

2022 Theme
My faith, His Spirit, A Great Harvest – part 2

Luke 10:2 Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great [abundant], but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.

I. Review/Introduction

1. Bro. Gentry Mangun said “God didn’t create Peter or Paul for this period. He created us!”
2. Sis. Vesta Mangun said “We’ve been matched with this dreadful hour and we are more than a match.
3. Bro. Ken Gurley said “I didn’t choose this time—God chose me for this time.”
4. The Lord has called the church to be an answer to the prayer of our community. Psalm 143 is a prayer of a desperate soul who feels smitten by life, desperate, is dwelling in darkness and without hope.
5. Their desperation reached a critical point in the prayer:
Ps 143:7 Hear me speedily, O LORD: my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.
6. But their urgent cry coincides with an urgent call of the church to be their answer:
Mark 4:29 But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.
7. Ps 143:10-12 tells us what happens once a desperate cry reaches a faith-driven, Holy Ghost led church: they get (1) teaching, the (2) God’s good Spirit, (3) a new life of uprightness, (4) deliverance from trouble, and (5) cutting off their former enemies.
8. **Jesus is asking us to partner with Him, to by our faith, lean on His Spirit, and gather in His great harvest.**



II. My faith

1. This morning we asked the question:
*Luke 8:25 And he said unto them, **Where is your faith?** And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him.*
2. These disciples went from phobia to faith once they realized **what manner of man** Jesus was.
3. The Word reveals something to us for 2022 about what kind of faith we need:
Matt 21:22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.
4. And we will demonstrate that faith by speaking to the mountain you need moved:
*Mark 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That **whosoever shall say** unto this mountain, *Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall**

believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

III. His Spirit

1. I want to spend some time talking tonight about how important His Spirit will be to us and our community in the 2022 great harvest.
2. First, that is our Power Source:
Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.
3. But part of our focus tonight will be imparting the gifts of the Spirit—they are literally, gifts you will receive once you have received the Holy Ghost, as God sees fit to grant.
4. These are not based on your personality profile, that says if you are naturally rambunctious and loud, that you will receive the gift of prophecy.
5. Or if you are a trained nurse or physician, that you will receive the gifts of healing.
6. These are not based on you, but on what needs are present that the Spirit is going to address.
7. God does not always choose the trained, eloquent speaker, to deliver a prophecy or to interpret a message in tongues. He might have someone interpret a message in tongues who has trouble even interpreting a third-grade reader.
8. And get this—God may even choose to use someone who is sick to pray the prayer that results in the gifts of healing flowing on the other person and he not even be healed himself.
9. How the gifts of the Spirit are distributed is not based on a panel of elders, but the Holy Ghost:
1 Cor 12:11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.
10. So what are those gifts, and how many are there? If we use the list in 1 Corinthians 12, there are 9 listed there,
1 Cor 12:7-10
7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.
*8 For to one is given by the Spirit **the word of wisdom**; to another **the word of knowledge** by the same Spirit;*
*9 To another **faith** by the same Spirit; to another the **gifts of healing** by the same Spirit;*
*10 To another the **working of miracles**; to another **prophecy**; to another **discerning of spirits**; to another **divers kinds of tongues**; to another the **interpretation of tongues**:*
11. The ability to speak while under the influence of the Holy Ghost is needful for the edification of the body of Christ (lifting somebody who is down or needs instruction or direction), and also to reach the unbeliever (a message of hope, faith, and a call to repentance).

12. Being able to discern spirits is needful because things are not always as they appear on the surface. If it shouts of righteousness, it might be more of self-righteousness that is covering unrighteousness.
13. If all we can say about a thing is, "I believe it's ok," it is likely that you are sensing a deeper element of something that is not ok.
14. At such times it is better to turn away. We must lean on the Holy Ghost to discern the right way forward.
15. And woe to the church who does not maintain enough connection to the Holy Ghost for the occasional message in tongues and interpretation.
16. And sometimes we get anointed with a testimony, and the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy. (Rev 19:10)
17. And we must pray for more of their use. Pray the Lord to use you in one of these gifts.
18. Another list of gifts is listed in Romans 12. We might also have the gift of ministry or serving; we may have the gift of teaching, exhorting, giving, leadership, or showing mercy.
19. We are a diverse body, having different gifts, but we are all members in one body.
20. And Ephesians 4:11 lists other gifts given to the body: some apostles, prophets, evangelists, some pastors and teachers.
21. And if we are gifted to teach, teach. If you are gifted with exhorting, exhort. If God gives you a gift of speaking a message to the church in tongues, pray the Lord gives someone the interpretation. Prophecy when the Spirit gives you a word of prophecy.
22. For the church to be able to be the body of Christ, it must function as the head, Jesus Christ as the Holy Ghost working in us, commands.
23. And gifts of the Spirit are not only to be used inside these walls of the church during a church service. Ask the Lord to use you in the gifts wherever you are. Be the church outside these walls.

IV. A place for worshipers

1. The church that is more apt to be prolific in using the gifts of the Spirit, will likely be a church that is free in worship.
2. Church services make a prominent place for a time of praise and worship.
3. Our time in this sanctuary must include praising the Lord

Ps 150

150 Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.

4 Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

5 Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

4. That psalm lists many musical instruments to be used in praising the Lord, but also our physical expressions must be part of that worship:
Ps 134:2 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the LORD.
 5. The hands, the feet, the mouth are all called to use when it is worship time.
Ps 47:1 O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
 6. Lifting our voices in a shout creates the sense of divine triumph in the house of the Lord. And as we worship and shout out to the Lord, God's triumph becomes our triumph.
 7. And when someone in the house gets victory, it is catchy!
 8. Rather than being quiet observers during praise and worship time, I encourage more and more of you to get vocal and get physical during worship time.
 9. Coming around the front and worshipping together is a good thing. Bring the children with you. Walking around or running around in worship is biblical as well.
 10. I usually call on you for the reading of the Word because standing for the reading of the Word of God shows respect for the Word.
 11. And being vocal during the preaching is also a good thing as we see during:
Neh 8:5-6
5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up:
6 And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.
 12. That is a congregation where participation an amen, a shout, raising the hands or bowing to the ground, is not only ok, it is recommended.
 13. This is a place for worshipers during singing and participants during preaching of the Word.
 14. While I'm on it, we need more musicians. Music at the altar prayer time adds to the joy and faith.
- V. Altar workers
1. A place for using the gifts of the Spirit is right down here at the altar.
 2. Regard this as an emergency room where souls come who are in need of a death-preventing rescue action.
 3. Whatever brought them to the church and draws them to the altar, is a condition that God is perfectly able to fix.
 4. And God's faith-driven, Spirit-filled church is in the ready.
 5. We've got the Holy Ghost defibrillator connected to these two electrodes.
 6. Jesus laid hands on children to bless them:
Matt 19:14-15
14 But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.
15 And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence.

7. Jesus laid hands on the sick folk and they were healed:
Mark 6:5 And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them.
8. We were told to land hands on the sick and they would recover.
9. The apostles laid hands on folks and they received the Holy Ghost.
10. They laid hands on sick folks and they were made whole.
11. This altar is a great place to operate in the gifts of the Spirit, but we must be Spirit-led when we come down here.
12. This is not a time to simply proclaim revival, it is a time for harvest. Seed has been sewn, by others and by us. If we are in the field, the harvest that is plenteous.