

**CCCLiVE.TV Word for the Year - 2011**  
**Ps Kev—Sunday 13th Feb 2011**

**Intro:** New Wine Skin - we will be in that phase for approx 3years & then will come the new wine.

New Wine Skin - new structure & systems that have the capacity to hold the new move of God's spirit to come.

We have come a long way & our God is well pleased! However as a people we have one more journey to take before the New Wine Skin is fully in place,

It's a journey of reflection & soul searching, a time of preparation & testing so that God can be confident that we will remain faithful to Him.

### **SOUL SEARCHING**

Why has the church over the last 2 decades lost God's presence & power?

Ahah moments - why have we lost your power? Kevin you're asking the wrong question, the right question to ask is why have I withdrawn my presence & power? That exploded in my for it changes the way you look at everything..

#### **Over the years people have said oh its the:**

Worship - songs are too me focused & wordy.

- Teaching - of being seeker too sensitive,
- People are Time Poor - Life has got more busy, there is so much more to juggle & balance,
- No Fear of God
- Love for God has grown cold,

I have spent much time with the Father trying to understand what has happened. Why did God withdraw his presence & power? & I did not get what I was expecting.

All of these things are symptom's resulting from what happened.

**Devotions this week** we find two accounts that once again confirmed for me what God is saying went wrong.

In **Acts 12:23** we see Herod delivering a public address before the people & the people shouted “ This is the voice of a god, not of man. Herod did not give praise to God, and angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms & died.

**Acts 14** - when God does miracles through Barnabas & Paul & the people refer to them as the gods: Zues & Hermes - they tear their clothes in grief & morning and in great distress they proclaim to the people we are just fellow humans & they deflect the praise to God where it belonged. As a result of this, the good news kept spreading, people were starting their journey as disciples. Paul even though stoned to death by the angry crowd, came back to life to live again.

*Here was the beginning of the End*

**Leaders of the day** began to take praise for themselves & it all became about building their kingdom instead of God's kingdom! So God began to withdraw.

Men & women began to take praise unto themselves & they began to use God's people for their own plans & purposes.

Forgetting that God is a jealous God & he will not share his glory with another. God is either everything to you or he is nothing! He will not be one of many of a number of things important to you.

**[Deuteronomy 4:23-24](#) (NIV)**

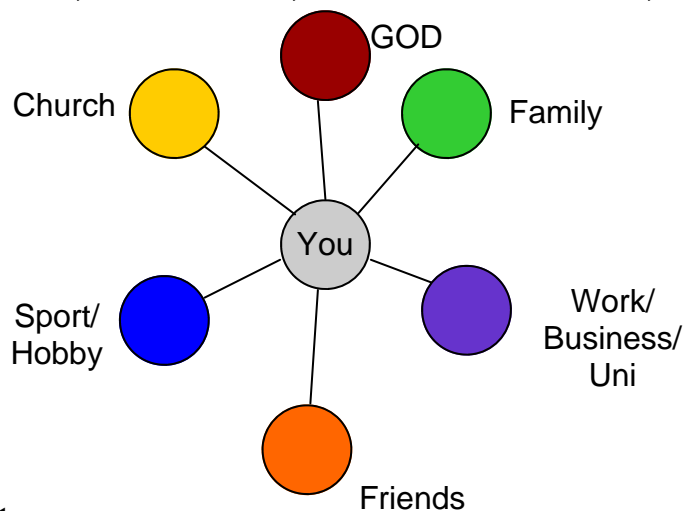
Be careful not to forget the covenant of the LORD your God that he made with you; do not make for yourselves an idol in the form of anything the LORD your God has forbidden. For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

**So God's hand of blessing began to be lifted** from ministries & churches because leaders began to take praise unto themselves instead of giving glory to God. What this did was leave men & woman to operate out of their own human strength. This pressure to control & lead God's church from human strength began to become such a

burden that people started burning out, marriages began to fail, kids walked from church & God in rebellion, character leaked & moral failure began to multiply rapidly & all along people are wondering where God has gone!

