

EMPOWER CHURCH

Prayer Focus – Fellowship; agreement

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We trust as you are beginning the month of March that you are joining us on this journey of developing a deeper relationship with the Creator of the universe through fellowship. Last month we gave the definition of *partnership*, which is the association of two or more persons for the purpose of undertaking any business at a joint expense. What you will find in a joint venture is the two partners have to **first agree**. You will also find most of the time one partner will be the more dominate one or you could say the driving force or influence. Well, in this **fellowship** or *partnership*, God is without a doubt the driving force or power. In this partnership we should agree to follow God's plan, setting ours aside! Even Jesus makes it clear he was not following His own plan, but **agreed with His Father's plan for His life**. **John 5:30 AMPC** reads; *I am able to do nothing from Myself [independently, of My own accord—but only as I am taught by God and as I get His orders]. Even as I hear, I judge [I decide as I am bidden to decide. As the voice comes to Me, so I give a decision], and My judgement is right (just, righteous), because I do not seek or consult My own will [I have no desire to do what is pleasing to myself, My own aim, My own purpose] but only the will and pleasure of the Father Who sent me.* Jesus had decided as a young child not to rely on His own insight or understanding, but to trust Holy Spirit and the Father. Jesus's own opinions did not matter anymore; He had placed reliance on God in every decision He made (**Proverbs 3:5-6 AMPC**). He did not think for a moment that He knew it all nor should we. As Jesus leaned into Wisdom, He learned undivided devotion and He was lead everywhere He went. Amos the prophet stated, *"Can two walk together, except they be agreed (Amos 3:3 KJV)?"* **Proverbs 16:3 AMPC** makes it quite clear how we make the same quality decisions Jesus made.

Roll your works upon the Lord [commit and trust them wholly to Him; He will cause your thoughts to become agreeable to His will, and] so shall your plans be established and succeed.

When we seek to please Him, everything changes! When we determined to make Jesus Christ our Lord, we became a new creature and then a transformation and a progressive change began in our mind. Our communion with Him **changes the way we think** about ourselves and our world. As we continue to listen and obey His voice in everything, it creates a desire in us to honor what He thinks and wants. **Philippians 2:13 AMPC** reads, *[Not in your strength] for it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you [energizing and creating in you the power and desire], both to will and to work for His good pleasure and satisfaction and delight. And if*

any man desires to do His will (God's pleasure), he will know (have the needed illumination to recognize, and can tell for himself) whether the teaching or direction is from God (**John 7:17 AMPC**). You have an anointing from the Holy One [you have been set apart, specially gifted, and prepared by the Holy Spirit], and all of you know [the truth because He teaches us, illuminates our minds, and guards us from error] (**1 John 2:20 AMP**). When our decision is made, and there are no alternatives we then, will begin to discover God's plan. As we set our gaze on the path before us with fixed purpose looking straight ahead, ignoring life's distractions, the road will be safe and smooth for us. For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live] (**Ephesians 2:10 AMPC**). In **Joshua 1:3-5 MSG**, Joshua was promised by Jehovah that **if he agreed to allow God to order his steps** that, every square inch of the land he set his foot on would be given to him. The Lord also stated, "All your life, no one will be able to hold out against you. In the same way I was with Moses, I'll be with you." The Father gave specific instructions to Joshua to comply with in verses **7-9 AMPC**; *Only you be strong and very courageous, that you may do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you. Turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good success. Have not I commanded you? Be strong, vigorous, and very courageous. Be not afraid, neither be dismayed, for **the Lord your God is with you wherever you go**.* As Paul Harvey would say, "and now, the rest of the story." Joshua did as the Lord instructed, and though there was resistance along the way, He believed God's promise and His Word stood true. Every place upon which Joshua tread was given to him. He *took the whole land, according to all that the Lord had spoken to Moses, and Joshua gave it for an inheritance to Israel according to their allotments by tribes. And the land had rest from war* (**Joshua 11:23 AMPC**).

Father, we make this daily confession. We choose to make this a **YEAR OF ACCESSING GOD'S PRESENCE**, INTERCESSION, PLENTY and MORE. This will be a **YEAR OF PROCESS and PROGRESSION**, RECEIVING, REVELATION, COMMITMENT, DEDICATION and THRIVING simply by rolling our works over to the Lord agreeing to be partners and daring to believe all things are possible.

EMPOWER CHURCH, celebrate "2024" by proclaiming the Word of God being undeterred never forgetting that Christ's message was motivated by love (**Galatians 5:6 AMPC**).

Acts 17:28 AMPC,
Scott and Jackie