

**ISRAEL 101**  
**Part 8**  
**“The Purpose of the Church”**

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Alright brother let's blow that shofar and let's welcome in the Sabbath Day, the seventh day of the week that is so holy unto our God. Amen.

Hallelujah! Praise the name of Yahweh! Amen. Amen. Amen. We're going to the book of 1 Corinthians 15:45. This will be part 8 of Israel 101. Some of the things that I hope you have learned in this series is that Yahweh is fooling with no one at this time but the house of Israel. You need to know that. You need to understand that, and comprehend that. If you are sitting in this Zoom meeting tonight, I give you my promise for those of you who will hold out till the end, you are a bonafide member of the house of Israel.

You're not a member of the house of Israel because you were saved and placed your faith in Christ. It's quite the opposite. You are saved and placed your faith in Christ because you're a member of the house of Israel. Not sure if all of you are awake so let me say it again. You are not a member of the house of Israel because you're saved and believed in Christ. You believed in Christ because you're a member of the house of Israel. Hallelujah. You have to know that. Amen. Praise Yahweh.

**1 Corinthians 15:45**

**And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul, the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.**

Who is the last Adam? Yahshua is he who became something that he was not. The first Adam became something he was not. The first Adam, before the breath of life was breathed into his body, he was just a body. Now I know many of you in this room tonight has probably heard a teaching that is very popular in the Christian church. And it says you are body, soul and spirit. But that is not true. There are no three parts to you. They try to use that to compare that to the Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Many of you have been taught that you are body, soul and spirit, but you are not. You are body and spirit. Why is that? Because when your body has no breath in it—whenever you die, whenever they, you know, close your eyes and you die, you will become a body again. Just a dead, lifeless body. Right now you are not a body. Right now you are a what? You're a soul. You're a living soul. You are a *nephesh*—the Hebrew word *nephesh*.

What does that mean? It means that instead of a dead body, or a lifeless body, you are a breathing body. Because you're breathing, you are a *nephesh*. The word "soul" comes from that Hebrew word *nephesh*. Alright? So therefore, Adam became what he was not in the beginning. At creation, he was a lifeless body until something was breathed into him and turned him into a soul.

What was breathed into him? Life. The breath of life. So therefore, Adam became something that he was not. Yahshua, contrariwise, Yahshua, the last Adam, also became something that he was not. As long as he was a man, walking the earth, he was not a life-giving spirit. He was a soul. Hallelujah. He was a flesh and blood soul. But upon his resurrection, he became a life-giving spirit. Why? Because his body went down a natural body, but Paul says it comes up a what? It comes up a spirit-body. It comes up as spirit.

Everyone of you watching me right now, you are not spirit. You are flesh. That which is born of flesh is? *Flesh*. That which is born of spirit is? *Spirit*. Amen. Yahshua was not spirit. Now here's the question. If Yahshua preexisted as we've always been taught, then he would've been spirit before he became flesh. But according to the scriptures, he became a spirit. Is anybody hearing what I'm saying? *Yes sir*. Are you picking up what I just put down? Biblical proof is that Yahshua was never a spirit before his resurrection.

He became a spirit, and guess what everyone of you will become? *A spirit*. Thank you all. Now Yahshua has become a spirit. He is our pattern, correct? So we, you and I, are on a journey to becoming spirit, and a life-giving spirit because we also will be giving life in the millennial reign to all of the dead. Those who are dead in their sins. Those who are dead to carnality. We will give them the same life that we have been given. Amen.

Now I want to show you in John 20:22 the power that you and I have been given by Yahshua. How many of you have ever heard that the apostles of Yahshua received the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost? Anybody? *Yes*. Ok, how many's been taught that the apostles received the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost? Ok. Let's read in John.

### **John 20:22**

**And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost.**

That was a long time before the day of Pentecost. Yahshua breathed on his disciples and said—he commanded—what did he say? Now receive the Holy Spirit. They did not receive the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. What they received on the day of Pentecost was the gift of tongues. They already had the

Holy Spirit, and look what they did not do right there. There's no record that they spoke in tongues right there, which proves to me the doctrine of initial evidence is a lie. My, my, my. They received the Holy Spirit whenever they were commanded to receive it. That's why in water baptism, when I lay hands on you, you will receive the Holy Spirit no matter what you do or don't do. Why? It's a command that's received by faith, not by signs.

You have to know that you have the Holy Spirit. Let me put it to you this way. You'll never received the gift of tongues until you first receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Why? Because the Holy Spirit is received by faith and the Pentecostal church has turned that experience into a total display of the flesh. We do not receive the Holy Ghost expecting any sign. The Bible said 'this wicked generation seeks for a sign'. We receive the Holy Spirit by absolute faith! Amen.

The disciples here—do you not believe when Yahshua himself breathed on them they didn't receive the Holy Spirit? Do you believe they had to wait until they spoke in tongues on the day of Pentecost to have the Holy Ghost? Come on now. You need to understand absolutely we believe in speaking in tongues. Absolutely the apostles all spoke in tongues. But it was *after* they received the Holy Ghost, *not* when they received. Amen. I'm teaching you the word now. If you can get rid of your Pentecostal brain you'll hear what I'm saying to you. Amen.

You've got to learn one day to trust the word instead of the way you were taught. *Brother Vaughn, but the Bible says the Holy Ghost fell on the day of Pentecost.* It did, but not for the apostles. It was for the 3,000. The apostles already had it. Hallelujah. Why? Because they believed when Jesus said it's yours, they believed it was a free gift. If you want to see one of the most pitiful sights in all the world, come to a Pentecostal church, to an altar service where we work for 20 hours. If you want a workout, go to a Pentecostal altar. For 20 hours working you to death. The music's got to get right, the drum's got to get right, the atmosphere. And then by the time we get through with you, honey you're going to get the Holy Ghost just to get us off you!

I promise you that because, listen, we grew up believing that people came that never spoke in tongues, and when they would leave the altar of God, we would tell them 'so sorry, try again next time'. *Pastor I was told when my wife didn't receive the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues that I was unequally yoked in my marriage.* I know. And I know what church probably told you that. And you know brothers and sisters, you better hear me and hear me well.

I know as many people that are filled with the Holy Ghost that never spoke in tongues as I do ones that have. Trust me. Do you know how I know it? It's called the fruit of the spirit. That's how I know it! I know tongue-talkers that have never

had one fruit of the spirit. Come on now! *Pastor, the Pentecostal church that I went to told me that I had to beg for the Holy Spirit. And then I had to throw up all the bad evil things before I could receive the Holy Spirit.* You know that is what we all have been taught and it's so sad because it produces defeatism in people. They give up. How can you tell people God's got a free gift for you if you stay in the altar long enough you'll get it?

How can you tell people that if you pray hard enough you'll finally, in 20 years, you might get it? Amen! Brothers and sisters, listen to me and listen well. No one speaks in tongues more than me. I believe that you should desire every gift of the Spirit. Let me tell you, speaking in tongues enhances my prayer life, it enhances my power with God, there is a power that comes with it that every one of you should desire and seek after. But the only way you can seek after it is that you know that you have the Holy Ghost already! And that you know that that gift must come to you because you already have the Holy Spirit.

Satan, his greatest lie is that you have the Holy Ghost because you spoke in tongues. Brothers and sisters, it is no truth to it. You have the Holy Ghost because God's word says you did. I got some funny looks going out there tonight. You've got the Holy Ghost because God's word said you can have it. Acts 2:38. Repent. Now don't be claiming the Holy Ghost if you haven't repented. I'm talking about TURN AROUND. Amen. I'm talking about the commandments of God. I'm talking about you have turned your life around and you're pressing toward the mark. If you've done that the Bible says go and be baptized in water, and do it in the name of Yahshua the Messiah for the washing away of your sin.

The blood doesn't wash your sins away. Did you know that? Oooh! Oh man. Don't get me started now. You see, you don't understand. The blood is in the water. Do you understand what I just told you? The Bible said that when Yahshua was crucified on the cross, what came out of his side was blood and water! The blood is in the water! Why? Because it is the water that literally applies that blood to your life. Every baby is born with blood and water. When we put you in the womb of mother church, you're going to be mixed in blood and water!

Brothers and sisters, when you are baptized in the name of Yahshua, Acts 2:38 makes you a promise. And that promise is plain. You shall! I wish somebody would say YOU SHALL — receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Does anybody see the word tongues in there, if you speak in tongues? Does anybody see that anywhere? If you do this...no, no, no, no. If you repent, if you're baptized in his name, you got it!! By FAITH you've got it. And you can know it not because you're lips moved—you can know because Acts 2:38 promised it to you!

And now nothing can ever take it away from you. Some of you think because you can't feel anything anymore you've lost the Holy Ghost. No, no, no, no. As long as you're still turned around and repenting and walking on the narrow path, you still have the Holy Spirit!! Glory! You've got to know you've got it. You've got to confess you have it. You've got to declare...*I'm filled with the Holy Ghost*. Hallelujah. Oh hallelujah.

