

A Call to Shift the Church Apostolically

The world is going through one of the most historic seasons we've ever seen in the earth realm i.e. politically, financially & socially. The heavens are declaring the glory of God, and God's people on earth are making a shift to respond to what is being declared in the heavens. I hear a sound of a rushing wing;

I believe this historical shift will propel the church to its glory. I see the next twenty years as defining the role of the identity of the Church of the future in the earth realm.

The Church is shifting its paradigm, or way of thinking. The Church is shifting its government into God's apostolic prophetic order. The Church is in a major shift of methods from one methodology to another so we can prepare for the Harvest of the future. The Church is shifting relationally between generations.

HOW DO WE PRAY? Just as the book of Acts recorded the history of God's people making a shift in the Early Church, I believe Acts is a pattern for us to pray in *this* historical shift.

The book of Acts portrays a spiritual perspective from a geographical, political, historical, personal, and corporate standpoint. We see that people had a personal experience with the Holy Spirit in Acts, and that personal experience resulted in a corporate and territorial

expression that shifted the history of the world. I believe that if each one of us pray for 28 days from each chapter of Acts we will see our personal lives, the Church corporately, and our geographical territories shift. Please us the following 28-day prayer guide to assist you in seeing transformation occur in your life, church, city and region and the world.

Prayer Points to Produce a Shift...

ACTS 1

To shift in our Personal lives: (v. 2,4)

- Pray that we would receive the transfer of the Lord's power and mission that He has for each one of us.

- Pray that you experience that power rising in you before you proceed in the mission that God has given you.

To shift the Church Corporately: (v. 4, 12-14)

- Pray that we would be willing to assemble together and seek God diligently until the Holy Spirit and His power begin to manifest in our midst corporately.

- Pray that the Church would receive the manifestation of the Lord's power.

To produce a shift in the Territory: (v. 16-18, 24,25)

- Pray that we would reveal immoral & sinful patterns in our territory.
- Pray that the power of betrayal in the past season would be overturned.
- Pray that the apostolic authority for the future of the Church would arise within you; your family; city & country.

ACTS 2

To shift in our Personal lives: (v. 4)

- Pray that you would be willing to receive a new, fresh manifestation of the Holy Spirit today.

To shift the Church Corporately: (v. 1, 40-44)

- Pray that disharmony would break and harmony would arise concerning the mind of Christ in the Church.
- Pray that churches in your region would begin to grow on a daily basis.

To produce a shift in the Territory: (v. 14-39)

- Pray that we would not allow doubt and unbelief from those in our region to stop the move of God for the future.

- Pray that the move of God in your region would touch every denomination and ethnic group.

- Pray that we would recognize the fulfillment of promises when God manifests.

ACTS 3

To shift in our Personal lives: (v. 1-10)

- Pray that we would be willing to recognize impossible situations and allow the power of God to rise up within us.

To shift the Church Corporately: (v. 17-21)

- Pray that the power of the spoken Word of God would go forth in the Church.

- Pray that the preaching anointing that leads to repentance would arise within the Church.

- Pray that we would understand New Testament prophecy.

To produce a shift in the Territory: (v. 22-26)

- Pray that an understanding of the Kingdom of God would come to your territory, and that we would understand our identity within His Kingdom.

- Pray that we would understand our generational inheritance in God and how this should manifest in our region.

ACTS 4

To shift in our Personal lives: (v. 2, 13, 20)

- Pray that we would not be ashamed of the Gospel, nor the ministry of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray that we would speak and witness boldly.

To shift the Church Corporately: (v. 14, 31)

- Pray that notable miracles would arise within the Church to create its testimony for the future.
- Pray that the Spirit of Boldness would come into the Church.
- Pray that the Church would come into a supernatural level of giving & receiving.

To produce a shift in the Territory: (v. 8, 13, 33)

- Pray that a “great grace” would fall in our region, and the Church would demonstrate the power of God to the territory.

- Pray that this would affect the civil government of our region.

ACTS 5

To shift in our Personal lives: (v. 1-9)

- Pray that each one of us individually would become very honest before the Lord on what he is requiring from our lives.

- Pray that each of us would also recognize God's authority in those that He has chosen to be in church leadership.

To shift the Church Corporately: (v. 12-16)

- Pray that there would be a continuing power display in the Church through unity, apostolic authority, and signs and wonders amongst the people.

- Pray that the church be added to daily.

- Pray that the Church become a place where the sick can be brought for healing and deliverance.

To produce a shift in the Territory: (v. 33-42)

- Pray we would not stop speaking the Word of God just because our cities and regions do not want to receive change.

- Pray that God start a work in your city and region that could not be stopped by the reason of man.

- Pray that the move of God overcome the fear of man in your region.

- Pray that the momentum of God arise within your city and region, and even civil officials recognize God is moving in your midst.

