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A ROAD MAP TO CHANGE YOURSELF AND THE WORLD

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#### Nice Things People Said

Intentional Reformation opened a window of understanding for me at this pivotal point in history. Up until now, I considered reformation to be a theological concept that had little relevance to my calling. Through this book - along with John's online courses - I understand it is a practical blueprint for a shift in culture - both personal and beyond. This book is just in time to serve as a guide for the shift taking place.

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When a word is sent to Heal the church, it is call revival; when it is sent to heal the man, it is call regeneration, but when a word has been sent to heal the culture, it is called Reformation. John Garfield, through Intentional Reformation, has given a roadmap for every person to connect to the purpose and design written in their heart book. Intentional Reformation provides knowledge, wisdom and understanding about how each person can fulfill their personal, business, and national calling; thereby, releasing the kingdom of God on planet Earth for the Glory of the Father. I recommend this book to every leader in the Ekklesia Gathered and Scattered.

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Intentional Reformation is a "due season" roadmap for those who are saying, "There must be more than this." They are opening their hearts to see and hear The Father's heart calling them forth into their own personal books, which includes their individual role of bringing nations of the world to The Father. John provides an answer to the question many are asking, "Where do I go from here?"

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Intentional Reformation from a system engineer's perspective is like systematic theology — all the bases get covered. John connects the dots for us, the critical dots between Heaven and Earth and how that interaction can reform each sphere of culture. John's wisdom and insight give practical legs to the Great Commission. At this critical juncture in our history, we need minds like John who can help us take a concept like reformation and make it intentional. No one is left out from this master plan. All are invited. Walk into the pages of this book and allow God to give you a personal assignment to become part of this reformation. The world is waiting.

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We live in very uncertain times when change is one of the rare constants. It would be easy to assume that we are doomed to take the world as it is, but the truth is that we, in spite of what is going on around us, can accomplish our destinies, positively influence people and change the world. Every generation needs reformation. Reading this timely book will help you navigate our turbulent reality and be an agent of change. Find out, how you can step into your intentional reformation and build things that will last

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There are two primary forces of the Gospel of the Kingdom today - revival and reform. We know about revival because it touches us personally, but reform is cultural. John Garfield has given us a glimpse into God's heart for the second force. This is a great book that will lay a foundation for the move of God in this reformation. Thank you for listening to God's heart John!

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## Intentional Reformation

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You each represent nations and mountains. This book is for you—a tool that will lead you to a reformation in nations, one step at a time. It's a natural next step in Releasing Kings. Thank you.

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#### **Foreword**

I love how John Garfield embodies the words of the Psalmist in Psalm 84:5. "Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, whose heart is set on pilgrimage." John is always moving into new places with God, and best of all, he leaves a well-documented and thought-out trail for others to follow! This timely, new book is the next chapter in that kingdom adventure.

It is time for reformation. We know it. It has been prophesied and we long to see it. But can we intentionally do anything to see it manifest? The answer is a resounding YES! Drawing on his own experiences, John walks us through his personal journey of reformation, uncovering the key concepts and lessons that result in lasting change. More than that, he lays out the steps we can take to intentionally release reformation in our own lives, the lives of those around us, and even in nations.

It starts with connecting with your heart's purpose—a gamechanging notion that develops into a kingdom party to which everyone is invited. Learn how to connect with the desire that God placed in your heart. Then receive practical tools for how to develop a plan to see that desire manifest in your life. The tools John has developed are not just practical, but intensely spiritual as well. Unique courses and materials that seamlessly combine the practical and spiritual disciplines of our daily walk. Because John is writing from his own experiences with God, he is able to speak into the common struggles and obstacles we all face when we try to navigate stepping into destiny, and that is what makes this book REAL!

But wait! There's MORE!

And this is where this book comes into its own. John describes the amazing 'side-effect' of finding and connecting to your own purpose is that you will be a catalyst for others to find their purpose. Before you know it, a tribe of like-minded believers will emerge. A tribe that recognizes each other's purposes, loves and champions each other's purposes, and together begins to see the divine purpose in God's heart—that nations would be discipled.

Individuals, tribes, nations. *Intentional Reformation* is a journey into the heart of God. A personal revelation triggers a tribal connection that must lead to the reformation of nations and cultures. We cannot settle for anything less than the fullness of what His blood won for us at Calvary. Many of us have encountered personal reformation, perhaps even reformation at the 'tribe' level, but we cannot stop there. It is time to be intentional about reforming the nations and cultures around us. We might not know exactly what or how to do it, but it is time to take the initiative as sons of God and *try* something. I guess that is why I love hanging out around John – he always pushes me to reach higher and dare to do wilder exploits. And we need voices like this if we are going to see reformation in our generation.

This book is in your hand because you are one that is not satisfied with the status quo. Welcome to the tribe! No matter where you find yourself in this journey, *Intentional Reformation* will give you the next step. Best of all, John has developed practical tools that help you to take that step. You are not alone. He is a forerunner who has tried and failed and tried and succeeded. He is a father who delights to help and guide others

on their journey, and that is why I know this book will be a huge blessing to you.

I pray that through this book, you will step into your intentional reformation.

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#### 50 Reasons to Read This Book

**Thank you!** – Here is a link to a video I created to personally thank each and every one of you.



John's video intro

Why we wrote it - We are in the early stages of another reformation and you're invited to play a role. Five hundred years ago Luther's Reformation changed minds and gave access to the presence of God (justification by faith). The fruit was a renaissance that revolutionized the arts and an industrial revolution that changed cultures and living standards around the world.

This reformation will be even bigger because it targets hearts with an invitation to work with your Father and share His passion. It targets what God can do through you. The brilliance of this reformation is that it includes you. People don't need to be convinced that they are invited to this move. Something is already awakening our hearts, and we want to know-how. This book is dedicated to the wave of people who will populate this reformation with their zeal (you and I).

The genius of *Kingdom* is not that we're on our way to heaven when we die. Our assignment is bringing heaven to earth while

we're here. The goal is blessing and discipling entire nations. Finding my role starts with the belief that I have one! You'll find a strategy to join the Father in the pages that follow.

#### Why read it? – This book does two basic things for you:

- a) outlines an intentional, feasible approach that works for people and nations
- b) puts a handle on Reformation that we can all be involved in

With that in mind, we listed 26 more reasons that clamored for visibility in our dream. We only need 24 more. Email me and share yours!

- People around the world want to contribute to a reformation. We need the practical specifics of how to do it. We each have a role. Reformation is not a sovereign miracle God does by himself.
- This strategy includes the widow's mite. Everyone is invited. Reformation is not just for large businesses and wealthy, influential people. God is not leaving us behind. We're one team.
- 3. We want to connect the dots between our own personal reformation and the reformation of nations; understand the big picture strategy "and" my personal role.
- 4. People want their entrepreneurial cup to run over enough to make a difference for others. Capitalism with purpose creates value and the ensuing experience is abundance and generosity.
- People want to know their purpose, fulfill their own assignment, make a meaningful contribution, and hear "well done" when they get it right. Our hearts already long

- to have a cause, join a like-minded community and make a contribution.
- 6. We are willing to "father" others into their dreams, abundance and fruit. We just want to connect with our own heart first and get a confirmation that God is in it.
- 7. We want to be part of a community, not a nameless face lost in a crowd of contributors in the machinery of a large organization.
- Nobody wants the tyranny of a one-world government.
   Everyone wants to bless nations and see others prosper.
   The internet has made globalism a legitimate threat.
   Retaining national identity is God's idea 200 laboratories coming up with good ideas and spreading them.
- God is in the business of reformation it's his idea to create sheep nations and expose deep states (Ps. 2:8, Mt. 28:19). The timing is "now." It's his "business" and our "mandate."
- 10. People are awakening and asking. The Holy Spirit is inviting people around the world to redeem their nations. Jesus already paid for it!
- 11. Revivals come and go and don't change cultures.

  Reformation is the "more" that changes the world in every mountain of culture in every nation.
- 12. We have the sense that the four walls of our homes, churches and businesses are too small and introverted to keep up with what God is doing in the earth.
- 13. Citizens of the Kingdom love their countries. They are patriotic about restoring Godly values and getting rid of

- corruption. They want Kingdom blessing to be "international."
- 14. Purpose and personal reformation are lived out in the context of national reformation. God's people see his love of nations and his strategy of redemption.
- 15. Progress God is raising political heroes and business initiatives that are having a practical impact. Trump is the trumpet sound for "Making your nation great again is easier than you thought." The UK heard the sound and others are joining the momentum.
- 16. People want a guide with a plan someone who can show them how and who is already doing it (reformation). They detest self-serving, autocratic leaders but love those who can "father" them into their callings with wisdom, power and love.
- 17. Just like individuals, businesses and nations have a book or calling from God. If you know what's in the book, it's not that hard to disciple it into place and then catch a tailwind by cooperating with it (Ps. 139:15-16).
- 18. Creation has been waiting for sons who see in heaven and loose on earth (Mt 16:19). They bring heaven to earth. They not only "Ask for nations" as their inheritance, but they are also intentionally assertive about redeeming those nations. They are not afraid of fights and victories.
- 19. Many people, at a heart level, feel there must be more to life than what they are currently experiencing, and the idea of and energy behind reformation is like a strong magnet pulling them towards God's heart.

- 20. People know that to experience reformation we must work together with many others. Doing it with a tribe is much more fun and satisfying than doing it alone.
- 21. People want to blow their own trumpet to the music God sings over them to move and affect others. That freedom of expression is contagious.
- 22. At a heart level, people feel a connection between their book and God's desire for nations to come back to him. That excites and thrills them.
- 23. Reformation feels like love. It's natural and light, easy to carry. Freedom is an important aspect of the Kingdom. We're not servants chained to obligations that drag behind us.
- 24. We're forerunners designed for adventure and exploits. We're all being invited into reformation. It's normal to be excited and thrilled that Jesus has invited us to play a role.
- 25. Reformation is the final chapter in our books. It's the highest purpose that fuels our zeal.
- 26. God has given us a mandate for reformation and it's in our DNA. Our skill set is needed, and we feel like a valuable part of the movement.

#### Background

#### The Experiences that Got Us Here

This book is, unapologetically, a needed and timely strategy for reformation of people, businesses and nations. The tribe that beta tested the courses and made it work, share this purpose:

**Purpose Statement**: Intentional Reformation of Nations

**To** guide people, businesses and nations to intentionally connect their life purpose with the desires God wrote in their hearts,

**So that** as "sons," they see what the Father is doing, experience tribe, prosper in God's favor and make their unique contribution to a viral reformation that blesses people and nations.

Sue and I had planted two churches over 13 years from 1990 to 2003, while we raised four kids and worked 2 jobs. When we closed the second church, I was excited about marketplace ministry, yet a little defeated that our church-plant dream stopped at two. In that same season (2004) my company lost its engineering contract and I wrote *Releasing Kings* with an eight-week severance package. I eventually went back to work and began doing conferences around the theme of finding the desire God wrote in your heart and putting it to work in the marketplace.

The heart plan - Starting in 2010, Maria Lalik urged me to put that same theme in a coaching format. It worked well and we helped dozens of people find their open door in the marketplace. Several of those people, both saved and unsaved, started businesses that originated in the desires of their hearts and several led to businesses with over a million in revenue. We were delighted and <a href="www.HeartPlan.eu">www.HeartPlan.eu</a> was a result that Maria spearheaded.

Although I did coach people, it was a struggle to work full time and fit it in the schedule. In 2019 we turned the Heart Plan into an online course <a href="https://www.OnlineheartPlan.com">www.OnlineheartPlan.com</a>. I let the people on our newsletter mailing list know and we kicked off the first group of 17 people with ten weeks of Zoom calls.

Seers and Doers – The Online Heart Plan Course worked better than I had imagined and this group of beta testers wanted a second course on praying in the Courts and Council of Heaven (<a href="www.Seers-and-Doers.com">www.Seers-and-Doers.com</a>). I was not at all convinced this was possible on zoom with this many people. It felt like cliff diving! However, God went with us, and the eight weeks was a hit that those people have utilized since. One of the goals in that course was releasing the seer gift in each person – that worked too!

**Tribe** - The two courses had taken 4 months and pushed into the summer of 2019. I thought it would end, and we would do it again with a different crowd in the fall. What I didn't expect was that a tribe formed. Those dozen people all knew what was in one another's hearts. They had worked together to get clarity on their life purposes for ten weeks and prayed together in the presence of God for 8 more—they didn't want to quit. So, we used a mastermind concept and called it "Tribe," and put the focus on helping them experience God's favor to implement their dreams and reach their own tribes. The zoom calls continued even though we did start a second heart plan course in the fall. Relationships had formed, and it was fun to watch clarity and purpose unfold and then work it out in a business application.

**Personal reformation** – This whole process moved people in transition from discouraged, fearful and confused to a place of prophetic clarity in their calling coupled with the practical wisdom to make the cash flow work. Special credit goes to the Spirit of Wisdom in the Council (Eph. 1:17). The experience of activating seer gifts and participating in the

Courts and Council of Heaven turned people in transition into Joshualike inheritors of their lands. People changed beyond my expectations, ability and course material – the Father went with us. There was a favor on these business initiatives and it included cash flow!

National reformation — I had been attending conferences and working with friends in the Netherlands and Poland for a decade. Several years ago, we tried doing the Heart Plan for a nation. Our theory and theology were that, like individuals, businesses and nations also have unique callings and anointings. There was a special anointing to pray for nations in the Courts and Council. That experience convinced us that the "sons all creation has been waiting for" carry the Father's heart to redeem nations. It was synergistic with the Seven Mountain mandate and so the next logical question was, "What's my role in reformation?"

In a nutshell, that's the story of the graphic. Jesus is inviting us to experience: 1) our heart's desires in a plan, 2) the Council of Heaven and activation of our seer gift, 3) a tribe of brothers and sisters whose hearts are known, 4) the favor of God on the business application of our dreams and 5) a strategy to redeem nations.

## Introduction to Intentional Reformation

Owning the task of bringing reformation of a nation that blesses the culture is daunting, but it's something the Father is doing, and so can we. I'm not personally worried about failure. My first concern is whether we will try. If we are going to try, "Do we have a credible strategy?"

The challenge – National reformation evolves over decades, and so does our personal reformation. The five steps we've outlined in *Intentional Reformation* will help you understand where you are and what the next step is. It's as spiritual as seeking God for your Kingdom purpose and as practical as the cash flow in your chosen vocation or business. The Father is showing us that we are both priests and Kings and that there is no dividing line between ministry and business.

Several years ago, we took on the task of seeking God for the books of two nations (the Netherlands and Poland). For months I researched history, surfed the internet, made a pile, organized it, allowed Father to highlight what was relevant and got it in writing. It was amazingly powerful and clear. We have the same experience taking individuals from "their pile" to clarity; clarity comes when we get serious about seeking it.

**Having an experience** – Information is not reformation. Degrees, theories and theology are no match for an experience with God and transformation that is both personal, practical, financial and cultural. Our message is the *good news of great joy* (Luke 2:10), but the result is *great joy in that city* (Acts 8:8). Reformation blesses nations. It includes "revival" of the heart,

but if it stops there, it is either just personal mysticism or more "revival in a box" meetings. Kingdom Reformation is holistic; it touches the inside and the outside. The Kingdom is within us and in our cultures, nations and the earth (cosmos) at the same time.

Assembling business people to reach a tipping point for the Kingdom is a practical and worthwhile cause we can embrace. We go through discreet spiritual and practical experiences on the way to a level of favor from God that allows us to have an impact.



Getting connected with heart's desire — "Assignment" conveys a master/servant relationship, which isn't always helpful. Sons in the Kingdom certainly cooperate and co-labor with their Father, but they reach that point by volunteering for the desires God already wrote in their hearts. The DNA of the Kingdom is within each of us (Luke 17:21). Our religious tradition is that God, leaders or organizations will tell us what to do. "Obedience" doesn't describe spiritual maturity in the Kingdom. Sons and daughters work with the Father, not for him. We are

never satisfied or truly fruitful until we find our heart's "why" and begin to walk it out in a business or vocation. God's Kingdom is much more relational and conversational than a spiritual hierarchy would suggest. When you hear, "Well done!" from your heavenly Father, it's sweet. When you see God's favor overflow your cup in finances and fruit, your heart will leap. We use a heart plan to help people find the desires God wrote in their hearts and make a plan to implement them (www.OnlineHeartPlan.com).

**Ps. 139:15-16** - My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. NIV

**Heb. 8:10** - This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. NIV

**Experience that inspires action #1** – I found my Kingdom purpose, put it in writing, shared it with my tribe and fixed it. I really can do this!

**Becoming a seer, then a doer** – People in business are often busy, and there is a stereotype that they are not as spiritual as pastors, prophets or intercessors. Making business decisions from a foundation of "God told me to tell you" can be a disaster. There are no grandsons in the Kingdom – only sons and daughters who relate to the Father themselves. We use an online course (www.Seers-and-Doers.com) to help people hear

God in the Courts and Council of Heaven and develop their seer giftings. There is a jailbreak that occurs when we give ourselves permission to explore the desires of our hearts and find our purposes. The second jailbreak happens when we see those desires are also in the Father's heart. That clarity releases a level of confidence and boldness to bring heaven to earth (in our businesses). We see the Kingdom in heaven first and bring it to earth second. We are all invited to be seers and doers who make a difference.

**Ps. 84:7** - They go from strength to strength, every one of them appears before God in Zion. NASU

Matt. 16:19 - I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven. NASU

Experience that inspires action #2 – I've been to the Courts and Council of Heaven and used my seer gift to see the Father's purpose. I'm a son who can bring heaven to earth in my metron.

Finding your tribe — Business people are often busy and solo. As people explored the desires of their hearts and wrote down their purposes, others were doing the same. Seventeen people began to confirm those purpose statements prophetically and practically. As they naturally affirmed one another with respect for all the different directions, they began to care for one another and love one another. We accidentally stumbled into an *ecclesia*. Now we do it intentionally. Without diminishing the benefits of large organizations, the most meaningful and necessary group to find is your tribe. And, the clearest trademark of that tribe is everyone has a grasp of the other person's purpose and direction. That means the size is around

12 people, and they stay in touch with one another for whatever needs or opportunities arise (personal or business). Large organizations and meetings with 1000's will play a role in the Kingdom, but they cannot replace the function of "tribe." Hearts get left behind if we are just members of a machine watching superstars perform from our seats in an audience. God wants you to be the hero of your story – that's the message of God's Kingdom.

Acts 2:1-2 - And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. KJV

**Experience that inspires action #3** – I've seen other people's authentic purposes and gotten excited about this tribe. We share a vision for personal and national reformation.

Finding God's favor on your business – Getting connected with our own heart and aligned with our Father's heart positions us to experience the Spirit of Wisdom and a Spirit of Revelation to implement the Kingdom (Eph 1:17). There is clarity on knowing what to do and why it's on the Father's heart – we know "his business." The Spirit of Wisdom is also amazingly practical in opening doors to multiply value and wealth in the business realm. First, you experience an apostolic father releasing your dream in a tribe, then you become a father yourself and release hearts in your tribe.

**Josh. 6:27** – So the Lord was with Joshua, and his fame spread throughout the land. NIV

**Luke 2:52** – And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. NIV

**Experience that inspires action #4** – I've seen God multiply my book. It works! I can loose heaven's provision and wisdom to multiply favor on business. I'm an example!

Reformation (the end game) — As God's sons, we are ambassadors with a mandate to bring the favor and blessing of heaven to earth. It's a big assignment we can't do in the confines of man's strength and wisdom. Yet as sons, we are being invited to do all this in the power of his might and the name of Jesus. It's like a family business; once you become a member of the family, you get invited to own a piece of the action. Co-laboring with our Father's biggest initiative is something we all want to say "yes" to. We are humble and strategic enough to carry the favor and visibility God has for us. Let your light shine with his, on reformation.

**Gen 12:2** – And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, and make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing. NASU

**Ps 2:8** – Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. NIV

Matt 28:18-19 – All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations... NIV

**Experience that inspires action #5** – I've seen the Father's heart for people and nations and I'm volunteering. I'm volunteering to co-labor with Father and Tribe to make a difference in my nation (spiritual patriotism).

#### 1.0 Part 1

## Connected With What's Written in My Heart

To lead from the heart requires that we connect with our hearts and understand the purpose and destiny God has written right there in our own desires. Assuming we know that direction and really "knowing" are two different things. Others can confirm the real thing, but they can't give it to us. It has to be experienced.

We can't assume everyone is connected with their hearts. Most people need help clarifying and connecting with the Kingdom purpose God has written in their hearts; they need help to become themselves instead of fitting someone else's mold and pleasing men. It's "releasing!"

- When you help another person connect with their heart, they will love you from the heart and treat you like a father. They deeply appreciate the release. It's a jailbreak. It's my favorite part of *Releasing Kings* – the love.
- Christians who have been in church for years are prone not to connect with their hearts. The reason? We were all taught original sin and human depravity; that our hearts are filled with evil. Christians, in general, are scripted to resist finding what God has written in their hearts and becoming themselves because of this theology. I wrote *Releasing Kings* out of my own experience for that very reason.

#### Intentional Reformation

We can always find a thread that God has already written in the hearts of leaders, staff and corporate purposes. God's Kingdom direction is waiting to be discovered in all three. It's amazing! Jesus is the head, and he's already got things organized! It's both possible and practical to disciple nations.

We use a tool called the Heart Plan to help make these connections and implement the jailbreak in *Releasing Kings*. Check it out at <a href="https://www.OnlineHeartPlan.com">www.OnlineHeartPlan.com</a>.

**Leadership from the heart** – Connecting with what God wrote on hearts has a huge impact on the way we lead and manage ourselves and others. Effective leadership isn't directing people; it's helping them to become self-directing. We do that by putting them in touch with their hearts and their intrinsic motivations – their Book!

Here's my simple point. Doing that without a concept of books leads to a complicated, intellectual swamp of secondary motivations that our hearts ultimately won't believe. Leveraging the Kingdom to find ourselves and our destiny is straightforward by comparison. The motivations God wrote in our hearts are real, compelling and exciting. Our hearts are all seeking reasons for excellence that go far beyond "self." There is a bigger picture, a world-changing strategy; it's called Reformation; Jesus leads it; the Holy Spirit orchestrates it; we accomplish it. Making the world a better place is a noble goal; we have the choice of doing it without God or with God. Which do you think would be more effective?

**Eph. 3:20** – Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us... NIV

It's a worldwide jailbreak! – The process of reformation via the release of hearts is going viral around the world in this hour. Although it is new to us, it is as old as the Bible. God has always worked through the hearts of men (and donkeys) to bless nations and establish his Kingdom. Our commission isn't just handing out tickets to heaven – we're here to release hearts, bless nations and bring his Kingdom to earth as it is in heaven. We're here to change the world. It's a source of great joy and rejoicing, and it always has been.

**Gen. 12:2-3** – I will make you into **a great nation** and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and **all peoples on earth will be blessed through you**. NIV (emphasis added)

Matt. 28:18-19 – Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...

NIV (emphasis added)

Acts 17:6-7 – they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, "These who have turned the world upside down have come here too." NKJV (emphasis added)

John 15:11-17 – I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I

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have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit — fruit that will last. Then **the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name**. This is my command: Love each other. NIV (emphasis added)

One of my friends is from Poland – a nation that loved me first, and it's easy to love them back. She detests most of my political views, and she is not necessarily aligned with my biblical views. It's a relationship that could be stormy. I carry a Father's love for her, and she feels that. In most of our conversations, I ask about her dreams and pull the string on what Father wrote in her heart. As that story comes out, I connect the dots prophetically to her book and offer the value it has to God and the wonderful places it could lead, and the blessing it is for other people. It's hard to argue with the love of God. That's what she feels, and that's why we're friends. I have great respect for what God has placed within her. She knows it's authentic from me, and she can feel the confirmation from the Holy Spirit herself. Sometimes I can see more than she can.

It's not hard to see what Father is doing and saying regarding blessing his people. It's a great encouragement to them and a fun lifestyle for me (us). This book will open the door to that level of "loving each other" on several levels. Kingdom is a party!

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#### Finding Your Why

I watched a new department manager of projects introduce himself to a staff of 100 engineers. The one phrase that stuck in my mind was, "I am very results-oriented." Now project engineers, including me, tend to be results-oriented anyway, so the remark passed without much thought. He was a very average manager who passed into corporate mediocrity with little fanfare 25 years ago. He was all about himself and results instead of listening to hearts to hear the "why." He missed the real treasure in the people he led. When leaders listen, they give oxygen to the soul. We are all more alive when we are heard and understood.

#### Listening

We all want to be loved — it feels wonderful But our hearts long to be understood

The purposes of a man's heart are deep waters, but a man of understanding draws them out. Prov 20:5 <u>www.OnlineHeartPlan.com</u>

Our personal and corporate lives are the same today. Very few people and organizations can articulate "why" they do what they do in a way that inspires anyone else to follow, join or buy.

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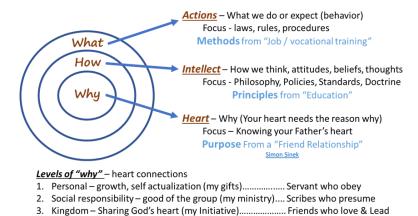
"Why" is deeply embedded in our hearts or subconscious. When you touch the "why" at the heart level in a person or an organization, people are moved because they feel understood. Someone else knows why I'm here (perhaps even cares?). Expressions of the heart are compassion, nurture, creativity, intuition, spirituality, enthusiasm and initiative.

As depicted in the graphic below, what we do is the outer layer of our humanity, how is just below the surface that explains how we think and our why is embedded in our hearts — the real engine of our personal or organizational lives. The key is that people don't do what they are told or believe what they are taught. We all live out the script written on our hearts. It is manipulative for leaders to believe they can regulate behavior through accountability or impose their ideology to change the thinking of others. Real leadership inspires hearts with the "why" they already carry before it changes minds or asks for action. Corporate profits and religious obedience are not heart motives.

My why is not your why; it's disrespectful for me to assume that it is or should be. Remember this simple principle: people change in a natural progression, 1) an experience of the heart, 2) a change of mind, attitude or beliefs and 3) then we change our behavior, actions and strategies. Change always starts with an experience in our hearts.

