

THE YEAR OF GREATER EXPLOITS

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Daniel 11:32 And with flatteries he shall cause to sin those that violate the covenant, but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

As I waited upon the Lord throughout this past season, the Lord laid a word in my heart for the church. It is a rallying call from heaven, a word that will propel this church and the people in it to greater heights.

Since the birth of the church, this is the first time that the Lord has impressed me to make a declaration regarding a season.

The Lord took me to the time that Jesus was having an intimate conversation with His disciples in John 14 as He was preparing them for His departure. He started sharing with them what was going to happen after His death and resurrection.

- Here we have the disciples of Jesus distraught and in all sorts of panic after Judas had been singled out as the one who would betray Jesus. You can say they were in an emotional mess to say the least.
- They thought Jesus was going to be with them for longer but here He was talking about going away from them.
- It was during this confusion that Jesus utters an amazing promise, a promise that was sounded too good to be true.

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- Jesus had done great miracles among them; no other man had done the same and yet He stands and makes a declaration like "...greater works than these you shall do".
- It is from that outlandish utterance of Jesus that we are taking our prophetic declaration for 2024.
- For Go church Pretoria, the Lord is calling us to partner with Him at a higher dimension and in that regard, the year 2024 is going to be **A YEAR OF GREATER EXPLOITS**.
- I don't know about you, but this excited me, when the Lord impressed it on my heart.

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- What the Lord is saying is that He has prepared a greater measure of grace for us to go deeper, to go wider, and to dream more in our walk with the Lord.
- He was telling the disciples that yes; He had done powerful miracles, but it was just a one man show.
- But from this time onwards, the disciples were going to be empowered to do the same in a greater magnitude.
- Because of their larger numbers, the disciples were going to raise more dead people, they were going to heal more sick people, the disciples were going to cast out more demons, the disciples were going to reach more sinners.
- Yes, this is our prophetic declaration, the Lord wants to do greater exploits in 2024 in you and through you.
- You and I have a choice to either take this lightly or to receive it with an open spirit and declare it over your life as the year goes by.
- It is a word for those who are alert in the spirit and who are prepared to go on journey with the Lord.
 - The lord is releasing a grace and a heart for intercession, the Lord is releasing a grace to go deeper into His word, the Lord is releasing a new sense of urgency in your heart.
 - The Lord is shortening the time you need to achieve things in your life because He will do a quick work in your life.
 - The Lord will restore your zeal for Him and for His house.
 - The Lord will restore your finances by bringing before you greater opportunities.
 - The Lord will grant you the grace to push through adversity.
- To the natural man, what Jesus was saying didn't make sense and yet it was what they needed to hear at that point.
- As I am talking to you, be careful of undermining this word because it will pass you by if you are not careful.

What are the implications of this prophetic word?

- The implications are vast and life changing. It sounds awesome to know that there is a grace to do greater works, but we need to understand what it will take to walk in the promise.
- God is saying, there is a work to be done and He is looking for partners to get that work done.

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- The world around you is in a mercy and in state of hopelessness – there are souls to be saved, there is oppression that needs to be broken, there are work places that need to be redeemed, there are families that need to be reconnected with Jesus. Simply put, it's not for your comfort that God is releasing an anointing for greater exploits.
- In 2024, greater exploits will be by you for the benefit of others.
- The Bible says in *Acts 10:38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and He went about doing good, and healing all those who were oppressed by the Devil, for God was with Him.*
- Jesus never did anything for His benefit, it was always for the benefit of another. If you are to tap into the anointing of greater exploits, you need to remove the focus from yourself to another.
- It is a season of partnering with God – Greater exploits await those that will rightly align themselves with what is on the heart of God.
- The Lord started showing me what needs to change in the church in order for us to tap into this grace; He said to me “tell my people to move from being self-centered to being selfless.”
- The Lord is challenging us to relook at our lives and evaluate whether we have been living for God or for self.
- You and I will remain stuck as long as it is about us.
- Greater exploits await those who refuse to be consumers in the house of God and choose to be contributors.
- The prophet Isaiah did great exploits and was mightily used by God in shaping the future of Israel because he was selfless.

Isaiah 6:8 And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, Here am I; send me!

- This conversation is still on-going in heaven, where the Godhead is asking about who is willing to go on their behalf.
- Like Isaiah, greater exploits await those who will say “here I am send me”.
- The anointing for greater exploits is accessed by saying “here I am”.
- The anointing to heal will be triggered by being available to go for outreaches.
- The anointing for breakthroughs will be triggered by those who will spend more time in prayer.
- The anointing for untold favor will be initiated by those who walk with Jesus.

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- There is a spirit of deception that needs to be dealt with. Many believers are deceived in thinking that they are serving God and yet they have been serving self-interests.
- If worshipping God is still at our convenience, then we are still worshipping self. If coming to church is still at your discretion, then you are self-serving.
- If your opinions are stronger and better than those of Jesus, then you are self-serving.

What are the keys for greater exploits?

1. Develop a higher esteem for Jesus.

- The greater your Jesus, the greater the exploits. Its not about the size of Jesus but rather the size of Jesus in your heart.
- Some contain tiny little Jesus, who has no say on whether they should go for prayer or not.

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- The key here is your belief system – how much of Jesus do you believe in your heart?
- Cry for a deeper revelation of what Jesus did for you – greater works is not about doing, it is about resting in what was done by Christ.
- Do you believe in the atoning power of His blood, do you believe in the forgiveness He got for you on the cross.'
- Do you believe that He is the only way to God, He is the light of man.
- Jesus is the source of the anointing; Jesus is the vine, and everything flows from Him.
- You cannot do greater works outside of a sound belief in Jesus.

2. Be empowered and led by the Holy Spirit.

- I referred to how Jesus was anointing by the Holy Spirit and in that anointing, Jesus did great wonders.
- Before departing, Jesus told His disciples to remain in Jerusalem to receive the empowering of the Holy Spirit.

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- Not only do you need to highly esteem Jesus, you need to walk with the Holy Spirit. Please do not think that this is just religious talk, this is fact.

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- Jesus said, you will do greater works because He was going to the Father. By going to the Father, Jesus was going to ask for the Holy Spirit to be released.
- This Holy Spirit is what you need to do greater exploits in this coming season. How is your relationship with the Holy Spirit.
- Many people are too alive, and they don't have space for the Holy Spirit in their hearts.
- The Holy Spirit knows the facts, He knows tomorrow, He has the power you need.

3. Increase levels of Prayerfulness.

- The absence of prayer in a church is the death of the church. The absence of prayer in a family, is the death of the family.
- A prayerful father will do greater exploits in this coming season. A prayerful businessperson will do greater works in this coming season.
- It is impossible to do greater works in the absence of prayer.

John 14:13 And whatever you may ask in My name, that I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

- Here Jesus is extending an invite for the church to engage in meaningful prayer using His name.
- It is in our hands to access the anointing through prayer. Saints, it cannot be business as usual, we need to repent and become a prayerful church.
- If we want, we can become prayerful and in so doing greater exploits will be a daily occurrence.
- Lets not be party to an abnormal Christian life, go church, we can do better than what we have been doing.
- Greater exploits await us but it is in our hands.