

APOSTOLIC TEAMS

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There is a new generation of believers arising around the globe who need a fresh revelation and impartation on the subject of teams. Throughout this eBook, we will highlight the importance of teams; how they help the local assembly and also assist in the development of the community.

Prophetic Word...Let the Companies Arise

“I am calling forth the Apostolic (sent) Companies who will go forth and occupy the territory. They will be sent forth arm in arm, hand in hand, linked by My Spirit. I am raising up divine ministry relationships and partnerships in the Earth. There is a paradigm of traveling ministry that will be modeled in this season; a return to the model in the early Church. I will send forth Apostolic Companies to SEE, PROCLAIM, RELEASE, IMPART, REVIVE, and EQUIP.”

“This assignment will require much grace. There must be a death to personal agendas. The focus must be on the Kingdom plans for people, ministries, cities, nations, and regions. I will send forth the apostles and prophets linked together by common purpose and destiny. They will go on Kingdom assignments. I am nudging the hearts of many right now in the secret place. I am awakening them to see the model of revival in the book of Acts and the power of team ministry. This is not something that can be fulfilled by natural desire or understanding. It must be a work of My Spirit. Competition must bow, pride must bow, old religious mindsets must bow. For those that have cried out to Me for their region have moved My heart. I desire to raise up the Apostolic Companies and send them forth to the regions.”

Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will suffer harm. Proverb 13:20

The Purpose of Teams

Teams make it possible for more people to exercise their gifts. When the responsibilities of ministry are shared, more people get involved. As more people come into the Kingdom, we will have no choice but to develop and release teams. The needs of humanity are too great. If we are believing for a harvest, we must prepare to meet their needs. God has released an abundance of gifts to meet the needs of the lost. We are living in a day of abundance of grace. The apostolic ministry is a ministry of great grace. (*Acts 4:33*)

The Antioch church illustrates the team concept. The church at Jerusalem sent Barnabas to help with the work. (*Acts 11:22*) Barnabas departed to Tarsus to recruit Paul to come and help with the work. Barnabas and Paul assembled themselves at Antioch to teach for a year. (*Acts 11:25-26*) They labored together as a team at Antioch. They were later sent out as a team from Antioch. (*Acts 13:1-4*)

First Thessalonians, chapter two, gives us revelation into the function and operations of apostolic teams. The team exhorts, teaches, preaches, comforts, charges, and imparts. A team consists of leaders with different anointings, whose gifts complement each other. They work together, and each member lends his or her strength to the whole. The devil hates and fears the work of the team. The team can break through where one person cannot.

Our ability to reach out and touch multitudes in a personal way is to the development and release of apostolic teams.

Teams help build the Church, not just build their own ministry. Many seek to go and preach at someone else's conference but don't have a burden to build the Church and the saints.

As singers, musicians, or preachers, we should desire to build the Kingdom and not our names. God will promote us as we push His agenda. Unfortunately, the focus of many has become to only maintain a certain level of notoriety to build their own ministry.

6 Vital Keys for Strong Apostolic Teams

One of the chief foundations of strong apostolic/prophetic ministries is teams. God is establishing dynamic ministry teams to fulfill powerful apostolic mandates. They are being sent on assignment to regions and territories to break open the difficult places and release the full thrust of the Kingdom.

Keys:

1. Proper position! For each assignment and gift there is an anointing. Each member of the team must stay in their lane and not attempt to operate in a dimension that they are not graced for. Pride and misunderstanding of rank or assignment can pull a person into a “title” or office that they are not empowered for.

2. Humility and honor. Humility lays down ego driven living and is secure in the Father’s love and approval. It is a full surrender. Pride always pulls us out of our most effective place in God and into our own dead works. Apostolic teams require humility and honor for each member. There is not one gift or anointing that is more important, though there are different ranks and measures of rule. A Kingdom perspective keeps the focus on the overall goal.

3. Mutual submission. Submission means to “come under the mission”—the team must keep the mission as the primary focus. There is no time for personal agendas or preferences. This means that each team member is submitted to the team plan.

4. Confront wounds and rejection. Unresolved inner wounds and past rejection can create a toxic filter whereby every thought or action of another team member is viewed through a broken lens. Team ministry often forces people to face hard truths about their own need for personal healing and deliverance.