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# Your "Why" Is Already in Your Heart



What – If we base our lives and communication around what we do, we tend to create a superficial image of ourselves in the eyes of others. Our focus is limited to results and behavior, which are logically governed by very uninspiring rules and procedures instilled by others with job training or condescending lectures. That track leads to unions and leaves the unmotivated followers with nothing more to focus on than how much they are paid for every hour of their lives lost in a meaningless job.

**How** – Educating people to think differently, so they behave in a more enlightened manner, is the bastion of intellectuals. We give degrees and certificates to those who endure this classroom approach to adopt our philosophy, policies and standards. This mental approach to change attitudes is still focused on the teacher's material – you can tell because teachers who believe that changing attitudes will change behavior have no capacity for listening and no concept that people have hearts which contain the roots behind the beliefs

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in our minds. Intellectualism is preachy, cold, proud and uninspiring.

Why – The real reason for our past, present and future behavior and words is the why already embedded in our hearts or subconscious. We each carry our own clearly scripted (but hidden) heart logic that represents the why behind everything we say and do. Our explanations of what we do or how we think are simply camouflage for what is concealed in our hearts. When we express what is really in our hearts, it can resonate in the hearts of others – that's what inspires action. Hearts must be inspired before minds can change. Great leaders always start with the "why" embedded in their hearts. Great organizations do the same. When we communicate at a heart level, our words carry a prophetic overtone that others can hear in their hearts. Hitler used it for evil; Martin Luther King used it for good. They both spoke out of their hearts, captivated and motivated multitudes, not just to listen, but to change the world by their actions.

Why find your why? — When we discover the "why" in our own heart, we become connected with ourselves so that our actions, thoughts, and words are integrated with our hearts... no more saying one thing and doing another. It stops self-sabotage and aligns our hearts, minds, and deeds in one courageous direction. Everyone else can see the difference. Purpose inspires enthusiasm, a contagious enthusiasm. Our lives start working practically, emotionally and financially.

There is one more ingredient in discovering our personal *why*. God wrote the *why* in our hearts. We were each designed specifically for that purpose. When we discover our *why*, it will explain our life – our history, our talents, our personalities and

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even our futures. The puzzle pieces will come together in a mosaic of God's handiwork.

At the first level, you will see personal growth and your gifts will begin to function. At the second level, you will see the benefits for others in terms of social responsibility, ministry and even marketing. At the deepest level, you will begin to feel the heart of God himself. You will see his heart for you and share his heart for others. That's Kingdom. You will see your role and the role of your organization in the context of a much bigger strategy of the Father to bless nations. It's spiritual! It's practical! And it's fun! Kingdom purpose is the most satisfying and exciting "why" our hearts can carry.

The first phase of defining your *why* is articulating something you like. The next step is to share it with someone else for two reasons: 1) Does it resonate? Does it feel real? And 2) is it clear? Does it communicate your intent? Expect to rewrite your *why* a number of times. Mine has been tweaked dozens of times!

One more way to view your why statement:

**My business why** - It's not entirely about you - it has the tone of what you can do for others. Your why should excite other people to help you or buy from you. Here are the primary questions to ask:

- engaging is it compelling for you, an inspiring story that you can easily tell
- enticing does it attract, is there a handle that others can grasp
- welcoming does it invite others to help or join or buy
- value can those attracted tell how they would benefit from you
- clarity is it concise, precise and memorable

Religious phrases like "bringing the glory," or "advancing the Kingdom" probably should be avoided (too general for us, and undefined for everyone else). Don't let your message be too spiritual or you won't make money at it. What's the practical value you provide that anyone would buy because of the benefits they will get?

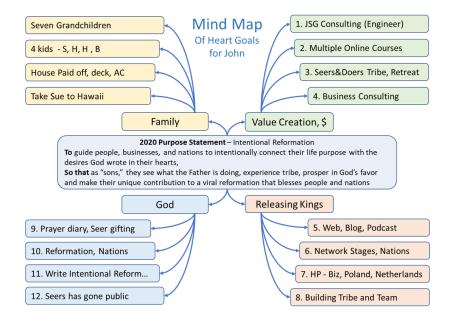
Donald Miller calls his purpose statement a "one-liner" -- it has a marketing flavor compared to Simon Sinek:

- Miller Most business leaders struggle to talk about what they do, so we've created a communication framework that helps people clarify their message.
   When you clarify your message, word starts to spread about your company, customers engage more, and your business grows.
- Sinek To inspire people to do the things that inspire them so that, together, we can change our world.

**Observation** — Your purpose statement reflects a prophetic quality that resonates in your heart and God's heart. When that excitement in your heart is present, coming up with goals and mind maps will be an exciting adventure for your heart. Without that prophetic clarity, it will be a mental exercise that will drain you. Give yourself time to find your purpose. It's the motivation for everything else. You will go through lots of refinements getting there, and it's not easy, but it is possible, and we will help you!

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One more secret – Your heart communicates in pictures more than words. We use a mind map and put the purpose statement right in the middle and write the goals that naturally flow out of that purpose. Here's my example. Get on the whiteboard and create dreams that flow out of your purpose statement.



# How to Pull the Plan Out of Your Heart

One of the keys to the Kingdom is knowing God works through voluntary sons, who in turn, work out of the desires Father wrote in their hearts (Jer. 31:33-34; Heb. 8:10-11). There is a distinct authenticity that is readily apparent in sons connecting with their hearts. Plus, it's fun! The blueprint for our Kingdom assignment is both in our hearts and God's heart. I'll find the same thing in both places.

Is it easy to figure out what that is? No, most people struggle, and many give up and never connect with either their heart or God's heart in a way that causes their life, ministry and vocation to become an integral story that produces fruit and leads to an intentional objective. Many sincere believers spend their lives wondering and wandering through an unexplainable wilderness, bouncing off life's blessings and tragedies in an unpredictable, cosmic game of ping pong. It's doesn't have to be confusing.

Jer. 29:11-14 – For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord. NIV

**Is there a plan?** – Yes, there is a plan. Where is it? It's in your heart and God's heart. How do I find it? Connect with a man of

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understanding to draw it out. So, who is the man of understanding? I don't think it's a coincidence that understanding is one of the seven spirits of God (Isa. 11:2-3, Rev. 5:12, 7:12). A wise mentor can help us connect with our hearts, but they always point us back to the Father and the Spirit of Understanding. Running back and forth to a human mentor can help, but it isn't a permanent solution. The Father wants to talk to us himself! ...regularly!

**Prov. 20:5** – A plan in the heart of a man is like deep water, But a man of understanding draws it out. NASU

The plan to create value – We can see the context of Proverbs 20:5 in verse 4. God's plan for us includes our vocation and finances, not just our spiritual ministry or the theme of our preaching. We are still transitioning out of the poverty of believing that God's call is a sermonic platform for us to tell others what to do – it's simply not! Our calling is always about providing value to other people around what they want to *have*, not around what we want to *preach*.

**Prov. 20:4-5** – The sluggard does not plow after the autumn, So he begs during the harvest and has nothing. A plan in the heart of a man is like deep water, But a man of understanding draws it out. NASU

The degree of difficulty – Is it easy to fish that purpose out of the deep water of my own heart? No, it takes faith (an awareness that it's in there waiting to be found) and persistence (to seek God for as long as it takes to find it). It's the nature of God to hide things from us to deepen our hunger for him and our purpose in life. Most believers expect finding their purpose will be easy and automatic. It's not. Purpose unfolds over a

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lifetime of hunger for God and knowing where to look. In the natural, our hearts are *unsearchable*, Prov.25:3.

**Heb. 11:6** – And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that <u>he rewards those who earnestly seek him</u>. NIV (emphasis added)

**Prov. 25:2-3** – It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings. As the heavens are high and the earth is deep, so the hearts of kings are unsearchable. NIV

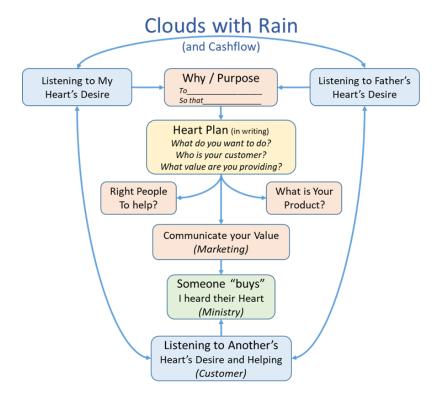
**Deut. 4:29-30** – But if from there you seek the Lord your God, you will find him if you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul. NIV

**Prov. 8:17-18** – I love those who love me, and <u>those</u> who seek me find me. With me are riches and honor, enduring wealth and prosperity. NIV (emphasis added)

Hearing other's hearts – Once I can draw the purpose out of my own heart and God's heart, I'll connect with my *ministry* in terms of my life and vocation or business. The very next step in a prospering vocation or business is my ability to hear what's in another person's heart. If *the product* I have brings value to other people, they are more than happy to buy it, promote it and celebrate it (and me) because they see the benefits, whether it's a widget or a service. Hearing hearts is the secret to marketing and ministry!

**Summary** – The spiritual and business side of your life purpose flows out of three skills:

- our ability to discern the purpose that God wrote in our hearts
- our ability to prophetically connect with God's heart; what he is doing
- our ability to hear what's in the hearts of other people and bring them value that furthers their purposes and makes their dreams come true



Marketing from the heart – I read this definition of marketing recently, "Marketing is a process and profession in which

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changing minds is central to virtually everything that is done." It's not entirely true!

Changing minds with marketing sounds more like the definition of propaganda. I'm converting other people to my position in a way that doesn't last. That's why follow-up is so dismal in direct marketing. Mental marketers are talking, but no one is listening.

We all do need to market (communicate) our purposes and products. What if our goal was marketing from the heart instead of the cheesy, overpromised, hype that targets the whim of ever-changing minds?

What if we aligned the value of our offer with what is already in the hearts of our customers? What if our marketing messages aligned with what God had already written in their hearts? What if we prophetically leveraged what was in the Father's heart that the Holy Spirit is already speaking to them? What if marketing messages pointed people toward real and lasting values that could be evidenced by the fruit in the lives of others.

Relational marketing starts with listening to what is in people's hearts. Then it helps them make progress on that direction. When customers feel understood and helped, they will love you. First, they feel valued; then, they can buy your value. Can you see that marketing and ministry are the same things? When marketing is done right, it's a bridge to reformation. We're connecting hearts (yours, mine and God's).

# Don't Substitute Process for Purpose

We've all bought or believed the promise of great results, "You can have the wealth or body I have if you follow my formula for success. Do what I do, and you'll get the same result." Well, that result would solve our pain or fulfill our dream, so we get out the credit card and jump in. We follow the formula enthusiastically for weeks or months until we find out it doesn't work! Why not? The process we tried didn't match the purpose of our heart. It was guaranteed to fail. Processes and purposes are not the same thing.

The "left behind" series — Businesses, organizations and marketing all have hierarchies that are not necessarily people friendly or value-oriented. The mindset is to make the sale in a belief that there isn't time to build the relationship. They leave most of us behind because they are focused on multiplication of profits and the machinery of process instead of hearts. The hidden truth is that it may make money for them, but it doesn't work for you.

Internet or mass marketing is premised on a modest response to an initial offering (often free). If we assume the initial population that saw the offer was 10,000, 10% of those might respond. Assume the first "sale" is a \$200 self-help information item to 1000 people. Then we can expect another 10% interested in the next offer at 10X the price – 100 people will buy a \$2000 product (most

online courses are in this vicinity). Then we can expect another 10% are candidates for another upsell to \$20,000 for a "we'll give you personal attention, and you can be part of our inner circle."

- Multi-level marketing is typically premised on a 95% washout rate. If 10,000 people sign up for the bargain enrollment, about 5% will follow-up and buy the products for themselves (500). About 25 of those people (another 5%) will establish a downline and try to make the MLM business work.
- Mass meetings Big events are exciting and can be moving (motivational speakers, sales events, evangelistic crusades or large revival meetings). A year after the event, the same 95% retain no trace of any enduring benefit.

Hearts don't connect with offers outside of relationships. Servants and slaves can be herded; sons cannot; sons have hearts, and they want to be heard, then helped.

The failure of the marketing world is that it's focused on making the sale based on an enticement. Once you enter your credit card, no one cares if you succeed or not. The majority of people who spend thousands on online training never complete the material because the marketing phase made a promise of results for a one-size-fits-all avatar. Real people have hearts and callings aligned with their Father's heart. Discipline, accountability and mastermind groups won't fix heart alignment issues. Trying to change a leopard's mindset won't remove his spots.

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The 95% washout rate – The 5% business model of sales or converts behind these approaches is designed to work for them, not for you. They are all premised on ignoring what's in your heart – the real failure rate could be much higher than 95%. Yes, they promised health, wealth, freedom – the desires of your heart. The complaint department has a heartless response, "If you had done the work, you would have gotten the results – you're either too lazy or too stupid. It's not our fault." They will also bully you with that threat before you fail so they can preprotect themselves from liability. There is a better way. Buy the purpose already in your heart instead of the fleeting results promised in the marketing hype.

If you're in the 95% wash-out rate, you will emotionally experience the failure, rejection, resignation and the financial penalty of being left behind. Imagine going to school in a class of 20 and knowing only one would get a passing grade. Imagine the lost tuition and time. It's discouraging!

Transformation from the heart – No matter how hard we try; we can't make ourselves be someone else. Incentives, discipline, and accountability won't cure your personality and calling. There's nothing wrong with your design! God likes you the way He created you. Conformity to the expectations of others is not His goal. You are unique.

**John 12:43** – For they loved praise from men more than praise from God. NIV

Our hearts are transformed when we have a good reason – the purpose God wrote in our hearts. Change doesn't come from changing your mindset and redoubling your effort. Change happens when you align your heart with its purpose.

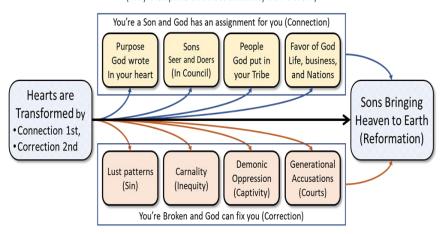
Momentum comes when we realize that its God's purpose too; that heaven is co-laboring with us.

**Success and significance aren't purposes** – Motivation originates in the heart. Personal success, significance and prosperity are wonderful, but they can't be goals we worship. The purpose in your heart will still be there whether the outward trappings of fame and fortune come or go.

We're wired from heaven with a higher purpose. We have a deep longing to be part of something bigger than self. That's the real goal of our hearts — the purpose that transcends the smallness of self. Correction won't get you there; connection with your heart, your Father and your tribe will help you align with your unique purpose and to feel the wind in your sails. Real purpose always feels bigger; life's trials are "not all about me."

# Transformation Starts with Purpose

(Why Discipline and Accountability Don't Work)



Mindsets – Much of the motivational world is focused on changing your mindset to get a different result. "Just change your mindset and follow my recipe, and you'll get the same result." Sound familiar? That's the backbone of marketing and MLM promises that has the 95% washout rate. Even in the religion mountain, the primary theme is, "You're broken, and we can fix you – change your mindset."

We are all somewhat broken (repentance is a gateway), but the priority isn't correcting mindsets or fixing problems. The key is connecting with your purpose and having a reason why. Purpose comes first. Your heart wants to know why! It already has some great reasons not to change. We need to give our hearts a good reason to change. Results is not a reason; purpose is.

The most amazing discovery is that when you help a person connect with their purpose, they are empowered to fix their own problems. Purpose defeats problems every time because we've tapped into our Father's purpose, and His power works through us.

As an engineer and pastor, I used to be big on fixing people. I just wore myself out. Now I'm focused on helping people prophetically touch their own books and follow that purpose



wherever it leads. They usually fix themselves once their purpose is in sight. They feel loved and valued by God (instead of judged). The frosting is that they love me back.

**God is the author** who wrote the purpose in our hearts and books. As sons, we grasp the purpose of God's heart and feel it in our own hearts. It's his purpose and my purpose at the same time! Who owns the strategy and the work to implement that purpose on earth?

Sons do. We are the stewards of a life process that will attain that purpose – we invent it, manage it and change it. Purpose is enduring; the process or business approach to attain purpose changes with the market. The servant mentality is very prone to adopt someone else's process for the promise of success without understanding their own purpose. It's always a deadend; a ticking time bomb for a spectacular motivational failure. Be yourself, find your purpose – it's a lot more fun, and it works better too.

Connecting with the purpose God wrote in our hearts starts with the belief that there is *a cause* and giving myself permission to go there and look. This *dreams-really-do-come-true* stuff feels like the last time I was out on a limb and got it sawed off. I hear these three things when I talk to people about the desires of their hearts.

- 1. I don't think I have a purpose.
- I could come up with something, but I don't think others would buy it. I'm not sure I would buy it (or believe it) myself!
- 3. Even if I could tell you my purpose, I wouldn't have a clue how to live it out.

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When we see something someone else is doing, and it overlaps with what is in our hearts, it's natural to imitate it. We call that discipleship, and it's a healthy process. Paul said, *follow me as I follow Christ*. We get comfortable copying and serving that which belongs to someone else – their vision and their purpose.

That's when Jesus shows up and says, your servant days are over!

**John 15:15** – I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. NIV

Discipleship doesn't last forever. Sons are not robots plugged into a mechanical process designed to make money as the highest purpose; we share the Father's purpose and the adventure of making it happen on earth.

# Process vs. Purpose



We substitute process for purpose (trying to imitate the success of others)

Conducting a process may get a result, But your heart is only happy fulfilling a purpose "Your Purpose"

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**Process can be "life" threatening** – Life on the assembly line of process is a conveyor belt to nowhere. The temptation is that

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processes seemingly work for others. They even tell us that "If you do what I'm doing, you'll get the same result." That formula works just well enough to keep us on the treadmill of performance and away from our purpose, away long enough to kill our enthusiasm, creativity, confidence and initiative. Trading process for purpose is a formula for health problems and depression because process comes with a boatload of expectations to get someone else's results with a performance orientation; pretending translates to stress. Fake it 'til you make it is heart attack medicine. When we get away from our design, DNA and purpose, nothing works the way it can when we connect with our hearts.

Why purpose is so much fun — Jesus didn't get his daily list of marching orders from the Father at breakfast. He did "see" his Father's purpose; then, he implemented it on earth out of his initiative as opportunities came up. He loosed captives, healed the sick and did everything good; and he would bind evil, cast out demons and tip over tables, all at his own initiative as a son, but well within his Father's purpose. Likewise, we bind and loose in the name of Jesus; it means we're in the Father's purpose and our own. I'm in him, and he is in me; I'm in my Father's purpose, and he is in mine.

- Kingdom is not a list of rules to obey or works to do.
- Kingdom is not a list of principles to live by.
- Kingdom is not a process you go through.
- Kingdom is not just a message we preach, and we're not just messengers.
- The Kingdom of God is a relationship with the Father who has a purpose.

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 Sons carry that purpose in their hearts – and do it in the marketplace.

These often-repeated recipes miss the purpose God wrote in the desires of your heart. Kingdom is fun. It's plugging into your design and your purpose. You're courageous and creative because you know your Father shares your purpose. He's the originator, and he carries that same purpose deeply in his own heart. That's why sons have power and authority. They can ask for whatsoever. They live for a person and a purpose much bigger than themselves. They do exploits far beyond their abilities.

John 15:15-17 – I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit — fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. NIV

My trading story – I used to trade currency and futures. I went through a series of mentoring services that each had a unique trading approach (process) together with stories of amazing returns that far outperformed the stock market, real estate or any other investment strategy. As an engineer, I was fascinated by those techniques and dabbled with them for years with mixed results. My goal was to have a large enough account balance to easily live off the returns. I have to admit it was an extremely introverted process, sitting in front of the screen and thinking about markets day and night.

It never crossed my mind to ask, "Where is the propose in all this?" Finally, the Lord spoke to me along this vein, "John, if you make money or lose money, no value is created in this process for anyone else. It doesn't have a purpose, and it can't succeed even when it's successful." I lived this verse:

**Hag. 1:5-6** – Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much, but have harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it." NIV

That's when it dawned on me that purpose creates value. Making money isn't a purpose. Implementing someone else's proven process isn't a purpose, either. Kingdom prosperity flows from creating value for other people. The life and abundance Jesus came to bring us flows from the purpose Father wrote in our hearts. Putting the Kingdom first is putting the "purpose" in my book first. Knowing your purpose is what makes life exciting.

**John 10:10** – The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. KJV

Entrepreneurs get a lot of satisfaction from blessing people with the value they create. The seven mountains revelation is this – that "value" is ministry! Great businesses (and lives) are built on the foundation of a Kingdom purpose.

Matt 6:19-21 – Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy,

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and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. NIV

# **Career Calamity**

**Gallup reports** that 70-85% of all employees worldwide are disengaged in their jobs. That just means the corporate hierarchy isn't trying to connect with their hearts. Instead, the employee is supposed to connect with the corporate heart – or find a different job. The definition of engagement is that *we adopt* to the hierarchy and accept being part of the machinery that ignores hearts.

When employees are engaged, they adopt the vision, values, and purpose of the organization they work for. They become passionate contributors, innovative problem solvers, and stunning colleagues.

People and their ingenuity are the most important resources any company has. Ignoring 80% of those resources is bad for business – at the level of suicidal. Yet, it's the norm around the world.

This intentional reformation is laid on a Kingdom foundation of individual heart desires. We're being invited to connect with the desires God wrote in our hearts. It feels like being welcomed to be yourself! Our dreams, passions, purposes, enthusiasms, heart connections, authenticity, assignments and callings are all inside us — so is the Kingdom. Organizations and marketing approaches that help "all" people get in touch with their hearts will flourish. Those that continue down the 5% path with a focus on their profits and process will ultimately fail.

Here is the jaw-dropping key to leveraging the gold in someone's heart: You have to ask them, "and" you have to care enough to

listen. "Caring" comes from being around the fruitfulness of connected people. It's a different world that is more fun, creative, productive and profitable.

**Pro. 20:5** – The purpose in a man's heart is like deep water, but a man of understanding will draw it out. ESV

How it works	Purpose What it feels like	
Avocation  Making progress on my calling on overtime or spare time before the cash flow is positive	Expresses my heart's purpose, but negative cash flow	
Job  Doing "whatever" to pay the bills  The JOB we tolerate – tent-making  To get to our heart's priorities (fund avocation)	Doesn't express my heart  Does have positive cash flow  Pays for life and avocation	
Career  The Purpose of my employer overlaps with my interests/heart (series of jobs in same field)	Someone else's dream matches my heart/calling	
Vocation  A calling that represents my heart  + Generates cash flow to pay the bills  (a business with favor)	Expresses my heart in my mountain Multiplies cash flow	
7 Mtn Ministry  Express my calling + a track for reformation  Also expresses what's in my Father's heart  Holistic vision from me, to business, to nations  Room for others in the vision	Sons expressing Father's heart Bringing heaven to earth Leverages money for Kingdom To bless people and nations	

Implementing that direction written on our hearts is a growth process that happens best in the context of a tribe or team of peers who are safe, helpful and compassionate. The progression occurs over a lifetime and looks something like these five stages. Wouldn't it be wise to have an intentional strategy to help everyone through this progression? Isn't there a connection

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between personal reformation and national reformation that we should leverage?

Harvest starts in the heart – The conclusion is very simple. The harvest of success in our personal life, business or nation flows from the desires God wrote in our hearts. When we connect with that theme in our story, life starts to make sense. What we do with our lives flows from the purposes in our hearts and God's heart. That's where the excitement is. Don't get lost chasing the money and machinery. Put the Kingdom first by putting hearts first.

**Hobby vs. vocation** — What the table reflects is that your avocation, vocation and ministry all flow from your book (your heart's desire). Is it financially self-sustaining? Does your income flow from a business that perfectly expresses your heart? That's the ideal, but most of us have to build some tents to get there and most of us are not perfectly aligned. Having a job that funds your avocation can be a reflection of your faithfulness to God's calling on your life. Life is a bit unpredictable and confusing, but our calling can be clear, and the general theme remains the same.

My purpose statement has remained the same throughout my life, "Help people connect with their hearts, so they can be themselves and find their role in the Kingdom." That was the motive behind 13 years of planting two churches and 20 years of ReleasingKings.com. I ended up working as an engineer for the whole time. That "job" gave me skills, stature and character that benefited my purpose. Yes, it chopped 40 hours out of every week, but something in the spirit that I don't fully comprehend is better because of working. It's frustrating and satisfying at the same time! Don't be ashamed of your job.

**Col. 3:23-24** – Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. NIV

Paul, who wrote this verse, spent about half his productive years as a believer in exile, making tents or sitting in prison for a calling that ended in execution. Life isn't perfect. Paul's life was messy and full of confusion and warfare, but his calling was clear.

You and I can still discern our calling, fulfill every bit of it and hear our Father say, "Well done." We can help you find that clarity (www.OnlineHeartPlan.com).

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People who tell their stories are engaging. Leaders who tell us our story are moving. We lead people into their greatness when we connect them with their own story in their book. It's a prophetic process, and you can do it too.

People, organizations, corporations and nations that are great are that way for a reason. They have connected the dots to the reason for their existence. Organizations or people that exist merely for themselves usually attract managers instead of leaders because they aren't going anywhere. Idolatry of self is the biggest "miss" of our age. We all long for purpose – a reason to invest our lives in something bigger than ourselves. The good news is that we each carry a story that God has written in our hearts; it's a storybook that is transformational!

**Ps. 139:16** – Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. NIV (emphasis added)

**Read your book** – We each have a book with the story of our future in it! Want to read it? Absolutely! Everyone does. So how do I practically go about finding my story?

The "testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy" (Rev 19:10). Jesus' testimony is the prophetic "evidence" of our personal stories. When we hear it, the truth of that story resonates in our hearts because it's already written in our deepest desires. Jesus

is constantly interceding for us to fulfill our book... so the dreams that He wrote in our hearts will come to pass.

**Rom. 8:34** – Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died — more than that, who was raised to life — is at the right hand of God and is also <u>interceding for us</u>. NIV (emphasis added)

**Heb. 7:25** – Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because <u>he always lives</u> <u>to intercede for them</u>. NIV (emphasis added)

When we know the story written in our book and walk it out in our life and vocation, we have the leverage to overcome obstacles and a reason to get excited about life. Purpose lived daily leads to a great destiny. We make Jesus' testimony about us our own story. Now it's our testimony about ourselves too.

