

It's Time to Wake Up

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One of the most significant messages I am hearing from the Holy Spirit right now is that He is looking for dependable people around the world who will carry out His divine purposes. What He is finding instead are believers who have become like the nobleman mentioned in 2 Kings 7:2: "Then a lord on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, Behold, if the Lord would make windows in heaven, might this thing be? And he [the prophet Elijah] said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof" (KJV).

The lord mentioned in the verse was a noble leader on whom the king depended. He was having trouble believing the words of Elijah, who had just prophesied that the next day the famine in the land would end (see v. 1).

This leader saw only the impossible. He didn't see that tomorrow could bring change.

Doesn't that sound a lot like the church? Jesus is leaning on us to do something supernatural, but we can see only the impossible, so we quit praying and fail to accept our spiritual responsibility.

As we look at the condition of the world, we have to wonder: Where is the powerful influence of the church? From events such as September 11 to natural disasters, daily we face seemingly impossible situations.

Ezekiel 7:26 says, "Disaster will come upon disaster, and rumor will be upon rumor. Then they will seek a vision from a prophet" (NKJV). During a disaster, we want to know what heaven is saying!

God is using His prophets to speak to us. We must listen, rise up and return to our places of influence so the King can lean on us to bring about a change.

Right now, America is like Lazarus. We were sick and have been swathed in a culture of death.

Just as Jesus commanded someone to remove the stone from Lazarus' tomb and then called him to come forth from death, He is calling America back to Him. It is time for us to remove the stones that prevent us from seeing the potential for supernatural change and make us too apathetic to do anything. The King is leaning on us to bring our nation back from the grave.

Many Christians are frustrated about the current state of affairs, but they do nothing. They have been slowly lulled into a spiritual sleep that eventually leads to death.

Acts 20:9 tells about a young man who fell asleep in a window. "And in a window sat a certain young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep. He was overcome by sleep; and as Paul continued speaking, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead."

By falling asleep, Eutychus lost his high place. Many in the church have fallen asleep and lost their high seats of authority. We need to be raised up and revived through the apostolic anointing the way Eutychus was raised up by Paul.

Jeremiah 42:14 says, "'No, but we will go to the land of Egypt where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor be hungry for bread, and there we will dwell.'" The children of Israel wanted to go back to bondage rather than go forward into the promise of God because the situation seemed impossible. They didn't want to do anything with the word of the Lord.

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too. We must not become like him. We must not allow doubt to immobilize us because what the prophets say seems impossible. We have to be revived back into prayer and expect America to turn back to God. We want the King to lean upon our prayers once again so that by this time tomorrow something has to change!

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