*But brother Vaughn, I'm not speaking in tongues any more. I'm not doing this anymore.* Darling if you still obey the commandments of our God, you can only do that with the help of the Holy Ghost! You've got to have the Holy Ghost. And it's so simple. I said it's so simple to get it! Brothers and sisters hear me tonight. Yahweh breathed on his disciples and said these words: Receive it. When I baptize you or one of these elders baptizes you, when you come up out of the water, I taught them at the elder's meeting how to baptize. And I told them brethren and sisters, when you stretch forth your hands, the laying on of hands, you command them to receive the Holy Spirit as the proxy of Yahshua, and they shall receive it.

Some people when they receive it will respond emotionally, some will not. Some will respond according to their nature. But this I promise you, if you have received the Holy Ghost, you will desire to speak in tongues. You will desire to prophecy. You will desire these things. Why? Because you already have them on the inside and now you've got to work out your salvation with fear and trembling. You've got to let it out if it's in there—it'll try to get out. Hallelujah. Amen. Amen.

At our elder's meeting just the other day we had three or four that had never spoken in tongues that immediately began to speak in that heavenly language—they already had the Holy Ghost. I said they already had the Holy Ghost! But now they're moving forward. And tonight's lesson had nothing to do with what I'm talking about and no idea how we got there. But evidently somebody's doubting your Holy Ghost. Hallelujah. And the Lord knows all about it. Hallelujah.

I want to make you a prophetic statement. If you're in this room tonight it's because you are filled with the Holy Spirit. It's because the Holy Spirit has driven you to be here! God is calling every one of you to be filled with the Spirit of God. And when you are you will desire to know him. Praise the Lord.

Yahshua said "receive the Holy Spirit". Now why did he give them the Holy Spirit? I want to explain something to all of you. The purpose of the Holy Spirit is so very simple. You can find it in John 14, I'm not going there but you can do your own research. The Bible said when the Holy Ghost comes, he will lead you and guide you into all truth. That's the purpose of the Holy Ghost. If you don't desire truth you don't have the Holy Ghost. And you can not even respond to truth if you

don't have the Holy Ghost. That's why people do not impress me at all with their gifts of the Spirit if they don't want to hear me teach. I don't care. You don't have the Holy Ghost. You've got a holy almost but not the Holy Ghost. I promise you that. Because if you've got the real deal, you'll hear truth.

The Bible said it's leading you. You may not understand it, but it's leading you and guiding you into all truth. The purpose of the Holy Ghost is to transform you back into the image of the likeness of the Almighty God. Hallelujah. Now I want to show you why he gave them the Holy Ghost. Let's go to John 16:12-13, 15. The Bible said that when Yahshua was on the earth that he preached the kingdom of God with authority. The purpose of the Holy Spirit is to lead you into all truth. Let's just go ahead and read that before I go on because I need you to understand the purpose of the Holy Ghost.

**John 16:12-13, 15**

**12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.**

You cannot hear them now. This is Yahshua talking to the apostles. See this proves to me that truth is incremental. Yahshua said 'you cannot bear the truth right now'.

**13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth, for he shall not speak of himself, but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak, and he will shew you things to come.**

**15 All things that the Father hath are mine, therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.**

Why did I read verse 15 before I read verse 14? Because I didn't want you confused. It says here that the Holy Spirit would glorify Christ and that can be a little confusing. But 15 clears it up. All things that Father has were given to me. Therefore when he's glorifying me he's glorifying the Father. He's going to tell you what I told because everything that I've told you is only what my Father told me.

So, brothers and sisters, the Holy Ghost, what is the purpose of it according to verse 13? *To guide us into all truth.* Amen. If you want the evidence that you have the Holy Spirit, it's because you love truth. Amen. The minute you quite loving truth—you can speak in tongues till your tongue falls out of your head—you've been deceived. Darling do you not think the devil can't speak in tongues? Every prophet, including Kat Kerr or whatever her name is, pink hair, speaks in tongues

more than anybody. If that's the evidence of the Holy Ghost, then darling be not deceived. Be not deceived.

*Brother Vaughn, it sounds like you're against tongues.* No, no, no. You're not listening. When you know that you have the Holy Ghost because you desire truth, then you can receive the gift of tongues and it will not affect in one way or the other your confidence and your authority that you have because you know you have the Holy Ghost. Many of you right now, you're so up and down in your emotions that one day you'll feel like you don't have the Holy Ghost. Has anybody in this room ever felt like you didn't have the Holy Spirit? Come on now. That's Satan's greatest weapon.

If you ever feel that way again read him Acts 2:38, and say 'do you know what? I have repented, I have been baptized in his name, I have received the Holy Ghost, I know it and you can't make me doubt it'. What does that give you? Authority. And as he leads you into truth, he gives you more authority. Brothers and sisters, the Holy Ghost wants you to have so much authority that nothing scares you. Nothing scares you at all. Nothing worries you. No one bothers you. Why? You know your authority with God.

When you know you have the Holy Ghost, you are a dangerous weapon in the kingdom of Yahweh. When you know there is something living in you and it's that same something that lived in Christ, you can ask what you will. Do you know why? Because it won't be you asking, it'll be him asking through you, therefore, you won't be asking amiss. Hallelujah? You'll only pray what the Father says to pray. Let's read Mark 3:14-15 and 6:7, Luke 9:1

**Mark 3:14-15,**

**14 And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach,**

**15 And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils.**

**Mark 6:7**

**And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two, and gave them power over unclean spirits.**

Notice the twelve that he keeps calling together. Notice the twelve. And notice what they are called to do. Read.

**Luke 9:1**

**Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.**

Authority. He gave them authority. Now the other verses said he gave them power. I want to explain something to all of you. Power is witchcraft. Those of you who desire power are witches. The word power should not be in those verses. It's a bad word. Witches desire power. Power over people, power over nature, power over circumstances. And Christians want power too. They want power to heal, they want power to baptize. Do you remember Simon the magician wanted power to cause people to speak in tongues? The Pentecostal church is power-based. Lord have mercy.

Everybody wants power. That's witchcraft. God does not want you to have power because power without authority to use that power is dangerous. I'll give you a perfect example. There is nothing more powerful than the U.S. military. They have bombs that would blow your mind. They have power in nuclear weapons. They have all the power in the world. And all that power is useless without authority to use it. Who's the only one that has the authority to use the power in the U.S. military? The president of the United States of America.

You all need to learn the difference in power and authority. Yahshua did not give his disciples power. He breathed on them. What was the authority that he gave them? He breathed on them to receive the same Spirit that he had. And when he breathed on them, he gave them the authority. Why did they get the authority? Notice who did not get the authority. Oh I need help now.

Who did not get the authority was the thousands of people that followed Yahshua's ministry. Who did not get the authority? Christians! Those who were out there saying they believed in him and called him Lord. Why didn't they get the authority? They were not disciples. Come on now. They were not submitted daily to his authority. Remember to be in authority you must come under authority. These twelve men gave up their lives, their agenda, their employment. They gave up everything to sit under this man!

Everybody wants power. They want power in the ministry. They want to be an elder. They want to be a deacon. They want to be a pastor. They want a congregation. You want power. Do you know why? You want to have dominion over people. The reason you have no power, the reason not, is because you're not fit for authority. Why are you not fit for authority? Because you won't come under authority.

I just found out one of the men that left our church—the reason he left is because at Tabernacles I overlooked him as being an elder. And now he knows why I didn't make him an elder. I saw from way back that he was not submitted to authority, and the fact that he left proves it. Amen?



Why is this important? Because when Yahweh gives you power to speak those things that are not as though they are, every prophetess on YouTube, all want power but they refuse to come under the authority of the word of God. If you want power, come under authority. Come under obedience to the word and what Yahshua will do to you is what he did to those 12 disciples. He will breathe on you and say 'receive authority'. Receive authority over all manner of demonic power.

It takes more than power to cast out a demon. It takes authority. That's why when I pray for someone that has a demon, if that thing's not out in 30 seconds, I'm done. I don't play the Greg Locke game. I don't put on a show for devils and give them my platform and glorify these devils. Honey if a demon doesn't come out when I say come out, it's because that person doesn't want to let it go, I promise you. You can believe that darling.

When I say COME OUT, I know my authority. Why? Because I walk in the commandments of Yahweh. I'm in a covenant with him. If a sickness doesn't leave when I tell it to, it's not meant to leave. And if a demon doesn't come out when I say come out, it's because it's at home where it's at and the person hosting it likes their guest. You don't cast out demons with power. You cast out demons with authority. And that's the difference in us and them.

You cannot have authority with God when you don't even keep his Sabbath day holy. You're not under his command. Some of you now that you're coming under his authority you pray and watch those prayers get answered more than they ever have before because of the authority you're walking under that you're developing in your life. Let's read more about this. John 20:21

### **John 20:21**

**Then said Yahshua to them again, Peace be unto you, as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.**

Now notice what he said. I'm sending you out because why? I also was sent out by my Father and I obeyed. Watch the flow of authority here saints. Watch the beauty of the Good Shepherd Yahshua saying 'now I'm turning all of you into shepherds because I have the authority to do it because I was sent and I obeyed my Father, now I send you. With the same authority that I have I now give it to you'.

