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In approximately three months, **CONGREGATION OF CHURCHES** will be celebrating twenty-seven years of ministry. The Lord has crowned **2021** as a season of **VISION FULFILLMENT, RESTORATION & OVERFLOW**. Let's place a faith demand on what God is saying and doing and gain momentum in the spirit. We will not become static but will remain dynamic with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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Article 01

Deuteronomy 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

Proverbs 18:21 – Death and life are in the <u>power</u> <u>of the tongue</u>: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

SYNCHRONIZING YOUR WORDS WITH ...

HEAVEN

Romans 4:16 – Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,

<u>THE NEXT VERSE</u> <u>REPRESENTS HEAVEN'S</u> <u>SIDE OF THE THRESHOLD</u> Vs 17 - (As it is written, <u>I</u> have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and <u>calleth those</u> things which be not as though they were.

<u>THE NEXT VERSE</u> <u>REPRESENTS EARTH'S SIDE</u> <u>OF THE THRESHOLD</u> Vs 18 – Who against hope believed in hope, <u>that he</u> <u>might become the father</u> <u>of many nations</u>,

according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

Vs 19 - And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: On Heaven's side, God made Abram the father of many nations. However on Earth's side, Abram was childless.

What did God do?

God changed <u>Abram's</u> name to <u>Abraham</u>.

Abraham meant father of many nations.

Abram began to call himself what God called him, and in doing so, Abram was essentially calling himself the father of many nations, as that is what Abraham meant.

Although, Abram and Sarai were childless as a result of the deadness associated with their bodies; God creatively offered them an opportunity to engage in a faith process labeled: "CALLING THINGS WHICH BE NOT AS THOUGH THEY WERE.' Romans 4:17

Abraham became on EARTH"S side what God had already made him on HEAVEN"S side.

Abraham synchronized his words with heaven and the power of God crossed the sensory threshold into this physical realm and Abraham received his NATURAL seed manifested in Isaac and then ultimately his SPIRITUAL seed was manifested in Christ. Now, you and I are the seed of Abraham and God expects us to learn also how to synchronize our words with heaven.

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THERE IS MORE TO THE WORD THAN WHAT YOU INITIALLY SEE





PRACTICING THE PRESENCE OF ...

GOD

To **practice** is to do something again and again in order to become better at it. It can also mean to do something regularly or constantly as ordinary part of your life.

How can we define presence? Presence can be defined as "existing, present, influence of authority, immediate surroundings. Presence is also the reciprocal of absence.

Presence is relative to people, places and things; even emotions can be perceived as presence. People can be present even if not seen, as they could be hiding. That is to say, just because we don't see something or someone, it doesn't mean that it or they are not present.

Where God is concerned He is omnipresent even when manifestations arising from His presence are absent. His presence might not be perceptible to your senses, yet He is still present.

The first function of our spirit is to recognize the presence of God.

Practicing God's presence is to spend time with Him again and again as an ordinary part of our lives, living according to principles outlined in His Word.

The objective of this perspective today is to create within you a sensitivity to God presence.

Abiding in the written Word of God and a consistent fellowship with the Spirit of God will create within us an awareness of God's presence.

Here's a thought to consider; Our <u>faith</u> in God's Word, places a demand on His <u>invisible omni-</u> <u>presence</u>, to cross the <u>sensory threshold</u> bringing onto the scene His manifest <u>presence</u>.

Our receptivity, expectation and excitement will create an environment for the manifest presence of God. Let's illustrate this with a story from the book of Luke chapter five.

Luke 5:15 – But so much the more went there a fame abroad of him: and great multitudes came together to <u>hear</u>, and to be healed by him of their infirmities. They were practicing God's presence with their attentiveness.

The end result of all of this pressing into the presence was a manifestation of the power of the Lord.

Luke 5:17 – And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were <u>Pharisees</u> and <u>doctors of the law</u> sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the <u>power of the Lord was</u> <u>present</u> to heal them.

Why was the power of the Lord present to heal?

The people placed a demand on the <u>power</u> with all of this pressing. They came to hear.

Luke 5:1 – And it came to pass, that, as the people **pressed** upon him <u>to hear the word of</u> <u>God</u>, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret,

These multitudes of people were pressing into the presence of God. Although you could not see the invisible presence of God. Yet, He was there.

The **POWER** of the Lord was present. Did you know that some people can be in the presence of God and still not be receptive, respectful and honorable of God's presence?

The Pharisees and the doctors of the law were **also** there, but they were criticizers and scrutinizers. They were **NOT** practicing God's presence, and they received nothing. We know about the multitudes and we know about the Pharisees and the doctors of the law.

Yet, there is another group of people we need to see in this story. There was a <u>man</u> who was sick with palsy, who was brought into this house from the roof by <u>four</u> friends. These individuals were pressing into the presence of God. They placed a faith demand on God's Word and the man received what he needed and more. (Luke 5:18-25)

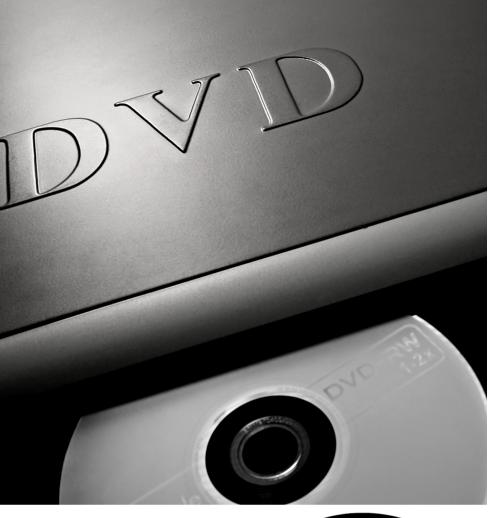
Will you begin to practice God's presence today?

