

This 'Deep Brewing' Heralds the Expansion of God's Kingdom

Have you noticed a shift in our approach to kingdom life? Are you dissatisfied with focusing on production-based Christianity? Is there a desire in your heart for relationship to take the lead over function? Could this be the Father releasing on the earth a relational focus so we can see the expansion of His kingdom?

The idea of a deep brewing in our hearts started from a very short dream I had several years ago. In the dream, a van pulled up in front of our home. Crystal and I were sitting out front. The wife got out of the van and began to talk with Crystal. The side door of the van opened, and there was a man in the back, the husband. I was trying to get him to step out, but he was sitting in the darkness of the van. After much prompting he leaned forward, and said, "Byron, we are walking similar paths on opposite sides of the fence," and the dream ended.

For several years I spent time praying and thinking about this concept of walking similar paths on the opposite side of the fence. I began using the term "my bus, our bus." I've heard others use "relationship versus function," and I believe that speaks to it as easily if not better. I simply enjoy the visual aspect of the two buses.

The way I began to challenge this was through relationships we have with people from all over the world who were asking questions of why they were feeling so frustrated in the place they were in and their lives being function oriented. These are not disgruntled people or those who were not servants at heart. They were troubled in their situation because they were

searching for a place that began with relationship, not function. There was something brewing deep in their hearts.

Maybe you are noticing the change in focus from a function-based lifestyle to a relational-focused lifestyle? Function alone is never enough. How important is relationship as we enter this kingdom transition? Join me on this week's podcast as I discuss this idea further. {eo}

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