

New Season in the LORD (Based on Jeremiah 29:11)

Happy New Year everyone!
[New Year Greetings in various languages...]

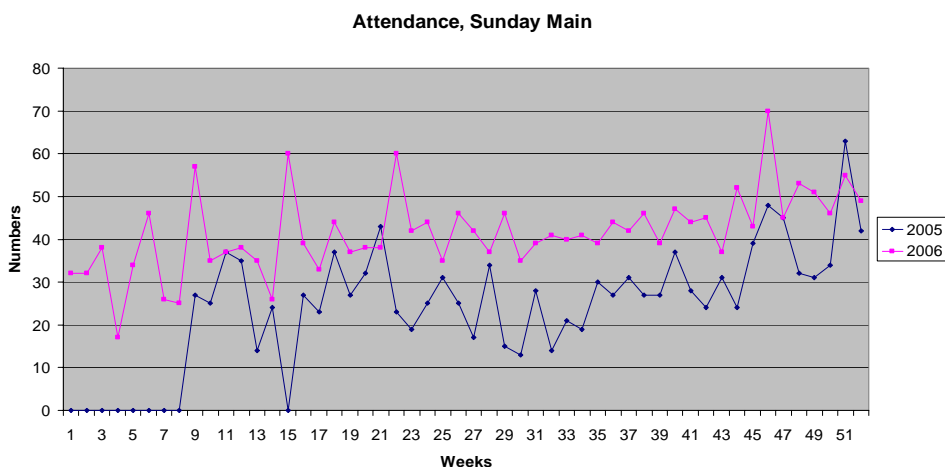
I believe the beginning of a New Year is a great time to reflect back on the prior year, and make plans for the New Year. So, today, I would like to reflect upon the last year and look forward to this year.

First, looking back through the year 2006, it was a year of growth – both qualitatively and quantitatively. Qualitatively, we grew in depth as we shared on the twelve stages of spirituality, a series on the Holy Spirit, a series on the marketplace ministry, a series on free worship, a series on Living in Heaven & Walking on Earth, and a series on Living in Power. Many of us were able to not only hear the voice of God, but also see His beauty. Through it all, we were able to cry out with Paul as in Ephesians 1:17-19.

Ephesians 1:17-19

I keep asking that the God of our LORD Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you **the Spirit of wisdom and revelation**, so that you may know Him better. I pray also that **the eyes of your heart may be enlightened** in order that you may know **the hope to which He has called you**, the riches of **His glorious inheritance in the saints**, and **His incomparably great power for us who believe**.

Quantitatively, we grew in numbers. Since the beginning of the year, our membership has nearly doubled, and likewise our attendance has also nearly doubled. The best way to see it is through the graph as seen here.



What do you think the curve would be like this year?

[If today's attendance is a prophetic picture of what is to come, I am excited as it is "here" ...]

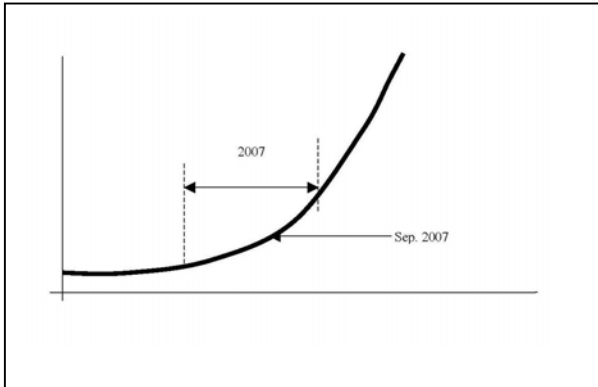
Moreover, if you were here on the New Year's Eve service, then you would remember my message titled "One Season to Another" in which I stated prophetically that **He is moving us from a season to another season of growth!**

With that, allow me to summarize the prophetic word for the year 2007 that was given on the New Year's Eve.

1. The year 2007 will be the year in which much of our preparation for what God has for us will be completed. Yes, the LORD has done much healing, equipping, and preparing in each of our lives in 2006. For example, the LORD has opened our spiritual ears, opened our spiritual eyes, anointed us, equipped us, and made us hunger for more of Him. Now, in 2007, the LORD will complete the preparation, and launch us into receiving the fulfillment of the promises of God.

2. Yes, this will be the year in which, in a way, we graduate from one level and move up to the next level, such that the promises of God and the desires of your hearts will start to manifest in our lives.
3. Therefore, I believe (i) we will continue to be prepared and equipped for the promises of God in the earlier part of the year, (ii) we will start to see the beginning of the promises fulfilled, (iii) we will receive the breakthroughs throughout the year, starting about September of 2007, and (iv) we will start to be prepared and equipped for a greater vision and greater work in the LORD.

Do you recall the growth curve I've shown you on the New Year's Eve?



Explain the curve.

