

GOD IN THE MIDST

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This is an exhortation that was given by the Holy Spirit to Brother Don, in Casper, Wyoming, January 1981; but it is one that we feel is so important in this day and age. We pray that it will truly speak to you, as it has to us at World Wide Ministries.

I feel the Spirit of God moving in my heart. I think that because we're Americans we have many times become more religious than we have become spiritual in Christ. I've never had this problem in any other country

God is going to have a people. Whether it's you or whether it's not, or whether it's me or whether it's not, is entirely up to us. God can do all kinds of things through us and by us, but if we will not become obedient to the word of the living God and become 100% sold out to Jesus Christ, God will move, but He will move with another people.

I'm serious and I've never been more serious in my life. Friend, God is calling for a people that will lay aside every weight and sin and begin to move in God. If you are holding onto things, when God moves and you intentionally hold on to it, God is going to move right past you and you are still going to hold onto it. Amen!

I've never felt more the depth of conviction of the Holy Spirit of God than I feel now. I want you to bow your head right now, wherever you are. I want you to close your eyes, and meditate on God. I want you to examine your heart and see if there are weights and sins - things that you are holding onto. The Spirit of the Lord has spoken that He wants obedience. He wants you to be a people who will say "Here am I Lord, send me." Isaiah could not speak until the Lord had purged him with the coals from off the altar.

Is. 6:5-8 Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

If you have things in your life that you are holding onto, I want you to say, "Yes, I want to be free from

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all this stuff. I want to glorify God in everything."

I'm going to pray for you. "Father, in the name of Jesus; God, this is the most serious time that I've ever felt in my heart. God, I've never felt conviction like this for your people to begin to move, to lay aside every weight and sin, to get rid of everything that has hindered them. I don't care how precious it seems. If it does not glorify God, that thing shall destroy them, shall take them out of the Kingdom, from God's presence. Lord, you are going to help these people. God, you are going to help them; you are going to give them strength. You are going to cause them, God, to know what liberty really is in Christ. Hallelujah! I'm thanking you, Father. Praise the Lord. Praise God."

Just before Christmas, 1980, God spoke to my heart, "This is the beginning of that which you have looked for, for fifteen years." Then in January, 1981, while I was preaching in Casper, Wyoming, I felt that God somewhere in the spirit world made a change right here in the United States and all around the world, and we're not going to wake up the same way any more. Something has happened, friends. Something very strong has happened in the spirit world and it will be made manifest in the natural world very soon.

I'm going to tell you, you'd better get closer to God than you've ever been. If there is anything that is walking between you and God or separating you from the Lord, you'd better begin to see what discipleship costs. It costs you everything to walk with Jesus. It may cost you your family, it may cost you your life, it may cost you a relationship with people, but it's going to be worth it. Bless the Lord, oh my soul!

When the Lord speaks, when He begins to bring conviction, it's because He loves us, not because He hates us. When He dealt with Israel after their many sins, it was because He loved them and wanted them to be the people that would inherit the Kingdom of God; but because they continually turned from the prophets and turned from the word of the Lord, and turned to their own fleshly ways and turned to their own religions, the Lord bypassed them. The Kingdom of God was not given to them; it was given to another nation that would bring forth the fruits of the Kingdom of God.

That Kingdom is not America, that Kingdom is not Israel, that Kingdom is not England, that Kingdom is not India, that Kingdom is not any country. It is a nation of people that have made themselves holy through the power of the Holy Ghost; that have been turned from their wicked ways, that have turned from the power of sin, that have turned from the thing of doing their own will, and have begun to walk in the power and might of God.

I have never been more serious in my life. I believe this is a warning to us. I believe that God is speaking to us right now, that we had better begin to get it together, that we had better straighten up, we had better sell out and begin to move with God. I doesn't matter what nationality you are, or what country you live in, God isn't concerned with that. You are either lost or saved; you are either in or out. You are either on fire tonight or you are lukewarm. If you are lukewarm, the Lord is going to spue you out of His mouth.

Rev 3:15-16 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

This is the most serious hour I've ever lived in. I had received a phone call from a brother who wanted

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me to go to Indonesia to preach the Kingdom of God, and I've had a call from India and one from the Philippines Islands, and the Lord began to deal with my heart, and began to question me, "Why would I be sending you to other places? I may bypass this country to raise Me up a people."

