

REVIVAL AND THE LEADER GOD RAISES UP TO PLANT AND BUILD A CHURCH.

(Combined Northland Churches - 5/8/89 - CRF – EKB)

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The Vision of Revival in Northland.

1. In the early 1960's there was a notable prophecy given in Whangarei that revival would commence in Northland and flow throughout N.Z.
2. In the early 1970's (73,74) clear, strong prophetic word, came from many people calling us to a travelling ministry to the many churches God was going to raise up.
3. January 1974, at Snell's Beach Pastor's Conference, I heard a loud, persistent, audible call by the Lord into ministry, (while alone at 6a.m.), followed by *Is 43:1-3, Heb 4:1-10*.
4. 1975-1978 during times of prayer, on a number of occasions, visions were given of the **map of Northland, dotted with tongues of flame**, which increased in number and size, until the whole of Northland was a blaze of the Holy Spirit's fire. (Vision not seen by EKB, but others.)
5. 1986-1987 two **overseas ministers confirmed** having seen this exact vision or one similar, while interceding for Northland N.Z. (John Brotchie: Elim Church, Ealing, London - saw exactly the same vision while praying with others for N.Z. in London). (Russell Ferguson saw a vision of revival, repeatedly, while in early morning intercession for Northland in his Brisbane home. The initial vision was of revival in a triangle from Kawakawa, to Kerikeri, to Kaikohe with many young people coming to the Lord, and then a larger triangle from Whangarei, to Kaitaia, to Dargaville, which then flowed out through the rest of N.Z.)
6. From 1981 onwards the Lord has given many strong witnesses to coming revival **from the Word**. (This is like a prophetic witness and needs confirmation from other mature ministries).

<i>Is 29:14,17-21</i>	<i>Ac 7:17,34</i>	<i>Ps 102:13</i>	<i>Is 63:4</i>
<i>Ezk 12:28</i>	<i>Rom 15:21</i>	<i>Is 65:1</i>	<i>Mic 5:7-9</i>
<i>Is 42:13-16</i>	<i>Zech 2:10,13</i>	<i>Is 66:9</i>	<i>Mal 3:1</i>
<i>Deut 27:9,10</i>	<i>Ps 105:24</i>	<i>Lev 9:4,6,23,24</i>	<i>Is 34:8</i>
<i>Ps 68:9</i>			
7. Perhaps the major call on our lives, given to us in August 1966, was *Is 40:1-11* "Prepare the Way of the Lord".

8. About 4-5 years ago one leader in Northland was given a vision in prayer of the tide turning and coming in over the estuary. "The tide has turned and is coming in".
9. Since October 1st 1976, according to strong prophecy given in Oct, 1974 (see *2K 19:29-31*), the Lord has been raising up leaders with vision, and planting churches all over Northland.
10. 1986 Campbell McAlpine spoke at the CRF, to a gathering of leaders and urged us to prepare for increase, prepare leaders, prepare in holiness, knowledge of the Word, and boldness in outreach.
11. There has been a great increase of worship and praise, prayer and fasting, burden and desire to see the unsaved brought to Christ, over the last 8 years.
12. Over the past 2 or 3 years the Holy Spirit has been creating a new unity among pastors in local areas, and provincially, many leaders reaching out to establish relationships with others.

The Need to Prepare Leaders.

2Tim 2:1,2. With the growing awareness of approaching revival quite a few present leaders in Northland are becoming increasingly burdened to prepare others to take some leadership responsibility. On May 27th 1989, a group met at Pastor Ned Jack's home to discuss what could be done, (7 churches represented) and it was decided to start with this Seminar. Men and women with leadership abilities are needed in Home Groups, Ladies' meetings, Children's church, Music leadership, Young Peoples, Outreach, Visitation, planting new churches etc. The burden of ministry for Dorothy and myself over the past 12 years "full-time," has been to help establish and strengthen leaders in many churches. "Encouragement" would probably best describe the work. Present church leaders need all the help they can get to raise up others to take responsibility.

The Stages of the Call to Leadership.