That's why I tell people when I baptize them that it's not me that's baptizing you. Literally it is Yahshua baptizing you. Why? Because he sent me to baptize you and therefore it is him doing the work not I. And now I move out of the way and I loan him my hands to lay on you, and when I do, he breathes upon you and says "receive ye the Holy Ghost". Do you see that saints? Do you see when I say it, it's

him saying it? Why? Because he sent me. Amen. And I'm going to say something to all of you that didn't understand what I just told you when you were baptized, then you might want to go under again and know that when I say to you "receive ye the Holy Ghost" you'll know who's saying it to you and you'll receive it with no problem. Hallelujah.

Why? Because I can't just command it, you have to believe it. Those two work together. You have to know that just like Yahshua, I breathe on you and say 'now receive the Holy Ghost'. Benny Hinn wasn't so far off after all when he breathed on everybody, ha, ha! Glory. Glory, glory, glory.

He breathed on them and said "receive the Holy Ghost". And he said now I'm sending you out to breathe on them. Why? That breathing is a symbol and a sign of the breath of life. Why did he breathe on them? Because Yahweh breathed life into Adam. Come on now. Let that revelation come into you. And as we breathe, that is a symbolic gesture of faith that that same life is now life-giving Spirit. What do we do with a baby when he won't breathe? What do we do? Come on now. We breathe on him! Hallelujah! In his nostrils.

When you go down in the waters of baptism, the Holy Spirit said to breathe on them, command them "receive ye the Holy Ghost". Hallelujah. Why? It's a symbol of our faith. When you get a true minister that is under obedience to the word and to a shepherd, and that flow is happening, darling you can't help but receive the Holy Ghost. It's the same mission. You have the same mission that Yahshua had. Every one of you, to breathe the breath of life into every dead thing that he brings in your pathway. Hallelujah.

Let's go to Romans 16:25-26.

**Romans 16:25-26**

**25 Now to him that is of power to establish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Yahshua Messiah, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,**

**26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God Yahweh, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith.**

Now to him that has the power to establish you, according to my gospel, and the preaching of Yahshua according to the revelation. You have no power or authority without revelation of the mystery of God. Every one that's in this room that's

under my ministry, I want you to listen. You are developing an authority that you know nothing about. Do you know how you're developing it? Because you are beginning to understand the revelation of the mystery of the ages. And as you begin to understand the mysteries of God—a boldness begins to come inside.

Why do you think I always stand up and say 'I'll give you \$1,000'? Do you think I'm a rich man? Oh God no. It's because I have an authority to know I'm walking in the truth. And that gives you authority brothers and sisters. You have to know in whom you are and in whom you have believed. That is where your authority comes from. Your authority does not come from feeling like you have authority. It comes from knowing that you have been given Yahshua's authority.

You have to know that, brothers and sisters, beyond a shadow of a doubt. You have to know if somebody doesn't get healed when you pray for them, it's beyond your ability. It is the Father and his own sovereign will. You can't walk off...*well I wonder why God didn't heal him?* You've got no authority if you question that. Did you hear me? You don't have real authority if you ever question why God didn't do something. Because men with real authority knows 'I did what God said to do, I'm done. God said to do. I did it, I'm done, I'm done'.

And brothers and sisters, you've got to know that level of authority. When you prayed for your loved ones to get saved and they're not saved yet, you don't question God. You just continue to believe, continue to declare and know that because you're doing that, one day he'll drag them and release the rest. You just have to know it. We don't pray by our feelings, we pray by our faith.

*Hold that position.* Amen, hold that position. You need the authority to never waiver in your faith. Never. And you can only do that if you know who you are, if you know that you're under authority, if you know the authority you're under is flowing in the truth of the word of God. With that comes an authority over every addiction, over every sin, over every thing that doth so easily beset you.

I've come to tell you today the dominion mandate that we've been teaching about is a mandate of authority, not power. And while we're here let me explain what I mean to you by that. Let me find the Strong's Greek word real quick for you because I want to demonstrate this to you so you can know beyond the shadow of a doubt who you are in the Spirit that you don't need power. Witches are trying to get power. That's why they cast spells. That's why they drink chicken blood. That's why they go dance naked under the moon. They're looking for power.

And the Christian church is no different, They all want power. But not one of them want to come under obedience to Yahshua and be a disciple to receive that true power, that true power. Amen? Praise the Lord. Are there any questions

right now while I look this scripture up, anything that I need to make clear? Alright, that's good then. Go ahead.

*Can you address the 'lay hands suddenly on no man'?* Yes ma'am, thank you. Wonderful scripture. So we're commanded not to lay hands suddenly on any man. That is why I don't have pray lines. That's why I don't line people up and tell them everybody that comes up tonight's going to get healed. No they're not. Anyway quit lying. Because that's why in baptism I look you in the eyes and ask you if you've repented, and if you believe that you shall received the Holy Ghost—if you can't answer those questions, I'm going to ask you to step out of the water. I'm not going to lay hands on you.

Why? I take this job very seriously. I don't pray for people who's been running the preacher down and then pray that their throat cancer will leave them. It's a mockery and an abomination before God. The Bible says 'I tell you not to pray for them'. He said 'if there is any sick among you, let him go profess their sin to the elders of the church'. Boy people hate those scriptures.

I knew a lady who ran my mother-in-law and father-in-law down all over town trying to destroy them, tried to destroy us, develop breast cancer. Now she's calling every one of us and all the churches in town to pray for her breast cancer to be healed. And then she went and got in some prophe-liar's line, prophesier prayer line, and she was prophesied to that Satan sent that sickness on her and that God was going to heal her and all of that. It didn't happen, never happened.

You make a mockery out of holy things. I discern people before I pray over them. When I'm walking at Tabernacles laying hands on people, if I've never laid hands on you there's probably a reason. I'm very careful who I lay hands on. I discern who I'm laying hands on. I don't do it suddenly on any man. Do you know why I didn't lay hands on you? Because you were standing there saying in your mind... *I'm not going to fall out if he touches me.* And I knew it by the Spirit. Why would I waist time on you? You're a brick wall. I ain't got time to play with you. I'm looking for people that's ready to yield to the moving of the Holy Spirit, what he wants to do in their life. Hallelujah.

The first night of Tabernacles, I think it was two or three years ago elder was telling me. He walked in in his cowboy hat on, they'd never been in our type of a church. He stood there and as he was standing there (brother is a man's man), he was intimidating, you know, had his cowboy suit on from West Texas mind you. And he doesn't fall for anybody, right?

But yet, I looked and he was hiding, and his wife said...*oh God he's coming close, hide!* Then she said...*oh Lord he looked at us.* Anyway long story short, all of a

sudden the Holy Ghost spoke to me and I said...*both of you come here!* I called them out. And in just a matter of seconds they were on the floor. I only do that because there was a seed in that man that was ready to yield no matter what his mind was saying. There was a seed ready to yield and God knew it.

But be careful! I don't lay hands on everybody. Why? Because I take that seriously. And if I do lay hands on you, you need to know something. You need to know it's not me that's laying hands on you. It is not I that do the work. Now I want you all to go back to that scripture we started with where he breathed on them and said 'receive the Holy Spirit'. I just want you to try to imagine if you think they just stood there and said...*oh thank you sir!* Ha, ha, ha!! Whew! Glory.

They probably did what Paul did on the Damascus road when Yahshua showed up and commanded him to receive the Holy Spirit. The Bible said he fell off his horse like a dead man. Amen. When you come into our meetings, if you don't want it I don't want to give it to you. Amen. If you don't want the disease I'm giving away, you ain't gonna catch it darling. Hallelujah! Praise God! Hallelujah. If you don't want Covid we ain't gonna breathe on you! Glory to God! You've got to want it!! Hallelujah! Praise God. Amen.

Let's look at one of these words real quick, so very important. Look at the word POWER (Strong's Greek 1849) which is the Greek word *exousia*.

### **John 1:12**

**But as many as received him, to them gave he POWER to become the sons of God.**

Now *exousia*, when you begin to look at it, look how many ways it can be translated. Power (69x), authority (29x), or the right (2x), or the liberty (1x), or the jurisdiction (1x), or the strength (1x). The power of authority (influence) and the right (privilege). You see, you need more than power brothers and sisters. You need the RIGHT to use the power. Hallelujah.

You see we're getting somewhere. I need you to follow me. The power. You've got the power, but now you need the right and the authority to use that power. Otherwise you're a witch. The only way you have the authority is if you're a disciple. The only way you're a disciple is if you've given up your life to be obedient to the word of God. Those who are walking in all the obedience you know, you've got the authority to use the power.