**Rev. 12:11** – They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. NIV (emphasis added)

**Rev. 12:17** – Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring—those who keep God's commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus. NIV

**Yes, but how?** – How do I know what's written in my book? What is Jesus' testimony about me? Here are a few simple approaches to *hear it*.

1. What resonates? We all know people whom we would like to emulate. That's usually the Holy Spirit pointing

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- us toward our direction, "Pay attention, there's something about this person that I have for you."
- 2. What's the desire of your heart? The Kingdom is built around people walking out the desires that God wrote in their hearts. He loves to grant the desires of our hearts because they are also the desires of his heart. (Heb. 8:10, 10:16, Ps. 37.4)

Leaders tell stories – Real leaders are in touch with the stories written in the book of individuals, corporations and nations. Their primary purpose is to articulate the prophetic "why." It's important via the narrative in that destiny; to know where it all leads; why it's important; how it's a dream come true. People don't remember facts, follow orders, or naturally get excited about bureaucracies. No one is enthusiastic about self-serving people or organizations. We are all motivated by one thing, "What's written in our hearts?" Leaders tap that narrative and tell the story of where it leads. Our hearts do remember the "experience" of hearing and feeling the story in our book; it's unforgettable.

With individuals – Managers, supervisors, teachers and pastors often tell people what's wrong, what to do and how to change. Leaders tell them what's written in their book – their "why." The difference is night and day. People are ignited by the passion that God wired into their DNA. They love to talk about it, love to clarify it, love to plan the details and love to make it happen. Leaders facilitate those dreams coming true. In return, those same leaders have friends, partners and staff that love them back and would do anything for them. It's motivation, teamwork and respect.

With corporations and organizations — Like individuals, there is a book or purpose for every company. The people who can articulate that prophetic direction and tell the story are the leaders. Those who can communicate the essence of their book to customers are the marketing directors. People don't buy what you have to sell; they buy your "why." Leaders are the stewards of the story: they protect it, develop it and communicate it. A corporate story is a tool of evangelism that connects the company and the Kingdom. What is the corporation doing that the Father is also doing? In secular circles, it's called *social responsibility or a just cause*. It simply means that the company is connecting with its Kingdom ministry in the community, the story written in their corporate book.

John 5:19-20 – Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him even greater things than these." NIV

With nations – Nations also have a book. We can ask God to show it to us and he will. Every nation has a ministry to its people and the world. There is great power and blessing in cooperating with that direction. Individuals, corporations, churches and schools that understand that story can make a nation great. That greatness translates to prosperity and ministry to people that is glorious; a glory that has value in the Kingdom. Political leaders who can best articulate what's written in the book of a nation get elected. It resonates in the hearts of people and the heart of God.

**Rev. 21:24-26** – The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. NIV

Tell the story – Over the last decade, Jesus has led me through a personal reformation. Instead of discerning problems, I'm focused on hearing the testimony of Jesus about people. Then I tell them the story of what's in their book and where it will lead. They love me for doing it, and that same story gives them the reason to fix their own problems. It's very prophetic, very moving, very loving and very fun. I decided not to narrate the story of the accuser of the brethren, and where that leads. Condemnation doesn't produce fruit.

**Rom. 8:1-2** – Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin, and death. NIV

**Testimony from Larry Tyler** – Upon enrolling in the Heart Plan course, I became an instant convert, a raving fan, and an eager evangelist of the course but even more so of living intentionally based on what God wrote on my heart.

When I signed up for the course, I was in the early stages of a major vocational transition. Following the path of the course was simple and revealed aspects and expressions of who I am that I'd been searching for and longing to discover for decades.

Drawing out what God has placed on my heart has had the following benefits, all of which resulted in greater peace and freedom:

- life and vocational clarity
- seeing god's hand all through my life connecting dots, even when i made a wrong turn or choice. it's like the voice on the GPS system when you make a wrong turn, it automatically reroutes you to your destination, even as you continue to make wrong turns
- being bolder and having more courage in knowing who
   I am and to "stay in my lane"
- greater confidence in who I am. my voice and body language agree with my heart
- a great reduction in running from one possible activity to another just to make a dollar or please someone
- being more focused and attentive to what is truly important in my business and being less distracted by all that is outside of my calling

I've discovered a real connection in my vocation with knowing what's written on one's heart as it goes hand in glove with what I do as a cash flow whisperer — helping business owners understand and interpret their cash flow to improve operational effectiveness and profitability. Recall Proverbs 4:23 — out of the heart flow the issues of life.

Via the Heart Plan course, I've been better able to connect numerous dots for my clients/prospects between:

- God's Word and their business
- God's plans for business owners to succeed and growing a healthy business that produces good fruit in every season
- creating my future and avoiding the chaos in the world

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- fulfilling God's mandate of Gen. 1:28 be fruitful, multiply and have dominion (be an influence)
- connecting activities to their purpose to be more focused and productive and a better steward
- connecting one's spending to their purpose to be a better steward and to be blessed more by God
- create a sustainable, profitable business that serves the needs of their customers
- more easily and peacefully meet the needs of my family and make a greater difference in the world
- provide a much greater focus and energy in my business on that which matters most and should come first – profit in the business and the owner's marketbased salary in order to be sustainable

What I've witnessed, since enrolling in the Heart Plan course, is numerous business owners that have allowed their purpose to grow cold or get fuzzy by attending more to what the world is doing and saying instead of what God is saying and has written on their hearts. I've been able to speak to this fact and help get them refocused on what is real.

We live out of the purposes God wrote in our hearts.

**2 Samuel 23:11-12** – Next to him was Shammah son of Agee the Hararite. When the Philistines banded together at a place where there was a field full of lentils, Israel's troops fled from them. But Shammah took his stand in the middle of the field. He defended it and struck the Philistines down, and the Lord brought about a great victory. NIV

Here Shammah, a Hebrew soldier defending a bean field given to Israel by God, stood in the middle of the field when all of his fellow soldiers fled the attack of a Philistine troop much larger than Israel's troop in the field. Shammah defended the land and struck the Philistines down, and the Lord brought about a great victory. Shammah's buddies determined that the land was neither worth fighting nor dying for and gave up the land God had given to them.

In the time of Shammah, land ownership was a big deal. It meant you had a way or means of being productive and creative to stay out of slavery and serfdom. Land ownership was a way to create a personal economy. One could create something to sell or trade and sustain their family for generations to come.

Here's the deal and it's a big deal. Land is a metaphor for the heart. When you start giving away the territory of your Godgiven dreams, you are giving away your heart. God says to guard our hearts, for it is the wellspring of life (Prov. 4:23).

God wants us to have a different perspective than those of Shammah's buddies. He is looking for contenders and defenders for the field He has given us. Great adventure awaits those who step out in faith to save their own dreams and guard the dreams of others as well. Jesus said, the thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy, I have come that you might have life.

Life to the full is taking a stand in the middle of your field of dreams. Because of the Heart Plan course, I'm able and determined to stand and contend for my heart and contend for others as well.

Discovering what God has written on my heart via the Heart Plan course is being more intentional and receptive to more of God

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through an experiential, intimate, face to face relationship. I found myself seeking and asking for more of Him. I was now open and receptive to the Council of Heaven to see and hear what God is doing and desiring me to do. I was open to the opportunities and possibilities that He had in store for me by becoming a seer and doer of heart. Going direct, myself, to the Council has opened a new level of intimacy and expectation of what God has intended for my life. As a follow up to the Heart Plan course I highly recommend the Seers and Doers course to elevate your life to the next dimension.

### Part 2

## Become a Seer First Then a Doer

A Primer for Ascension to Courts and Council of Heaven

Lots of people have never heard of some of the mystical aspects of ascending to the Courts of Heaven or the Father's Council. This first sentence would be enough for some to move on! This realm is in an early adopter phase — we get that. We're not shaming people who aren't there yet. We're not even compelling people to go there in a marketing or evangelistic sense. What we are doing is finding the people who are already hungry for it and helping them take the next step.

1) Get Connected - My Role www OnlineHeartPlan.com What's written in my heart?

2) Become a Seer and Doer www.Seers and Doers.com What's the Father Doing?

3) Experiencing Tribe Knowing one another's purpose Fathers Releasing Dreams

4) Experiencing God's Favor Multiplying My Tribe/Value/S Personal Reformation

5) Favor on my Nation "Changing the World"

Reformation of Nations

Let's start with clarity on the terminology.

**Cessationism** – When I got saved in the charismatic movement everyone was getting baptized in the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues. Those outside this movement, often in traditional churches, thought it was extreme – in some cases, it was. They developed a doctrinal position that the gifts of the spirit were for Jesus' time, but not for today – they ceased! That also translated to frowning on divine healing, deliverance, etc. Well, cessationism is no longer with us because too many people speak in tongues and have been healed. It's just not a viable

position anymore and it's virtually silent. The same thing will happen with sons ascending to the Father's Council. One day soon, it will be the norm!

**Mysticism** is viewed in somewhat the same way. It's in a pioneering stage, and there are some excesses that can be criticized, and some are writing the whole movement off. The point is that like gifts of the spirit, sons ascending to the Courts and Council is biblical, has a purpose and bears fruit. Everyone will be doing it in the 'not too distant future.'

**Ascension** isn't bodily going to heaven, although Enoch, Elijah and Jesus did do that. For most, it is an act of faith, and we go in the spirit. The experiences, conversations and scenes can all be discerned and confirmed in the same way we judge prophecy—it's not that hard.

Hearing God — Most people do have a theology that permits them to hear from the Holy Spirit. Practically, it not an audible voice; it's a thought that comes into our minds that we discern and judge. Thoughts can come from our minds, our hearts, other people, the enemy and God. Hearing from God is simply the ability to sort through the pile and identify what came from God. The experience of that reality is easy and fun with a little practice. Prophetic ministry is simply discerning those thoughts quickly, sharing them with other people and watching for them to resonate. That's a very powerful and fun experience too.

Seer gift – Seeing in the spirit is a lot like hearing. Now I'm permitting myself to see pictures or movie clips. The scenes come through my imagination by faith, and I'm simply discerning the pictures as they come and asking the Lord to help me weave it into a story that makes sense and can be discerned and judged. Of course, the enemy is telling me the whole time

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that I'm just making it up out of my imagination and I'm becoming mentally unstable. Like hearing, these seer gift scenes are easy to discern, and they are even more powerful than words we share in the prophetic realm. God wants us all to be able to see and hear – it's not that hard. That's why we wrote *Seers and Doers* and developed the <a href="https://www.Seers-and-Doers.com">www.Seers-and-Doers.com</a> course. The online course is much more a series of experiences in the Courts and Council than modules full of information. This stuff is caught, not taught.

Courts of Heaven – We ascend to the Courts of Heaven to identify accusations from the enemy. Lots of people still encounter spiritual resistance after they have repented for everything and forgiven everyone. They've already tried every approach to inner healing under the sun. Accusations can have roots in generational compromises in our family line. The impact on us passes down generationally in the form of a curse that can be dealt with in the Courts of Heaven. When we go to the Courts of Heaven, we:

- 1) Ask the Lord to help us discern the specific accusation get it into words; it's often presented in the Courts like legal evidence that can be seen with your seer gift.
- 2) Ask Father to show us where it came from also often "seen" as members of our family line entering into covenants with the enemy.
- 3) Once the accusation and root are "seen," we agree with them quickly (Matt. 5:25) and repent by taking them to the cross. We overcome the accuser of the brethren by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony (Rev. 12:11).

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- 4) The blood of the Lamb is the repentance and forgiveness aspect; the "word of their testimony" is our book (Ps. 139:15-16). In other words, we're exchanging the curse that held us back for the assignments of our future. Both of those things happen in the Courts.
- 5) We also expect and usually see decrees that go with our book. These are aspects of our assignments or prophetic tools or prayer strategies that help us have the confidence and the power to implement our books. All of this sets the stage for the Council.

**The Council** – God has always had a divine Council. The best theological foundation for this is in the *Unseen Realm* by Michael Heiser and Seers and Doers by John Garfield. We sons are being invited to a seat on this Council. We go by faith to experience what the Father is doing and saying. There are many places in heaven, but my version of the Council includes Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit and the seven Spirits of God (Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Might, Knowledge, and Fear of the Lord). When I go to the Council myself or with others, we are either asking Father what's on his heart or presenting a topic or issue for Council input. We see what is loosed (permitted) in heaven and what is bound (forbidden) in heaven, and we bring that Kingdom purpose to earth. That's a primary initiative for sons. We're present in the Council to hear and see the purpose of the Father's heart, and then on earth, we carry the boldness, authority and creativity to implement our pieces of that purpose in our mountain.

The Courts of Heaven is a wonderful and necessary part of this equation, but not everything sons do go through accusations and decrees. The biggest part of our activity is doing what the

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Father does as we carry the heart of his (and our) purpose on earth. Jesus didn't get a shopping list of assignments every day, and he didn't carry a list of decrees. He implemented the Father's purpose and responded to opportunities and obstacles as they arose. He tipped tables over, healed the sick, called the Pharisees on their hypocrisy, raised the dead, forgave sins, set captives free, whatever was needed; that's what he did. As sons, we carry the ability to ask "whatsoever" in the name of Jesus – we're aligned with the Father's purpose because we've spent time in the Council. We do whatever is needed, just like Jesus, who is not ashamed to call us brothers (Heb. 2:11-12).

## How to Develop Your Seer Gift

We used to think gifts of the Spirit weren't for anybody. Then we decided they were for a few. Now we know they are for anyone who has faith and maturity to operate in them. Becoming a seer is the same. It's for everyone. First, the why then the how.

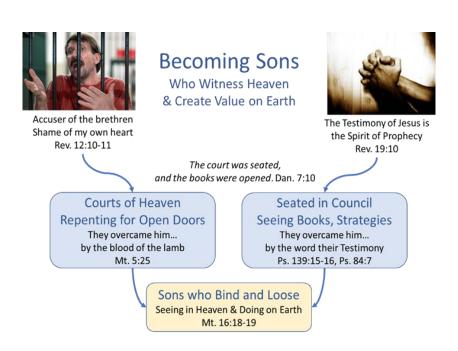
Why see? – Seeing is the natural language of the heart. Showing me is always more powerful than telling me. If you share a concept or a prophetic insight with someone in words they can understand with their intellect, but that's not the goal. If our goal is impacting someone at a heart level, then we need to speak the language of the heart – pictures and scenes that bring up experiences. Revelation 19:10 says the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy. Testimony (maturia) refers to evidence given in a judicial sense. It's often translated "witness," and it's a root word of martyr. You have to be there and see it yourself to be a witness!

**Rev. 12:11** – They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their **testimony**; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. NIV (emphasis added)

When we can see the evidence of our books or callings or assignments from heaven, we see the purpose of doing it. When you "see" your "purpose," it's easy to put it first. Purpose is both something to *live for* and something to *die for*.

We have much more authority to bind and loose on earth when we can see those same issues played out in heaven, and we know how our Father wants them to go. We are seeing what the Father is doing in heaven, and we are simply doing the same things on earth.

Jesus did what he saw the Father doing. We usually take that to mean a specific and immediate instruction. That can be true, but I see most people coming back from the Courts and Council with a sense of purpose more than a shopping list. We have authority as sons to carry out the Father's purpose. The future and the specifics are normally a bit open.



**How (My Story)** – Terry Tyson, a good friend from Colorado Springs, introduced me to Beverley Watkins who took

"reluctant" me to the Courts of Heaven when I was in a season. of personal desperation. I didn't like the judicial sound of courts, but Beverley was personable, humble and disarming. She also operated out of a strong seer gifting. We never had a shopping list of things to check off – it was always the Holy Spirit showing us accusations and where they originated generationally. After that first session, I ran into friends from my network that I thought would benefit from prayer. Over two years, I arranged about 20 three-way skype calls with Beverley and someone from my circle who was stuck like I was. About session 3 or 4, Beverley began asking me what I saw. My response was, "Nothing, that's why vou're here." But after 10 or 15 calls, I began to pick up on the spirit of becoming a seer and offered my feeble contributions. Those contributions got better as we continued. Around #20, Beverley got too busy, and I had to help people myself. That worked out much better than I expected. Now we have an online course at www.Seers-and-Doers.com, and we intentionally train people to use their seer gifting in the Courts and Council (it's more the experience of going than an informational course). The Zoom calls work and most of our tribe can take others to the Courts and Council themselves.

Getting started – Remember when you first began to use your prophetic gift. We take thoughts that come to mind and discern what's junk, what's irrelevant and what's from the Spirit of God. We take what's from the Lord, discard the rest and put it in words that bless other people. Those who are skilled and anointed in the prophetic can discern and articulate those thoughts so quickly that it flows very naturally.

A seer gift operates the same way. We take what's from the Lord and put it in scenes that bless other people. Sometimes it's a

single picture; other times, it's like a movie with scripts, characters and scenery. Those scenes often have meaning for us, but there are also times when we're just sharing what we see, and the profound meaning is understood by the receiver.

A seer gifting is often more impactful than prophetic words because pictures speak the language of our hearts. People are deeply touched by it (1 Cor 14:25).

Sons see things in the Courts and Council so they can bring them to earth, e.g., Num. 11:27-29; Rom. 8:14. That's our job. We're seeing in heaven and doing on earth. It's fun, and you're invited. It's not just limited to spiritual stuff. Father is interested in blessing all seven mountains, so it's hugely impactful for creating new ideas and bringing greater value to our mountain in practical ways that have financial ramifications.

What will we see? – In a word, Jesus, His purpose, your role and his power.

**Eph 1:17-23** – that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that

- you will know what is the hope of His calling
- what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints
- what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe
- the working of the strength of **His might**
- seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly place
- far above all rule and authority and power and dominion

 He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. NASU

Could this happen for me? — Beverly Lewis was in the inaugural beta version of the *Seers and Doers* course. She's pretty logical and a great communicator. She's familiar with the prophetic, but she wouldn't describe herself as a prophet. I wondered if the Beverly's of the world would grasp going the Courts and Councils from zoom calls. It felt like a stretch to me. The answer was yes. Now I get to hear the stories of those she's taken to the Courts and Councils. They are thrilled and so am I. Here is Beverly's story in her own words:

Testimony Beverley Lewis – Access to the Courts and Council of Heaven held strong appeal for me as I'd heard the terms and listened to some teaching about it long before John Garfield brought it up as part of the Heart Plan Course. I was curious, as I know God always has more for us when we seek Him. As fascinating as learning about the Courts of Heaven is, the experience is what our hearts are longing for. Gathering information about it compared to going there in prayer is somewhat like the difference between seeing pictures of the Grand Canyon vs. standing on the rim in person and beholding the vastness, majesty and wonder of God's creation. Words don't do it justice.

Participating in the prayer sessions with a group, led by John, was the ideal way to experience God's presence in a whole new way. It felt safe – not weird. The resulting declarations cause people to stand up in their authentic, God-given identity with confidence and boldness. As a business and ministry leader, I am

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often asked to pray for people in very serious, life-changing situations. The power of learning to pray with others to introduce them to the Courts of Heaven and Council of God has been invaluable. Every single time, it provides a doorway into deeper intimacy with God and a new level of freedom and joy.

An additional benefit of praying with others in this way has been the resulting friendships and deep connection with others. It gives you a tribe of people who know your heart, respect your identity and will cheer you on as you walk out your destiny. It's a community of believers who have each other's backs. It's a meaningful and practical gift from our Father.

## **Entering the Courts of Heaven**

Connecting with our hearts to write our stories is an internal process. It is work and warfare. The conflict is like a courtroom in your heart. You can hear the greatness of your story proclaimed by your advocate, Jesus. You can also hear accusations outlining the logic of why your story doesn't deserve to happen. Those voices don't go away, and you need a strategy to deal with them.

The advocate – The brightness of your future is woven into your story and your dream. Take steps to implement it wisely. Agree with Jesus' testimony, even when it's too good to be true. It's always bigger, better and more influential than we thought possible.

The adversary – Here's the tricky part. Accusations are real and have a valid basis. Ignoring them and arguing with them doesn't work. The power of these accusations is embedded in our DNA. Part of our disqualification comes from outside us. Our bloodlines and our culture are both corrupt. We all come from a long line of compromise. So, what's the strategy?

Agree with your adversary quickly and stop the argument. Just admit that within yourself you don't deserve the happy ending. Your personal story is part of something much bigger that is carrying you with it. The purpose behind your life purpose is connected to a "higher purpose." I'm bundling up all of my disqualifications and trading for that higher purpose. It's not a matter of whether I'm qualified or deserving; it's not about me. A higher purpose fuels the destiny that drives my purpose. If I

say no, someone else will say yes, and finish up my piece of the assignment. So why not just say yes?

The humility to admit our insufficiency is the transparency of every great leader. Greatness never rides on the strength of self-sufficiency. We all need the help of other people and the favor of God himself. We only have two choices; our story will reflect the bright hope of the advocate's voice and be much better than we deserve; empowered by a higher purpose, (or) we will mirror the despair of living out the jail sentence that goes with our accusations. We'll give up and quit! Manage what you hear. Use the Courts of Heaven to do it!

The secret sauce – agree with your adversary quickly, I've got bigger fish to fry than me (purpose).

Here is a simple outline of how we approach the Courts of Heaven (protocol):

- Ask Father to open the court to us (is anything holding us back?)
- 2. Ask the Father to cover us; no eavesdropping, interference, deception or attack from the enemy
- 3. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise
- 4. "see" the courtroom and who is there
- 5. See the accusations plus the roots in generational covenants or compromises
- 6. Agree with the accusations, ask forgiveness for entering those compromises; give back what was gained (trading floors)
- 7. Allow the Lord to show us the release
- 8. See what the Lord has for us now

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- 9. Get decrees for prayer strategies going forward and open our book or destiny (Ps. 139:15-16)
- 10. See the Council and the invitation to be a son who comes back often

I am always grateful for the Spirit of Repentance that comes from the Courts of Heaven. I always come back free of accusations that have been traded for another chapter in my book and the prophetic decrees to help me implement them on earth.

The court of heaven is a natural starting place for ascension. The Council is a different level and its wisdom to offload the spiritual baggage first. Others allude to many different courts administrated by other heavenly entities (angels, cloud of witnesses, etc.). I'm not discounting or endorsing that. We take people to a court where the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are present.

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There is a healthy transition from intellectualism to an experience-based faith right now. Sound doctrine is important, but we all got saved based on experiences with Jesus. We can approach courts and decrees from a mechanical, cerebral perspective and have a shopping list of "correct choices" for our authority, the Courts of Heaven and the decrees we bring back. We know Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father, and we're seated in heavenly places. So, we can take a doctrinal approach to the Courts and bypass the messiness and mysticism of going there ourselves and line ourselves up with the religious spirit of mystical cessationism — and miss out on the fun of being a son. Jesus wants us to go!

Matt. 23:13 – Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the kingdom of heaven in men's faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to. NIV (emphasis added)

#### Seeing the Big Picture Off track #4 Off track #1 I'm so busy doing great I ascend for the fellowship Father's Courts. Council things for God I've become and the fun, but don't bring We are Seers and Doers Martha and don't take time back Kingdom purpose. Bringing heaven to Earth for Courts and Council "Flambovant Mysticism" Ps. 84:7, Rom. 8:19 Kingdom Context My Purpose "Infinite Purpose" 'Seeing Why' in the Nations / Reformation Desires of my Heart 'What Father is Doing' 'What I want' Ps. 2:8, Mt. 28:18-30 Jn 15:15-16, Heb 8:10-11 My Product/Tribe Off track #2 Off track #3 **Business Expression** If my business/product has If I have a purpose without (Value + Cash Flow) no Kingdom purpose; a product, it is preaching; 'My Customer Wants' It's wearisome, won't last No one "buys" preaching It ends with "me" Deut. 8:18 "Clouds without rain"

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Father's Council – The cessationist view of mysticism (ascension to the Courts and Council) ignores the fact that the Bible is full of mystical events that are not intellectually explainable. I'm voting for the experience of being a son who goes to the Council even if it sounds mystical! I want my seer gift activated, and my doctrinal position is that the Father is populating his Council with sons who are seers in heaven and doers on earth (we recommend <u>Unseen Realm</u> by Michael Heiser and <u>Seers and Doers</u> by John Garfield).

**Ps. 84:7** – They go from strength to strength (chayil), Every one of them appears before God in Zion. NASU (emphasis added)

**Rom. 8:19** – For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. NASU

**Purpose** – What I bring back from the Council is my purpose, calling or book. I get a confirmation that the Father was the original author of the desires of my heart and they match the desires of his own heart. I get to 'see' what's going on up there. Servants don't know the Father's business, but sons ascend and see what the Father is doing – just like Jesus. He was the first-born son, and he's not ashamed to call us brothers.

John 15:15-17 – I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit — fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. NIV

**Heb. 8:10-11** – This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, **'Know** (G1097 intellectually) the Lord,' because they will all **know** (G1492 see) me, from the least of them to the greatest. NIV (emphasis added)

**Producing products** – The purpose I bring back from the Council lands squarely in products. I have a business expression of my purpose that creates something of value and generates sustainable cash flow. I'm supernaturally, spiritual and naturally entrepreneurial at the same time. Relationships are sweetest when we and God are working together (co-laboring). Faith, or mysticism, without works is a path through spiritual weirdness that eventually leads to death.

**Deut. 8:18** – But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce **wealth** (chayil), and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today. NIV (emphasis added)

Wealth in this verse *(chayil)* means value, valor or valiant ones — the ability to do exploits. So, it can include wealth but more in the sense of a byproduct of creating value. The same word is translated strength to strength in Ps. 84:7. Sons come back from the Council having a purpose which they leverage to create value. It sounds like business to me! The "covenant" referred to in Heb. 8:10-11 and Deut. 8:18 is a reference to God's priority on assembling sons in his Council — sons who are seers who can see.

**Kingdom context** – Sons go to the Council, bring back purposes and translate them into sustainable businesses that produce products with cash flow. They do one more thing. Their business also has an infinite or eternal purpose statement. They, and their businesses, are aligned with what sons see the Father doing. What is that? The Father is inviting us to ask for the nations (Ps. 2:8) and to disciple the nations (Mt. 28:19). That's the great commission of the sons who populate the Council (the ecclesia). Reformation is all about the Father's heart to redeem and bless entire nations.

