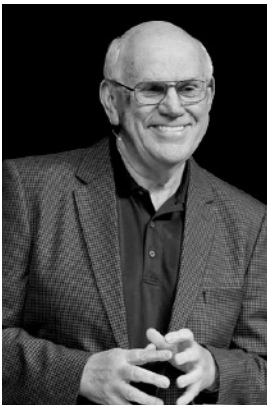


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THAT?FROM
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The New testament Church was born as the fresh day of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth was launched with Peter declaring, **“This is That”**, which was prophesied by the prophet Joel. As we know he was referring to a time, centuries before, when a declaration of the day that was to come was spoken into existence. This word of hope was passed on from generation to generation, from father’s to sons, to give a hope for a glorious day to come when a seismic shift would take place and would change the world forever.

A generational expectation that continued to that very special Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was outpoured and Peter stood and declared, **This Is That**. Amongst all the incredible things that happened that day, one was that some of those who had been waiting for so long missed or almost missed it and declared, “they are drunk”.

Since that day history has given us many moments of seismic shift, the last one around 60 years ago when an outpouring of the Holy Spirit was upon a community of marginalized young people known as hippies in northern California. This quickly spread across America and into much of the world. There’s been many outpourings of blessing since but none that have brought a seismic shift.

Over the last few years I have shared a lot about Seismic Shift and the expectancy of a fresh day breaking.

Even if this sounds repetitious to you and seems like a “broken record”, I believe, along with others, that we are in the beginning of another wonderful outpouring of the Holy Spirit!

The Covid Pandemic/ Lock down etc. has not brought about this day, but it has been a catalyst which Father has seized, to propel us into this shift. Previous shifts have often run parallel with times of great upheaval, and this one is no different.

The last shift gave birth to the Charismatic Movement and many new church expressions, as well as a deeper understanding of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. God seized the moment and amongst all that followed our COTN family was born. This happened in a time of tremendous change and therefore **“Constant change is here to stay”** became our unofficial foundational slogan.

Personal, economic, political, and even global change seem to be a platform from which these seasons occur. Rarely has the world seen as much change as it is currently experiencing. I have been mindful of many changes in church life as well, all bringing adjustment and shaping of direction, as the Kingdom of Heaven continues to increase on the Earth.

Here in the USA we are seeing some wonderful beginnings. With the popularity of the Chosen, release of the Jesus revolution movie, reports of student revivals on campuses like Asbury University and others and in the last two weeks at Auburn University where around 200 students were baptized in one evening spontaneously. There is a growing sense that we are living in the beginnings of what we might look back to as being,

THIS IS THAT.

I was on a zoom call recently with a man who was very much involved in the Jesus people movement 60 years ago and he was saying that what he is witnessing currently in California is so similar to what happened back then that he is convinced we are living in the beginnings of another “Jesus Revolution”.

HOW DO WE MOVE FORWARD

- 1. Let us not be sidetracked by the darkness** and remember that Isaiah prophesied, as darkness covered the earth, kings and rulers would come to the brightness of our rising. Light shines brightest in darkness. We are a part of a Kingdom that knows nothing but increase.
- 2. While dreaming our tomorrows never forget where we have come from.** Matthew 13:52 reminds us that the Kingdom is like the Master of a house who brings out treasures old and new. A fresh day doesn't only move on from but builds upon. Hindsight is often the foundation for foresight.
- 3. Win, make disciples and send.** Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; Teach him how to fish and you feed him for a lifetime. Let us believe for no person to go to their grave with their music still in them.
- 4. Rediscover your WHY.** William Barclay, a British Biblical scholar said, "There are two great days in a person's life; the day we are born and the day we discover why."
- 5. Do not have a preconceived idea of what this season will look like or you may miss it.** Sixty years ago the church wasn't ready for the revival to start with a marginalized people group.

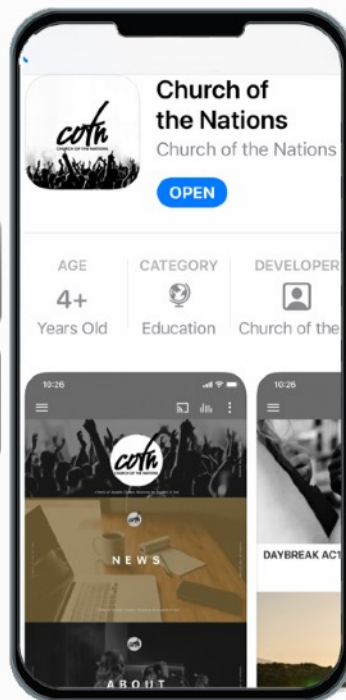
6. Expect the unusual and of course live Naturally Supernatural! So much we could say around all of this, but enough to encourage you to have eyes to see and ears to hear what the Spirit is saying and doing today! Let Father replace any discouragement with expectancy as we ask afresh **Is This That** that we have been believing for?



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