Let me show you how it works, are you ready? Barney Fife. Little Barney Fife is the deputy sheriff. Now Barney has power. He's got a bullet in his pocket, and he's got a bun on his side. That's power. But he can't use that bullet till Andy tells

him he can. Come on now! I said come on now. He'll call Andy on the CB tell him I got a murderer loose, can I use my bullet? But see the problem is he's misused that bullet so many times that Andy's scared to death he's going to shoot his own self with it. And Andy Griffith tells him...alright you can use your bullet.

Here's the problem. When you see someone in a traffic circle, maybe it's some little woman that's a crossing guard at a school zone. That woman has no power in and of herself to stop a vehicle. And here comes 18-wheelers, and she walks right out there, puts her little hand up like that with a white glove and stops grown vehicles. Do you know why? There's a little badge right there on her chest. That's her authority to use the power.

I'm teaching you tonight. All these charismatic churches you all go to where they tell you...you got power! That's the last thing you need darling is power because do you know what you'll do with that power? You'll go out and tell someone living in adultery, you'll go out and tell someone living in open sin they're healed in the name of Jesus when you have just done them more damage than—you don't have any sense in your head! You don't have any word in your pocket. That's why I tell people the most dangerous person in the world is a dummy with a Bible. I'm serious.

You give a dummy a Bible and they'll do more damage than—Barney Fife will do more damage with that Bible in his hand than if he just put it down. Don't be a Biblical Barney. Don't have the power without the authority. You've got to know this word! People will come to me all the time and they'll start talking about spiritual things and they get angry at me because they're so spiritual they see I'm not buying it. And I say...no, no, no. No, no. No, no. That's not what the word says. *Well I don't care, my dead mama came and talked to me and told me that blah, blah, blah.* I said no, no. No, no, no.

What's coming out? That authority. It's not my authority. I don't have any authority, did you hear me? It's his authority. What is him? The word. That's why I will not debate with people who start off with...*well the way I believe it...* I don't care how you believe it. I don't want to hear those words. I won't say those words. I will start off...it is written. It is written—the word said. Why? Because this fat boy, I don't have any power! I don't have any authority you all. I'm just Shane Vaughn. I'm just a little Mississippi preacher, I don't have any authority.

But I know a book. I said I know a book from cover to cover. Hallelujah. I said I know a book from cover to cover. And there's my authority. I've submitted to that book. It's the same way with the Constitution. Do you all know what today's headlines were on Newsweek? I shared it on my Facebook timeline. The headline

today: Donald Trump does not need any intervention from the Supreme Court to stay on the Colorado ballot.

Folks that's old news to us, isn't it? Why? Because you heard today's headlines yesterday, about two weeks ago, I told you that. Now, how could I tell you that before Newsweek could tell you that? I know the book I've read. I read darling. My power is in my knowing of the book. All I did with the court ruling that came from Colorado—you all know what I did? I didn't just run my mouth. I didn't go live. Somebody told me last night that Brad Barton went live last night with somebody named DC. And they said by the time he got through, they had RFK, JFK resurrected and people were just amazed at this guest that he had ridden in a car with RFK, John F Kennedy Jr—last week he was in the car with him.

Now why am I saying that? That's people who want power without reading the book. That's people who want to impress you with their gift of all their intel when they have no intel. There's only one intel, do you hear me? There's only one place that knows the end from the beginning. Do you understand?! It is the word of God. It is the word of God rightfully divided. When people here me teach, do you know what they accuse me of? *Well you think you're the only one that's right?* No! I don't. But until you can prove me wrong about what I believe you will not get me to bow down to your opinion ever!

My authority comes from Genesis to Revelation. Show it to me, in context, connected together with other scriptures. Draw me a picture and I'll bow down to anything you have to say. But until then, I know where I stand. My authority is in the word of God. How many has told you...*your preacher thinks he's the only one that's right*. I'm sure you've heard that one. Hallelujah.

No, no, no. I don't think I'm right at all. I think this book is right, and I've read that book from kiver to kiver, I've read it from front to back. And then I read it backwards. Then I've read it on the Peshat level, the Derash level, the Remez level and the Sod level. I've read it on every level. *Amen. You are the messenger that gives the message*. And there is authority in that my brother. Brothers and sisters, there is authority.

When they started talking about the 14th amendment, guys listen, I don't know anything, but I had sense enough to go read the 14th amendment. And while I'm reading I get to a line about the officers of the United States, and I said I wonder what an officer is? It's that simple guys, I'm not that smart. If you want authority know that Constitution. And you can sing 'I told you so' every show.

Because why? Some of you are so busy in the super-spirituality of Christianity wanting to transcend into spiritual nirvana that you haven't even read the book.

And you have no authority. Do you know who knows you don't have authority? Satan. Why do you think when the seven sons of Sceva tried to cast the devil out that devil made fun of those Christians? They were Christians, oh yes. And Satan said...*now Yahshua I know and Paul I know, but who are you?* Do you know why? Because those seven sons of Sceva were not under the authority of Paul or Yahshua. They were doing it on their own. There was no spiritual connection to the spiritual authority that he recognized. That's why when you connect to a man or woman of authority who Satan recognizes, he recognizes your authority because you're connected to that authority. It flows down, I said it flows down.

So we don't need power. We need authority. Let me show you how this works. When you know your authority you're not scared of anybody or anything. You just turn to the devil and say...the Lord rebuke you son, I'm busy.

#### **Daniel 7:13-14**

**13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.**

**14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him, his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.**

Amen. Now what I want to show you in this verse is that word *dominion*. Now brothers and sisters, the word dominion there is the same as *exousia* in the Greek. And it basically means "a realm of authority". Yahshua is going to be given a realm of authority. Right now his realm of authority is the church. The church is to have dominion according to Daniel 7:27.

#### **Daniel 7:27**

**And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.**

Right now the local church, the ekklesia, the body of Yahshua, has been given dominion in the church. Listen to me carefully. This is where it's about to get really good. If you will understand the dominion mandate, you are going to rule in every sphere in the new kingdom. You're going to reign in the kingdom of legal, political, social, and morality. In the coming kingdom of God, the church, the ekklesia, the manchild, will rule in all of those areas. A government



establishing education. We're going to rule in all of those areas when Yahshua returns.

Now if we're going to rule in all of those areas, listen closely, where do we get the training how to do that? *Here. Now. Amen. From his word. Amen.* Training for reigning. That's a part of this ministry that many people do not truly grasp. We are not preparing any of you in this class to go to heaven. We're preparing every one of you to be governors, mayors, senators, presidents, kings, priests. One day it's going to snap in your mind that you have been given the authority to become those things. Now you understand why judgment must begin in the house of Yahweh or the Elohim or the Ekklesia.

I want to talk to you tonight about the purpose of the church. The purpose of the church is as follows:

#### TO TEACH YOU HOW TO GOVERN THE POWER

*Shoot yourself or someone else.* Exactly right. You're going to be given so much power sister. The Bible said that you will rule with a rod of iron. You're going to be given so much power that the Bible says you'll be like the angels. Right now you've been given the authority to become the sons of God and have great power over what? People. Now you might know what the church is made up of. Of people.

I'm trying to teach you tonight, it all comes down to that place nobody wants to be a part of—the church. Do you know why people want to go outside the church and have power? Because they don't want to have to earn authority for that power. They go out with a loaded weapon called the gospel of Jesus Christ in their hands with no authority to use it. And they kill everything they touch.

So God created the local church, a place like this to assemble so that you can develop the training to use that power that you're going to be granted in the coming kingdom of God. These local assemblies during the days of the apostles—do you know what the apostles did all over? Do you know they didn't evangelize like you think they did? All they did was plant churches.

Do you know that's the truth? If you want to know the truth, and I'll just say it. The truth is my ministry is really that of an apostle, not a pastor. Amen. Why? Because I've been used by Yahweh to plant a work. And in that planting, I'm raising up pastors to care for the flocks all over the nation. This week at the elder's retreat, I looked—those are people who are building congregations under my authority. And I planted the whole thing under *His* authority because I'm teaching you his word.

I have no authority in myself. I don't deceive myself. I know I'm nothing. But I know my authority. It lies in the word of God. Do you know what did not happen in the local assemblies? And I'm going to show you where Christianity messed it all up. How many of you have heard it said that the church is a hospital for the hurting? Have you ever heard that? No it's not. It's a college for the future teachers of the wonderful world tomorrow and the coming kingdom of God.

And if you want to know why the church is so stunted in their growth, it's because they think their job is to literally care for all the kindergarten children until Jesus returns. *That's true, that's what they were taught.* And that's all they do. That's why they tell you on your Facebook page...stick with the basics! Baby I did for 34 years...how long do you want me to stick with the basics? How many's heard...keep it simple! Anybody?

