

# *Ezekiel Ministry*

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## **Revolution, God's Way**

“Sound the alarm! The enemy descends like an eagle on the people of the Lord, for they have broken my covenant and revolted against my law.” Hosea 8:1

As I started to write on this subject, I asked the Lord if this is really what I should write. As always God is faithful, He gave me this scripture in Hosea. Hosea was telling the people of Israel wake up, repent of your idol worship and turn back to God. The enemy is about to destroy you and you don't even realize what is happening. This is America today. I have felt for a long time that unless we turn back to God our nation is about to be destroyed. We need a revolution that is God's way. What does a Revolution, God's way look like?

### **Seek God**

“Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.” Matthew 6:33

If we are to have the revolution that we need, we must become God Chasers. A God Chaser is one that seeks God in all that they do. It is not just on Sunday morning it is in everything in life. Their total life is about seeking God. Giving Him credit for all we do. Building our life around Jesus, not church, but around Jesus. Too many times we are confused that Jesus Christ and the church are the same thing. It can be the same thing, but most of the time it is not. To be a God Chaser we need to go to the altar and pray until we have touched the throne of God. This altar is not a place of blessings, it is a place of death. It is a place that we must die to self and the world so that we can live for Jesus. “You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.” (Matthew 7:13-14) Seeking God's Kingdom is not an easy road. It is a road that gives you the peace that passes all understanding, but not the life of easy that is preached in some of our churches today. Start the revolution by building your foundation. Building it on Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

### **Know Your Calling**

“So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.” Ephesians 5:15-17

When you step into what you are called to do, it will give life back to you and it does not drain you as much as it builds you up. “The thing is to understand myself, to see what God really wants me to do; the thing is to find a truth which is true for me, to find the idea for which I can live and die.” (Kiekegaard) When God called me to the ministry some thirty years ago. I knew

that it was a call from God. I just did not know which direction to take. We need to realize that a need is not always a call from God. We see a need in our community and we feel that God wants us to fill that need and so many times we try to fill that need by ourselves without God's help and we burn out. A need is not a call. It has taken me years to find my calling from God, not that I did not know my calling I just did not feel that this was something that I could do. Our calling from God is something that we cannot do unless God is there to help us. This way God receives all the glory. If we are to have this revolution, we need to find out what God has for us. Everyone has a gift and a calling from God.

### **Make Disciples**

“Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:15-17

Jesus told us to make disciples. He never told us to make church members. We are to teach people to obey the commands that Jesus told us that we should keep in order to be a disciple. What is a disciple? This is a question that I have been searching for an answer to for all the years that I have served God. I believe that if we read and study the Sermon on the Mount, we are at least headed in the right direction. We will never be the disciple that we should be until we see Jesus face to face, but we need to be learning and growing in Jesus as long as we are following Jesus. When we show Jesus to the world, we are helping make disciples.

### **Endure**

“But the one who endures to the end will be saved.” Matthew 24:13

“But Jesus told him, “Anyone who puts a hand to the plow and then looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God.” Luke 9:62

The revolution will never happen if we give up. If we allow Satan to side track us in another direction. We must finish what God has started in us. Satan does not want a revolution. He wants the church to continue the way it is, lukewarm. Revolution will not come in lukewarm churches or people. The fire of God must be in our spirits. Without the Holy Spirit we cannot keep going. Above all else we must endure. Keep moving forward for God no matter what the world thinks.

### **Audience of One**

“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.” Matthew 6:24

“Then no one will notice that you are fasting, except your Father, who knows what you do in private. And your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.” Matthew 6:18

“My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” Galatians 2:20

“Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.” Colossians 3:23-24

“But when you give to someone in need, don’t let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. Give your gifts in private, and your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.” Matthew 6:3-4

The greatest deeds are done before the audience of one. We who live before the audience of one can say to the world, I have only one audience, God. Before you I have nothing to prove, nothing to gain, nothing to lose.

A life lived listening to the decisive call of God is a life lived before one audience; that audience that trumps all others – the Audience of One.

Do you wish to be inner-directed rather than other-directed and truly make one audience decisive, the Audience of One? Listen to Jesus Christ and answer His call.

### **Destiny**

“You guide me with your counsel, leading me to a glorious destiny.” Psalm 73:24

“Everything has already been decided. It was known long ago what each person would be. So, there’s no use arguing with God about your destiny.” Ecclesiastes 6:10

On the night of May 10, 1940, Churchill was invited by King George VI to form a government and lead Britain against the forces of Nazism that menaced Europe and threatened the free democracies. Churchill later recounted, “I felt as if I were walking with destiny, and that all my past life had been but preparation for this hour and for this trial.”

Our destiny becomes our passion. The fire in our hearts. Moses and the burning bush. Moses tribute, No prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. But how was this great intimate of God called? He was arrested at the sight of a bush, burning yet not burned up – as if God was telling him from the very beginning that his call would set him on fire, but the fire would not consume him.

God’s calling is the key to igniting a passion for the deepest growth and highest heroism in life.

Unless we start this revolution in our lives and share our faith in God with others our nation will be destroyed. Get on your knees and start praying that God will send a revolution in your life. When the revolution starts in our lives it will flow into our communities.