

2021 – Bishop James Murunga.

James declared over and over that this is a year we are going to have to remember “The Lord is with us.”

In Judges 6:12-14. The angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon and said to him, “the Lord is with you, you mighty man of valor”. In 2021, the Lord is coming to us and saying to His remnant bride, “I am with you”.

God saw Gideon as a mighty man of valor with outstanding gifts and power in his life, but Gideon never knew that. Some of us have great grace and gifting’s from God but we have never imagined that the Lord is with us and is going to use us. We need to hear the same words spoken to Gideon, “the Lord is with you”.

This is going to be a year of taking back your jurisdiction – your sphere. Some have lost that to the enemy. Whatever that jurisdiction is - your marriage, your finances, your children, your family, your business, your ministry or your nation. You must rise up and contend for it; for the glory of God. Not by power, not by might, but by the Spirit of God.

The Lord has used 2020 to test and activate our faith. It was like boot camp is to the military – not pleasant but necessary. We have prayed like never before. The Lord now wants to usher us more into the supernatural realm. We have been activated to pray, but now we must strengthen our praying strategies, our abilities to hear the voice of God, and our ability to speak forth His Word. As we do that, profound things are going to be seen. **There are going to be greater battles but remember the Lord is with you.** Rise up in prayer so that we see His kingdom come. **THAT’S HIS PURPOSE FOR THE BATTLES.**

Don’t allow the frustrations of 2020 to damage your perspective and keep you from the reality that God is with you. The Lord IS with us even when we are going through the worst of our times - irrespective of your perspective, of your situation and your circumstances, He is with you for a such a time as this. **He is going to be with His Church to enable us to press forward and break free of every oppressive and tormenting power of darkness.**

Going back to Gideon, the Midianites were actually the offspring from Abraham – one of Abraham’s counterfeit alternatives to receive the blessings of God when, in fact, he was in opposition to what God had promised him. Now, the Midianites were frustrating those plans and God used Gideon to set His people free. **This year, despite the crafting of the enemy to try to frustrate God’s plans, the Lord is saying there is a Gideon remnant today. There is a Gideon remnant in 2021 that the Spirit of God is going to come upon and activate.** He is coming and telling them today **the Lord is with you.**

2021 will not be just another year. There is going to be great victory through much deliverance – great restitution with a wealth of blessings both socially, spiritually, relationally, financially. It is going to **be a critical year for us as the sons of God to exercise our spiritual senses and grow our ability to hear the voice of God so that we are able to go forth in the Spirit of the Lord and fight against every oppressive spirit that would try to come and torment, frustrate, oppress, or hinder us from reaching our God-given destiny. God has a plan and is simply saying, “The Lord is with us “. Church, the Lord is with us!**

James then declares “by the Word of the Lord.” In 2021 we are going to see signs and wonders restored among the saints of God. Any place they are calling upon the Lord, **angels will come down** with packages of miracles and blessings. Miracles are going to happen. Tell yourself and prepare yourself because the Lord is with you just like Gideon. I hear the Lord saying to our generation as we transition into 2021 “the Lord is with us”. So **we must advance**. We must repossess what the enemy has taken, where he has oppressed and dominated places in our personal hearts and lives and minds. **We must repossess that territory. There are spheres that are assigned to you by the Lord and He is saying it is time to retake them.** We will see Christian leaders, remnant people, the Daniel company, men and women of wisdom, prophecy, power, great authority, of prayer, taking spheres of government for the glory of God. They will take a stand and not allow ungodliness and corruption to prevail.

Get ready to witness what God is going to do, even in the source of government. We are going to see the authority being released among the saints. The Esthers, the Josephs, the Pauls are going to emerge, who will speak to spiritual strongholds of sorcery and witchcraft, commanding them to be blinded in the name of Jesus - to be dumb and not able to speak, so they can't manipulate and wrongly direct kings and leaders. Apostolic leaders are going to rise up in 2021 with great authority. They will not be afraid to confront kings. They will not be afraid to confront the Elymas spirit and strongman that tries to hinder others from hearing -To expose him and to bring him down.

So this is basically a year where God is going to train us as we walk in His company. He is going to train us to walk in the realms of the Spirit, supernatural realms, **reclaiming the things that God has freely given to us, but the enemy has dominated and possessed them as though they were his.** *This is our time, brothers and sisters.* We are going to see blessings. We are going to see breakthroughs. We are going to see God's glory. So God bless you as you transition into the new year. I proclaim over your jurisdiction that Covid will not prevail. Covid will be stopped in the name of Jesus and you and your jurisdiction will begin to bless the glory and the right of heaven to prevail. Father we thank you. Lord I thank you for your faithfulness as we transition into the new year.

(Elymas was the sorcerer who tried to interfere when Paul spoke to Sergius, the governor of Paphos. (Acts 13:8))

A Prayer we can pray:

Father, we thank You for Your word to us. We choose to agree with You and declare that You are with us as we enter into this new year 2021. Thank You for being honest with us that there are going to be greater battles. We believe, according to Your word to us, that the battles are there to regain what has been lost or stolen from us...blessings and destinies that You had planned for our lives and have walked us through pruning, purifying, and training, in order that we can be in a position to receive what You have wanted to give us all along. And as Moses said, Lord, we don't just want Your blessings or Your promised land if Your presence doesn't go with us. So, thank You for Your promise that You are with us and will be with us throughout the year...giving us strategies, strength, miracles and angelic help, and that Your Holy Spirit will be with us guiding us and reminding us "You are with us!" We love You! In Jesus' Name. Amen.