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Yesterday we said we are at a turning point in our ministry. We have come to a turning point in our ministry. God is demanding from us to offer Him an agency for His purposes. God is calling us to offer Him an agency for the accomplishment of His purposes, a great spiritual nation, a global spiritual community. Numerically imposing, with a quality of life that is a testimony to the eternal life that Jesus gives through the gospel.

How do we go about that? What must we do? What does the Lord demand of us? We are to offer Him a global community, a great nation spiritually that targets the accomplishment of His purposes, the accomplishment of our overall goal, the accomplishment of our immediate goal, those are the burdens that are on us. That is the motivation behind this camp. It is a recruitment exercise. You are the target. We shall recruit you if God qualifies you. God will qualify you if you ordain yourself. If you consecrate yourself with the entirety of hear that God demands, God will qualify you with His endowments.

If you bring to God the entirety and wholeness of heart that he demands, God will put His mark of approval on you by endowing you with His own gifts and Spirit. God will put His mark of approval on you by endowing you with His gifts and His Holy Spirit. When the sacrifice is accepted, the fire from God consumes it. The sacrifice is what you and I can bring. When all our sacrifice, costly as it may be, cannot serve God, for flesh and blood cannot serve God. But when God accepts our sacrifice because of the love and faith with which it is offered, He marks His approval of every sacrifice by the fire from above. The fire of the Lord falls on the accepted sacrifice. He confers on that which has been offered to Him a divine dimension.

When you see people offer something to God you should look at what was brought, and then look for whether God will put anything on it. If somebody offers His education to God by a radical consecration, is the hand of God upon him? Is there something that looks like the equivalent of that which he gave away from God? A man who gives up his education for God and remains as dull as the level at which he gave his education to Jesus, where is the fire from heaven?

In the prophets of the Old Testament, we find an intelligence that is completely in contrast to their -natural environment. When you listen to the cosmology of Isaiah, when you take a poor shepherd like Amos talking about the great Arcturus and Orion. A shepherd! How many__ talk about the Orion, the Pleiades? Look at eh geopolitics of the book of Jeremiah! He was a prophet to the nations, and by prayer, God gave him the cup of judgement, and God told him, instead of praying for the different nations, give them the cup of my judgement. Call each nation you know and by prayer, force them to drink it.

And then see how Jeremiah calls! In the prayer summit of Jeremiah, look at how many nations he convocated! Imagine a small priest in a backward nation and then look at the geopolitics he handled.

We find in those servants of God, that in response to their consecration, and intelligence, a divine dimension accompanies their commonality.

You, when you gave your heart to Jesus and you think you do not want to continue your education, did you receive the wisdom of God with which to serve Him? Since you refused the wisdom of the world with which to serve God, or do you think t=you can now serve God with an empty head? There is the fire of God that has been put on the sacrifice on the altar? You even need to see that attestation for your own assurance. You need to have assurance for your own self that God accepted what you gave Him.

There was a time when all the Israelites felt that Moses was practicing some form of nepotism. He favoured the tribe of his origin in the privileges of the sanctuary. And then a democratic delegation of 250 leaders demanded a general

assembly to reason with Moses under the direct leadership of Korah and Abiram, and they borrowed from some questions that Aaron and Miriam had raised previously.

Korah and Abiram repeated the ideas that Aaron and Miriam had raised. They asked Moses, 'Are you the only person that God can use? Are all of us not God's holy people? Can God not use all of us? Is there a monopoly on God using some people? And those people are the people of your choosing? And moreover, it must be your brother? Eh Moses! You have told us many lies since we left Egypt. For example, you told us that you are taking us to a land flowing with milk and honey. Moses, please, open your eyes, look outside the window! You really mean that all this sand, and all the heat, that that is the land flowing with milk and honey that God told us? After talking to us Moses, and we followed you, you really want to also remove our eyes so that we do not see that we are in the desert?' and they told Moses, 'There is a limit to which credulity can go, just leave us alone, stop acting like our pope. '

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Kill us like you killed the others. You have killed God's people, so we shall all die? For those of you that think that judgement helps people to follow (righteousness), I want you to know that the judgement of God does not help people to follow what is right. So God told Moses that he should ask all the leaders of the different tribes to bring him each a rod that will represent him and that they should write their names on it. And He told Moses, gather all those rods, all those names, put them in the presence of God, and the next day, come back and take them. The rod that will have sprouted and born fruit will attest that I have called the person. It is fruit and life that shows whom God has called.

