

INSIGHTS

ARE YOU
REALLY
READY
FOR

These DAYS?

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WE ARE LIVING IN HISTORIC TIMES. CURRENTLY THERE IS AN OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND ALSO NATIONAL AND GLOBAL UPHEAVAL TAKING PLACE SIMULTANEOUSLY. YET DURING THESE SHAKY TIMES OF CHAOS GOD IS STABILIZING HIS PEOPLE. NONE OF THESE THINGS MOVE US!

“The shift that happened when Jesus first appeared was a prelude to what we are seeing now.”

A similar event took place during Jesus’ day. It is seen when the Angel of the Lord came to Zacharias about the birth of his son:

But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even





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from his mother’s womb. And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, ‘to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,’ and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord (Luke 1:13-17 NKJV).

There was a shift coming. The long spiritual drought was ending. All of Israel was going to be impacted by a new anointing. It is described as “the spirit and power of Elijah.” The results would be earth shaking. The heart of multitudes would be turned

— their disobedience would be turned to wisdom. People would be prepared for the appearing of the Messiah.

Jesus was coming and people had to be ready to hear Him, be healed, and receive what had never been seen before. They would be transformed into a new breed of people.

The same anointing the Angel announced to Zacharias is active today in the Body of Christ. Yet, there is a very big difference today. Now this anointing that was once described as “the spirit and power of Elijah” is born in the innermost being of every believer.

There has been an infusion of the spirit and power of God into us. Residing within us is the substance of the Holy Spirit Who empowers us from the inside. Every Christian is designed to be a voice to make people ready and prepared for Jesus to appear again.

The shift that happened when Jesus first appeared in the gospels was a prelude to what we are seeing now. The body of Christ is here to reveal His goodness, greatness, grace, and glory.

However, with the rising tide of God’s influence there are attitudes and attributes needed in order to be used for His purposes. Too often, the spirit and power within lays dormant having little impact.

After living through the Jesus Movement, Vikki and I recall several distinguishing earmarks that dominated this

movement. These attributes will be present in a true move of God.

Earmarks of the Jesus Movement

- **Worship was hardwired within believers during this movement. The music was simply an expression of our adoration and gratitude for what Jesus had done for us. It wasn’t centered around us, instead it drew us into intimacy with Him. When we worshipped it was evident God was in our midst.**
 - **There was an insatiable hunger for the Word of God. We studied the Bible because it was our lifeline to freedom and wholeness. It contained the answers to our troubled hearts. We did whatever was necessary to hear teachers of the Word who could set our course for success. We were like sponges soaking up the truth. We were desperate to be free from all bondage and live in complete freedom.**
 - **There was an expectation for the Holy Spirit to move every time we gathered together. We were confident He would meet us and refresh us.**
 - **We used the latest technology (at the time it was reel-to-reel tapes followed by cassettes) to feed our spirits and**
- renew our minds to think like God. Our former way of thinking just would not do to activate God’s will for our lives.**
- **We had a zeal to give to others what Jesus had done for us. We were called “Jesus Freaks” not because of the way we dressed or long hair but because Jesus was at the forefront of everything we did. We were not afraid to share what we had received, knowing God wanted everyone to know Him and experience the transformation that we had discovered.**
 - **There was the earnest expectation that Jesus’ return was imminent. Consequently, we felt an urgency to share the Good News of Jesus.**

These were all priorities that dominated our lives. We knew that to truly be a disciple and voice of the Lord that He could use, we needed to maintain the qualities and principles that we had discovered.

The same thing is true today. We want to be His voice. In this move of God every person is called to be a voice. Our prayers, faith, victories, and grasp of spiritual realities are just what our society needs. We carry the power to bring change. We can be used to empower young and old to become conquerors in Christ.

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especially vulnerable to pressures and problems for which many have little input to overcome. Of course, this has been true for many generations. Yet, as we move further into the troubles of these end days the issues are becoming beyond reason.

Generation Z has many great qualities and has been described as “better behaved and less hedonistic” than previous generations. Yet, it is also considered the loneliest generation, with high depression numbers, rising self harm incidents, overdoses rising, and high incidence of general anxiety. The answers for this generation are exactly the same

as in every generation — Jesus! He is the same today as He has always been. He is our help, our healer, and our hope!

In the earliest days of Jesus’ ministry, He opened the book of Isaiah that declared the anointing which was upon Him.

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, and he has anointed me to be hope for the poor, healing for the brokenhearted, and new eyes for the blind, and to preach to prisoners, ‘You are set free!’ I have come to share the message of Jubilee, for the time of

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God's great acceptance has begun" (Luke 4:18-19 TPT).

His anointing is our anointing. We are His body to continue what He started. The same anointing Jesus said was upon Him is also upon us all who

name His Name for this generation!

You are one of the Jesus People of this generation. Lift up your voice and declare His power is flowing through you bringing hope, healing, help, and freedom.

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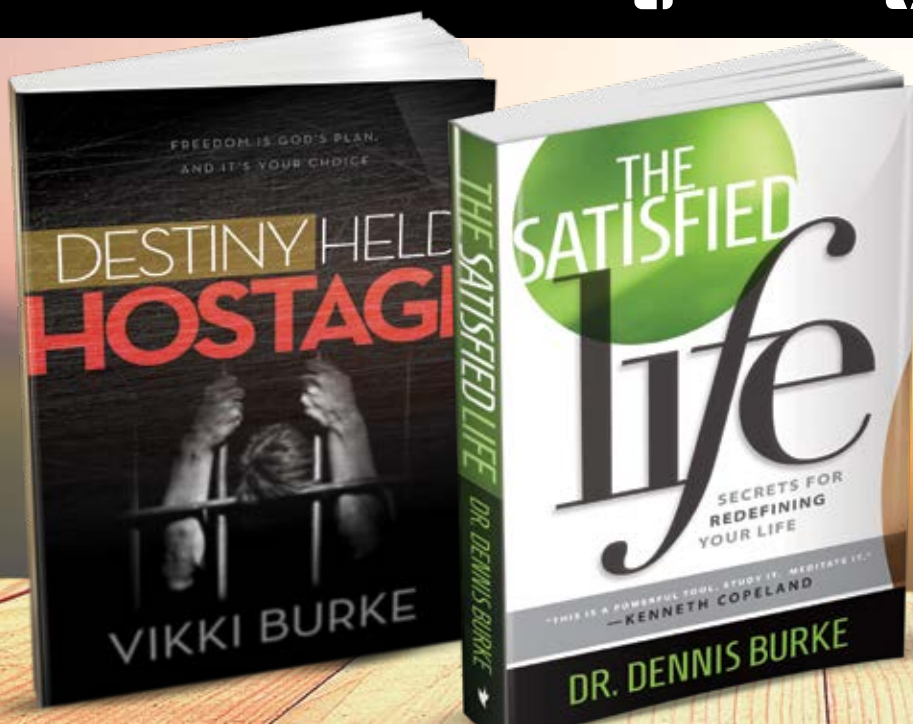
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