

Prepared for Now in the 1980s

I want to share what I was musing over today concerning all that we have been shown and taught by our King to prepare us for this moment in this new era of the Kingdom.¹ It's important for all of us to look back and see the training we've undergone for the present time so we can be encouraged that everything is in Father's hands as he outworks his plans for his creation through the Kingdom of his Son.

It all began when I was young, but the points I want to bring to your attention began as an adult following our baptism in the Holy Spirit around 1982. We were given prophetic downloads that certain things would occur in the future, but much of what we learnt was simply deposited in us as "this is the way to do things". That means that most of what we learnt came from non-prophetic instruction. Inspiration is greatly overlooked in the Charismatic and Pentecostal circles we used to connect with, so it's probably a good thing that I outline what we learnt and how it came.

Prophetic Downloads

1. Restoration – In about 1984 I received the following verse as a calling on the lives of those who were attending a gathering in our home: *"They shall rebuild the old ruins, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations."*² This became a feature of our lives as we mentored and attended many people who were discarded by the church system, were marginalized or had a disability.
2. Pleasure – About the same time I was informed by personal invitation that the Trinity wanted to provide pleasure for us that would be more than could be imagined.
3. Judgement – Around 1986 I received an indictment on the "fat sheep" church leaders who were looking after their own interests and not those of their flock: *"Behold, I Myself will judge between the fat and the lean sheep. Because you have pushed with side and shoulder, butted all the weak ones with your horns, and scattered them abroad, therefore I will save My flock, and they shall no longer be a prey"*³ It was the whole chapter that spoke what Father was going to do to 'fat cat' church leaders. This will occur during the shaking of all things that's happening at the present time, but as it deepens and becomes more intense.

Spiritual Experiences

1. Coming into 'The Presence' – The 1987 we discovered that we could come into "the presence of the Lord" as we waited on him after a time of worship in song.
2. Bliss and peace in 'The Presence' – We discovered at that time that being in his presence brought a great sense of peace that was blissful if it was really entered into.

Inspiration

1. Unity is in Jesus, nothing else
2. Gather in homes
3. Have an "open house"
4. Home is open 24/7
5. Fellowship with others

1 – "A New Era in the Kingdom" canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/MESSAGE-A-New-Era-in-the-Kingdom-21-11-2018.pdf

2 – Isaiah 61:4 (NKJV)

3 – Ezekiel 34:20-22 (NKJV)

6. Link up any day of the week rather than just Sunday
7. Have meals together
8. It's about relationships
9. Enjoy each other
10. Love binds us together
11. Relationships need to be repaired and maintained
12. Work with the locals
13. Understand the need to know the truth
14. Know what it really means to be a Christian (This worked out as: How to live as Father wants us to live in our relationship with him; and knowing what he wants us to know)
15. Love the unloved
16. Support the marginalized
17. Provide counsel for those in difficulty
18. Help is available 24/7
19. Disciple young believers
20. Generosity with all resources, especially money
21. Do things for each other (big and small)
22. Share possessions
23. Love being alive
24. Life centres around community
25. Love working on Heaven's business

Natural Experiences

1. Keep people responsible for their own emotional problems – We learnt that they will ‘suck you dry’ if you try to do it for them. That’s because they inevitably don’t deal with their problems.
2. Include time and energy as a resource – We tend to see money as the thing we give away, but time and energy spent on others has greater value in the Kingdom.

You can see that we were prepared back in the 1980s for some aspects of Kingdom life in the 21st century. That’s just what you’d expect a loving Father to do – prepare his children properly for their future. With the current move by him to de-construct the old church system and release us into the new ekklesia,⁴ what we’ve been schooled in has us ready as forerunners to assist those who yield to the changes, now and in the future.

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4 – “Fathers Mind on the New Ekklesia” canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Fathers-Mind-on-the-New-Ekklesia.pdf