

# **ROOTED FOR REVIVAL**

*Celebrating Two Years of Foundation*

**Monarch HTX Church**

2-Year Anniversary Sermon

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*"Do not despise these small beginnings, for the LORD rejoices to see the work  
begin."*

— Zechariah 4:10 (NLT)

## INTRODUCTION: THE VISION BEHIND THE VESSEL

Monarch family, two years ago God spoke a word into my spirit that would forever change the trajectory of my life and, I believe, the trajectory of many lives in this region. Today, we celebrate not just an anniversary — we celebrate obedience, faithfulness, and the foundation that God has been laying in this house.

But I must be transparent with you. When God gave me the vision for Monarch, my idea of how it would unfold was completely different from His. I expected crowds. I expected rapid growth. I expected the kind of success the world measures churches by. But God had something far more valuable in mind — He was building people, not just filling pews.

*"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," declares the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts." — Isaiah 55:8-9 (NASB)*

At times during these two years, I wondered if I had heard God correctly. The growth didn't come the way I expected. The crowds didn't flood in. And the enemy whispered, "Maybe you weren't supposed to start this church." But God, in His faithfulness, highlighted what true growth really is. It's not packed-out buildings — it's mature believers functioning and flowing in their God-given purpose. That is true growth.

## I. THE MISSION: SEEING YOURSELF AS GOD SEES YOU

The mission at Monarch has always been crystal clear: to help believers see themselves as God sees them. This isn't about building self-esteem through motivational speeches — this is about revelation. When you truly understand how God sees you, everything changes. You walk differently. You speak differently. You step into your calling with confidence, not because of who you are, but because of whose you are.

*"See how great a love the Father has given us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are." — 1 John 3:1 (NASB)*

Many believers are walking around with a distorted view of their identity. They see themselves through the lens of their failures, their past, their limitations. But Heaven

sees something entirely different. Heaven sees sons and daughters. Heaven sees royal priests. Heaven sees carriers of His glory.

*"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." — 1 Peter 2:9 (NASB)*

Once people fully understand how God sees them, they can walk confidently in their calling, their anointing, and their spiritual gifts. Identity precedes function. You cannot properly operate in what you're called to do until you understand who you're called to be.

## **II. ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN: CARRIERS OF GLORY**

When Jesus taught His disciples to pray, He included a phrase that many of us have glossed over for years:

*"Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." — Matthew 6:10 (NASB)*

This is not just a nice religious phrase to recite. This is a declaration of purpose. This is evidence that God desires for us to be the carriers of His glory from Heaven to Earth. Heaven's atmosphere — healing, wholeness, peace, joy, restoration — is supposed to manifest wherever the children of God walk.

There is no sickness in Heaven. There is no depression in Heaven. There is no lack in Heaven. And when we pray "on earth as it is in heaven," we are declaring that what exists in that realm should break into this one through us.

*"Truly, truly, I say to you, the one who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I am going to the Father." — John 14:12 (NASB)*

Did you hear that? Greater works. Not lesser. Not equal. Greater. Heaven's dream is to see the children of God step into the power that is already inside of them. This power has already been given — which means it is not earned. You don't have to work for it, strive for it, or beg for it. You simply need to recognize it, receive it, and release it.

## **III. WHY THE PROPHETIC? WHY HEALING?**

Some have asked why Monarch focuses so heavily on the prophetic and healing ministries. The answer is simple: because Scripture commands it, and because Jesus modeled it.

*"Pursue love, yet earnestly desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy." — 1 Corinthians 14:1 (NASB)*

Notice that word: especially. God doesn't say all gifts are equal in emphasis. He specifically highlights prophecy. Why? Because prophecy is the gift that allows us to lean into God's heart for the things and people here on earth. When you prophesy, you're not just speaking words — you're releasing Heaven's perspective into earthly situations.