The Bible said...no, let us move on from baptism and repentance. And let us move on to perfection. Training for reigning. The local church in the early days of the scriptures were not used for the salvation of the lost. Do you know that's why every church in your town can never teach you like I do? Because they're so busy trying to get sinners in the church. And they're preaching to sinners when there's no sinners in the building. And there you sit for 45 minutes being told Jesus loves you. *And having all those homecoming dinners, all that fried chicken.* Now don't mess with my fried chicken now. Ha, ha, ha! Get out of my Lucky Charms, ha, ha! Hallelujah. *And that chocolate cake!* Amen. But you're right, I get you, I know what you're saying.

And this is what has caused the Christian church to become powerless. Now, let me go over to the Pentecostal church. They think the purpose of church is to have a move of God and to get somebody to 'pray through to the Holy Ghost' in the altar. Grow up! Grow up. Quit wasting the precious moments of the saint's time. Shut the music down. Turn off the organ. Turn off the piano. Shut down the praise and worship music if you have to. Tell people to open their Bibles, and three hours later let them go home.

*They are a mother that does not want to wean the child.* Absolutely. And you know what that produces don't you sister? I hate to use the word—retardation. I don't mean that ugly. I just mean a stunting. The church, they do not want truth. They want to talk about faith. They want to build one another's faith all day long. They want to motivate and encourage one another. I don't need any encouragement. I've got authority in the word honey. I don't need you to motivate me—I wake up motivated.

Ok I'm getting on some of you's toes right now. *Amen pastor. A great social club.* That's all it is. You want somebody to lift you up. I don't need lifted up ever.

Why? My feet are like a tree planted by the rivers of water. I shall not be moved. I don't need any of that. I don't need any inspiration at all. Why? Because I know that when I wake up tomorrow all I need to do tomorrow is get crucified again and become more like Yahshua so I can rule and reign with him. That's all I need to know! Everyday I need to know that's my purpose in life. My authority is in the word not in my feelings.

*Brother Vaughn, you say that because life never gets hard.* Let me tell you something. You know nothing. Do you know how tired I am in my body right now? Do you know all I wanted to do when I walked in the door tonight was to find my bed and my pajamas and forget the whole world existed? Why? I've been in the house with thirty something people for five days! Ok? And I love every one of them. Hallelujah. Ha, ha, ha! Do you know the last thing I want to deal with tonight is more people!!! Glory to God.

But do you know what I knew the moment I walked in that door? Today's the Sabbath day—today's not about me. Today is about the church of God. Today is all about him. That's my authority and that gave me the strength to rise above my feelings. *Thank you for loving us anyway.* Amen. Brothers and sisters, stand on your authority and you will not need to watch Joyce Meyer for anything. Amen? And I don't hate Joyce, I don't hate anybody. But some of you are so busy watching these false doctrine teachers. *Well they encourage me.*

I read a scripture that said encourage yourself in the Lord. Open that Bible and you can encourage yourself in one minute or less. What's happening is you all think you're listening to these teachers and you think you can listen to them and just take the good. But here's what you don't understand. The power of a seed. They speak things against truth and you think you're ignoring it and pushing it away, but you're not. It's landing.

That's why the Bible said "whatsoever things are pure, think on those things". False doctrine is not pure. I'm going to give you all an example real quick. Today I joined—somebody shared something that was very good from one of the Facebook groups/clubs whatever. May I show you all something? Hang tight. (Don't let me forget to come back about the Facebook club because you all know I chase rabbits sometimes.) Just hang tight.

Ok, this is a brother that gives me h e— double you know what on Facebook. He's a pastor of a church. He's charismatic, I think Pentecostal. Every time I post something he feels the need to correct me. So I got an inbox message from him.

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Oh Lord his name's up there. Hold on. Let's see. I'm sorry. Lord I'm trying to protect the man, oh well, too late now. You all keep it a secret. Anyway, he said:

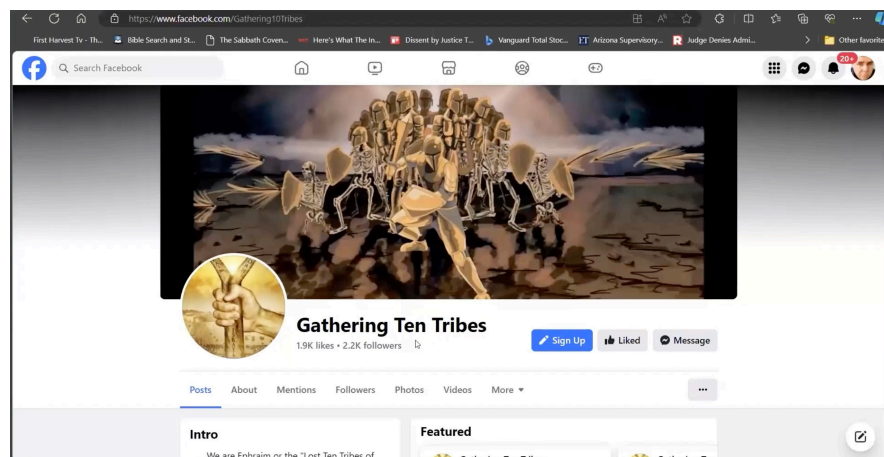
*I listen to your teaching on the return of the Nephilim. I think I understand what you are saying. I'm going to give myself to studying it. I apologize if I came across harsh in the past but I don't just swallow things easily.*

My response to him: Thank you so much my brother. Then look at the next thing: *Could you send me information?* We had a long conversation. And then look what he asked for: He said...*my eyes are opening. Do you have any of your teachings in written form?* He gave me his address and begged me to send him knowledge and understanding. This man's been following me for years on Facebook. Amen.

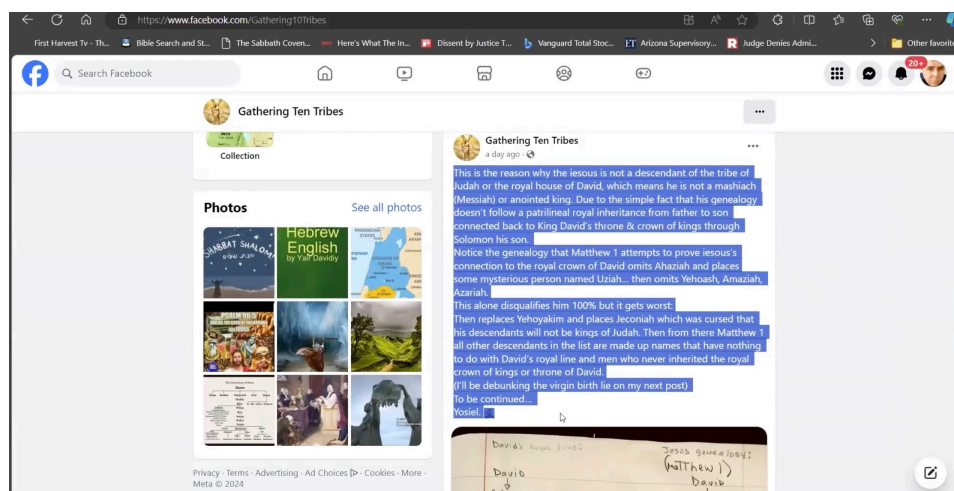
He told everybody I was the most self-inflated, conceded preacher he'd ever listened to. He said that because I'm confident in what I preach. I don't back down to anybody. And now he's apologizing and asking for my materials. Now I said that to tell you this. My authority is what has done that because I know. I don't back down to anybody on truth. Now I'll back down to anybody on regular stuff but not on truth.

And you all need to know one thing. The people who hate you today and call you a heretic and call you a false prophet, whatever they call you today, next year they'll be reading your books, ok? So don't let it bother you. Amen?

Now, let's go back to the Facebook group I wanted to show you. I shared something on my timeline. It was very good, very very good. And some of our people are in that group, ok? It is "Gathering Ten Tribes". Let me share my screen with you.



Alright, somebody shared this and I thought what they shared was great. So I reshared it. Then I went and followed this group because hey that's our language isn't it? Gathering the ten tribes? And boy it's got some great stuff in it. Great, great stuff. I'm scrolling, right? The Hebrew and all English words coming from Hebrew words. Boy that's good. That is good stuff. But then I get right here...



And low and behold, they don't believe that Yahshua is the Messiah. Now, I personally can stay in that group because I know better. But some of you—you're going to start reading that junk, and guess where it's going to get? Right there (your head). That's why I beg you—call me a cult leader, call me controlling, call me whatever—that's fine. That's what kids call their parents when they control what they watch on TV—the horrible, mean, cruel cult leader.

When a parent says you can't watch Harry Potter. *Well I'm my own person, I can do what I want.* No, no, no. You're under my authority. There's a reason I don't share book titles with you. I have a book in my hand right here I'd love to share with you. I won't do it. Why? There's a lot of truth in it, but my God, there's some junk in it. Be careful. Don't listen to these teachers. If they don't have all truth why are you listening to them?

*Pastor, if it doesn't have your name on it, if it's not approved by you, I don't listen and I don't read it.* And you know sister, one day that won't be necessary whenever you've matured and you're able to discern. But until you know you're there—I don't want anybody to have to have my approval, I couldn't care less. But I will say this. Be careful out there. Know truth. If not, oh my God, there's so much junk out there. If you go to YouTube, trust me, you'll find it. It's out there.