1. **The call to ministry** and serving others comes to those who are:
 - a. **actively seeking God**, who have a heart after God, to know Him, hear from Him, walk in His ways, serve and worship Him. *1Sam 13:14, 16:7, Ac 13:22, Pro 4:23, 2Chr 16:9*.
 - b. **doing what they can, where they can, when they can** to serve God, teach others, save the lost, and extend God's Kingdom. Gideon - *Jud 6:11-16*, Timothy - *Ac 16:1-5*, Moses - *Ex 3:1-10*, David, Joseph, Samuel etc.
2. **The call is firstly** a drawing to God Himself and with it a desire to minister, lead, serve and share with others the goodness of God His Word, His salvation and life. It is a permanent, growing, God given desire that won't go away unless it is consciously rejected. *Mk 3:13-15, Lk 6:13*. Leadership ministry means **service to others** as well as exercising authority. *Lk 22:27*, Jesus was the leader but He said, "I am among you as one who serves."
Jn 13:1-15 As their Lord, Jesus washed the disciples' feet and said to them, "you also ought to wash one another's feet."
He was their Lord but showed them how **to relate as servants to one another**. Leadership authority does not operate by the will of man, controlling, directing, manipulating, but through servanthood to one another in love, as we are led, anointed and

empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Gal 5:13 says, “**by love serve one another.**”

Authority is given by God to a person by gifts and ministries, but it operates by servanthood to others, not by domination from above. See *Phil 2:5-8*. It is God who promotes, *Ps 75:6,7*. If we humble ourselves to serve God and others, God will increase our authority in Him, *Lk 18:14*, *Jam 4:10*.

3. **The call in its early stages** is accompanied by initial opportunities of ministry or service. These are usually small, appearing insignificant, but if they are faithfully fulfilled as unto the Lord, with reliability, sacrifice, hard effort, determination, faith joy, thanksgiving and praise; fruitfulness and increase results.

Lk 16:10,12 I like to express the thought in *verse 12* this way: “If you have not been faithful in another man’s vineyard who will give you your own vineyard?”

God purposes “fruit”, “more fruit”, “much fruit,” *Jn 15:1-8*

He trims the unfruitful branches off and increases our fruitfulness.

4. **The fulness of the call** comes after a time of preparation, proving, equipping, sometimes, called the “silent years”. Joseph was 30years, as was Jesus and David. Moses was 80years. The full call of God comes by **many witnesses**. With the call will come a **clear vision** of the purpose involved. **God will clearly speak** to the individual by His Spirit and Word. Prophets, leaders and others will confirm the call so that there is no doubt. Frequently there is an audible calling that is strong and clear. There will be visions, dreams, revelations showing clearly the way and purpose of God. **Confirmation** will come through **the current leadership** of the Body of Christ who will be led by the Holy Spirit to gather and **commission** you into the call of God. A great anointing will be imparted and will remain to confirm the call and the ministry of service.

David had three anointings

- a. personal *1Sam 16:13*.
- b. a limited anointing in Judah *2Sam 2:4*.
- c. the full anointing to the whole of God’s people. *2Sam 5:3*.

5. **The relationship of leadership to eldership.**

When God calls a man to leadership, to a work, God imparts vision, purpose and anointing. **God’s method is to choose a man**, call him, and to reveal to him the vision and purpose of the call. In time God will raise up **helpers to stand with**, and alongside, the **visionary man** whom God has anointed to lead the work. However the anointing of leadership will remain on the man God initially called, and the ongoing progressive vision will flow into and through him. God leads by His appointed leader. As the leader shares the vision of God with his helpers or “elders,” God will confirm His will also to them as they seek Him. The leader is not to be a co-ordinator of the good ideas of others, he is to hear from God and lead in His ways. The support men need to recognise the leadership call and anointing, encourage the leader, and help him in every way to fulfil the vision God has given.

Books:

“Be the Leader You are meant to be”. Le Roy Eims Victor Books (No 20 set of notes)

“Excellence in Leadership” John White IVF Press 1986

“Spiritual Leadership” J.O.Sanders Moody Press 1980

“Ordering Your Private World” Gordon MacDonald Highland Books 1985