As you do, you'll also experience the power of God. The manifest presence of God might not be initially detectable to the senses. Yet He is here!

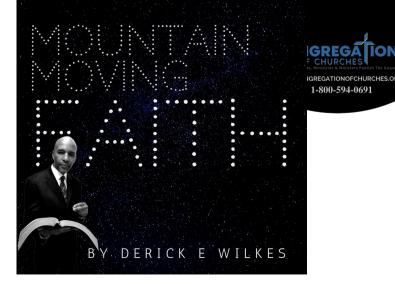
He is there!

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Mark 11:22 - And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. Vs 23 - For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, ...

Mountain moving faith must include God's will. When we apply the principle of mountain moving faith without the injunction to have faith in God, it hurts our faith.

We aren't required to have mountain moving faith as much as we are to have the faith of God

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Psalm 23:5 NIV - "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup

overflows.".



What is Overflow?

Overflow means to flow over the brim. It means to extend beyond the limits; to be very abundant or to be more than enough.

Overflow-living takes place, when your heart or we could say your ...spirit man, ... is full of what God has said and is saying, ... to the point where, your beliefs are expressed in words and corresponding actions, leading to manifestations of God's glory.

Living in God's overflow ... enables us to move, beyond limits and boundaries and into the fullness of God's plan and purpose. God's desire is that we are filled with His Word and His anointing to the point of overflow, so that we can experience life ... beyond the norm.

Listen to these words from the book of John chapter ten and verse ten.

John 10:10 – The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. Listen to the Amplified version of this same verse.

John 10:10 AMP – The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows).

Overflow requires fullness.

What is fullness, or what does it mean to be full?

* To Fill up* To Complete* State of being filled to capacity - NO MORE ROOM
* To be full means that there is no more room. * To be permeated by an influence.

Your fullness will require a constant filling, your fullness will eliminate your capacity for the World. Your fullness will increase your confidence in God's ability. Your constant confession of the Word will produce fullness. As we get full of God's word, it will displace other thoughts that flow contrary to the word.

For example: When we get full of God's word on healing it will displace thoughts of sickness and disease. When we get full of God's word on financial provision it will displace thoughts of lack and insufficiency.

The effect of an abiding word is fullness. (JOHN 15:7)

Our hearts are likened unto the Psalmists David's cup. David's cup overflowed. Jesus is our shepherd and He would have our cup to overflow. He's the chief shepherd and He said it Himself; "I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows."





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God's FLOW ... of life... would have to be received by us on a heart level ... before we can enter into it on a physical level. This is because, we as Christians are designed to live from the inside out. Your inward capacity will impact what you can handle of God's flow. We call this concept ... "Capacity and Flow".

Capacity is the ... maximum ... amount of something... that can be contained, or the measure of what can be received. When something is filled to capacity it is considered full, and cannot contain anything else. Yet, when you expand the capacity of that "thing", you can add to it. Unlike some physical containers, your spirit can expand if we will get full of the Word.



We can get so full that we even run into the overflow. As Christians, our vision and our faith capacity ... determines what we are capable of receiving from God. **What are we full of**? For some ... their capacity is increasing in the wrong direction or in the wrong thing. Some are full of unbelief. Some are full of wrong thoughts. Some are full of wrong words. *There's a relationship between God's flow and our inward capacity to receive from Him.* I am reminded of the Children of Israel, having just come out of the land of not enough, they had small capacity. They believed small, they thought small and they talked small. Their vision and faith capacity was small. The land of Egypt was known as the land of NOT enough. The wilderness was known as the land of JUST enough, while the land of Canaan was known as the land of MORE than enough.

It's possible for some to live in lack (whatever that looks like for them) for so long ... that it becomes a challenge to get new images into them ... Images of abundance. Or we could say a vision of overflow.

It's possible for some to live sick for so long that it becomes a challenge to get new images into them, images of healing and health, partly because of what they continue to meditate on.

We must change what we give our attention to, in order to live in the overflow. In the book of Proverbs, chapter four we find some insight into how to get into the overflow.

Proverbs 4:20 – My son, <u>attend</u> to my <u>words</u>; incline thine <u>ear</u> unto my <u>sayings</u>. Vs 21 – Let them not depart from thine <u>eyes</u>; keep them in the midst of thine heart. Vs 22 – For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. Vs 23 – Keep thy <u>heart</u> with all diligence; for <u>out of it</u> are the issues of life.

Out of your heart will flow the issues of life.

Jesus said; that of the abundance or the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. Well, how do we make deposits of God's Word into our hearts?

We make heart deposits through what we give our attention to.

Luke 6:45 - A good man out of the good <u>treasure</u> of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil <u>treasure</u> of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his <u>mouth</u> speaketh.

The word for <u>treasure</u> in this verse can be translated as <u>deposit</u>. The word for abundance here can be translated "OVERFLOW".

In fact, listen to the amplified classic edition of Luke chapter six and verse forty-five.

Luke 6:45 AMPC - The upright (honorable, intrinsically good) man out of the good treasure [stored] in his heart produces what is upright (honorable and intrinsically good), and the evil man out of the evil storehouse brings forth that which is depraved (wicked and intrinsically evil); for out of the abundance (**overflow**) of the heart his mouth speaks.

Treasure is generally deposited within a treasury. In this instance your heart is the treasury where the treasure is placed. The treasure is the Word of God.

The mouth is the overflow valve of the heart.

We make deposits through meditation on the Word and when we are full, we release what we are full of and begin to live in the flow of that reality.

- Are you ready for overflow?
- Its time to get full of the Word of God.

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