**This concern for burnout** - started a revolution of the need for balance & control in our lives & we walked into the devils trap by developing a new model to manage our lives in balance. A model that has literally choked the life out of the people..

**Here's the Model** - family, God, Church, career, relationships, education, business, health & fitness, sports & hobbies.



### **Result:**

- We started the process of wearing masks - duplicity! - instead of being one person we started to become chameleons changing to be accepted by whatever group we happen to be with at the time.
- In an endeavour to live a life of balance “go from idolatry to idolatry.”

What we have here is compound error - leadership that have forgotten their place & now in the flesh out of desperation the implementation of a system that will completely rob the people of life as well.

**Is it any wonder out of this model** why we see people only periodically taking time to worship God on a Sunday. Why - because church is only one of about 10 things that we have to balance in life. Is it any wonder we are all so exhausted the devil has us chas-

ing our tails in the name of balance.

**So we have leaders** who have lost Gods presence now implementing a system of death that distracts us from our pure devotion to Christ - and now we wonder why we do not have God's presence & power in our lives. What does **James 1** say *let not a double minded person think they will receive anything from God for they are unstable in all their ways.*

**Let me ask you a Question** - what is the major flaw in this model?

Jesus said my prayer is that they would be one as we are one, you in me & I in them, & they in us?

**John 17:20-23** (NIV)

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. *May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.*

Jesus is the head, we are the body (the church)

**Eph 5** - *Christ head of body, husband head of wife, the two becoming one,*

**Col 1:18** - *Christ head of the church his body so that he might have supremacy in everything,*

***Thinks about this!***

Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father, listening to & taking instruction from the father, he then passes that information onto us via the third person of the trinity (the Holy Spirit) - the Holy Spirit gift to the church.

Can you see the error that created all of the problems we face today?

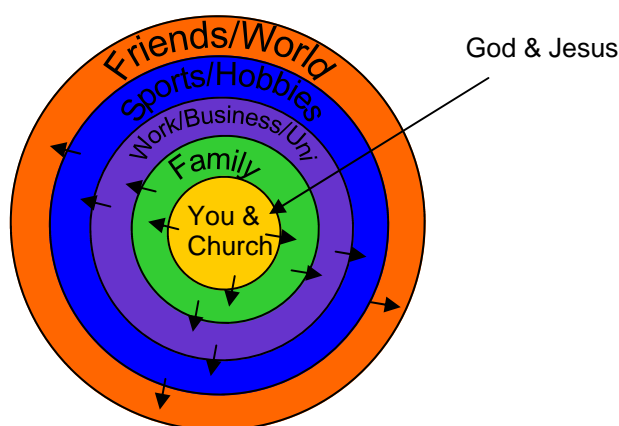
**WE HAVE SEPARATED GOD FROM THE CHURCH** - you cannot

separate from the Church.

The church is the vehicle that God is using to prepare His people for eternity with Him. He is working in us via his spirit through the head of the church his Son. Of which we are one with him & he with the Father.

**Eg** Call of Kevin - Ipswich, was a call to a church. Anne & relocated our whole life around our spiritual home & family. We moved close by so we could be at all weekend experiences, attend prayer meetings, attend discipleship classes, do life in a Life Group. God wanted us in the family so we calibrated, orientated our whole life around the church...that is the book of Acts kind of church - and God displayed great power and great presence in our midst but in our arrogance we lost his presence because of stealing praise & then out of all we have left the flesh we set up a model that would confuse being & doing leading us into duplicity & idolatry.

**God's Model** - so we can return to it.



In this model we stay Christ centered, single focused with all of our support from life emanating out from the church via the Holy Spirit. Its roles is to transform us into the image of Christ ready for heaven.

**Eg** Men - do you really want to have the responsibility to disciple your wife & children all to yourself? **Eph 5** - washing our wives with the water of the Word, training up our children in the ways of the Lord...HOW - devotions & journaling.

