Introduction:

Quote of the week: Bill Johnson "When nobody is watching history is being made. If you will make history when no one is watching, he will make history through you when everyone is watching."

BJ "You won't get the peace that passes all understanding until you give up the right to understand." In other words, we may need to obey the instructions before we receive the directions

Introduction:

In this season God wants to raise up a remnant in this generation who want to steward/manage/host the manifest presence of God. The Creator wants to partner and locks arms with his creation to unlock, unveil and unleash all heaven has to offer to a lost and dying world who are void of Him.

His glory alone can alter the moral compass and consciousness of a society and usher a move of God unlike anything the Maritimes has ever witnessed.

John 17:22 "I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one."

The unfathomable, unthinkable, unimaginable, immeasurable, without limits, presence of God.

God is once again pulling back the curtains of heaven like the breaking of a dam and pouring out his Holy Spirit. Isaiah 64:1-2 If only You would rend the heavens and come down, so that mountains would quake at Your presence, 2as fire kindles the brushwood and causes the water to boil, to make Your name known to Your enemies, so that the nations will tremble at Your presence!...<u>Berean Study Bible</u> I am contending and believing for a tsunami of glory in this region where the manmade redemptive restrictions are broken like shackles on a slave.

TESTIMONY THIS WEEK:

I gave my heart to the Lord several years ago and have been Baptized in his spirit, I have taught Sunday school, V B S, youth groups, sang in the choir, and custodian. I lived many years as I told you in an abusive relation but with the Lords help and much prayer I have survived, When I met my current partner, we dated for three years and he asked me to move in with him, there is a church next to us and I was told I could not go by some members because I was living in sin.

She went on to say, "My late husband was not allowed in church because he wore jeans

Granted it is not the most healthy and recommended situation but who are we to tell people they can't come to church?

Paul nailed it when he said,

If I **speak in the tongues** of men or of angels, but **do not have love**, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the **gift of prophecy** and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a **faith** that can move mountains, but **do not have love**, I am nothing.

If I **give all I possess** to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but **do not have love**, I gain nothing. (1 Corinthians 13:1-3

The church as a whole needs to repent for embracing the demonically driven fears fueled by Satan himself. We will no longer acknowledge the accomplishments of darkness that have bombarded man between the ears and have altered what is supposed to be the mind of Christ. We (church) pray in reaction to darkness rather than responding to the voice of the Father. Jesus made no place for the devil! The devil doesn't have the right or privilege to engage in a conversation with you and you have no obligation to listen.

Jesus never lived in reaction to the devil but in response to the Father.

We must make a stand today to REFUSE to recognize anything the devil has accomplished.

The gospel that is in your mouth is more powerful than any "ism" that has ever touched this planet. NOTHING can stand in the face of the resurrected Christ including Satan himself!

Increase always comes by what I have been given. You can't ask for more if you have not used what you already have.

That place of influence with God is birthed from intimacy, not just a desire.

Can you see people sitting under the umbrella of your personal breakthrough?

We are at a turning point at Impact Church where we can coast li or join the 2022 version of David's mighty men.

You are about to receive an impartation today that you have only read about and wondering.... can it happen to me?

God is looking for people who will achieve private victories in secret places without the applause of man publicly.

Way too many are seeking the applause of man rather than the pat of His hand saying, "well done my good and faithful servant. David killed and lion and a bear as he was watching over his father's sheep. He did this when no one was watching and that is what catapulted him to a position of authority to kill Goliath. Vance Havner said, "Snowflakes are fragile things, but when they stick together, they can stop traffic!"

In a Peanuts cartoon Lucy demanded that Linus change TV channels, threatening him with her fist if he didn't. "What makes you think you can walk right in here and take over?" asks Linus. "These five fingers," says Lucy. "Individually they're nothing but when I curl them together like this into a single unit, they form a weapon that is terrible to behold." "Which channel do you want?" asks Linus. Turning away, he looks at his fingers and says, "Why can't you guys get organized like that?"

One of the striking characteristics of the early church in the day of Pentecost in Acts 2:1 was that the early disciples (120) were together "*with one accord*". The word "*accord*" means "*to have one mind.*"

Some translations say they were together in one place.

In Acts **1:15**, they were united in their desire to seek the face of the Lord. Unity was the calling card of the early church, and it should mark us as well.

