

A Prophetic Call for Patriarchs and Matriarchs to Rise Up and Make History

There is a rising group of men and women of God who have been hidden but have been prepared for a mission. They are being called by the Spirit of God to prepare a future generation of kingdom ambassadors who are going to shift culture and transform the earth. Because of the call on their lives, their journey has not been about them, but those following them. The Lord is calling forth history makers who carry a burden for family and a vision for kingdom expansion. There are many in this season who are being called as spiritual fathers and mothers to raise up sons and daughters and plant the seeds for emerging nations. If this is you, the Lord is saying, "Don't look for your own platform; you are to be a platform for others."

In a day when many seek platforms for their ministry to grow and venues for their voice to be heard, the Lord is raising up men and women of God who have the faith of Abraham to contend for a future generation. These are men and women with a God-given passion, zeal and prophetic burden for their posterity—their sons and daughters after them. These are present-day "saints of old" to whom heaven is drawing, empowering and granting increased favor in order to establish a legacy so secure and a generation so powerful, nothing will stop the increase of His government on the earth.

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the men of old obtained a good report" (Heb. 11:1-2).

The prophesied sons and daughters who are now emerging in this generation (see Rom. 8:19) cannot mature and develop apart

from spiritual fathers and mothers who nurture and disciple them. Beyond academic training and ministry development, it is the heart of fathers and mothers to build character from the inside out. They are the ones who walk alongside these future change agents through the various seasons of life to impart the grace, perspective and needed wisdom to withstand the coming storms. It is these patriarchs and matriarchs whom heaven is calling forth with a vision beyond themselves to disciple entire nations (see Gen. 17:5). Hebrews' hall of fame for history makers is calling forth new candidates with this same vision for heaven's promise. Are you one of them?

"These all have obtained a good report through faith, but they did not receive the promise. For God provided something better for us, so that with us they would be made perfect" (Heb. 11:39-40).

I was recently reminded of a dream where I gave birth to a baby and within a few hours, I was cradling this small child in my arms on top of a platform that I presented to the world. The growth and development of this gifted child happened very quickly, and it was obvious it was supernatural. It was a dramatic illustration that the most powerful platforms needed for the emerging sons and daughters will be established through fathers and mothers. Rather than looking for a platform to speak from, the Lord is saying *you* are that platform from which He is going to build and establish a lineage of rulers and agents of transformation.

Through the story of "Abraham, Isaac and Jacob," God demonstrated a pattern in establishing His people through at least three generations working together at the same time. God's first nation was born and bred multi-generationally, paving the way for other nations to follow. In order to secure our inheritance as a royal priesthood and a holy nation (see 1 Pet. 2:9), heaven is looking for a people who embrace and esteem fathers and mothers and celebrate multi-generational relationships. The Lord is placing within these fathers and

mothers an unshakeable conviction of that which is yet to come, a manifestation of heaven on earth released through their sons and daughters.

“He will turn many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God. And he will go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord” (Luke 1:16-17).

I also believe that many fathers and mothers that are answering this call are being endowed with long lives and vibrant health so that they can journey with the generations that follow them. This is one reason why many in the body of Christ have taken greater interest in their personal health, many revising their diets and nutrition in order to be more productive in the years ahead. Heaven has prepared us for this hour as the rising *ekklesia* of God is taking ownership in and responsibility for the legacy that follows us.

“You shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live and that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong *your* days in the land which you shall possess” (Deut. 5:33).

“‘Honor your father and mother,’ which is the first commandment with a promise, ‘so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth’” (Eph. 6:2-3).

To the rising fathers and mothers who fulfill this mission, the Lord is pleased to call you faithful, commended and anointed with favor and increase. As He brings you sons and daughters, of the flesh and of the spirit, He will provide everything needed to disciple and mentor them to maturity. As you are faithful in the charge, He will reward you with a posterity that outlives and outlasts you. Your reward will be secure, and heaven will see you as a history maker. You may be hidden to this realm, but you are already known to a cloud of

witnesses who are cheering you on, inviting you to build on this legacy that will endure for all eternity. {eo}

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