In all the testimonies that you have given about God calling you, where is the budding? Where is the evidence of a supernatural life? Where is the fruit? God told Moses the only lesson to the rebellious is fruit. The only way you can defend your calling is by your fruit. By your fruit!

Someone says, I abandon my job to follow the Lord, and God goes with them, and then you also say, I also abandon my job, you feel equal, you may even feel superior, where is the verdict of heaven? It was the budding, the flowering and the fruiting!

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In all the consecrations that we have brought to God, look for the divine attestation. The mark of God's acceptance. Even the Lord Jesus Christ said by their fruit you shall know them!

You are our target. We will recruit you if God qualifies you. God will qualify you if you ordain yourself. If God finds that entirety and wholeness of heart that He demands, the fire of heaven will fall on you. There will be a dimension where it is obvious to everyone that we have this treasure in earthen vessels. Those who see you can see very clearly that you are an ordinary earthen vessel, and those who see you cannot explain what you produce, and those who attempt to imitate do not know what your secret is. And then some come and ask, what is your secret? And they open their big mouth, my secret is following man! Do you know why God blessed you? Did you even know? You are still living the life; how can you know the secret? That is usually what the arrogance of reading many biographies produces.

Hallelujah!

You may claim to be a missionary, you may tell us your dreams, or your revelations, where is the fire of God? Where is the fruit? Where is the life? The life and the fruit!

We are looking for God attested lives. That is what we mean by the qualification that God confers. We have employed people in God's service because we like them, because they flatter us, because they are our people. Where was the hand of God on them? and where is the hand of God on them? Where is the evidence that God will go with them in their service? Where is the life, where is the fruit? Where is the attestation of heaven?

We have come to a turning point in our lives, a turning point in our ministry where God wants us to provide Him an agency for His purposes. And that agency is a global community that have embraced the ministry of Zach Fomum,

obeyed it until it has become a culture and subculture of its life, so that God can freely use that community to shepherd other communities when He sends the coming revival that will shake the whole earth. God wants a global community that he will use as the agency of His purposes. The mountain of the house of the Lord. The house of the Lord becomes a mountain, a Himalayan!

S did me the research. From the Himalayas, ten mighty rivers are born. National geographic says come count them as 19 great rivers that produce fresh saltless water to 1.3 billion people. One mountain range to nourish 1.3 billion people!

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Hallelujah!

When we have such a massive goal, we must plan our work. We must work intelligently. If we believe the goal and embrace our call from God? We have to walk in a certain way. I will read two passages for you by way of general introduction.

Gal 1:15-2:2

¹⁵ But when God, who set me apart from birth ^a and called me by his grace, was pleased ¹⁶ to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not consult any man, ¹⁷ nor did I go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went immediately into Arabia and later returned to Damascus.

¹⁸ Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Peter ^b and stayed with him fifteen days. ¹⁹ I saw none of the other apostles — only James, the Lord's brother. ²⁰ I assure you before God that what I am writing you is no lie. ²¹ Later I went to Syria and Cilicia. ²² I was personally unknown to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. ²³ They only heard the report: "The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." ²⁴ And they praised God because of me.