Compassionate capitalism – The practical ramifications are sons who have a purpose and express that purpose entrepreneurially to produce something of value. Those businesses don't just exist to profit shareholders and line pockets. The corporate vision reflects an eternal purpose unique to the CEO and the Kingdom purpose of the business itself. Long term, that's good for the brand, employee participation and customer loyalty. Everyone

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resonates with businesses that reflect the Father's heart of love for nations and people. It's the just cause and higher purpose that resonates much more than spineless vision statements on the walls of most corporate hallways. Mysticism turns out to be good for business.

### The Council of Heaven

The divine Council – Jerry Denton edits our newsletter and is a wonderful friend. He suggested I read <u>Unseen Realm</u> by Michael Heiser in 2017. This book is a scholarly, conservative, evangelical, theological treatise on the Council of God that we summarize in chapter three of *Seers and Doers*. The key idea is that God has always had a "Council" with the sons of God. In Genesis 6, some of those sons fell, yet still ended up retaining influence over the nations (powers and principalities). Jesus' redemption doesn't just deal with the fall of mankind. He made provision for restoring God's Council as well – it's us!

All creation is waiting for the new *sons of God* (Rom. 8:18-25) to join the divine Council and replace those who fell and replace their rule over the nations which belong to God. He is bringing many sons to glory (in this life) for a purpose—the great commission. It's our job to disciple nations first in the spirit, then in the natural. We are called to bless nations by our ministries in the seven mountains of culture. Jesus is the firstborn of many brothers of whom he is not ashamed to call friends. Why? We are the sons called to be part of his Council. That's the message behind all the intimate language, e.g., thrones, crowns, friends, sons, brothers, kings and priests, co-laborers, sharing his glory, reigning with him, seated with him, etc. Because the nations belong to the Father, they are also "our" inheritance as his sons. Can you see the connection with reformation instead of just revival?

**Ps. 2:8** – Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. NIV

**Ps. 72:11** – May all kings bow down to him [God] and all nations serve him. NIV

**Ps. 82:8** – Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations are your inheritance. NIV

**Ps. 115:16** – The highest heavens belong to the Lord, but the earth he has given to man. NIV

What Jesus said and what people heard – Several phrases in Matthew 16 deserve highlighting.

Matt. 16:15-19 – "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven." NASU

- When Peter said Jesus was the son of the living God, the Jewish listeners heard Genesis 6. Jesus is the first of many sons to repopulate his Father's Council.
- The whole event took place in the shadow of Mt Hermon, where the original fall took place. The Jewish audience were all familiar with the book of Enoch that has more detail on this fall.

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- Jesus used ecclesia (a Roman military term) to describe his followers (sons who populate the Council).
- Sons would prevail over the gates of Hades (a defensive structure). It's also a physical cave in that area everyone knew about. Mt. Hermon was the site of many occultic shrines throughout history.
- He gives sons keys (access) to the Kingdom of Heaven for a reason.
  - 1) We can bind what we see bound in heaven, and
  - Loose what we see loosed in heaven. Like Jesus, sons are doing what we see the Father doing!

What's next?—I used to think of God coming to me, surrounding me with his presence in worship, anointing me, etc. But, if I take this concept of being a son invited to his Council seriously, I need to go and appear before him in heaven and "see" what my Father is doing and see what is already bound and loosed in heaven. That's the next key to the Kingdom of Heaven; participation in his Council so I can bring back to earth everything needed to manifest the Father's Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven (for my personal needs, business, mountain, nation, ministry, friends and household—wherever my metron takes me). This is experiencing heaven. It's is alive and well and available to you and me right now. My kingly ministry on earth starts with my priestly ministry in heaven. The most exciting thing you will see: What the Father is doing and the synergism with what is already in your book and in your heart.

**Yes, but how?** – Below is a 4-step primer I use daily. I've kept journal notes on the first 33 trips to the throne room over several months (Appendix A in *Seers and Doers*).

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**Attitude** – Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Have an attitude of expectation. Expect to see, hear and receive.

**Ps. 100:3-5** – Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. NIV

**Appear** - in the Courts (to deal with accusations as they arise) and Councils (daily or at least several times a week). It does take time and focus.

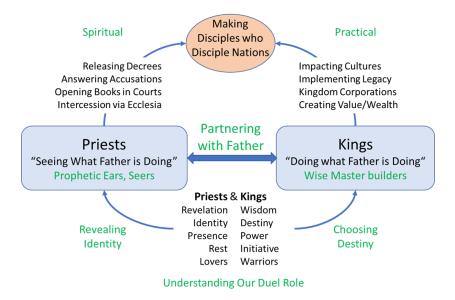
**Ps. 84:5-7** – How blessed is the man whose strength is in You, In whose heart are the highways to Zion! Passing through the valley of Baca they make it a spring; The early rain also covers it with blessings. They go from strength to strength, Every one of them appears before God in Zion. NASB (emphasis added)

Mystery – Get the topic or theme for the Council session and be willing to hold it before the Lord as a mystery until the answer shows itself. Be persistent and patient in expectation over a day or two if necessary. (I was generally amazed how easily and quickly things came.) Let him show it. Write it in a journal. Discern it. Share it. Refine it. Be faithful with it. Do it!

Seer (experience the scene) – Expect to "see it." Allow your imagination to see it. Make room (time) for the Lord to show it – seek him. See how it unfolds, manifests and gets loosed from heaven. Experience it!

Ps. 34:8-10 – Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing. The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. [emphasis mine] NIV

**FYI** – The body of this chapter came in a dream while sharing in the Netherlands, after which I got up at 2 AM to capture the notes. The four points above came in a Council session based on my ongoing question to the Father to make this all practical enough for engineers.



Asking vs. decrees – We all come from a long tradition of asking and making requests to God and delighting when we get answers. We're supposed to let our requests be made known. We love answered prayer. We're also a little cautious at this

level and we often sprinkle in, "If it be your will" to give God an out if we're asking from wrong motives.

The Council puts in a position of knowing his purpose instead of asking. The ripple effect on prayer is that now we are sons with a mandate to implement heaven on earth. Now our prayer sounds more like a prophetic decree than a request. Instead of questioning servants who hope for an answer, we shift to sons who are sent-ones to make something happen because we've seen God's purpose and know-how circumstances should line up.

It takes courage and persistence to go to the Council routinely. We have to experience the love and the welcome mat to know that we are always invited and welcome – even *expected* to be there. Nothing supersedes the experience of going to the Council. That's what *sons* do! We are part of God's family. Jesus is not ashamed to call us brothers and sisters, and as such, we carry out the Father's business in Jesus name.

**Heb. 2:10-12** – In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises." NIV

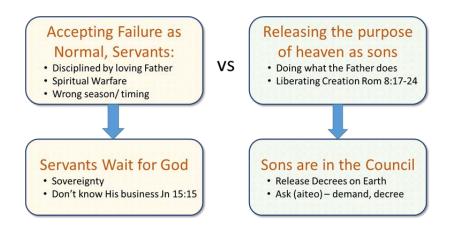
I had this personal conversation in the Council:

**Question** – When I *feel* outside of God's favor, can I hear from God? Father, can you show me purpose/decrees when I'm in the valley?

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**Answer** – if you come to the Council, I will show you purpose, and favor to manifest it "anytime."

Sons ask (demand, decree – based on what they've seen = In Jesus' name).



**John 16:23-24** – In that day <u>you will no longer ask</u> (G2065, erotao) me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask (G154, aiteo) in my name. Until now you have not asked (G154, aiteo) for anything <u>in my name</u>. Ask (G154, aiteo) and you will receive, and your joy will be complete. NIV

The disciples had been asking Jesus intellectual questions in verse 19 for clarity (*erotao*). He uses a different word (*aiteo*) to encourage them to make requests *for anything* in Jesus name. Once we see heaven's purpose, Father is inviting us to ask for anything and everything to make it happen.

#### Transition

The transition from a *Seers and Doers* online course to a tribe came naturally. I didn't honestly expect the tribe to last, but it had all the ingredients for a great mastermind and some great extras. The awareness of one another's dreams and goals from the heart plan was a foundation, but the intimacy of God's presence in the Courts and Council deepened relationships in a shared experience(s) was too profound for words. Donald was there:

Testimony of Donald Wickham - When I was introduced to Courts of Heaven, I was fairly skeptical, it sounded legalistic to me. But, trusting John's heart, I read up on it and listened to a couple of videos. That helped but nothing like actually going into the Court and hearing and seeing what Father, Son and Holy Spirit did. I've been thru Sozo sessions, LieBust sessions and more. All those helped but having the accusations presented and then dealt with brought freedoms I only dreamed of for me and for those I've had the honor of representing in Court sessions. I've been so blessed by this that I've gone on for further training from Beverley Watkins to train others in leading Court sessions.

In some of the Court sessions, after the accusations were dealt with, we were invited to step into Father's Council. There I and others received such an amazing welcome and encouragement. We also received specific instructions on what to bring into our own situations. I've been so encouraged by the Council sessions that we did as a group that I've helped others and continue to go on my own.

One rather unexpected benefit of doing the Heart Plan and Seers and Doers courses was the friendships that developed. As I heard others share from their hearts, shared Courts and

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Council sessions with them and listened to their prayers, I fell in love with them. The thought of not spending time with them on a regular basis saddened me. But then we all realized, we have become a family, a tribe and we, thankfully, decided to continue our calls.

### Part 3

# Tribe: Apostolic Fathers Releasing Dreams

I've had two remarkable experiences with very relational people. Both were originally unplanned surprises, but now they are intentional.

When we first started going to Poland, we shared the message of Releasing Kings in business conferences usually held in churches. The message was that God wrote the desires in your heart and that if you cooperate with those desires, you'll have more fun and make more money. I had no idea how profound that was for a culture lived that had under communism for 50 vears. Permitting people to pursue their desires was one thing, but on an individual basis helping them prophetically get in touch with those desires was revolutionary.

- 1) Get Connected My Role www.OnlineHeartPlan.com What's written in my heart?
- 2) Become a Seer and Doer www.Seers-and-Doers.com What's the Father Doing?
- Experiencing Tribe
   Knowing one another's purpose
   Fathers Releasing Dreams
- 4) Experiencing God's Favor Multiplying My Tribe/Value/\$ Personal Reformation
- Favor on my Nation "Changing the World" Reformation of Nations

No one had ever asked them, "What's the desire of your heart?" Not parents, not teachers, not pastors and not employers. When

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I helped them touch what Jesus had written in their hearts and when the Holy Spirit convinced them it was real, I got a surprise. They loved me like a father. Plus, once you get to know what God put in someone's heart, you see that it's holy and you can't help but admire it and respect it — you love them back. Our motto at the first conference was, "Have fun, make money, love people and build the Kingdom. It was a party. It didn't happen once. That love component happens every time you get to know what's in another person's heart.

The second experience started out much less personal. We moved the heart plan to an online course with zoom calls and helped a dozen people at a time write a purpose statement around the desires God wrote in their hearts. At they got clarity, the Holy Spirit confirmed the hope and a tribe formed. This group fell in love with one another. They saw the purpose of God in a dozen other people, and the respect turned into love. They helped and encouraged one another very naturally. It was an amazing experience that convinced me that sons who know one another's hearts and experience the Father's heart in the Council really are the ecclesia.

**John 13:35** – By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. NIV

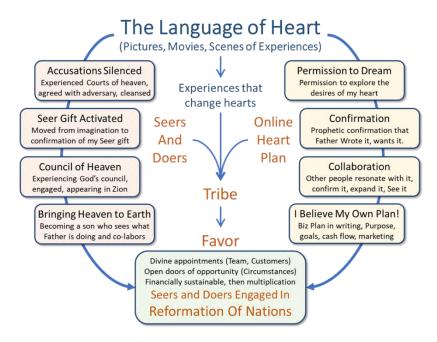
There are precious few relationships where it is normal to know one another at the level of our deepest heart's desires; to allow others to see our books! That level of authenticity is the portal that opens the door to the Kingdom of Heaven and the favor of God on your life.

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The language of our hearts is pictures, scenes, movies and images. That's why night dreams and visions are never just words. When we want to change our hearts, a new movie script is required to exchange for the old. That translates to an experience. We don't learn from more information. Our hearts change with each new experience. When we first got saved, it was an experience with the presence of God that did it. Explanations can help alleviate fears and mental doubts, but a relationship with Jesus always begins with an encounter with the person of Jesus. We can feel his presence, and the *unweighting* of forgiveness is very tangible.

The Online Heart Plan and Seers and Doers courses have great content, but the real focus was on the experience of implementing that content, and our target was the heart. There was a progression of experiences each person went through that set their hearts free in amazing ways. This graphic is a summary of what we saw as the weeks went by.



The Heart Plan – Most of us come from a doctrinal/intellectual tradition of total human depravity. We believed our hearts were evil and couldn't be trusted. As people gave themselves permission to explore the desires God wrote in their hearts, there was a prophetic confirmation that these discoveries were real. Other people confirmed those realizations and adjusted them, but the Father confirmed his authorship of our deepest desires in a jailbreak experience. When the tribe went on to

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build a plan around the purpose embodied in their heart's desires there was another amazing experience. They began to believe their own plans! It became viable and practical as they wrote down goals and did the cash flow to implement their business plans. The last step was implementation. We've seen some amazing breakthroughs with tangible opportunities and finances. Dreams really do come true when we do our part, and God does his.

**Seers and Doers** – The heart plan included worksheets, goals, mind maps and written plans. This course was a pure experience in heaven. Everyone was carrying accusations from the enemy. In group sessions on zoom and individual sessions, we agreed with the adversary and took them to the cross. Where there were generational roots that gave a legal basis for the accusations, we put those covenants under the blood as well. The liberation each person felt was very tangible. We used seen giftings to facilitate those excursions to the Courts and Council. Everyone had to navigate trusting their imagination to experience the confirmation that what they saw could be easily discerned and was usually real. We moved on from experiences in the Courts to the Council and had more seer encounters that confirmed the Father's heart and paved the way to co-labor with him. What we discovered was that the context of each person's heart plan provided a foundation that kept an intensely spiritual experience grounded and out of pseudo mysticism or weirdness. Experiencing the Council of Heaven was both practical and every bit as amazing as it sounds. We touched the Father's heart and found a bridge between personal reformation and practical strategies for the reformation of nations – also a jailbreak kind of experience that is very exciting and engaging.

**Tribe** – The overarching experience we did not anticipate was *tribe*. The transparency of knowing what's in the other guy's heart is the depth of relationship that causes people to respect and then love one another. It's an amazing phenomenon: Ask a person about the desires of their heart, help them clarify, and they fall in love with you. (no one has asked previously). The sweetest fellowship is working together. Tribe is a relational experience. People took the course for the content, but they raved about the new friends and the home they felt in their tribe.

Stories from this tribe are <u>here</u>.

# Tribe A Culture of Fathering Dreams

I just got back from ten days in Europe during Thanksgiving, 2019. There is a great awakening happening around the world. It has different looks in different mountains. It's a shift from servants who need help, healing and guidance to sons who have dreams, initiative and results. Here are a couple of examples.

- In corporate culture, people are treated like sheep who can't be trusted, and managers saw themselves as needing to control and guide these huddled masses.
   That's shifting to a version of leadership that connects people with a shared purpose and encourages their entrepreneurial creativity via a realization that the contributor can do things the leader can't (respect).
   Thankfully, millennials won't work for autocratic managers it's over!
- Churches have seen themselves as pastoral hospitals healing the lost, weak and wounded with a mothering, loving approach to fix broken people. That's now shifting to a Kingdom concept where sons are invited to inherit their books and play their role as sons who bring heaven to earth and disciple nations. Sons want to be, heard, understood and launched, not fixed.

In every sphere of our culture, people are breaking out of their servant mentality, finding the purpose Father wrote in their hearts, and walking it out with results. It's a divine discontent

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currently seen in demonstrations in 30+ nations around the world. It's the awakening from an ignorant slumber - the media mountain carries a huge amount of deceptive manipulation designed to hold us back. It's a jailbreak from the monotony of slavery to the liberation of your dream coming true.

**Fathering** – These cultures have fathers who pull sons into their inheritance. They know how to prophetically listen for what the Father has written in the hearts of people, and they can help articulate it and encourage it. As a son, it feels very different. Instead of being pulled into the vision of another person or company, or church, I am pulled into my destiny.

When that happens, both the father and the son catch a glimpse of something very precious in the son's purpose. It's not hard to see what the future will look like when it's mature. That level of honor and respect turns in to love and a tribe. The party starts when a group of people adopts a culture that is intentional about discovering and promoting one another's purpose.

**Intentional Tribes** – It's time to be intentional about creating tribes and cultures built around knowing the specifics of my Kingdom purpose. Here's a shopping list of how to do it.

- 1) As a son, I'm breaking off generational baggage in the Courts and using my seer gift to catch the purpose in the Father's heart in the Council. I'm taking the time to be in heaven so I can bring heaven to earth. I'm bringing back purpose It works and makes a difference!
- 2) I'm connecting with the "why" God wrote in my own heart. I know my purpose and have it in writing. It's exciting! That purpose naturally moves to goals, plans

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and progress on my dream. I feel the wind of God at my back because it's is dream too.

Here is my (John's) purpose statement (in writing) – **to** help people, businesses and nations intentionally connect with the desires God wrote in their hearts **so that** they can play their role in a strategic reformation that changes the world.

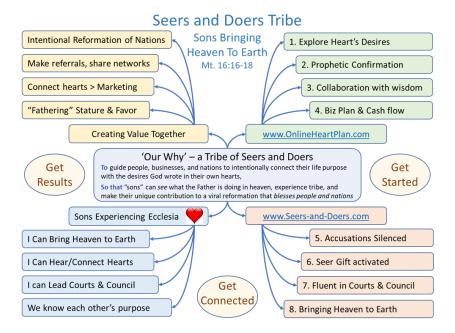
- 1) Once I am comfortable in my purpose statement, I start to listen for the prophetic sound in the desires of other people's hearts. I'm intentional about pulling them into their dream and destiny (we developed the Online Heart Plan for exactly this purpose). The frosting is how much people appreciate fathers being intentional about pulling them into their dream – they love it!
- 2) Our dreams and Kingdom assignments always have a financial component, so I'm also developing the value I bring to other people and evaluating the cash flow that goes with my dream. It has an entrepreneurial aspect that adds value and creates wealth. People are blessed to buy the value I bring in my vocation or business. And, I can make a connection between Kingdom and work. I'm not afraid to have fun, make money and love people.
- 3) When the curtain is pulled back on the business expression of my dream, I can see a larger Kingdom purpose that involves other people and often extends beyond my lifetime. I'm connected to a much higher purpose that makes room for the dreams of other players and partners.
- 4) I never get too busy to revisit the Council and hear my Father's heart (Seers and Doers). He never tires of adding

new wings on my dream and opening doors that no man can shut.

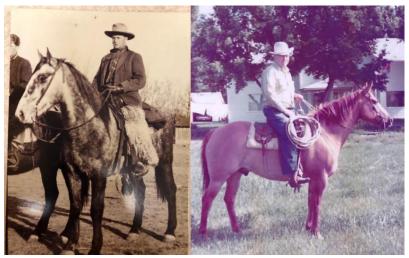
**Ps. 84:7** – They go from strength to strength, Every one of them appears before God in Zion. NASU

This culture of fathering hearts is somewhat in a pioneering stage. We usually interpret delays in terms of personal shame or failure. We're birthing a new culture. Apostolic fathers are releasing the desires in sons. Tribes of connected hearts are forming around the world. Don't let the degree of difficulty keep you outside the party looking in. You're invited! We can show you how and have a tribe to help.

 Luke 15:25 – When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. NIV



# Fathering Stature and Favor



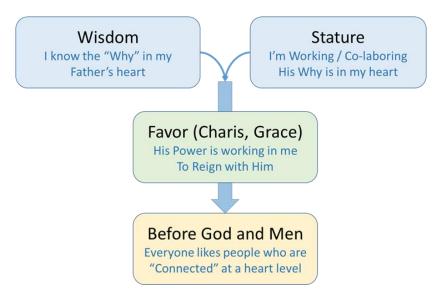
My Grandfather (Jess ~ 1915) and Father (Ford – 1975)

My grandfather raised horses for a living, and my dad had a cattle ranch and used good horses all the time. Growing up, I wanted to be just like dad, so starting at six years old, he gave me a series of horses that fit my maturity: first a pony, then an older, gentle horse, then his own horse, then horse of my own, then he raised two foals for me to train myself and let me pick the one I wanted. All through the series, he gave me suggestions on riding and training horses, always in the context of working with cattle and getting a job done on the ranch. When I was 12, the foal was old enough to start riding and he still guided me, but he never rode the foal. She was a beautiful filly and a great

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horse that saw lots of use on the ranch and she was a grand champion at the fair. Because I was interested in something close to my dad's heart, he went out of his way to help me. My dad did love me, but that wasn't the whole story. I loved him, wanted to be just like him and went with him all the time. We worked together!

Our heavenly Father is the same. When we seek what's in his heart and put the Kingdom first, he goes way out of his way to show us how and open doors of favor and give us that which is our own. Like my natural father, as our stature grows and our hearts align with his to co-labor, he keeps giving us bigger and better "horses."



I hadn't noticed the parallels in "growth." There is a pattern we can apply in our lives.

**Samuel** – And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the Lord and with men. 1 Sam. 2:26 NIV

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**John the Baptist** – And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and he lived in the desert until he appeared publicly to Israel. Luke 1:80 NIV

**Jesus** – And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him. Luke 2:40 NIV

**Luke 2:52** - And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. NIV

**Wisdom** knows *why*. Wisdom takes the initiative based on knowing what's in my Father's heart and what's in my book. The beginning of wisdom is the fear of God. That means I'm cooperating and co-laboring with my Father, yet, as a king and friend, I am free to innovate out of my own heart.

**Stature** is my standing before God in heaven (righteous). God's eye, his favor, and his grace flow through those "work" with him ... not as obedient servants or slaves, but from the heart because we know his heart. "Stature" is the status I have with God that allows me to ask for the desires of my heart. Our stature grows with our appearances in the Courts of Heaven and the progress we make on earth.

**Acts 13:22** — I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do. NIV

James 5:17-18 – Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. Then he prayed again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit. NASU

**Favor** (*charis*, grace) is not on me, it's in me. It's his power working in me to reign with him. Grace and power are

synonyms. Notice Paul refers to it as "my power" and "then I am strong;" it's in us. It's Jesus' power, but it's working in our hearts through our initiative.

**2 Cor. 12:9-10** - But he said to me, "My grace (charis) is sufficient for you, for <u>my</u> power (dunamis) is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, <u>then I am strong</u>. NIV

**Eph. 3:20** - Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that **is at work within us...** NIV

**Favor with God and men** – Everyone (including God) likes to work with people who are connected and powerful at a heart level. We are fervent, inspiring, motivated, enthusiastic, excited, purposeful and practical. God and men both love to empower those who walk out wisdom and stature to get results.

**Rom. 14:17-18** – For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. For he who in this way serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. NASU

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I had a natural father who encouraged me to pursue my dream. I never realized what a gift my dad was until hearing the stories of broken families and the shipwreck it leaves in personal identity. God can reverse all that, but it's not magic, and it often takes a spiritual father.

The second motive for touching this topic is reformation. We are in the early stages of another reformation. Luther's reformation changed minds and gave access to the presence of God (justification by faith). The fruit was a renaissance that revolutionized the arts and an industrial revolution that changed cultures and living standards around the world.

This reformation will be even bigger because it targets hearts with an invitation to work with God and share his passion. It targets what God can do through you. The brilliance of this reformation is that it includes you. People don't need to be convinced that they are invited to this move. Something is already stirring in their hearts, and they want to know how.

The genius of *Kingdom* is not that we're on our way to heaven when we die. Our assignment is bringing heaven to earth while we're here. The goal is blessing and discipling entire nations. Finding my role starts with the belief that I have one!

How can I help people step into their own hearts and destiny? How can I become a father to others? It's an ageless process. Fathers are not always older. They are ones who can listen to a heart and see what is written there.

- 1. Sticking your nose in Most of us have tried to intervene, gotten slapped and promised ourselves to mind our own business. If we impose a solution or an agenda on sons and daughters, we'll usually earn the rejection we fear. Accountability is not a word that conveys the spirit of being a father. Fathering starts with listening, not just to the person, but to their hearts. Most people don't know what's in their hearts or can't discern if what they do have is legitimate. Helping them discover what you and they don't yet know is a prophetic process that doesn't come out of a can or a program. When we do touch something God wrote in their hearts, it resonates. What always surprises me is that if I can help them connect with their hearts, they love me. It's usually the first time anyone listened to them, and it's usually the first time anyone helped them listen to what their heavenly Father has for them.
- 2. Does God even know where I live? -- Life has enough trauma that sons and daughters often think God must be in New York City because it doesn't feel like he's here! When we touch the theme of what is written in their hearts, we're confirming how much God knows them, knows about them and loves them. It's an experience!
- Initiative Knowing what God wrote in someone's heart is sacred and exciting. The revelation of what to do transitions naturally to the wisdom of how to do it. Wisdom and initiative are partners in implementing

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what God wrote in our hearts. Fathers are positioned to encourage their sons to step into the enterprise and the ingenuity of the dream. Risk is something we manage, not avoid.

- 4. Setbacks Fathers realize that when sons first get out of the boat and walk on water, they often sink! Wisdom is about two-thirds learning from mistakes and resurrecting to try it again. Helping sons realize that they won't lose their identity or their dream if they make a mistake is a huge ingredient. Good fathers usually walk with the limp of their own deaths and resurrections. It shows in the sense of brokenness and humility that can't be faked or preached or learned; it can only be experienced.
- 5. Father God The most important things fathers do is show their sons how to access the presence and power and person of God. They don't want us looking over their shoulder all the time. They want an available relationship from someone who esteems them from an understanding of what they carry. Sometimes they will initiate conversations, and sometimes we will check in to see how their hearts and dreams are doing. Those occasions of touching hearts may or may not be frequent, but they are a river of life.

Releasing the hearts and dreams of sons and daughters is probably the greatest Kingdom expression of reformation we have. Those relationships supersede every other approach to discipleship we've tasted or given.

## **Favored Sons Work with Father**

Fathers impart blessings on people and favor on the purpose and works in their book. The people, their book and their works are strategic ingredients in reformation. Their works flow out of the purpose in their books. God favors those people and their work. Father's connect those dots and impart that favor.

