

**Formation of the Company of Apostles and Prophets in the
Northern California Territory
Parte Uno**

I am not quite sure what I could actually call these stirrings within my spirit, these ruminations of spiritual thoughts set to paper. I don't know whether this is an exposition, a position paper, or some type of exploration.

I - The Need for Legitimacy

I recall how Paul, after being in Damascus, went to Jerusalem to confer with the Apostles there.

Galatians 1: 18

Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days.

Vs 19

"But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother."

There is a Greek word used in verse 18 which is not used or found anywhere else in the New Testament. The Greek word "*Historeo*" termed "to see" in verse 18. Paul states, "I went up to Jerusalem 'to see' Peter".

Historeo is where we get our English word "history." As a double major of Political Science and History at the University of Illinois, I understand that history endows and establishes a sense of legitimacy for any nation or people group.

All political systems and ideologies base their legitimacy upon the history of how they were formed and came into being. Governments and countries are solidified by the history of how they came about.

The Greek word "*historeo*" by definition means:

- To examine, to gain knowledge by visiting, to learn, to find out by enquiry.

The question of whose history was being discussed should not be in question. Paul was not inquiring of instruction from Peter or James, but was making an enquiry of himself and of the revelations which he had received of God.

By the length of his visit being only fifteen days and that fact that Paul only saw Peter and James, a look at verses 15 – 16 informs us that Paul was not looking to be developed or certified by man, but by the agency of The Holy Ghost alone.

So, what was Paul looking for? Paul had to have a witness in the earth to establish the legitimacy needed for him to continue preaching the gospel.

I primarily believe it was for Paul as well as for the other Apostles that he went to Jerusalem to present himself to Peter. According to Old Testament Law, presenting oneself to the Priest was a needful requirement.

Even Jesus told the leper in Mark 1: 44 to “go thy way, shew thyself to the priest....for a testimony unto them.” There is a mutual advantage to the formation of an Apostolic Company.

One – Our Apostolic Companies must provide a means of legitimacy, acceptance, and comfort for Apostles and Prophets in the city, region, and territory of the San Francisco Bay Area and Northern California.

Two – Our Apostolic Companies should strive to maintain the undergirding, or the pervasive belief that the redemptive plan of God is progressive.

Isaiah 43: 19

“Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.”

Therefore, our Apostolic Company must endeavor to:

- Facilitate Spiritual Pliability
- Be a Transitional Construct
- Be Transitionally Minded
- Welcome and receive each new move of The Spirit consistent with God’s Redemptive Plan
- Be Resistant to Rigidity of thought and Spirit

The San Francisco Apostolic Company must be ready to receive the testimony (witness) of God’s operational working as expressed by His Grace in the lives of others and their call to salvation, revelation, and mission.

Apostles and Prophets in the Northern California Territory are under an increasingly dark cloud of illegitimacy. The formation of an Apostolic Company is crucial if we are to create enduring spiritual value within this sphere of operation.

The Apostolic Reformation in the Northern California Territory is literally years behind what has already occurred in other parts of the country. As I travel throughout the country, I try to date our territory, and I have surmised that we are approximately ten to fifteen years behind the rest of the country.

There are some Churches in the Northern Territory, for example, the River Churches, which move and claim to move in prophecy. They may even acknowledge to some degree the apostolic anointing, yet, Apostles and Prophets are not cultivated, raised up, released, or recognized.

Prophecy is subject to pastoral authority, and in many cases that is wisdom, except when a true Prophet comes under the authority of a true Pastor. The Prophetic Dimension cannot thrive in an environment void of Prophets.

If ever there was a recipe for distortion resulting in failure - this invites and encourages false prophetics and deception to surface. The derailment of a ministry or a church happens through the continuation of prophecy without Prophets judging and interpreting the prophetics coming forth.

1 Corinthians 14: 32

“And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.”

My usage of 1 Corinthians 14: 32 is somewhat out of the original context. However, there is a measure of applicability which by permission we can use.

It was important for Paul to seek out the Apostles in Jerusalem, to enquire of them, and to rehearse the furtherance of God’s work through him.

Likewise, the formation of an Apostolic Company in the San Francisco territory is a prerequisite to the future execution of God’s mission and purpose in this territory.

Individually and collectively, we must strive to forge a strong company that will establish a power base strong enough to progressively wage a war in this territory.

Apostles and Prophets in the San Francisco Territory must actively pursue one another. They must discover, create, and cultivate ways of supporting operative relationships through innovative, cooperative, and concerted efforts.

For years we believed that networks or Apostolic Companies were either pseudo-denominations or the reinvention of a Pastoral Institution of personal-feel-good-coffee-and-donuts sessions of another name.

We believed this to be true until The Spirit of the Lord caused us “to see” what is demanded from an Apostolic Company. The demands of an Apostolic Company are divergent from the Pastoral Institutions that currently exist by far.

An Apostolic Company must have the highest commitment to the investment of Kingdom Authority and Power . Specifically, each member within this Company must be a ready volunteer of the complete divestment of an empire mentality and to empire building.

While all of 2 Corinthians 8 should be read and is important, the central thought for our purpose lies within the following verses:

2 Corinthians 8: 11

“Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have.”

Vs. 12

For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.”

Vs. 13

For I mean not that other men be eased, in ye burdened:

Vs. 14

“But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: there may be equality:”

Vs. 15

“As it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack.”

Exodus 16: 18

“And when they did mete it with an omer, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating.”

Matthew 6: 33

“But, Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

The full revelation of what God has spoken will not be expressed here. However, the revelation manifested will restore and reform the Church in our territory with national implications. This unveiling will cause many to shake their heads for awhile, as it just won't compute.

This is the wisdom of God! It's so like our Father to unveil to us how He wants us to preserve the Church in our territory. It's by the releasing of radical solutions requiring tremendous faith and leadership that our condition and situation are addressed, even in this day and hour.

God will only acknowledge that which has the Eternal Fragrance of Christ, His seal and His signature as a Church.

A Church that is walking in "the unity of the faith: a Church that walks in the knowledge of The Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." **Ephesians 4: 13**

This Church is the body of Christ.

A Church "fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love." **Ephesians 4: 16**

This Church has the Signature of Christ, and the Eternal Fragrance of Heaven all over and through it.

We must be careful not to entertain counter-structures fixed upon good principles, which will inevitably cripple and debilitate the purpose and objectives of the Church.

Any reactionary movements or counter-structures within the Body of Christ which weaken the Church are challenging the authority of, "upon this rock I'll **build** my church."

Our principal purpose as an Apostle Company shall be to serve the Church and to extend the Kingdom of God in this territory. To truly love the Church requires this: as Christ gave himself for the church and laid down His life for it, so too must we.