2 *Fourteen years later I went up again to Jerusalem, this time with Barnabas. I took Titus along also. ² I went in response to a revelation and set before them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles. But I did this privately to those who seemed to be leaders, for fear that I was running or had run my race in vain.*

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Many brethren are not aware that Paul did a lot of work for the first 17 years of his Christian life. When Paul believed in Damascus, he says that we all know from Acts 9 that he started preaching in the synagogues, and he says here that from Damascus, he went to Arabia. We do not know how long he spent in Arabia, from two years and up. We do not know what he was doing there, maybe he was taking a retreat. But Paul was such an active personality, so we see Paul doing an Arabian mission starting from Damascus. We find Paul here having done an Arabian mission from Damascus as a base.

So, long before the first missionary journey, there had been the Arabian mission. There are many speculations, but we know that he did the Arabian mission and there is very little that remains of it, because we do not have reports about the mission. Luke had not yet joined his team, and probably there is no documentation with regards to this Arabian mission. Paul was not the only one that went to Arabia. In John 12, some people came to see Jesus, some pagans, and the Lord Jesus Christ refused to set them, but they were an annunciation of the hour of His going to the cross. They came from the Kingdom of Nabataea, what is generally called Arabia, the Arabia that is immediately neighbored to Palestine.

So there was the kingdom of Nabataea, and Paul probably went to this Nabataean Kingdom. The Lord Jesus had refused to see the emissaries from the King of Nabataea. By their request to see Him, He knew that the hour for Him to go to the cross had come. He could not preach the gospel to the people from Nabataea because the New covenant

had not been done, there was no possibility for pagans to be accepted by God without he establishing of the new covenant.

John 12:20-25

²⁰ Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." ²² Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

²³ Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²

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So there were some Greeks that came. Church history says that these Greeks were from the Kingdom of Nabataea and that the King of Nabataea had heard a lot about the miracles of Jesus and he sent some emissaries to invite Jesus to Nabataea, but he Lord Jesus could not go, but He understood from the request coming from that open door, coming from outside Israel that it was time to open the door for those others.

He did not go.

Thomas after the death of Jesus, went to Nabataea and led the king to the Lord before going to southern India. He went to keep the promise of the Lord. But Paul went into Arabia from his base in Damascus. We do not know whether he spent one year in Damascus and two in Nabataea, but we see that he carried out a mission in Arabia and the results of it are unknown, probably insignificant. And then Paul goes down again in Galatians to say that after the mission in Arabia, he went to Jerusalem, he made his first trip to Jerusalem, and there, he tried to preach in Judea, but he was such a hot cake, he was an uncomfortable person to be around. So the brethren arranged to send him down to Tarsus. When he went to Tarsus, in this passage, he gives us an idea of what he was doing for 14 years when he was sent to Tarsus. He preached in Syria, we have little record of it.

So in the mission to Syria, we know little, and the results of it are also not marked or known. He also did some evangelism and work in Cilicia. The only rumours we know about the work in Cilicia is that in writing to Timothy, he reveals the fact that he knew timothy's mother and grandmother who had also previously believed. Since Timothy was from the region of Cilicia, that is the only rumour we have about the remnants of the work in Cilicia. But from tarsus, he made evangelistic incursions to Syria and Cilicia, and we know very little about the work there.

Acts 15:40-41

⁴⁰ but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord. ⁴¹ He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

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It is in the Galatians passage that we know from the base in tarsus, he had done some evangelistic incursions to Syria and Cilicia and that there were churches. Even though we know little of it because there is no journalistic record of it, there were churches! The work he did there was not a fruitless work, there were churches! So we find already the Nabataean work based from Damascus, the Syrian and Cilician work based in Tarsus, and all this took 17 years for the apostle Paul, and the results are very... little is written about them. we have this mention of churches in Syria and Cilicia, as a contrast reference, Barnabas took John Mark and went with John Mark to Cyprus – that was the country of his origin, and here they contrast and say Paul took Silas and went to Cilicia which was also his own country of origin. Barnabas went and started in his country, after they separated and Paul went and took Silas and went and also

started in his own country. But in the case of Paul's mission, the Bible tells us churches still existed from his former work.