Jesus the head speaks to the body "the church" - organs outside of the body have a limited life span just like organs harvested from the body have only a small window of time to remain alive & useful.

Ever heard people say you don't have *to go to church to be a Christian - that's a lie, Christ gives instruction to his followers through his body the church! The life flows from the throne down into the body as it is joined together to carry the presence of God!*

- 1. Leaders** - who stole glory that belonged to God by starting to building their kingdom instead of God's kingdom,
- 2. A new model** - that separated God from the church causing us to live in duplicity & idolatry as we endeavor to have balance in our lives.

Unfortunately the result of living like this has left a lot of junk in the Well of our life - many of us operate now out of the best intentions & opinions of our family, friends & work associates as our basis for living life instead of living from the absolute truth of God's word.

Our Spiritual enemy has filled up the pure well of Christ within us with the things of this earth. He has caused us to listen to multiple voices & influences but God wants us back listening to one voice, the voice of the great shepherd whom we are to become like.

**THE WELL** - is so important as all life evolves around the well, when wells dried up in times past whole towns simply disappeared... Life is found around the WELL.

We are WELLS, the church the great WELL where the pure spirit of Christ can flow.

**Gen 26: 12-15** *the Amalkites filled up the wells with the things of this earth in order to rob the people of God of blessing & their ability to remain in the land. When Isaac comes along who is a type of Christ -the first thing he does is dig out the wells so that the water & life can flow again.*

Through this model the devil has filled our wells, with the things of this earth, half truth's & now Christ is coming to say its time to dig out the wells so that the pure water of Christ can once again spring up from within us. From the father, through the son the head, into the body of the church.

OUR JOURNEY - is one of cleaning out our well

- Look at wrong influences in our life including our family of origin,
- Looking for half truths, **Eg Sexual Immorality**
- Adjustment of attitudes to be in line with the mind of Christ,
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**JOURNEY - through the wilderness.** Moses took the people of God through the wilderness to the far side of the desert to make connection with God's presence & power.

**JESUS - went through the wilderness** before he stepped into the Father's presence & power!

**Luke 4** - have you ever wondered why Jesus had to go through the wilderness time of testing? He was the sinless son of God? I think it is amazing how we avoid wilderness times as we feel they are not of God, but the Holy Spirit actually led people into the wilderness!

People today are so afraid of solitude & silence WHY - I believe we are afraid of what God might say to us.

### **What was Jesus tested in?**

1. If you are the Son of God - his Identity " Do you know who you are?"
2. He was hungry - the devil went straight to his area of weakness to see if he could be swayed,
3. He was shown all the kingdoms of this world & offered its power & glory if he would just bow down & worship - could he be bought off, what was attitude to money, power & influence,
4. He took him to the top of the temple - huh church to see if he could get him to do something stupid like throw himself down - is he emotionally immature!

*Ps Wayne said in LifeSkills for Leaders says "It is impossible to be spiritually mature while remaining emotionally immature."*

**What was this test about?** God was trying to find out how much of Jesus natural *family of origin* was in the mix when it came to him making decisions under pressure. All those things we develop our attitude, approach & response to from our family of origin or close friendships.

How did Jesus pass? - "IT IS WRITTEN" God's Word had greater pre-eminence over his decision making process. Responses were not made out of personal culture from our families growing up, but all responses are made from Kingdom Culture via revelation of the Holy Spirit out of the Word of God. (Devotions - you must know your sword if you are to defend yourself)

**Final Journey** - to God's presence & power, it's the final stage of our New Wine Skin ready for the new wine & God every so often just pours a little bit in to give us a taste of what is to come.

He is calling us a people to walk with him through the wilderness to establish contact with his presence & power.

**Dig out our well** to get all the junk that the devil has thrown in there out - it's time to remove opinions of personal culture & see it replaced with Kingdom culture. "the Word" and the more junk we get out of our well the more the flow of the river of living water will begin to flow up from within us.

