

# *The Book Gather My Apostles*

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## *Chapter One Gather My Apostles*

### *Introduction*

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The Command delivered to me by the Lord, "Gather My Apostles", was given on September 28, 1996.

I was finishing up the book the Lord had Commanded me to write, even while ministering overseas, concerning Calling His Church to Order.

When I first received this word, I didn't know what to do with it. I incorporated it into this book and changed the direction, only slightly. At first I mentioned this to only one person.

At the time of the writing of this introduction, I have wrestled with God about this for over a year. I have been awakened in the night as the Lord impressed upon me the seriousness of this matter. I have challenged it, questioned it, and sought confirmation more than a little. In the beginning, I moved very cautiously with this information. In January of 1997, the Lord told me to move quickly.

Only in the doctrines of men and devils were the Apostles done away with. To the Lord, who changes not, and according to His Word, they are a normal functioning Part of His Body, His Church.

In Acts 1:4, just before the Lord ascended on High He **Commanded** His Apostles to gather and wait in Jerusalem. Before that, after His Resurrection, after He had appeared unto them twice, they all scattered back to their own homes and back to fishing. Thank God, they were obedient to the Lord to Gather in Jerusalem then. We must be just as obedient Now.

When this book was finished, the Lord Commanded me to publish it. We have tried to make it a comfortable and easy book to read. I hope that you enjoy it and that it is a Blessing to You.

We are in the Very Last Days of this Dispensation of Time. The Lord is coming very soon and He is Calling His Church to Order. He is about to pour out His Glory and the Final Move of His Spirit for these Last Days.

I pray that as you read this book, it will help you in your walk with the Lord and to better understand His Order, His Will and His Ways. I pray that it will better equip you to walk out your role on this earth as an End Time Saint of the Most High. God Bless You with the Riches of His Glory in Christ Jesus.

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Begin Chapter One

# Chapter One

## Gather My Apostles

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When the Lord began to call me out into full time ministry, He was calling me to go and take the Gospel to a people who had never heard of the Lord Jesus Christ. For two years, the Lord was talking to me about where to go and what I was to do when I got there. He was showing me His Strategies for that area. He did this, by His written word, His spoken words to me and through visions in the Spirit. During this time, the Lord began speaking something to me that I had never considered or heard spoken before. The Lord was telling me on an ongoing basis that He had called me to be an Apostle, after the order of Paul.

My initial reactions were to reject even rebuke these words. In my spirit, I knew this was the Lord but I couldn't accept it. I had never heard this before, anywhere. I had a great deal of trouble receiving that. I too had heard that the Apostles were no more and I didn't see anyone calling themselves Apostles. The Lord, in His patience and longsuffering, began dealing with me about my wrong thinking and wrong doctrine. Then He confirmed it to me, in many different ways.

I really did understand that this was **God's Way and Order**. I shouldn't have reacted any differently than I would have if I had heard Him tell me that He had called me to be a Pastor. After all, everyone understands and accepts that calling.

There was virtually no teaching on Apostles and Prophets at the time. What little teaching I heard was without understanding of the calling. After the Lord had convinced me that this was indeed what He was calling me to be, I had confided this to several people that I thought might understand and that I could trust. The result was immediate persecution from the brethren.

Let's face it, for almost two thousand years the Churches have slain and persecuted the Apostles and Prophets of God. This has been done by the teaching of satanic doctrine planted in the Churches.

Since the time the Lord spoke these words to me, "I have called you to be an Apostle after the Order of Paul", I had a desire to understand this more. My life and ministry over the last twenty years has, in many ways, paralleled the lives of the men in the early Church. Through my experiences and studying the scriptures, I believe the Lord has given me a good understanding from His perspective of this subject.

I believe, with everything that I have heard in the Spirit of God and by reading the signs of the times and comparing them with Scripture, that the time is short to the return of the Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth. Even the people of the world are becoming more apprehensive as the year 2000 comes closer. This does not mean that it's over and we have nothing to do. If anything, it means that we should speed up and increase our efforts to fulfill the Lord's work in the earth. I know from first-hand experience that there are still many places in the earth that have not heard the Gospel. It is time for the Church of Jesus Christ to rise up and take their predestined place, ordained of God, in the earth.

