**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 06 October 2019**

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**Theme : To be Faithful & Courageous – GOD's Warhorses**

**Proverbs 29: 18 (AMP)**

Where there is no vision (no revelation of GOD and HIS Word), the people are unrestrained;

But happy and blessed is he who keeps the law (of GOD).

**GOD gives Vision to fulfill HIS Purpose. Vision comes from Burden.**

**We learned from Nehemiah – GOD put the Desire in Nehemiah’s heart,**

**to Rebuild the broken walls of Jerusalem, giving him a Vision for the work, which**

**he completed in 52 days.**

**Hanani, one of his brothers came to visit him, reported the condition and the needs of the city and the people.**

**Nehemiah 1: 4 (NLT)**

When I heard this, I sat down and wept. In fact, for days I mourned, **fasted and prayed** to the

GOD of heaven.

**Aflame Community Church** - **Our Vision** :

A Church Aflame to bring GOD's Love to our Communities with Hope, Faith, Peace & Joy.

A Church Aflame to Live Passionately according to GOD's Word and for HIS Purpose.

A Church Aflame Wholeheartedly in Worship and Prayer.

**Our Mission** :

A Church Aflame with GOD's Heart in Worship and Prayer, by Living Passionately according to

HIS Word and HIS Purpose, so as to Impact our Communities with Love, Hope, Faith, Peace and Joy.

**When GOD gives Vision, HE is Faithful to Bring it to Pass, for an Appointed Time.**

**Habakkuk 2: 3**

For the Vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie.

Though it tarries, wait for it, because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

**GOD has a Plan and Purpose for us Aflame Community Church,**

**To be an Impact to this City of Perth, to this Nation and to other nations.**

**Prophecy – Sister Gloria Anwari – Warhorses.**

**Parable of the Hidden Treasure -**

**Matthew 13: 44 (NLT)**

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement,

he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field.

**In this Parable, the treasure was not referring to CHRIST, although HE is the Treasure of all treasures. CHRIST is not for sale. We do not buy/purchase CHRIST, but HE purchased us.**

**The Treasure in this parable Symbolizes People – HIS Church.**

**Exodus 19: 5 – 6 (AMP)**

Now therefore, if you will in fact obey MY Voice and keep MY Covenant (agreement), then

you shall be **MY Own Special Possession** and **Treasure** from among all peoples (of the world),

for all the earth is Mine ; and you shall be to ME a Kingdom of Priests and a Holy Nation

(**set apart for MY Purpose).** These are the Words that you shall speak to the Israelites.

**The Field symbolizes the World – reference Matthew 13: 38.**

**Treasures hidden again in the Field – The Church has a Mission and Purpose.**

**John 17: 15 – 18 (AMP)**

I do not ask YOU to take them out of the world, but that YOU keep them and protect them from the

evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the Truth

(**Set them apart for YOUR Purposes**, make them Holy), YOUR Word is Truth.

Just as YOU Commissioned and sent them (Believers) into the World.

**HE Redeemed us and Purchased us with HIS own Blood for a Purpose – Redemptive Purpose, Not to live for our own.**

**1 Peter 2: 9 (NLT)**

But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation,

GOD’s very own possession. As a result, you can show others the Goodness of GOD, for

HE called you out of the darkness into HIS Wonderful Light.

**We as GOD's Church, our Mission and Purpose is to be an Impact and Influence to our Communities and our Marketplaces.**

**1 Peter 2: 11 – 12 (Message)**

Friends, this world is not your home, so don’t make yourselves cozy in it.

Don't indulge your ego at the expense of your soul. Live an exemplary life among the natives so that your actions will refute their prejudices. Then they'll be won over to GOD's side and be there to

join in the celebration when HE arrives.

**5 important points as HIS Warhorses (5 ‘F’s).**

1. **Focus – Stay Focus by Keeping our eyes on JESUS**

**Colossians 3: 1 – 2 (AMP)**

Therefore if you have been raised with CHRIST (to a new life, sharing in HIS Resurrection from the dead), keep seeking the things that are above, where CHRIST is, Seated at the Right Hand of GOD. **Set your mind and Keep Focused Habitually** on the things above (the heavenly things),

not on the things that are on the earth (which have only temporal value).

**Hebrews 12: 1 – 3 (CEV)**

Such a large crowd of witnesses is all around us ! So we must get rid of everything that slows us down, especially the sin that just won't let go. And we must be determined to run the race that is ahead of us. We must **Keep our eyes on JESUS**, Who leads us and makes our faith Complete.

HE endured the shame of being nailed to a Cross, because HE knew later on HE would be glad HE did. Now HE is Seated at the Right Side of GOD's Throne.

So keep your mind on JESUS, Who put up with many insults from sinners.

Then you won't get discouraged and give up.

**In Nehemiah – the work of Rebuilding the wall finished in 52 days because the people had**

**Set their hearts and minds, they did not lose faith or give up.**

1. **Faith**

**As GOD's Warhorses, our Faith is to Grow Stronger and Stronger, Believing and Fully Trusting in HIS Word & Promises.**

**Romans 4: 20 – 21 (NLT)**

Abraham never wavered in believing GOD's Promise. In fact, his **faith grew stronger** and in this

he brought Glory to GOD. HE was **fully convinced** that GOD is able to do whatever HE promises.