## **The Heart Behind Prophecy**

Prophecy isn't about predicting the future like some mystical fortune-teller. Prophecy is about partnership with God. It's about hearing what the Father is saying and speaking it into the lives of people who desperately need to know that God sees them, knows them, and has a plan for them.

*"But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouragement, and comfort." — 1 Corinthians 14:3 (NASB)*

Look at Jesus's ministry. Yes, He taught — but His ministry went far beyond teaching. He went into cities releasing words to strangers that no one else ever knew. Words of knowledge. Prophetic insight. And it was these moments that caused unbelievers to believe.

## **Jesus: The Model of Prophetic Ministry**

Consider Nathanael. When Philip brought him to Jesus, watch what happened:

*"Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, 'Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael said to Him, 'How do You know me?' Jesus answered and said to him, 'Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.' Nathanael answered Him, 'Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel!'" — John 1:47-49 (NASB)*

One prophetic word. One divine insight that only God could have known. And immediately, Nathanael's life was transformed. He went from skeptic to worshiper in a moment.

Or consider the woman at the well. She came to draw water and encountered a Man who knew everything about her:

*"He said to her, 'Go, call your husband and come here.' The woman answered and said to Him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You have correctly said, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this which you have said is true.' The woman said to Him, 'Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.'" — John 4:16-19 (NASB)*

This woman's encounter with Jesus didn't just change her — it changed her entire city. She became an evangelist on the spot, telling everyone, "Come, see a man who told me all the things that I have done" (John 4:29). The prophetic breaks barriers that nothing else can.

## **The Mandate to Heal**

And then there's healing. Jesus didn't just talk about the Kingdom — He demonstrated it:

*"Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those with leprosy, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give." — Matthew 10:8 (NASB)*

This wasn't a suggestion. This was a commission. Jesus laid hands on the sick, the dead, the lame, and the blind — and they all recovered. Every single one. And He passed this authority to us.

The Great Commission includes healing people of all manner of sickness and disease. When we ignore this, we're operating with a partial gospel. We're giving people words without power. But God is raising up a generation that will demonstrate the full Kingdom.

## **IV. GOD'S VISION FOR MONARCH: NOT ANOTHER FLASHY CHURCH**

When God gave me the vision to plant Monarch, He was very specific. He didn't desire for us to build just another flashy church that seems popular socially. He didn't call us to create a place that was only focused on growth and filling seats. God specifically established this church as a grounds for equipping and training people for ministry.

*"And He gave some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelists, some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the*

*saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ." — Ephesians 4:11-12 (NASB)*

Notice the purpose of church leadership according to Scripture: for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry. Not to do all the ministry ourselves. Not to perform while people watch. But to train, equip, and release people into their own callings.

God is raising up people to be the right foundation for what He's getting ready to do in this place — something that will affect this entire region. And here's the truth many don't want to hear: fast growth without proper foundation can be disastrous.

*"Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock." — Matthew 7:24-25 (NASB)*

Some people only want the crowded churches with fancy lights and music so they can use that as their own confirmation that God is present. But God is doing a new thing. He's showing up in the small places to do major things.

*"Do not fear, little flock, for your Father has chosen to give you the kingdom." — Luke 12:32 (NASB)*

## **V. ROOTED BEFORE REVIVAL**

Here is what God has been showing me: His desire is that people become rooted and grounded in their identities before He releases true revival.

*"So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled to all the fullness of God." — Ephesians 3:17-19 (NASB)*

Rooted and grounded. Not shallow and scattered. Not tossed by every wind of doctrine. Not moved by every criticism or challenge. Rooted.

Monarch family, I know some seasons here may have seemed slow for some of you. But understand this: God is growing us individually so that we can grow corporately. The root system that's being developed in this house will sustain the weight of what's coming.

And I'm telling you today: revival is truly on the way. It will be something not yet seen in our lifetime. But it will be something that generations to come will model after. We're not just building for today — we're building for legacy.