The Church that was birthed in the earth on the day of Pentecost was a glorious Church. As we know, the Book of Acts is the only unfinished book in the Bible. The Book of Acts has been continuing to play out for the last 2000 years.

Before the Lord comes back, I believe the Church, the true Church of Jesus Christ, will again be glorious in the earth. There will be an end-time Harvest using His Saints as His Witnesses like never before. Before this can happen, the Lord is Calling His Church to Order. As you read this book you will have a greater understanding of God's Order and Ways. The Apostles and Prophets are an important part of this time of Regeneration, taking the Gospel into all the world. If you don't have this understanding you may find yourself resisting, even fighting against God.

The teachings contained in this book you are reading are a result of at least ten long years of the Lord dealing intensely with me about Calling His Church to Order. For five of those years, I was ministering the Gospel in remote jungle villages in Indo-China and the Lord was teaching me day and night about the order of His Church.

On my return to the States, as the Lord has taken me around through some of the Churches, the Holy Spirit has been insisting that I proclaim my Apostleship. This He didn't do for many years.

Suddenly, it seems to be of great importance to the Spirit of God. This importunity and the command to write this book, along with many other evidences that I have experienced, tell me the time is short....very short.

While I was working on this book, I awoke one morning about 5 am. I arose and went into the bathroom. While I was washing my face, I heard the Lord calling my name. I was not fully awake and did not want to awaken that early, so I went back to bed. As I laid my head on the pillow, I heard the Lord call my name again. His voice was insistent. This time, I responded to Him by saying, "Yes Lord?" Then very clearly He said, **"Gather together My Apostles"**. This woke me up with a jolt! I didn't understand but I knew I had to have the understanding. So I began to ask the Lord to give clear understanding. He spoke to me again and said, **"Gather together my Apostles from around the world into one place and time, as has not been done since the days of Pentecost"**. Now I'm wide awake and full of questions. But the Lord spoke no more about this that day.

For the next three days, I sought the Lord on this matter. On the third day of silence, I got angry; I demanded that the Lord tell me why He revealed this to me and what He wanted me to do. Then the Lord spoke and said, **"I have given you the wisdom and understanding to discern who is and who is not an Apostle unto me"**. Then He said, **"Gather My Apostles"**. If I had any doubts that we are in the very last days, this answered all doubt for me. This was very exciting to me and as you finish this book, I believe it will be very exciting to you (if it is not already).

I was called into the ministry full time by the Lord in 1986. It has been an exciting time. During this last ten years of ministry, I have seen almost every device of the Devil to hinder and stop the Gospel from going forth in the earth---every hindrance designed by Satan to stop the Church of Jesus Christ from being who they are called to be by God. It is my sincerest desire that as you read this book, you will be better equipped and enlightened to play out your role in eternity as a Saint of the Most High in the End Times.

One of my greatest desires is to see the Glory of the Lord come upon the Church. John, Chapter 17:29 & 30 ***And the Glory which thou gavest me I have given to them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them and thou in me that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.*** This is the Will of God for His Church. The Glory God gave Jesus, He has given to US. The Lord has not changed!

The Church has allowed Satan to build walls around them that are designed to keep out the light of the Glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ and to hinder, as much as possible, the work of the Church in the earth. Satan knows that he has but a short time. We can destroy these walls. These walls are built by doctrines of devils and traditions of man. We must be equipped to recognize these walls so we can tear them down and move according to the Will and Intent of the Almighty God. In these doctrines of Devils we have allowed the Order of God to be compromised. Would any that Love the Lord intentionally practice abominations that hinder us from receiving all that God has for us? Would we want these things to hinder us from accomplishing all that God wants us to do? I don't think so. On the Day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came in like a mighty rushing

wind, He birthed the Church of our Lord Jesus. The Holy Spirit, unrestrained by doctrines of men, set up the Order of Authority and the precedence was set for the Church. The Holy Spirit demonstrated to all that He was able to Command the Church and fulfill the Will of God using earthen vessels. No demonic power could restrain Him. History has shown that only the wrong doctrines of man and devils can quench His power among us.

Consider this: the hundred and twenty who were in the upper room on the day of Pentecost had no preconceived ideas what was about to take place. It had never happened that way on the earth before. All they knew is that they were commanded of the Lord ***not to depart from Jerusalem but wait for the promise of the Father, which ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.*** Acts 1:4 & 5. In verse 6, they show that they still had no idea of what to expect. Acts chapter 1 vs. 5, ***When they therefore were come together, they asked of him saying, Lord wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? In verse 7, He said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.*** Here, we see Jesus still did not give them clear understanding of what was about to take place.

