

“There is a Generation”

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Introduction – This is a topic that has stirred inside of me for years, in fact it was a primary motive for the vocation I choose, (or should I say choose me). **“THIS GENERATION”**.

My heart has been aflame for this generation for years.

In my lifetime, “This generation” has included: the hippies of the 60’s & 70’s, the rockers of the 80’s-90’s, the Millinnentials, the Gen Z’ers and now Generation Alpha. Please allow me to share what has been stirred afresh this past year and speak briefly to **THIS GENERATION**. (even if you’re more my age, this is still for you, too)

- I. **“There is a generation”**... Scripture talks about a generation rising that will display these characteristics. Proverbs 30:11-17 TPT
- A. Curse their father and mother
 - B. Self-righteous
 - C. Arrogant
 - D. Uses violent words
 - E. Is it speaking of this generation? Is it speaking of my generation?
 - F. Both generations, in fact each generation that I have lived through could be described that way.
 - G. There is angst, anger, uncertainty deep seated in this generation.
 - 1. A longing for more, for truth, for honesty
 - 2. For belonging to something bigger than themselves
 - 3. For contributing to a cause that will make a difference
 - 4. For unity, peace, and acceptance
 - H. I believe that very generation that is hungry for such things is arising now.
 - 1. Those that hunger and thirst for rightness will be filled Matthew 5:6
 - 2. Those who come to the waters to drink freely will be filled and their thirst will be quenched. Isaiah 55:1-2
- II. **Let me share a story of a young man who was blind from birth.**
- A. He had never seen. Had always been cared for by his parents. And had little responsibility, purpose, and maybe even happiness.
 - B. The Rabbi was asked about that young man, “Rabbi, who sinned? This man or his parents?”
 - 1. There’s always one to level an unfair charge, isn’t there?
 - 2. When something isn’t looking “normal”, blame is forever shifting.
 - C. The Rabbi’s response blew them away –“Neither. It happened to him so that you could watch God’s miracle in his life.”
 - 1. The “not normal’ stuff in your life is there for that same, exact reason!

- 2. For God's works to be seen in you!
- D. Then the Rabbi healed the man's eyes! He went and washed in the pool and he could see.
- E. Those around him questioned what had happened to him. He needed no assistance and now was taking responsibility for himself.
 - 1. What had happened?
 - 2. Who helped him?
 - 3. Others said, "Aren't you the blind guy?"
 - 4. Even the religious leaders questioned him.
 - 5. Those same leaders even questioned his parents.
 - a. Are you his parents? Was he born blind?
 - b. What happened to him?
- F. His parents could no longer answer for him and said, "Go ask him, he is of age. He will speak for himself."
- G. This is where we find him standing before those leaders, the crowds and disciples telling them, "There's a lot I don't know, but one thing I do know, I once was blind and now I see."

III. The Lord told me, 2 days ago that this was the story of THIS GENERATION.

- A. This generation is seeing the works of God for themselves.
- B. This generation is speaking for themselves of God's greatness -unaided, & un-hindered.
- C. This generation is experiencing God personally for themselves.
 - 1. You've probably heard about what's happening at Asbury College in KY
 - 2. How about HopeCA, SaturateGlobal, The Call?
 - 3. Or what's happening in nations across the globe – Brazil, India, South Korea?
- D. THIS GENERATION is destined to have their searchings, & cravings filled by God.
- E. They are destined to receive healing and acceptance for their deepest longings.
- F. With purpose, passion and joy that will pour out of them to others.
- G. This generation is destined to experience an outpouring of God that will blow their minds and ignite them like never before.
 - a. They may or may not fully understand everything, but will say, "I once was blind and now I see".
 - b. And people will listen and follow!!

IV. During the 20th Century that have been many outpourings of God.

- A. In LA, Azusa Street in 1906 with Frank Bartleman & Wm. Seymour
 - a. Aimee Semple McPherson followed that in the US
 - b. Smith Wigglesworth & others in Europe
- B. Then there was the Healing Revival of the 1940's with Oral Roberts, Kathreen Kuhlman & TL Osburn
- C. The Latter Rain Revival in 1948

- D. The 1970's brought The Charismatic Renewal that affected denominations and created new streams
- E. Evangelistic Revivals included the Welsh Revival of early 1900's
- F. The Jesus Movement 1960's-1970's and The Third Wave
- G. And most recently Brownsville Revival 1995-2000 with John Kilpartick
- H. With the capstone of The Toronto Blessing that began in 1994 with John and Carol Arnott and spread through out the US, including Pasadena, CA at Mott Auditorium.

V. THIS GENERATION IS EXPERIENCEING THEIR OWN REVIVAL. IT IS HERE and coming in fulness of power upon this generation.

- A. This is the set time of favor for this generation
- B. This is your appointed time.
- C. This generation is seeing for themselves
- D. This generation is speaking for themselves
- E. This generation is rising as the floodtide of God's presence is poured out upon them
- F. This generation might have been born blind to God but they are of age now and can speak for themselves about the miraculous, works of God is their life.
- G. Go for it! Go grab all of God! He is there for your taking.