*"Behold, I am going to do something new, now it will spring up; will you not be aware of it? I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, rivers in the desert." — Isaiah 43:19 (NASB)*

## **VI. STIRRING UP WHAT'S ALREADY INSIDE**

I want to remind you of something critical: the power you need has already been given. Paul wrote to Timothy:

*"For this reason I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline." — 2 Timothy 1:6-7 (NASB)*

Kindle afresh. Stir up. Fan into flame. Paul didn't tell Timothy to go get something new — he told him to activate what was already deposited inside him.

Many of you in this room have gifts lying dormant. You have prophetic insight that's never been exercised. You have healing anointing that's never been released. You have spiritual authority that's never been walked in. Not because it wasn't given, but because it was never stirred up.

That's what Monarch exists for. We're not here to do ministry for you — we're here to train and equip you to do the ministry God has placed inside of you. We identify spiritual gifts and teach people to operate in them as Heaven desires.

## **VII. MY TESTIMONY: TWO YEARS OF LEARNING**

I want to be completely honest with you today. These past two years have been one of the biggest learning seasons of my life, and I wouldn't change it for anything.

God showed me the vision. But my idea of how it was going to come to pass was totally opposite of God's idea. I expected rapid numerical growth. I expected the crowds to come quickly. I expected what the world calls "success."

But God's ways are not our ways. At first, I thought maybe I had heard God wrong. Maybe I shouldn't have started a church because the growth hadn't come as I expected. The enemy was loud in those moments of doubt.

But God, in His faithfulness, highlighted what growth truly is. A packed-out church isn't a sign of growth. Mature Christians that function and flow in their God-given purpose — that is true growth.

This journey has taught me to lean into God even more, trusting His ways and His leading no matter what things look like. He's been faithful. He's been patient. And He's been building something that will last.

## CONCLUSION: THE BEST IS YET TO COME

Monarch family, as we celebrate two years, I want you to understand that we are exactly where God wants us to be. The foundation has been laid. The roots have been growing deep. And now, we're positioned for what comes next.

*"For who has despised the day of small things?" — Zechariah 4:10  
(NASB)*

Don't despise where we've been. Don't despise the process. Every lesson, every trial, every moment of wondering "did I hear God correctly?" — it was all necessary. It was all preparation. It was all building toward something greater.

You are called. You are anointed. You are equipped. The power of God already lives inside of you. And this church exists to help you discover it, develop it, and deploy it.

Revival is coming. Not the kind the world has seen — but something new. Something powerful. Something that will mark generations. And you, Monarch family, are being positioned to be part of it.

So today, I celebrate you. I celebrate what God has done in each of your lives over these two years. I celebrate the foundation that's been laid. And I celebrate the future that's on the horizon.

**The best is yet to come.**

## ALTAR CALL & PRAYER

If you're here today and you've never fully committed your life to Jesus Christ — today is your day. The same Jesus who spoke prophetically to Nathanael, who knew the woman at the well, who healed the sick and raised the dead — He knows you. He sees you. And He's calling you.



And if you're already a believer but you've been sitting on gifts that God has placed inside you — gifts you've been afraid to use, unsure how to develop, or unaware of entirely — today is your day to step forward. Let us pray over you. Let us help you stir up what God has deposited.

*[Prayer]*

Father, we thank You for two years of faithfulness. We thank You for the foundation You've been building in this house. We thank You for every person in this room — for the gifts You've placed inside them, for the calling You've spoken over their lives, for the destiny You've written in Heaven for them.

Lord, we declare that we will see ourselves as You see us. We will not be limited by our own understanding or the world's measurements of success. We will be rooted and grounded in Your love. We will walk in the fullness of our identity as Your sons and daughters.

Stir up the gifts within us. Activate the prophetic. Release the healing anointing. Let Your Kingdom come and Your will be done — on earth as it is in Heaven — through us.

We thank You for what You're about to do in this region. We thank You for the revival that's coming. And we commit ourselves to be the carriers of Your glory that You've called us to be.

In Jesus' mighty name, Amen.

**— Happy 2nd Anniversary, Monarch Family —**