

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

Make Room – Expansion Is Here! November 12, 2024 Suzi Armstrong

2 Samuel 22.37 ESV

³⁷ **You gave a wide place for my steps under me, and my feet did not slip;**

- God brought David into an expanded place of influence. David needed an enlarged place to walk because God had increased the weight of His presence in and through David.
- The weight of the knowledge of the glory of God had increased through intimacy and relationship.
- In the verses prior to v37, David says that God is God alone. That His way is flawless; He is a shield and refuge. That God had enlarged David and armed him with strength and enabled David to walk the path he was on. That God alone had trained David for this day in time and given him the weapons that he would need to walk in a place of greater impact and influence.
- David was going beyond where he had been before – he was living and moving in the place of expansion.

The Lord has brought us into a place of expansion. Expansion is the ACTION of becoming larger. It is a place of forming and becoming, by the power and design of God Almighty. He equips. It is His blueprint and His timing. In the place of expansion, dimensions shift and change – new boundaries are set in place. Expansion is going beyond what you have known and experienced. Expansion is stepping over the threshold into something new. Expansion is sometimes awkward and uncomfortable, but at the same time it is filled with excitement and the fresh wind of Holy Spirit that helps us to move into the expansion God has for us.

Sometimes we must clean out some old things to make place for the enlargement that comes with expansion. It is a time to seek God's face and to know that He is our supply. He will give us wisdom and understanding to embrace and fill the place of expansion. It is exciting and undoing all at the same time. You must trust in the Lord with all of your heart and not lean on your own understanding to successfully walk in the expanded place. David did that well in the place of building David's tabernacle and on the battlefield. God's favor and supply are in the place of expansion – it is the bridge into the future. God determines when, and He is the One who opens the door and invites us in.

Adam and Eve expanded to a place outside the Garden – everything was new. Noah expanded onto an ark full of animals and experienced rain – a flood that covered the earth. There was no paradigm for this. Joshua led the Israelites across the Jordon River into a new land flowing with milk and honey and intimidating giants. Once again, a whole new way of life came with the expansion that God brought His people into. In each and every expansion, God provided the wisdom, the understanding, and skill to live a life of blessing.

Isaiah 54.2-4a ESV

² **"Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes.**

³ For you will **spread abroad to the right and to the left,**
and your offspring will possess the nations and will people the desolate cities.

⁴ "Fear not, for you will not be ashamed; be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced;

Romans 12.2 ESV

² **Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind**, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

- Expansion requires new thinking and new engagement. We have the mind of Christ – get God’s thinking. This will give you spiritual intelligence. Engage the Lord – get spiritual intelligence!
- Do not be led by the agitation in the earth; that is the wrong frequency – it is not the sound of life.
- Finding the way to advance, to build, to step into expansion is not on the outside of you but on the inside through Holy Spirit and the wisdom of God. Get wisdom. Get understanding.

2 Peter 1.3-4 TPT

³ **Everything we could ever need for life and godliness has already been deposited in us by his divine power.** For all this was lavished upon us through the rich experience of knowing him who has **called us by name and invited us to come to him** through a glorious manifestation of his goodness.

⁴ As a result of this, he has given you **magnificent promises that are beyond all price**, so that through the power of these tremendous promises we can **experience partnership with the divine nature**, by which you have escaped the corrupt desires that are of the world.

- You have what it takes.
- The future is apprehended in the incredible promises of God. Partner with Him.
- The forming that comes in the expansion comes through the heart – flowing with God. Noah could not reason the ark in his mind. He had to move in the flow of union and faith. Spiritual intel.

Psalms 119.105-110 The Message

By your words I can see where I’m going; they throw a beam of light on my dark path. I’ve committed myself and I’ll never turn back from living by your righteous order.

Everything’s falling apart on me, God; put me together again with your Word.

Adorn me with your finest sayings, God; teach me your holy rules.

My life is as close as my own hands, but I don’t forget what you have revealed.

The wicked do their best to throw me off track, but I don’t swerve an inch from your course.

- David is reinforcing and building his expectations through speaking to his own heart.
- His focus is the Lord and not the circumstances that test him – this fosters expectation that opens the door to step into the new – into the place of expansion, to be made new.
- Expectation is energy and power.
- Expectation multiplied becomes passion that fuels the fire in your inner man.

Proverbs 29.18 KJV

¹⁸ **Where there is no vision, the people perish...**

- Expectancy enables vision to see the invisible. Then God can pour through you the creativity to bring it forth.
- Expect that God’s grace is sufficient. Let your vision for the future be formed by God.
- Expectation and creativity are burning in the prophetic realm over Detroit. Expansion is here. Stay in God’s timing and move with what He is doing.

PRAYER AND DECLARATION:

With boldness we declare to Detroit that God is holy, and the jurisdiction of Heaven is over this City and the land. The mighty dunamis power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in our City, in this neighborhood, and in neighborhoods all throughout this great City. For we have heard the testimony of Jesus ringing across this land. Miracles, signs, and wonders are taking place because the pure word of the Gospel has gone into this City and land. **The Kingdom of God is at hand, Detroit – it is here, and it is NOW!**

Your sorrows, Detroit, are being turned into joy. The days are here, Detroit, "...when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman and the planter by the one treading grapes. New wine will drip from the mountains and flow from the hills...I will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them...says the Lord your God." (Amos 9.13-15). The One who is Holy and has all authority holds Detroit in His hand. **Detroit belongs to the Lord, for He is holy!**