5. Submission to team leader. As we examine the team flow in the early Church, we typically see an apostolic leader as the final authority within the team. God grants a measure of wisdom to apostles to lead teams and stay focused on the overall goals.

6. A bond of love. Effective teams are knitted together in the spirit and bonded by covenant love. Love sacrifices and when people truly love each other, they are serving and helping each other. Love unlocks realms of power and easily overlooks flaws! Love will go the distance.

Now while they were passing through the cities, they were delivering the decrees which had been decided upon by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem, for them to observe. So the churches were being strengthened in the faith, and were increasing in number daily. Acts 16:4-5

Developing Teams

When our understanding of building a team is produced and birthed by God, it will promote new strategies, new preaching, new teaching, new prayer, new worship, new finances, new vision, and new outreach

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord." Isaiah 55:8

Each team is different for every local assembly. There is no specific blueprint that can be taken and duplicated. Ezekiel received specific measurements for the temple. (*Ezekiel 40*)

Each team is wired uniquely by God. Adjustments are constantly made as different believers join. One of the beauties of building teams is that it will constantly challenge us to become more of who we are meant to be.

Apostolic teams must operate in faith and know that they are anointed to carry out the different functions of the ministry. This will cause those in the teams to expand and launch out into a broader and wider sphere of ministry. More people will be influenced and blessed by the anointing that is released through team ministry.

People and Teams

“If you see how valuable you are, you won’t let people provoke you out of your position”. -*Rodrigo Zablah*

The dynamics of teams is measured simply by the maturity of the individuals in the team. Often times in teams, people will go towards two extremes. They either voice their opinions, which can offend, or they remain silent, which can lead to bitterness and unforgiveness. Those who allow these emotions to build up will end

up leaving the team. An understanding that confrontation may take place in these teams, closes the door to demons that have an agenda to cause division.

Enemies of Teams:

Strife, contention, gossip, bitterness, hurt, resentment, offense, unforgiveness, doubt, insecurities, control, double-mindedness, fear, fear of confrontation, rejection, fear of rejection, fear of men.

Prophets in Apostolic Teams

Apostolic teams need prophets. I believe every team should have prophets. Prophets can help build a team by keeping the insight and voice of God fresh in the team. The advancement of teams can be measured by the prophetic anointing found in the team.

Teams without prophets can become rigid and stagnant. Prophets consistently release the word of God to keep the teams flowing under fresh ideas.

Prophets will measure teams and provide insight to keep the team moving towards the right direction. This does not discredit the direction or order of apostles, but it will reinforce, confirm, and enhance it. Apostles and prophets work together.

Prophets will inspire teams through the prophetic word to stay current and maintain a level of excellence that will release new breakthroughs in the local church.

60 Trends that will Emerge with Teams

1. A greater emphasis of the importance of signs, wonders, and miracles (especially deliverance). This will prevent the Church from depending too much on rational, intellectual ways of approaching ministry. *(see 2 Corinthians 12; Matthew 10)*
Greater demonstrations of the power of God. *(see 1 Corinthians 2:4)*

2. A greater release of revelation and insight into the mysteries of God. Many portions of Scripture will come alive and be relevant. *(see Ephesians 3; 1 Corinthians 4)*

- 3.** Continue to expand the vision and outreach of the Church in order to break complacency, apathy, and limited vision; this includes expanding into new nations and territories. The release of a pioneering (proton) anointing. *(see Acts 9:19-31)*
- 4.** The raising up of new leaders and ministries, confirming, ordaining, and activating new gifts and callings. This will assure a continual supply of new ministries for the expansion of the Kingdom. Increase of emerging apostles and prophets mentored by more seasoned apostles and prophets. *(see 2 Timothy 2)*
- 5.** Enforcement of biblical standards for leadership, including elders (bishops). This will help to stem the tide of immorality and bad character in leadership. Standards concerning marriage, family, and divorce will be once again emphasized as a standard for leadership. *(see 1 Timothy 3)*
- 6.** Establishing the Kingdom into new regions and territories through church planting. This includes the release of apostolic, church planting teams. Raising up of Antioch churches that will have a sending and releasing mentality. *(see Acts 13)*
- 7.** Greater emphasis on spiritual warfare, including binding and loosing. Greater authority over territorial strongholds, including principalities and powers. *(see Matthew 16, 18)*
- 8.** Release of greater grace to handle increased persecution and suffering of the Church worldwide.
- 9.** Release of greater boldness to press forward in spite of suffering, persecution, and increased opposition to the message of the Kingdom of God.
- 10.** Release of greater resources for Kingdom advancement, including finances and human resources. Greater release of missionaries, both long-term and short-term, for the expansion of the Kingdom. This includes Kingdom businessmen and marketplace apostles. *(see Acts 4:34-37)*
- 11.** Strengthening of existing churches and confirmation of new churches. This will greatly strengthen the Church worldwide. *(see Acts 14:22, 15:32)*
- 12.** Releasing and maintaining an atmosphere of liberty in the churches that will be conducive for the moving of the Holy Spirit and operation of the gifts of the Spirit, including prophecy. *(see Acts 15:10)*

