

## CHRIST AWAKENING

# Dwell in Unity



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### SCRIPTURE STUDY

Isaiah 11:11  
Exodus 25:4  
Ephesians 4:11,13,25  
Romans 12:5  
Galatians 3:28  
1 Corinthians 1:10  
John 17:11  
Romans 15:6  
Philippians 1:27  
John 17:22  
Ephesians 1:10

### PRAYER FOCUS

Dear Jesus,  
Help us to walk in unity,  
surrendered to Your will, and  
following the leadership of the  
Holy Spirit.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.  
Amen

### DWELL IN UNITY

While cultures, methods, and technologies change, the key to increasing love and unity among all believers has not changed. Ultimately it is done in living out “the basics.” The Holy Spirit gave us a timeless promise from Isaiah 11: “In that day . . . the Lord shall set His hand again the second time . . .” (v. 11). I believe this word is for all who will accept the ingredients of a timeless ministry—one always available to God’s timeless principles.

### PURSUING AN INTIMATE WALK WITH GOD

The Bible uses the word know, as in “Adam knew Eve, his wife,” to mean more than “acquaintance—it signifies the intimate experience of a husband and wife. Such union with God can sound mystical, but it helps us hear God’s call to press toward Him—to know Him. Such passion can lead to a new intimacy with Jesus. From our interchange of life while with Him, His Word-life seed is sown in us, guaranteeing revealed insight and spiritual oneness.

### TARGET A LIFE WITH BOTH DESIGN AND DISCIPLINE

God told Moses, “. . . See to it that you make them according to the pattern which was shown you” (Exod. 25:40). Without designs for life—direction born of the Spirit—serving becomes hit-or-miss. Dreams and visions—God’s heaven-born designs—are promised to the Spirit-filled saint. However, we also need to observe disciplines that are clearly enunciated in His Word. Without designs and disciplines, we become either visionaries who gain dreams from God yet aimlessly chase them or legalists who know biblical guidelines but live them antiseptically, unintegrated with the life-giving Spirit who gave them. The divinely targeted life seeks the way of the Lord revealed by the Spirit in prayer and obeys the will of the Lord as revealed in His Word.

## **COMMIT TO CULTIVATE BODY MINISTRY**

Ephesians 4:11 names the five office ministries, not so much to identify them as to underscore their purpose to release the people of God into liberty, wholeness, and effective ministry. Those we serve, like Gideon, tend to see themselves as unworthy of ministry potential. We must see them as God saw Gideon and serve them as potential “mighty ones of valor.” As we pour out our lives to lovingly shepherd God’s people, they will begin to see themselves as God sees them—anointed people of His kingdom, filled with the wealth of heaven and capacity for greatness in Christ.

### **SEEK FAITH-FULLY TO BUILD MARRIAGES AND FAMILIES**

I hyphenate the word faith-fully because I believe the Holy Spirit is calling every one of us who lead to gain a faith-filled conviction about our society. God isn’t done with it yet! The Spirit’s power can redeem the family as an institution again. He can raise new models to gloriously assert the family’s value and place before the eyes of a watching world. We need to hear and believe God’s call to “faithfully” expect and pursue the recovery and rebuilding of our families.

### **RESPOND PASSIONATELY TO GOD’S LOVE FOR THE LOST**

John died when his car was smashed on the freeway. However, only three months before, John had received Jesus when one of my pastor-friends led him to Christ as the first convert in his new pastorate. I wept when I heard that story, somehow reminded of the preciousness of each individual soul and the eternal loss that unchangingly abides as the horrible option to salvation. That one soul rekindled a passionate response in my soul.

### **WALK AN UNSWERVING PATHWAY OF INTEGRITY**

Answering a call to integrity must be more than just an emotional reaction to failures we hear of too often among leaders. We need a personal, practical recognition of the necessity for total accountability and unity among our leadership.

### **KEEP AN UNABASHED OPENNESS TO SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY**

The Lord calls us to embrace the risks of the dynamic—to live in constant availability to His miracle presence. I object to the pious but misguided idea that God expects us to believe He will sprinkle miracles like diamonds everywhere we go. But He does call us to be people of miracle expectancy—people of power, moving wholeheartedly in whatever manifestation of His Spirit He gives.

### **RESPOND PASSIONATELY TO THE GREAT COMMISSION**

I believe that, for effective worldwide missions, we need a blending of twenty-first-century contemporaneity with first-century enthusiasm. The Lord is calling us to stir our congregations to vibrant action and participation in world missions. We need fresh strategies and a new, truly sacrificial approach to budgeting for our intensified outreach to the world. Just as the Holy Spirit raised up vital missions visionaries to shake the church in past generations, He is awakening us today.

### **DEMONSTRATE A BIBLICAL SENSITIVITY TO THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY**

The Holy Spirit is always speaking to urge us to listen with fresh vitality. We face a high challenge to keep our ears tuned to His voice. At the same time, there is the need for fresh discernment and a deeper look into the eternal Word to keep everything in perspective.

### **DO EVERYTHING ON THE UNSHAKABLE BEDROCK OF THE SCRIPTURE**

The Lord is still fulfilling His Word, always ready to pour out grace wherever He can find people who will hear His voice and respond. He wants to restore love and unity to the Body of Christ.

## PRAYERS TO OFFER

### THANKSGIVING

Thank You, Lord, that “in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others” (Rom. 12:5).

Dear God, we are grateful that “there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus” (Gal. 3:28).

Jesus, we celebrate that You are “our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility” (Eph. 2:14).

Write your prayer of thanksgiving here:

### CONFESSION

We often do not pursue an intimate walk with God. Forgive us, Lord, for being shallow.

We often do not target a life with both design and discipline. Cleanse us, Dear God, for living aimlessly.

We often fail to commit to cultivate body ministry. Jesus, forgive us for not pouring our lives into Your people.

We do not seek faith-fully to build marriages and families. Change our attitudes, Lord.

We do not respond passionately to God’s love for the lost. Reshape our hearts.

Confess your sins here:

### PETITION

With one heart and mouth may we “glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom. 15:6).

Jesus, help us to “agree with one another so that there may be no divisions . . . and . . . be perfectly united in mind and thought” (1 Cor. 1:10).

Lord, might “we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ” (Eph. 4:13).

List your requests here:

## CORPORATE PRAYERS

### ***Walk An Unswerving Pathway of Integrity***

Lord, may we “put off falsehood and speak truthfully to . . . your neighbor, for we are all members of one body” (Eph. 4:25).

### ***Keep an Unabashed Openness to Supernatural Ministry***

Jesus, may we live in constant availability to Your miracle presence, grateful for Your prayer on our behalf: “Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one” (John 17:11).

### ***Respond Passionately to the Great Commission***

Lord, might we conduct ourselves “in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ . . . and . . . stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel” (Phil. 1:27).

### ***Demonstrate a Biblical Sensitivity to the Spirit of Prophecy***

Jesus, might we experience the hope that You have for us in these words: “I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one” (John 17:22).

### ***Do Everything on the Unshakable Bedrock of Scripture***

Dear God, may You “bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ” (Eph. 1:10).

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