

# The Re-Emergence of the Apostolic Age

(God is Strengthening Our Nets)

Acts 8:1-8

Now Saul approved of putting Stephen to death. And on that day (**a great persecution began against the church**) in Jerusalem, and **they were all scattered** throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, **except for the apostles**. But Saul began ravaging the church, entering house after house; and he would drag away men and women and put them in prison. Some devout men buried Stephen, and mourned loudly for him. Philip went down to the city of Samaria and began proclaiming the Christ to them. **Therefore, those who had been scattered** went through places preaching the word. For in the case of many who had unclean spirits, they were coming out of them shouting with a loud voice; and many who had been paralyzed or limped on crutches were healed. The crowds were paying attention with one mind to what was being said by **Philip**, as they heard and saw the signs which he was performing. So there was much rejoicing in that city.

What's is the Lord up to?

He is shifting us from an **all star** movement to an **all saints** movement. In Acts 8:1-8 the believers in Jerusalem **minus the apostles** were scattered throughout the regions of Jude's and Samaria as the result of a great persecution. This scattering of the believers marked a dramatic shift as every day believers began to proclaim the Gospel not just the apostles.

I am excited to report that in Hawaii the Lord is moving the church into a new phase of His master plan which is to train everyday believers or revolutionaries for the great harvest that is to come. These revolutionaries are God's radical sons and daughters will walk in the character and power of Christ to effect transformation in Hawaii and beyond. It is time for all of you who have gathered here today to received the next level anointing that is required to win the Lost to Christ and raise them up as disciples of the Lord!

Let's examine what the Lord has been doing in recent years to get us to this point:

## He's Been Establishing (Stabilizing) Us in Our Faith

1 Thessalonians 3:1-3

Therefore when we could bear it no longer, we were willing to be left behind at Athens alone, and we *esent* Timothy, our brother and God's coworker in the gospel of Christ, **(to establish)** and exhort you in your faith, that no one be moved by these afflictions.

Greek Dictionary

στηρίζω stērizō 13x

To set fast; to set in a certain position or direction, Lk. 9:51; to render mentally steadfast, to settle, confirm, Lk. 22:32; Rom. 1:11; to stand immovable, Lk. 16:26; to be mentally settled, 2 Pet. 1:12 → to establish; fix; strengthen.

### **He's Been Unifying the Body of Christ to Work Together by Equipping Us Via:**

- Inner Healing
- Deliverance Ministry
- Generational Deliverance

### **Ephesians 4:11-13**

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, (to equip) the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, **until** we all attain to **the unity of the faith** and of **the knowledge of the Son of God**, to **mature manhood** to the measure of the stature of **(the fullness of Christ)**, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

The word equip (katartismos from katartizo = to mend, repair, make whole or perfect, of setting bones, mending nets is derived from katá = with + artízo = adjust, fit, finish related to) means to make something or someone (in this case the "sheep" in the flock) completely adequate or sufficient for something. (The basic idea is that of putting a thing into the condition in which it ought to be). In politics it is used for bringing together opposing factions so that government can go on (unity).

The late Jana Green said, **"If we return to our original design we will align (with God's purpose for our lives)."** Because of the Fall (Genesis 3) we are out of alignment with our original design (Luke 3:38). If the original Adam was a son we were supposed to function as sons and daughters. But, because of the Fall we were disconnected from the Father and function as orphans not sons and daughters.

### **A Great Transition has Been Taking Place**

The Lord is transitioning us **from an orphanage into a family of sons and daughters.** Presently, the church is full of orphan believers who don't know the love of the Father nor the power of His Spirit.

Romans 8:19 tells us that all of creation is waiting for us to be restored to our original design as sons and daughters so we can bring the Good News to others that Jesus proclaimed (Luke 4:18-19). In order for this restoration to occur we must be **(de-orphaned)** by the spirit of Elijah (Luke 1:17/TPT):

“He will go before the Lord as a forerunner, with the same power and anointing as Elijah the prophet. He will be instrumental in turning the hearts of the fathers in tenderness back to their children and the hearts of the disobedient back to the wisdom of their righteous fathers. And he will prepare **a united people** who are ready for the Lord’s appearing.”

### **God Has Been Equipping the Saints for the Work of Ministry**

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Let me stress as I already mentioned above: the Greek word ‘Katartizo’ conveys the sense not of adding something that is lacking, but of **(putting things in order)**, of **(adjusting things that are out of adjustment)** of transitioning us from orphans into sons and daughters.

### **Our Nets are Being Prepared for a Massive Catch!**

**Early on the disciple’s nets broke** when Jesus summoned a great catch of fish (Luke 5:1-11). The apostles were not established or equipped yet to be fishers of men. After being ‘equipped’ and ‘established’ by Jesus for three years **(their nets did not break)** because they had been prepared to work together not only to become fishers of men, but to keep and eventually equip the catch themselves.

Luke 5:1-11

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water’s edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.” Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.” When they had done so, **(they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break)**. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon’s partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.” For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!” So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

## **Three Years Later**

John 21:10-11

Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, **153**, but even with so many **(the net was not torn)**.

**153 means, “I am God!”**

### **Empowerment (To be trained)**

- The Rabbinic Method (observation, modeling, practice)**
- Practicums (hands on, ongoing, interactive, experience)**
- What? Deliverance, generational deliverance, heal the sick, prophesy, move in all the gifts of the Spirit, lead others to Jesus, disciple etc.)**
- This is why we are launching the Kingdom Institute**

### **Impact**

- The Harvest**
- Family Restoration**
- Community Transformation**