13. Contending with heresy and doctrinal divisions that keep the Church separated and divided. Defending the truth and preventing apostasy from infiltrating the Church.

14. Releasing the saints into their individual destinies and purposes. Releasing churches into their corporate destinies and purposes. Activating believers into their callings and empowering them to do the works of Jesus Christ.

15. Releasing the spirit of faith in believers and assemblies for Kingdom exploits. Apostles and prophets help us to believe for supernatural breakthroughs. As power ministers, they often operate with the gift of faith and release the spirit of faith. They help destroy and overcome the spirits of doubt and unbelief that hinder the saints from operating in faith. Warning the Church against the dangers of unbelief. *(see Acts 13:40-41)*

16. Releasing the fear of the Lord for greater reverence and respect for the things of God. *(see Acts 5)*

17. Greater release of the spirit of prayer and intercession. Increased burden for prayer and intercession. The release of prophetic prayer warriors for regions and territories. Restoration of all night prayer, citywide prayer, watch of the Lord, and corporate prayer. *(see 1 Timothy 2)*

18. Encouragement of fasting that releases humility and greater grace. *(see 2 Corinthians 11:27)*

19. Encouragement of individuals and churches to embrace a global vision and sending mentality. *(see Acts 13:47)*

20. Emphasis on foundational and important truth that establishes believers in the faith, preparing them for perfection (maturity). Rejection of teachings and any emphasis that are not important and do not matter. Bring redefinition to terms and doctrines that have been taught erroneously.

21. Encourage the baptism of the Holy Spirit as the doorway into the supernatural realm and Spirit-filled living. Emphasize the importance of utterance, including tongues and prophecy, along with impartation and release of these things through the laying on of hands. *(see Acts 2, 8, 10, 19)*

22. Upgrade of churches and regions into present truth. *(see Acts 19)*

- 23.** Creation of new wineskins to receive the new wine that is being released from Heaven. Renewing of old wineskins, including denominational structures and churches. *(see Mark 2:22)*
- 24.** Bringing reformation and change. Establishing and releasing new models for ministry. *(see Hebrews 9:10)*
- 25.** Helping the churches transition into new moves and patterns for ministry. Apostles are raised up during times of transition. *(see Joshua 1)*
- 26.** Help interpret new moves and validate them scripturally. *(see Acts 2)*
- 27.** Changing and shifting spiritual climates over regions and territories, causing a new receptivity to the Gospel and the things of the Holy Spirit.
- 28.** Relieving and helping the poor, orphans, and widows. A greater release of good works. *(see Acts 11; Titus 3:8)*
- 29.** A greater release of angelic activity through worship to God, prayer, and utterances, including apostolic decrees and prophetic declarations. *(see Acts 12:5-7)*
- 30.** Re-digging old wells. Re-establishment and restoration of truth that has been neglected or under-emphasized. *(see Genesis 26:18)*
- 31.** Greater release of judgments against immorality and sin both within the Church and society. Pronouncement of judgment upon wicked rulers, wicked governments, and wicked religious, economic and political systems. *(see Acts 12:23, 13:6-13)*
- 32.** Release of greater peace and grace in churches, especially persecuted and suffering churches. *(see Ephesians 1:2)*
- 33.** Release of greater favor for churches with local governments. *(see Acts 2:47)*
- 34.** Greater multiplication and church growth through evangelism and discipleship. *(see Acts 6:1,7)*
- 35.** Pulling down of strongholds and ideologies, including humanism, that have kept people from receiving the truth. *(see 2 Corinthians 10:4)*

