

Sunday, January 8, 2023
REVIVAL THROUGH RELATIONSHIP

This past week began a brand-new calendar year. The Lord began to speak about the vision for this year quite a few months ago. You will see what we do this year promoting this vision from God. It is time to present this vision to you. The vision for year 2023 is:

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1 John 1:5-7 (NIV)

This passage begins by telling us who God is. He is Light. The very presence of light dispels darkness. The two cannot abide in the same place or person. Once you turn on the light, darkness disappears. Then the topic turns to fellowship or you could say relationship.

Everything in the kingdom of God is a product of relationship.

If we claim to have fellowship with Jesus yet walk or live in darkness, we are revealed as liars. But, if we are in fellowship with Jesus or in a relationship with Him, we are living in light. Webster's Unabridged Dictionary has about 47 different definitions of light! When God is described as "light" – it is telling us that God is not just "light" Himself but is also the source of light. Without Him, you don't have light. *Why is light necessary? Maybe the easiest answer to that is that light dispels darkness and all its destructive limitations.* You are most appreciative of light if you have lived in darkness.

Living in the light of Jesus Christ breeds fellowship.

- *Fellowship: Koinonia – Partnership.*

Think of it this way: Following Christ creates partnership. Not only partnership but healthy, biblical, spiritual partnership which is the evidence of discipleship. *Discipleship and partnership are indissolubly entwined.* Ok, let's put this together: Salvation brings the Light into my life and causes the light to illuminate and create my walk. The Light brings others to it and therefore I find myself not walking alone but with others. Through walking in the light together, our interactions with one another are directed by the light. Any other motivation or action occurring among us is revealed by the

light. Through this revelation and direction, we are drawn closer together as we eliminate through repentance anything occurring among us that is not a product of light. This process causes us to grow individually and therefore as a group as the blood of Jesus frees us and the light of the Holy Spirit empowers us. The byproduct?

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Relationship with Jesus. Relationship with one another. Commitment to Jesus. Partnership with one another. The 2023 vision for revival. We don't need more conferences. Or more knowledge. Or even more meetings. We need commitment to one another. In this, we will see the release of the Kingdom.

John 3:16 (NIV)
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These two scriptures fulfilled among us will reveal that the Lord is really among us.

Today's Scriptures:

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