Because they had no preconceived ideas, they were taken by surprise. The Lord was able to birth in them exactly what he wanted to birth in His Church. Again, with no preconceived ideas or traditions of man that would hinder the Will, the Ways and Order of God.

The Book of Acts records how He empowered them with the Holy Ghost and began to move them out. As it is written in Acts chapter 1 verse 8, ***But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.***

Though nearly two thousand years have past, we know that God has not changed, as it is written in Hebrews, Chapter 13:8, ***Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.*** This book is written on this premise that Jesus Christ is the same Yesterday, Today and Forever and that the Bible is the infallible Word of God, Forever settled in Heaven.

If this is true, then how did we get so far off course, shouldn't we today, under the same Lord, same calling, same Faith... move in as much power and revelation as the Earliest Church? Obviously, the answer is Yes. We know that miracles are still happening today. There are too many witnesses, of which I am one, for us to deny this truth.

How can we begin to change so that we might be the people in the earth that God wants us to be? How can we receive the Blessings God desires to bestow on us? These questions have been raised many times in the past. As the time of the end of this Age comes closer, it seems to be more imperative than ever that we find the way. Since Jesus is the Way, we must do it His Way.

Could it be that we all inherently know that the time is short and that we, the Saints of the Most High God, have been given the second greatest role to play in the Redemption of Mankind, Jesus Christ having the supreme role? Without His Victory in His Crucifixion and Resurrection, there would be no redemption for mankind. In His Victory, we have been made Joint Heirs of Jesus Christ. His Mission is now our Mission.

There is no greater Priority in the Earth today than the Gospel message going forth, carried and published by the Saints of God into the uttermost parts of the earth. Of all of the events carried out by God since the creation, there is none to compare with the Gift of Salvation that He wrought for us... (All of Humanity).

In Order for us to truly prosper in our faith, we must acknowledge this continually, never letting it drop by the wayside. It is for this direction and end that all of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and promises of God's Holy Covenant have been promised to us. We cannot prosper to the fullest having no regard for taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ into the uttermost parts of the earth, as is Commanded by the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

This is a Royal Decree, given by the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, not to be rescinded until the Return of the King. Matthew 28:18, ***all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.***

In order to fulfill this Command (which is not an option to the Church), we must have the continual direction from the Head of the Church; we must be empowered by the Holy Ghost to be true witnesses of the Lord Jesus Christ. We must have the finances to go and to publish, world-wide, this great truth of God's salvation that has been entrusted to us. Everything we need has been given, but we must use it for the same reasons it was given. We must seek to fulfill the will and desires of God's heart first.

I am convinced that in these following scriptures is the true prosperity message found ; Mark 12:29, ***And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength; this the first commandment. And the second is like namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.***

Mark 10:29 & 30, ***Verily I say unto you There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife or children, or lands for my sake and the Gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.*** As we see in these scriptures God's will and desires come first.

Out of the mouth of the Lord Himself comes the true direction for prosperity, which, by the way, is consistent with all scriptures on prosperity. He said in giving for the Gospel's sake (benefit) or for Jesus' sake (benefit)...whether it be material possessions or family...you will receive an hundred fold now in this time. Many give to the faith message, to the prosperity message, or just to have church...and have it better than anyone else. But this is not the same as giving directly for the Gospel's sake (benefit) or Jesus' sake (benefit). If we will just accept these scriptures for exactly what they say and practice them, we will not want for any good thing. Amen. Jesus did not teach us how to have Church, He taught us how to BE the Church. Meditate for a few moments on these scriptures. Do you believe Him?

Jesus the Son of God came that the world through Him might be saved; He is the Savior and Lord. Jesus of Nazareth went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed of the devil. He is alive! He has risen! Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord to be saved shall be saved. This is the basic Gospel. The next time you are listening to a sermon that would almost give the impression that Jesus died just so we could prosper financially, realize that in just that one hour, there are many, many dying all over the world that have never heard the Gospel message. NO, not one time, and they are perishing. (!Warning!! Do not change the word World or Earth to read America). Give for this purpose and you will be able to put your face right in the face of God and claim your hundredfold because Jesus Himself has spoken it. From Abraham to Jesus, blessings were promised to establish God's Covenant in the earth.

