

## DO IT AGAIN!

THANKSGIVING IS A TIME TO REFLECT!!!!

**Deuteronomy 6:10-12** When the Lord your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you—a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, <sup>11</sup> houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant—then when you eat and are satisfied, <sup>12</sup> be careful that you do not forget the Lord, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

**Deuteronomy 6:20-23** In the future, when your son asks you, “What is the meaning of the stipulations, decrees and laws the Lord our God has commanded you?” <sup>21</sup> tell him: “We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, but the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand.”<sup>22</sup> Before our eyes the Lord sent signs and wonders—great and terrible—on Egypt and Pharaoh and his whole household. <sup>23</sup> But he brought us out from there to bring us in and give us the land he promised on oath to our ancestors.

87 times in scripture we are reminded that God delivered his people from Egypt!

**Exodus 20:1-2** And God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup> “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

**Deuteronomy 8:10-19** Do Not Forget the Lord

<sup>10</sup> When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. <sup>11</sup> Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day.<sup>12</sup> Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, <sup>13</sup> and when your herds and flocks grow

large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup> then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. <sup>15</sup> He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock.<sup>16</sup> He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. <sup>17</sup> You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” <sup>18</sup> But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today. <sup>19</sup> If you ever forget the Lord your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will surely be destroyed.

## HOW QUICKLY WE CAN FORGET!

Ephesians 3:20-21 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

-My Life verse! If we can dream it...HE can do it.....even better than we dream!

I want to encourage you all as I take you on our MIRACLE JOURNEY!!

May of 2007 we started meeting with 11 people at the Meeting Grounds

We watched God do AMAZING Miracles!

We grew from 137 in 2007 to 251 in 2 years!

Took over the Mulligans basement & 2 services!

-231 people said YES to Jesus!! THE GLORY DAYS!!!

VERY MISSIONAL.....KEEP THE MAIN THING THE MAIN THING!!!!

PERMANENT BUILDING WAS NOT WHAT WE WERE THINKING ABOUT!!!

We had bought the “Original” Sartell School house in late 2008 for HUB!

NOVEMBER 2009.....WE AS LEADERSHIP NEEDED TO START DREAMING AHEAD!!

Church was a little over 2 years old.....

-WE DECIDED TO LOOK INTO LAND NEAR THE HUB!

BRIAN.....Civil Engineer did many projects with a guy named Joe Lahr.....

-Joe had a 8500 sq ft building that was a Truck garage!

JOE’S BUILDING SEEMED TO BE THE BEST FIT!

January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2010 we had \$48 in our building fund!!

WE KEPT DREAMING AND GOD KEPT MOVING US FORWARD!!!

MET WITH ARCHITECTS.....

\$625,000 for the remodeling and construction....

\$150,000 for parking lot

\$125,000 for city water and sewer

\$100,000 if we needed a fire sprinkler system

A MILLION BUCKS NOT INCLUDING THE PURCHASE OF THE BUILDING  
OR ANY EQUIPMENT!!!

\$1.75 million project!!

We dreamed and walked through the doors GOD kept opening for us!!!

REMEMBER ....WE HAD less than \$50 in our building fund!!

GOD KEPT PUSHING US CLEARLY FORWARD!!!

JOE wanted a church there as bad as we did!!

I was hitting dead ends for financing.....

\$750,000 for the building.....

THEN.....\$750,000 Contract for Deed.....\$100,000 down

PLUS.....we needed about a Million dollars to complete everything!!

THEN A FEW MIRACLES.....

WE FOUND OUT FROM THE ARCHITECT THAT WE DIDN'T NEED A FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM! (\$100K)

WE FOUND OUT ABOUT MAPS

Architects said about half of the remodeling cost was labor.....

THE MILLION WAS DOWN TO \$600,000!!!!

THEN.....Joe said he would put in a \$150,000 parking lot.....\$35,000 septic system and \$5,000 well!

He would just up the price to \$900,000 Contract for deed with \$100,000 down!

ANOTHER NEARLY \$200,000!!!

NOW THE \$400,000 CHALLENGE????

Talked to Joe about the \$100,000 down payment.....CRAZY QUESTION?????

**On May 5, 2010 with \$498 in our building fund when we purchased our new building for \$900,000 with no money down and no payments until August!**

ON MAY 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010....I signed papers and parked the church trailer at our new home!!

Joe immediately started on our new parking lot!!

**THE ONE MILLION WAS DOWN TO \$300,000 NEEDING TO BE  
RAISED!!!!**

**BEYOND THE DREAM  
“What’s in your hand?”  
Sunday 5-23-2010**

GOD MADE IT EVEN MORE CLEAR.....with in 48 hours.....

-Got a \$150,000 matching grant from MN District property reserve fund!!

-Someone gave us a Corvette..... the first \$35,000!!

**NOW WE ONLY NEEDED \$115,000!!! (From \$1 million to \$115,000!!!) 11 ½  
percent!**

GOD HAD ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF ALMOST 90% OF THE MIRACLE!!!

We continued to raise money.....THEN

ON Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup>.....MAPS ARRIVED!

Things were trucking along .....Aug, Sept, Oct.....THEN TUESDAY  
NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>!!

I was at one of the lowest points of my life..... MY RED SEA MOMENT!

MONEY was tight as we were trying to finish.....

- Every time I stepped on the construction site was another \$2000!!!
- needed a \$4000 wheelchair lift
- needed a \$2000 door opening mechanism
- we had started making double payments.....
- I got a \$8,000 property tax bill
- Sound and lights were not even budgeted.....
- needed more for EVERYTHING.....

YOU KNOW.....”WHEN IT RAINS....IT POURS”

We were broke.....I felt like all I had done for 6 months was continually ask for money....

NOW WE NEEDED AND EXTRA \$100,000

or WE WOULD BE SHUT DOWN!!!

We were in a 7 week series called “INCEPTION” all about dreams!

-Dream killers, fear, the week before I preached on the Devil being a roaring lion!

-Looking for someone to devour!

ON THURSDAY.....NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>.....I GOT ANOTHER \$100,000  
MIRACLE!!

“I will build my church.....and the GATES of HELL will not prevail against it!!!

**ON JANUARY 16, 2011.....WE HAD OUR FIRST SERVICE!!!**

**NOW: READY TO DO IT AGAIN!!!! 4<sup>th</sup> TIME!**

**-I am scared half to death!**

**-FAITH & FOOLISHNESS....fine line!**

**MY PRAYER! God do it again!**

**Don't let us mess this up!**

**Maybe you need a reminder that God can do it again!**

**1) Take a trip down memory lane! REMEMBER**

**2) Take a trip down memory lane of your FAITH JOURNEY!**

**-Remember when you said YES to Jesus!**

**KEEP THE MAIN THING THE MAIN THING! -People need Jesus!**

**COMMUNION: REMEMBER WHAT HE HAS DONE!**

**1 Cor 11:23-36 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which**

is for you; do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup>For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### **PRAYER OF BLESSING.....**

**Ephesians 3:14-21** <sup>14</sup> For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom his whole family<sup>[a]</sup> in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup> may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