Getting saved is easy — accept Jesus, experience his presence and go to heaven. Living out our lives on earth is the tricky part. We want to be the faithful who multiplied their talents and heard, "Well done!" from our Father. We want to be fruitful in ministry to people, prosperous in the natural and be living epistles who display the favor and glory of our Father.

The problem is, most of us don't feel that way. In fact, most aren't clear enough on our direction to be strongly committed to anything! The metrics for success on people with no serious goals are always discouraging. To intellectually defend this lack of direction, many believers have a theology of grace without works – that performance leads you away from spirituality.

Created for works – The truth is God's favor is on his kids to do works and co-labor with him – works are very relational. We were created with those works in mind and we get to decide whether to do them or not. We really will be 'measured' and rewarded based on that voluntary decision! When we do things in the name of Jesus, the implication is that we're part of God's family doing his business. His sons carry their Father's name and do his works.

- **Ps. 139:15-16** My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. NIV
- **Eph. 2:10** For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God <u>prepared in advance for us to do</u>. NIV (emphasis added)
- **Col. 3:17** *And* whatsoever ye do in <u>word or deed</u>, do all **in the name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. KJV (emphasis added)
- **Rev. 20:12** And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. KJV (emphasis added)

**Favor** – *Charis* is the Greek word for both grace and favor. There is a sense of his grace being unmerited when we get saved. The tragedy of the grace doctrine is that it's prone to separate us from committing to the "work" written in our book. Favor is free but not unmerited; God favors those who work with him. He doesn't favor couch potatoes, even if they are saved by grace. The problem is the jobs and businesses in our mountain don't always 'feel' spiritual or favored! Why not?

Acts 14:26 – From Attalia they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been committed (paradidomi) to the grace (favor) of God for the work they had now completed. NIV (emphasis added)

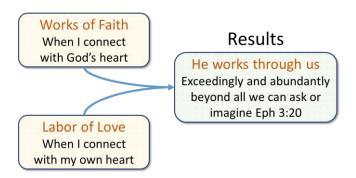
Acts 15:40 – but Paul chose Silas and left, <u>commended</u> (paradidomi) by the brothers to the grace [favor] of the Lord. NIV (emphasis added)

Paradidomi – para (over), didomi (to give) = to give over to or commit.

These verses point to a conscious effort to commit or surrender people to God's favor for the sake of the works in their book. They imparted God's favor by knowing what was in the person's book! The next obvious question is, "What should I commit to?" Why should God favor me? What are the "works" written in my book?

Works of faith and the labor of love – The formula for a well-lived life that multiplies talents on earth and pleases the Father in heaven is simple.

**1 Thess. 1:3** – constantly bearing in mind <u>your work of</u> <u>faith and labor of love</u> and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father NASU (emphasis added)



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Works of faith are rooted in the Father's heart, and labor of love has roots in what thrills our heart. When our hearts and God's heart are on the same page, we are aligned with our identity and destiny. What is written in our book is integral with what the Father wrote in our hearts. Co-laboring with the Father and experiencing his favor in our work is exhilarating. We each have specific assignments that can be discovered and completed. Doing works in Jesus' name is doing them with his power working in us. Working with the Father is a big part of experiencing his love and leads to amazing demonstrations of his power — more than we can ask or imagine.

**Eph 3:18-20** – grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge — that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us... NIV

When things go wrong — What if there is no fruit or I experience delays or setbacks? Well, you will — that's life! The constant is knowing that you're working on something your Father is also working on; whether it's easy or hard, fast or slow, with or without warfare. We have the satisfaction of giving our lives to what is written in our book and experiencing the pleasure of our Father. Our work or business can be a labor of love and a stream of favor when it has roots in both our Father's heart and our hearts.

**How to put this to work in your life** – To be honest, "commitment" and "accountability" are cringe-worthy for most because they point to "working" against your own heart to

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deploy the agenda of someone else. Those works are exhausting – co-laboring with your Father is engaging and energizing.

There are several kinds of works:

- 1) works of the law (the self-righteous, religious dung of scribes and Pharisees)
- 2) dead works (good intentions that don't originate with God and get burned up)
- works of the flesh (garden variety carnality consumed on our lust)
- 4) works of faith that originate in hearts and elicit Father's favor (co-laboring)

You're looking for #4 because it's self-propelled. Your heart is already energized to love these initiatives enough to be faithful, creative, industrious and productive. Father is ready to put his miraculous favor on these initiatives to do what is impossible in our own strength.

Matt. 11:28-30 – "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." NASU (emphasis added)

Works are spiritual and practical – God's favor manifests in both spiritual ministry for people and practical leadership skills that get real results in the real world. "Works" are always some combination of words and deeds: 1) spiritual gifts that miraculously bless people, and 2) the creation of value evident in products or services that result in wealth and cash flow. Wisdom and wealth are closely connected as biblical concepts.

Even words like righteousness convey prosperity from the favor of God. Daniel is a great example of highs and lows; obscurity and influence; poverty and wealth.

**Dan. 5:12** – This was because an extraordinary spirit, knowledge and insight, interpretation of dreams, explanation of enigmas and solving of difficult problems were found in this Daniel... NASU

**Dan. 6:3** – Then this Daniel began distinguishing himself among the commissioners and satraps because he possessed an extraordinary spirit, and the king planned to appoint him over the entire kingdom. NASU

**Volunteer for your assignment** – You can open your book, find your assignment and go to work. If you want to be clear enough to commit to your path forward, we recommend <a href="https://www.OnlineHeartPlan.com">www.OnlineHeartPlan.com</a>. Check it out. You can connect with what God wrote in your heart and multiply it on earth. It's fun! Your work of faith and labor of love are worth pursuing. It's a perfect fit for your heart.

Being *surrendered* to your work in your mountain is worship. It blesses your Father's heart to have you work with him.

**Rom. 12:1** – Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship. NIV

Words and works – Christians can be prone to preach more than practice because the model of ministry in meetings is preaching and pulpit oriented. The Kingdom manifesting in seven mountains creates room for powerful actions that change cultures and nations. Now, we're seeing God raise up great

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examples of mighty works. Words have much more power when they flow from the foundation of works. "Show me, don't tell me."

**Luke 24:19** – "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in <u>word and deed</u> before God and all the people. NIV (emphasis added)

Acts 7:22-23 – Moses was educated in all the learning of the Egyptians, and he was a man of power in words and deeds. NASU (emphasis added)

**1 Cor. 4:20-21** – For the kingdom of God is not a matter of <u>talk but of power</u>. NIV (emphasis added)

**Col. 3:17** – And whatsoever ye do in <u>word or deed</u>, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. KJV (emphasis added)

**2 Thess. 2:17** – encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good <u>deed and word</u>. NIV (emphasis added)

**1 John 3:18** – Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in <u>deed and truth</u>. NASU (emphasis added)

## **Testimony of Gabor Siklosi**

My serendipity for participation in the Seers and Doers process was gaining the Tribe. I was in the doldrums spiritually having spent five and a half years in Central America working on building a social enterprise coffee company. I was tired, skeptical, burned down—but not out!

I was very open to getting refreshed but initially felt it was going to be just like all the other churchy experiences I had in my years. What I did not expect was the blessing of growing up with

a group of likeminded people who were in the very same place as me. Divinely appointed relationships budded as we all saw ourselves in each other's stories and we heard each other's hearts desires more and more clearly as we joined together. The Tribe became a sounding board, a prayer group, a resource and a place of belonging. I grew from reluctant participation in our weekly zoom video conferences to prioritizing it to not miss it whenever possible.

While we are still in process, my expectation is that this tribe will become much more than a support group. They are becoming my own bit of heaven on earth.

## Part 4

# Favor in My Business Personal Reformation

Measuring favor – The question of favor (charis) is usually answered by the Level of God's involvement in our lives. Power (dunamis) is the tangible evidence that God is working with us and in us. Miraculous exploits are fun; answered prayer is a delight; adding value and seeing financial prosperity are satisfying. We're created for such. We all want "more Lord." The question is, "How do I walk in God's favor?" It's a relational conversation asking for the right things (from my book) and doing my part, while God does his part.

- 1) Get Connected My Role www.OnlineHeartPlan.com What's written in my heart?
- 2) Become a Seer and Doer <u>www.Seers-and-Doers.com</u> What's the Father Doing?
- 3) Experiencing Tribe Knowing one another's purpose Fathers Releasing Dreams
- 4) Experiencing God's Favor Multiplying My Tribe/Value/\$ Personal Reformation
- 5) Favor on my Nation "Changing the World" Reformation of Nations

**Eph. 3:20** – Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power (dunamis) that is at work within us... NIV (emphasis added)

## I need two things:

- I need his energy internally, motivationally, to get excited about my book
- 2) I need his intervention externally, to do what I can't

**Col. 1:29** – To this end I <u>labor</u>, <u>struggling</u> with all his <u>energy</u>, which so <u>powerfully</u> works in me. NIV (emphasis added)

- labor (G2872, kapiao) to feel fatigue, by implication to work hard
- struggling (G75, agonizomai) to struggle, compete for a prize, contend with an adversary
- his energy (G1753, energeia) efficiency, "energy"
- powerfully (G1411, dunamis) force, specifically miraculous power, a miracle

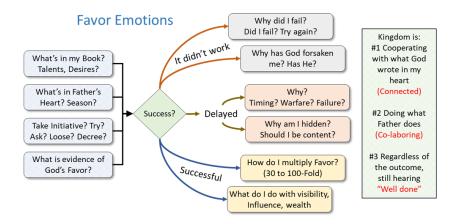
I'm aware of what's in my book (purpose statement and heart plan), I equipped for prayer/warfare (seers and doers), I'm part of a tribe, and I'm asking for his favor as a son to do "our" purpose.

Why would God "favor" me? He loves those who love him. He leads me in paths of righteousness (prosperity) for his name's sake (Ps. 23:3). Our Father favors his purposes, so should we! They are written in our hearts! It's fun, even if it's hard and leads through a circuitous path — he's always there. We are never forsaken. Tested, yes; tried, yes, disciplined, yes; delayed, yes; abandoned, no. Favor is best measured relationally!!!

**2 Chron. 16:9** – For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support (favor) those whose heart is completely His. NASU (emphasis added)

I had a huge financial setback in 2012. We nearly went bankrupt and for the first time in my life I struggled with depression. Things had always gone well, and now I felt like God had withdrawn his favor. Life is full of ups and downs for all of us. God did resurrect us (much more slowly than I hoped). Here is

what I learned — success is doing what the Father is doing. Persecution, rejection and failure can be part of that pathway. Yet, I am still a son finding joy in co-laboring with my Father. If my initiative doesn't work or gets delayed, I'm still faithful to my purpose and my book. It's OK! I can still hear him say, "Well done," even if it's not success by the world's standards. There is freedom in knowing that your initiative might lead to failure but it wasn't a mistake to try it. A theology that says, "If I obey God in every detail, nothing will ever go wrong," is a formula for failure and depression. The Christian life is designed for resurrections after deaths. Don't be surprised by it. Initiative is the trademark of sons who have been to the Council. Fame and fortune aren't always the byproduct of our life in Christ.



**Heb. 13:5-6** - Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So we say with confidence:

- the Lord is my helper
- I will not be afraid

what can man do to me? NIV (emphasis added)

**Deut. 31:6-8** – Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the Lord swore to their forefathers to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance. The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." NIV

### 4.1

# Seven Ways You Can Receive God's Favor

**Anti-favor** – The best place to start a discussion on God's favor is to understand the pain of living out of his favor. It's worse than not having his positive intervention in our lives. It feels like the world is against us, and nothing works. Our health, finances, labor and land are all in drought, and everything stops producing.

Hag. 1:9-11 – "You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?" declares the Lord Almighty. "Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with his own house. Therefore, because of you the heavens have withheld their dew and the earth its crops. I called for a drought on the fields and the mountains, on the grain, the new wine, the oil and whatever the ground produces, on men and cattle, and on the labor of your hands." NIV

Here, God was building his house, and God's people were building their houses. Their focus was on themselves, and they reaped the same consequences discussed in 1 Cor. 11:27-32. Drinking the cup and partaking of the body is not primarily a communion sacrament, it's a decision to put the Kingdom first and do what's written in our book. Keep in mind this old testament physical house in the new covenant is people. We're building a house; Jesus is the cornerstone and we are lively

stones built into a spiritual house (1 Pet. 2:5). The Father's heart has a priority on people.

**1. Favor from doing what the Father does** – The easiest way to think about favor is, "Do what the Father does." The genius of the heart plan is that we're shopping for the desires God wrote in your heart that are already in his heart. Living out a purpose already in your heart is Kingdom – is fun. Trying to obey your way to favor is religion – is a drag!

We could skip past asking what's in Father's heart. God loves his children so much that he often gives us good gifts simply out of love, not out a larger agenda or a Kingdom purpose. But, that's the long road to favor. Jesus made it simple; he just did what he saw the Father doing. He cooperated with God's *favor* instead of asking for himself. God loves everyone, but extra favor is on those who share his purpose and co-labor with him to make it happen.

**John 5:19** – "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does." NIV

Watch this! – Once the Son flowed with his Father's purpose, an amazing thing happened. Father pulled the curtain back on everything he was doing. Even bigger, the Son was now giving life to whomever he wanted to because he understood the purpose in his Father's heart. Even judgment was given to the son. Jesus was operating out of his own initiative because he and his Father were on the same page, navigating the same purpose.

**John 5:20-22** – For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him

even greater things than these. For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son... NIV

The real ramification of initiative and favor is that it's available to us. Jesus was the firstborn of many brothers who are also sons and carry the Father's purpose, power, and authority as well. As sons, we're in the business of bringing heaven to earth. That's pretty amazing favor.

John 20:21-23 – Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." NIV

**2. Put the Kingdom first** — Favor comes with authority and boldness. That all happens when you know you're working on the Father's purpose, not just building your own house and tooting your own horn. Favor isn't just financial prosperity or promotion. Favor is co-laboring with Kingdom purpose that can lead to health and wealth, but it can also lead to a cross. Our definition of success and favor aren't the same thing.

We each have a book (purpose, Ps. 139:15-16). Everything with people has a purpose too. If you know the Kingdom purpose for your life, business, organization, city and nation, it will be easy to find God's favor.

Putting the Kingdom first instead of "running after all these things" (Mt. 6:25-34) has the same "build the house first" theme as Haggai. The Father has a heart for people and so should we.

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Your business dream may take off like a rocket, but it is wise to put your dream on a foundation of knowing what's in your book and loving people first. If we start something outside his purpose, we open the door to fear, anxiety, failure, health and financial issues.

**3. Don't confuse favor and failure** – I assumed these were exact opposites. I had lived most of my life under a string of successes that started in grade school; I was the coach's first selection for the all-star basketball team, we didn't lose a home game in my last two years of high school and we won the district championship. My horses were champions twice in 4-H. I got good grades, a master's degree in chemical engineering, married a beautiful woman, had four great kids, made a good salary, started two churches. My identity was that I was a winner because of God's favor. I had allowed my identity to get intertwined with the western concept of success. I even felt a bit superior to those who didn't have success and I wanted to teach them how to follow in my footsteps to favor.

Then in 2012, we nearly went bankrupt over an investment that turned out to be a Ponzi scheme. My identity immediately shifted from winner with favor to a shameful loser abandoned by God. I couldn't understand why God withdrew his favor. I didn't have a theology for resurrection, because I didn't believe dreams could die or that God might discipline those he loves. God showed me his favor in the resurrections.

The outward trappings of commercial success are not a complete definition of favor. I do want to be a successful entrepreneur; I am a devout capitalist, but I want prosperity on a foundation of Kingdom purpose. I want to know the "why" in my Father's heart. I want his Kingdom to come first. I want a

level of relationship that I can experience his presence and favor in the valleys. I want my Father to trust his son in battles that might be lost.

- **4. Love people; helping others find favor** Here are two people-boundaries that will help you find favor and foster it in others:
  - Carrying one another's burdens is the golden rule (Gal. 6:2). We should know what's in the hearts of those around us even help them get it in writing in a heart plan! We should encourage those dreams, carry them in our hearts, and pray with them in the Courts and Council.
  - 2) Those same people should carry their load (Gal. 6:5). Every dream includes work and responsibility. If you try to carry the load for other people, you're robbing them of their identity and purpose and you're creating a codependent victim.
    - PS People need to be allowed to fail. It's the
      only way we learn to resurrect. They can be
      stubborn, reject wisdom, do their own thing –
      love them anyway. They will be back. Failure and
      favor are part of being a follower of Jesus for all
      of us. They are not opposites.
- **5. Two or three** The "wherever two or three are gathered" concept from Mt. 18:19 is a natural part of tribe from which we all benefit. The tribe of people whose hearts we know deeply and love is about twelve. The number of people we pray within the Courts and Council for your and my personal stuff is usually two or three. I go alone all the time, but I still find a place in all our hearts to have a few others go with us. Jesus attends those times of prayer and they are rich! Although my self-sufficient

tendencies might resist, I need prayer from others to navigate my book, and it feels good when it happens.

- Matt. 18:18-20 I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them. NIV
- **6. Growing in favor** Like Jesus, we all grow in wisdom and stature and favor with God and men (Lu. 2:52). Favor, *charis* in the Greek, means *the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life, including gratitude*. We grow in our ability as sons to co-labor with the Father's purpose and wield his authority to loose heaven on earth. It's fun! His power is at work in us amazing!
  - **Eph. 3:19-21** and to know this love that surpasses knowledge that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us... NIV
- **7. Work** The fruit of people who have favor (know their Father's purpose) is that they are strong and confident. They "work" with the talents God has given them, and they "work on" the assignment in their books. They know failure is not a loss of favor. God's purpose remains the same through trials, failures, persecution and enemy resistance. He leads sons through difficult tasks and seasons; the fruit of following Jesus isn't limited to the commercial definition of success. We stay faithful and keep working because his favor is with us, and we can see

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what he's doing. The reason we work isn't just for the results on earth; it's because it's what our Father is doing. Doing it with him pleases both of us.

- **Hag. 2:4-5** 'Be strong, all you people of the land,' declares the Lord, 'and work. For I am with you,' declares the Lord Almighty. 'This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.' NIV
- **1 Sam. 2:35-36** I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in my heart and mind. I will firmly establish his house, and he will minister before my anointed one always. NIV

# Making Friends with Failure

The image of success is painted with a thin veneer of never failing. When we fail, shame sets in and the accusation is, "Successful people don't fail, but success is not for you; you are a failure."

I lost the family nest egg in a bad investment seven years ago. We nearly went bankrupt. I immediately absorbed the shame failure into my identity and felt illegitimate. I couldn't even see my future. It felt like there were no options, and we just started selling everything we had (cars, horses, dogs, land, a house and furniture). It felt like I was getting rid of my life. I just wanted to crawl in a hole and disappear. At some level, life had been so successful until that part that my identity was a bit intertwined with success. After months of feeling sorry for myself and having thoughts of suicide, the Lord spoke to me, "John, this wasn't my fault and it wasn't your fault. Things like this happen. Do you want to come home or do you want to finish your assignment?" I obviously answered, "finish" or I wouldn't be here.

During the months of recovery, every couple of weeks I would generate enough strength to come up with an idea to try – a ray of hope (that didn't work). One friend saved my life with this admonition. "John, you're like a seed in the ground, stop wiggling; you can't resurrect yourself! God will resurrect you." It was all obviously beyond my power to survive. For the first time, I experienced the power of resurrection and tasted failure and death as a normal part of my walk with Jesus.

**John 12:24** – I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. NIV

**1 Cor. 15:36** – How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. NIV

**Phil. 3:10-11** – I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. NIV



3 Ways out of Failure

Even God knows failure – we all carry a belief that if God is guiding us, we can trust him, and nothing will go wrong if we're following him. We are overcomers and more than conquerors, but the road to those victories is paved with both success and failure. If you let him, God will lead you through your wilderness. Don't worry; he may lead you there anyway.

**The poverty mindset** – The belief that success doesn't include some failures is part of the poverty mindset that prevents us from trying. The crux of being a son is our willingness to take on

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dreams that we can't do in our own strength. All successful people fail. The difference is that some of us resurrect and try again to multiply in some other way. We learn to co-labor, and we learn to manage the financial and emotional impacts of failure – we expect them. It's called risk management.

The fruit of resurrection – There is a special fragrance (2 Cor. 2:15-16) on believers who have walked through death and resurrection. They carry a depth in the Spirit that doesn't come any other way. Their passion for Jesus and compassion for people is remarkably deeper. It's not hard to spot. They have a different presence that goes with them, a depth of spirit on the inside, and a character fruit of patience and perseverance on the outside. They are familiar with failure and they are not afraid of it. It's what happens before you multiply. Without failure, we would never know our true potential. Proverbs 24:16 is an old covenant verse. The new covenant is 7 times 70. We never give up!

**Prov. 24:16** – for though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again, but the wicked are brought down by calamity. NIV

**Putting it in practice** – In a nutshell, people who understand the power of resurrection never lose their willingness to try things beyond their reach. It's a mindset. It doesn't mean reckless self-sabotage, but it does mean wisely and prayerfully volunteering for the next step and expecting it to be beyond our own strength but within our responsibility. It's all about what you do to reach your vision. The concept of initiative is relatively new and it's the inherent nature of sons who bring heaven to earth. Servants always choose obedience over initiative – this is different.

Ray Edwards gave us this exercise which I'm sharing with you:

- Write down one impossible goal. Not multiple goals; the rest can all be subservient to your highest goal. This should begin to sound like the purpose statement from your heart plan.
- 2. List 25 worthy attempts to reach that one impossible goal (even though they might fail).

I did this exercise to include the business model financial component of implementing my impossible goal with my equally outlandish failure attempts. Yes, it's just an intensely personal paper exercise to clear my mind from doubt and poverty. But the more I stare at it, the more real it becomes. What is too unrealistic, I fix – it's easy; it's just paper (I can even share it with friends and ask for their wisdom). Out of the 25, some real cream rises to the top to prioritize.

Do the same with your purpose statement! Dream bigger; try more! Failure is a friend, a badge of courage in the Kingdom.

**Loved the concept of success = total attempts** (with failures)

**Success** = X successful attempts + Y failed attempts (then fixed and tried again)

# Sons Who Bind and Loose Instead of Wait



The biggest question for an entrepreneur is knowing how much initiative to take. Sons appear in Heaven's Council routinely. It's out of that presence and foundation of purpose that the boldness for initiatives is born. Here's a theological reality of business: Even when you pick the right path, you're still going to navigate obstacles and failures. But now, instead of doubting yourself and wallowing in self-pity, you're just binding what needs to be bound and loosing what needs to be loosed. Kingdom is about carrying more than you can carry because of favor from your Father.

"Loosens" learned – I got back from ten exciting days in Europe over Thanksgiving in 2019. After 24 hours of airports, I was home on a Monday night and went to work Tuesday morning with a combination of euphoria, jet lag, a cold and a sense of overwhelm of what to do next. While I was nursing a little self-pity, Jesus encouraged me to loose a change rather than bow to it or wait for it. Sons have authority over obstacles; we see Father's purpose first and break the yoke second. First in heaven, then on earth – even when it's hard.

Sons have a huge place of favor in the Kingdom. The difference is night and day. The question is, "How does it happen?" Does God sovereignly pick a few favorites, or do we volunteer somehow?" Listen to the to these examples of favor:

**Gen. 39:20-21** – But while Joseph was there in the prison, the Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. NIV (emphasis added)

**Josh. 6:27** – So the LORD was **with Joshua**; and his fame was noised throughout all the country. KJV (emphasis added)

- **1 Sam. 3:19-21** *The Lord was with Samuel* as he grew up, and he let none of his words fall to the ground. NIV (emphasis added)
- **1 Sam. 18:14-15** In everything he (David) did he had great success, because **the Lord was with him**. When Saul saw how successful he was, he was afraid of him. NIV (emphasis added)

**Dan. 1:9** – Now **God granted Daniel favor** and compassion in the sight of the commander of the officials... NASU (emphasis added)

Matt. 1:23 – "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"—which means, "God with us." NIV (emphasis added)

God delights in putting his favor on his people. Jesus is the firstborn of many who have that kind of relationship and results. Instead of a few heroes, favor is the norm in the new covenant. The question remains, "How?" Here's a suggestion: It starts when we focus on walking with God and it leads to him walking with us.

**Gen. 5:24** – *Enoch walked with God;* then he was no more, because God took him away. NIV (emphasis added)

I'm with him – People who carry the favor of God in a visible way walk with him in a private way. I'm not suggesting days of prayer or months of fasting like monks. The essence of walking with God is knowing his purpose and then doing it with him. That's when the resources of heaven become available to sons.

Let's contrast the old with the new:

- There is a place of reading the bible for principles and living by them. It's an intellectual approach to cooperating with God that has some merit but misses the heart of God. It's too cerebral and carries our bias into what we claim to be 'God' – a bit legalistic.
- The second way is to hear a prophetic proclamation of what we should do. These directions are often great, but they are still one step removed from us hearing for

ourselves. It's still coming from someone else. Prophecy from others can be confirming and encouraging, but it can't be primary. There are no grandsons in the Kingdom. God wants to speak to each of us 'sons' directly.

**Heb. 8:10-11** – This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' because **they will all know (see) me**, from the least of them to the greatest. NIV (emphasis added)

Here's the key. "Know me," in this verse means "see me." That's what the Greek word means and that's how it's translated everywhere else. Jesus said the same thing. He did what he saw the Father doing.

John 5:19-20 – I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him even greater things than these. NIV (emphasis added)

Some people impose a mystical slant on this process and want to see things with their eyes. What happens is that we see the purposes of God in the spirit. We are using our seer gift, we are ascending to heaven, we see themes and activities and (most importantly) we bring our Father's purpose back to earth (on earth as it is in heaven).

That does take some time and intentionality, yet it's not the sacrifice of days of prayer or months of fasting. What I'm talking about is fun. Here are two simple ways you can *experience* seeing.

- Read <u>Seers and Doers</u> This book has a theological basis and practical steps so that any son or daughter can 'see' purpose in heaven and bring Kingdom to earth.
- Go to <u>www.Seers-and-Doers.com</u> and take the online course. You can access all the material immediately, plus the course includes live zoom calls with live Q&A and live prayer. It's one thing to read about it; it's another level to experience it so you can ascend and see yourself.

