

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

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It's Time to Move

The Lord said to Abram, *"Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you."* Genesis 12:1

I remember, over a year ago, when the Lord gave me this verse. It was a revelatory word that let me know it was time to move from our familiar place of worship and seek a new place. And it was time to change. I remember our Board Retreat and how the Lord brought agreement to all of us as we discerned His will. I also remember our business meeting where we, as a body, saw that it was time to leave the familiar and launch out into a new environment, even if it meant worshipping on Saturday night. No one could have predicted all the pruning that would come as a result of this move, but when the Lord directs a people He is the One we must keep our eyes on and obey.

Today as I look back I am amazed at His loving kindness. We are in a beautiful air conditioned building; we have new leaders and new people helping out in many ways. The word of the Lord is rich and worship is wonderful. We have started home groups (which are off for the summer) and leadership training. There are new youth and children's ministers, and new people coming to our services. But more than anything else, there a sense of expectancy.

We are now at the half-year mark of our move to Bordentown and I feel the Lord saying the word "MOVE" again. Not location! Wipe the sweat off your brow and listen to these words from Paul, "But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him" II Corinthians 2:14. It's time. It's time to move again. This time it is time to move out and spread the fragrance of the knowledge of the Lord Jesus everywhere we go. It's time for all who are called by His name to go for him representing Christ and his Kingdom on earth. It's time to move. The Lord does not want us to get settled in. He does not want us to become overly busy with our work. There is a work to do, a work for the Lord. It is time to GO for him.

Recently, the Board met to look at our financial position. It is not the greatest. There have been some money-saving things that have happened, but we are still dipping into our savings pretty heavily and there will have to be major considerations made about next year's budget. We made no new adjustments in the budget, but have asked ministry leaders to make sure they email the Trustee Board if they are going to spend over \$100 of their budget for any needed ministry expense. Our conversation ended by realizing that we need to grow. Of course we all know that, but do you know that you are the one the Lord is speaking to when He says go for Him? Maybe you heard that the Pastor is to go. Maybe you heard that those with an evangelism anointing are to go. But did you hear your name? What would happen if each one won one this year? Just one? Not a thousand, but one? What if you started to pray and became aware of a person that the Lord wanted you to bring into His Kingdom? Here is what I believe is the truth... he wants little you to harvest a soul. One soul. He has the person all picked out for you.

You will find it easy to win this soul, or at least productive because the Lord has already put His touch on this person and they are desperate for truth and life and God. The Lord has selected you to harvest this soul and then disciple them to maturity.

The question is, will you go for Him? Will you pray earnestly to know who the Lord wants you to bring into the Kingdom? It is time to move again. This time we do not have to change our location. This time we need to change our hearts. We need to believe that we are chosen to spread everywhere the aroma of Jesus. We need to open our eyes (John 4:32-38) and see the harvest that is ready to be reaped. This is a crucial time. It is as crucial as the last time the Lord spoke to us about moving. Our future is dependent on today's obedience. Will you GO... It's time to move.

*Blessings,
Pastor Gene*