

3 Weapons for Growing Apostolic Revival and Evangelism

1 Cor. 13:5

Acts 2:44

There are 3 key teaching truths from our opening text that God wants to show us concerning the growth revival and evangelism:

- 1) We must exercise application **faith in the sovereign authority of God for daily living**. Vs. 43, fear of God grew on the people and many signs and wonders were done. Faith in sovereign authority means God will do things we don't like or understand. He facilitates His will through the man of God. So loves chooses to trust God's processes that can be difficult for our flesh and carnal nature. But it brings revival.
- 2) We must demonstrate **practical unity and respect one for another**. There is a cost to be unified to leadership. Vs. 44 and 46.
- 3) **We must practice radical giving** (vs. 45) – Look what it produced in vs. 47
 - a. A joy in worship
 - b. Having favor with God
 - c. The Lord added to the church

The reason these three teaching points are extremely important is because God places a high priority on

- 1) The undercurrents of a church
 - 2) The hidden conditions of the heart
 - 3) The covet free attitude
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- A. Jonah was a soul winner and won many souls but his heart resented the sovereignty of saving Ninevites. The Ninevites were wicked people. They are the ancient ISIS of today and it's like God choosing to save an ISIS head butcher that was killed your child or spouse.
 - B. This is God's sovereignty – Read Jer. 32:17-18
 - a. God's sovereign authority – operates by his mercies and by
 - b. His love for you and me
 - C. Thus His sovereignty is our security for love.
 - D. Yes like Jonah we are witnessing God allowing some wicked evil to engulf America but it's because of His sovereign authority that is in full control of all human affairs.
 - E. Household chemicals in the back seat of her car exploded on July 9, 2000. She was returning home from grocery shopping, when her car's interior suddenly burst into flames. Fire officials say the blaze ignited when the pool of chemicals apparently leaked and mixed with other grocery products. She suffered 3rd degree burns over 60% of her body. Her head, her nose, lips, eyes, ears were gone. Her name Sharon Everette. Her husband and 5 kids watched helplessly as firefighters pulled her from the engulfed car. It's a tragedy none of us would ever imagine facing, but yet the sovereignty of God allowed this to take place. How could a loving God take my loved on in death or allow me to lose valuable things I worked hard for.

- If I do not understand and practice biblical faith in God's sovereignty I will pray wrong. I will interpret relational problems wrong. I will miss the voice and will of God in that situation.
 1. Exercising application faith in the sovereign authority of Jesus Christ is essential to evangelism and revival.
- This affects the undercurrent of what is really happening to the church behind the scenes. So when I accept that God's sovereign authority is perfect and without flaws I relax and trust Him in spiritual warfare. Read Romans 9:14-15.

Read vs. 16-25

- Our faith in His sovereign authority impacts, signs, wonders, and miracles and the Lord adding to the church.
 - God wants me to learn submission with joy to His sovereign will. This takes the work of the spirit through fasting, prayer, and worship.
 - A man saw my wife and I go through some very unfair experiences practicing these principles. He asked to become a member of our church a few years ago. He now plays for the Milwaukee Bucks.
 - God uses sovereign situations to develop our love and faith for Him to conquer our private fears. To love Him just the same in losses as we do in victorious gains. To teach us dependency.
1. So this 1st ingredient of revival and evangelism growth again is what again? – exercising practical faith in the loving, sovereign authority of Jesus Christ. God's in charge, He's omniscient, He's omnipotent, the heavens and the heaven of heavens cannot contain God.
 - God is not in the universe. The universe is in God.
 - Cancer, terrorism, and the ISIS is a speck in God's hands.
 - Why don't we thank God for His loving, sovereign authority that is our security by His mercies?

Let's go back to 1 Cor. 13:5

The second ingredient we said was what?

2. We must demonstrate practical unity and respect one to another.
 - Let me direct your attention to this verse where it says love does not take an account or keep record of the faults and wrongs of others.
 - Satan got Adam and Eve to doubt God and keep record of how they felt He was unfair to them.
 - Ahithophel kept record of David's wrong and lost his ministry. (Because David was responsible for the death of his great grandson.
 - Paul is saying only by the power of the Holy Ghost can His love, and not yours, erase another person's faults.
 - The more I covered the weaknesses and flaws of a great apostle, the more He trusted me and poured into me. It produces revival.
 - God allows us to be exposed to the personal flaws and weaknesses of leaders to promote us if we cover them with the eraser of love in 1 Cor. 13. Otherwise we get demoted by the devil.
 - God wants you to pay attention to the hidden areas of the heart, because they create undercurrents to revival and evangelism.
 - Unity and respect is a very expensive thing to pay for. Read Ps. 119:165

- This same love that erases my leaders' faults is an antiseptic for my cleansed heart. It allows me to hear God's voice clearly.
 - If I don't practice unity and respect with my church family and leadership it affects our corporate vision.
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- a) Share story of Spanish pastor who fought against me.
 - b) Another brother who let us start a church near him.
 - c) Another man who took a saint from us.
 - d) Another good tithe paying saint who went to another church to run from holiness living and the pastor uses them in his leadership.
 - e) Br. Tamel and the doctrinal issue
 - f) Unity and respect, really means I've got to unveil myself to the people I serve.
 - a. Do you let people you mentor come in your home?
 - b. Do you get into their world? You won't if you keep record of wrongs.
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- 3. Faith application in God's loving, sovereign authority. And lastly...
 - 4. Practicing radical giving. Read Eccl. 11:4 when we experience financial losses we start observing the clouds.
 - Fear sets in, yet Acts 2:44 tells us it's the key to revival.
 - Radical giving is risk taking when you may appear to be a fool to others.
 - Our church took some painful risk with some projects in giving to the work of planting more works through the UPC. We now occupy 52,000 square feet through a lease option to buy with the Catholic Church.
 - 2014 was the worst financial year of my life. Yet in our radical giving God gave my wife and I, a 5,000 square foot, \$500,000 house with no money down and \$15,000 of furniture and appliances left in the home.
 - We've had bad people come in the church off the internet.
 - 1. Bro. & Sis. Simmons
 - 2. Bro. & Sis. Landry
 - 3. Anita & Jeff Alston
 - 4. Hugh Roberston
 - 5. Radical giving, unity and respect, and faith in God's sovereignty are the 3 ingredients for growing apostolic revival and evangelism. Read again, Acts 2:43-47

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