ACTS 6

To shift in our Personal lives: (v. 1-2)

- Pray that each of us would find our place of service.

To shift the Church Corporately: (v. 3-4)

- Pray that the leadership of the Church would be given to continual prayer and the ministry of the Word.

- Pray that those who are willing to serve would rise up within the Church.

- Pray that Church organization and delegation would come into a new level so that growth would abound.

To produce a shift in the Territory: (v. 8-15)

- Pray that our region would not be able to resist the wisdom and Spirit by which we speak.
- Pray that all in our region would see the glory of God resting upon the Church.

ACTS 7

To shift in our Personal lives: (v. 1-8)

- Pray that each one of us would understand the promise of God in our life.
- Pray that we would each understand our spiritual covenant inheritance.

To shift the Church Corporately: (v. 9-50)

- Pray that the Church would raise Stephen to speak an incredible God's word without until the shifting is experience in our world.

To produce a shift in the Territory: (v. 54-60)

- Pray that the hardness of heart in our territory will not stop us from declaring the Word of God.
- Pray for the blood of Christ shed on our behalf would win our freedom.

ACTS 8

To shift in our Personal lives: (v. 26)

- Pray that we be sensitive and obey the Spirit's direction, even if we don't know where He's leading us.

To shift the Church Corporately: (v. 4-7)

- Pray that each member of the church be equipped to do the works of Christ Jesus.

To produce a shift in the Territory: (v. 7-8)

- Pray that signs and wonders become evident, even to unbelievers.

ACTS 9

To shift in our Personal lives: (v. 1-18)

- Pray that God's call be clearly perceived.

To shift the Church Corporately: (v. 27)

- Pray that God raise up men and women like Barnabas who discerned the works of God and was not ensnared by fear.

To produce a shift in the Territory: (v. 32-42)

- Pray for the faith that brings healing and resurrection.

ACTS 10

To shift in our Personal lives: (v. 31-35)

- Pray that we walk with confidence that God rewards those who seek Him and do His will.

To shift the Church Corporately: (v. 44)

- Pray that our words carry the anointing to release faith.

To produce a shift in the Territory: (v. 45)

- Pray that we expect God to work in unlikely and unexpected places.

ACTS 11

To shift in our Personal lives: (v. 1-18)

- Pray that our clear testimony breaks the power of unbelief and accusation.

To shift the Church Corporately: (v. 26)

- Pray that the church gain clear understanding of the ways of God.

To produce a shift in the Territory: (v. 27-30)

- Pray that we respond to God's prophetic word over the region.

ACTS 12

To shift in our Personal lives: (v. 6-11)

- Pray that we realize God always has a way to rescue us.

To shift the Church Corporately:

- Pray that the church know when to join in fervent prayer for breakthrough.

To produce a shift in the Territory: (v. 19-24)

- Pray that we understand God's ability to deal with unjust authority.

ACTS 13

To shift in our Personal lives: (v. 46, 51)

- Pray that we be sensitive to know when God changes our direction.

To shift the Church Corporately: (v. 2-3)

- Pray that we enter a level of worship where the revelation of God can be released.

To produce a shift in the Territory: (v. 6-12)

- Pray that the power of God be demonstrated in ways that convince those in authority.

ACTS 14

To shift in our Personal lives: (v. 11-20)

- Pray that we not be swayed by praise, or by persecution.

To shift the Church Corporately: (v. 21-28)

- Pray that we encourage each other and testify of the works of God.

To produce a shift in the Territory: (v. 3)

- Pray that boldly spoken words be accompanied by signs and wonders.

ACTS 15

To shift in our Personal lives: (v. 8)

- Pray that we will discern by the Spirit the conditions of our own hearts.

To shift the Church Corporately: (v. 18-20)

- Pray that the Body will recognize those issues that are dear to the heart of God and not get ensnared by legalism.

To produce a shift in the Territory: (v. 16-17)

- Pray that the community seek the Lord as they witness the restoration of the local tabernacle.

ACTS 16

To shift in our Personal lives: (v. 27-33)

- Pray for wisdom to recognize divine appointments, no matter how distressing, and respond quickly.

To shift the Church Corporately: (v. 14-15)

- Pray that the Body would be receptive to revelation from God so that we can partake of harvest.

To produce a shift in the Territory: (v. 38)

- Pray that territorial authorities would begin to recognize the supernatural citizenship of the Church

ACTS 17

To shift in our Personal lives: (v. 2-3)

- Pray that we would be consistent in communicating the Gospel with clarity.

To shift the Church Corporately: (v. 11)

- Pray that God would raise up men and women in every church who will receive the Word of the Lord with readiness as they search the Scriptures.

To produce a shift in the Territory: (v. 18, 22, 34)

- Pray that the false gods of this world religion and intellect would be toppled by the Truth.

