

PREPARE NOW

I want you to begin preparing now for what God's going to do in 2022.

Joel 2:28 "And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions.

Acts 2:14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. 15 "For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. 16 "But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall

prophecy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.
18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days;

2 Chronicles 7:14 “if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

According to the scripture the key is...
When we truly become his people.
When we humble ourselves.
When we seek his face.
When we turn from our wicked ways.
When we pray.

The kingdom of God is not going to advance by our churches becoming filled

with people, but by people in our churches becoming filled with God.

We all need a fresh baptism of the Holy Ghost and FIRE!

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.”

2022 is a year of God’s favor.

Favor is aligning our life with God’s blessing and grace that positions us for increased influence, supernatural turnarounds, limitations broken, dreams awakened, missed opportunities redeemed and wide open new doors of divine possibilities.

When a prophetic word comes forth it just means it is available, not guaranteed.

2 Timothy 1:13 Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

You have to grab it, meditate on, confess it. You have to live like you have it!

Philippians 3:12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may **lay hold** of that for which Christ Jesus has also **laid hold** of me.

Hebrews 6:13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, 14 saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply

you.”¹⁵ And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

Hebrews 6:17 Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath,¹⁸ that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to **lay hold** of the hope set before us.

Matthew 5:18 “For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

1 Kings 19:19 So he departed from there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he was with the twelfth. Then Elijah passed by him and threw his

mantle on him.²⁰ And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah, and said, “Please let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?”
21 So Elisha turned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen and slaughtered them and boiled their flesh, using the oxen’s equipment, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

I want to give you 3 principles for your life that will help you step into a divine year of favor.

1. Consider the moment.

God gave Elisha a prophetic opportunity but he had to lay hold of it.

It was a divine moment.

The mantle represented a man's gift, the call of God, and the purpose for which God had called him.

Throwing it over the shoulders of Elisha was a symbolic act denoting his summons to the office of prophet, but it was also a sure sign of God's gift that enabled him to fulfill the prophetic office and ministry.

This was a significant moment in his life.

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Are you open for God to show up in your life and give you a divine encounter?

Step into a year of favor.

2. Initiate necessary endings

There are some things in your life that need to go.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Say goodbye to the past!

How you leave a season will determine how you enter a new season.

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John 15:1 “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 “Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

To prune is to cut away something that might not even be dead it’s just not bearing good fruit.

3. Wear are the mantle you’ve been given.

Elisha wore a custom coat.

Paul told Timothy

2 Timothy 2:1 You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

The ultimate goal for all of us is to lead people to Jesus.

2 Corinthians 5:18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. 20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. 21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Let me give you some practical application.

1. Join us for 21 days of fasting at the start of 2020.

Let's give God the first and the best.

January 6 through the 20th I'm asking our entire church body to do a 21 day fast.

2. Increase the intensity of your prayer life.

Fasting without praying is a diet.

3. Begin reading the Bible everyday of your life.

4. Get in a life group!

We are better together.