If we want the Lord's presence and power in these days, then God's people are going to have walk together in unity. Not just with one another but with HIM. *We Need Another Pentecost*! I fear we have settled and grown accustomed and familiar; therefore, our Pentecost has become Pentelost! We need a move of God in these days like the early church enjoyed in those days.

One of the hallmark scriptures for Spirit filled Pentecostal believers is

Acts 1:8 But you will receive <u>power</u> when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

It is mine and should be all of our desires and convictions that HIS presence would be so pronounced that people would instantly

come under conviction when, not only Peters shadow but yours came over them, and come to Jesus.

Is the story of Pete'rs shadow folklore or fact and was it only for then or can it be for now? MAYBE WE NEED A LITTLE BOOST?

Only in John's gospel does it record the Holy Spirit descended like a dove and remained or rested on him. John 1:32

John 16:7, 13 "It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. ... However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth;"

Mark 1:8 "I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize (Pickle) you with the Holy Spirit."

Matthew 3:11 John says, "he will baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire."

Fire was the identification that this is the dwelling place of God.

- 'baptise' is the translation of the Greek word 'baptizo', which means: to immerse, or even better: to remain immersed.
- **'with'** is the translation of the Greek word **'en'**, which is usually translated as **'in'**.

Although it is translated as '**baptise with** the Holy Spirit', it would have been better if it had been translated as:

I **immerse** you **under in** water ... He will **immerse** you **in** the Holy Spirit and **in** fire.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 <u>*"Do you not know"*</u> that your **bodies** are **temples** of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have

received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies"

1 Corinthians 3:16 "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?"

I am as guilty as anyone for abusing His temple. How about this, since The Holy Spirit is sitting on the throne of your heart, would he be offended by what you bring into it?

Our bodies were originally created to be flooded, filled and fueled with the person of the Holy Spirit.

It is not out of the realm of possibility for you to host the presence of God in such a tangible way that you impact everything and everyone around you just by showing up!

There is an amplification of the Holy Spirit when we function in one accord with the Godhead-3 in one- operating in unity together.

How was the early church united in one accord?

1. <u>THEY WERE UNITED IN PURPOSE</u>

1:4-5 4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days, you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

They waited on the Lord **together**.

Phil 1:27 – We are told to "*strive together*". This phrase means "*to work together as athletes*". We are a team! We are to work together, for the glory of God, carrying out His will in the world.

• <u>We each have different functions</u>, **1 Cor. 12:7-11**⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith, by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, ^[2] and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ^[2] ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines."

1 Cor. 10:31. So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

2. THEY WERE UNITED IN PRAYER

Acts 1:14 They all joined together constantly in prayer

• They prayed together. They prayed with and for one another.

 Nothing builds unity in a church any more than carrying one another's burdens to the Lord in prayer, Gal. 6:1-5. Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. ² Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³ If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. ⁴ Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, ⁵ for each one should carry their own load.

There is a bond that develops between people who pray together.

When we pray for others, we are less focused on ourselves and our own problems, **Phil. 2:1-4**. Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being likeminded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

3. THEY WERE UNITED IN POWER

Acts 2:3-4a They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

They were "*all filled with the Holy Ghost*". The unity of the early church came about because they were all right with God and filled with the Spirit of God. This unity produced amazing results: They preached the same message, **2:11** both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"

Tongues were never given to impress people and convince others that you are spiritually elite. They are for communication with the father. It is proof you are from another country.

They believed the same things, **2:41-44** Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common

<u>They carried the same burdens</u>, 2:44b-45 All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

4:34-35. ³⁴ that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them,

brought the money from the sales ³⁵ and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

They loved the same things, **2:46-47** Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Philippians 3:10 (NLT) "I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead." Romans 8:11 "The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you."

"You may know a man, and have an idea that he is powerful; but to know him and his power over you, is a stage further. ... you may have no knowledge of him and of his personal influence over yourself." **C H Spurgeon**

There is no way around diversity. It has its uniqueness and its difficulties, but the one common thread is that it is God's will for every single of us to be filled with the Spirit. **Eph. 5:18** "Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit"

To be filled means "*to be controlled*". When He controls me and He controls you, we will walk together in His power for His glory!

4. 2:4b THEY WERE UNITED IN PERFORMANCE

"...*all were filled...and began to speak*..." – Each one was busy doing their part!

