

ACTION, PROMPT AND VIGOROUS

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I read in my quiet time just the other day about the importance of being ready for the move of God's Holy Spirit. If we look at 2 Samuel 5:24 (NKJV), The Word of God says, ***"And it shall be, when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then you shall advance quickly. For then the Lord will go out before you to strike the camp of the Philistines."*** Jesus is the Master of the wind and He is the maker of the rain. I experienced that personally with 5000 delegates from all over the world at in Ein Gedi, at the Dead Sea, at the place where David was hiding from King Saul. It was an evening meeting and we called upon the Lord to bring revival and a mighty rushing wind came through that meeting, and it started raining on the lowest point on earth. An absolute miracle, to say the least.

Our action must be prompt and it must be vigorous. We cannot determine the wind and we cannot make the rain, but what we can do is to put the sail up on our boat, so that when the wind comes it will blow and fill that sail, and take us onto our destination. Walking close with God requires holiness in our behaviour. The Lord is moving very quickly in the earth these days. He has to, because we are coming to the climax of this world. People are asking me in the street, "How much worse must it get?" Jesus reminded us, when you see these signs in the world, know that My coming is imminent. He tells us not to be afraid. In fact in John 16:33 (NKJV), Jesus says, ***"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will [a] have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."***

What we need to do, is we need to be listening, we need to be ready for the rustling in the treetops, and then we need to advance quickly, and to do whatever the Holy Spirit calls us too. For me I am very excited about what the future holds, not only for my life and for my family, but for the nation and for the world. However, I am being very sensitive to the leading of God's Holy Spirit. I am not just going anywhere, at everybody's beck and call. I am only going where God tells me to go. I'm only doing what God tells me to do and I am believing that I'm going to be more effective in my senior years than I ever was in my junior years.

When I was a young man I ran here and I ran there, trying to make an effect. Often it amounted to nothing, because the Holy Spirit was not in it. Now like a wise old fisherman I raise the sail of my boat and I wait patiently for the wind (Holy Spirit) to fill the sail. Once that happens, then I act promptly and vigorously, and I know that my journey is conducted by the power of the Holy Spirit.

As you would wait patiently to hear the sound of marching on the tops of the mulberry trees, be ready, because I can tell you right now that the Lord is on the move.

May God bless you as you continue to act promptly and vigorously as the Holy Spirit will redirect you. Remember William Carey, the founder of the Baptist Union (He took the Gospel of Jesus Christ into India), he said "We must attempt great things for God and expect great things from God." This is our time, Christian, let us not be sleeping when the wind comes, but let our sail be fully extended and waiting.

God bless

