

...FOR THOSE SEEKING THE EMPOWERING PRESENCE OF THE *Holy Spirit*

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Cindy Jacobs: "Angels are on assignment for you and they comfort us in our trials."

LIGHT OF THE WORLD



Peter Haas: "You don't have to water down the truth to speak to people. You just have to earn the right to speak it first, and you earn that right through servanthood."



Rick Joyner: "True faith is recognizing who God is. It's not faith in our faith to believe."



"Splendor," art and prints available at DesignStudios-Inc.



Larry Randolph: "Just because your season has changed doesn't mean your destiny has changed."



Linda Morken, one of our workshop presenters, prophesying over someone.



Paul Anderson, Director of Lutheran Renewal, and Morris Vaagenes, Pastor Emeritus of North Heights Lutheran. Both of them spoke at the conference.



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GIFT SHIFT

By Larry Randolph

“And He (Jesus) said to them, ‘Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat...’ So they cast and then they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish” (John 21:6).

You know you are fishing from the wrong side of the boat when there is maximum effort and minimal results!

In spite of the absence of fish in Peter’s net, it would take divine intervention for him to see that he was over committed to the wrong spot. When Jesus raised the question of location, the weary disciple must have been embarrassed to be blindly fishing from the unproductive side of the boat.

Such is the case of believers today, who spend their time laboring in unproductive aspects of life. Like Peter, many of us have invested tons of effort into ventures that produce nothing but frustration and disappointment. This is especially true of leaders who minister in areas they are not gifted for. Like a rat running frantically on a spinning wheel, we often expend maximum time and effort without actually getting anywhere. The work is hard and long, and the payoff is of little consequence.

In spite of our misguided attempts to succeed, however, Jesus wants to make us better fisherman. As with Peter, we must make the decision to labor from the right side of life by hearing and obeying the Lord, not by trusting in the expertise of our skill or training. By no means can we continue to spend our time and strength on the same things that have never worked for us in the past. If we do, we will suffer the devastation of spiritual and physical burnout.

In my own life, I have exhausted myself with things that are not necessarily my primary calling. Not realizing my life was out-of-step with the core values of my destiny, I have majored on minor issues and minored on major issues. Because of my inclination to this deception, I have been unwilling to honestly evaluate my situation or take personal accountability for my misguided behavior. On many occasions, I misinterpreted my struggle to succeed in life as the opposition of the devil.

Consequently, I have lived a part of my life with a martyr complex- “just suffering for Jesus.” As Balaam was indifferent to the angel of the Lord in his path, I, too, have stubbornly pressed through the opposition in front of me, not knowing I was resisting the divine intervention of God. (See Numbers 22:34). On one occasion, I suffered one of the greatest setbacks in my ministry simply because I failed to recognize my limitations. In spite of repeated warnings from my friends, I made a choice to minister from the wrong side of the boat.

MISPLACED GIFTING

In preparation for the coming move of God, we cannot continue to fish from the wrong side of life. We must put our effort into things that produce kingdom results and distance ourselves



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John 21.6

from pet projects that sidetrack us from our true calling. It is not only counter-productive, but foolish to spin our wheels in the mud of misplaced gifting.

If you are gifted for business or politics, for example, then by all means let God prosper you in the marketplace. Don't let a religious spirit undermine your spirituality because you are not ministering in the pulpit. Remember that the kingdom of God is best served when you labor in the place of your gifting and anointing—even if that place is outside the church walls.

On the contrary, if you are called to be a pastor, then give yourself to pastoring, and don't be distracted by other ventures that might be unproductive to your calling. The same goes for itinerate ministers, evangelists, worship leaders, teachers, and others called to specific areas of service in the church. Put your energy into the area for which you are most gifted and beware of diversions. If you are not careful, you will get stuck in a quagmire of misplaced ministry which will drain you spiritually and physically.

What will be the outcome for those who are out of step with the God-given destiny? The last thing I want is to come across as insensitive. However, I must again emphasize that a major gift-shift is coming to misplaced ministries in the body of Christ. Believers laboring outside their zone of anointing will soon find the grace of God lifting from their lives. Many in the marketplace will end up in the pulpit. And, many in ministry will transition from the pulpit to the marketplace. In the end, the body of Christ will come into a season of effortless ministry. There will be minimum effort and maximum results.



CLOSING THOUGHTS

Someone once said that the pay is the same in heaven. I, too, believe Christians will be rewarded in the next life as a result of obedience and faithfulness to their calling, not because of their ministry status. The presumption that we will be better compensated because of our position of influence in the hierarchy of the church is unsupported by Scripture (see Matthew 20:1-16).

Actually, those in hidden places, devoted to doing the simple work of the ministry will fare just as well as the great patriarchs of the faith. Nursery workers, intercessors, businessmen, and others faithful to their callings will receive the same pay as apostles, prophets and other governmental ministries. All will be compensated equally if they have been faithful to perform what they were called to do. On the contrary, those who have labored in areas other than their primary calling might find their reward to be less than expected (see Luke 22:26-27).

The bottom line is that believers must align themselves with the opportunity best suited for their gifting. I am also convinced that this alignment will completely alter our perspective of ministry and change our focus from us to Him. Once we have made the vision shift we will see Christ lifted up as the focal point of end-time revival.

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Larry Randolph



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