

Mission!

We have labored together as a body over the course of last year to build and release the Kingdom of God into this city and region. Lying within you are gifts, talents, dreams, and desires that are all bigger than you. As you have heard and responded to the Word of God, gifts have been placed inside you. They were placed there by God. Every time you receive His Word into your heart, His seed comes to take root. Over this year those seeds have all been growing. 1 Timothy 1:6 declares,

"Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands."

This is the time to stir up all of these things within you – fan the coals into flame once again! But this gift of God does not grow and is not stirred through human effort or human ability only. It requires the help of the Holy Spirit!

When Paul said *"therefore I remind you,"* he was telling Timothy to remember once again all of those things which God had done in the past. The Holy Spirit is asking us to remember over and over again all of His wonderful works! It is easier to remember the hurt, or the disappointment, or the misunderstanding. Release those things and remember how He has healed you, how He has saved you, how He has delivered you, how He has provided for you instead! Remember His faithfulness! And as we reflect how big God has been in our life, faith is released within us. That faith stirs the gift! God has more for you! He wants to move in you, and through you this coming year!

I have said many times, if we simply refuse to quit, if we continue to remain together, if we will stay constantly in prayer, God will move! And that is what He is doing. Because of God's faithfulness and your hunger for Him, we now stand together before a new mission! Will you be a part of it? For His miracle to take place, let go of every fear, every past hurt, every reason why you can't. Turn from the problem and look unto Jesus instead! With our eyes upon Jesus, every gift He has placed within you will come alive! Is it possible? Yes! This is your year to see the miraculous. Are you ready?

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