



Why This Year Is THE Year

There is a shift in the atmosphere. As we come to the close of one year and step into the next, something may not be sitting quite right within you. But what is it? Is it doubt? Uncertainty? Fear?

What if I told you it could be all of these feelings lying beneath another one—**expectation**?

In my church, this past year has been unlike anything we've experienced before. We have witnessed deep moves of God with an intensity that is difficult to describe. But it wasn't just our church sensing this. Throughout the year, I've heard testimonies of similar *holy visitations* happening in churches everywhere—moments where the Spirit of the Lord moved so powerfully that people left sanctuaries in awe, testifying of miracles, signs, and wonders.

As we see these moves of God happening more frequently, it ignites something within us: a longing for **more**.

More of His Word.

More time spent in prayer.

More of His presence.

And as we spend more time with God, He begins to equip us for the work He desires to do through us in the world. In this deeper communion, He also begins to test our faith—not to break us, but to refine us. These moments test our obedience and challenge us to put into practice what He has been revealing to us. And what is the purpose of it all?

To move us into the next level of our Christian walk.

Up to this point, I've been speaking generally—but now I want to go deeper.

In **2 Timothy chapter 1**, Paul writes to Timothy, reminding him of the lineage of faith he comes from and insisting that Timothy himself carries this gift. In verse 6, Paul says:

“Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.”

—2 Timothy 1:6 (KJV)

Basically, Paul is saying: *You recognize that you have this gift. I have prayed over you concerning it. Now—it's your responsibility to stir it up.*

No matter how long you have walked with the Lord, this message is for you.

Maybe you've prayed and sought God for His will.
Maybe you've joined a ministry or serve team.
Maybe you've been to the altar and had hands laid on you.
Maybe you've even received a prophetic word—yet you find yourself asking, “*When, Lord?*”

That answer is **now**.

There are gifts that have been deposited within you that have laid dormant. You may already be involved in ministry but still feel like something is missing. Perhaps it's because there are gifts within you that have not yet been activated.

Now is the time to take things to another level.
Maybe, this is the moment for you to step fully into your calling.

And I don't say that lightly.

As Uncle Ben famously said, “*With great power comes great responsibility.*”
The Bible puts it this way:

“When someone has been given much, much will be required in return; and when someone has been entrusted with much, even more will be required.”
—Luke 12:48 (NLT)

When you step into alignment with your God-given gift(s), your faithfulness will be tested.
Will you remain submitted and obedient to God and to God-ordained leadership?
Will you be faithful in prayer, in the Word, in fasting, and in service?
How will you respond when trials come from every direction?

In moments like these, I find encouragement in James chapter 1:

*“My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;
Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.
But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing...
Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.”*
—James 1:2–4, 12 (KJV)

Our ultimate goal as Christians is to see the Lord in all His glory in Heaven after this life is over. Even adversity plays a role in preparing us for that day—so don't allow the “*what ifs*” to stop you from moving forward.

Your gift is needed in the Body of Christ.

*“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of*

Christ:

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.”

—Ephesians 4:11–13 (KJV)

Did you know that your role—even on the worship team—contributes to the work of the five-fold ministry?

The word *worship* means “to honor or show reverence for as a divine being; to regard with great or extravagant respect, honor, or devotion.” (*Merriam Webster*) In Scripture, one expression of worship was falling prostrate before the Lord—literally laying face-down in honor and reverence of His presence. (Deut 9:18, 9:25; 1 Chron. 21:16, 2 Chron. 7:3)

When we worship today, we are spiritually bowing before the Lord—placing ourselves in a posture of submission to what He desires to do. As a music team, we help prepare the atmosphere with humility, reverence, and honor so that the **King of Glory may enter in**.

As we step into 2026, the word that best describes what I sense in my spirit is **activation**.

It is time to activate—to put into practice what the Lord has called us to do.

Not partially.

Not occasionally.

But with **daily devotion** to the call of God on our lives.

So today, I want to encourage you:

Stir up the gift of God that has already been imparted to you.

This is the time.

This is the hour.

And as we walk forward in obedience, we can rest in this promise:

“The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord”

—Psalm 37:23a (KJV)

He will lead you every step of the way.