**Confidence - in your leadership** that all glory will be given to God as we are about building His Kingdom & not ours!

- See the purpose of the church as the vehicle that God is using to keep us connected with him & transformed into the image of his son. **Fall in love with the church & position her at the altar of your heart & home - orientate your life around her.** For she is your ally to help you on yours & your families discipleship journey, she reveals the narrow path of life through which is becoming a dark world.

- It's time to leave the SHALLOW BEHIND **this model** leads to a shallow life as you fracture yourself trying to please everyone. But this model leads to A RICH DEEP WELL OF LIFE that is singularly focused on the destination of being prepared for heaven & helping others along the way.

**? How does God want us as a church to reach, my family,**

**work, business & student associates, how does he want to reach my friends, sports & hobby partners, how does he want to reach our neighbors & the world around me through us as a church.**

Single focus, no duplicity, no need for mask, no need for balance & frequent stints of idolatry.

**It's time to go on an inward journey** - a soul searching journey to find out what is of God & what is not! I promise you if you decide to go on it, you will experience **Freedom** like you have never had before, you will experienced **Faith** like you never have before, you will start of **Flourish** like you never have before...

**Why?** because the junk will be out of the well & pure spring of life will flow from within! Sin still produces death & we must rid our well of sin..

Live together before your married,

- Everyone messes with pornography,
- If he or she is not meeting your needs divorce them,
- Use the worlds language swearing, tell dirty jokes....**Eg** just this week on face-book swearing.
- Angry, bitter, hurt,
- Manipulative & controlling,

**Have a listen to a couple who have already been on this journey & see if you can work out the WORD..**

**AV** - Emotionally Healthy Spirituality.... Peter & Geri Scazzero  
*As a church we are going to go on this journey together later in the year when God desires!*

Its time to clean the well, its time to deal with our pasts, its times to experience more Freedom, more Faith, its time to Flourish more - all we have got to be prepared to do is **ONE THING...**

You must be prepared to go **DEEPER.....** - you must start to once again hunger & thirst after God, you must be prepared to deal with issues of your past, you must make a decision of your will to say no more, I will no longer stay the way I am, I want to be different , I

want more of God.. I am going deeper whatever it takes!!

### Deeper in:

- Relationship with God - not satisfied with shallow & average. We will no longer be satisfied to live without his presence & power.
- Worship - to allow God to touch & move us deeply,
- Devotion - Word of God - Apply TRUTH
- Service - Servant of ALL - by being Servant of ONE
- Community - hold each other accountable & challenge in love when we see inconsistencies contrary to scripture, but everything will be done in love.
- Evangelism - making time to meet them out on their turf.

Become a **DEEPER CHURCH** - by becoming **DEEPER PEOPLE**.

CCCLiVE.TV - we will be known not as a place that controls people by boundaries, but a place that provides a rich flowing Well of the presence of Christ in relationships. People will long to come & drink & be refreshed & envisioned for the future. A Deep Well where God & his people come to fellowship.

**Eg** Outback Australia “Fences Vs Wells”

Year of Intentional Discipleship.... DEEPER...will you go on the journey with us? Will you take the walk through the wilderness to experience God's presence & power once again? Its the final stage of preparing the Wine Skin for the New Wine!

Never try & carry yesterday's manna into today,

- Only exception - was the Sabbath - every 6th day you need to collect twice as much & prepare if for the day of rest.
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*As it is in the natural so it is in the spiritual.*

We need daily grace, the scriptures say sufficient for each day is its own trouble. We need to daily receive revelation from the Father from His Word to sustain us for what is to come! It needs to be a daily practice, you see as at midnight tonight today disap-

pears into eternity along with everything attached to it including the Grace - that is why we need to do ( Daily Devotions - Journalling)

