

# KINGDOM MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

*We proclaim Him, admonishing and teaching every one with all wisdom, so that we may present every one Mature in the Messiah.*

*For This Purpose we labor, striving according to His power,  
which mightily works within us.*

Colossians 1:28-29

## **Creation and Vision**

In 1999 the Lord told me to “gather the tribe together.” When I asked Him how to do that, He said, “place an ensign on the mountain in the spirit, they will see it and they will come.” In prayer we obeyed this word. The Lord began, and continues to sovereignly join to us believers, ministers and churches that are seeking apostolic oversight, prophetic direction, counsel, discipling and mentoring. As this continued and relationships developed, the Lord gave us the name for this “tribe” - Kingdom Ministries International (KMI). This clearly and succinctly describes our mission: raise up and equip ministries for the expansion of the Kingdom around the world.

KMI is part of a present day move of the Holy Spirit to “prepare the way” for the return of the Messiah. As part of that preparation God is inspiring ministries around the world to create strategic alliances in order to bring the Church to Maturity (Ephesians 4), to Unity (John 17), and into her Biblical relationship and responsibility to the Jewish people (Romans 11). We recognize that these are three key aspects of this preparation.

However, history shows us how the enemy has worked to hinder the fulfillment of these purposes. When the Church rejected the Jewish people and the Jewish Roots of her faith, she was cut off from the anointed roots of Israel’s Olive Tree (Romans 11:22). This left her open to the devastating influences of a powerful and extremely subtle Spirit of Religion that is an insidious satanic counterfeit to the Holy Spirit.

By removing Biblical truths from the Body of Christ and replacing them with cleverly contrived counterfeit theologies, erroneous belief systems and demonic doctrines, this Spirit of Religion has cunningly worked to remove the Body of Christ from her authentic Apostolic, Prophetic and Hebraic foundations.

God has given us a clear mandate and an intense passion to see believers set free from the influences of that demonic spirit, be empowered to fulfill their unique prophetic destiny and bear much fruit for the Kingdom of God. One way that empowering takes place is by understanding the Apostolic, Prophetic and Hebraic foundations of the Body of Christ (Eph.2:20, Rom.11:17).

As these foundational ministries are restored and their anointing released, and we understand what the Hebraic roots of our faith are and what they provide, we enter into a wonderful freedom to receive the knowledge and empowerment to move toward the fulfillment of our destiny in the Kingdom. We begin to look at our churches and traditions, our beliefs and practices in new ways. We ask new questions about what our churches do and why they do it. We discover how the supernatural apostolic and prophetic ministries were removed from the Church and replaced with powerless counterfeit religious offices. We understand how the Church rejected her Hebraic roots, was cut off from the anointing in those roots, and came under the influences of Greek philosophy, Roman governmental structures and pagan religious beliefs. Armed with this new information and anointing, we can defeat the Spirit of Religion and become authentic fruit bearing disciples of the Kingdom of God.

### **The Tribal Nature of the Body of Christ**

God has given us an understanding of the “tribal nature” of the Body of Christ. This is in contrast to the entire aberrant concept of denominations and organizations that define so much of western Christianity. The Lord showed me that ancient Israel is a prophetic type of the Body of Christ. Each of the twelve tribes that made up the nation of Israel had their own unique characteristics and prophetic destiny (Genesis 49). Everyone who was born into one of those tribes shared in that particular prophetic destiny. For example, everyone born into the tribe of Levi had a calling to serve in some priestly capacity.

Just as everyone in ancient Israel was born into a family and that family was part of a clan which is part of a tribe which together with all the other tribes form one nation, so you, when you are “born again” do not choose your family, clan or tribe. That is the sovereign choice of God. In the spirit you are assigned to your “tribal family” according to your calling and destiny. Your gifts, vision and mission are in accord with that prophetic destiny. This is evidenced in our lives by how we are joined by the Lord to particular people, churches and ministries. Yet it is all one Body, just as all the tribes made up one nation.

Understanding this gives us a basis for the unity that Jesus prayed for in John 17: 11, 21-23. Unity is not based on conformity to various personal preferences, schools of interpretation or doctrinal agreement; it is based on sharing a common vision and calling. We recognize the diversity of the Body of Christ and do not expect, nor desire, everyone to be like us. We rejoice in that diversity because it is one of the ways that the Body of Christ becomes a living expression of Jesus in the earth. We support and encourage everyone to venture into new and creative dimensions of obedience in faith. We are all blessed when the Lord establishes new ministries and churches and desire to do all we can to support each other’s work for the Kingdom.