**Faith in GOD – HE is the Same yesterday, today and forever. HE will Never Fail.**

**What HE did before, HE can Do It Again and HE will also Provide.**

**Matthew 14 – JESUS saw the crowd and had Compassion.**

**HE asked HIS disciples to feed them – impacted 5000 men + women & children.**

**5 loaves and 2 fishes – they all ate as much, with 12 baskets of leftovers.**

**Matthew 15 – Not long after the miracle of provision, JESUS asked HIS disciples again to feed another crowd – 4000 men + women & children .**

**There were 7 loaves and few small fish, but the disciples replied**

**“Where would we get enough food here in the wilderness for such a huge crowd ?”**

**Faith + Works (Action).**

**James 2: 17 – 18**

Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.”

Show me your faith without your works and I will show you my faith by my works.

1. **Fast and Pray**

**Both Old Testament and New Testament teach the Value and the Importance of**

**Fasting and Praying, for Guidance, to Stay Focus, for Breakthru and to Advance.**

**Ezra 8: 21, 23**

Then I proclaimed a Fast there at the river of Ahava, that we might humble ourselves before our GOD, to seek from HIM the Right Way for us and our little ones and all our possessions.

So we fasted and entreated our GOD for this, and **HE answered our prayer.**

**Fasting and Praying not just for ourselves but for the Breakthrus in our Family, our Community and our City.**

**Isaiah 58: 6 – 8**

'Is this not the fast that I have chosen; To loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens,

to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke ?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out;

When you see the naked, that you cover him, and not hide yourself from your own flesh ?

Then your light shall break forth like the morning, your healing shall spring forth speedily,and

your righteousness shall go before you, the Glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.’

**JESUS taught HIS disciples the Importance of Fasting and Praying in Matthew 17.**

**Matthew 17: 21**

'However, this kind does not go out except by Prayer and Fasting’.

1. **Fear Not – to be Bold & Courageous**

**Opposition will come. The enemy will try to intimidate, to discourage, to hinder/ to stop us.**

**We are to be HIS Warhorses – Fearless.**

**Nehemiah 4: 1 – 3 (NLT)**

Sanballat was very angry when he learned that we were rebuilding the wall. He flew into a rage and mocked the Jews, saying in front of his friends and the Samaritan army officers,

“What does this bunch of poor, feeble Jews think they're doing ? Do they think they can build the wall in single day by just offering a few sacrifices ? Do they actually think they can make something of stones from a rubbish heap-and charred ones at that ?” Tobiah the Ammonite, who was standing beside him, remarked “That stone wall would collapse if even a fox walked along the top of it.”

**Ephesians 6: 12 – 13 (NLT)**

For we are not fighting against flesh and blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

Therefore, put on every piece of GOD's Armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.

**Nehemiah’s Response to opposition and intimidation of the enemy** -

**Nehemiah 6: 9 (NLT)**

They were just trying to intimidate us, imagining that they could discourage us and stop the work.

So I continued the work with **even greater determination.**

**~ Nehemiah organized and prepared the people to be on guard and watchful, as they progressed**

 **to finish the wall – one hand supporting the load and one hand holding a weapon.**

1. **Faithfulness**

**Ephesians 1: 1b (AMP)**

To the Saints (GOD's People) who are at Ephesus and are **Faithful** and **Loyal** and **Steadfast** in CHRIST JESUS.

**GOD is looking for Men and Women whose heart is Loyal and Faithful to HIM as HIS WarHorses, to Advance for HIS Kingdom.**

**2 Chronicles 16: 9a**

For the Eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show HIMSelf Strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to HIM.

**Matthew 6: 24 (AMP)**

“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or

he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve GOD and mammon

(money, possessions, fame, status, or whatever is valued more than the LORD).”

**To be a Good and Faithful Steward – in All that GOD Entrusted, and HE will Entrust even more**.

**Luke 16: 10 (AMP)**

HE who is faithful in a very little thing is also faithful in much and

he who is dishonest in a very little thing is also dishonest in much.

**Zechariah 4: 10a (NLT)**

Do not despise these small beginnings, for the LORD rejoices to see the works begin.

**Hebrews 6: 11 – 12 (AMP)**

And we desire for each one of you to show the same **diligence** (all the way through) so as

to realize and enjoy the full assurance of Hope until the end.

So that you will not be (spiritually) sluggish, but (will instead be) imitators of those who

through Faith (lean on GOD with absolute trust and confidence in HIM and HIS Power) and

by patient endurance (even when suffering) are (now) inheriting the Promises.

**Ephesians 4: 16 (AMP)**

From HIM the whole Body (the Church, in all its various parts), joined and knitted firmly together by what every joint supplies, when each part is working properly, causes the Body to grow and mature, building itself up in (unselfish) love.

**We are CHRIST's Spiritual Body to Live Harmoniously and Function Effectively,**

**with One Heart and One Mind in One Accord, to Run with the Vision GOD has given us**

**as HIS Warhorses.**