Life Center Sunday, January 15, 2012

- Lifelines Offering Missions Weeks in May
- This Year His Presence, House of Prayer
- Jen & Danielle 8 people accepted Jesus yesterday

# My House Shall Be...What You Make It

### I. The Deliberate Pursuit of Presence in 2012

#### A. When We Come Together He Is Present

Matt 18:19 NKJ "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are **gathered together** in My name, **I am there** in the midst of them."

#### B. The Love Benefits

Ps 16:11 NET You lead me in the path of life;

I experience **absolute joy** in your presence;

you always give me sheer delight.

Worship, Presence, There is a Release of Healing

# II. The Great Gathering at the Father's House

- Isa 56:3 NIV Let no **foreigner** who has bound himself to the LORD **say**, "The LORD will surely **exclude** me from his people." And let not any **eunuch complain**, "I am only a **dry tree.**"
- 4 For this is what the LORD says: "To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose what pleases me and hold fast to my covenant —

- 5 to them I will give within my temple and its walls a **memorial** and a **name** <u>better than sons and daughters</u>; I will give them an **everlasting** name that will not be cut off.
- 6 And foreigners who **bind** themselves to the LORD to **serve** him, to **love the name of the LORD**, and to **worship** him, all who keep the **Sabbath** without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant —
- 7 these I will bring to my holy mountain and **give them joy** in **my house of prayer.** Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for **my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.**"
- No one is excluded. No self-pity. All the disqualified & the barren are welcome, called to rest. Who keep the Sabbath.
- A memorial and a name. Better than natural inheritance. An everlasting name that will not end.
- Aliens who bind themselves to YHWH— to serve, love and worship, to enter into the rest of faith, the slice of Eden, the preview of Eternity--
- I'm going to bring them up, up, up into my Holy Mountain and make a **gift of joy** to them. Their sacrifices and their holocausts will be accepted.

## III. House of His Love For All Nations

Matt 21:12 NKJ Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. 13 And He said to them, "It is written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.' " 14 Then the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them. 15 But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant

Cleansing out the obstructions

My House	Our Father — a house — a home
Shall be <b>called</b>	Desire to be known
House of Prayer	Intimacy with God Worship Open Access Throne of Grace Honest needs to be carried A dwelling place for the process Encounter Transformation Revelation
<i>For</i> all Nations	A place of love and concern for others A place of discerning destinies A place of legislative process A place for contending for the destinies A place of prophetic strategy Empowering the practical steps
But <b>you've made</b> it	The humility of God He entrusts his desires to us The sovereignty of man

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His desire for partnership A den of thieves A cave No Light Life Love A place where people are victimized Thieves don't love their "marks."

### IV. What Will We Make It?

### A Place of Love & Joy, Refreshing & Refueling

### of Intercession & Proclamation (the Amen!)

#### of the Blessing of Abraham

"Worship... is the fuel and goal in missions ... The goal of missions is the gladness of the peoples in the greatness of God."

- Ps 67:1 NIV May God be **gracious** to us and **bless** us and make his **face shine** upon us, *Selah*
- 2 that your **ways** may be **known** on earth, your **salvation** among all nations.
- 3 May the peoples **praise** you, O God; may all the peoples **praise** you.
- 4 May the nations **be glad** and **sing for joy,** for you **rule** the peoples justly and **guide** the nations of the earth. *Selah*
- 5 May the peoples **praise** you, O God; may all the peoples **praise** you.
- 6 Then the land will **yield** its harvest, and God, our God, will **bless** us.
- 7 God will **bless** us, and all the ends of the earth will **fear** him.