No bomb shelter will help you. Nothing you can buy will prevent it. If you are not right with God, you have one opportunity left, and that's this minute right now. If do not know Jesus Christ, you'd better make a stand for God right now. If you've been playing with God, it's time to stand up. It's time to get up and say, "Lord, I want to be right with you more than anything. God, I'm willing to lay everything on the line."

It is the most serious hour the Church has ever seen. It is the hour when the Lord is returning. It is the hour that He is coming, friend. There will be no long-term thing to this. It will be sudden and He said, "They that are unrighteous, let them be unrighteous still, and they that are righteous, let them be righteous still.

Rev 22:11-12 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

2 Pet 3:10-11 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

He will come as a thief in the night, in an hour when you think not. God's people who are called by His name need to humble themselves and pray and seek His face and turn from their wicked ways.

2 Chron. 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Whenever you do anything that does not glorify God in every act and word and deed, if you cannot glorify God in everything you do, don't do it. God is through fooling with us. The long suffering of God has endured for ages but now the time has come. God's word must be fulfilled and God must have a Kingdom people to whom He can entrust the Kingdom with its riches and the ruling power that's in it. If you call yourself a Christian, you'd better get ready to pay the price.

You may have wanted to hear a funny sermon, but the funny days are over. God's people are going to stand up and begin to cry out, and their voice is going to be heard by God, and they are going to be a Holy people; they are going to be a righteous people. They are going to be a people that are no longer going to seek things, but they are going to seek God and His Kingdom, and they are going to seek His righteousness.

I don't preach out of my own mind; I preach what the Holy Ghost gives me. I had planned on preaching another sermon, but all of a sudden God spoke to my heart while I was waiting, and He said, "I may bypass this nation." It's up to us. Israel gave it away, and we're doing the same thing.

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It's serious business when you make a vow to God and turn around and go your own way. If you've made a vow to God, I want you to get it paid now. I mean it! I feel the nearness of God like I've never felt Him before. I feel the coming of the Lord. Friend, I'm telling you, He's going to come in one of two ways to this country. He's going to come as a redeemer or He's going to come as the judge, but it's all over. The party is finished.

God is going to get rid of the fakers and the foolers. God is going to get rid of that which isn't real. God is going to start His shaking now. God is going to shake everything that can be shaken, and if you're not really real, friend, you'll be shaken away.

Heb 12:25-27 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things, which cannot be shaken, may remain.

If you are seeking after anything else, you will fall away. God is sending Jesus Christ, and if we don't take this Kingdom, it will be taken but it will be taken by another people, because we gave it away.

"Brother Krider, I'm so busy doing so many things." I would quit doing everything until I knew everything was right with God and me. There's a message to be preached in the land today:

Mat 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

You say, "Well, I'm a Christian, Brother Krider. Twenty years ago I came down and joined the Church. Twenty years ago I made a vow to God." Let me tell you something, friend, when you come to Jesus Christ, you are no longer your own.

1 Cor. 6:19-20 What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

You don't have any options. If you are doing your own thing, then you have made God not real in your life. If everything you do does not glorify God, there will be a price to pay.

I have never felt the seriousness of the hour and the urgency that I feel right now. Jesus Christ is coming. I am expecting Him. I am looking for Him. I want Him to come, but there won't be a second chance to it. I am not preaching fear on you. No! I am preaching the Word of God to you, because I love you enough to care about you. I am warning you to flee the wrath which is to come. America will not be spared. You can mark it down, because the whole world is judged. There's only going to be one safe place, and that's in Jesus Christ.

You don't have time to sit around and make a decision; you've already made it. If you have read this without giving your life to Christ, you have said, "No, I don't believe it. I don't want anything to do

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with it." Don't say, "Well, give me a little more time." Brother, I believe we are on the extended grace of God right now. I believe we have shaken our hand in God's face long enough. I believe we stood up and almost made a mockery out of things of God because we did our own thing and blamed God for it and told people that God did it.

I feel a convicting spirit of God. Bow your head right now. God is talking to you. Amen! I'm going to say this because I feel it in my heart. If you are not secure in Jesus Christ, I'm going to ask you to take this opportunity to say, "Yes, I am going to make it right with God. I am through fooling around for the power of God has spoken to my heart." Praise God for those of you who have made this vow,

and for those who have not, you have no guarantee that you will have another opportunity to do this later. Now is the time! Amen!