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Introduction

Revival, signs and wonders are normal in heaven and God is looking for people who will bring heaven to earth! The world & the church is so sick with self-loathing, rejection, disease, lukewarmness and self-centeredness. The Spirit once told me that, “The only safe place in this hour is the atmosphere of Pentecost.”

In this last great awakening revival that is upon us, many will turn to Jesus and be healed & delivered if we care enough to serve them.

These are our family members, neighbors, coworkers and friends. The Lord is calling you to join the new global revival teams and demonstrate His love & power through the spiritual gifts described in the Bible. For only God’s love & power will turn the church around and help the broken world.

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1. This is Our Responsibility

God gave us dominion over this world and with this delegated authority comes the responsibility to heal the world.

Psalm 8:6

“You made [mankind] rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet.”

Proverbs 29:7

The righteous is concerned for the rights of the poor; The wicked does not understand such concern.

2. The Ditch On Both Sides

There is a ditch on both sides of the road. Some people err on the side of over-performing. They tend to burnout and wallow in bondage.

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Some err on the side of apathy and lukewarmness. They are fast asleep & usually a rude awakening is all that will help them out of their ditch.

My measuring gauge for people is simple. Do you lay your life down to help hurting people on a regular basis?

3. Barna Group Reports on Spiritual Gifts

Who is Barna?

In its nearly 40-year history, Barna Group has conducted more than two million interviews...developing one of the nation’s most comprehensive databases of spiritual indicators...the firm is widely considered to be a leading research organization focused on the intersection of faith and culture.

Barna reports, “The Bible teaches that all followers of Christ are given supernatural abilities by God to serve Him better, known as spiritual gifts. **Two-thirds of Americans (68%)** who say they are Christian noted they **have heard of spiritual gifts**, according to a national survey by The Barna Group.

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Awareness of spiritual gifts was most common among self-described Christians who live in **the South (75%)** and **West (71%)**, and least common among those living in the **Midwest (63%)** and **Northeast (58%)**.

Barna continues...

The stagnation of evangelism relates to many factors, but one of those is probably the fact that just **1% of Christian adults (self-described or born again) claims the gift of evangelism.** ... the depressed proportion of believers who identify with that gift reflects the stalled growth of the Christian body in America.

No wonder our children have strayed. Let’s learn how to evangelize the hurting world.

5. Powerless Evangelism & Discipleship is Dangerous

Lukewarmness is imparted by church leaders when our discipleship is powerless. Heart-felt worship & warm fellowship is not enough. We need the anointing that breaks the yokes!

2 Timothy 3

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1 But know this, that **in the last days perilous times will come:**
2 For men will be...lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,
5 **having a form of godliness but denying its power. And
from such people turn away!**

Many worship artists, pastors, ministries, and churches fall into this category. Avoid their influence and align with God’s true generals!

6. Jesus Is Our Best Teacher

~ 9 More of the 27 Recorded Miracles of Jesus in Matthew

10. Jesus calms the storm on the sea of Galilee

Matthew 8:23-27 NKJV:

Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him. And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep. Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, “**Lord, save us!**”

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We are perishing!” But He said to them, **“Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?”** Then He arose and **rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.** So the men marveled, saying, **“Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?”**

11. Jesus casts demons into a herd of pigs

Matthew 8:28-34 NKJV:

When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way.

And suddenly **they cried out, saying, “What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God?** Have You come here to torment us before the time?” Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. **So the demons begged Him, saying, “If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine.”**

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And He said to them, “Go.” So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. **And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water.**

Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. And behold, **the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region.**

12. Jesus heals a woman with an issue of blood

Matthew 9:20-22 NKJV:

And suddenly, **a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment.** For she said to herself, **“If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well.”** But Jesus turned around, **and when He saw her He said, “Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well.”** And the woman was made well from that hour.

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13. Jesus raises Jairus’ daughter back to life

Matthew 9:18, 23-26 NKJV:

While He spoke these things to them, behold, **a ruler came and worshiped Him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live.”**

When Jesus came into the ruler’s house, and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd wailing, He said to them, “Make room, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping.”

And they ridiculed Him. But when **the crowd was put outside**, He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. And the report of this went out into all that land.

14. Jesus heals two blind men

Matthew 9:27-31 NKJV:

When Jesus departed from there, **two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, “Son of David, have mercy on**

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us!” And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And **Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?”**

They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” **Then He touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith let it be to you.” And their eyes were opened.**

15. Jesus heals a demon-possessed and mute man

Matthew 9:32-34 NKJV:

As they went out, behold, **they brought to Him** a man, **mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke.** And the **multitudes marveled**, saying, “It was never seen like this in Israel!” But **the Pharisees said, “He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons.”**

16. Jesus heals many people

Matthew 14:14 NKJV:

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And when **Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them and healed their sick.**

17. Jesus feeds 5,000 plus women and children

Matthew 14:13-21 NKJV:

When Jesus heard it, **He departed from there by boat to a deserted place by Himself. But** when the multitudes heard it, they followed Him on foot from the cities. And when **Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them and healed their sick.**

When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food.” But Jesus said to them, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.” And they said to Him, “We have here only five loaves and two fish.” He said, “Bring them here to Me.”

Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to

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heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes.

So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

18. Jesus walk on water

Matthew 14:22-33 NKJV:

Immediately **Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side**, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, **He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray.**

Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out for fear.

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But immediately **Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.”** And **Peter answered Him and said, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.”** So He said, **“Come.”**

And **when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, “Lord, save me!”**

And immediately **Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”** And **when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, “Truly You are the Son of God.”**