Seeing is the "key to the Kingdom of Heaven." When we see God's purpose in heaven, we can loose it on earth – and all the resources of heaven are right there with us to make it happen.

**Matt. 16:19** – I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven. NASU

Overcomers — Things go wrong, and we run up against obstacles. You already know that! The benefit of seeing is that we stop wondering if God is with us and blaming ourselves when the unexpected happens. Now we're in the space of co-laboring with our Father to bind and loose. That's what sons do. We're warriors who can make a difference because we have the direction and favor of God's wind at our back. We're no longer servants waiting for instructions, waiting for God to show up

with a miracle, inventing theories about why nothing is happening and celebrating the nobility of "waiting" on God. Stop waiting and start loosing!

**Getting started** – The confidence to bind and loose starts with "seeing." See it in heaven first as purpose, do on earth second in practice. Make it your business to know (see) the Father's business.

John 15:15-16 – I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you... Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. NIV (emphasis added)

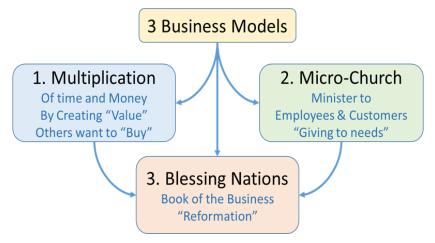
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# Know the Purpose of Your Business

Understanding "normal" – The "average" career track is to get a good education, find the best paying job and retire early. Kingdom changes all that. Now we have a book (calling) that is, in general, to bless people and nations and specifically to find our mountain where the passion that God wrote in our hearts is fueled. Here's where we begin to connect our ministry and our vocation or business. Once we taste the ministry component of our calling, it's impossible to retire from it—it's too much fun to outgrow!

Now we are leaning into our dreams and thinking of our vocation, finances and ministry like a business. The concept of creating a business that expresses my book, creates value for others (ministry) and builds over a lifetime so that I never retire. I just delegate more. I am building God's Kingdom through the legacy of my calling. From the beginning, I'm finding those who share my vision and birth sons to work with me and share the vision God wrote in our hearts. The business / ministry / sons continue after I'm gone . . . so does the Kingdom btw!

Wealth – Making money is not an empowering vision. But creating value for other people is motivating! It has a ministry component and it multiplies wealth because people are very happy to pay for things they value. One aspect of God's Kingdom economy is that when people buy something of value from me, it creates value for them—that's part of why they buy. We both make money, and new wealth is created in the transaction! That's why the world's money supply is not stagnant. It multiplies every year with every transaction. The first goal of my business (and my ministry) is creating value for other people and multiplying wealth as a byproduct.



**1. Multiplication** – The first goal of my business and life is creating value. My life has a purpose. A byproduct of my creativity and industry is creating value for others which, in turn, creates wealth. If I start a business to make money it will wear me out. God has wired my heart to put his Kingdom first to create value. Everything else is added (abundantly) when my priorities are stacked in order.

I'm a steward of my gifts and callings, and God expects "His minas" to multiply. That means the business or vocational side of my life is well run. I manage cash flow, deliver a product and treat customers, coworkers and suppliers really well. Why? I can connect the dots between the value created by my business and the call God wired into my heart. It's something I'm intrinsically motivated to do. I'm no longer a servant or a slave to a meaningless job . . . I'm building God's Kingdom and taking my place as a king and priest. As opportunities arise, I create additional value and products and add multiple streams of income. I'm adding wings to my business or starting new ones throughout my life. I'm also creating space for the calling on the sons who help me. Instead of hiring hirelings, I'm creating coowners and franchisees who share my passion, vision, enthusiasm and profit. There is a ministry component in business relationships with employees, customers suppliers. It almost feels like church—wait, it is!

- **2. Micro-church** Another branch of the business is the ministry component in my business. It's a micro-church! I can recognize the dreams wired into other hearts and release passion and ministry and make a difference in a mountain. I can recognize five-fold gifts and leverage them in business. No boundaries are preventing me from ministering to the people around me and creating an environment where they can encourage one another in priestly ministry.
- **3. Blessing nations** Kingdom businesses are organic and alive because they reflect the calling of the people working in them. Businesses have a book and a Kingdom purpose because the people that run them have books and purposes and destinies. A business that is good at creating value for other people will be like cups that overflow. It doesn't just exist for itself or its co-

workers or its leaders. Businesses increasingly carry a mantle to redeem nations. In secular circles that influence is called social justice. It's amazing to me how God can use seemingly secular companies and business people to build his Kingdom. Their hearts are wired with some aspects of God's heart even before salvation.

**The biggest "why"** – Building a great life through a great company depends on purpose. Everyone is inspired by a great "why."

- 1) Creating value for other people is a foundational "why." The wealth it creates doesn't hurt either.
- 2) The ministry we have for co-workers and customers is a great "why" that bears fruit.
- 3) The biggest "why" comes when we can see our role in the biggest "why" on God's heart. We're doing what the Father is doing to redeem nations. We are part of the next reformation. Sons are displacing principalities so that, you, Lord, can rest in your land—the nations. Your heart will rest when your inheritance of nations comes back to you. The earth is your footstool (Isa. 66:1), but at present we don't yet see every nation subject to you (Heb. 2:8). Your sons are called to lead your nations, so they are freed from being "goat nations" to carry your blessing.
  - **Ps. 2:8** I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. NIV
  - **Ps. 82:8** all the nations are your inheritance. NIV

It all starts when you and I think about investing our lives in our books in the context of a business that creates value and wealth, blesses people and blesses nations. It's fun to dream and even more fun making a dream come true.

#### Know the Purpose of Your Business

Postscript – What kind of business should I start? Most startups are built around the personal interests of the entrepreneur. Our values may not reflect what customers want, which is the foundation for any sound business. The first ingredient of a viable business is always customer demand. It's seldom what we think people "should" want. When we start combining ideas like business and ministry, "religion" can suggest lots of ideas that no one will buy. Good businesses are not built on offerings or marketing. They are built on customer demand and value provided. Startup capital, stock offerings and marketing never cure a simple lack of demand.

So, let's talk about creating value in the next chapter.

# Create Value The Spiritual Foundation For business

The business side of our life on earth is part of our spiritual resume. God is transitioning us to be the sons all creation has been anticipating. We have seats in heaven and see what Father is doing so we can bring heaven to earth and solve real problems in the here and now.

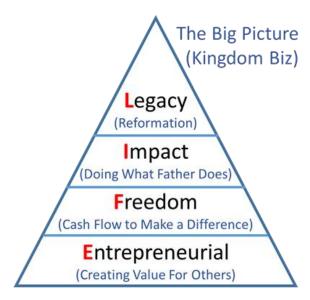
A spiritual foundation and a financial foundation connect in the same way that intercession in heaven must be walked-out on earth with work. Sons create value, not just sermons. We do see in heaven and prophesy on earth things that are not as though they are, but we also labor through the implementation. We are not passive. Passive income is an oxymoron; without creating value, there can be no income. We are not called to be passive; passive income can't be our goal! Heavenly faith without tangible results on earth is for monks and monasteries. Like monks, many modern believers are on a course to a poverty mentality and financial mediocrity because they didn't get the memo – we're here to create value and establish his Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Wealth is a byproduct, not a goal.

**Prov. 23:4-5** — Do not wear yourself out to get rich; have the wisdom to show restraint. Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle. NIV

#### <u>Learn to Multiply – By Using Leverage</u>

One of the false mindsets we know is floating around is that people that have a lot of money are greedy and lust after riches. The truth is that the victims of poverty are much more likely to be obsessed with money. Those with wealth have it because they have already created value that blessed many; it wasn't an accident or a miracle.

Sons are capable - Our spiritual foundation leads us to a strategy that creates value and wealth through *work* so that we do have a financial base to care for our family and leave our grandchildren an inheritance. There should be a surplus because God does bless the work of our hands! The trademark of sons is that they go from strength to strength. They are prophetic, productive, practical, enterprising, capable, competent and intentional. They receive something in the spirit and produce it in the natural.



I am come that they might have LIFE

John 10:10

**1 Tim. 5:8** — If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. NIV

**Prov. 13:22** — A good man leaves an inheritance for his children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous. NIV

Legacy not lottery — A predisposition to believe that God wants to transfer wealth to us by grace leads to a home-run mentality. Want to know why lottery winners are statistically more likely to face bankruptcy than the rest of us? It's easy; they didn't learn to create value and play the long game. The mental model of quickly getting something for nothing (by faith or grace) isn't wisdom, but it does have a root in the mindset of many believers!

Part of the confusion comes from an often-quoted verse:

**Deut. 8:18** - But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth (cayhil), and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today. NIV (emphasis added)

The natural sense of this translation is that God gives us wealth to confirm his covenant to bless his people. In other words, he owes it to us according to his covenant and we exercise the faith to receive it! The problem with this view is that wealth *cayhil* (H2428) means *the ability to produce something* (as in creating something of value via "work," rather than receiving money through miracles). *Cayhil* is used 243 times and translated as:

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- valor mighty men of valor in Judges 6:12, 2 Samuel
   23:8–38
- able men Ex. 18:25 (also army or host)
- do valiantly Num. 24:18
- **strength** Ps. 84:7 They go from strength to strength, Every one of them appears before God in Zion. NASU

Psalm 84:7 is my favorite because it gives the sense of appearing in the Courts and Council to get this ability to produce something on earth. The *something* we produce on earth is the Kingdom – the value we bring to our mountain. His covenant promise is to build that Kingdom through sons. Now read the Douay-Rheims translation.

**Deut. 8:18** - But remember the Lord thy God, that he hath given thee strength, that he might fulfill his covenant, concerning which he swore to thy fathers, as this present day sheweth. Douay-Rheims

Can you see it? God gives us an anointing or power to be valiant so we can co-labor with him to fulfill his covenant; bring his Kingdom to earth by the value we create. Believers aren't passively standing in line for a wealth transfer or expecting "something for nothing." We are looking for ways to create value for others in a business or a 7-mountain context. We're not victims waiting to receive. We're here to create, produce, and bless nations. When we seek the Kingdom first and "give value" to others out of a valiant (read entrepreneurial or bold) spirit, we create wealth as a by-product. We're not trying to make money or create wealth "first." We are creating value that other people want, and wealth is created "second."

Can you see why a motive or opportunity to *get rich quick* doesn't work? It tries to skip the "value creation" step that goes first. Money flies away from such people and opportunities.

**Prov. 23:4-5** — Do not wear yourself out to get rich; have the wisdom to show restraint. Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle. NIV

I don't want something-for-nothing — Why not? I know it doesn't work. I want to set my heart on being valiantly creative and productive and providing others with something they value — enough to buy.

**2 Sam. 24:24** — I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing. NIV

Give people the ability to *valiantly* produce from the script God wrote in the desires of their heart (the way God does according to his covenant). They will love you for it. You are the hero in this Kingdom story. God has made room for you to do exploits that make a difference. He's already written the script for your involvement in the desires of your heart. We help people access that script with an <u>OnLine Heart Plan</u>. It's a relational tool that changes lives.

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# Learn to Multiply – By Using Leverage

Leverage is simply the Kingdom concept of multiplication; the way God does things. Most people work for dollars per hour. The hard truth is that wealth is created when we begin to leverage what we have and develop other streams of income. That means we leverage our money (investments), we leverage our time (economy of scale) and we leverage relationships with people and God, so we are collectively more fruitful. It's a spiritual and practical principle that is being emphasized in the Kingdom, in business and in every mountain right now.

**Gen. 1:28** – Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "**Be fruitful and multiply**; fill the earth and subdue it... NKJV (emphasis added)

**Gen. 17:2** – I will establish My covenant between Me and you, And I will multiply you exceedingly. NASU (emphasis added)

**Gen. 26:12-13** – Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year **reaped a hundredfold, because the Lord blessed him**. The man became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy. NIV (emphasis added)

**Ex. 1:12** – But the more they were oppressed, the more **they multiplied and spread...** NIV (emphasis added)

Matt. 13:23 – But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. NIV (emphasis added)

Matt. 25:20 – The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.' NIV (emphasis added)

Acts 6:7 – Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith. NKJV (emphasis added)

"On one side of the spectrum is labor, and at the other (end) is leverage," he says. "The rich employ money to make money. Labor doesn't pay very well, but leverage pays extremely well. We're never taught to use leverage. Who teaches you that?" (from How Rich People Think, by Steve Siebold.

The economy of scale – The first principle of leverage is multiplying production. Jim and Tracey are father/son ranchers who started working for someone else with a few cows before Tracy was born. After a lifetime of work, they have over 500. Each cow is like an employee who produces a calf every year. It's lots of work, but 50 cows are almost as much work as 500 and 500 is ten times more profitable. Jim and Tracy work hard, but those 500 cows are also working for them, multiplying their labors.

The same is true in manufacturing, sales and marketing. If we can produce a few widgets or sales, it's not a lot more work or

money to produce a few thousand or a few million. We first believe it's possible and then think about how. Wealthy people do this; the rest of us don't.

**Financial leverage** – Investments are a way to create additional streams of income without spending more of your time (passive income). Wealthy people do this all the time. In a real sense, it is ministry because when we invest in another person, they share the profits in a way that blesses them as well.

Another principle of financial leverage is popularly called 'using other people's money" (OPM). In other words, if we don't have the money to put in a financially leveraged investment or strategy, we borrow it from the savings of others. There are lots of scams built around this principle because people's money is separated from their own hearts to invest in the dream of another. Those susceptible to this OPM fraud always have a common denominator – they don't have a dream of their own and they surrender their decision making and due diligence like sheep led to the slaughter. The genuine version of this principle is finding people who have the same heart.

Leveraging hearts – Something we find motivating or exciting is also likely to touch others. If we're willing to share our hearts, we can find others who also have the same dream in their hearts. Those people might work for us or with us, but because their hearts are involved, they are never really employees in a job because their hearts are engaged and they share the excitement, the work and the rewards.

All of our hearts are exactly where our treasure is (right now). How we spend our money tells much more about us than what we say to ourselves or preach to others. The converse is also true. We can help people align with the Kingdom by helping

them channel their energies and finances into the dream that God put in their hearts.

**Luke 12:32-34** — Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For **where your treasure is, there your heart will be also**. NIV (emphasis added)

**Leveraging the Kingdom** – The biggest principle of leverage is that our Father is doing something in the earth right now. The more we align ourselves with what the Father is doing, the more fruit we bear, and the more we sense that Father pleasure and hear the words, "well done." Putting the Kingdom first is a smart leverage principle for business in this life and the next.

The theology of leverage — Believing that you can leverage (multiply) your finances and your dream depends on one thing. Do you believe God wants to multiply his favor toward you? If you do, it will be relatively easy to find fruitfulness. If not, it will be impossible. Very simple!

**Gen. 12:2-3** – I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." NIV (emphasis added)

The second surprising ramification of leverage is in the way you think. If we believe God's favor is toward us, we become much more than obedient servants. We become sons engaged with the heart of the Father and we begin to bring new ideas into the

relationship that bless the Father's heart and bring the applause of heaven.

Did you hear that? Servants believe there are no new ideas except what comes from the Father. Servants do what they're told and copy what they see. Kings give themselves permission to invent new things. They see what the Father is doing and volunteer new ideas and new initiatives. The Father has veto power, but he loves entrepreneurial children who understand his heart and offer themselves and their ideas, innovations, and ingenuity. That's spiritual maturity. The level of creativity and initiative is totally different between servant and king. Servants would write initiative off as carnal independence or new age deception. Most of Christianity is still wrestling with this theology right now. It's not an easy transition and that's the reason we wrote Releasing Kings.

The Kingdom reality is that there are inventions and concepts that will be birthed out of the hearts of God's sons that are brand new to the universe. We are not just pulling things out of heaven that already exist. We have our Father's creativity and we have permission for even greater things. We can give life to ideas and people. We have that much freedom and power. The level of responsibility, privilege and power is so great that servants run from it. Kings use it with reverence and humility as an act of worship to build his Kingdom on earth and bring glory to their Father.

John 5:19-22 – Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him even greater things than these. For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son... NIV (emphasis added)

God is very willing to show you his plan and make it known to you through a Spirit of Revelation. Things are waiting to be discovered or released. He is also inviting you to use your creative initiative to come up with something new out of your own heart to fulfill that plan in a Spirit of Wisdom. The plan in God's heart and the plan in my heart are now overlapped – that's Kingdom leverage. As a son created in his image, we touch creative new ideas by both revelation and initiative. All creation is waiting for you (Rom 8:19).

**Eph. 1:17-18** – I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened... NIV

Testimony of David – A number of years ago, I went through a season where my wife and I lost everything, had a serious car accident and experienced a life-threatening health crisis. We lost millions, along with our confidence. Recently, I've been participating in John Garfield's Heart Plan and Seers and Doers online courses. It's important to align yourself with others who see and believe in where God is taking you. We call it a **tribe** of like-minded destiny-driven dreamers. Everyone has some area of their story that's been derailed and in need of restoration.

Jesus is the Redeemer. He is the author and finisher of our faith, and our story. It's exciting to transition from seeing God rescue

us over and over, to now going to the **Council** to receive his strategies and courage. A few months ago, I got the courage to reach out and secure a major national consulting project.

I didn't have the confidence a few years ago to even dream about something like this. The project has all the potential to redeem the millions that were lost. I've strategized and am going to the Council to receive insight and boldness to secure contracts with the country's largest companies. I'm gaining open doors. The next level is signed contracts. That's TANGIBLE FAVOR, as in Isaac planting and reaping a hundred-fold in the same season.

I reached out to a national company four months ago. The right person eventually digested my proposal and called me this week to meet. They have 11 divisions. Ideal for having a very mutually successful relationship.

In this age of online and technology noise, I need favor to be able to communicate my clear message to the right person, in the right companies. This takes favor. I need God's influence to be able to communicate clearly, confidently, and to gain trust. This takes favor. I need timing. Many CEO's are busy. Reaching them at the right time and the right way takes favor.

The Tribe is my cheering section. Going to the Council and hearing what God says about me and my book gives my confidence back and brings the assurance that he indeed loves to redeem my story.

Amazing Grace, the movie, is the true story of William Wilberforce. He discovered his calling and destiny through a very intimate relationship with the Clapham Group. The group is described by the historian Stephen Tomkins as "a network of

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friends and families in England, with William Wilberforce as its center of gravity, who were powerfully bound together by their shared moral and spiritual values, by their religious mission and social activism, by their love for each other, and by marriage." They had all the ingredients of a tribe – that changed the nations!

William Wilberforce didn't know how powerful his story would be. He was just living it. I have the mandate of taking a business service to the largest companies in Canada. God is writing my story. Being the main character, I see part of the story and the connection with reformation. How will interfacing with these companies be part of my script? The adventure is currently being lived and written.

History suggests we can't underestimate what God wants to do when we partner with him in our book. Nations are in the last chapter!

#### Part 5

# Reformation of My Nation The End Game

There is a bow wave of people and business people waiting for a cue, a trumpet sound, to be part of the army that contends for reformation - it's not future, it's already started. It's a desire God put in hearts around the world. We feel compelled to assemble this army for a charge at ridding the world of corruption and making for rightness room righteousness. It's far beyond our abilities. Nevertheless, something the Father is doing -Jesus is leading the cavalry charge. My heart aches at the thought of missing it and is thrilled at the thought of riding in this charge.

1) Get Connected - My Role www.OnlineHeartPlan.com What's written in my heart?

2) Become a Seer and Doer www.Seers-and-Doers.com What's the Father Doing?

3) Experiencing Tribe Knowing one another's purpose Fathers Releasing Dreams

4) Experiencing God's Favor Multiplying My Tribe/Value/\$ Personal Reformation

5) Favor on my Nation "Changing the World" **Reformation of Nations** 

We struggle to find a credible handle that allows us to invest our lives and commit to reformation. I'm honestly not aware that handle exists – so let's create the strategy, a strategy for celebrities and the invisible, for the wealthy and the nine-to-fiver, for believers and prebelievers. Reformation and Kingdom cross all the boundaries, so

must our strategy. When we get there, we'll all be celebrating. Blessing nations and blessing people are the same thing.

The goal is to connect people, particularly business people, with their opportunities to play pivotal roles in the Kingdom/reformation written in their book and their hearts. Many are already headed in that direction.

When I say "business people" I'm referring to every mountain because there is a business aspect to each of our lives. We all eat, live indoors and pay the bills. Cash flow is a fact of life for everyone.

The role of nations in reformation is also a key. President Trump is a key - there are many more like him waiting in the wings. He is a first-fruit, a Cyrus raised at the perfect time, a model of a courageous fighter with practical wisdom who is making a huge difference right now.

The strategy for nations includes the first four steps outlined in this book. The implementation could come through auxiliary business organizations, politics, the church or the internal workings of businesses. What if it was *all of the above*?

People connected with their own hearts is one key, tribe is a second and nations is the third. Intentional reformation now looks tangible; integral with my own heart:

- I'm connected with what God wrote in my heart (my desires) – personal expression
- 2) I'm in a tribe or I lead one (probably both) local expression
- there is favor on my city and nation worldwide expression

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Why Purpose? — It doesn't matter if I'm a millennial living paycheck to paycheck or a retiree traveling the world, life without a purpose beyond "self" is empty. For believers, the irony of life in the Kingdom is that when we seek "things," they, and our purpose, drift away from us. But, when we put his Kingdom "purpose" first, everything else gets added (Mt. 6:33). Each of us has a purpose or book (Ps. 139:16) in two dimensions: the first is the purpose that God has written in our hearts and the second is the Kingdom purpose of our nation. Knowing both is a lot of fun and it puts our life's direction on steroids.

My purpose — Releasing Kings is all about connecting people with the Kingdom purpose God wrote on our hearts. The transition from servant to friend and king (Jn. 15:14-17) happens when I give myself permission to pursue the desire in my heart. I become who God designed me to be. Jesus delights to share the Father's heart with us, so that we know "his business."

John 15:15-16 – I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. NIV (emphasis added)

My life makes sense when my family, vocation, ministry and heart align around a common theme. My history (good and bad) is a tapestry that weaves the past, present and future into a story of my Kingdom purpose. It's a joy to make that connection. Life's greatest thrill is to connect with my Father's heart, then to

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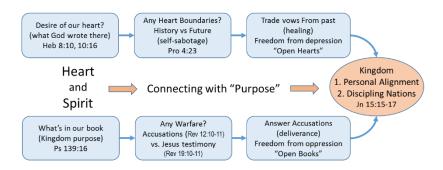
co-labor with him and see the results. That's the message of *Releasing Kings*. We help people make those connections with their heart, history, vocation, ministry, mountain and calling.

My nation — There is another dimension to Kingdom. My purpose is one puzzle piece in the Kingdom, but also in my nation. God blesses and saves people, but he is also in the business of blessing and discipling nations. There is a unique calling or destiny on every nation (just like individuals). When we understand it and intentionally cooperate with our nation's call, it puts our individual purpose on another level.

**How?** – Once we have a paradigm for God's purpose for a nation, it's not that hard to discern it. When we talk to people about their heart plan, we are simply asking them what they want to do and then seeing if it resonates prophetically and practically with what is in the Father's heart for them. When we find obstacles or confusion, we heal broken hearts and trade wrong vows (ceilings) for open doors in the Kingdom.

If the blockage is natural, spiritual or generational, we use intercession and repentance in the Courts of Heaven. God has given a simple and powerful approach to accessing his throne room to unveil two things: the accusations of the enemy that condemn us and the testimony of Jesus that paints our future. This fundamental key to prayer for individuals and nations is an *experience* in the presence of God that releases breakthrough in lives and nations.

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Finding a Nation's Kingdom Purpose – Just like individuals, we go shopping in a nation's history for themes in their Kingdom purpose and personality. We're also asking the Lord to show us the book, and we're pulling the curtain back on current events and the Kingdom desires in the people, politics and commerce. Because we are embracing a reformation of culture at a seven-mountain level, we are interested in seeing nations blessed in practical areas.

Take a look at the <u>Legatum Prosperity Index</u> and <u>find your own</u> <u>nation</u>. Their goal is to measure where people are happy. They call it a prosperity index because people are most happy when they are free, have free markets, and able to prosper through their own entrepreneurial endeavors (Kingdom values). All the nations are ranked according to the categories below. Can you see the connection between this list and the 7 mountains?

**Economic Quality** – the openness of an economy, macroeconomic indicators, foundations for growth, economic opportunity and financial sector efficiency.

**Business Environment** – entrepreneurial environment, its business infrastructure, barriers to innovation and labor market flexibility.

**Governance** – three areas: effective governance, democracy and political participation, and rule of law.

**Education** – access to education, quality of education and human capital.

**Health** – three areas: basic physical and mental health, health infrastructure and preventative care.

**Safety & Security** – national security and personal safety.

**Personal Freedom** -- progress toward basic legal rights, individual freedoms and social tolerance.

**Social Capital** - the strength of personal relationships, social network support, social norms and civic participation in a country.

**Natural Environment** - three areas: the quality of the natural environment, environmental pressures and preservation efforts.

We can also see one glaring omission; "What is the Kingdom purpose for that nation?" When we, or a nation, intentionally cooperate with our Kingdom purpose and put that first, we get blessed in the exact areas summarized above, and we can measure that progress. The obvious question the Lord is inviting us to ask is, "What is that purpose?"

**Ps. 2:8** – Ask of me, and I will **make the nations your inheritance**, the ends of the earth your possession. NIV (emphasis added)

Matt. 28:18-19 – Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations... NIV (emphasis added)

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We've written about and touched on national themes in Poland, and it has a powerful prophetic pull on the hearts of God's people. National destinies are written in our hearts and we resonate when we hear them. We catch a vision for individual callings "and" see the context in the role God has for the Netherlands. That positions the Dutch to be strategic about their national destiny and intentional about cooperating with the next reformation — even on an international level. We will know, volunteer and contend for the things God has written in the Dutch book! We're already opening it and it's exciting!

Listen to these verses for the word "nation."

**Gen. 12:2-3** – "I will make you into a great **nation** and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and **all peoples on earth (nations)** will be blessed through you." NIV (emphasis added)

Mark 11:17 – And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: "'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? NIV (emphasis added)

**Rev. 21:24-26** – And the **nations** of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the **kings of the earth** do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the **nations** into it. KJV (emphasis added)

# Cooperating With Your Nation's Book

I've been taking nine-hour plane rides to the Netherlands and Poland for ten years sharing the message in this book. I'm not Superman, but I do have a good idea of what I can and can't do within the limits of my gifts and calling. What is always surprising about Europe is that my expectations are greatly exceeded. When I go there, I don't just take my own anointing. I carry something in the spirit from the USA. What I can do within my own calling is magnified by the calling on my nation to be the light and glory of the world. It's an amazing experience that is warmly welcomed in Europe. It's also a spiritual phenomenon that will work for you.