Alright let's go to Matthew 16:18 first. We're talking about the local church. The hardest thing you will ever be a part of in your life is a biblically-based local

church. It's the hardest thing you'll ever do. Now, it'll be the best thing you've ever done, but it'll be the hardest thing you've ever done. I'm going to explain why. That's why many people don't make it in a local church setting. Now I want to say this to everybody who's in the national church. The way we have this church set up now, you are in a local church. Not physically of course. But you still have the same accountability. And we have it set up to where you're not a lone island anymore. You're part of an accountability, you're part of ministry. So every one of you are partners with us.

### **Matthew 16:18**

**18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**

So Yahshua says I'll build my church. Ladies and gentlemen, how many of you are part of his church, can I see your hand? The only way in is you have to be baptized in his name to be part of his church. Now let's read Ephesian 2:20.

### **Ephesian 2:20**

**And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Yahshua Messiah himself being the chief corner stone.**

So the cornerstone of our church is Yahshua. The apostles and the prophets are the foundation. We are the what? The stones of the church. If anyone ever tells you that they are the temple of God, no they're not. The third temple is made up of the following. Does anybody know what a cornerstone does? Normally they'll take the cornerstone and put a plaque on it of when that building was built, who built it—right there on the cornerstone.

Yahshua is the cornerstone of the third temple. The foundation of that third temple is what? The apostles and the prophets. Now what does that mean? The Old Testament and the New Testament. It means Spirit and Truth, ok? The foundation of the true church is number one Yahshua. He connects the Old Testament with the New Testament. The foundation of the church is Truth and Spirit, or Torah and Spirit. But that building is only complete with you and me.

We are the stones which are the walls and the finishing touches of that building. When you understand that and then you want to separate yourself and serve Christ without being part of the church...now hold on. *Ok brother Vaughn, now I'm just going to sit over here and be one of the stones of the building.* Well you can't do that. Here's why. I'll read it to you.

## **Ephesians 4:11-16**

**11 And he gave some apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,**

He gave apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to go out and save the lost. *No. For the perfecting of the saints.* I was wondering if anybody was awake. He didn't give you these to save the lost. He gave you these to make saints mad as you-know-what. *No, it's to perfect them.* And what does it take to perfect you? The fire.

**12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Messiah.**

Now that word perfecting there is (Greek 2677) *katartismos*. Let's go to the root word (G2675). It means "complete furnishing, perfecting". Complete. The job of the ministry is to completely furnish the church. Why? Because Yahshua did not finish it. Neither did the apostles. Neither did the prophets. They started it. But the ministry must finish it by perfecting it.

Now let's go to the root word (G2675). "Make perfect, to mend, to fit it together, to frame it, to restore it, to perfectly join together". The job of the ministry is to do what? It's to perfectly join together the church. To furnish it completely. And then those saints that have been perfected are to do the what? *The work of the ministry.* That's why you're being perfected to do the work of the ministry that you thought was my job to do.

Those of you who went to Babylonian churches, you thought the preacher's job was to go out and pray for the sick, to go visit the afflicted, to show up at the hospital when you're having surgery. And you get mad when we don't. You thought the preacher's job was to call and check on you to see if you finished pouting. That's not our job.

Our job's to look you in the face and say if you don't have sense enough to know what you've got in this building don't come back. To perfect you, to make you grow up. Our job's not to fondle or coddle you or show you a big smile. That's not our job. Our job's to turn you into a soldier in the army of the Lord. Our job's to make sure you could not be offended if you tried. Oh hallelujah. Our job's to purposely not speak to you to see if you'll go out and tell your wife...*he didn't even speak to me.* That's my job. I love doing that because if I cannot upset you I've not done my job yet.

My job's to help you find no fault in me, or any of your brothers and sisters in Messiah. That's my job. If you've got a preacher you don't want to hit in the face,

you ain't got a preacher. It's a fact because some of you know that you wanted to hit me right in the face a few times. Do you know why? Because I'm perfecting you and it doesn't feel good. It doesn't feel good to me when my wife tells me things that's wrong that I've done. I don't like it. When she says you could've done that differently, I don't want to hear that.

Oh but as I listen that perfecting fire of God is changing me. If you come to Tabernacles and Passover and I don't say one word to you—that ain't my job. Of course I will. You know I will. But if I'm not getting you to a place where nothing offends you—the Bible said that nothing offended Messiah—he couldn't be offended.

My grandmother, God rest her soul, people would come up to her and tell her what somebody said about her. Let me tell you her words, they live after her death in my mind. Do you know what she said? "Honey they probably believe that. Somebody probably told them that and they believe that." That was her words. It was never... "how could they...". No. "Honey they probably believe that, somebody's convinced them of that, and we just need to pray that that thought would get out of their mind."

Why? My grandmother couldn't be offended. Nobody could offend her. Not even her husband. Nobody could offend her. She lived in a place not offended. My job's to get you and me to that place. Why? Because if you can be offended you can't be part of the church and Satan knows that. Because as long as you're in the church that's got human beings in it, things are going to go wrong. As long as you're in a church that's got people in it, it's going to be filled with hypocrites and it's going to have people problems.

And we have to take you to where when you see somebody do something wrong in the church, your love for them is so much greater than your offense by them that you're willing to say 'I know that sister and I know she loves me, I know that'. You see, authority comes in knowing. If you want authority over offenses, you have to know the truth about somebody. You have to be able to say...'do you know what? A spirit has taken over her mind, and I won't hate her for what the devil's doing through her'. Hallelujah.

I'm trying to teach you today how to overcome, how to walk in the church. Listen guys, if you all are going to be part of First Harvest Ministries, I want to make you a promise, I mean a vow. You're going to find something wrong with everyone of us. Get over it. *Amen*. Somebody's going to forget to call you back. Somebody's going to forget to answer your email. Get over it! And say 'I know pastor Vaughn, I know his heart. I know it's an oversight, I know he loves us, I know he loves me, so do you know what? I have authority over my emotions because I know the



truth'. Brothers and sisters, when you know the truth, you have authority. That's what I've been trying to teach all night if anybody will hear me. When you know the truth you walk in authority. You just know the truth.

We all have to grow up and love one another. I want to tell all you Sabbath keepers something. If you don't love your brother and sister in this ministry, you might as well go back to Sunday church. Why? The greatest of these commandments, the greatest of all of them, is that you love one another. Love means overlooking.

Love means I love you enough to understand that you're going through a rough time right now and your emotions are out of control and it's not even about me, so do you know what? I give you a pass until it becomes a pattern and then we'll sit down and talk about it. Then we'll sit down and say 'hey brother you did this to me and we need to discuss this so I can get it off my chest'. Now but why don't you learn to overlook a few times?

Love people. Why? Because we're building a church and every one of you in this ministry needs to know something. I love you. You're all my children in the Lord. I may not always be perfect for you, but I love you and that is the truth. And I know that you love us. So with that knowledge, guess what that gives us the authority to do? To never be defeated by the enemy. You need that authority in your life. Amen? Let's keep reading the scriptures in Ephesian 4:12.

**For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Messiah.**

According to Ephesian 4:12, somebody tell me if the purpose of the church is to reach sinners, or is it for the edifying of the saved people? *Edifying of the saved people*. Amen. Amen. There it is. Now you know when you go to church and they're preaching to the sinners, you look around and you say...'do you know any sinners here? I don't know of any sinners here'. The purpose of the church is to perfect us. It's to reveal the mysteries of the scripture.

*So pastor, if that's not the purpose of the church, then how do people get saved?* Oh, very simple. My job is to train you to do the work of the ministry. You go read the book of Acts. Where did everybody get saved? I'll tell you where. Phillip was walking by a horse and saw a man standing in a chariot, didn't he? It was an Ethiopian eunuch. And that man got "saved" if you will right there on the streets. And he told Phillip...'there's water right there, what stops me from being baptized?'. Phillip was doing the work of the ministry outside of the local assembly.

Now what would Phillip do with that man that just got saved? He would bring that man to the local assembly to be what? Trained in the scriptures. Everybody that you go out there and get saved—listen, when you meet a person that doesn't know the Lord and they start asking you questions and they're ready to give their heart to the Lord, why would you ever bring them to the church to get saved? Why would you do that? Or worse yet...*well you need to come hear my preacher Sunday. You need to come listen to my preacher.* Why would you bring them to hear your preacher revealing the mysteries of the manchild? Ha, ha, ha!

Now what does that do to your preacher? Here you're bringing in all your sinner friends. So that preacher was ready to reveal the mysteries of the scriptures to the saints and guess what he's got to do now? Anybody want to tell me? Now he's got to preach an elementary message to elementary people. *Kindergarten.* Kindergarten. He's got to go back and be a kindergarten teacher and tell everybody...Jesus loves you this I know for the Bible tells me so.

