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# 1 Ekklesia Rising

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**Ekklesia needs to Kick into High Gear for Prophetic Ministry to have its Full Impact! That is a Must!**

**Ekklesia:** to the **Greeks** it meant “*assemble*”, to the **Hebrews** it meant “*gathering*”, but to **Jesus**, based on His example, He meant it to be “*a gathering on the move*”.

## 1 - 1 Upon that Rock . . . is Ekklesia

**When Peter answered that famous question of Jesus, “Who do you say I am”, Peter absolutely nailed it!** Why? Well that revelation was only made possible through our heavenly Father, and upon that rock ( *foundational solid rock revelation* ), Jesus’ plan was to build and release His Ekklesia (church), and the gates of hades will not prevail against it. With Ekklesia now moving into the forefront once again, the keys of the Kingdom will now have an unlimited ability to bind and loose; creating that needed Kingdom movement for these last days. And lets never forget who really is the rock when it comes to this gospel! That foundational rock for the Apostles and Prophets!

**In the original manuscripts the word “church” never existed! The original word was “Ekklesia”,** and it was never meant to be something static. It was always meant to be very fluid. It was to be a gathering, a movement, with Kingdom authority, setting the captives free! It was all about moving forward with the Father’s business!

## 1 - 2 Ekklesia Background

**Over 12 years ago an exodus began where 50% — and as many as 80% of the church left the building according to Canadian and American statistics. With God playing His part in the exodus, I realized that church was once again in transition.** What was meant to be a vehicle designed to shepherd the people has somehow disconnected from its original design. I saw many, whom I have honored,

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Apostles, Prophets, Pastors, Evangelists and Teachers, — picking up the pieces of a church model that was collapsing all around.

**A certain percentage of those who were part of the exodus ended up entering into the beginnings of what could only be described as a bizarre wilderness experience.**

The rest came to a realization that their season had just come to an end. For them, this meant that the hanging around time that is needed to complete the transition would probably have its way until the new season shows up, and when that season lands, what would that look like for the church and Ekklesia?

**As I watched these events unfold, I realized that the five-fold ministry model consisting of Apostles, Prophets, Pastors, Evangelists and Teachers was not the culprit.** Could it be that the ministry of the five-fold was misunderstood? Maybe! Was it mishandled? That could very well be! Trying to figure it out caused me to take a deeper look at the overall umbrella, — that church covering that was meant to be a covering for the five-fold ministry. What caused the DNA of that covering to crumble so badly? Well one of the many things discovered was that we had the application backwards! The five-fold was to be the covering for the church, not the other way!

**The other discovery was that the word “church” didn’t really land on the scene until around the 16th century.** Now if that is true, then what is this thing called Ekklesia? Well that whole research brought me back to the beginning where Jesus asked that famous question of Peter! So if it all started with Jesus releasing Ekklesia, then maybe we’ve gone full circle and we are about to enter into the Ekklesia model once again during these latter days!

## **1 - 3 Ekklesia! So what does that really mean?**

**The whole Ekklesia thing is starting to look more like a lost language, — a lost concept, designed for some kind of movement!** So if Jesus was the original template for the fivefold ministry, and if He truly landed with his Father’s Kingdom, and both the fivefold ministry model and the Kingdom of heaven have a zero history when it comes to bloopers, then my conclusion is that the church walked out of a recent season with a model that was never designed to give us the success that we needed to make it through these last days! If that be true, then what does the Ekklesia model need to look like for a gathering that is now heading into the last days? This is important to know because we all fit in the mix somewhere, and it seems that the functionality of it all is in our willingness to interconnect!

## 1 - 4 Five-Fold Ministry Model / Team

### **For the rising Ekklesia, what does the Five-Fold look like?**

In the 50's and 60's what was called **Apostolic** was later defined in the 70's and 80's as a **Five-Fold Ministry**. But in the days of Jesus, all of that was under its original banner called **Ekklesia**, — but what does that actually mean for us today?

**First of all . . . to be truly qualified as an apostle, you need to be walking (at some capacity) in all four of the other ministries.** As one who is sent out, — you need to be equipped to do the job. Jesus walked that model as He demonstrated all the ministries to His disciples before sending them off. My guess is that one of the reasons why the last model headed towards the cliff was that those, who claimed to be apostles, were missing the wisdom and the understanding of how the different ministries actually functioned, and how the giftings interrelated, — a model that seemed to be heading for disaster the moment it was released.

