because of a mistake from the past or because of something that took place. You know the very things we think disqualify us, can be the very thing that God says, "Now you're qualified. Now you learned that lesson."

Word for Bobby and Debbie: The dream you have place in Bob and Debbie, I believe a fraction of that, a portion of that has been birthed, a portion of that has taken place, but there's still much more to do. Along with spiritual mothering and fathering of the next generation to release many others, sons and daughters, that will extend and expand the kingdom of God, that will come out of River Church, that will touch nations, that will go to other places, both within this nation and other nations too. There's a capacity that the Lord has given you to spiritually mother and father other people. There's an ability that the Lord has given you to take someone who is dysfunctional and turn them into a functional person, to take someone who has some rough edges and smooth them off, and be able to pour into them and release them. For indeed I have given you the ability to release. For there are many that would gather but the Lord is not just looking for those who can gather but He's looking for those who are secure enough to release, who are secure enough to get out of the way and release others. There are things that I have placed in your heart that are beyond your capacity to fulfill and He will bring other people alongside of you to fulfill those dreams, to fulfill some of those visions, to fulfill and bring them into reality. For I believe the Lord is saying that there is much that I have for you, there's a reason.

[to the church: there's a reason church that the car you drove here this morning, the windshield is bigger than the rear view mirror. It's important that you look to the future. The things in the past are like cancelled checks. They're fun to look at. They build faith for the future. But God wants you to look through His windshield to the future that He has for you]

Bob and Debbie, I pray blessing upon you and upon this church and the leadership team that the Lord has assembled here, I speak growth, multiplication, advancement in Jesus' precious Name.

Lord, I pray for these 10 principles, I pray Father, Lord that we would eat and drink your presence. It's so important. I pray Father, for faith not fear; I pray for courage and strength; I pray for aggressiveness; not waiting for you to come to us but a willingness and a desire to press in to do what they need to do; to work in collaboration with you, Holy Spirit. I pray Father that that which is in the spirit you would use them to bring into the flesh and birth it into reality in Jesus' precious Name. And I pray that every person would find their place and celebrate who you have created them to be, that the things they are experiencing today, that the testing of our faith today will lead them to walk in an expression, in obedience and experience of faith in the future. In Jesus' precious Name. Amen