Each of us must understand that we only "know in part" (1Cor.13:9, 12). While we share that part with others for their edification, we must do it without legalistically demanding that they follow our understanding and interpretation of the Scriptures. We must not judge each other (Rom. 14). We must however examine the fruit of what people believe and teach. We are commanded to do this in Matthew 7:16 & 20. If someone's belief system and teachings bear bad fruit, we reject it. We love the person, but clearly communicate to them that we reject what they teach because of the fruit it bears.

### **Spiritual Authority**

KMI has a philosophy of ministry that is based on building relationships that are focused on the goal of helping each other's ministries bear more and more fruit for the Kingdom. Because we are not building any kind of spiritual "empire," we have nothing to sustain and nothing to protect. We only desire to be a community of people nurturing and supporting each other's lives and ministries so the Kingdom of God can expand. Therefore each one who is part of the tribe has a personal responsibility towards the others. These responsibilities are defined by the Holy Spirit as He guides and directs each person. We work to make sure that everyone remains joined to the "Head of the Body" (Colossians. 2:19), so they can listen to, and obey the Lord as He builds His Church (Matthew 16:18).

KMI does not have an authoritarian hierarchy to tell you what to do. We want you to be led by the Holy Spirit. We want you to follow the same advice, and the last recorded words, that your "Jewish mother" Miriam gave to the servants at the wedding of Cana; *"Whatever He tells you, do it"* (John 2:5). Listening and obeying, and humbly repenting when you are wrong, is how you deepen your personal relationship with the Lord, become spiritually mature and bear fruit for the Kingdom of God.

There is no institutional or organizational hierarchy in the Authentic Body of Christ because authority is not "top down," it is "bottom up." This concept is so critical that it is mentioned in all three synoptic gospels; Matt. 20:25-28, Mark 10:42-45, and Luke 22:25-26. Here Jesus clearly defines how authority in His Kingdom is administered. We do not follow the example of the *"Gentiles who lord it over others and exercise dominion over them,"* but it is exercised with the motives and goals of a servant. This is clearly seen in the life and ministry of the Apostle Paul who taught and demonstrated that all those who receive authority from the King to serve in His Kingdom use it for *"building up and not breaking down"* (2Cor. 10:8 and 13:10).

Understanding the righteous use of authority is also very important to us personally because so many people have been, and tragically continue to be, victimized by abusive authorities who use their position to intimidate, manipulate and control others. Their motives are focused on fulfilling their own personal agendas, not the purposes of God. Jesus warned us about such people. He called them *"ravenous wolves in sheep's clothing"* (Matthew 7:15) and *"hirelings"* who do not love and protect the flock they are called to serve (John 10:12-13).

In Acts 20:29-30, we are warned to beware of *"grievous wolves"* that would not care about us but would speak *"perverse things in order to convince us to follow them."* This is a very important point to understand. Listen carefully to what so called leaders tell you; listen carefully

to their words. Do they say, "Follow me," or do they say "let me help you follow Jesus." Our personal philosophy of ministry can be summed up this way. "What is the Word of the Lord to you, what are you doing about it, and how can we help you obey Him?"

One of our core values is the development of mentoring relationships. These provide oversight, instruction and correction that encourage learning, changing and growing to facilitate new levels of faith and obedience to the call of God. This is how we bear more and more fruit for the Kingdom and continue to spiritually mature *"until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ"* (Eph. 4:13).

Those who righteously exercise authority in the Body of Christ use their authority to serve God's purposes in your life. Because that is their only motive and goal they have great liberty to *"speak the truth in love"* to you (Eph. 4:15). Their motives are not tainted by desires to retain your favor or finances. They do not want to intimidate or manipulate you to get you to do what they want. They are willing to confront difficult issues and have hard conversations with you because their only desire is that you learn, change and grow, so you can spiritually mature and be more productive for the Kingdom of God.