- We must also realize we cannot carry stuff from yesterday into what God is doing today, when you try and carry yesterday's revelation & yesterday's victories into today, things start going very wrong, in fact we start going very wrong.. **Eg** Idolize the good old days! - ( God was moving, speaking in tongue everywhere, people were falling over under the power of God, laughing & words of knowledge were happening every week, people were being healed, worshiped for 3 hours - it was awesome! So let me ask you this if it was so good, why did so many people loose their marriage, their kids reject God & now today many of them don't even serve & worship God anywhere in church! The truth is the good old days were not that good, I know I was there! **Eg** Pastor / Words of Knowledge - not being healed! (let go of yesterday)

- God is always doing a new thing & we must continually be *that new thing if we wish to become great. I believe God desires to use us to display his greatness through all of us. We just have to understand that looks like.*

**Who coined the phrase "I am the Greatest"** - Song - was he the greatest of his time? **Eg** Dad shaving / hit bathroom floor.

**Thesis:** I believe the destiny of greatness awaits us all once we discover the path!

**Don't Confuse - Success / Greatness** ( *Mother Theresa - had nothing that one attributes to earthy success, but kings & politicians around the world listened to her voice*) - (*Martin Luther Kings*) *Jesus did not even have a place to lay his head, he died with the clothes on his back - not much of a sign of success but he was destined for greatness by providing eternal life for all!*

When we think of greatness certain names come to mind like Moses - parting Red Sea, David - killing Goliath, Ruth & Naomi, Rahab & the spies, Elijah -calling down fire on prophets of baal, Peter walking on water & of course Jesus.

I think people are very confused today about greatness especially when it comes to Leadership. So many books have been written about this sought after commodity among the masses. "Leaders" Some of the problem stems from the fact that in order to build a classic leadership roles you mostly have to return to old covenant where God chose certain people to be his spokes people & they were broken into 3 categories:

**Prophet** - who spoke on God's behalf with that very intimidating "Thus Saith the Lord" - no evidence of this under the new covenant.

- **Priest** - taught the people covenantal life to live in holiness,
- **Kings** - link between God & the people for rule & reign,
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These are your classic leadership roles - top down, pyramid, patriarchal leadership. And this is what people often think of when they hear about greatness & great leaders!

**Enter Jesus** - in *Heb 1: 1 -2 In the Past, when in the past - God spoke to our forefather through the prophets at many times & in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his SON...In past times he use to speak through the old leadership style of the prophet, priest & king. However now talks to people via his Son. His Son through whom the whole world & everything in it finds its origin. Now through Jesus death, burial & resurrection God has provided salvation to all of mankind & now he sits at the right hand of God and his spirit has been sent to this earth to convict the world of sin & righteousness.*

*Jesus is now our Prophet, Priest & King - he is now sitting at the right hand of God & all believers now have the potential to live as kings & priest before the king of kings. Notice only kings & priest not prophets - that is Jesus role! **Eg Eph 4** - Ascension gifts - roles of Apostles , Prophets, Pastors & teacher etc - what is their*

*role to train up the saints to live prophetically from the voice of the great shepherd..*

*So you can imagine why*

**Eg** Pharisees & Sadducee's hated him - Jesus was dismantling their whole leadership structure. People no longer had to go through them to get to God but they could go through Jesus himself.

Jesus is implementing a whole new leadership structure, a whole different pathway to greatness. And they hated him WHY - because they were loosing control of the people!

### **Mark 9:33-37 (NIV)**

They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, **"If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all."** *He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."* **Eg Disciples - tried to stop children getting to Jesus? Why, why did they do that? Answer - that had seen the religious leaders in the old system push children away!**

*If you want to achieve Greatness- here is the pathway...*

## **1. Become the Servant of ALL**

Jesus himself said I did not come to be served but to serve & give my life as a ransom for many.

How on earth do you become the servant of all? There is so much need, so much suffering I just don't have enough hours of the day. So we shy away from it.

Q - if Jesus was called the servant of All - why did he not heal every sick person? why did he not raise every dead person he came across from the dead? why did he only minister to one per-

son waiting by pool & leave everyone else sit in their misery?