ACTS 18

To shift in our Personal lives: (v. 26-28)

- Pray that the Lord will give us a teachable spirit so that we would be eager to adjust wrong beliefs.

To shift the Church Corporately: (v. 20)

- Pray that the church would embrace the messengers sent by the Father.

To produce a shift in the Territory: (v. 10)

- Pray that God will raise up those throughout the city that belong to Him.

ACTS 19

To shift in our Personal lives: (v. 2)

- Pray that God would make us alert to the spiritual condition & needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

To shift the Church Corporately: (v. 18-19)

- Pray that God would expose hidden (occult) practices within the Body so that confession and healing can occur.

To produce a shift in the Territory: (v. 26-27)

- Pray that the godly lifestyles of Christians will begin to affect the profits of ungodly businesses in the region.

ACTS 20

To shift in our Personal lives: (v. 24)

- Pray that the Lord would enable each of use to run the race with abandon and finish with joy.

To shift the Church Corporately: (v. 28-31)

- Pray that God would train up watchmen in the Body to guard the flock.

To produce a shift in the Territory: (v. 35)

- Pray that we would respond to the needs of our community according to the Word of the Lord.

ACTS 21

To shift in our Personal lives (v. 13-14)

- Pray that our discernment of God's will be clear and unclouded.

To shift the Church Corporately: (v. 4)

- Pray that the Body would make itself available to others in ministry.

To produce a shift in the Territory: (v. 37)

- Pray that the Church would approach local authorities with confidence.

ACTS 22

To shift in our Personal lives: (v. 21) Paul knew that the heart of the dispute was the gospel going to the Gentiles.

- Pray for discernment of the true issues.

To shift the Church Corporately:

- Pray that we are bold in the face of persecution.

To produce a shift in the Territory: (v. 25) Paul knew how to use the secular laws for his

benefit.

- Pray for wisdom to see the resources God has provided through secular government.

ACTS 23

To shift in our Personal lives: (v. 6) Paul knew his adversaries and knew how to bring them into confusion.

- Pray for insight into your adversaries and use it to your advantage.

To shift the Church Corporately: (v. 16) Paul's nephew honored his covenant relationship with Paul and saved his life.

- Pray that we will be people who honor our covenant relationships.

To produce a shift in the Territory: (v. 5, 17) Paul knew when to submit and when to appeal to the different authorities he was related to.

- Pray to be right with all authorities.

ACTS 24

To shift in our Personal lives: (v. 16) Paul was careful to maintain a clear conscience. This gave him confidence before his accusers.

- Pray to have a clear conscience.

To shift the Church Corporately: (v. 26) Paul chose to not offer a bribe, even though this was commonly practiced and would have gained his release.

- Pray that we act with integrity.

To produce a shift in the Territory: As Paul waited on God, his testimony went out to a greater territory.

- Pray for an increase in the territory of our testimony.

ACTS 25

To shift in our Personal lives: (v. 10 – 11) Paul knew prophetically that his path was to Rome (Acts 23:11), not to Jerusalem. He saw how to bring his life into line with this word.

- Pray to follow the prophetic direction for your life.

To shift the Church Corporately: What was said of Paul in private spoke of his innocence.

- Pray that we are people of good reputation.

To produce a shift in the Territory: (v. 2 – 3) The religious spirit of the territory had not changed it's plan to kill Paul.

- Pray for alertness to schemes of the territorial spirits.

ACTS 26

To shift in our Personal lives: (v. 19) Paul was not disobedient to his call.

- Pray to fulfill your call.

To shift the Church Corporately: (v. 22 – 23) Paul's message was the same to small and great.

- Pray for clarity of the message to everyone alike.

To produce a shift in the Territory: The Jewish territorial spirit was religious while the Roman was intellectual (v. 24).

- Pray to discern and properly respond to different territorial spirits.

ACTS 27

To shift in our Personal lives: Paul did not waver from God's prophetic word despite adverse circumstances.

- Pray that we would hear and hold fast to prophecy.

To shift the Church Corporately: Because of Paul's stand prophetically, the lives of everyone on board were saved. - Pray that many are saved as we take our stand prophetically.

To produce a shift in the Territory: The commander saw that things happened just as Paul prophesied. As he submitted to the word of God, everything under his authority came into obedience to God.

- Pray for authorities to acknowledge and submit to the word of God.

ACTS 28

To shift in our Personal lives: (v. 10) The mindset of an entire island was changed by a miracle.

- Pray for faith to operate in miracles.

To shift the Church Corporately: (v. 14 – 15) Along the way to Rome, God had brothers to encourage Paul.

- Pray that we encourage each other in fulfilling our call.

To produce a shift in the Territory: (v. 17) Even though the Jews had been his main opponents, Paul knew that he must present his message to them first before he could be

released to preach to the Gentiles.

- Pray to stay in right relationship to all levels of authority.