

PARTNERSHIP; GOD'S WILL, GOD'S WAY

One of the greatest discoveries I have made in the word of God is the revelation of Partnership; Partnership is people working together to accomplish stated objectives and to reach common goals.

No matter the call we have or the vision we claim to possess there is a common goal that we all must aim at.

In Mark's Gospel Jesus laid out for the Church what we call the great commission, it is the commission for the whole Church not only for the Evangelist or those we refer to as the 5 fold ministry, as believers we all have a part in this commission to a lesser or a greater degree.

Jesus said to the Church

“Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.” Mk. 16:15

This is the common purpose or goal we all share in Christ. In Ephesians, chapter four He teach us that the reason he (Jesus) gave the five-fold ministry is that the church may be equipped to do the works of the ministry, in order that the body of Christ will be edified or built up.

God's way to accomplishing this is partnership, from the first given revelation on partnership in the book of Genesis,

“And God said LET US make man in our image.....” Gen. 1:26

To the last, The Word of God clearly reveals the centrality of partnership in the pursuit of the divine will. Satan's stated purpose is to break the bonds of partnership and bring division and disunity to God's people, thus weakening our ministries and destroying our testimony.

As we rediscover the power and potency of partnership, a shower of blessing and power will fall upon the Church, it is God's way and God's will, two are better than one is the testimony of scripture, why is this so, because they have a better reward for their enterprise.

Marriage is a prime example of where God's people can learn the purpose of and harness the power of partnership. Marriages fail when the parties see themselves as opposing units rather than co-operating units in the enterprise of oneness

“For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife and they both will be ONE flesh”

The strength of true partnership is in love and its effect is unity, we want the blessings of unity, but we don't understand the path into it.

One accord is the testimony of the first outpouring of the Holy Spirit

“When the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were **ALL TOGETHER** in **ONE** place” Acts 2:1

Why is the Church without power today in spite of all the noise we make in the name of preaching the gospel? A lack of unity and effective partnership in the gospel is a major reason, every body is in competition with the other person, in Christ this is anti-God, we are called to complement and supplement each other.

It is time to repent of the selfishness and the self-centeredness that has characterized our feeble attempts to advance the cause of the Kingdom, if we begin to labor in the right spirit, heaven will breathe on us and usher us into a season of revival and renewal.

The great commission is a together thing all the church preaching the entire gospel to all the world, those who can't go physically, can pray, give and support those who go.

The bible says about the early laborers in the Lord's vineyard,

“And they went forth and preached every where...” Mk 16:20

It was all of them going, those who could not go physically were with those who went physically in “spirit”, the church had one purpose, preach the gospel, their oneness of purpose helped them overcome and set aside personal differences, the great command had to be fulfilled. Praise God

As they went in one accord and in one mind Jesus was working with them confirming the word they spoke with signs and wonders, Amen,

In our ministry, we have been constrained by the Lord to bring together local Churches in the communities where we have held crusades, sometimes we have worked with Christian Organizations like PFN and CAN, and the one thing that stands out is the lack of unity of the Church, we need to be healed the blessings of the divine life only comes when brethren are together in one accord and in one place (Ps.133), this togetherness is not just a physical one, it is a unity of the heart.

This is why the vision behind the Friends and Partners Fellowship makes sense, believers from different congregation united in their passion for Jesus and the work of God's kingdom, through our ministry and others like ours, and I am so glad to announce that we have been privileged to stand with other churches and ministries in the same way as others have stood by us, glory.

Every crusade we have held where we have been able to get church leaders to work together for the purpose of evangelism, has always had tremendous results, does it not speak shame to the church that 10 pastors who lead churches in a community will be unable to meet at least once a month to fellowship and to pray for their communities? and even when you are able to drag them together every one is trying to look good in the eyes of the other,

The one who leads a bigger congregation tries to lord it over the others, only when he is invited to minister will he attend, otherwise he sends a 'junior' minister to attend the meeting, he is too busy, he must attend to more pressing matters, after all that is why his church has grown so big, listen friend, Jesus rewards no man for the size of his church/ ministry but for his faithfulness to His plan and to His revealed will, and his plan is that all believers in every place and time will be involved in the ministry of reaching the lost, this is why God designed the itinerant ministries of evangelists, teachers, and others to function with as nodal points connecting the local churches into a giant net of believers.

If God has blessed your ministry, strengthen the hands of those who are weak, that is His will, humble yourself, God may still have a lot to teach you even through those who have not yet 'arrived', remember Moses and Jethro.

There is a revival that God desires to send forth in our days let us all join hands and hearts remembering that we are all one in Christ Jesus , the latter days are upon us and the coming of the Lord is Near. Shalom.