**Each of us has been imparted with some type of ministry mix, plus we have been equipped with gifts and abilities to walk out that mix,** “For we are all called to come to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, that we may grow up in all things unto Him who is the head, — Christ, from whom the whole body joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.” (Ephesians 4:11-16).

**In other words, anyone operating in part of the mix, or in all of the mix, is just someone who has experienced enough of the trials and tribulations to simply serve and mentor others in the gathering.** Early Ekklesia tells us that it was a gathering of elders (those mature ones in the five-fold) who teamed together with their gifts in a joint effort to help serve and guide others to grow in the Lord, with the prime directive of raising others into the fullness in their calling. The five-fold is really a collection of spiritual job descriptions designed to correlate for the releasing and modeling of true ministry. It was always designed for the Bride of Christ to model Jesus! The gifts and responsibilities were never designed to elevate one above the other, but to model a five-fold that was on a level playing field, releasing a Kingdom that was totally in sync with his Father, everyone of equal value uniquely outfitted with gifts and ministries, all functioning as a team.

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**It was never about a position in an autocratic way but a posturing of a team going down the harvest field together, embracing the responsibility to serve and esteem others by showing a genuine interest for one another.** If genuine love exists in our gatherings, then in our actions, we would truly contend for one another as God contends for us!

# **1 - 5 The Five-Fold**

## **Apostle / Prophet / Evangelist / Pastor / Teacher**

**It is important to note that what we call the five fold ministry offices are God given Spirit anointed and appointed positions.** These offices without exception are selfless. Their responsibility is “ To equip God’s people to do His work and build up the Ekklesia, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won’t be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to deceive us into walking with a counterfeit that sounds and smells like the real deal. Instead, we will pursue unity; speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of His body (the Ekklesia). He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.” (Ephesians 4:11)

**These gifts were not designed for individuals only, but rather for those who have gathered. They were intended for a bottom-up model so that the gathering can grow and mature while learning to serve.** These roles have always been about others and not about self, — to exhort, encourage, train, impart, mentor and release so that the body can attain a Christ like standard, discerning truth while understanding its roles within the body until unity kicks into gear. Its about being selfless allowing other parts to grow in love. But this bottom up model will always end up in conflict if the five-fold directs itself to building its own personal ministries rather than building the Ekklesia (church) that Jesus intended.

### **Apostle** *in the EKKLESIA model*

An apostle is known as one called and sent, having the spiritual authority, character, gifts and the abilities to reach and establish people in Kingdom truth and Kingdom order. An apostle hears from heaven and receives Kingdom downloads regarding implementation and governance of the 5-fold. An apostle has a burden to build and establish something, or activate the restoration process of something lost. This is not about change for the sake of change but is about the fulfillment of a God given direction. The apostles lay a foundation down for those gathered so that they would come into full maturity. That maturity comes with prophetic insight, the ability to shepherd and teach, and to evangelize almost on a prophetic level, but because it's a Kingdom based ministry, it needs to be testified with signs and wonders followed with healing and restoration. The apostle is like a conductor of an orchestra, having a supernatural ability to keep it all on track, having the patience to see all the pieces come together, being the biggest servant of all when it comes to training, releasing, and most importantly, — aligning it with the timing as to how and when it should all unfold.

### **Prophet** *in the EKKLESIA model*

Having to stand in the counsel of God, the prophet releases what is on the heart of God giving guidance to the gathering and to individuals, giving revelation, as well as prophetic insight, with the correct interpretation, application, and proper delivery time. A true prophet's message will be in agreement with the Word of God. His words will edify the gathering that is before him and the core of any message will exalt the Son of God and the Cross. Prophets are called to serve the body and not run ahead. As the many prophets are still growing and maturing, a safe environment is needed for the weighing and testing before any words are released. A needed relationship between apostle and pastor is important for the prophet and any gathering. Experience has taught us that neglecting this has been catastrophic to both ministries and gatherings. This is where the rubber hits the road for ekklesia. These 3 need to make it work! That is why the model of Ekklesia, and being knitted is so important to give the prophet and the prophetic a chance of staying on track with what the heart of God truly is.

