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THE MOVE OF GOD

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. (Acts 10:38)



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Christmas is the time we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. He was born to be the Saviour of all mankind. The Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her the plan of the birth of Jesus. She was chosen for this purpose because God knew she was pure in heart and had dedicated her life to Him. God did not force His plan on Mary, she had to agree with it. After Gabriel told her the plan, and how it would take place, she thought about it. There would be much opposition, ridicule and hardships she would have to endure. She would have to pay a price if she agreed with God's plan. She would become an outcast by her own people by being pregnant. She wanted God's will regardless of what it cost her. Her answer was, "Be it unto me according to thy word."

Mary did her part in bringing it to pass. The plan of God always comes to pass in the earth when man does his part to bring it to pass. God needs us to agree with His will.

Acts 10:38 reveals to us what the Lord wants to bring to pass today, through the church. He needs our help now, just as He needed Mary's help when Jesus was born. He makes

known His will to us, but we must accept it and agree to it. We also must be willing to pay the price for it, no matter what it cost, like Mary did.

Identify

Earlier this year I went to pilot training for our RGM twin engine aircraft. I do this every year even though I have a lot of flying hours in twin engine airplanes. You are in a flight simulator that is like the airplane you fly in. The instructor fails engines, instruments, control cables and sets the aircraft on fire, among many other emergency situations. They do this to train you to identify the problem you are having and see what you do to safely land the aircraft. It is very intense and challenging. You train until you are proficient in most all emergencies you may encounter.

One thing you train for is an engine failure on take off. When this occurs, there is immediate action a pilot needs to take or the plane will generally crash in a few minutes. You want to make the right choice!

The first thing you must do is identify which engine quit. You don't panic; you just smoothly move through the process of identifying which engine is not operating. The engine that is operating will try to push or yaw the aircraft in the opposite direction and can flip the aircraft over. Simply put, if the left engine quits, the right engine will push or yaw the aircraft left. If the right engine quits, the left engine will push the airplane right. There is also a minimum airspeed you must maintain to keep the airplane from rolling over and crashing.

You identify the engine that has failed and take action by feathering the prop on that engine. That gives you the ability to climb faster and makes the aircraft more stable. Then you have control of the aircraft and you fly back to the airport and land, if you do it correctly. If not, you crash. Sounds easy, but there is a lot going on while you are flying the plane.

The first step in this process is to identify the problem. It seems to me that most of the church today cannot identify the problem of why there isn't a move of God. We have lost an engine and don't have the power we used to, so to speak. The other problem is many believe we are in a move of God already. Most things called *moves of God* today are cultural trends of society that have been embraced by the church world. There is a lack of commitment, dedication and consecration also.

Personal Experience

I can't speak for everyone else, but I can speak for myself. It seems like, spiritually speaking, that we have lost both engines and we are gliding with no power. Things seem dead, dusty and dry. Yes, there is a sprinkling of His anointing, but it's not near what it should be.

I began fasting and praying about this and seeking the Lord in general. It appeared many didn't seem to be concerned about the move of God. I asked the Lord if there was something wrong with me because I sensed this. My thoughts were filled with this. I was miserable, dissatisfied and yearning within my spirit for a move of God. This took me into deeper realms of prayer and intercession. I became broken before Him as I sought His will in prayer. I sensed His will coming together as I prayed. I know there must be others that are seeking God about this also.

The Lord revealed, "*Prayer is the key to the move of God you seek.*" By revelation from the Lord, I knew that the move of God was not for my personal enjoyment or to consume upon myself. It was for those who were on their way to Hell, the demon possessed and those who were sick or had incurable diseases. It was for those who confessed Christ, but loved the world much more than they did Jesus Christ. It was for those who dutifully go to church, but were lifeless and lived only for themselves.

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I saw where my motives were wrong, because of my ignorance, in times past as I prayed about the move of God. The move of God is not to feed the ego of an anointed preacher or to draw crowds so they could claim a large attendance. I knew this move of God would be birthed in a lonely stable with tears and heart rending travail. It would come to people riding on a lowly donkey, through a vessel that had been broken by God, who had no personal motive that had been purified by the fire of God.

Humble Yourself

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. (James 4:10)

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. (1 Peter 5:6)

These verses tell us to humble ourselves before the Lord. He is not going to do this for us, but He will assist us. What I mean is that as you first begin to earnestly seek the Lord, you don't sense the humility these verses are talking about. This humility is not of the flesh, but a spiritual endowment given by the Spirit of God. It begins with man, but it is completed by God. This humility is where one becomes broken before Him and His Spirit consumes you as you sense His compassion and love. In this spiritual atmosphere of humility, God Himself is able to anoint you and raise you up to be used for His Glory.

