

EKKLESIA: CALLED-OUT ONES THE CHURCH IS GOD'S FAMILY SERIES

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TEXT: Matthew 16:18 “...I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.”

INTRO: I believe revival is transferable. We are all called to be God-chasers, because we are on the verge of another Great Awakening.

I want to share an encounter I had with the Lord at King Jesus Church, led by Apostle Guillermo Maldonado in Miami, on February 7. When I received prayer from him, I fell to the floor and started to shake (as a manifestation of the Spirit) more than I had in a long time. I heard God speak to me to go back to calling our church **Harvest Rock Church**. He was telling me to prophesy that the Great Harvest that I had a dream about in 1982 is forthcoming. We are living in an extraordinary season!

Turning to the passage in Matthew, Jesus says, “I will build My church,” the *Ekklesia*. *Ekklesia* comes from two Greek words: *ek-*, “out,” and *kaleo*, “called.” **The called-out ones**. It is a governmental term: an assembly of people chosen to be legislators.

You all have a calling. You all are ministers; you are kings and priests. What are we called to do? Apart from the Call to follow Jesus, this text shares three things we are all called to do.

I. WE ARE CALLED TO BUILD GOD'S FAMILY - Matthew 16:18 “I will build My church”

A. BEGINNING WITH YOUR PERSONAL FAMILY: We will be doing a family series after this one.

B. THE CHURCH FAMILY

1. Brief review: God is going to build His Church on the family. The word *build* is the Greek word: **BUILD - oikodomeo**. This word comes from two words: *oikos*,



“house” or “family,” and *domeo*, “builder.” House builder or built on the family. In other words, the Church is built on the family.

2. I know that Jesus said that *He* will build the Church, but we are His Body and He will do it through us.

3. God wants a big family. Remember that God told Adam and Eve to be fruitful and multiply in Genesis 1:28. We must start with our personal family, then expand our church family. We want to win souls and make disciples.

4. We want to multiply Life Groups and plant congregations. We want to go after the harvest.

II. WE ARE CALLED TO ADVANCE GOD'S KINGDOM THROUGH PRAYER

A. Matthew 16:18 “I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.”

1. The Church and the Kingdom overlap, but they are not the same. The Church is God's people, His called-out ones. The Kingdom is God's rule and reign. The Church and the Kingdom are both eternal. The Church is to advance God's Kingdom, to bring as many people under the rule and reign of Jesus as King. It has to be voluntary—out of a heart of love for what Jesus did on the cross.

2. Three things that are eternal and that will be victorious: God's Word, His Kingdom, and His Church. We won't perish; we have eternal life.

B. PRAYER-BASED CHURCH

1. “MY HOUSE WILL BE A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL NATIONS” - MARK 11:17

2. The context of the three times Jesus mentions the church, it is in the context of prayer.

3. Thanks to Papa Lou Engle, our church was birthed out of a season of radical, around-the-clock prayer.

4. WE WANT TO PRAY EVERY TIME WE GATHER TOGETHER

5. HALF AN HOUR OF PRAYER BEFORE THE SERVICE BEGINS AT OUR MORNING SERVICE

6. HALF-HOUR PRAYER BEFORE OUR TUESDAY BRIDGE SERVICE

C. PRAYER TIME IN LIFE GROUPS



1. **Matthew 18:19** “Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven.”

2. WE WANT TO PRAY FOR THE NEEDS OF THE GROUP AND PRAY THAT HIS KINGDOM WILL COME AND HIS WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN - MATTHEW 6:10

D. GLOBAL FAST: March 1 - April 9, 2020

1. FORTY DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING: I am asking you to join this prayer movement and participate in this global fast.

III. WE ARE CALLED TO STEWARD HIS PRESENCE

A. Matthew 18:20 “For where two or three have gathered together in My name, *I am there in their midst.*”

1. “I AM THERE IN THEIR MIDST”

2. When the ark of God came into the house of Obed-Edom, the whole house was blessed! (2 Samuel 6)

3. When the presence of God comes, the supernatural takes place. The presence of God is everything for us!

B. CORPORATE PRESENCE - HIS MANIFEST GLORY

1. HISTORY OF OUR CHURCH: We hosted the Holy Spirit nightly starting in March 1995 in Mott.

C. HOSTING THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THIS NEW SEASON

1. Going back to my encounter on Friday night, February 7: 25 years later, I heard the Lord say, “**I am bringing a second wave of visitation to Harvest Rock Church.**”

2. With the Chiefs winning the Super Bowl, I do believe that the Billion-Soul Harvest of youth that Bob Jones prophesied about is forthcoming.

3. 2 CHRONICLES 5 - DEDICATION OF THE TEMPLE AND THE GLORY FELL

4. HAGGAI 2:7 “**I will shake all the nations; and they will come with the wealth of all nations, and I will fill this house with glory,**’ says the LORD of hosts. ⁸ ‘**The silver is Mine and the gold is Mine,**’ declares the LORD of hosts. ⁹ ‘**The latter glory of this house will be greater than the former,**’ says the LORD of hosts, ‘**and in this place I will give peace,**’ declares the LORD of hosts.”

D. WE ARE CARRIERS OF HIS GLORY

1. "CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY" - COLOSSIANS 1:27
2. YOU ARE THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - 1 CORINTHIANS 3:16
3. I sense the Lord telling me that we have to give more time for the Holy Spirit to move in our Sunday morning service.

E. ONE TWO-HOUR SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE: 10AM - 12PM

1. To review and put this all together, we will gather a half-hour before our service starts, at 9:30 a.m. Then our service will begin at 10 a.m. with an extended time of worship. Next will be the preaching of the Word. And then ministry time will begin at 12 p.m. If the Lord is moving still in our corporate setting, we will dismiss the parents to pick up the children and they can rejoin us or be released to take care of their children.

CONCLUSION: Let's pray for a fresh infilling and outpouring of the Holy Spirit.