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THE STREAM

THERE IS A RIVER WHOSE STREAMS SHALL MAKE GLAD THE CITY OF GOD,..

(PSALM 46:4)

Season Of Divine Rearrangement

"Let us make known the name of Jesus, to everyone God sends our way."

From the desk of Rick Fultz August 2016 Have you noticed things lately, SHIFTING IN YOUR LIFE?

Have you noticed some unusual MOVEMENT, of things in the natural?

Well hold on for a spiritual shifting!

Things may seem a little off, or distorted at the moment, but things are going to get better for those that yearn for the truth! Selah!

We often see things begin to change or shifting in our lives in the *natural*, when God is preparing to reveal to us a *spiritual* shifting in our lives.

FIRST, LETS LOOK AT THE PRECAUTIONS YOU SHOULD TAKE DURING THIS SEASON OF TIME

Make Sure Your Decisions are Influenced by the Holy Spirit! I need to stress this fact to the umpteenth power!

The caution we should make during this time of divine rearrangement, is TO MAKE SURE WE ARE HEARING GOD in every aspect of our lives. We need to make certain that God is rearranging things in our lives, NOT MAN!

We need to be certain that we do not interfere by rearranging things in our life as we see fit, or just because it makes us feel better.

ITS QUITE EASY TO SATISFY OUR FLESHLY DESIRES, BUT IT TAKES AN EFFORT TO PURSUE SOMETHING GREAT IN GOD! Selah!

You must realize that there is a constant battle going on.

The Bible tells us that the Spirit and the Flesh are in constant battle!

You have heard it said, "The Spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak!"

God wants us to live by discernment—revelation knowledge, not head knowledge only.

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It's difficult to exercise discernment if you're always trying to figure out everything without allowing the Holy Spirit to direct, teach, and guide you in ALL things.

Another Precaution, We Must Allow Patience To Govern Our Actions

We spend a lot of time in our lives *waiting* because change is a process. Many people want change, but they don't want to go through the waiting process. But the truth is, waiting is a given—we are going to wait. The question is, are we going to wait the wrong or right way? If we wait the wrong way, we'll be miserable; but if we decide to wait God's way, we can become patient and enjoy the wait. It takes practice, but as we let God help us in each situation, we develop patience, which is one of the most important Christian virtues. Patience is a fruit of the Spirit.

Another Precaution is Not To Be Led Astray By False Teachers

Note: False Teachers are not always found <u>IN</u> the Church! They can be found outside the Church! They lure people away from the Truth/Church!

Galatians 5:22

Keep in Step with the Spirit

16But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. 18But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

If we look at the writings of Apostle Paul in Galatians 5:7-15 we can plainly see that Paul was addressing those who were do well, by obeying the scriptures and BEING LED BY THE Spirit of God!

They were going astray! Someone was leading them away from the TRUTH!

Galatians 5:7-12

7You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? 8This persuasion is not from him who calls you. 9 A

little leaven leavens the whole lump. 10I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is. 11But if I, brothers, be still preached circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. 12 I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves!

In verses 13 & 14 Paul warns them not to misuse their freedom, which Christ had given to them, as an opportunity for the flesh!

13For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Don't Be Deceived

Do not follow after men who promise you great success, WHEN THEIR MESSAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE THE HOLY SPIRIT! Success without the Holy Spirit is NOT true success!

Just because someone mentions the Holy Spirit, does not mean they are teaching by the Holy Spirit!

THE BIBLE TELLS US CLEARLY,...WE SHALL KNOW THEM BY THEIR FRUIT! SELAH!

If their life is nothing but WORDINESS, BIG IDEAS, CLAIMS OF LEADING YOU TO GREAT FORTUNES, PROMISING TO MAKE YOU A GREAT LEADER OF MEN,...ETC. THEN STOP, LOOK, AND LISTEN, THEN DISCERN!

STOP, and check if what they are teaching lines up with Godly principles

LOOK, to see if you can SEE the fruits of the Spirit in their Teaching AND ALSO THEIR LIVES! AS WELL!

BE CAREFUL WHEN PEOPLE TRY TO REARRANGE THINGS IN YOUR LIFE!!!!!!!!!!!

LISTEN, BE CAREFUL OF ANY VOICE THAT IS SPEAKING TO YOU,...KNOW THAT IT IS GOD... AND NOT A VOICE DISGUISED AS GOD!

DISCERN, YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO DISCERN WHAT SPIRIT IS SPEAKING/LEADING YOU. YOU NEED TO ALLOW THAT GIFT TO OPERATE IN YOUR LIFE! IT WILL SAVE YOU FROM BEING LED ASTRAY!

REMEMBER, THESE THINGS:

- 1. GOD IS NOT THE AUTHOR OF CONFUSION! HE PROMISES HE NEVER GAVE US A SPIRIT OF FEAR, BUT HE GAVE US THE SPIRIT OF POWER, LOVE, AND A SOUND MIND! For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. (2 Timothy 1:7)
- 2. GOD NEVER LEADS YOU AWAY FROM THE TRUTH, SO YOU CAN TRY ANOTHER WAY, DOCTRINE, OR THEOLOGY, ETC. THE HOLY SPIRIT PROMISES TO GUIDE YOU INTO ALL TRUTH! "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; ... (John 16:13)

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GOD NEVER COAXES PEOPLE WITH PROMISES OF GREAT FORTUNE AND FAME! Jesus never promises fame or fortune, yet these are also not things he opposes if used for his glory. If your reasoning for seeking a relationship with God is material focused, you may want to evaluate what god you're really yearning for.