How do we know what's in our nation's book? How do we know and cooperate with what's in another nation's book? Let's take the mystery out of these questions.

We started with a theory that entities beyond individuals have heart plans – that organizations, companies, cities and nations all have a Kingdom purpose that can be known.

The benefit of having clarity on the book of a nation is that we can flow with the wind of God's favor on that assignment. We spent months in prayer and research for the Dutch and Polish books in 2016 and 2017 (see Appendix A1 and A2). Part of the goal is to intercede for those nations and pave the way to reformation, first in heaven, then to manifest it on earth.

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The process we used to arrive at the Dutch and Polish books includes some discreet steps you can use to discover your nation's book.

Why release a nations book? – It's a bit of work, so knowing why it's important helps to see it through. We were specifically looking for accusations against the nation that could be brought to the Courts of Heaven for repentance. As we did that, we asked the Lord to release aspects of that culture's book that represent unique gifts and anointings.

- We researched the nation's history and surfed the web
  for reoccurring themes and unique attributes that are
  still reflected in the culture and the people. These
  themes usually showed up as strengths and weakness. I
  will also add that the history is an imposing pile from
  which to try and find the pony it requires a Spirit of
  Wisdom and Revelation to see it and a ton of
  persistence to distill it. It also helps to know the culture
  and the people and collaborate with them.
- We prayed personally at home and corporately in those nations regarding those themes in the Courts of Heaven to release their book.
- When I was in Poland and the Netherlands sharing this strategy, we usually started with the personal aspects of interceding for individual books. When people experienced the Courts of Heaven for themselves, it created faith for the nation. This took relationships, multiple trips and routine Skype calls.
- Getting clarity on books is an ongoing process for both individuals, businesses and nations. Purpose unfolds

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- over time and current events are discerned to see how they fit the context of the nation's book.
- Viewing the news through the lens of a nation's book is a whole new experience. The election of President Trump is an historic step toward reformation in the United states. The exposure of corruption is something heaven itself is applauding. Brexit is an obvious first step in the same direction for Europe. Key leaders in many nations are following in this same anointing. It's a thrilling time to be alive!

**The United States' book** - The obvious question is, what's in the book for the United States?

The United States is called to be an example in the earth of the light and the glory of the Father. That's why her president is called the leader of the free world. The US carries an assignment to inspire the nations. She is an example of the shining city on a hill. She is the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Oppressed people in communist nations or those led by dictators wave one flag to signal their desire for freedom — it's always the US flag. The most recent examples were in Hong Kong and Iran. The US anointing to set captives free and lead the world toward God's Kingdom is the reason why I feel the wind of God in my sails in Europe. It's not an accident.

This last portion of President Trump's state of the Union speech in February of 2020 was right out of God's book for this nation:

America is a land of heroes. This is a place where greatness is born, where destinies are forged and where legends come to life. This is the home of Thomas Edison

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and Teddy Roosevelt, of many great generals including Washington, Pershing, Patton and MacArthur. This is the home of Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, Amelia Earhart, Harriet Tubman, the Wright Brothers, Neil Armstrong and so many more. This is the country where children learn names like Wyatt Earp, Davy Crockett and Annie Oakley. This is the place where the pilgrims landed at Plymouth and where Texas patriots made their last stand at the Alamo — the beautiful, beautiful Alamo.

The American nation was carved out of the vast frontier by the toughest, strongest, fiercest, and most determined men and women ever to walk on the face of the Earth. Our ancestors braved the unknown; tamed the wilderness; settled the Wild West; lifted millions from poverty, disease, and hunger; vanquished tyranny and fascism; ushered the world to new heights of science and medicine; laid down the railroads, dug out the canals, raised up the skyscrapers. And, ladies and gentlemen, our ancestors built the most exceptional republic ever to exist in all of human history, and we are making it greater than ever before.

This is our glorious and magnificent inheritance. We are Americans. We are pioneers. We are the pathfinders. We settled the New World, we built the modern world and we changed history forever by embracing the eternal truth that everyone is made equal by the hand of Almighty God.

America is the place where anything can happen. America is the place where anyone can rise. And here, on

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this land, on this soil, on this continent, the most incredible dreams come true.

This nation is our canvas, and this country is our masterpiece. We look at tomorrow and see unlimited frontiers just waiting to be explored. Our brightest discoveries are not yet known. Our most thrilling stories are not yet told. Our grandest journeys are not yet made. The American Age, the American Epic, the American adventure has only just begun.

Our spirit is still young, the sun is still rising, God's grace is still shining, and, my fellow Americans, the best is yet to come.

Thank you. God bless you. And God bless America (President Donald J. Trump)

# Tipping Points are Obtainable

The problem with big elephants is small bites and small beginnings. Most of our finances are closer to the widow's mite than Warren Buffett or Jeff Bezos. We don't have all the resources or all the answers. Yet, we see the Father's heart for nations and we're going to do it too. It's that simple. If He is working on reformation, so are we – all of us. The rest are details. We will take our five loaves and two fishes and see what happens.

We're also standing on the evidence of manifestations already on earth. President Trump has far exceeded his promises in every area; the stock market and unemployment are undeniable and near-miraculous blessings in the US. *Make America Great Again* is a prophetic mandate that has legs. We're recovering the book of our nation! God is raising political heroes and business initiatives that are having a practical impact. Trump is the trumpet sound for "Making your nation great again is easier than you thought." The UK heard the sound and others will follow. It's getting hard to be pessimistic.

The God-inspired creative thread that is the engine of reformation at every level is entrepreneurial people. The business mountain is a great place to start. Even if we're in another mountain, let's cheer on these brothers and sisters. Here's the story:

There has been a Kingdom shift from servants to sons. We used to pray and wait for a sovereign move of God in revival to touch our churches and our hearts. Now we see ourselves as sons owning the responsibility and mandate to inherit nations and intentionally bring reformation to our cultures. Having the right goal is a great start.

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The strategy for intentional reformation is to convert a nation from corruption, poverty and greed to a Kingdom culture of righteousness, peace, and joy? How do we bless nations and cause them to thrive?

National economies are driven by small to medium enterprises (SME's) that have fewer than 200 employees. Let's start with mobilizing the business mountain for a Kingdom reformation, then do the same in every mountain. Dave Hodgson of KI (<a href="https://www.kingdominvestors.com.au/">https://www.kingdominvestors.com.au/</a>) has a goal to use a tipping point strategy to reach 6% of SME's in any (or every) nation. If we can reach this fraction of a nation's economic engine, we can flip the rest of the nation into God's blessing and prosperity.

- Organize through key influencers (<u>Thought Leaders</u>, <u>Connectors</u>, <u>and Salesmen</u>)
- Communicate sticky ideas (flagship marketing copy, phrases that carry the motivation/message)
- 3) Celebrate the context ("Now" is the historic moment when reformation is possible)

What's the sticky idea that would engage business people? It must be credible, something that's already working. KI already has 70 million subscribers in nearly every nation. What's working and what's not? Good question! I think "nations" and "reformation" are the sticky ideas.

What does not work? – Business people are busy. They are not willing to invest time or money in meetings with no results. They don't want to sit in pews, pay for missions and underwrite the initiatives of others. They do not want to be manipulated for money. They don't want membership in one more time-draining organization. They are not

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particularly interested in more teaching and training unless it's relevant to their interests. They don't want or need to be fixed or motivated. They want to be led into a worthy cause by another businessperson who is already getting results, not a coach, pastor, academic or politician.

What does work? – KI has found business people hungry for the sticky idea of reformation, playing their role in converting corrupt cultures into sheep nations. They love finding their Kingdom assignment and leveraging their business to make a difference. 1) They will embrace a worthy cause, 2) they want to make their contribution, and 3) they want to be part of tribe or movement.

What engages business people in Kingdom? What are their challenges and opportunities? What resonates in their hearts? What should be our strategy to mobilize the business mountain for Kingdom?

- A Worthy Cause Find the higher purpose God wrote in my heart
  - a) Connection "experiencing" where my heart's desires and God's overlap
  - b) I'm working on *our* dream, so is Father (I'm a co-laborer in Kingdom activities)
  - c) I can make a difference measurable results on important work
  - d) A clear strategy for Reformation I can choose an area to contribute (volunteer)
  - e) Clear leadership I feel chosen by leaders and by God
- 2) Personal Contribution I Provide Value, do exploits

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- a) Autonomy I feel ownership of my responsibility (there is room for my gift)
- b) Mastery I'm good at what I do; craftsman, creator, initiator, leader
- c) Well done I can feel the Father's pleasure, respect from people
- 3) Tribe / Team I'm part of a team that is winning and advancing
  - a) Other people esteem what's in my heart, and I esteem theirs
  - b) I have a "father" pulling on my book... and I am a father for my tribe
  - Networking we share ideas and opportunities to create value and wealth
  - d) We're having fun, blessing nations and making progress toward reformation

**Kingdom business** – The first step is engaging business people in reformation is giving them a permission slip to play their role. Business is the economic engine in every nation with the potential to solve the myriad of social problems that stem from poverty and corruption. They are called by God to redeem their nations from secularism and selfishness to productivity and generosity. Governments can spend money, but wealth is created in the business mountain – nowhere else. This sense of calling and election by God is the personal inspiration for everything else; reformation is the reason why.

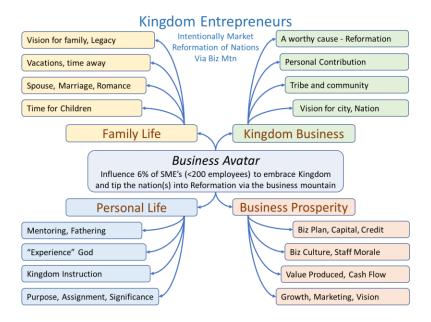
**Business prosperity** – Every business needs to prosper internally before it can export its message and ministry. The cash flow generated, the culture exhibited, and the customers served all point to enthusiasm for the value created by the business. That

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is a ministry that makes a difference in the lives of employees, customers and suppliers. God wants SME's to prosper; sons have a responsibility and a mandate from heaven to make it happen.

**Personal life** – The personal adventure starts when we get clarity on our assignment. Our sense of significance and legacy flows from the experience of co-laboring with our Father. Business people are very practical and see the need for faith that "works."

**Family life** – Heroes have homes. This place of refuge and regeneration comes from the love of family and the encouragement of a spouse. Busyness can easily compete with family, and those who are fruitful in Kingdom business know how to have a foundation of stewarding their family business first. Children and grandchildren often staff their legacy because their Kingdom vision spans multiple generations.



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### Goals:

- get the 6% tipping point with SME's (gather those who can make Reformation happen)
- prosper the business engine of a nation to enable the Kingdom culture of caring and sharing
- make blessing people and nations cool and tribal build momentum in nations
- create a movement in every mountain to recover the nation's book (calling)

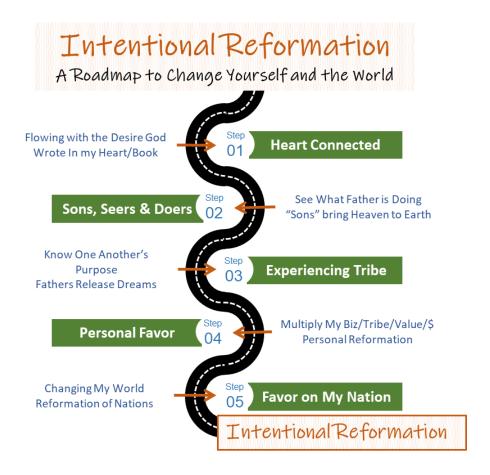
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# Where Do I Start?

We're suggesting a specific strategy for intentional Reformation. It's a mastermind concept (we call it tribe) that will walk you through the steps in this book (summarized in the graphic below). It includes the courses that cover the heart plan, *Seers and Doers*, and it naturally leads to a tribe. The monthly subscription is reasonable, and you can turn the experience into a meaningful tribe or mastermind for the months or years it takes to implement your dream. Find out the latest at www.Seers-and-Doers-Tribe.com.

### The take-home experiences are:

- you will know what's in your book via the heart plan process and have clarified your purpose and goals (practically and prophetically)
- as a son, you will become fluent in the Courts and Council – can operate in your own seer gift
- you will have a tribe of a 10-12 who know your heart and you will know theirs – we even suggest you pick your own tribe and ask them to go through this together
- you will experience God's favor on the business expression of your dream (cash flow)
- you can connect the dots to what God is doing in your nation via reformation – as a son, you will have a strategy for prayer and your personal involvement



The tribe context — Our tribe originated from people who received our newsletter and felt like they knew John. We have weekly zoom calls that span ten time zones with people from Canada, the Netherlands and states throughout the US. The common denominator is to help people identify their dream and get started on making it happen. Those dreams all have a business component that span marketing, sales, farming, coaching, manufacturing and accounting.

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Want to know what happens when you unwrap the gift of the desires God wrote in your heart? It's the most exciting thing ever. You can't help but love the person who gave it (God) and the fan club that helped you unwrap it (tribe). Once you learn how, you'll be handing out permission slips for others to peak into their hearts. And, when they experience the same jailbreak, they will love you.

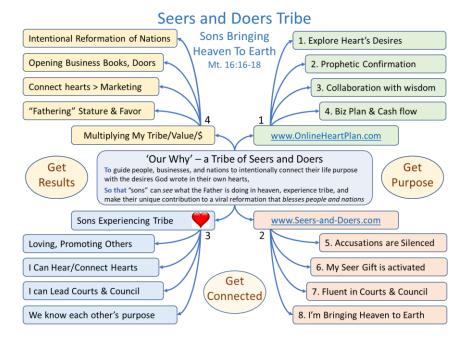
Want to know a secret? – We're marketing relationships that translate to favor with God and man; not clicks or opens or offers! That's what adds clarity and removes risk. Love finds a way. Watching others "make it" through the same process and hearing their encouragement for your dream makes your transformation possible and profitable. Entrepreneurs manage risk – with love (and common sense).

That's why we created the Online Heart Plan and why it includes a tribe of people willing to help. It's not hype. We're patiently identifying the real desire of your heart and managing the risk in an intentional plan to make it happen with the favor of God and friends.

Experiencing clarity on a path forward that ignites your passion is a motivational kick starter. Plugging into your purpose is one thing. But pulling the curtain back on the larger purpose of your business and nation is thrilling.

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The same tribe concept can be integrated into schools, churches, businesses or any organization. Releasing hearts and reformation touch every area of a nation's culture and every corner of our hearts. The experiences that go with this diagnostic look more like the graphic below. Your heart will like the picture better!



# **About Your Tribe**

Several things surprised me about our tribe. Once they got a taste of the heart plan and clarity on their direction, they loved *Seers and Doers*, going to the Courts and Council of Heaven. I was afraid that would be a big stretch. Trying to do it on Zoom was unproven in my mind.

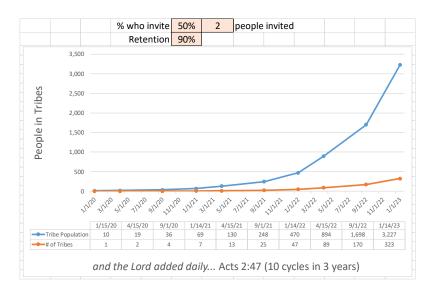
I treated the two courses like courses and expected to do a better job with marketing and finding a larger crowd. Instead, the marketing fell on its face and the tribe kept right on going. First, I thought tribe was a pleasant byproduct of the courses. It's not! Tribe is the goal and the courses are the frosting that enable relationships to form.

Seeing other people succeed (and fail) brings home the point that this community of a dozen is in-your-face proof that other people, just like me, struggle, clarify and make it – and so can I. They also know enough about my purpose and direction to encourage me prophetically and practically.

The last observation was that this group carried apostolic fathering and loved helping others. They also caught the vision for reformation. So, the next question became obvious. Can this humble tribe approach of assembling God's sons (ecclesia) play a role in reformation?

### **Intentional Reformation**

They began to realize they could lead their own tribe and we included an affiliate split to help them. So now the question is, "Can you lead your own tribe of 10?" and "Can you believe it could grow?"



If your tribe multiplied over ten cycles in three years, it would reach over 3,000 people and represent 300 tribes. If the membership was \$50-\$500, the tribe leader and the administrator share \$500 to \$5000 a month per tribe as a business model. Could you handle an extra monthly income to love ten friends and lead a weekly Zoom call to clarify their purpose and engage them in a reformation? If it multiplied to five tribes, you might be administrating a six-figure income.

We're not trying to bate you into a career change, but we are inviting you into a sustainable strategy for reformation that makes a difference and has a cash flow component. And, we're offering to help you do it! The laborer is worthy of his hire. Like Jesus, we all have time to disciple a dozen people.

#### About Your Tribe

I share these numbers not to tempt your flesh or market your ministry, but to let you know that soldiers in the Kingdom are not sent into battle at their own expense. An intentional reformation strategy has three components: it's enduring, it's financially self-sustaining and it multiplies organically through relationships.

I can tell you the biggest thrill isn't money — It's seeing hearts ignited by purpose and seeing the lives change and the doors of business favor open. That's the amazing part. The rates would obviously vary in different parts of the world, but the wisdom and revelation of growth and sustainability are integral to reformation.

- We benefit from having connected hearts and being in (or leading) our own tribe
- We all navigate cash flow. This tribe business model has value and cash flow

The last act is nations. When people begin to see the Kingdom, the scales come off and they begin to see what Father is doing in the nations. They see books of people, businesses, organizations, cities and nations and they volunteer to play their role in seeing those purposeful strategies manifest on earth.

Intentional reformation now looks tangible:

- I'm connected with what God wrote in my heart (my desires) – personal expression
- I'm in a tribe or I lead one (probably both) local expression
- There is favor on my business, city and nation worldwide expression

### <u>Intentional Reformation</u>

Can you feel the invitation in reformation? It's a river. It's bigger than revival, or mass meetings or worldwide organizations. Jesus is leading this one — and you're invited! The invitation is already written in your heart. We're running with *Intentional Reformation Strategies* to win!

**Ps. 2:8** – Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. NIV

**1 Cor. 9:24** – Run in such a way that you may win. NASU

Larger organizations with a business flavor - There are other organizations you can participate in. Those listed below have Christian business flavor. Most do not have a specific vision for nations, but they are good for strengthening your business in a Kingdom context that will strengthen your faith. Most of these organizations are also international.

Iron sharpen Iron Mastermind (Aaron Walker)

 Book – <u>The Mastermind Blueprint</u>, Intro podcast www.Rayedwards.com/429,

Kingdom Investors (Dave Hodgson)

https://www.kingdominvestors.com.au/

ICCC <a href="https://www.icccusa.org/">https://www.icccusa.org/</a>

CBMC <a href="https://www.cbmc.com/">https://www.cbmc.com/</a>

C12 <a href="https://www.c12group.com/">https://www.c12group.com/</a>

Crown <a href="https://crownbiz.com/">https://crownbiz.com/</a>

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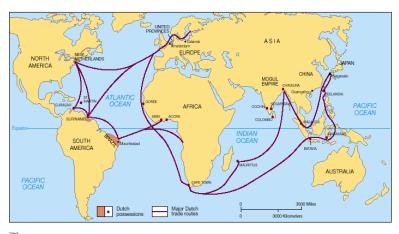
# **Books of Nations**

I put enough research into Polish and Dutch history and spent enough time with people to get a taste of God's heart for two nations. We've attached that material as an example that would work for your nation.

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The Dutch Golden age was a direct result of the Renaissance / Reformation in the 1500s that led to the Industrial Revolution. In the Netherlands, it was nearly 200 years from 1600 to the late 1700's. Trade routes and trade carried Netherlanders around the world as the premier world power.

The Dutch are called to a second golden age; this time to bring reformation to Europe and to re-dig the former trade routes and influence to bring glory to the Kingdom. It is a place of prosperity of spirit and wealth with a call to import and export ideas, technology, innovation and the gospel of the Kingdom. The Dutch are God's ambassadors to Europe and the world. The



Mac Dutch Trade Routes, ca. 1650. The Dutch were the greatest commercial nation of the seventeenth century.

entrepreneurial Dutch heritage is closely linked to the seven mountains God will touch to bless nations with reformation. The wall of division between secular and spiritual will be breached by the Dutch. They are called to the nations.

We are releasing three things in the Netherlands to empower the call in the land:

- 1. Releasing hearts / kings The key to the Kingdom is getting in touch with what God wrote in our hearts. Kingdom is a celebration, a party and privilege where dreams come true; where our hearts and our Father's heart share the same passions and goals. We are seeking to open books of destiny for individuals and to have a "heart plan" to practically live out our Kingdom calling in our culture (family and vocation).
- 2. Releasing the heart of the nation The second level is to do the same for the nation. We catch a vision for our personal calling and "see" the context in the role God has for our nation. That positions the Dutch to be strategic about their national destiny and intentional about cooperating with the next reformation even on an international level; knowing, volunteering and contending for their book!
- 3. Practical intercession As individuals start to discover their calling in the Kingdom and take their places, sons rise up and take their position as the Ecclesia in the Council. This Ecclesia plays a crucial and practical intercessory role in bringing cases before the Lord to reclaim, heal and restore cities, regions and the seven mountains in a country.

# A1.1 INTERCESSION - HOW WE OPEN BOOKS OF DESTINY

The testimony of Jesus – The chief intercessor is ever before the Father interceding on our behalf. We are prophetically listening to what is being voiced in heaven regarding the gifts and callings on ourselves, other believers, companies, cities, nations, etc.

**Rev. 19:9-10** – Then the angel said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are <u>invited to the wedding supper</u>

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of the Lamb!" And he added, "These are the true words of God." At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." NIV (emphasis added)

The accusation - The second thing we listen for is what accusations from the enemy may be present. We silence this voice by first listening for any validity in the charge against us. We are not only listening for accusations about our own lives but addressing and repenting for any personal, generational or national sin from the past that have not been dealt with.

Rev. 12:10-11— Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. NIV (emphasis added)

**Repentance** – Instead of trying to ignore the accusation or silence it somehow, we discern the root for any legitimate basis and agree with it, confess it, repent, and cover it with the blood of the lamb, and "trade" it for the testimony of Jesus (what God says about our calling and purpose).

Matt. 5:25-26 – Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. Assuredly, I say to you,

you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny. NKJV

Strategy (especially for the Dutch) – Lastly, we are owning the initiative, not just to know something about our destiny, but to have a strategy and plan to implement it. The opportunity to cooperate with this reformation in Europe and around the world is touching every mountain of our cultures; not just the church (in the sense of revival), but businesses (in the sense of the Industrial Revolution), the arts and entertainment (in the sense of the Enlightenment), the media (in the sense of the impact of the printing press, now internet), government (in the sense of facilitating free markets with liberty and justice for all), and families (in the sense of honoring the role of marriage and the family unit).

The Netherlands as a nation and the Dutch as a people have a unique calling and skill set that God is releasing to bless the nations. Our goal is to cooperate with that Kingdom initiative and see it manifest on earth.

# Making the Case for The Netherlands' Kingdom Purpose in the Courts of Heaven

The Netherlands Gift	God's Kingdom Purpose Testimony of Jesus = Book	Unredeemed Expression "Accusation"	Areas for Repentance
"Europoort" gate of Europe Worldwide influence Freedom and Tolerance	"gezelligheid" - cozy Hospitable, merciful, home- loving Messengers, God's ambassadors Leaders of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reformation in Europe	Colonialism vs liberation Guilt = I have no right to judge	Lost national identity, calling, book, candle, mantle Letting go of shame Recovering "Dutch" Identity
World leaders / Examples Entrepreneurial birthplace, commerce, capitalism, banking, colonialism	Importers and exporters of Reformation = missionaries Religious, cultural, & ethnic diversity Map makers, strategists, multipliers 7 Mtn missionaries	Secularization, Independent from God underserving of God's favor, grace	Hearts for God, fervor, zeal  Recovering "Dutch"  courageousness
Integrity and Character Hard-working, sober, reserved, conscientious, rule-driven and thrifty: "tenacity of opinion" all typical Calvinist characteristics	"gezellig" - tidy Disciplined, principled, organized Love liberty, simplicity, wisdom, Perceptive, discerning, humble "Promotion & Prosperity" Organize ideas into products God can trust the Dutch Pro 11:3	Legalistic, proud, stuck, stubborn Loss of mantle, influence, authority Shrewd, selfish, opinionated Private, aloof, dual self-image callous, cruel, greedy, merciless, inhuman (colonialism)	False Humility, Hidden, shame "Transparency" Ja 5:16 One public image + a 2 <sup>nd</sup> below the surface "disconnected" "Search me" Ps 139:23-24 Recovering Connectedness
"Polder Model" = Inclusive Value for consensus, Culture of consultation, accommodation, compromise & respect (covenant)	Inclusive = a Kingdom value allow space for people to become themselves Rom 14:17 "Unifying" via acceptance, trust "For God so loved, He gave"	Resist leadership gifts "Including one's own" "Not invented here" syndrome Resist national identity, calling "Pillars"	Love grown cold Fear of legalism, judgment Fear of my own leadership Arise, Shine (Isa 60:1-3) Recovering Dutch Authority
Gedoogbeleid = Tolerance It's OK if it's not perfect "There are bigger fish to fry"	Acceptance, Tolerance = Kingdom value Excellence without legalism Demonstrated His love While we were yet sinners	Most secular nation in world Tolerance became indifference "We are insignificant" "Neutrality" = compromise	Tolerate Jezebel (Rev 2:20) Fear of confronting evil Recovering Dutch Vision
Apostolic Heart Can release Inheritance	The Dutch are God's spiritual entrepreneurs Release destinies	Hearts are locked and need an invitation to share what they carry	Fear of man, of standing out Lack humility to enter own destiny Recovering Dutch distinctions

### Narrative with Gifts / Book

Gift/Book – What is the unique gift. What is the application, Kingdom purpose (book)?

