POSITIONING OURSELVES TO MOVE WITH GOD

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Isaiah 54:1-2

In the midst of the changes and uncertainties, anchoring on JESUS who remains unchanged will position us to move with the LORD. A helpful principle to do this is found in today's passage.

Here's the principle: **Sometimes we have to see it before we see it**. God is asking the woman to extend her tent while she's not even pregnant. He's asking her to prepare for multiple babies while she is yet barren. The LORD is asking the woman to see and do something **before** she sees it. Wherever we are in our journey with God: We got to see something in our heart before we hold it in our hand - seeing it by faith.

Our world will often say 'it's impossible', as we look around we feel stuck; but God wants us to be a people of <u>foresight</u> not just <u>hindsight</u>. If you don't see it before you see it, you will never see it. What do you see? God already sees it; He needs you to see what He sees. When we see what God wants our purpose becomes clear.

1. Seeing clarifies purpose.

God told the woman (<u>Isaiah 54:2</u>): Because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband. The mundane and routine of enlarging the tent and stretching the tent curtain become important to the woman. John Maxwell put it this way: 'You can seize only what you can see.'

2. Seeing dictates our priorities.

Did you notice that God deliberately put eyes at the front of our head so that we must look forward? We are designed to look forward. The LORD wants you to see the future He has for you. *Our priorities become a prophecy of our future*! In other words, our priorities are preparing us for the future. We are not just living for our generation. We are living for the next generation and the generations to come. So let us set the pace for them. Remember, we reproduce who we are!

If we are prepared to do what we can do, then JESUS, our God Almighty will do only what He can do. So, let all of us commit ourselves to...

- See it before we see it.
- Live by design not default..

Making It Personal:

- 1. **Insight** What is ONE new insight the Holy Spirit has given me?
- 2. **Conviction** Something pierced my heart or convicted me? Take action now!
- 3. **Share** Received something I want to share with someone else?