

What Does It Mean to Be a Dangerous Church?

When we hear the word "dangerous," our minds often leap to images of physical threat or violence. But what if the most dangerous force in the world isn't physical at all? What if true danger to darkness, to despair, to the powers that seek to destroy lives—comes from something entirely different?

A dangerous church isn't about physical abilities or human strength. It's about knowing God so intimately, walking with Him so closely, and trusting Him so completely that darkness trembles. It's about being filled with His Spirit, abiding in His presence, and glorifying Him in everything we do.

The Danger We're Called to Bring

Imagine children raised not in the confusion of cultural lies and deceptions, but in the unshakeable truth of who they are in Christ. From the moment they can speak, they know their Creator, their purpose, their identity. When they enter schools and communities, those places aren't in danger of violence—they're in danger of encountering the living God. They're in danger of being set free, of discovering truth instead of wandering in the emptiness the world offers.

When the church rises up and begins to establish kingdom culture instead of conforming to fleshly culture, nations change. When Jesus hung on the cross, He wasn't preparing to establish some earthly political kingdom. He was ushering in the kingdom of God—breaking the power of sin, shattering the grip of death, setting captives free for eternity, and taking back what the enemy had stolen.

That's the church we're called to be. That's the danger we're called to bring.

A View of God That's Too Small

Our understanding of God has become tragically diminished. We've reduced the Creator of the universe to something resembling ourselves—emotionally unstable, constantly changing His mind, more interested in making us comfortable than setting us free. We've twisted His love into mere approval of our desires rather than recognizing it as the fierce, confronting love that rescues us from the sin that destroys us.

A God who ignores sin isn't the God of creation. Yet we've been told to avoid "offensive" topics, to stay away from conversations about sin, while people spiral into destruction all around us. This isn't love. Real love doesn't watch people die in their sin and say, "It's okay." Real love does what Jesus did—comes down from heaven, confronts the reality of sin, and dies to set people free.

God's judgment isn't heavy-handed cruelty or an outdated concept. It's the necessary response of a holy God who loves His creation too much to let evil reign unchecked. His righteousness isn't about what's "right for me"—that kind of thinking opens the door to the worst abuses and self-destruction imaginable.

The God Who Speaks Existence Into Being

Consider Genesis 1:1-3: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light."

Before anything existed—before even existence itself existed—He was. And He spoke everything into being. Not with His hands, not by assembling materials, but with His word alone. You and I were already in God's heart, mind, and plan before He spoke the first word of creation.

Why does this matter? Because when we truly understand that we serve the God who spoke everything into existence, we realize nothing can stand

against us. What can He not do? How can He not break into impossible situations? How can He not heal, provide, transform nations and generations?

People who know this God don't live in fear or uncertainty. They don't get overwhelmed by circumstances because they know He's above it all, yet intimately present in every detail.

The God Who Holds Victory Over Death

In Revelation 1, John encounters the resurrected Christ in all His glory—eyes blazing like fire, hair white as wool, voice like rushing waters, face shining like the sun. This isn't the baby in the manger. This is the risen King wearing the victory He won on the cross.

John's response? He fell at Jesus' feet as though dead, overwhelmed by the revelation of God's majesty.

But Jesus placed His hand on John and said, "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last, the ever-living one. I died, but see, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of absolute control and victory over death and of Hades."

We don't worship a Savior who might be able to save us. We worship the only One who can. That's why Jesus declared, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Not one path among many—the only path.

The God Who Still Moves Today

Remember the story in Acts where Peter and John encountered a man crippled from birth? Peter didn't organize a prayer meeting or form a committee. He simply said, "Silver and gold I don't have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk!"

And the man walked. More than that—he jumped and leaped and praised God. The entire city was turned upside down. Thousands came to faith.

Why? Because Peter knew his God. He was dangerous to that man's condition, dangerous to religious complacency, dangerous to the status quo.

Or consider Philip, who obeyed when the Spirit told him to approach an Ethiopian official's chariot. After explaining the gospel and baptizing the man, the Spirit of the Lord literally transported Philip 19 miles away to another city. The text doesn't describe Philip standing around confused—he simply continued preaching the gospel because he walked with a God for whom nothing is impossible.

What's It Worth?

The apostle Paul, once the most zealous religious leader, encountered Christ and everything changed. He wrote: "Whatever former things were gains to me, these I have come to consider as loss for the sake of Christ. But more than that, I count everything as loss compared to the priceless privilege of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have lost everything, and I consider it all garbage, so that I may gain Christ."

This is the heart posture that changes the world—when knowing God becomes more valuable than anything else life offers.

The Call Forward

There's a world perishing in darkness. People are falling prey to deception, destruction, and ultimately eternal separation from God. But we've been given the privilege of knowing Him. As we know Him more deeply, we'll have His heart. And with His heart, we won't give up on people. We won't stop sharing, praying, going, giving, or believing.

More and more will be saved. More and more will come to know the living God.

But it all begins, continues, and ends with Him. Not with programs or strategies, but with intimate knowledge of the Creator. Not with our abilities, but with His presence. Not with our strength, but with His power.

The question isn't whether we can become dangerous to darkness. The question is: will we pursue the One who makes us dangerous? Will we spend time with Him, grow in Him, and let Him transform us into the people He's called us to be?

The world is waiting for a church that knows its God.