

Coffee House Update

January 11, 2010

Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

I first wanted to thank you all for your prayers and I would ask that you continue to pray as we step forward in faith in what the Lord has shown us in regard to a Christian Coffee House for the community. It was truly a blessing to see the excitement in the body of Christ in response to the vision and I'm truly excited to serve and labor along side of all of you in the fulfilling of the Lord's vision. As I shared on Sunday from the natural mind to see the fulfillment of such a vision seems, well, seems impossible. Yet I know that all of you believe as I do. We believe in a God that can accomplish the impossible. As well, each of us as believers have the power of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us and by the power of His Spirit we will be used in ways that we could not have imagined in and of ourselves.

Eph 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

Brothers, sisters, what we will be facing is a tremendous battle. I know that there will be difficulties, attacks and strife so I would ask that we be especially on guard to the enemies devices that each of us would submit to God, resist the enemy and watch him flee. Please be praying against the enemy and his devices.

As we go into battle the Lord has shown me the battles of the bible and the important steps in following the Lord into battle. Two of the steps that we will start with are prayer and research.

Step 1

Joshua 6:3 You shall march around the city, all you men of war; you shall go all around the city once. This you shall do six days. 4 And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. But the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. 5 It shall come to pass, when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, that all the people shall shout with a great shout; then the wall of the city will fall down flat. And the people shall go up every man straight before him."

In these verses the marching, trumpet blowing and shouting symbolize the prayers of the people that rise to the Lord. The trumpets went before the ark and the people were instructed to march around Jericho once a day for six days and on the seventh day they were to march around the city seven times. This is a picture of diligence and perseverance and it's important that we are diligent and that we persevere in prayer until the walls of Jericho fall down flat. Until the vision of the coffee house is fulfilled.

Step 2

Num 13:17 Then Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said to them, "Go up this way into the South, and go up to the mountains, 18 and see what the land is like: whether the people who dwell in it are strong or weak, few or many; 19 whether the land they dwell in is good or bad; whether the cities they inhabit are like camps or strongholds; 20 whether the land is rich or poor; and whether there are forests there or not. Be of good courage. And bring some of the fruit of the land." Now the time was the season of the first ripe grapes.

In these verses Moses sends out the spies to spy out the land of Canaan. Notice the different assignments that are given in the information gathering. Step 2 will be our gathering information needed for the opening of the coffee house. Some examples are spying out locations, suppliers, contractors, laborers, legal counsel, designers, etc. Let's be praying and asking the Lord to show us what information needs to be gathered. As well the spies brought back some of the fruit of the land. I believe as we step out in faith the Lord will bless us in allowing us to come back from spying out the land with some of the fruit. For example returning back with someone that offers to donate the chairs and tables.

What's Next

In the coming weeks we will be posting more pages on the church site to help coordinate the prayer and the research we will be doing. There will be a form that you can fill out stating how the Lord is leading you in regard to prayer for the coffee house. There will also be another form you can fill out online to submit the research that you've done. Finally there will be an answered prayer page showing how the Lord has answered our prayers in regard to the vision.

Well, that's it for now and may the Lord richly bless you and may He use each one of us to accomplish His vision.

In Him,
Pastor John