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This is how the Holy Spirit is leading me in these last 4 seasons. In prayer, in His wooing me to seek Him and allowing Him to connect me to Himself, in asking for His power, strength and wisdom, continually I hear, "Life is in My Spirit, follow after My Spirit and you will find life."

It is He, the Holy Spirit who moves in me. Under His Authority and power I say these words and will be able complete the task of following Christ.

With the reveal in the rearview mirror, having obeyed His call in me to be patient, watch and pray, I am now free to speak what I believe God is saying and what has been missed in all of the build up and preparation for this event. The Power and Authority of the third person of the Godhead, The Holy Spirit.

The Spirit of God agrees with the Mission statement of this body and is ready and willing to move in us to fulfill the depth and breadth of this calling. However, accomplishment will fail because the power, motivation and strength to do so is glaringly absent.

How can we express intent to be missional in loving God and people and not acknowledge as prime mover, and the highest priority, The Holy Spirit, He who loved us first? What kind of disciples do we create without them knowing it is all in the Revelation and Power and Authority of the Holy Spirit.

In light of this continual pressing in the Holy Spirit there also resides a call to repentance. This call has been resounding since August /September of 2012, the very beginning of this season. I have brought this to the attention of a few Elders and leaders and was told in one instance, "You can't schedule repentance". I took that as an answer at that moment, but have been convicted in the

Spirit that “*answer*” was hasty and insufficient to the true call of God.

There certainly needs to be a call to repentance. To heed, to ponder and allow the fire of the Holy Spirit who is readily omitted in so much of our actions and attitudes about God to do His work.

Repentance needs to be scheduled by all in a daily dose of our understanding before God. God's freshness and life is missed because the church is worldly and distracted with everything but His presence and purpose. Repentance needs to be on the forefront of our hearts because He is a Holy and Righteous God and an all consuming fire. His Spirit confirms to me that the chaff in our fellowship is our responsibility because we stop short with the message of salvation and forsake the power of the Holy Spirit to baptize with fire and burn out the chaff of our hearts here and now.

Within our midst there is a lukewarm pile of wood hay and stubble only fit to be burned and yet the Holy Spirit holds out the challenge to the hearts of men to be sanctified and baptized by the fire in Him. We do not press for this, and yet, it is what Christ promised in Luke 11:9-13. We are to be baptized with the Spirit and Fire! What we breed is a self righteousness because we only hold out the door to salvation and a trust in our understanding of the scriptures.

The greatest "reveal" of all times, the entrance of the Son of God into this world came with no celebration, not pomp, no fanfare. As a matter of fact God told everybody more than 400 years prior and then went silent in waiting...

I sense His disdain with our knowledge. I feel His admonition to glorify the revelatory nature of His presence, to exalt the Holy Spirit who is Lord and our understanding in Christ. 2 Cor 3:17

Why do they resist? Why do they persist in being hardened to you? You are the suppleness of our Salvation, the sweetness of the intimate relationship You have brought to us.

Answer my prayer that repentance comes to this house and humility born of your Spirit is lived out.