And then what happens to you during that service? Now you get forgotten about, right? I feel like people know what I'm talking about here. I feel like many of you—this is your story, why you left your churches. Because there's not food there. We don't have any sinners. Sinners don't come to First Harvest church. Do you know why? Sinners go to barrooms. Saints go to church, ok? And what happens is the reason people have Christmas pageants and Christmas plays is to get some sinners hopefully to finally visit the church.

You see, you have to change your whole mentality of what the church is. It's a college. So that's why we have a Christmas play. We get 30 new visitors, and...*see Pastor, we got 5 people who gave their heart to the Lord at the Christmas play.* Ok, in six months, I need you to tell me where those 5 people are, ok? Nine times out of ten (once in a while you have one exception to the rule) are right back where they were. Why? Because the Holy Spirit is not drawing them—your Christmas play drew them.

When you use carnal ways of getting people saved, you have to find carnal ways to keep them saved. I don't think we've had a sinner in our church in the last three years that I know of. Oh God, do you know what used to drive me crazy? Oh my God, when Toto fans would come to church. Oh my God! Oh I would get so nervous because I knew they just wanted to hear Toto you know, and they were not ready for that other one you know. So thank God he used it to get a few of them. The point I'm making is I'd have to change my message every time.

The purpose of the ministry is perfecting the saints. And if the church would go back to doing that we would have more authority in the church. And we could

turn them into colleges instead of kindergarten. And that's the purpose and the identity.

So where do sinners get saved? Let me give you an example. Sinners get saved (or not saved, but converted, begotten) when you are walking in the grocery store and you're at the checkout counter. And this lady and you start talking and all of a sudden that conversation is going to different places, and she says...*well you know I've just been struggling a lot.* And you say...*I know someone who can help you a lot with that struggle. His name is Jesus/Yahshua.* And here you go. Everything we've taught you, you start teaching her.

*Did you know he's soon to return and build his kingdom on earth, and everything you're telling me is going to be made right and you can look forward to that day? You can start right now preparing for it.* That's where you do the work of the ministry. And then do like elder did this week. Elder handed out how many of our booklets on vacation this weekend? I think somebody said he handed out 60 and literally put them in people's hands.

Do you know what elder did the other night at the first hotel we stayed at? He goes and puts them all out and then the next morning every one of them were gone. He saw people reading them. Every one of you ought to be missionaries handing out these booklets everywhere you go. That's the work of the ministry. Not inside the church. And by the way, what I'm teaching you now is 100% different than what the church taught you, I know that. I know that.

How many of you remember "fill a pew Sunday"? Does anybody remember that? They would hand out \$50 to whoever could fill a pew. Butts on a pew. I'm the total opposite, I'm trying to empty pews off. Hallelujah. Why? Because we want to perfect the church. I want this church in such unity and such moving of the Spirit. Let's keep reading. How long do we need the pastor, the prophet? How long do we need these?

**13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Messiah,**

My job is to bring us into the unity of the faith, and the knowledge that Yahshua is not Yahweh! Hallelujah. And the knowledge of who Yahshua is. Until we have become the manchild ready to be delivered to the throne, the perfect man. Until we measure up to the stature of the fullness of Christ.

**14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive.**

Until we are no more children running from one ministry to the other, going from one YouTube channel to the other. That's what it's saying right here. *It doesn't say that.* Yes it does. Read it. Tossed to and fro, don't know what you believe. Every wind of doctrine by the sleight of men and cunning craftiness. They lie in wait to deceive you. How long do you need the ministry? Until you're not jumping from place to place being deceived.

**15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Messiah.**

And then you need the ministry until you speak the truth in love! And until you grow up into him in all things which is the head, even Christ (Messiah). Here's where I wanted to get to. *Why do we need the local church Pastor Vaughn?*

**16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplies, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, makes increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.**

What did that just say? There's no such thing as...*I'm the temple of God and I'm not going to be connected to the body. I'm just going to do this on my own.* You better go read it again. Until the building is fitly joined together and compacted, then you're not the temple. When I talk about the "work" — do you ever hear me refer to this as "the work"? The work is all of us fitly joining together in one building, compacting one another in the local church brothers and sisters.

In First Harvest Church and others that have truth, God is compacting you, squeezing you. It's the hardest thing you'll ever do. Do you know why? Because the more you listen to this truth, the more you are disappearing. And the more you're preferring your brother and your sister, and the more it's no longer about you—the less you're getting offended. Why? Do you know why that's happening?

If you're not in the local church, you don't have the opportunity to overcome offenses. You can't be offended by the world. The only people who can offend you are the people of God. Oh well. Praise God. You have to understand why you're in the church. You're in the church to be offended by the church.

Let's go read quickly and then I'm going to close out. I'm here tonight to teach you Israel 101 because the true Israel, the true house of Israel, they may be

scattered but they're one. And now you might know why. Oh Holy Ghost help me now. Now you might know why God created the platform of technology. To reach out to where they were all scattered and bring them together and compact them together into one church.

Oh, we couldn't do the work without elder and sister. Listen, if somebody would've given you all this truth elder over there where you live, and you would've come out of the Baptist church to follow truth, but it was just you all, nobody else, no work could get done. *That's right*. No work could get done of any measure. So that's why the Bible said he was going to compact us together elder. Because your talent and my talent is all working together.

You may not have the talent brother to get behind this microphone like I do. That's my talent. That's my gift. Maybe you have the gift of organization. Maybe you have the gift of insight, to be able to put systems together. Whatever that is, as we bring it together brother, it makes Satan so angry. Because now we're creating booklets and books. We're doing more than just that. We're doing the Work.

Every one of you that sends your tithes here, it's financing the Work. That meeting we had this weekend in Tennessee, that was not a vacation darling. That was the WORK. The work of bonding together and coming head to head, working things out and understanding one another, compacting. Amen? And I'm thankful for you. I'm thankful for your wife. I'm thankful that when you all heard the truth you didn't go off all by yourself, but you joined together, fitly, with everybody else.

And brothers and sisters, I believe that's why God allowed Zoom to be created. Because right now we are a local church. If you live in Tennessee right now, you have a pastor. You have an elder in that state who believes what I teach and that will help you to understand it. That's what a local church does. You've got a local church, and every three months they're going to put together Sabbath meetings for you to go to. We're getting there! THIS IS THE WORK. Amen.

*Go ahead. Pastor thank you. Thank you for everything because you are absolutely correct. Just having a church to join with First Harvest, to have that fellowship with each other and have that strength drawn from each other is so vitally important and that's just what went on this past weekend at the elder's meeting, we could draw off of each other's strengths and get to know each other deeper, to make us that much stronger in standing with our walk, to walk and serve, and serve First Harvest Ministry.*

And elder do you know what else we did? We found out that each one of us are human with different personalities, different traits. We found out we're not all super holy and super perfect. We found out that we are real human beings growing into that perfection. And that was a beautiful thing to behold.

*Yes, and we found out somebody doesn't go to bed early either. Ha, ha, ha, ha! Indeed we did. And we found out somebody's very competitive, oh yes we did. Hallelujah. Glory! Ha, ha! Oh we've got to be part of the church saints. We can't do this without the church. Do you know Yahshua is powerless without the church? He's the head without a body. But as the church connects to that head, all of a sudden we give his voice place in the earth.*

Let's read Ephesians 2:11 and 3:6. And we're about done saints, I'll let you all out of here.

### **Ephesians 2:11**

**Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands.**

So here Yahweh is telling them they used to think they were Gentiles, but now they're Israel, and that Yahweh's brought them together with the house of Judah.

### **Ephesians 3:6**

**That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel.**

So he's teaching us a lesson here that we're to be of the same body with Christ, but in the body. Tonight I'm teaching about the local church and how Israel always—listen, sheep always do what elder? *Hallelujah, they're obedient. They always obey the voice of their shepherd.* And not only that, they do what? We said it tonight at the dinner table. They huddle together. *Oh yes, that's right, they're in a flock, they stay in a flock. They're always in a flock. They never separate.*

They always stay in a flock. Now the goats are independent. They do their own thing. *They do it themselves.* That's right. But the sheep go together around the shepherd. *They say a lone sheep is a dead sheep.* As a matter of fact, elder had to take one of the lambs that somehow got away from the flock and literally had to reintroduce him to the flock for them to accept him back in again, is that right elder? *Yes sir pastor, that's correct. Sheep alone is a dead sheep and you have to get him and readjust him back into the flock once they've been separated from the flock for a day or two.*

That's why—now I'm going to preach a little bit— sometimes people who leave the First Harvest flock, they want to come back in and we're looking at them a little crosseyed. We love you but we're sheep. We want to make sure you're a sheep. We want to make sure you're not bringing something into the camp. Brothers and sisters, hear me. Sheep huddle together.

When you find people in this ministry that don't want to huddle, there's a problem. Once you see them start backing away from the huddle, there's a reason. God is calling Israel to huddle together. There's safety in the huddle. There's safety in the church. Now read Ephesians 2:12.