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### **Evangelist** *in the EKKLESIA model*

The evangelist carries a great burden for those who are not currently a part of the Kingdom of God. Evangelists have an anointing to preach the gospel that comes with a great conviction that draws people to the Lord. They will often have signs and wonders following them to confirm their message. Evangelists create converts, while apostles create disciples. Their foremost desire is to see people come into the Kingdom while leaving the work of discipleship to others. They love teaching others how to win converts, and never feel like they are actually doing enough to accomplish their task. While they grieve for the lost they have an anointing to impart God's broken heart to the body. Evangelists are absolutely crucial for growth as the gathering moves forward.

### **Pastor** *in the EKKLESIA model*

The pastor is the heart of any gathering. He is a shepherd who deeply cares for those who have gathered; ready to lay down everything and anything for them. His heart is to see them grow, and to be equipped and trained as they develop their giftings. He has a passion to see them step into the calling that God has for them. Pastors are supportive, life giving but without the need to be in the forefront at all times. A true pastor recognizes the fact that Jesus is the true shepherd, and that his flock, or his gathering of believers really belongs to Jesus and not to him. Likewise a true shepherd, following in the footsteps of his Master, will also put his life on the line for those that have gathered around him. He will not abandon them, but the hireling will flee when the wolves come, and in every Holy Spirit filled gathering the wolves will not hesitate to attack. This shepherd (pastor) will guard and lay his life down for the fold and is totally dependent on hearing from the True Shepherd. As Ekklesia moves forward they will move with him because of the love that he has demonstrated. At times the pastor becomes the bridge helping to interconnect the different ministries, callings and functions. He is able to do this because of his ability to listen to all sides, restoring the calm and discerning the atmosphere as he moves the gathering down the harvest field. His concern is always the well being and protection of those that have gathered around him.

## **Teachers in the EKKLESIA model**

While they teach and edify the body, they impart divine life with an anointing to their listeners who become hungrier for the word as scripture is illuminated bringing forth truth and fresh revelation. While prophets reveal the heart of God, teachers reveal more of the mind, the character, and the nature of God. They open up our minds to understanding how God functions and who He is, — as the Spirit of truth, wisdom, and knowledge give it prophetic direction. Spirit-led teachers . . . and not necessarily the academics, are what's prime in this calling for these are Spirit-given offices. Prophets and teachers balance each other in the body. Prophets have revelation of hidden things in the future, while teachers have revelation of the hidden things in the word. Teachers reveal the specifics of the revealed truth, while prophets reveal the bigger spectrum. Prophets possess foresight, teachers have insight. While prophets are risk takers, teachers move by understanding. Teachers are very essential as they give the gathering a good foundation of the word of God.

## **1 - 6 Ekklesia - The Five-Fold Model Defined**

**When Jesus asked His disciples: “Who do men say that I am?”, their answer was very different than Peter who responded by saying: “He is the Christ, the Son of the living God”.**

Jesus replied back and said: “Blessed are you Peter for that revelation was only made possible through my Father who is heaven.”, and upon that very rock (*foundational rock of revelation*), Jesus plans to build and release **His Ekklesia**, and the gates of hades will not prevail against it. With Ekklesia now coming to the forefront once again, the keys of the Kingdom will once again have the ability to bind and loosen whatever is needed to cause extreme movement.

**Again, lets never forget who is the solid rock, the foundational rock, the true cornerstone when it comes to this gospel.**



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**In other words, if I had to guess, based on what Jesus released while travelling from place to place, based on all that was witnessed, based on all that was being testified, and based on all the signs and wonders that followed, Jesus was demonstrating and releasing Ekklesia, — a gathering, a movement, a Kingdom government, with Kingdom authority, to set the captives free.** In other words, Jesus plans on building His Father's House, with full authority, backed with angels, fuelled by the Holy Spirit and with a ton of prophetic intel, so that He may release the very things that are upon His Father's heart. All that Jesus was modeling was not in a static form, but in more of a fluid form. This Kingdom, this house, this authority was totally mobile, and because it was designed to be far reaching, He made it highly transferable! His original intent is that we, too, will walk in the very model that He has laid out as we pursue the Father's business with the heart of the Father.

**Jesus staked the ground and said that His Father's Kingdom has landed and that it was now on the move, steering itself towards captivity, to set the captives free, and restore what was lost,** — to rebuild, revive, renew, refresh, and to have redemption kick into high gear, for these are the very things that are upon His Father's heart. But the fivefold ministry was still being carved out in the lives of the disciples, as the completed model in Jesus became their constant witness. As Jesus was on the move, modeling and functioning in the apostolic, the disciples learned first-hand while going from place to place, what those ministries would look like!

