



What I see - part 2

(To recap just a little) This year in the Kingdom year is not a time to chill out – it's time for action. From the Father's call two years ago to an increased closeness with Him has come the awareness that it's time to move. Many of us have responded to that call without realising that we have. We have entered into a place of resting in Jesus and waiting on Him, experiencing depths of closeness with Him as never before.

Please read part 1 before you read further. (Newsletter 12 October 2013)

1995 was an impact year for me. Our Father had let me run with my agendas for a while, working hard at building a business and family. Then He activated hunger in me to the point where some nights I could not go to sleep and, after everyone else was asleep, got up to pray. Over at least 2 weeks of these times of prayer and communication (prayer is a 2 way conversation) there were a series of visions in which He taught me many things and showed me "His Harvest" to come. A new wave was written from part of that vision sequence.

He started to work on me and many others to get ready and asked us to speak to our brothers and sisters to get ready also. We tend to look at being ready to work with Him as a large, full time missionary or ministry job, but actually He doesn't ask much of most of us, just that we will get ready to take a few others under our wing and help them grow to the point where He can take over.

Then just after the turn of this century Our Father began to talk to me about the failures of His people to respond to His calls to get ready and "grow up" into Kingdom usefulness. He began to talk about delaying until we (His Family) were ready. Then around 2006 to 2008 came warnings about where this nation is headed. After the eventual financial fall of the United States, would come New Zealand's financial failure, governmental collapse and the country being divided up into patches ruled by armies that looked more like ruthless gangs taking taxes at gunpoint. A bit like a return to England just before Judge Jeffery's time.

Again and again He said, "It does not have to be. If My people will fully surrender to Me and walk with Me I can stop it happening. Until that point the authority of man rules the earth, and he destroys what he wishes. I have decreed his authority to subdue and rule over the earth and I will not overrule it. I am able to work through my people taking up their authority to bring change and blessing when they open their hearts to me." (His decree is recorded in the book of Genesis)

Then in 2011 came, "I cannot wait any longer, I must move". As He spoke I felt His sadness that some would be disadvantaged because our present Christian culture does not know how to make disciples of Jesus Christ. We know how to make disciples of churches and we know how to attempt to make disciples of ourselves (just like the rabbi's of old) but as I see it, we are not very good at making disciples of His. He has begun to gather in His harvest and sadly other places and countries are experiencing this more than Christchurch where He desired to begin.

The problem is mostly that across our Christian cultures we have settled for religion instead of the Kingdom of God. We have added formulas and rules to Grace and the work of the cross and nullified them. Further the rules and formulas we settle for bring a veil that blinds us to fully seeing the Life that God intended for us just as James says. The unreserved Grace of God and rules (law) cannot coexist as Paul points out so well in Galatians.

Religion is not true Christianity. Religion is a structure that man invents to keep God at arm's length, while still allowing man to indulge his evil (manipulative) and cruel nature while allowing God to be blamed for the actions man carries out "in His name".

The answer is not to treat this as a group problem even though it seems to be one. The answer always has been personal responsibility to pursue an empowered relationship with God through daily surrender to Jesus Christ and total reliance on His Grace. If we sincerely ask Him to become Kingdom effective He will journey us there. There are no formulas for this because true Kingdom effectiveness comes out of a close relationship with Him, just as Jesus Christ modelled.

You see, He has always done things differently in each harvest move and this is no exception. You may know that it is harvest time and you are wondering why it doesn't look like you were expecting it to. That's probably because you didn't fully listen and your preparations are not in line with what He wants to do with you and around you. So keep listening and keep that place open in your heart that is ready to change what you are doing as He shows you more. Some of the changes we face are quite large and we will have to take deep breath, trust Him and just do what He asks of us, however imperfectly, expecting Him to do the rest.