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“OUR GOD IS A FAITHFUL GOD”

20 YEARS OF SEEING THE LORD'S VISION FULFILLED

Part One

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Introduction to the Text;

II Corinthians 10:13

2Cor. 10:13

We, however, will not boast beyond proper limits, but will confine our boasting to the field God has assigned to us, a field that reaches even to you.

“My Boast Shall Be In The Lord”

In the next few weeks - It will be easy for you to miss understand Many of the things that you are going to hear. The reason that is so, is because I will not hold back to share with you the great things that the Lord has done in my life, in our lives, in the life and ministry of this church – I will boast in the Lord our God!

Psa. 34:2

My soul shall make its boast in the LORD;
The humble shall hear *of it* and be glad.

Psa. 44:8

In God we boast all day long, and praise
Our name forever.

“OUR GOD IS A FAITHFUL GOD”

20 YEARS OF SEEING HIS FAITHFULNESS

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1.) He is the Lord - faithful to establish

How Do I Know? – Because...

Psa. 127:1

Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain.

When I speak of His faithfulness, what I mean is, He has been perfectly clear about what He has wanted to do.

“When God calls He calls in no Uncertain Terms”

“We Have Been Established upon a Rock”

The bible, the word – was how we were taught at CCCM.

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HE IS FAITHFUL TO ESTABLISH

1a.) Because He knows **what He wants to do**

Jesus Said, About His Church...

Matt. 16:18

“...will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

“There’s only one way to end up on the right side of history
And that is to be on the right side of prophecy.”

In The Early Summer of 1982

I was at the Saturday night men’s prayer meeting at CCCM, which I attended when a man by the name of Phil Anderson got up and laid his hands on my head. He and John McClure and about 15 other “Old GUYS”
Began to pray over me...

(1) “They said that the Lord would create a ministry of Bible teaching and that **(2)** it would grow great in size and **(3)** be known about and read about around the world, **(4)** that it would reach the world with the gospel and **(5)** that it would be large and fruitful, and without fear and that **(6)** that the Lord would be the one who will establish it and keep it to the end.”

I went home and told my Lisa about it. It was late and she was up folding laundry and very pregnant with our first daughter Rebekah. She didn’t seem overly moved by it because she said it seemed kind of crazy and so she just filed it in the back of her mind.

Over the years, we never thought about it because the things that were said were so radical and seemed so impossible and we just wrote it off as some good intentions by some very nice men.

This is Our Calling, Heritage – The Lord has one for Each of Us

2Tim. 1:5

when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also. :6 Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. :7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

He Gave Them *The Task*

Matt. 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. :19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

:20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” Amen.

Then He Gave Them **The Power** To Do It

Acts 1:8

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

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HE IS FAITHFUL TO ESTABLISH

1b.) Because He knows **who He wants to use**

throughout the scriptures, the Lord has chosen to do great things with very little. He loves using things that normally would not be used.

Men and Woman like **Ruth** and **Gideon** and **David** and **Deborah** Only became something after the Lord had gotten hold of their lives.

Dan. 11:32b

but to the people who know their God they shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.

1Cor. 1:26-27

For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*. :27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;

For Me Personally – I Can Relate Well

Acts 3:2

And ***a certain man lame from his mother's womb*** was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple;

I Can Say That - I Was Once "a Certain a Lame Man" !

Acts 14:8

And in Lystra ***a certain man without strength*** in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked.

Gal. 1:15-17

But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, :16 to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, :17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those *who were* apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

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HE IS FAITHFUL TO ESTABLISH

1c.) Because He knows **what He wants to see**

1Tim. 1:12

And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me (us), because He counted me (us) faithful, putting *me (us)* into the ministry,

@ 21 - I Lost very well paying job 3 weeks before married ***which caused us to not be able to do anything except go to church.*** We did that almost everyday of the week. ***What a blessing that became as we were taught in the Word and became more dependent on God.***

We moved across the street from CCCM

and even lived in the same apartment that Pastor Chuck had once lived in !

Lisa began to work for Pastor Chuck Smith

until our first daughter was born.

I ushered & taught 5 year old in the children's ministry, & was a new believer counselor,

((and attended the Saturday night men's prayer)).

We had nothing / could do nothing

But every Friday night we had our friends over to our apartment, which were all single, and we **talked** about the **Bible** and **ate** together. We had no interest in TV., just the Word.

We played Bible **trivia**, always trying to outdo each other in our Bible knowledge. We had fun egging each other on and yet we were sharpening each other, teaching each other, disciplining each other without even realizing it.

These were great foundational years for us.
We had no money to go out to movies, eat out, etc.
(only James bond had a cell phone back then – no Internet = life was good)

**We had each other and we had the Word of God.
(and Keith green 8 track cassettes)**

Rev. 2:1-4

“To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, ¶ ‘These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands: **:2** “I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; **:3** and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary. **:4** Nevertheless I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love.

It was all innocent, beautiful and all about Jesus !
Truly a great growing time in our lives.

Then in 1986 - Then the Lord opened up

the door for us to finally buy a home after the birth of our second daughter.

We desperately wanted a home with a yard for the girls to be able to play in it. Upstairs apartment life was becoming hard for us because we wanted them to have a place to play outside.

So...we ended up driving through Carbon Canyon, not knowing where we were exactly. We had exhausted all of Orange County but had no success in finding a home we could afford.

Then, after 143 day long escrow from hell, we got a house = \$99K

The Lord obviously had a plan that we were completely unaware of. We just thought He had moved us here for a home with a yard.

**We took a walk up the hill to the great oak tree
And lifted up our hands and prayed**

We bought our tiny house because of the big lot.

The house itself was small but we were content with this house that needed much repair all because it had a huge yard.

We felt very “far from home” at first because all of our friends were still in Costa Mesa. We kept driving to church there but it got old with the girls still being so young.

The Lord had already placed a very wonderful couple a few houses down from us and yet we were unaware.

Then one day, I met **Mark Andrews** and the Lord opened up a friendship that continues even now.

Little did any of us know at the time that – that that **Amazing Word of Prophecy was Beginning to Form** - - the Lord was going to be starting such an amazing work and it was all according to His plan.

Zech. 4:10

Do not despise these small beginnings, for the LORD rejoices to see the work begin,

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We had no agenda – no vision – no ambition – just Jesus & His people

He wants to see faithfulness in our lives;

He is looking for people who will say – “Lord, whatever it is you want of my life, I surrender to that thing. (1) Make me faithful, (2) keep me usable

2Chr. 16:9

For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of *those* whose heart *is* loyal to Him.

WE ARE VERY **FAVORED PEOPLE** HERE – HE HAS **SPOLED US**

An exciting opportunity is before you

Please Forgive Me in Advance, though I have

nothing to Repent of; These are but a few reasons why
I know this is His work without any doubt...

OUT IN THE FOYER IS 2,000 IBS JERUSLAM STONE

ATOP IT IS A MUSEIM PIECE – THE SEVEN LAMPSTAND MENORAH

Zech. 4:6

'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts.

This why I am asking you to join us in investing your love, prayers, time, energy,
resources - - in what will last forever – His work!

Do you believe in God? – is He your Lord?

Then this is your Ministry – Get on With It before you run out of time !

Make Him your one and only Love

The end of part one