- 36.** Greater acceleration of the purposes of God worldwide, including the fulfillment of Bible prophecies and prophetic utterances. (*see Jeremiah 1:12*)
- 37.** Greater manifestation of God's glory in the Church, including the manifest presence of God and the restoration of the tabernacle of David. (*see Acts 15; 2 Corinthians 3:8*)
- 38.** Greater release of the prophetic, including personal prophecy, corporate prophecy, prophetic teams and companies, prophets, prophetic worship, arts, dance, banners, and prophetic teaching and preaching. Apostles will encourage the prophetic in local churches and regions. (*see 1 Corinthians 14*)
- 39.** Greater clarity and understanding of the purposes of God, including the Great Commission. (*see Isaiah 14:24-27; Matthew 28:19-20*)
- 40.** Greater unity and cooperation between leaders and ministries in localities. (*see Ephesians 4:3*)
- 41.** Greater release of women and minorities into ministry and authority. Destruction of spirits of racism and sexism in the Church. Smaller nations and people groups being released into their destinies and redemptive purposes. (*see Acts 2*)
- 42.** Greater release of small groups through cell structure, releasing more believers to share their gifts with the Body. (*see Acts 2:46*)
- 43.** Greater testimony released in the earth, including martyrdom. (*see Revelation 12:11*)
- 44.** Greater impact and breakthrough into Jewish and Muslim people and those who have been historically resistant to the Gospel. Historical and generational rebellion will be confronted by apostolic leaders. (*see Acts 7:51*)
- 45.** Greater breakthroughs into media for the promotion of the Gospel, including Hollywood.
- 46.** Greater manifestation of demons, hardness of heart as the demonic realm reacts to the advancement of the Church and increased breakthrough. (*see Acts 16*)

- 47.** Restoration of proper government in the Church, including the restoration of governing presbyteries of apostles, prophets, and teachers. Challenging false government, including congregational and episcopal control. (*see 1 Corinthians 12:28*)
- 48.** Greater emphasis on holiness and righteousness in the Church. This will help stem the tide of worldliness and carnality. (*see 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7*)
- 49.** Greater impartation through the laying on of hands and prophecy. This will accelerate people into their callings and giftings. (*see Romans 1:11; 1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6*)
- 50.** Greater unity and team ministry. This will be especially true of apostles and prophets working together to build, plant and break through. Greater understanding of these gifts will help Believers walk in them accurately and bring greater blessing to the Church. The result will be the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry and the edifying of the Body of Christ as all five ministries are released and work together. (*see Ephesians 4:11-13*)
- 51.** Establishment and recognition of spiritual gatekeepers and gateway churches that operate in apostolic authority in cities, regions and territories. (*see Lamentations 5:14*)
- 52.** Increase of knowledge and breaking of spiritual ignorance and darkness, including superstition and idolatry. (*see Daniel 12:4*)
- 53.** Greater breakthroughs in inner cities and areas that have been neglected and abandoned. (*see Isaiah 54:3*)
- 54.** Greater emphasis on justice and righteousness in society. Dealing with unfairness, inequality, racism, and discrimination. (*see Isaiah 56:1, 59:4*)
- 55.** Greater emphasis on outreach, street ministry, prayer walking. Greater visibility outside of the four walls of the Church. (*see Acts 5:15*)
- 56.** Greater encouragement to sell all and forsake all for the sake of the Kingdom. More radical conversions and commitment from the saints. (*see Matthew 19:27*)
- 57.** Greater release of youth and children in salvation, gifts of the Spirit, and ministry. (*see Isaiah 44:3*)

58. Greater release of apostles and prophets, and more ministers step into these callings, being inspired to move into these gifts because of others who have preceded them. The fear and unbelief that have prevented many from walking in these callings will be overcome. The restoration of these gifts means that an abundance of these gifts will be seen in the end-times Church. Multiplied thousands will come forth in different cities, regions, and nations. (*see Deuteronomy 1:11*)

59. The Church will begin to contend for the faith that was once delivered unto the saints. (*see Jude 1:3*)

60. Continuous revival and refreshing released to the Church (*see Acts 3:19*). This is a result of repentance that comes from the conviction of the Holy Spirit, and this will precede the coming of the Lord (*see Acts 3:20*). Restoration of all that has been spoken by the prophets. (*see Acts 3:21*)

TRIBES, COMPANIES and ALIGNMENTS

Tribes

One of the terms that I use often when teaching on teams is the term *tribe*. Through the years, I have seen people battling rejection manifest over this terminology. They try to clean up their demon manifestation by using false humility and religious terms. The reality is that their anger about terms like *tribe* is rooted in their own pain. They have not yet found where they fit.