We know that we are called to unity in the Church. Unity is an answer we need to strive for. But without Order, the Order of God being practiced in the Church, unity is not possible. This is true in marriage as well...is it not? We are called the Bride of Christ.

I am under a burden of the Lord to write this book. Everything that I am writing about was given to me and shown to me through my experiences. I didn't have much to do with any church before I was saved. I was not steeped in tradition. I had heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ many times. As a matter of fact, I used to work at a local television station. Every Sunday morning we would have continuous playbacks of Christian ministers. I can remember making fun of and scoffing at all the different ministers of God. By the age of 24, I had begun to receive the fact that Jesus was the Messiah and He was dealing with me on an ongoing basis. But I would not give Him the Lordship of my life. At the age of 27, I was hospitalized for an appendectomy. The Doctor told me then, after running some tests, that if I didn't change my life-style, I only had about a year to live. He told me there would be nothing he could do for me. I did not take heed to what the Doctor was telling me. Oh' well, maybe a little. But quite honestly, I was not able to change. I was in bondage.

Two years later, I was in Los Angeles (Hollywood). I was now working on national television productions for the Networks (ABC, NBC, CBS, ESPN, etc.). I was making more money and living in a faster pace than ever before. I began to bloat and I was feverish every night to the point of soaking my bed. After two years, the Doctor's prediction was coming true. I was dying. I didn't know what to do. My Mother had been praying for me and preaching to me. The sicker I became, the more I listened.

I was living with a woman, out of wedlock, in a rented three bedroom house with a pool in the backyard in the San Fernando Valley in Los Angeles. One night, I began to pray alone in the house. I knew that the Lord could heal me. He had shown His tender mercies to me many times before. This particular night, I was praying with everything in me...and through tears. I told the Lord that I knew He could heal me and that if He did, I would serve Him all the days of my life. I would go anywhere and do anything He wanted me to do. I prayed and cried for a long time that night. I didn't want to die and I was sure I would go to Hell if I did die. After praying for what seemed a long time that night, I turned over on my side and laid my head back into the pillow to go to sleep. It was obvious to me He wasn't hearing me and why should he; I was a terrible sinner.

Suddenly, without any warning, the Awesome and Mighty Spirit of God came upon me. I was paralyzed and I was afraid, very afraid. The only part of my body that I could move was my right hand, and with that, I was clutching and tearing at the bed sheets with all my strength. If the Lord had not rendered me motionless, there is no telling what I would have done. I was experiencing total fear, fear of the Almighty God. I had never experienced anything like this before. I didn't know there was anything like this. Such incredible power! As I was going through this, He was letting me know that He was the Almighty God. I knew things like He could snap me like a twig, squash me like a bug and even cause my very existence to have never happened. I knew the Lord was teaching me respect for His authority, which looking back, I really needed.

I don't know how to relate the times of that night to you. But soon after the Spirit of the Lord came upon me, that terrible fear began to fade into His Tremendous Love. I realized that He was there to answer my prayer. I could feel this movement in my abdomen like a spiritual surgery was taking place. There was a whirring sound in my mouth as He was healing my teeth. My teeth had ached constantly before this night. Cosmetically, I could see no difference but they didn't hurt me anymore. I don't know when the Lord departed from me that night, but I awoke the next morning healed, saved, delivered from my destructive ways and Baptized in the Holy Ghost. I was free!! I had, in one night, been changed from a man walking on the face of the earth with one foot in Hell, to a man walking on the face of the earth with one foot in Heaven, by the Lord Jesus Christ. It was wonderful. It was just like the day of Pentecost for me, or like Paul's road to Damascus experience. As it is written in Acts 2:21, ***Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord to be saved shall be saved.***

The Lord sovereignly took care of all the problems, like that woman living with me. The problems just seemed to melt away. I was held apart from everything in this world for about 7 months. During this time, I was being taught of the Lord. I was His disciple. I was continually in His presence and in His Word. I began to attend Church on the Way in the San Fernando Valley with Pastor Jack Hayford. The Lord began to show me that I could lay hands on the sick and they would recover. He taught me how to cast out devils in His name. As I said, the Lord was teaching me.

