



The Spotlight!

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Get involved!

Have you been wondering what you can do to get involved at your church? Well we need your help in all areas of the ministry. There are things to do on Sundays like working in the nursery, greeting at the door, running a camera or working as an usher during the service. There are also things that need to be done during the week. We have monthly DVD and CD mail outs that need to be copied and sent. There is also office and clerical work that needs to be done on a weekly basis. But most importantly we need your help in keeping the House of God looking good!

There is always something that you can put your hands to at New Covenant! How can you get involved? Just give us a call or show up! See Pastor John and Amanda Brogdon and let them know that you are there to help.

Handling Spiritual Weight

Spiritual weight is heaviness from the opposition and problems we face. "When we make a decision to stay focused on the Word of God, we can expect opposition." It is only by faith that we can handle spiritual weight. For every problem we have, there is a word from God to strengthen us through the midst of our problems. God's Word is seed. Our part is to plant seed by speaking His Word and praise Him in the midst of adversity. If we praise Him, we can expect a harvest and to be completely restored.

Opposition & Spiritual Heaviness

Opposition has always been there, even before getting saved. Before you got saved, you didn't realize you had problems. You just accepted them. It was part of your everyday life. After you got saved, you didn't want them. Now there is spiritual heaviness.

After being born again, we are awakened to problems that were always there. We all had stinking thinking before we came to the Church, we just didn't know it. We need to be able to handle the weight that



comes with a spiritual walk.

There is a fight to come from where you are to where you are on your way to with God. The greatest fight is in the space between your ears. Nobody

controls that except for you.

There are things God wants to give to you and things he wants to pull you out of but you have got to be able to handle where you are in order to get where you are going. The promises He has for you are greater than where you are now.

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A message from Jeanie Steadman (Missionary to Brazil)

In **I Kings 17:8-16**, we find the well-known story of the widow of Zarephath. Elijah was beginning to experience the effects of drought because the current location of his ministry headquarters and provisional source, (at the Brook Cherith) had dried up. The Lord gave him instructions of where to go for his new place of ministry and provision. The Lord said that in this new place, He had “commanded” a person, a widow, in fact, to provide for him in Zarephath. Imagine the scenario: God had chosen a widow, a poor widow at that, to fund provision for the next step of Elijah’s ministry! When Elijah shared his needs with the widow, she immediately voiced her own needs, her own lack. But Elijah told her to give to him first and then provide for her own household. He told her to **RESIST FEAR** and, as she obeyed, a plan of provision was revealed. **A plan that would sustain her family all through the time of the drought until the rain came.**

This prophetic, instruction word that was revealed in response to her obedience was fulfilled in her life and family. During the drought, she was **WELL-FED by God’s supernatural provision**. She provided provision for the man of God, and at the man of God’s direction, God provided supernatural provision for her! What a partnership!

Everywhere we look today we see drought in one form or another. But we must focus on God and His Kingdom and His provision. I am so glad that my pastor taught us financial stewardship and how to operate in God’s financial plan for so many years. I’m glad I obeyed and shifted my position from depending on the natural to depending on God and His way. It’s His ways of provision that have sustained Inherit the Nations and are also sustaining you right now. I am convinced that the faithful financial partners of Inherit the Nations know how to operate in God’s financial system for themselves. **Hence, you continue to be FAITHFUL!!** That’s what motivates you to give to God’s Kingdom!

But sometimes our gaze gets captured by the “drought” around up and fear creeps in. I want to encourage you today, as a partner of ITN, keep your financial priorities and commitments intact. Be faithful to what God has put in your heart. **DON’T FEAR!** Just give **FIRST** to what God has commanded and **EXPECT** the provisional word to be revealed for your own life and family. Listen for the instructions that bring supernatural provision to your own home! And remember this, your job, your career, is **NOT** your provisional source, **GOD IS!** And remember, **WE ARE LIVING IN THE TIME OF THE RAIN!** As Christians, we are **not to be living in drought land but glory land, watered by rain from heaven** (see Deuteronomy 11).

Even as I write these words, I live by and obey them myself. In fact, I am preparing right now for a 6-week crusade in a simple part of the city. I am also gearing up for publications, recordings and expansion of my ministry here in Brazil, whereby more people can receive the word of faith. In preparing for expansion, the thought came, “where are you going to get the resources for all these endeavors?” I was tempted to gaze at the drought! But, I jerked myself back to reality (God’s realm IS reality), and the Lord shared this scripture along with another, to me. Inherit the Nations also has financial partnership with other ministries. We give at least 10-20% of our income every year to other ministries. My accountant faithfully mails my tithes and offerings every month, regardless of my own or ministry needs. I have never once asked her to “hold my giving checks” to pay for something else. I have chosen to keep **MY** giving as first priority, just as you have. So, I call forth the rain right along with you!

Right now, say this out loud with me:

“I choose to NOT look at the drought!

I choose to NOT fear!

I choose to keep my spiritual commitments first place!

I believe in the last days outpouring of rain and the Holy Spirit and call it to be manifested in my life and ministry continually.

My life is sustained by God’s provision and ‘seen things’ must change!”

