

PUSH AGAIN IN 2010
Ephesians 21

*I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you
with power through His Spirit in your inner being.*

Ephesians 3:16

What a good Annual Business Meeting we had. I could feel the unity. But we were also very challenged. 2010 is a make or break year! We made it clear that by the end of 2010 we will have very little operating capital left. I know you love this church and what it represents. I believe Jesus loves it too. And though we face a big challenge I feel that our Lord does not want us to give up but “push again in 2010.”

Those words came to me shortly before our business meeting. I spent three days in prayer and fasting at the beginning of the year and have felt that the Lord wants me to take whole days out to pray and seek His face. Among the things that are on the Father’s heart for us this year, there is a call for us to persevere. I simply heard the word, “push.”

Here is what I believe the Lord is saying to us. Our first push is through prayer. Allison Cunningham had a great acrostic for this, Pray Until Something Happens. Jesus said, “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing” (John 15:5). Here is a serious reality: the Lord is calling us to persevere in prayer. We have no other recourse. This is the call in the verse above. As we pray, power comes. The power is for strength in our inner being. This strength gives us the ability to push past the status quo into the marvelous blessing of His “glorious riches.” We all need to pray! Pray until something happens!

Jesus said, “From the days of John the Baptist until now, the Kingdom of Heaven has been forcefully advancing and forceful men lay hold of it” (Matt 11:12). God is on the move! His Kingdom is not failing or faltering. Rise up men of God and lay hold of it! We can not step back in this hour. Women, rise up! As Joyce Serdinsky pointed out, a woman has to push and push hard to give birth. Let’s not give up. Let’s push through and give birth to what the Lord is bringing forth. There has been no drive-thru breakthrough for us. This is the call to persevere. We must not give up! God is on the move.

What is the best way to lay hold of the Kingdom? Bring a prodigal home. “My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back, remember this: whoever turns a sinner from his way will save him from death and cover over a multitude of sin” (James 5:20). Wow! What a way to break through! Save a sinner from his way. The Lord is calling us to persevere. We must keep calling that erring brother or sister until they are back in God’s flock. The enemy has come to steal salvation. We are here to rescue erring sinners from demonic assault and bring them back into the abundance of life that the Father has for them. Bring home the prodigals.

I trust you hear the call.

Pray until something happens.
Without Him we can do nothing.

Push again in 2010.
Don’t give up; the enemy is a master of discouragement.

Bring home the prodigals.
The Lord will give us strategies of how to do this.
Already plans are unfolding.
God is on the move!

PUSH!