Moves Of Man

The Lord revealed that many today are trying to re-enact past moves of God with demonstrative fleshly acts and call it a move of God. Very many Christians attend these meetings and do all the things that is required to show everybody they have had an encounter with God. They leave empty, unfulfilled, and hollow. They know within themselves they operated in the flesh because that was what was expected of them to look spiritual. They go away bewildered and confused because they know they never truly had an experience with God. They encountered a move that man organized through the power of mental suggestion and manipulation.

This is because something has to happen to show God is there and to prove the preacher is anointed of God. It is to mask over a lack of seeking God for the anointing. Peer pressure presses attendees to act in ways and do things in the flesh. They know when they are doing those things it is not God, but it's them acting in the flesh. It is a substitution for the true Glory of God and people leave *emotionally moved but not spiritually transformed* because they have not had an experience with God. Today these types of services are called great meetings. This emotional experience fades quickly and the people slide right back to Christian life in the flesh.

Moves of man are the greatest hinderance to the true move of God's Spirit. They grieve and quench the Spirit. The Spirit of God said to me, *"If you ever embrace the false, you will never have the real."* Why? If you decide the false is the real move of God, then it becomes real to you.

Conspiring Against God

I do not believe moves of man are on purpose or they are conspiring against the true move of God. It seems it happens through a heartfelt desire to see God move and there is a lack of knowledge about how it happens. That is not to say that I know it all, nor am I the final authority on moves of God. I am also not against anyone whatsoever, but I do desire the truth. *Could the catalyst to a true move of God be so simple that people overlook the obvious? Yes, I believe that is the case.*

How God Moves

John Wesley said, *"It seems as if God can do nothing for humanity unless someone asks Him."* Dad Hagin discovered this statement and proved Biblically it was true by revelation from the Lord Jesus Christ. I will not cover all Dad Hagin learned and taught about it. The bottom line is someone must ask God to move by His Spirit in prayer. It is simple but not easy on the flesh. God brought forth Jesus Christ though the agreement of Mary. *The move of God will happen when we cannot live without it.* It seems very many can.

Every revival, or move of God, in history can be traced to a group of people gathered in prayer. There is no other way; it is that simple. You simply pray until God visits humanity in a special way. How long do you pray? You pray until.

When you earnestly and sincerely begin to pray about the move of God, you will be surprised when God deals with you and your character. Get ready for personal change, in you, when you pray. *It seems you can't pray in the move of His Glory until you walk in His Glory yourself.* It takes extended time in prayer for Christians to experience this in their personal lives.

While I was praying, His anointing came upon me and led me to do something. He led me to a specific place and revealed to me something that would take place, in the natural, that had spiritual implications. He revealed a move of man that would come to an end. He even showed me this move had taken place through rebellion and stubbornness. Some are so rebellious and stiff-necked that they are going to do it their way regardless of what God wants. That does not mean every hindrance would be removed. One day the Lord may allow me to speak about this more, but not right now. Sometimes people have to be prayed out of the way for a move of God to occur. They refuse to humble themselves before God and hinder others from doing so also.

Willing To Pay The Price

Dad Hagin prophesied this the year he moved to Heaven. "Yea, listen to what the Spirit is saying. For if there is to be, and there will be, an outpouring of the Holy Ghost in these latter days. The latter rain-- the early rain and the latter rain to gather in the fruit of the earth for which He is waiting to receive before He comes again. Yea, it's coming!"

He went on to pray, "Forgive us, Lord! We thought it was too great a price to pay and we weren't willing to pay that price. We thought it was too great a price! But it's not! It's not! Forgive us! We've not entered into that, and we've not done all You said to do. Forgive us! Forgive us! You showed us those things and we thought, they can't be. It can't be like that, and we wouldn't pay that price. We thought, It is too great a price, it is too big, too much to pay." Pray and seek God today. *(End)*

FAITH

Mark 11:23 states, "He shall have whatsoever he saith." You will never possess the Word of God unless you confess the Word of God. I encourage you to not get caught up with all the negative talk about the economy. God will bless and prosper you, if you sow, believe His Word and say it. Years ago, it seemed I could never get ahead financially. I was a giver to the degree that I was able, but we did not have enough money and were in debt. We robbed Peter to pay Paul most all the time.

I sought the Lord and fasted about it. He revealed to me to get Dad Hagin's 32 page mini book, "How God Taught Me About Prosperity" and practice it. He also impressed me to say, "All my bills are paid, I'm totally out of debt and I have thousands of dollars in the bank." This occurred as I kept saying it. It will happen for you too!

Patti's Yuletide Punch

- 2 qts cranberry juice cocktail
- 28 oz ginger ale, chilled
- 2 qts orange juice
- 1 can 1/2 size (2 1/2 cups), pineapple and grapefruit drink
- 1/2 cup fine granulated sugar

Combine and chill all juices. Add sugar and stir until dissolved. Just before serving, pour juices into a large punch bowl over a block of ice and add ginger ale. Float orange slices on top of punch.

Makes 34 punch cups.

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