Being the servant of all does not mean you help everyone that comes along your path. Being the servant means your available to God the Father to help anyone he as the **Master** chooses for you to engage with. Jesus said I only does what his father tells him to do and friends that the secret to being the servant of All.

## **2. By being the Servant of the ONE - God the Father.**

We must carry within us a humility of heart that makes us available to serve anyone, anywhere & at anytime should the master / Father make the request of us!

**Mission** - To partner with the Holy Spirit to lead people to become fully devoted followers of Christ.

**Eg** - share faith, pray for every sick person - I just try to maintain and ongoing relationship with the Father through the Holy Spirit. I try to simply ask God when I see someone. Is there something you would like me to say to encourage this person, or is there something you want to do, would you like me to pray for this person. If the prompt is not there I move one, cause up the servant of ONE - as the servant of One I am available to be the servant of All..

## **3. Serving starts with the Household of Faith - the body of Christ!**

**John 13: 1-17** *It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you*

*going to wash my feet?” Jesus replied, “You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” “No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me. “Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!” Jesus answered, “A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you.” For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them. “You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.*

We will be blessed if we do this NOT if we just know it.

This is where Jesus really modelled for them the new paradigm of Servant Leadership. He takes of his teachers robe & picks up the towel and basin and starts to wash his disciples feet. This would have freaked them out to see Jesus in this light. Jesus is really driving home to them that this new leadership, its not like the old style of leadership which lords it over people, this new leadership starts with simple acts of kindness's and service. The towel & basin are now the pathway to greatness & it is not based on titles of terror.

**So how does the towel launch us to greatness?**

**What is the process?**

You just start serving somewhere with no hidden agendas,

- The group of people start to notice your service, they notice something different about you, **Eg** uneducated & unschooled person but we *can tell they have been with Jesus. They start to see you in a different light.*

- Fruit starts to flow from the area of which you are serving as God puts his finger on your life, peoples hearts start to respond to you.
- You start to stand out from the crowd, you start to look, feel & smell different to the culture of this world. You are beginning to run counter culture.. Kingdom Culture!

**Studies** - Pac Rim Australia (waited along time for God to decide what he wanted to use to develop servant hearted leaders)

*Education is good to complement calling, it is never any use to establish calling!*

**A Leaders Servant Heart & Call is prepared in the wilderness of servanthood!**

**Moses** 40yrs - felt called to save his people, he was 80yrs old before God could finally use him. Moses thought that the leadership he had learned from the world would be accepted by the people of God. He quickly discovered that is not the case. He spent 40yrs learning to be a servant!

**David** spent 17yrs tending sheep, & then after one great victory he spends 13yrs on the run for his life from the jealous king Saul...

**Jesus** - 27yrs unknown to all but known to God,

**Kevin** - 20yrs in Ipswich - - was going there to do God a favour with my gifts & talents, 20yrs later when all of my pride, arrogance & self assurance are all gone. Now God tells me its time for him to do something. "What the"

Leaders are prepared for greatness as they serve & then suddenly God puts his finger on them & they rise to the surface seemly out of no-where.

**For us to accomplish the Vision & Mission** he has given us for the Gold Coast - we need everyone of us to step into greatness by stepping into servanthood. Be the servant of ALL by

being the Servant of ONE.

It's time to throw away yesterday's Manna - that area of service which once satisfied you now has to be let go off & thrown away. It is time to stop remembering what was & it's time to start dreaming about what will be! It's time to allow God to do a new thing.

**Eg** Discovered after 20years of being a Servant & serving in multiple positions.

Each time God asked me to serve in a different area & department it meant going back to the basics of towel & basin. Each time God led me in the same process of taking something that looked like it was dead in the water & slowly seeing God breathe new life into it & then it would flourish and God would tell me to hand it over. It's how I went from UNI Students, Youth Ministry, Young Adults , Pastoral Care, Outreach Coordinator to Creative Arts, Senior Associate Pastor to Senior Pastor.