Why – it is there, where it came from, why it's important

Examples – examples from the cultural context

### A1.2 "EUROPOORT" GATE OF EUROPE

**Gift/Book** – The Dutch have a long heritage of worldwide influence, freedom and tolerance. They have traditionally been ambassadors to the world in commerce, the arts and science. They formed the beachhead for the first reformation, and they will carry this second reformation in and out of all of Europe. The Netherlands is a chosen nation and the Dutch are a chosen people.

**Why** – The Dutch DNA is naturally expressed in sharing their liberty. Their lives are natural expressions of acceptance, hospitality, industry and prosperity. They are naturally innovative, hard-working, thoughtful and multiply. It has been true in history and this same DNA can be recognized now will be the same in the future.

The Dutch ascendancy to its Calvinistic ethic, which promoted thrift and education contributed to "the lowest interest rates and the highest literacy rates in Europe. The abundance of capital made it possible to maintain an impressive stock of wealth, embodied not only in the large fleet but in the plentiful stocks of an array of commodities that were used to stabilize prices and take advantage of profit opportunities. In the 17th century the Dutch — traditionally able seafarers and keen mapmakers — began to trade with the Far East and as the

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century wore on, they gained an increasingly dominant position in world trade, a position previously occupied by the Portuguese and Spanish.

In 1602 the <u>Dutch East India Company</u> (Dutch: Verenigde Oostindische Compagnie or VOC) was founded. It was the firstever <u>multinational corporation</u>, financed by shares that established the <u>first modern stock exchange</u>. This company received a Dutch monopoly on Asian trade and would keep this for two centuries. It became the world's largest commercial enterprise of the 17th century. (Wikipedia, Dutch Golden Age).

**Examples –** Many of our Dutch friends in business/ministries are already functioning as the gateway to Europe... they are crossing borders with commerce, networks, messages and ministry right now.

This is a season to cooperate with reformation and to be intentional about facilitating a reformation in every corner of our cultures. To make the happen in Europe and around the world, Dutch people must catch the vision of their chosenness, and the "how" and "why" and "where" and "when" will flow from them like a river.

**Why** – The Dutch have an eye for integrity in relationships and orderliness in business and architecture. They are predisposed to outward humility almost to a fault and their knowledge and authority are typically expressed as service to others, which translates to Godly leadership.

William of Orange - A wealthy nobleman, William originally served the Habsburgs as a member of the court of Margaret of Parma, governor of the Spanish Netherlands. Unhappy with the centralization of political power away from the local estates and with the Spanish

persecution of Dutch Protestants, William joined the Dutch uprising and turned against his former masters. The most influential and politically capable of the rebels, he led the Dutch to several successes in the fight against the Spanish. Declared an outlaw by the Spanish king in 1580, he was assassinated by Balthasar Gérard in Delft in 1584. (Wikipedia, William the Silent)

**Examples** – Leaders make room for good ideas and good people... part of the Dutch DNA.

Overall, the country was tolerant enough to attract religious refugees from other countries, notably Jewish merchants from Portugal who brought much wealth with them. The revocation of the Edict of Nantes in France in 1685 resulted in the immigration of many French Huguenots, many of whom were shopkeepers or scientists.

Due to its climate of intellectual tolerance, the Dutch Republic attracted scientists and other thinkers from all over Europe... It is impossible to exaggerate the importance of Holland in the seventeenth century, as the one country where there was freedom of speculation... Due to the Dutch climate of tolerance, book publishers flourished. Many books on religion, philosophy and science that might have been deemed controversial abroad were printed in the Netherlands and secretly exported to other countries. Thus, during the 17th century, the Dutch Republic became more and more Europe's publishing house. (Wikipedia, Dutch Golden Age)

There have been six US presidents who have Dutch heritage and the US Constitution was originally signed by Dutch contributors. (Wikipedia, Dutch Americans)

### A1.3 INTEGRITY AND CHARACTER

**Gift/Book** — The Dutch are hard-working, sober, reserved, conscientious, rule-driven and thrifty and they possess "tenacity of opinion," all typical Calvinist characteristics that stem from the character of God. They fit "intentional reformation" well because they are not afraid of initiative. "God created the world, the Dutch created Holland" is an old Dutch saying. The postwar notion that the future can be "constructed" persists with undiminished force which predates Calvinism.

At the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century the characteristics of the Dutch psychology are usually attributed to the pervasive influence of Calvinism, but that is insufficient to explain the planned environment of the Netherlands. The collective struggle against the water and the collective effort to make new land to create the Netherlands like a work of art, began long before Calvinism found its way to the Netherlands. Pg 178

The Netherlands is a relatively small country, densely populated with 16 million people, and yet the biggest town, Amsterdam, has only 820,000 people. The Netherlands has a village-like atmosphere compared to other countries. There is no wilderness, no wild country. Everything is neat, clean, systematic, well "groomed," "gezellig," tidy, even our forests seem to be tidy...

**Why** – Early Dutch communities had to work together to maintain the dykes which hold back the sea. That sense of community and hospitality is threatened by the modern world but is seldom far below the surface in the Dutch.

"Hard work, frugal living and tenacity of opinion: that is the typical make-up of the Dutch," The rise of Calvinism in the Netherlands coincided with the Dutch uprising

against Spanish rule in the 16th century. The inhabitants of the Netherlands, also known as one of the world's most liberal nations, are generally described in country guides as sober, reserved, conscientious, rule-driven and thrifty: all typical Calvinist characteristics.

**Examples** – Although the Netherlands is built on sand, the Dutch are built on a rock and their character reflects the image of their Father.

Wilhelmus is the <u>national anthem</u> which originated in the Dutch fight for independence. It dates back to at least 1572, making it the oldest known national anthem in the world. In the first person, as if quoting himself, William speaks to the Dutch people about both the revolt, as well as his own, personal struggle: to be faithful to the king, without being unfaithful to his conscience: to serve God and the Dutch people. In the lyrics William compares himself with the biblical David who serves under the tyrannical king Saul. As the merciful David defeats the unjust Saul and is rewarded by God with the kingdom of Israel, so too William hopes to be rewarded a kingdom. Both the Wilhelmus and the Dutch Revolt should be seen in the light of the 16th century Reformation in Europe, and the resulting prosecution of Protestants by the Spanish Inquisition in the Low Countries.

There is not a single rock formation in the Netherlands, and there is hardly any danger due to the almost stagnant waters and the small differences in tides. Moreover, the Dutch Flanders's coast is the longest range of natural dunes without rocks in the world, consisting of some 170 miles, of which the Netherlands form two thirds, while the remainder are manmade dykes.

### A1.4 "POLDER MODEL" = INCLUSIVE

Gift/Book – The Dutch pride themselves on having an economy that performs smoothly, known as the Polder Model, which hinges on periodic negotiations among labor unions, employers' associations and the government to control wage scales and taxes. They have a strong value for consensus and a culture of patient consultation, accommodation, compromise and respect. They are naturally inclusive... a Kingdom value that expresses the Father's love. The Dutch have historically welcomed immigrants from persecuted lands... Puritans from England, Huguenots from France and Jews from throughout Europe.

Hospitality - Home, homeliness, coziness, intimate dwelling, it is all very important to the Dutch. The Dutch word "gezelligheid" is hard to translate into other languages, "coziness" comes close.

**Why** – For a thousand years the Dutch have corporately held back the sea and made a nation. Working together for the common good is deeply in their DNA.

The organizations that to this day administer the water management system, the "water boards," were created even before 1250 when the peat-diggers entered into local joint ventures; thereby, it is said, laying the foundations for Dutch democracy... Around 1400 two innovations were introduced to this extensive watery region: the use of the windmill, and owners of the land joined together to purchase a windmill to improve their land and thereby made their combined land a unit with the water management system, a "polder."

**Examples** — At the deepest level the Netherlands is an international hub of tolerance, love and acceptance. Wars and religious excess have left scars on the national identity that misrepresent the true nature of the Dutch.

World War 2 left a generation burdened with a sense of guilt at the murder of 1000,000 Dutch Jews, whose deportation was made possible partly by "Dutch obedience, exaggerated respect for rules and hierarchy," This "respect" – a distant offshoot of what Troeltsch called "sacralization of bureaucracy" was, he argues, totally undermined by the events of the war. Henceforeward, every authority is carefully weighted up before it is obeyed. P 108

With the independence of the Netherlands and establishment of the Republic, the Reformed faith was proclaimed the official faith of the state. The Netherlands continued to embrace religious refugees - the Puritans who were fleeing England, the Huguenots fleeing France, and also many Jews from throughout Europe. Some of these converted to Christianity and were later to become influential leaders of the secession-minded churches.

### A1.5 GEDOOGBELEID = TOLERANCE

It's OK if it's not perfect, "There are bigger fish to fry"

**Gift/Book** – The Dutch are free from the religious spirit that demands perfection from its children. There is room for different approaches. This Dutch mindset sees the big picture and is not diverted by imperfection. The Dutch value excellence but not legalism. They have plans and ideas and love to share them, but they will never impose them on others. They wait for

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invitations. Their tolerance for diversity is a Kingdom value that reflects the heart of God.

**Why** – Tolerance has long been justified in the face of religion and politics by a long list of Dutch philosophers who reflected the social fabric of the Netherlands and the heart of God... Erasmus, John Locke, Spinoza, John Stuart Mill, etc.

Religious, cultural, and ethnic diversity are considered the essence of Dutch culture. The persistence of sizable religious and regional minorities and the decentralization of administrative power have allowed cultural diversity to survive. In the absence of a countrywide shared identity, the dominant Randstad culture has provided most of the markers of national identity, Reference

**Examples** – Amsterdam has always been a cultural hub in Europe and Rotterdam is a commercial gateway to Europe. The Netherlands is a crossroads for travel, ideas and innovation. From the 1600's, its universities consisted of nearly half non-Dutch students. Persecuted philosophers, artists and religious leaders have historically found a home among the Dutch.

### A1.6 APOSTOLIC HEART

Can release Inheritance in their sons

**Gift/Book** – The Dutch carry an entrepreneurial sense of how to get things done practically and they love to share their wisdom when asked. You can almost feel them waiting for the question, "What's your suggestion?" Beneath the modesty lies a wealth of knowledge that is both practical and spiritual. They are fathers

at heart who have the ability to release their sons and daughters into their inheritance.

**Why** – The Dutch carry an apostolic sense of getting results... in the spirit and in the natural. Their national exposure to many nations and cultures enabled them to combine the best of many different cultures and ideas for centuries. They naturally love to share (export) those ideas and products.

**Examples** – From reformation to the information and freedom it spawned, God has used the Dutch to spread truth and technology around the world.

Amsterdam's dominant position as a trade centre was strengthened in 1640 with a monopoly for the Dutch East India Company (VOC) for trade with Japan through its trading post on Dejima, an island in the bay of Nagasaki. From here the Dutch traded between China and Japan and paid tribute to the Shogun. Until 1854, the Dutch were Japan's sole window to the western world. The collection of scientific learning introduced from Europe became known in Japan as Rangaku or Dutch Learning. The Dutch were instrumental in transmitting to Japan some knowledge of the industrial and scientific revolution then occurring in Europe. The Japanese purchased and translated numerous scientific books from the Dutch, obtained from them Western curiosities and manufactures (such as clocks) and received demonstrations of various Western innovations (such as electric phenomena, and the flight of a hot air balloon in the early 19th century). In the 17th and 18th centuries, the Dutch were arguably the most economically wealthy and scientifically advanced of all European nations, which put them in a privileged position to transfer Western knowledge to Japan. (Wikipedia, Dutch Golden Age).

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**Note**: There is a Dutch proverb that typifies Calvinist roots in false humility; a spiritual resistance that holds the Dutch back from allowing the Lord to promote them or hold them up as an example. They don't want to stand out. **Two Dutch words capture this crab pot mentality.** 

"Doe normaal" - Just act normal, that's already crazy enough!!

https://stuffdutchpeoplelike.com/2010/11/26/no-56-normalcy-doe-normaal/

"Je hoofd boven het maaiveld uitsteken" - Don't stick your head above the mowing zone, else your head is cut off.

http://www.eennieuwekijk.nu/blog/35-je-hoofd-boven-het-maaiveld-uitsteken.html

#### A2.0 THE POLISH BOOK

Why - There is something central in the heart of God for Poland (located in the heart of Europe) that we need to articulate in a way that is motivating for the Polish people and that resonates in their hearts. There is a theme in the heart of God for Poland that integrates her past, present and future in a cohesive national destiny. When we connect with our own heart's desires and find our own purpose, we can put our lives in the context of what God is doing in Poland now, and where she is headed in the future. We can build and bless a nation if we understand her soul and her purpose. Defining Poland's national destiny is possible, helpful and very motivating (proud to be Polish).



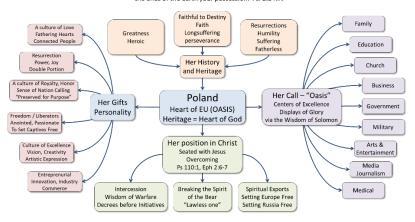
**Personal note**: The next step was just to start the process of hearing God's heart for Poland (her book). What I have so far is shown in the next graphic as a mind-map. I got hints of the history that shapes the Spirit of Poles by reading *Heart of Europe: The Past in Poland's Present*. The points on personality

came from the redeemed sense of what it means to be Polish (discussed on pages 3-4). Her position in Christ and Poland's call is my sense of what's happening in the spirit as I pray. What I heard is that Poland is in the heart of Europe and very much in the heart of God. That her calling is to be an oasis, i.e., a shining example of the Glory of God evidenced by "centers of excellence" in every mountain. People will come to see the wisdom and Poland will send her sons and daughters to share the glory. She will have a special ability in prayer and practice to set others free and break the "Spirit of the Bear." By that I mean the oppression and fear that go with communism, the mafia and every kind of oppression. Those victories will be first decreed in the spirit and then won in the natural.

There is much to converse about in these areas. My first goal was to give you an outline which we can discuss, pray about and adjust. Poland is not just a country with borders. "Polish" is an idea that can be spread to bless others. What is that idea? What is uniquely Polish that these people carry?

#### What's Written in God's Book for Poland and Her People – Excellence Polin [Heb.] – Where God Dwells

Ask of me, and I will make the nation your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. Ps. 2:8 NIV



## Making the Case for Poland's Kingdom Purpose in the Courts of Heaven

Poland's Gift	God's Kingdom	Unredeemed	Areas for
	Purpose	Expression	Repentance
A culture of Love Family Orientation Celebrate one another	Fathering to connect hearts, Encourage Ps. 20:4-5 Authenticity, safety, creativity Entrepreneurial energy	Critical Spirit (discord, independent) Crab pot mentality Cannot celebrate success of others	Unbelief Carrying bitterness unforgiveness
Resurrection power Double Portion Anointing	Preserved for Destiny Contend for nation identity Centers of Excellence Reformation in Europe	We are content with second rate Slave mentality (gray thinking) Giving up	Abandoning Poland Allowing a spirit of lawlessness to remain
Royalty A culture of dignity and honor	Recognizing and celebrating deliverers / Leaders Sent by God "functioning Fathers who release sons"	Dishonoring our own heroes Conquered by others	Judging leaders
Warriors & Liberators - standard bearers of liberty, freedom & solidarity "uprisings"	Set Captives free (Europe) Unsinkable spirit / never give up! Overcome the "spirit of the bear" Intercession 1st / Implementation 2nd	Covenant w/ death Isa. 28:14 Spirit of fear anxiety Wasted violence, Self-sabotage Passivity, Cowardice	Fear of Katyn, Invasion Desperation, Lack of vision "No one will help us" Don't see Kingdom
A Culture of Excellence Vision, Creativity, Artistic Expression,	Release philosophers, writers, poets, composers, entertainers, scientists	Narcissism, vanity Humanistic, self-centered (Protect what little I have)	Mediocrity Idolatry of self
An entrepreneurial culture Innovation, Industry Modernization	A Cup That Overflows inventors, entrepreneurs, new ideas, strategies, discovering solutions	Resignation to duty submission to the status quo servant mentality	Jealousy, theft, betrayal, Mistrust of Government

## A2.1 GIFT – A CULTURE OF LOVE – FIRST FATHERED, THEN FATHERS

Why – 50 years of communism during and after the war left an entire population without the possibility of dreaming. Men and women who have no opportunity to connect with their hearts and connect with their own creativity, initiative and vocation cannot impart that to their children. Families were often broken. The communist culture in Poland was cold and uncaring. The Catholic church was a source of strength in Poland and one of the biggest centers of resistance during communism. Pope John Paul II, who was Polish, strongly supported the fight against communism, and his appointment in 1978 was a source of great

national encouragement. This first papal trip to Poland in 1979 uplifted the nation's spirit and sparked the formation of the Solidarity movement in 1980, which later brought freedom and human rights to his troubled homeland.

When the Kingdom is touched, dreams are released and people feel the invitation to dream, create and connect with what God put in their heart's desires. Poland is naturally a place where people resonate with fathering and mothering. As soon as they find someone who will encourage and help them release their dream and fulfill their destiny, they blossom and love those "fathers" and they connect with their heavenly Father to be much more fruitful and creative. Polish people are naturally industrious, creative, cultured, prosperous and loving. They impart those same things to one another in an atmosphere of deep love. First Pols will experience a father; then they will be fathers.

It more than noteworthy that Lech Walesa led a Solidarity movement from a non-violent perspective.

**Example** — I (John Garfield) always experienced an amazing sense of love from Polish people. I simply pull on the desire God wrote in their hearts practically and prophetically, and they run toward the invitation the Holy Spirit has put within them. Since they carry this extra anointing, it's easy to do. When they taste this sense of a father who cares, they love those fathers in extra measure as well. After that experience of personally connecting with their hearts and feeling the Father's love, they give it to others. Poland is a nation filled with the love of the Father. They naturally help one another; they are good networkers, and they are "tribal" and inclusive in finding their mountain and those

similarly called. The unredeemed version of this attitude is the opposite - <u>crab pot mentality</u>.

I'm proud of Poland, also because it's the homeland of Poles, who, stereotypically complain about the world around them, are in fact full of warmth and hospitality. Luiza Marcak

During a stay in Greece this year, I heard something extraordinary. When a Greek approached me, I told him I'm a Pole. And he said "Great country, great people, Gdansk, Sopot, Waleza", and asked me to give him his greetings. It's worth living for such moments. Piotr Wójcik

I'm pleased that we are ceasing to be ashamed, and finally are getting rid of the inferiority complex. No, we are not better or worse than anyone. We are different. I'm proud that we can notice our otherness, and treat it as an asset, not as a burdensome ballast, as Polishness is both the Silesian dialect, Warsaw volubility and highlanders' singing. Joanna Zasztowt

#### A2.2 GIFT – RESURRECTION POWER

Why – Poland lost 16% of her population in World War II. In the Kingdom, those individual gifts, callings and anointings are not lost, they are "without repentance" and available for others to inherit. The nature of Polish people is to walk in this double portion anointing because they each carry some extra measure of God's Spirit.

The second thing that is remarkable about Polish history is that Poland had no national identity for 123 years prior to World War I (Ps. 123). It reestablished for 21 years (Ps. 21) and was then

occupied by Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union for 50 years (a jubilee). In 2019 Poland will have been a free democracy for 30 years (priesthood) and her ministry will begin in earnest. The biggest miracle is that between God, and the perseverance of the Polish people, their nation was resurrected similar to the restoration of Israel. It was not an accident and there is Kingdom purpose behind the resurgence of Poland.

Poland as a country (political entity) did not exist for 123 years, but there was a very strong national identity that survived to preserve language, culture, folklore, traditions and art. Many writers kept writing while living abroad (one of the biggest Polish books/poems – Pan Tadeusz, was written during the time that Poland as a country did not exist). Polish language and schools were legal in Galicia; in Prussian and Russian districts it was restricted, but there were secret schools and people were risking their lives so the Polish language and culture could survive.

#### A2.2.1 CALLING: LEAD REFORMATION IN EUROPE

Why: Poland is on the eve of a great revival filled with the presence of God and miraculous signs following. The seed bed for this revival is religion; Poland is 90% Catholic, many of whom are largely secular who have never tasted revival. Poland also has a smaller evangelical/charismatic community that is mature in its understanding of <u>7 Mountains</u>. The next revival cannot come and go, it will be connected to a permanent transformation of European culture that brings Jesus into every mountain by bringing Jesus into the hearts of those at the top of every mountain.

**Example**: Polish people are already champions at exporting missions. Missions will no longer be confined to the church.

Centers of excellence in business, education, media, government and entertainment will export their concepts throughout Europe, Africa, Asia and North and South America. Poland has received much. Her cup will overflow, and she will give much.

## A2.3 CALLING: ROYALTY A CULTURE OF HONOR AND DIGNITY (PROUD OF BEING POLISH).

There is a sense of history at the root of their sense of destiny and their ability to encourage other people and nations into their destiny.

Why: There has been shame, guilt, humiliation, a sense of second-class status and rejection from other nations (history). Polish people are well aware of their own frailties and the dangers in other nations. They are naturally cautious and humble from their national identity and theological heritage. Like Moses they are humble enough to accept a call to greatness, a call to be overcomers and examples, and to contend for their destiny.

### **Examples:**

Honor - We keep fighting and dishonoring our own heroes. The recent situation with Walesa grieves the Holy Spirit. This is connected to the father thing, we have difficulties honoring father's and mother's on a micro family level but also on a national level, which creates a perpetual culture of dishonor, and which only shows that Poland is called to the opposite; to be a nation of fathers and mothers, birthing people into their destinies. The concept of helping one another is a major theme because it's connected to the notion of people taking their role

in their mountains of influence and not becoming selfish in it. Only sons and daughters receive an inheritance; orphans will take it by force and hoard it for themselves.

**Dignity** – Through years of oppression the enemy wanted to take Poland's dignity and royal calling. It was once a very powerful kingdom with aristocracy and nobility, and before that knights and kings. That was taken away from them completely, and the final blow was communism which made everyone think in grey and hide in mediocrity. That royal calling is being restored with innovation in different areas of society and development of the economy. There is a royal anointing in every sphere. For restoration to happen, God will minister his heart to Poland. That move of God is beginning now and he will complete it in one generation. It has already started.

It is very much in the call of Polish people to set a standard of excellence in every mountain. There is an anointing available to them to defeat the "Spirit of the Bear" behind communism, mafia groups and other forms of fear-based oppression. The principle is "of whom much is forgiven, the same loves much." Poland has tasted the weight of oppression and she carries an anointing to set captives free.

# A2.4 CALLING: WARRIORS & LIBERATORS - STANDARD BEARERS OF LIBERTY, FREEDOM & SOLIDARITY

**Why** - The presence of God rests on Polish people in a way that gives birth to freedom. The enemy design has always been to oppress this gift, but God's design throughout history has been to use this people and nation to set captives free. The following

verse points to the Spirit of God within Polish people; a people whose hearts are free can never be enslaved for long. They carry a unique anointing to remove veils (authenticity), set captives free individually and liberate nations.

**2 Cor. 3:16-17** — But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. NIV

#### **Examples:**

The **siege of Vienna** began on July 14, 1683, with an attack by 138,000 Muslim Turks. King John III of Poland led an army of 70,000 men from four nations in a victory that marked the turning point in the 300-year struggle with the Ottoman Empire and the end of Muslim conquest.

Three Polish generals and 10's of thousands of Poles who escaped the Nazis and communist Russians to join the allies had an impact on the war. Their stories are worth reading because they typify what it means to be Polish. Wladyslaw Anders, Stanislaw Wladyslaw Maczek, and Stanislaw Franciszek Sosabowski

**Lech Walesa** is the Polish Icon of her spirit of liberation and is internationally famous. Wałęsa was an electrician by trade. Soon after beginning work at the Gdańsk Shipyard, he became a trade union activist who led a non-violent Solidarity movement that eventually defeated communism in his country. He was a "rock" who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1983 and served as Poland's first president from 1990 to 1995.

**Lech Kaczynski** (in 2009, Poland's President) gave a speech in Georgia warning that if Russian aggression was not stopped in Georgia, which Putin's Russia had invaded, it would extend to

Ukraine, the Baltic States and possibly Poland (link). On April 10, 2010 the President, his wife and most of his administration died in a plane crash in Smolensk on the way to Russia to commemorate the murder of 22,000 Polish officers and intellectuals at Katyn and other locations in 1940 by the communist Russian occupation forces. Among the victims of the plane crash was Anna Walentynowicz, whose dismissal in August 1980 from the Lenin shipyards in the Polish port of Gdansk ignited the strike that led to the creation of the Solidarity movement and, ultimately, the collapse of communist rule. She became a prominent Solidarity member.

#### A2.5 CALLING - A CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE

**Why** – There is a Spirit of Excellence that naturally rests on Poles.

**Dan. 6:3-4** – Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because <u>an excellent spirit was in him</u>; and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm. NKJV (emphasis added)

**Examples** – Although the Polish economy is just catching up with the west, the lives of Polish people are lived with dignity and respect for family. I am always impressed with their politeness and the cultural values they carry. They esteem their history and are careful to recite it correctly.

## A2.6 CALLING – AN ENTREPRENEURIAL, CREATIVE CULTURE

**Why** – When people feel free in their hearts, they naturally express their creativity and industriousness in ways that minister to others in needed products and services. Wealth multiplication is the result of businesses that meet a demand in the market. Healthy commerce and foreign trade is an expression of the soul of Poland that will cause her to prosper and enter her destiny.

Spiritual renewal (whether personal, in revival or reformation) bares holistic fruit that extends into the vocation of the believer. Healthy people are visionary, creative, industrious, helpful and prosperous in every segment of a nation's culture (business, the arts and entertainment, education, medicine, government, media, etc.) In fact, God's goal to bless and disciple nations touches individuals at the micro-level and touches the culture, including its economy, at the macro level. Our goal is to be strategic and see that our initiatives to put Kingdom first must also bless Poland's culture, commerce and economy.

**Examples** – Polish people have this amazing skill of inventing and finding solutions. On the negative side it could be dishonesty, stealing from others, competition, betrayal for personal benefits, etc. But on the positive side it could be innovation, creativity, companies, etc. In Poland, there are around 2 million private companies, and 300,000 are registering each year. The same spirit could be seen during the occupation and throughout history.

Poland's location offers numerous advantages for business. The country is located at the very heart of Europe with access to 250

million consumers within a 1000 km radius. East-west and north-south transit routes cross within Poland 's territory. Numerous airports and seaports allow the transport of goods all over the world.

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