While I was praying for my healing, I had made vows to God trying to bargain for my healing. After He healed me and filled me with His Holy Spirit, I made my vows to Him out of a pure and perfect Love. One day, I was praying and worshipping the Lord in the living room. I was kneeling with one knee on the floor with my fist clutched across my heart. The room was full of His Presence and Glory. There seemed to be a lot of moving in the Spirit. I remember vowing to serve Him. I was pledging my allegiance to Him like a soldier or a Knight before the King.

Without any warning, I was caught up in the Spirit and taken to another time. It was a part of my future and I was able to see myself and others producing a video program or a movie. I will reveal what I can to you of this vision: it began from a high place looking down on a ministry compound with production studios. Outside the buildings, I could see myself standing and directing many actors. I asked the Lord, 'what is this?' and immediately He answered, telling me that this is a result of my work. He then took me down to ground level close to the work in progress. Everything looked normal for a television production except for one thing: I saw five people standing by who seemed to have no place on the set. They were praying. I asked the Lord,

‘who are these people?’ He answered, telling me that these were here to pray for the anointing of God on every scene and to advise me.

He then took me inside one of the buildings. There I saw another panel of elders interviewing someone. The man was relating to them his testimony and calling from God. They all agreed that this man was called of God, then, they sent him into another office. In that office, I watched myself asking the man more questions. Then I concurred with the elders outside that this man was indeed called of God, and then we helped him.

The next part of the vision took me into another building that resembled a chapel. Inside, there were television lights and television cameras set up. I knew by the Spirit of the Lord that this equipment was made available to those who preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There was more, but I feel restrained to discuss it all now.

After the vision, I was again back in the living room. I knew that I was called of God for a big work. During that 7 months held apart unto the Lord, I experienced many miracles. After the 7 months ended, I was in need of a job. One day, I was praying in the den about a job and I had just uttered these words, "I will serve you" when the phone rang. It was NBC News offering me a staff job. I had turned down several offers for staff jobs before, because I didn't like the jobs and they offered me about half of what I was making as a free-lancer. This day I didn't hesitate and didn't negotiate. I knew that this call was directed of the Lord. There was also an Actors strike coming that was about to paralyze productions all over town for awhile. The job turned out to be in Network News. This meant that I would be working on national and international news stories, traveling all the time. The next four years were a great adventure in the Lord. The Lord, in my travels, took me to many people to minister to, or to witness to, and to deliver messages to people that I would have otherwise not been able to reach.

One example of the Lord taking me to those He wanted to reach happened while I was in Argentina covering the Falkland's war in 1982. We were working long days of 18 to 20 hours. One night, we interviewed a group of men who called themselves the Eisenhower Fellowship. These men were from some of the oldest and richest families in Argentina. They met at least once a week in a grand old colonial style house in Buenos Aires. They were educated in America and were intent on establishing democracy in Argentina, just like the United States.

After finishing the interviews, we returned to the hotel, probably around midnight. I had just laid my head down to go to sleep, when suddenly the entire room filled with the presence of the Lord. I sat up in bed and replied with, ‘Yes sir’. He then told me to go back to these men that I had just come from and deliver a message. He then went on to tell me what the message was. When the Lord had finished giving me the message, I agreed and reminded Him that I was not in charge there. If He wanted me to deliver that message, He would have to make a way for me to see these men again. With that, the Lord departed from the room and I went to sleep.

Very early the next morning we were off and running again. My testimony of the last 18 years walking with the Lord would take a book in itself. Just this one news story in Argentina over a three month period, was a great adventure both in the physical and in the spiritual. I was able to help an American missionary family get out of the country. They were under great persecution,

as we all were, because Reagan had given his allegiance to Margaret Thatcher and England instead of supporting the Argentines.

The day before I left Argentina, I was caught right in the middle of the Riot at the Plaza De Mayo. During the riot, the Lord sent an Angel alongside to protect and strengthen me. It was in Argentina that the Lord began to reveal the fields that he wanted me to work in and to. These were remote and ancient villages that I have since come to realize make up about one-half of the world's population.

The day after the riot, as I arrived at the airport in Buenos Aires, I had several large cases of equipment to check-in. Inside the terminal, there was a man acknowledging me. I couldn't place him; I didn't know where I had seen him. I kept asking myself, was he a good guy or a bad guy? After all, we had chased politicians, military leaders, and the Secret Service (and they had chased us). I had just gone through a riot the night before and was very tired. Every time I looked his way, he was smiling and nodding his head at me. The whole situation was a little unnerving, probably because of the state of mind I was in.

