Hello Church Family & Friends,

Those of us who are spiritually committed, and heavenly sensitive are keenly aware of the tremendous moving and shaking that is taking place in the Body of Christ. God is moving like He has never moved before.

The status quo is being disturbed and changed. Traditions are being challenged. And customs are being questioned. Old habits are being examined. Rules and regulations in the church that were once set in social stones are coming under the microscopic eyes of scriptural requirements.

There is an upward movement, a maturing that is taking place. And it’s causing the body of Christ to get in place. The Lord seems to be saying “I have suffered with you long enough. My patience has run out. I have waited and worked with you as you operated the gray areas. Half-hearted service is over.”

God is looking for believers who are ready to become, not just be hearers, but doers of His Word.

There is the Word in Isaiah that says:

Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)
19 See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.

“Why?,” you ask. The answer to the “why” question is because God knows that the devil has stepped up his program. He is sharpening his axes to destroy individuals, the family, the community and the church. The devil is getting ready to do whatever he has to do to destroy the Body of Christ and to keep God’s Word from going forward. As a result, God has to do what God has to do. God has to get His disciples ready to do battle with the enemy.

During this season, God is molding and transforming membership into discipleship. God is trying us, testing us, and conforming us in the image of His Son, Jesus.

Here is the responsibility God has placed on the church (understand that the building is not the church):

2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)
14 if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and
pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Understand that 2 Chronicles 7:14-15 is not only a responsibility but the test, the trials, and valleys are painful. How you go through the season will determine how God brings healing to your life. Make no mistake about it. This is a season of change.

If you have a death wish by playing with this pandemic, know that at least 50,000 people are dying daily from it. That means one person’s life is cut short every 18 minutes. Latino children are 8 times more likely to get the virus than others. African American children are 5 times more likely to become infected.

The response to this crisis is not hard. You can help by applying the 3 W’s:

1. Wear your face masks.
2. Watch crowded spaces
3. Wash your hands daily.

At the Grove, we continue to recognize Technology in Transition during the month of August 2020. Stay tuned for more announcements regarding special presentations for:

1. Children ages 12 and under (to be aired at 11:00AM on Saturday, Aug. 22nd instead of the 15th) and another presentation for
2. Youth ages 13 - 19 (at 9:00AM – 11:00AM on Aug. 29th).

And while the above presentations apply to younger age groups, everybody (Men, Women, Children and Youth) is strongly encouraged to tune in for the presentations.

And finally, don’t forget the **drive by** communion worship tomorrow (Saturday, Aug. 15th) at 1:00PM as we commemorate the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I will be back in touch with you soon.

In the Bonds of Calvary,
Pastor Davi