4. Therefore, I believe that the year 2007 will be a very important year for Father's House and for each and every one of us – because I believe that the LORD has prepared us in the last several years and He is bringing us to a **Breakthrough Point** in your life. It is an exciting time, such that we will find out how the LORD has prepared us in the last two years of Father's House – for the next stage of Father's House. Although I say the preparation of the last two years for Father's House, I believe that, for at your personal level, that is for each of you, it would be the preparation that the LORD has done in your life in the last seven years (perhaps in the last twelve years) that will start to bear fruit in your life, and prepare us for the next seven years (perhaps twelve or more).
5. In a way, there is much spiritual pressure that is built up in our lives, and the LORD is adding more upward pressure toward our maturity and greater relationship with Him and one another. In a way, I believe that some of you feel like you are about to burst and, in fact, some of you are crying out, “how much more before you move LORD?” – Similar to an arrow notched on a bow of the LORD, there is an increasing tension on the arrow until the point of release; however, when the LORD releases the arrow, the arrow always hits the mark. – I believe that sometime this year, we will come to our defining moments in which He will launch us into our next spurt of spiritual growth.
6. In a simpler way, a season of pruning is nearly complete – the LORD is making some final pruning cuts in our lives, so that we may have a season of supernatural growth!
John 15:1-2
“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit He prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.”
7. So, do not give up – look to the LORD and trust Him – and be ready to go when He encourages you to go with Him. ***He is moving us from a season to another season of growth!***

So, I would like you to be prepared for the next season of your life by doing the following:

1. **Set aside and spend time with God.** Would you like to know Him better? – there is no other way. Would you like to have more power in your life? – there is no other way. Would you like to move in signs and wonders and miracles? – there is no other way. Would you like to lead people with the heart of God? – there is no other way.

2. **Expect Changes and Embrace New Wine.** The LORD has prepared us to be a new wine skin. Through our lives, especially in the last few years, the LORD has prepared us to be a vessel and a conduit of His love – He has tenderized our hearts, so that we are able to express His love to others in our brokenness in Him. Therefore, expect new things in God, expect changes that will stretch you to be better, and learn to flow with New Wine of God.
Matthew 9:17
Neither do men pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst, the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved.
3. **Embrace Excellence.** Know that God is God of Excellence. Do not settle for mediocrity or the second best. Know that you are an ambassador of God – having the fragrance of Christ. Know that God is making His appeal, that is, His presentation of who He is through us.
2 Corinthians 5:20
We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us.
4. **Be the workers of the harvest.** Express His love to the others. Minister with the love of God. **What the world needs is His love expressed through you – that is, your love.** Love them with sincere and free acts of kindness (especially, if the acts are small), and invite them into the Kingdom of God. Learn how to lead a person to Christ, and be willing to take a chance and ask the people around you to accept Jesus as the Holy Spirit prompts you. If you are unsure what to do, invite them to Father's House or send them to a good local church. Invite people to Father's House – if you were blessed at Father's House, then most likely that the person you are inviting would be also. **Let me give you a key:** If you see someone you know who is struggling with the same or similar situation you used to be in, then it is a set up by God – tell them of your testimony and invite – tell them what God has done for you, especially through Father's House, your church. **That may be simple, but that is a very important and powerful a key in inviting people to Jesus and a key in inviting people to Father's House. The essence of the key is being excited and believing in Jesus and Father's House, respectively. Always have a testimony handy as to how Jesus has blessed you and how Father's House has blessed you, and be willing to tell others about it.**
John 4:35-36
“Do you not say, ‘Four months more and then the harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together.”
5. **Volunteer freely.** Volunteer freely in the time of need. The LORD is faithful in equipping His people for ministry. Actually everyone in Father's House is excellent in this area. Literally no one refuses a call for service. Thank you. However, please note that as we grow and be launched into a higher level, there would be greater need for service. For example, the upcoming March “Launch a Revival” conference requires many volunteers, both from this church and from other churches. It is exciting that even people from other churches are so willing to volunteer and team with us in this conference.
1 Timothy 1:12
I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that He considered me faithful, appointing me to His service.
6. **Be accountable.** We must be accountable to God and to the others. If you do not yet have a fellowship group, please find one and be accountable to your fellowship group leader. Did you know that your fellowship group is where you will learn to be disciplined and accountable? Accountability means being committed. Accountability means being submissive. Accountability means that you take your task seriously. Accountability means that you believe the service was appointed by God, and you are accountable to Him. Accountability means that you will find your replacement, if you are unable to meet your commitment.

Today, I want to thank God for having established us here in Diamond Bar. He truly has been faithful to us as His presence has been with us ever since the first day of service. Also, He has provided all our needs. I am excited to find out what God will do in 2007 through Father's House.

Also, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you – especially our members. It is because of your love for God, love for this church, love for one another, and love for us, we are established and growing in the LORD. I am also excited to find out what God will do in 2007 through each and every one of you.

Always remember His promise for you in 2007!

Jeremiah 29:11

¹¹ “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”