

A People Prepared for Their Inheritance

Once again, the topic of preparedness is heavy on my heart. The days ahead are glorious but we will not understand them or be able to participate in much of it, if we are not prepared.

We can be taught about what happens when a tornado comes. We can be trained to do what needs to be done during a tornado. But often this does not mean we are prepared to handle everything that could happen during a tornado. We need more than teaching and training; we need preparation.



It seems with God there is always a one-two-three process. It is quite fascinating to spend time meditating on this aspect of God. He comes to us where we are (step 1) to get us to move from glory to glory until we move into the transitioning or transforming place (step 2), where he strips us of the old and clothes us with what we need for the new. Then, if we are willing, we enter into our promise, our inheritance (step 3).

This one-two-three process was illustrated in the Old Testament tabernacle. We can be content where we are in the outer-court where God speaks to us through others. We learn about God from our preachers. We seek out prophets to tell us what to do and what God wants to do in our lives. We don't trust ourselves to hear God for ourselves and to know what to do. (Step 1)

But God calls us to move from there into the Holy Place where we learn who Jesus is. In the Holy Place there is the candlestick, the showbread and the incense all picturing Jesus. It is the place where we come to know about God. It is the place where we serve, we work. All we think about is what we must do for God. (Step 2)

But God calls us further into our inheritance, the Holiest of Holies. When Jesus died on that horrible cross, the veil between the Holy Place and the Holiest of Holies was torn from top to bottom giving us access to God's heart. We were no longer constrained to the Outer Court or the Holy Place; we could enter into Him and all that He is. That is our inheritance. But He will not force us. The choice is still ours.

In that place is God's presence, His anointing, His glory. The Old Testament high priest could only enter once a year and that with the fear of death hanging over him if he made one wrong move. But we are invited to not only enter the place, but LIVE there. It is from this place we find our BEING. It is no longer about works for God, but

about doing works with God from BEING in Him. It is no longer us, but Christ who does the works. (Step 3)

I have taught on the different between works and being for decades now, yet few understand the deep truth of that teaching. Yet, I believe, it is a major key to us knowing what advancing the Kingdom of God on earth really means. We do not find unity and humility in the holy place. We find it in the Holiest of Holies where Jesus is King.

In the outer court you gain some knowledge. You thrive on teaching. In the Holy Place you gain some understanding. You thrive on training. But to enter the Holiest place, you need wisdom. You need preparation. You need something deeper than most have experienced thus far. Wisdom is a person. It is the same person that is called also TRUTH. It is Jesus.

I was recently drawn to the scripture concerning Joshua getting ready to enter the promised land, their inheritance. The Holiest of Holies is our promised land, our inheritance. Everything we desire is found in Jesus. His Kingdom is the heart of God.

Joshua 4:4 (KJV) says:

Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of every tribe a man:

Joshua didn't just teach them or train them; he prepared them to take their inheritance. That word prepare means "to establish, to be stable and secure, to fix or be ready".

That is a picture of the role of apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors and evangelists. That is their main function, to prepare a people to take their inheritance and to become the Ekklesia to advance the Kingdom of God in the earth. That is so far away from what we see these leaders doing today. It is far more than just teaching and training. We have to get back to the original intent God has for mankind and for the earth. We must prepare people to see and know Jesus for themselves and to follow Him wherever He directs them, not to follow us.

This is the message of Joy Mountain Ranch and it is the fire I see coming from the North through North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota. We must be about the Father's business, not just teaching and training, but preparing a people who have found the heart of God and the voice of God is heard through them as it carries to the nations of the world.



The one-two-three process is a preparation strategy. We go from believer (step 1) to disciple or student (step 2) to fully prepared and mature – the Ekklesia (step 3). We go from teaching to training to preparedness. We go from knowledge to understanding to wisdom. We go from where we are currently (the caterpillar) into a metamorphic state of change (the cocoon). We emerge prepared for taking our inheritance (the beautiful butterfly). We leave Egypt (the world systems) behind. We move into the desert in preparation for entering the land of Promise.

This process happens over and over again in our lives as we are moved from one level of glory to another in our trip into maturity,

Are you ready, people? Are you hungry for more? Are you really thirsty for living water and hungry for the bread of life? Are you willing to leave all behind to follow Jesus? It more than likely will mean leaving behind some doctrine you have believed all your life. It will probably require you to do some things you are afraid of. But it is so worth it. Let us be prepared to receive our inheritance God has planned for us in this life, instead of sitting and waiting for the life to come!

It would be good to reread the article I did awhile back called Preparing the Way. Here is a link to that article on our website:

<https://joymountainranch.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Prepare-the-Way.pdf>