Teams are best developed in the midst of a *tribe*. What exactly is a *tribe* and why is this an appropriate term in the context of teams? To properly answer that question, we need to look at the actual definition of the word *tribe*. According to Webster's online dictionary, the word *tribe* means: a group of people that includes many families and relatives who have the same language, customs, and beliefs, a large family, a group of people who have the same job or interest.

When looking at the word *tribe*, a clear picture emerges. It is talking about a covenant group that resembles a family that is unified in their goal, vision, methodology and pursuit. The Kingdom has really always been about family. To properly understand the apostolic, you must begin with the concept of covenant

families. True apostolic companies are **tribes**. They are families moving in the same direction, speaking the same language, and pressing towards the same goals.

A **tribe** is built upon the foundation of a spiritual family. The Lord knits hearts together for a common purpose. Paul did not just view Timothy as a student or a protégé, but as a true son. The use of the word true indicates that there was some level of proving.

Timothy my true son in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. 1 Timothy 1:2

When you connect with an apostolic leader there will be proving. There will be proving in the area of warfare. You will endure battles because you are connected with the leader and the apostolic mandate upon their life. There will be a proving of character. Authentic apostolic ministry evaluates character. Paul was abundantly clear in his writings both to Timothy and to Titus that character is paramount in choosing leaders. There will be a proving of endurance. To keep up with an apostle and apostolic mandates, you must be able to maintain both your spiritual and natural strength.

Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. And a disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek, and he was well spoken of by the brethren who were in Lystra and Iconium. Paul wanted this man to go with him; and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those parts, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. Now while they were passing through the cities, they were delivering the decrees which had been decided upon by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem, for them to observe. So the churches were being strengthened in the faith, and were increasing in number daily. Acts 16:1-5

Paul met young Timothy during his ministry travels and formed a supernatural connection. I always say that when you find your **tribe** they will make “your baby kick!” What they preach, what they pray, what they say will speak to the destiny that is in your life. You will feel a deep spiritual bond.

Timothy was well spoken of. I believe that Paul vetted Timothy. He did not just immediately take him under his wing. Moving too fast in connecting to people without knowing both their strengths and weaknesses can lead to spiritual shipwreck. Developed apostolic leaders move with intention and precision. They may connect to someone with major flaws, but they want to know what they are

getting into and make sure there is a grace to minister deliverance and strengthen them. Character matters!

Paul circumcised Timothy. He cut an adult male in the most tender place before their relationship really got going. Imagine a leader cutting you deep right up front! Most of us could not endure that, but I believe this provides a prophetic picture. Apostolic relationships will require cutting and proven submission. Everyone wants to join a *tribe* and be sent on a team, but no one wants to be cut! A good apostle will cut the tender areas to prove and refine you.

The apostolic ministry is a working and moving ministry. It is constantly in pursuit of the ultimate goal of effective Kingdom ministry and radical transformation. Apostles are not sitting around just waiting on God to move. They are moving and advancing with the mandate of Heaven. If you become a part of an apostolic *tribe* you must be willing to labor!

A *tribe* is a people of purpose. When you find your *tribe*, you find where you belong. This level of connection provides identity and brings clarity. Being in the midst of a people on a mission, activates the sense of mission in your own life.

Apostolic Companies

I became aware of the concept of *apostolic companies* as I began to study the movement and mandate of the Church in the book of acts. It was clear to me that this was not just a group of people sitting and listening to someone teach. This was a company of people set ablaze by God to do tremendous exploits.

When God sends an apostle into a territory to establish a Kingdom work, the objective is much greater than just planting a local church or regional ministry with a group of people showing up weekly. This is one of the concepts that the religious spirit has sowed into the hearts of people in the modern Church. They think that as long as they show up, listen to the preaching and amen, they are doing their job. Every leader is thankful for people that show up! That is the first step but then there must be training, activation and impartation for Kingdom work.