Your response to them is not an issue for them. Your response to the Lord is all they are concerned with. They understand that they will give an account to the Lord for their counsel and behavior toward you. It is to your benefit to receive their wisdom and counsel when you know it is right and of the Lord. We should all seek to follow the counsel of **Heb 13:17**; *"Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you."* When you find leaders whom you know have the heart of a true shepherd that watches over your soul, you are blessed. You would be a fool to disregard their wise and discerning counsel (Prov. 12:15).

Liking or disliking that counsel is not the issue, obeying or disobeying the Lord is. Of course you are free to disagree. If their advice is wrong and you know it, it is wise to reject it. If it is from the Lord and you reject it, then, of course, *"you will reap what you sow"* (Gal. 6:7). Remember, this is not about being right or wrong; it is about doing the will of God, growing to spiritual maturity and fulfilling your destiny in the Kingdom of God.

### **Fellowship for Fruitfulness**

We are called by God to not only leave the influences of the Spirit of Religion but also to confront it so that others might be set free. This confrontation must be done by speaking the truth in love. If it is not in love then it is not the truth of God, for God is love (1John 4:8, 16). If it is not in love then it is just mere words that have no power to change people's lives, set them free and empower them to bear fruit for the Kingdom of God. If you are unable to speak truth in love because you are not yet free from past hurts, then you must first forgive those who harmed you and get healed. If you are not free you will never be able to set anyone else free. Your bitterness and anger will only poison them (Heb. 12:15).

Many who are involved in this move of the Holy Spirit suffer from what I call the "Elijah syndrome." They think that they are isolated and alone and are the only one who thinks like they do about the Church and the Kingdom of God. Of course the reality today is as it was in Elijah's day. There are "7000" - a symbolic prophetic number - who are not "bowing to Baal" (1Kings 19:13, 18. Rom. 11:13, 14). All over the world there are likeminded brothers and sisters who are being called by the Lord to leave churches that are compromised by the Spirit of Religion and develop alternative ways to meet for fellowship, worship, learning, training and doing the will of the Lord.

As God sovereignly joins people to this "tribe" we encourage the creation of strategic alliances for the fulfillment of His purposes. He has also given us joy in the journey and we invite others to enjoy fellowship together as we endeavor to be faithful to His Kingdom purposes. This fellowship is a very important source of nourishment for our souls and is something that we highly value. It is also a favorite target of the enemy. Recognizing this, we understand that relationships must be maintained and protected. In order to do this we must always "walk in the light" (1John 1:7) with one another and never let the enemy plant seeds of mistrust or offence.

Understanding that we are in this spiritual battle together, we love each other and mutually submit to one another (Eph. 5:21). We pray for one another and give and receive admonishment, correction, instruction and encouragement. In this way we provide spiritual protection, i.e. covering, for each other. Part of this covering is personal accountability concerning issues of sin and righteousness. We always try to deal with issues when they first happen and only directly with the people involved. Never gossip or slander anyone. This is a great sin in the sight of God (Prov. 6:19). When problems arise, we follow the instructions of Matthew 18:15-17. Restoration is always the goal; however ongoing unrepentant sin will result in disfellowship (vs. 17).

### **Ordination of Ministers**

This process begins when you receive a calling from the Lord, an anointing that empowers that calling, and opportunities to serve. As you begin to walk out your calling, your character is developed through the trials of life and the fruit of your ministry begins to be manifest. We stand with you serving that calling in anyway the Lord directs.

We ordain men and women who have been tested by the Lord and evidence Godliness in their character, anointing in their gifting, and fruit in their ministry. They have proven that they are accountable, responsible and faithful to their calling. They also have developed a relationship with us. We know their lives, families and ministries.

The ordination service, culminated by the laying on of hands, is a public acknowledgement, affirmation and endorsement of your character, calling, anointing, and fruitfulness. It is also a special time of prophetic impartation for the release of greater authority and wider ministry. It is a privilege and an honor for us to serve the purposes of God in the lives and ministries of those whom we ordain.

## **How do I become part of the Tribe?**

You begin by building a relationship with us. We desire to keep everything open to the leading and direction of the Holy Spirit. You obey Him as He directs your steps. As you open your life and ministry, you are able to give and receive from the others God joins you to. We value that freedom and do what we can to protect it.

We ask you to pray for us and to support us on a monthly or yearly basis. We trust that if you value what we are doing you will invest in it. We are partners together for the fulfillment of God's Kingdom purposes in the world.

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