**According to the model that Jesus demonstrated, it always was about Kingdom ministry,** and we are at that place once again where we need to preach the gospel and let it follow with signs and wonders. The Kingdom of God is not only to be preached in word, but it should follow with the power to heal and the power to restore, for this is our banqueting table of a power that is available unto our salvation (1st Thessalonians 1:5). It really is the continuation of the book of Acts. It is this very world within a world that Jesus demonstrated (Acts 1:8). He is the doorway of a heavenly Kingdom that He unleashed amongst His twelve apostles, and now that it's been unloaded, a greater level of that Kingdom is about to be unleashed in these last days, as the latter will be greater than the former!

**When Jesus released the original Ekklesia** (a gathering on the move), **He mentioned twice the need to preach the gospel of the Kingdom, and lay hands to heal the sick!** (Mark 16:15-20 and Mathew 10:7) If it is a lost language as we perceive it to be, then we are about to engage with it again, for if we truly are about to enter into a whole new playing field, then it's time to let the process have its way in us so that we can move into the realm of "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" (Mathew 6:10).

**This processing of the gathering has been on the radar for the past few years now, but to most of us, it's a whole new experience.** It really is time to step out from the isolation and step into the season at hand. If you are one whom God has forged through the fires of the Holy Spirit, then you need to start gathering with those who are like-minded, for we have entered the season of the gathering. If our creative God is on the move, then we need to creatively make movement ourselves.

**God is gathering what has been scattered! So for those that have found themselves going through some type of wilderness experience, now is the time to allow the Spirit of God to direct your footsteps.** Now is the time to actually function as a team, to move in one accord, to move in a true model of the Ekklesia, for it really is about teamwork. The autocratic way needs to make room for Ekklesia, for we need to start working as a unit, in one accord, interconnected, everyone contributing, as we go down the field together. It's no different than a hockey team or a football team, or any other team that's trying to work the grid. For any team that is pounding that grid, there are usually operating systems in place ( kingdom guidelines ) to help create movement so that the whole unit can enter into its destiny. So for Ekklesia, what would that look like? If the Kingdom of heaven functions under a heavenly operating system, and the animal kingdom functions on its own operating system, then Ekklesia, in fulfillment of Jesus' prayer, " Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven ", must also have an operating system to keep it in balance as Holy Spirit, men, and angels function together!

## **1 - 7 The Operating System**

### **What does boots to the ground under Ekklesia look like?**

Holy Spirit has graced people with a personal empowering presence of God to enable them to be that extension of a loving God in a lost world.

#### **Philippians 2:1-4**

"If there is any fellowship that we share in the Spirit, any comfort of love, any great depth of affection and compassion, then make my joy complete by being of the same mind, having the same love, being of one accord, and of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish ambition, strife, or vain deceit, but with an attitude of humility being neither arrogant nor self-righteous, regard others as more important than yourselves. Do not only search out only your interests, but search out the interest of others also."

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### **1 Corinthians 14:26**

“Well, my brothers and sisters, let's summarize. When you meet together, one will sing, another will teach, another will tell some special revelation God has given, one will speak in tongues, and another will interpret what is said. But everything that is done must strengthen all of you.”

### **Romans 12:3-8**

“For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.”

### **Romans 14:9**

“So then let us pursue what leads to peace and to mutual edification.”

### **1 Corinthians 12:7-11**

“A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the same Spirit gives the gift of healing. He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.”

### **Romans 15:2**

“Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.”

## 1 - 8 Ekklesia - Moving Forward

**As one who has seen heaven pushing Ekklesia forward for the last number of years, four challenges have come to the surface from two specific groups who were being asked to enter in, which is the reason for writing out this manual.**

God is gathering, and the one group consists of those who are walking out from their desert experience, while the other group consists of those who have walked away from the many controlling influences. Included in this second group are those strong horses that are presently learning how to lay their lives completely down. Both groups are being challenged by the Holy Spirit to enter into the greatest season ever.