Many apostles lose their strength and grow frustrated because the people expect them to transform the region and get the breakthrough on their own. This was never the plan of God. One of the primary jobs of an apostle is to gather, train and

cultivate an ***apostolic company***. The company becomes God's change agents on Earth!

What is an ***apostolic company***? A group of people operating under a united cause and mandate. They are knit by The Spirit and operating under an awareness of mission/purpose.

Apostles build with companies and teams. From the tribe there arises a company or companies and many teams to fulfill the mandate. Apostles build with groups!

According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it. 1 Corinthians 3:10

Part of the building process is slowly and methodically establishing a company who will occupy the territory and release the Kingdom.

And He called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all the demons and to heal diseases. And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to perform healing. Luke 9:1-2

A company is not just five-fold ministry gifts but a *sent people*. An ***apostolic company*** is comprised of many people united around the common mission. This breaks the religious paradigm which operates based on felt needs.

The Philippian Church became an ***apostolic company*** concerning giving.

You yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone; for even in Thessalonica you sent a gift more than once for my needs. Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account. But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God. And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:15-19

- They transitioned from sowing into needs to partnering with an apostolic assignment

- Apostolic companies come into alignment with apostolic assignments and mantles

Companies and Teams

Apostolic teams will arise from an *apostolic company*. What is the difference? The team is like the tip of the spear going in with a specific strike. Teams have designated assignments and a united purpose. They are focused according to the particular mandate. Their spear cuts through the kingdom of darkness, breaking the veil and releasing Kingdom power. A company is the full spear lodging deep and bringing lasting results. An apostolic church, ministry or base can form an *apostolic company* in a particular region. An apostolic ministry will often appoint various teams under the direction of the primary apostle involved. The apostle may or may not be on site.

Apostolic people are mission minded. Apostolic people are sent. *Apostolic companies* occupy! Apostolic tribes build, seek, live, and move together. Apostolic teams have specific purpose, order and rank to accomplish the overall goal.

Agreement and awareness of the mission is critical. Teams and companies must be aware of the overall mandate and submitted to it. It is vital to find out where, what and to whom you are being sent. Know the vision and mission of the company of which you are a part.

God will knit you with key leaders, mentors, apostles, fathers, and mothers. Don't just connect with the first person that prophesies to you! Find where you belong and invest there. Recognize these key alignments and sow into them. Many are missing next level ministry in this hour because they are missing the strength of these alignments.

Don't place your own false expectations on the relationship. Don't make it a soulish relationship. It is not a friendship producing the emotional benefits of a friendship. It's a spiritual relationship...spiritual relationships always have a mandate on them for Kingdom purpose. Examples: Paul and Timothy, Elijah and Elisha, Jesus and the Disciples. In each of these examples there was a life-changing relationship! These were not typical friendships, but God ordained alignments with strong Kingdom purpose. There is a person and there are people who will unlock certain dimensions of your calling. It is vital that you obey God's leading in these spiritual relationships and prioritize them. Do not take them lightly. They are the gateway to mega transformation and acceleration in your life and ministry.

A spiritual relationship requires covenant mentality. Meaning you are in it for the long haul, until the Lord releases you, not an emotional release. Do not allow the ups and down to stall out the covenant relationships in your life. Do not allow an offense or misunderstanding to cause you to run away from a life-giving covenant.

Finally, pray and believe God to find the place where you fit! Ask God to show you your role in this move of God. He has a perfect place and people for you. He wants to anoint you with apostolic momentum and sending. Look for those who will run in the vision with you. Look for those who are passionate about the things of God. Look for those who are burning with the same mandate as you.

Listen for voices that speak to your spirit and charge your faith! There is a *tribe* for you! There is a *company* for you to be a part of! There is a *team* for you to serve on.

Leaders, allow God to deliver you from the one-man paradigm. Heed the instruction of Jethro to Moses and realize that if you do not raise up quality teams, you will stall out corporate momentum and weary yourself. You need others to accomplish these goals! You need help. You need to pour yourself into others. The apostolic assignment on your life demands a company and teams.

Part of the unfolding reform is a return to the team concept. We were never made to do life and Kingdom alone. We are all called to be a part of something much bigger than our own resources and gifts. **Apostolic teams** will be at the forefront of this next move! Powerful building and advancing momentum will be unlocked by teams. **Let's run with the mandate!**