I would be asked to serve a group of people,

- I would pick up a towel & serve and support them (Fractal Ministry - DCAT)
- After a season of proving myself & earning their trust they realize I am here for the long haul and I truly have their best interest at heart before God,
- They then begin to embrace me as a God appointment, (18months -2yrs)
- Senior Leadership watches what God is doing so they can endorse, celebrate & begin to release and affirm my appointment,

**So Many Mistakes - 1 Cor 12:18** - God who arranges to parts of the body how he desires to fulfill his purposes.

**Leader** - eager to shortcut greatness see a powerful gift operation within a church and he thinks to himself if only I could get that gift in my church. So they headhunt the guy & bring him into the church. After only a short period of time the leader cant understand why things are not flying the way they did in his other church. They have made a fundamental mistake.

**Organ - transplant** taking place & if it is not done God's way then you get organ rejection taking place. If that big shot leader thinks that everyone else is here to support his gift & his ministry, and if God's people sense he does not have the humility to pick up the towel & serve. The other parts of the body will literally shut him down till he dies.

**You must remember** - the reason why he was working so well in his other church is because he had picked up the towel & basin and serve until God elevated him through the people he was loving. His power & gift came through;

- Humility of servanted
- Body acceptance over time
- Leaderships endorsement of God on the move,
- DNA - of that part of the body in which it functioned.
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**How your gift operated** in your last church will need to be adjusted by God in order for it to work in Triple C Live, our values & philosophy of ministry, our calling is very different to most, not better just different because of the kind of vision God has called us to. Your ability to take up the towel is what allows the time for the other organs of the body to adjust & accept you are part of the body.

The Pathway to Greatness - is in our ability to start afresh each day as a servant of ALL by being a Servant of ONE.  
It's time to let go of the old & start allowing God to build something new,

**This is they way all leadership should be selected & if more church leaders appointed leaders from out of this process, they would not have half the mess they get with egos out of control & powerplays for titles.**

Do you remember when a few of the boys approached Jesus about sitting on his right & left. Lets read it,

## Mark 10:35-40 (NIV)

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask." "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory." "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, but ***to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.***"

Jesus is the head of this Church - no position is mine to give it must be given to those whom God has appointed to it, that is how I lead & I am training up our team to adopt the same approach.

1. Watch those picking up a towel & basin to serve the ONE,
2. Watch how the other organs either accept or reject the position,
3. Look for fruit as a result of their service, do they have the mark on them of being with JESUS! - you can always train & give education but you can manufacture being with Jesus!
4. Once body has embraced the gifts function,
5. Then as leaders we can begin the process endorsing, celebrating & releasing in an appropriate way,

**In 2011** - let go of the old previous Manna & allow God to start a new thing - greatness awaits us all if we are willing to go there through the towel & basin as servant of All.

It doesn't matter what you did in your last area / department of service or even what you did in your last church. We all start within every change by picking up a towel & basin in loving service of the saints. Its in the process by which God takes care of organ rejection, making adjustments to the new organ gift coming in & the other organs who have been around for awhile. A Destiny of Greatness awaits those who are willing to

take the journey.

**This will not be a one off thing** - I have been continually returning to the towel as each assignment is handed me from heaven & that will be true for many of you starting today. LifeChurch - towel & basin, Pacific Rim - Towel in order for God to do something great within us. Don't let another year go by without walking the pathway of greatness!

Be the Servant of All - by being the Servant of ONE - you are available to all humanity but only at the Master's or Father's request for engagement! MISSION - to partner with the Holy Spirit to lead people to become fully devoted followers of Christ!  
Test: You discover how well you are doing at being a servant when someone actually treats you like one!

C'mon church we have mission to do & it involves seeing God's kingdom extended into every aspect of our city & nation!

Lets make our life goal to reach our destiny of greatness & hear those immortal words " Well Done Good & Faithful Servant"

### **Let's Pray**

Know - you have been hanging onto yesterdays Manna & you are ready to let it go (Just stand to your feet - throw it at the altar)