There were still churches from his previous work, and he went to provide oversight before the Holy Spirit took over and started leading them. In 17 years' work, there is very little recorded because Paul was not working with a goal. Paul was working as a freelance apostle. It was not strategic work, it was freelance work. And the records of the scriptures do not mention very much results coming from 17 years' work.

Sorry, who is even interested in what I am saying? I find...

So there was Paul's 17 years' work with little impact because he was freelancing.

On the other hand, for 24 years, or thereabout, from the apostles in Jerusalem, a spontaneous work was done. The apostles built a local church as the organ of God's mission. We find the work of the twelve apostles flowing from Jerusalem by spontaneous propagation. The work started in Samaria through Philip, the work started in Caesarea also through Philip, and in the major towns of Judea, Philip did a lot of work, but because the work of Philip was placed under apostolic supervision, the Bible gives us a record of what was done. But even the work of Philip, even though it was under apostolic supervision, we still find that in that spontaneous spread, there were a lot of problems. Right from the beginning, Simon Magus had to be excommunicated. Right from the beginning, the work in Samaria was syncretistic with regards to the supernatural. Then we find the work spreading through Philip to Ethiopia.

From Jerusalem, those who had been led to Christ on the Pentecost and who had had some time to be built by the apostles in the church in Jerusalem, when the persecution by Saul started, many of those disciples spread. And as they spread, they preached the gospel. And when they started their work, they took pains to place it under the oversight of the apostles in Jerusalem. So those who went to Syria and Antioch in Syria, they wrote back to Jerusalem and Jerusalem sent them Barnabas to provide strengthening for the work that had started, and many of the disciples that had been in the church went to the island of Cyprus and went far. The extent of their spread is in 1 Peter 1:1

1 Peter 1:1

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To God's elect, strangers in the world, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia,

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So, Peter was writing a pastoral letter to those many disciples that had been in Jerusalem and had been scattered by the persecution. The ones that Peter is writing to in these epistles are the ones that kept in contact with the apostles so that their work can be supervised, that is why Peter is writing to them in order to continue to render to them apostolic supervision. But there were other who spread and they also started preaching, and they did not bring their work under apostolic supervision.

At least, we know that some of them went to the North African City of Alexandria, we know because there was Apollos who was a convert, and Apollos bears all the marks of the deficient gospel that was preached. So in some of the places where the gospel spread spontaneously, like in Alexandria, there were converts but they were not placed under apostolic oversight, and they had deficiencies.

In the book of Jude, we see Jude addressing many deficiencies that were in the work that spread spontaneously from Jerusalem. Jude is writing to the many churches that had spread spontaneously because there were abominable heresies because the work was not under apostolic oversight, because from the spontaneous growth from Jerusalem, in the first 25 years of the spread, we find an uncoordinated spread, and we find a work that is doctrinally very weak, with many errors. So that work that spread spontaneously, part of the work that was placed under apostolic oversight lasted spiritually, but it was weak.

When the apostles were driven by persecution out of Jerusalem, the new disciples that were going from Jerusalem under the leadership of James, they did not even preach the gospel, they spent the time correcting the gospel that

was preached by others; and so they are not called disciples, they are called Judaizers. They were members of the church in Jerusalem that came into the church after Pentecost, after the apostles had left Jerusalem. They were taught by James. They knew the Law, they knew little of the gospel, and when they spread, they did not preach the gospel, they spent all the time trying to correct the churches they met to bring them under James.

So, we find those three spontaneous origins of the work. The freelance missions of the apostles Paul with very insignificant records and little impact. The church base missions of the apostles

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Rom 15:17-29

¹⁷ Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God. ¹⁸ I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done— ¹⁹ by the power of signs and miracles, through the power of the Spirit. So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ. ²⁰ It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation. ²¹ Rather, as it is written:

*"Those who were not told about him will see,
and those who have not heard will understand." ³*

²² This is why I have often been hindered from coming to you.