Eph. 2:10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

James 2:18 – But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.

A faith that won't work isn't real!

Something must be said about partnering, coming into agreement or alignment with the person of the Holy Spirit not just the experience. The all-knowing helps us know things as well.

1 Corinthians 2:10-16 "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God."

The Holy Spirit gives us direction! Acts 16:6 "Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden (To exert will) by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia."

5.) They were united in Partnership["] Luke 8: ⁴⁰ Now when Jesus returned, a crowd welcomed him, for they were all expecting him. ⁴¹ Then a man named Jairus, a synagogue leader, came and fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him to come to his house ⁴² because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying. As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him.

⁴³ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years,^[] but no one could heal her. ⁴⁴ She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.

⁴⁵ "Who touched me?" Jesus asked.

When they all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you."

⁴⁶ But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; <u>I know that power</u> <u>has gone out from me.</u>" Power here is the person of the Holy Spirit.

Kenneth Hagin "They thought they got an experience. They kept trying to get another experience like that one ... it was Someone – a Divine Personality – who came to live in them. He is a Heavenly Being: The Holy Spirit"

How conscious or aware of the Holy Spirit in you do you have to be to realize and recognize when a demand has been placed upon you to the degree that someone made a withdrawal from your anointing?

Suddenly power left him!!! He felt a withdrawal of what was within him.

John 15:19 "The son of man can do nothing of himself" He was still man doing the miracles. He chose to live within the restrictions of heaven so he could live as an example of a human filled with heaven.

None of us should be content to live satisfied..... knowing that Jesus was our prime example of what heaven on earth should look like.

Mark 6:56 "And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed."

Remember the Holy Spirit descended like a dove? If I walk and the dove is resting on my shoulder and I don't want the dove to move, what do I do? <u>I walk with the dove in mind</u> The life of a reformational #1 is to never put restrictions on redemption. # 2 To walk in reference of the Holy Spirit # 3 To help each other host his presence not just on us but in is. To keep each other accountable in a loving way. Bill Johnson said "there are some things God will not let us find through instruction but only in adventure."

The series is called, **BOOST**. I believe the helper wants to boost us on a journey, a quest, and adventure into the supernatural where the super becomes natural!

Matthew 10:7-8	Secrets for powerful ministry
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⁷ As you go, <u>proclaim this message</u>: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy,^[a] drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give. NIV

- 1) Kingdom of Heaven is at hand
- 2) Heal the sick
- 3) Raise the dead
- 4) Cleanse leprosy
- 5) Drive out demons
- 6) GO DO IT

¹² As you enter the home, give it your greeting. (Bless it) (SAY HI) ¹³ If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, leave that home or town and shake the dust off your feet.

What is God's will for your life? It is verse 7-8. You don't need bible college for that.

God's will for your life and Gods plan for your life is different. Gods plan is your external title- Gods will is your internal calling. You are ministers of a person, you offer peace from the Prince of Peace. Your method and your message must coincide with his mandate.

Mandate: the authority to carry out a policy or course of action, regarded as given by the electorate to a candidate or party that is victorious in an election. an official order or commission to do something.

The longing of the Holy Spirit is not just to rest and relax on your shoulder but to be released so that his redemptive realm has an opportunity to regenerate the lives of his creation.

We present a person not a profession. That is normal Christianity. It may be radical to the relaxed. But Radical Christianity is normal Christianity. Anything less than that is subnormal and subpar and is nothing more than a substitution for the real thing.

Someone one told Bill Johnson that miracles are not the whole gospel; Bill said and neither is the gospel whole without them.

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. <u>The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.</u> <u>New American Standard says , "</u>The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord. "Which means they were scared at first.

How many people do you know that are scared of Jesus and scared of Christians and the church?

They freaked out because Jesus just walked through a wall and said, PEACE!

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

NOTICE HE BLESSED THE HOUSE WHEN HE ENTERED IT with Peace or Shalom

He must have liked this kind of entrance because he did it again...

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Your assignment is to bring the Kingdom of God to people who are afraid. You are to bless, to bring peace, and to release freedom.

All ministry begins with partnership; the impartation. We release the realm of his glory.

If the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in you, then he has the right to demand fruit of the impossible out of our lives.