The flight was going through Rio de Janeiro, Miami, Houston and finally to Los Angeles. It was going to be a long flight; I was looking forward to relaxing. I took my seat in first class. The man in the terminal came and sat in the seat right next to me shortly before take-off. There were plenty of available first-class seats, so I murmured to God in my spirit about why they had booked this man right next to me. I still could not place him and he smelled of whiskey and cigars. The murmuring turned into complaining. I determined to move to another seat as soon as we were airborne.

I continued to complain as the plane began to taxi. The very moment the tires of that plane left the ground, I knew who this man was. It was as though my eyes just opened. He was the President of the Eisenhower Fellowship that the Lord had told me to deliver a message to. All of a sudden, his presence did not bother me. We began to talk; he had recognized me from that interview. I was led to tell him my testimony and deliver the message the Lord had commanded me to give him. Imagine the look on his face as I began to tell him about the Lord coming to me that night in the hotel. He received it much better than I imagined. We had twelve hours together; we did not get much sleep. During this time, Armand gave me a standing invitation to stay at his mansion in Buenos Aires anytime I could make it down there. He offered to cut through any red tape that I might encounter in any future video production in Argentina. The Lord had accomplished His mission and caused us to be friends. We separated at the Miami airport. I went home to Los Angeles and he went on to keep an appointment with President Reagan in Washington D.C.

At the end of 1984, I left NBC. I knew in the Spirit that somehow it had to do with going into the work of the ministry. But there was no job I could see in the ministry.

The next job was with the Saudi Royal Commission in Saudi Arabia. A short while before I left the States, I was under a prophetic ministry. One day, this Prophetess of God invited me to her home. She asked me to travel and work with their ministry. I declined. Before I left, she prophesied in the Spirit that I would be ministering for a time in a remote part of the world. As

she delivered this prophesy, the Spirit of God manifest in that room. I was looking at everyone there through a brilliant Gold light. I could feel a very strong anointing on me as the word was delivered. I knew this prophecy was true and was indeed of God, but I had no idea how I was going to get to a place like that. It just didn't fit with my life. It is hard to imagine yourself ministering in remote parts of the world when you are in America.

In Saudi Arabia, we were putting together a four million dollar television studio for the Royal Commission. There, I met a man from Thailand who was an electrician. We worked together on this project. We became friends. He was anxious to share his country and traditions with me and I was sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with him. During this time, he got it in his head that I should marry one of his cousins in Thailand. He then began to teach me the language with great persistence. I didn't realize it at the time, but the Lord was using him to prepare me for the country He was calling me to.

As I said earlier, in South America the Lord began talking to me about remote villages of the world. He had talked to me about these villages in South America, the Middle East and in Asia; on three different Continents.

The first night that I spent in an Asian village I was kept awake all night by the most horrific sounds. It sounded as though the pit of Hell itself had been opened up. It was loud! There was no way for me to sleep. I got up and walked through the house to see if anyone else was hearing what I was hearing. They were all sleeping peacefully. I realized that my ears alone were opened to hear this awful demonic activity. I knew, that as a witness of the Lord Jesus Christ, I wasn't welcome there. The devil was trying to scare me out of there. I spent the entire night pleading the shed Blood of the Lamb over myself and everyone there.

After my contract in Saudi was over, I settled back in Los Angeles and again, went to Church on the Way. I had no other intentions than to build a good life in America.

Six months after I had returned to the States, the Lord began dealing with me about going back to the Indo-China region; back to those very villages where I had heard the horrendous demonic activity. Every morning when I awoke, the Lord would tell me to go into the ministry full-time and return to Asia. He would tell me the same thing when I was going to sleep at night. This was everyday and every night; there was no mistake. At the same time, He was showing me visions in the Spirit for what He wanted me to do there. I had no idea how to do what He was telling me to and I did not want to go.