- 1. GOD NEVER FORCES, HE LEADS!
- 2. GOD NEVER ENTICES, LURES, CHARMS, BEGUILES, OR DECEIVES,... HE BRINGS THINGS INTO LIGHT BY REVELATION!
- 3. GOD NEVER USES HYPE! GOD TELLS US TO FOLLOW AFTER THE PEACE OF GOD!
- 4. GOD NEVER HYPNOTIZES, HE TRANSFORMS!
- 5. GOD NEVER TAKES, HE IS A GIVER...HE GAVE THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL... HIS SON!

Here Is The Positive Approach To Take When We Sense God Is Rearranging Some Things In Our Lives

1. Learn to Rely and Trust In God During This Season Of Rearrangement

Proverbs 16:9 says, A man's mind plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps and makes them sure. Proverbs 20:24 says, Man's steps are ordered by the Lord. How then can a man understand his way?

When God directs our paths, He sometimes leads us in ways that don't make sense to us so we're not always going to understand everything that God is orchestrating in our life. If we try to reason out everything, we will wrestle with confusion and battle with misery—but there is a better way.

Proverbs 3:5-6 says, Lean on, trust in, and be confident in the Lord with all your heart and mind and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. In all your ways know, recognize, and acknowledge Him, and He will direct and make straight and plain your paths.

2. Understand That We Are Not Always In The Same Season ,...At The Same Time As Others

From Seedtime to Harvest

Ecclesiastes 3:1 tells us: *To everything there is a season, and a time for every matter or purpose under heaven.* This lets us know that we all don't live in the same season at the same time.

You should never be jealous of someone who is enjoying harvest while you're still in the planting season. Remember, they had to go through a season of planting just as you are. Seeing the results they are enjoying should be an encouragement to you. Understand and trust that God is

3. Get Your Priorities In Order

The Book of Haggai, second shortest book in the Old Testament, has a potent message. It tells us to *put first things first* in our lives. It was written to people, just like us, who would have told you that God must be first.

They believed that; we believe that. But, they had drifted into a way of life where their intellectual belief in the preeminence of God was not reflected in the way they were living their lives. They gave lip service to the priority of God, but in fact they lived with other priorities.

In others words, "Talk Is Cheap."

God sent this prophet to help His people get their priorities in line with what they knew they should be. Not to condemn them but to shake them in order to open their eyes,...so they could see! Selah!

There was a prophet named Elisha that prayed that God would open the young man's eyes.

2 Kings 6:17 (CJB)

Elisha prayed, "ADONAI, I ask you to open his eyes, so that he can see." Then ADONAI opened the young man's eyes, and he saw: there before him, all around Elisha, the mountain was covered with horses and fiery chariots.

Do you feel you need help. Maybe you feel it would take an army to break you through the walls that hold you bound!

Well Elisha prayed that a young man's eyes be opened, when the young man thought he and Elisha would perish from the enemy that was swiftly approaching them.

There was an army ready to do battle for Elisha and the young man.

One man SAW the victory, the other man did not,... until God opened his eyes!

Which person are you!

The GOOD news is ... YOU GET TO CHOOSE!

CHOOSE TO ALLOW GOD TO OPEN YOUR EYES,... AND SEE! AMEN!

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Let the rearrangement begin! Amen!

Allow God to do the rearranging. Keep your petty flesh out of the way!

Ask God to open your eyes so you can see <u>clearly</u>.

Nothing is too difficult for God, ... Nothing is too small for God,... God is concerned about the great things and the small things as well in your life.

REMEMBER, WATER FLOWS IN THE PATH OF LEAST RESISTANCE.

WHERE YOU RESIST GOD IS WHERE HE CANNOT FLOW!

LET HIM IN, IN <u>EVERY AREA OF YOUR HEART</u>,...SO HE CAN FLOW IN <u>EVERY</u> AREA OF YOUR LIFE, Selah!

AMEN.



A NOTE FROM THE PUBLISHER:

This Newsletter was birthed to water thirsty souls with the Word of God. The name in itself, "THE STREAM" is an indicator of God's intent with this ministry. Water flows in the path of least resistance. To resist God is to restrict His flowing river. The river of God brings refreshing hope when you allow it to flow in and through your life. Open up your heart and receive refreshing water, in those dry areas of your life. We all have them at times, so don't feel condemned. Let the Holy Spirit minister peace and healing to your life and He will guide you into all truth. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. He is the only way to God, so receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior today. Reach out to God and let Him complete the good work, He has started in you. God is faithful and He will protect, guard, direct, and comfort you if you will only trust in Him. Amen!

In His Rest, Rick Fultz

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PURPOSE

The purpose of Mountain Stream Ministries is to speak prophetically to the Body of Christ and to impart and teach Kingdom Principles and Spiritual Order. Mountain Stream Ministries accomplishes this purpose by providing resource materials, and by teaching through various venues.

Thank you for your commitment in praying and supporting God's Calling upon Rick Fultz. He and his staff at Mountain Stream Ministries endeavor to minister Godly encouragement and direction to the hearts of God's people.

We minister to everyone whom God places in our lives.

(John 17:9) I am praying for them. I am not praying (requesting) for the world, but for those You have given Me, for they belong to You. (Amplified Bible)

Rick Fultz is recognized as a man of integrity, and he is esteemed as a minister to the body of Christ. He teaches the importance of Kingdom Order and God's Grace. He serves in various facets of ministry as author, publisher, counselor, prophet and teacher. His prophetic gifting enables him in speaking, encouraging, and directing with a spirit of compassion, humility, and precision. His prophetic insight and walk with God has caused many to be liberated from the bondages of religiosity. He is the founder and president of Mountain Stream Ministries.

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