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God Restores What Was Lost Before He Expands What Is Coming

Acts 1:15 - 20 NKJV

15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty), and said, 16 "Men *and* brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus; 17 for he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry." 18 (Now this man purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out. 19 And it became known to all those dwelling in Jerusalem; so that field is called in their own language, Akel Dama, that is, Field of Blood.) 20 "For it is written in the 'Let his dwelling place be desolate, And let no one live in it'; and, 'Let another take his office.'

Introduction:

Before Pentecost power came, heaven addressed a leadership gap. Judas had abandoned his assignment, and the early church was left with an empty seat among the twelve apostles. While the disciples were praying and preparing for the promise of the Holy Spirit, Peter recognized that growth without order would create instability. God was preparing them for expansion, but restoration had to happen first.

Many people want God to enlarge their territory, influence, and ministry, but God often pauses expansion until broken or missing areas are restored. God is not just interested in growth, He is interested in healthy growth. Spiritual expansion built on unresolved loss or disorder will eventually collapse. God restores foundations before He builds floors.

Acts 1:15 NKJV



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MAIN POINT:

Leadership rises to bring clarity and direction in a time of uncertainty.

1. God Cares About Spiritual Order

- God blesses structure because structure protects what He sends.-*Acts 1:16-17 NKJV*

A. God establishes leadership for stability

- God places leaders to create direction, protection, and spiritual covering.
1 Corinthians 14:40 NKJV

B. Disorder delays destiny

- When spiritual structure is ignored, progress becomes difficult and ineffective.
Titus 1:5 NKJV

2. Broken Leadership Must Be Healed

- God does not ignore broken places, He redeems them so they do not weaken the future. -*Acts 1:18 -19 NKJV*

A. Ignoring wounds does not remove them

- Unaddressed spiritual damage can quietly weaken ministries, families, and churches. - *Psalms 147:3 NKJV*



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B. God replaces failure with purpose

- Judas' failure did not cancel God's plan, it simply required restoration.

-Joel 2:25 NKJV

C. God uses unexpected people to restore broken places

- The early church was filled with ordinary believers, yet God used them to rebuild leadership structure. -1 Corinthians 1:27 NKJV

3. Restoration Prepares the Church for Multiplication

- God restores yesterday so He can release tomorrow. -Acts 1:20 NKJV

A. God fills empty spaces before He sends increase

- God is intentional about preparation before expansion. -John 15:2 NKJV

B. God multiplies what is healthy

- Healthy leadership produces sustainable growth. -Proverbs 11:14 NKJV

C. Scripture Confirms God's Plan

- Spirit led decisions must always be Word supported decisions.

-Acts 1:16-20 NKJV shows that Peter based leadership restoration on prophecy and Scripture, not feelings, popularity, or pressure. The early church trusted that God had already spoken through His Word.

- The Word provides direction when emotions are uncertain -Psalm 119:105 NKJV

- God's Word guarantees fulfillment of His plans- Isaiah 55:11 NKJV

- Scripture protects leaders from personal bias -2 Timothy 3:16 -17 NKJV



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