**So as Holy Spirit makes His attempts in steering this gathering into this end time season, the following four challenges have been a big distraction!**

One of those challenges has been a widespread *Disinterest* in stepping into the new model, because people in general are still trying to salvage their own lives, never mind realigning themselves for another go around with this thing called church! This partnering up with fear and reflecting on the historical collapses has caused many to walk away from the starting line, completely stepping away from the Ekklesia season at hand. The next challenge is *Discouragement*. People across the board have had their personal cages rattled so bad that it's tough for them to even think that there is an actual roadway on the other side of that rattled cage. The last roadway was the very roadway that steered them into the cage! And with no track record on the new model, what are the chances of this roadway looking like the last one? Another challenge is in the *Disconnect*. There seems to be such a disconnect, and a misunderstanding with this thing called "ministry". For the past few years, with the new season at hand, we saw strong horses trying to jump start their personal ministries in the midst of these gatherings, causing the gathering to go down a path that it was never meant to travel. Those pathways were a total disconnect from God's understanding of ministry and God's intentions and direction for the new season. Then there's the all around *Dissatisfaction* because people were not able to see the needed personal results, nor the needed Kingdom results flashing upon the radar screens of life. Because of the past travesties, they now have a tough time seeing the forest for the trees. We need to somehow get past all these distractions!

***Cliff Hangers***

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***I was caught up in a dream the other night and I found myself repelling down a dark cliff. It seemed that the cliff wall was part of a dark valley. As I started descending down I noticed a scattered people clinging to the sides of the cliff. Then, appearing to the right of me, was a man dressed in white looking like a prisoner of war, gaunt and completely faded from the person that he once was. As I swung by I plucked him from the side of the cliff and held him in my arms. I saw the pain in his eyes and the brokenness upon his heart.***

***As I looked upon the valley wall, the Spirit of God revealed how this man and many others were all part of a large movement. Somehow the vehicles they were a part of took a turn for the worst and in the confusion of it all, most found themselves hanging on the sides of this dark cliff. All feeling the effects of betrayal, and the bitterness that followed after. With waves of resentment, they sunk deeper into that dark place, having no real answers to the demise.***

***I then realized that these cliffhangers were the very ones who were scattered from a season gone by that was man handled. Man somehow improvised on a movement that God was to be in control of, and that's when the whole movement headed for the cliff. As I held this frail one in my arms, I realized that only a miracle would get him back on track with what the Lord originally intended.***

***It was revealed by the Spirit of the Lord that none of these were at fault. As ones who were dressed in white, the Lord was saying that these ones here are, and always will be, His sons and daughters. They are loved and they are the forgiven, and now He is providing a Holy Spirit rescue mission from those who have man-handled a God movement towards the cliffs. It's the great commandment at work once again! For God so loved, and He still loves!***

***As we were being lifted out of the valley, I realized that many upon those cliffs would not let go. The work of betrayal and the bitterness that followed has done its work. The voice of the Lord in them has been silenced. But some will allow the rescue mission to have its way, and few will actually make it into the next season where they will walk in the fullness of their destiny, with the ability to help others, voicing the things of God once again. Somehow these ones who have been scattered upon the cliffs need to let go and allow that Holy Spirit rescue mission to have its way, for God has not forgotten them!***

## 1 - 9 Ekklesia Conclusion

**It's only when we gather in faith trusting that God is truly bringing us together (while committing to unity) that we will begin to see the intensity of what God really has planned for the gathering in this season.** He plans to be magnified, and this season truly has the glory of God all over it, for it is in this very place of unity where the commanded blessing is released. The breath of God will come and He plans to raise an amazing group of people for an amazing journey!

### **Our Guarantee for Success is based on these principles**

#### **Psalm 133:1-3**

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments. It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing, — Life forevermore.”

#### **Hebrews 10:24-25**

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another, — and all the more as you see the day approaching.”

### **This Train is bound for Glory – A New Season is Upon Us**

**Ekklesia, bound for the manifested glory of God, is now sitting at the station, waiting for its passengers.** We have entered a new season, and for all the right reasons we need to start gathering, for it's all about moving forward in unity with the heart of God. Ekklesia and Prophetic Ministry now needs to function as one. The call is to connect with those who really desire to serve one another, and to allow the Holy Spirit to guide our steps as we press into the prophetic season at hand. We are entering a season of surprises, a season where those prophetic words spoken over all of us will begin to manifest before us.

**For those who are willing to risk it one more time,** the word of the Lord is this, — *“But from this day forward, I will bless you”* (Haggai 2:19).