



Church is not built around a personality but God's presence, power, and purpose.

God adds people to the church so that the church can add people to God.

*Praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:47*

*And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, Acts 5:14*

*But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:42*

*But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Matthew 6:33*

**1. You are always carrying something—either the pressure of the problem or the power of His presence.**

*And they commanded the people, saying, "When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it. Joshua 3:3*

You don't have to be Moses or Joshua to carry God's presence—it's your daily responsibility as a royal priest.

*But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 1 Peter 2:9*

**2. When your shoulders carry the presence, your feet become conduits of God's power.**

*And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, that the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off, the waters that come down from upstream, and they shall stand as a heap." Joshua 3:13*

*and as those who bore the ark came to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests who bore the ark dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks during the whole time of harvest), Joshua 3:15*

When His presence rests on you, His power moves through you.

*So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," Says the LORD of hosts. 'Who are you, O great mountain? Before*



*Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone With shouts of "Grace, grace to it!" ' ' " Zechariah 4:6*

The Jordan won't part because of your efforts but because of His presence.

### **3. You don't need to announce your relationship with God; He will make it evident by how He moves in your life.**

*And the LORD said to Joshua, "This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. Joshua 3:7*

You don't need to promote your relationship with God, because God will promote His relationship with you.

Joshua was already a leader. God's promotion wasn't about status—it was about receiving the power needed to fulfill his calling. God will mark you as He marked Moses, but He won't move in your life exactly as He moved through Moses. When God marks you, His favor follows you. When you walk faithfully with God, you will begin to experience what it means for God to walk with you—and that brings favor.

*"Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. Psalm 91:14*

God's favor isn't for status—it's for service. And when He marks you, it's to empower you for His assignment.

*Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. John 15:2*

*"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. John 15:5*

Level of Fruitfulness:

- No fruit
- Fruit
- More fruit
- Much fruit
- Fruit that remains (Jn 15:16)

#### **Establishing Daily Encounters:**

##### **Priority:**

Daily encounters with God are not extras; they are essentials.

##### **Path:**

There is only one way to God—through Jesus—but there are many ways to connect with Him. Connect with God as you are, not as someone you admire. Your relationship with Him should be personal, not a copy of someone else's.



**Plan:** Encountering

God involves speaking to Him in prayer, hearing His voice through Scripture, and experiencing His presence in worship.

**Preparation:**

How you live your day shapes how you encounter God, and how you encounter God shapes how you live your day.