²³ But now that there is no more place for me to work in these regions, and since I have been longing for many years to see you, ²⁴ I plan to do so when I go to Spain. I hope to visit you while passing through and to have you assist me on my journey there, after I have enjoyed your company for a while. ²⁵ Now, however, I am on my way to Jerusalem in the service of the saints there. ²⁶ For Macedonia and Achaia were pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem. ²⁷ They were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jews' spiritual blessings, they owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings. ²⁸ So after I have completed this task and have made sure that they have received this fruit, I will go to Spain and visit you on the way. ²⁹ I know that when I come to you, I will come in the full measure of the blessing of Christ.

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If your Bible has maps at the back, open to the map about the Roman empire. And then open the map that has Paul's missionary journeys. Who has them? when you open the map of the Roman empire, and you compare it with the map of the missionary journeys of the apostle Paul, you will find that Paul has preached the gospel in the Roman province of Nabataea. You will find that Paul has preached the gospel in Nabataea, preached the gospel in Judea, in Syria, in Cilicia, in Cappadocia, in Galatia, in Phrygia, in Bithynia and in Pontus, in Mysia, in Achaia, in Macedonia, in Thrace, in Illyricum, in Italy, and that he was on his way to Spain and many people believed that he went as far as Gaul and Germania.

In ten years, from 46 to AD 57, when Paul started the missionary journey from Antioch in Syria to when he was imprisoned in Caesarea, he had covered the entire Mediterranean world. He had carried the religion of Christianity, carried the gospel from an insignificant sect of Judaism

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We can work in a strategic way if we learn from Paul how to do a strategic work, or we can continue with the Nigerian confusion. Many apostles freelancing because they want to be known. Paul did it. 17 years! Apollos continues to do it. Barnabas went to do it. Xenos the lawyer also did it. Aristarchus did it. Many apostles in the Bible who did not walk with the church. and their impact is 0. Even for the mighty apostle Paul, 17 years work is almost insignificant. With all the consecration, filled with the Holy Spirit under the power of the call of God. But look at the impact of his work. Look at the mighty take off in Jerusalem; and the work spread and spread, but doctrinal weakening inside the church and the plebisciting of the leadership of the church when apostolic authority was weakened, the church as the organ

of mission became an organ of confusion and problems. And even when the apostles were supervising the work, the spread of the work geographically far away from the direct influence of the apostles produced weakening. It produced syncretism.

So, the Holy Spirit starts again from Antioch and calls Paul and Barnabas together with the other leaders of Antioch, and he involved the church in the mission of the apostles and makes the apostles accountable to the church. and a strategic work has started, involving all the separate factors of mission. The church, the apostles, the disciples, and the churches. God brings them together for strategic work and in 10 years, dominion was produced.

I will stop there, that was supposed to be my first introduction yesterday; from general work to strategic work. If we continue to have these independent freelancers who cannot work with others, we cannot really do a great work. Everyone will do his work, as the Bible says, one will chase 1000; everyone will be pursuing his 1000 if he has the anointing of Samson. If you do not even have the anointing of Samson and you are like Abishai, your church shall be 300.

This independent work can go on with everybody trying to make sure that he does not mix his call with others. Like Apollos, like Xenas, like Barnabas. Like Andronicus. Like apollos. Like all those other apostles who chose to work alone. Look at the impact! Look at the impact of even somebody like the apostle Paul. If you want to validate a doctrine of independence, look at the apostle Paul; 17 years' work. And look at the impact. And then look at 10 years work. Along those lines, ten years of work, learning from the futility of the past work, and he built the Christians of the Kingdom. The weak man with eye problems.

Look at what he could accomplish. From Israel to Czech Republic, because Czech Republic was the former Illyricum. Slovakia and Czech are the old Illyricum, and Tito and Yugoslavia.

Who has never heard of the tyrant called Tito? The infamous tyrant Tito? You are young! Or we are old! Tito was in all the news! Czechoslovakia or Yugoslavia or Czech and Slovakia is Illyricum; and then he went to Spain, and when he came back, he went to Crete, and when he finished in Crete, finished preaching in 100 cities in under 3 months...