

Mario Murillo: The Message God Gave Me About the New Lockdown Threat in California

Before I talk about the lockdown and the message from God for California, let me talk about San Francisco.

San Francisco was once the most beautiful city in America. Even Billy Graham once said that San Francisco was so beautiful, "I hesitate to preach about heaven while I'm here."

I know all about that beauty, because I grew up there. Indeed San Francisco once was heavenly, but now it is a living hell. An ash heap of despair, filth and violence.

You cannot walk the streets without being assaulted by the stench of marijuana clouds on Market Street. Hundreds of zombies sit in lawn chairs up against stores. Watch your step! That could be human waste or a dirty needle.

Step right up and see a pandemic of addiction. Witness the stores that live with mass looting. Oh wait, you do not have to come here for that. The police, who have been told to stand down, use their smartphones to film stolen merchandise being carried freely out of stores.

No need to take a long trip to Venezuela to examine the malignancy of socialism; just visit the Blight by the Bay. This city is the manifestation of the policies of the Democrat Party.

Socialism in San Francisco is a soul-sucking experience. Ask the people who live here. Many of them came with a dream for equality and justice. Now, they just want out. A full 40% of its residents say they will be gone in two years. 40 percent!

San Francisco is a trophy of hell. It is a harbinger of what

is coming for the rest of the state if they are not delivered from the Democrat Party. California teeters on the edge of oblivion.

On top of everything else, they want to lock it down again! What will that do to our crusades? Is revival still possible? Is this latest threat the death knell of California?

Can California be saved now? I have probably asked that question, in prayer, more than anyone. Is the Golden State so far gone that destruction is inevitable? Is there any hope for California?

I do not want to give a false answer. Or give you an idealistic pep talk. My intention is simply to tell the truth. The threat is very real.

Here is what God said to me: "The lockdown will not come. The work of God will not stop or even slow down. But the church must get to work."

We must stop predicting and boasting about an instant miracle here. Many who put forth exaggerated claims are compensating for their doubt. If they truly believed that God can save California, they would do less talking and get to work.

Prophecies are all well and good, but now we must roll up our sleeves and show God by our actions that we believe His promise of revival.

Here are the steps I believe God wants us to take to turn California from disaster to revival.

1. Mobilize the Christians. This is a two-edged sword. We must mobilize the laity. Every believer in business, education, law enforcement and yes, politics, must surrender their influence to God.

We must fire up the pastors to preach fire to the millions of Christians who live here. There is no place now for the pastor

who wants to stay neutral. Do not waste time sitting under the ministry of a voice that refuses to take the Word of God and thrust it at the enemy. Find the house of worship that is ready to contend for righteousness by speaking out.

Both of these branches must come together. This means we drop our differences and meet at the foot of the cross—that is our sacred common ground.

2. Think local, not national. Do what you can, where you are. Sharpen your facts and your presentation. Then prepare to speak up in your community.

When these two forces come together, school boards will tremble, leftist instigators will fold their tents and we will win elections.

3. Stage mass evangelistic meetings that declare signs and wonders. One-on-one outreach will always be an urgent and effective means of saving humanity. However, because of the shortage of time and the enormity of the evil, we must turn to a far more effective weapon.

Concerts will always be with us, and they serve a purpose. But this is a new day that demands a new weapon. That weapon is mass evangelism, with undeniable signs and wonders.

The day of the mass crusade has returned. Yes, some in the past have been done improperly, but that is no excuse for ignoring this miraculous tool. California Christians must unite around mass meetings—even in stadiums—where Spirit-filled voices preach an unfiltered gospel.

For these crusades to work, there must be a cleansing in the church. We must stop abusing the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We must stop limiting God's power by only using "safe" words in "safe" places. We must take the power of God to the people.

What we are witnessing on Highway 99 is astounding.

Power is radiating out of our tent to entire regions. At this very moment, we are saturating the killing fields of Sacramento. The tent has not even been raised yet, but already hundreds have been saved and healed.

Every home within a mile of the tent site—more than 10,500 homes—is getting a personal invitation in the mail. Our workers have gone door to door, visiting each of those homes!

Everything in me says that we are heading for an explosion of souls and miracles on Aug. 8, opening night of **Living Proof Sacramento**.

But we are just one ministry, in one region of California. We need a soul winning fire to spread to thousands of ministries all over the state and the nation.

Finally, why do I believe California can be saved? The answer is the hunger that exists on the streets. The hunger is greater today than the hunger I witnessed in the Jesus Movement. California is ripe. Let's get to work! The greatest harvest ever is sitting there, waiting for us.

But I want to repeat this promise from the Holy Spirit: "The lockdown will not come. The work of God will not stop or even slow down. But the church must get to work."

"But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest'" (Matt. 9:36-38). {eoa}

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