God was not calling me to a picnic. This was very serious. These villages are remote. The roads and bridges were treacherous. I can remember one driver, from the city of Lampang, came to one of the bridges and didn't want to go any further. He insisted that I get out and walk the rest of the way. This was not possible. It took a lot of coaxing (and more money) to get him to take me to my destination. There was no electricity. The houses were made of wood elevated about 5 ft. off the ground with pigs and chickens under the floorboards. You could hear and smell them all night as you tried to sleep. The food was not palatable to the western taste. The people were Buddhist and had been doing things the same way for over 3,400 years. I had already heard the demonic activity over that area warning me not to stay. And I would be carrying into this place

the Gospel of Jesus Christ that threatens Kings and Kingdoms, for the first time. And above all, the Christians I went to for help seemed to have an unending supply of doctrine (if they didn't have one, they would make one up) that proved it was none of their business. Suddenly, I seemed to be the enemy of the Church because we needed help with finances for what the Lord had called us to do. As I said, I really didn't want to go.

For the next eighteen months, the Lord dealt with me constantly about going. I would start my day asking the Lord to bless my job and prosper and He would tell me to go to Thailand. I was not prospering. The Lord began to close the doors to me in America, yet I was still under this tremendous burden. It took the Lord only six months to change my heart to go. He would remind me of the vows I had made to Him. Even after my heart was in line with the Lord's will, I still didn't have the finances to go.

From the time of my salvation, moving in the gifts of the Spirit, the Lord had been using me in the ministry. He had used NBC like a small chess piece to move me to the people He wanted me to minister to or to deliver a message to. He used my job in Saudi to get me to people He wanted me to preach to inside this Muslim country. But now, He was telling me to go...and there was no corporation. This time, He was telling me to go to His people and proclaim my calling, ministry and all that He had told me to do and to ask for their help.

During all that transpired in the testimony I've written about in this chapter, I had great opposition from the devil to stop me. I realize now that Satan knew of my calling and visions from the Lord; he tried to stop me from the very beginning. I had known opposition, but not like I was about to experience.

The times of Restitution are here and it is the Lord's Will to restore all things. He has talked extensively with me about the restoring of order to His Church. Restoring the Apostles, Prophets and Evangelists that have the Word of God for the Church in these end-times, is a part of that restoration.

The Apostles and Prophets were always intended by God to be a normal functioning part of the Body of Christ and the Kingdom of God on the earth. To elevate these men and their callings to a level of deity is wrong. No man can stand under these false doctrines. By doing this, we show that we have missed the point of the testimonies of the first Apostles. We have missed the point of their relevance to the Gospel going forth in the earth. By being in agreement with this kind of thinking, we are allowing, and yes, even helping Satan to rob and kill off an important part of our Body, the Body of Christ.

On June 9, 1996 while I was in church, a member of the choir began speaking in tongues in a very loud and penetrating voice. As the tongues ended, I saw....what can only be described by me as Cloven Tongues of Fire. It traveled quickly from the front of the church to me, and then hovered over me. I began to expand on the inside. I could feel the power of God all through me. Then the message was given to me. The message to the Church was this, *"I am the Lord thy God in whom you live, dwell and have your being. Surely, perilous times have come. Lean on me, trust in me. Have I not said that I will never leave you or forsake you even unto the end of the World?"*

I write about this for two reasons: first, this is the first time that I was actually allowed to see these Cloven Tongues of Fire darting across the church. This is what they saw on the day of Pentecost. Secondly, as I spoke "Surely Perilous times have come", I could feel a great emphasis on these words. They verified, at least to me, that we are in the Last Days. (***This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 Timothy 3:1***)

The ultimate restoration is the Lord God restoring this world unto Himself. It begins in His Church, now in this time. Restoring order to the Church is the first step. The Church without order is weakened and yet, all of creation is waiting. The return of the Lord is imminent. As we begin to understand and correct those things that are out of order, then the Lord can and will restore power to the overall Church. **Without order, there can be no unity.** The covenant restoration will also be restored to us as individuals. If you insist on holding on to and defending those doctrines of men, you will miss out on the greatest time of all. I hope this book will help you to put things in their proper perspective and Order.

**When the Lord spoke to me about Gathering His Apostles, He was not just speaking of a single event, but also the gathering of the Apostles to the Body of Christ. He also let me know that the time really is short.**

The title of this book is, "Gather My Apostles" but the function of this book, according to the Lord, is to **Call the Church to Order** which is the beginning of restoring the Church. The time of Restoration is now at hand.

Acts 3:21

Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

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