



The Church That Thrives in Crisis

Part 3 of 5

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*"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil."
Ephesians 6:10*

PRINCIPLE 1: Churches that thrive in crisis see things other people don't see— they see the reality of heavenly places and discern the hidden causes behind the visible effects.

PRINCIPLE 2: Churches that thrive in crisis have a battle ready mindset.

PRINCIPLE 3: Churches that thrive in crisis walk in Christ's authority and function out of His ability.

Warning: During this pandemic, protect your people, spirit, soul, and body, but do not even attempt to protect the way you were doing ministry before the pandemic. God is using this global crisis like a Tsunami to cleanse the church of consumerism and self-seeking, self-reliant ministry. Pastors and kingdom leaders, wake up! God is calling you to transition from man-centered, people-pleasing ministry to a supernatural ministry.

"Finally be strong [Greek: dunamos] in the Lord and in the strength [Greek: kratos] of His might [Greek: ischus]."

dunamos: dynamite power

kratos: dominion and might

ischus: ability working

God makes it possible for us to be supercharged and activated with both the **authority** of Christ and the **ability** of Christ.

Walking in Kingdom Authority

1) We walk under the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in full submission to our God appointed authorities.

"For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to those following him, "I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith." Matthew 8:9-10

2) We walk in moral purity with a broken, contrite, and clean heart. Zero tolerance of pornography!

"Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart." 2 Timothy 2:22

"The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion." Proverbs 28:1

3) We are overcomers who are delivered and free from any unauthorized control and from demonic strongholds.

"Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." Ephesians 6:11-12

4) We are listeners who have ears to hear what the Holy Spirit is saying.

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." Revelation 2:7

"He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back." Isaiah 50:4b-5

5) We are radically obedient to the Word of God.

"Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him." Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." John 14:21, 23

6) We receive significant answers to prayer.

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops." James 5:16b-18

7) We mentor others intentionally, cultivating significant friendships and Kingdom partnerships.

"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others." 2 Timothy 2:2

8) We are zealous warriors who tirelessly storm the gates of the enemy and remove idols, Asherah poles, and high places from the land.

"See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant." Jeremiah 1:10

9) We are people of faith who live beyond the normal limitations.

"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him." Hebrews 11:6

10) We are pioneers who build and establish according to Kingdom principles.

"By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds." 1 Corinthians 3:10

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