

Step Into the Rhythm of the Holy Spirit

Walking with God and experiencing Him in worship we discover that our destiny isn't unfolded in a moment, but over the course of a lifetime.

The flow of destiny has a rhythm to it, a choreography. It reminds me of ballroom dancing (once you get the hang of it). It has that kind of feel.

I remember watching all the Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers movies when I was growing up, in which the two partners flowed with elegance and grace on the dance floor. They were so well attuned to each other that Ginger Rogers would follow Fred Astaire's lead intuitively. She felt it, and she moved with the rhythm.

Then the time came when it was her moment to shine. Though Astaire still led, he would bring her uniqueness and flair into the overall work of art they were weaving together, and he delighted in her while she performed. She anticipated where he was going, and she could feel it the split second before he did it.

I was fascinated and inspired by the creative flow that took place on every dance floor, every stair and even the ceiling in those movies. Wouldn't you like to be in that kind of harmony with God—to dance with Him, as it were? I would.

Though the Scriptures are full of stories of men and women dancing, perhaps no account is as poignant as the story of David dancing before the Lord (see 2 Sam. 6:14). The word for *before* in Hebrew means “face to face.”

In other words, this was not a solo performance by David in the presence of the children of Israel as he made his way to

the heights of the mountains. This was the visible David dancing face to face with his Invisible Partner, who took the lead and directed the flow of David's steps in the direction He desired. The steps (dance steps?) of a good man are ordered of the Lord (see Ps. 37:23).

David had to travel light if he was going to dance with God. He had to lay aside the garments of position, performance and external identity and put on the robe of transparency and self-disclosure.

Others may identify us based on our function and our role. But God sees us for who we truly are apart from all that: transparent, unashamed and following His lead. In the dance to the higher places, our feet become more surefooted. We make the difficult thing look so easy that others observing us watch in awe and wonder.

But part of dancing with God as He unfolds our destiny is coming to the realization that life doesn't arrive on our doorstep in a neat package. Life can fool us and play tricks on us. Sometimes the very opposite of what we expect to happen takes place, and then we have to figure out a way to turn those moments of reversal into opportunities for seeing the goodness of God in the land of the living.

The "feel" of destiny is so different when we finally realize it doesn't happen the way we thought it would or the way some fantasy book told us it would. To partner and flow in a dance where two wills become one is an exquisite experience. There is a flow that can't be explained—it has to be experienced.

Rebellion Against the Word

We talk about believing the whole Word of God, but we ignore the parts that are hard to understand or that conflict with our notions about propriety, decorum and modern science.

The Bible says, "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for

the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil" (James 5:14-15, NKJV).

If you belong to a church that believes the whole Bible, and you are sick but don't present yourself to the elders for healing, then you are in rebellion against the Word of God. The Bible has commanded you to call upon your elders, to receive their prayers and blessings, and to receive forgiveness for your sins.

Some believers are hurting, and some are in trouble or sick, yet they never call the church. They're self-sufficient. They want to do it themselves, or they just want the doctors to take care of it.

But you can't do this alone. God put elders in the church to minister to your needs, and He commands you to come to Him through them for your healing.

Any time pride causes you to ignore the Word of God, you're not living by kingdom principles but by a mind-set of pride and doubt from the very gates of hell. And that kind of life simply cannot coexist with the life of the kingdom.

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