### **Ephesians 2:12**

**That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without Yahweh in the world.**

At one time you thought you were Gentiles but now you're fellow heirs together. Listen to that word *together*. Together. Fitly joined together. I cannot stress enough to you as we come to the end of days, just before the coming of Messiah, how he is huddling us together. Together! We cannot do this work unless we do it together. Read verses 21-22.

### **Ephesians 2:21-22**

**21 In whom all the building fitly framed together grows unto an holy temple in the Lord.**

Did you hear that? Read that slow. Everybody listen about this third temple. The only way it will be built. Read it again slowly.

**In whom all the building fitly framed together grows unto an holy temple in the Lord.**

See, you cannot have a third temple unless you have the building fitly joined together growing what? It grows into a house. You can't build a house by putting a brick over here and a brick over there. Come on now. That's why Satan hates this ministry. I need you to listen to me tonight.

Satan hates this ministry. Number one, because you love your Shepherd and he hates when you honor the man of God. Number two, he hates this ministry because after three years, instead of falling apart, we've gotten stronger. He hates this ministry because we do more than just preach. We publish, we teach, we produce videos, podcasts. We're getting this truth to the world. He hates that.

## **22 In whom ye also are builded together for a habitation of Yahweh through the Spirit.**

Will Yahweh have a take in one believer alone? *No*. Why do you think he said when two or three are joined together. Hallelujah. Then I'll be in the midst of them. I won't be in the midst of him ever. Yahweh does not work through goats. He does not work through lone rangers. He works through a joined together church.

Do you all know what I could've done with this ministry? Do you know I could have just kept it about me and just kept building followers. I didn't have to build regions and states and districts. I didn't have to do all of that. But I knew what God called me to do. It was not to build a name. It was to build a church. It was not to build me, it was to build a church. It was to build a body. And I'm just the shepherd that's it.

You are the building. And that's why, if you've ever noticed, any time we get together for Passover, Pentecost or Tabernacles there's such a presence of Yahweh. Do you know why? The building. The joined together building is building that temple. The bigger the building, the more of the presence. The more joined together, it doesn't leak out and trouble can't slip in.

Do you follow me? You've got to build this building. I'm trying to teach you tonight where First Harvest Ministries is headed and why some people thought me so cruel whenever we would disfellowship certain ones, when we would not allow it. Not because we don't love. We love the church so we protect the church from those who do not want to be part of that church. Hallelujah.

I want to recap everything we've talked about tonight. The dominion mandate. If you're going to rule and reign with Christ, what tool did Yahweh create to train you for government in his coming kingdom? *The five-fold ministry*. Which governs the what? The church, the Ekklesia. What is the training ground for the kingdom? It's the church. Brothers and sisters, let me show you an example of ruling and reigning. Are you ready? You may not like it but I'm going to show it to you anyway.

1 Corinthians 5:1-7. This is a letter to the church.

### **1 Corinthians 5:1-7**

**1 It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife.**



There's sin, fornication in the church. Now let me ask you what the modern church would do about fornication, anybody? *Leave it alone. Nothing.* Nothing that's a good word. Coddle them, love them. And then probably that fornicator's a good tithe payer. And his mama's probably a good tithe payer. And his daddy's probably a good tithe payer. And if you lose the son you're going to lose them. So you've got about \$800 a month walking out the door. Amen?

Let me show you what it's like to rule and reign. Verse 2.

**2 And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.**

In other words, the church is bragging on how much they're growing, how many souls they've won to God this year. He said 'I'm writing you a letter because the church is announcing that you've never had growth like you have right now. The Sunday School drive has 50 new people last month. You're all puffed up. You're all excited about the move of God. You just closed out a revival. A thousand people confessed Christ. You're all puffed up'.

Here's what Paul said. 'You should be mourning because there's sin in the church. That he that has done this deed might be taken out of the church'. You all know I didn't write this, correct? You know that. Ok. Boy when you start reading this people can't take it. Do you know why? You thought the church was the hospital for the hurting. No, no, no, no. It's the disciplinarian school. It's the finishing school. Do you all know they used to send girls to finishing schools? Do you know what finishing schools did? They perfected a girl to be a wife. We're in a finishing school. Let's keep reading.

**3 For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed.**

He's absent in body but present in spirit. And what did he say right there? 'I've already judged it'. Woe, woe, woe what? What Paul? Houston we have a major problem here. Does anybody know the problem? *Judge.* Judge not Paul! How dare you! Do you not have mistakes in your life Paul? Are you perfect Paul?

Paul understood goodbye guilt. And he understood as long as he was in repentance he was in perfection. Ha, ha, ha! Hallelujah. Say that don't work with me either. *Well brother Vaughn, are you perfect?* Ohhh you better believe I am. Not because I'm perfect, but because he said I was, you better believe it. Glory to God. Why? As long as I'm confessing my sin and as long as I'm repenting of it and moving from it, I am in perfection glory.

But this fornicator was not. Why? Not because he fornicated, but because he refused to stop. Paul said 'I've already judged as though I was in the building concerning him who has done this deed'.

#### **4 In the name of Yahshua the Messiah, when you are gathered together...**

Wait a minute. *I don't have to join a church. I don't have to be part of nothing. I can serve.* Paul wrote to people who gathered together into the assembly on the Sabbath day. (I'm messing up some of you's play houses is what I'm doing.) Do you know how I'm doing it? With authority. Not mine, not this boy. But authority of the word! It works every time elder. It always works. You don't have to hide from it. Read it, believe it, and do it. Let's see what he said.

He said... **...when you are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power** (or authority) **of Yahshua the Messiah,**

#### **5 To deliver such a one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Yahshua.**

'I want you to deliver this fornicator for the destruction of his flesh that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus'. Wait a minute Paul. I thought once saved always saved. I thought he was already saved. Ha, ha, ha, ha! See, this book messes everything up when you read it. He said 'No, no, no, no. I know he came to the church and got saved. He's not saved anymore'.

Come on now! He's out of covenant. Give him to Satan. He didn't say go get him counseling. He didn't say everybody get together and tell him how much they love him. He said what? Deliver him to Satan for the ministry of Satan because Satan is my minister. He's on standby. He's ready to beat him with the rods of men. Come on now.

#### **6 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?**

Your glorying is not good. Don't you know that a little leaven's going to creep through the whole church?

#### **7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened.**

Get rid of the leaven! That you might be a new lump and unleavened. That doesn't sound like any church I've ever been to. *Put him in time-out.* There you

go. There you go. Do you know why? Destruction is God's construction. I want everybody to hear me. When God destroys you, through Satan his servant, is when he's building you.

What would they do if that fornicator was sitting in the church being loved on by the people—or when some of you got upset whenever I put certain ones out of the church that you liked because you don't know the whole story. And told them not to come back, some of your friends. *How could he do that?* I have the AUTHORITY to do it. *Have you seen sister so-and-so? I hadn't seen them lately.* I probably kicked them out. Do you know why? I believe this book.

And if you will not walk in repentance and you're in rebellion—if we don't do it, guess what's going to happen? It'll spread throughout the whole church. First Harvest Ministries has never had more unity in the national church than we've had since Tabernacles of 2023. We've not had one problem, do you hear me? Not one. Hallelujah.

We've not had one issue. Hallelujah! Do you know why? Because God did something in that meeting. Yahweh did something in that day service. I'll never forget it. When he began to compact this church. And brothers and sisters, we've not had to correct anybody. Why? Yahweh has cleaned it up. And now the church is in perfect unity. And the local church—perfect unity.

And I'm calling on everyone of you tonight to realize your part in Yahweh's work, your part in the church, First Harvest Church, your part in this ministry. When you realize how important you are, we can't build this building without you. Do you hear me? If God called you to this building, we need your brick. I said we need your brick. It doesn't matter how insignificant you think you are, you are a brick. Did you hear me? You're a brick. You're a stone in this ministry. And we love you. Amen. Praise the Lord. Hallelujah everybody...Amen! Amen, amen, amen. Hallelujah.

**Holy Spirit, I ask you tonight—you took my weak body and my tired mind and brought me in places I didn't know I was going to go into tonight. I thank you for using my voice for your word. Father, let it settle in the hearts of these precious people. Father, let it burn out anything that would resist it, that they might know the value of the church, the value of this assembly that we've built, that you've built. Our hands have helped you.**

**I ask you tonight to bind us together as we wait for the coming of the Lord. As we wait for your coming, bind us together. Make us stronger**

than we've ever been before. And like sister Ruth Heflin, always sang...

**And so we wait for the coming of the Lord  
And so we wait to receive our reward  
We wait not as those who have no hope  
We run not as those who receive no reward  
We run not as those who run in vain  
As we wait for the coming of the Lord**

**As so we wait (yes we do) for the coming of the Lord  
And so we wait to receive our reward  
But we wait not as those who have no hope  
We run as those who receive no reward  
We run not as those that run in vain  
As we wait for the coming of the Lord**

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