



# THE KINGDOM UNLEASHED

DISCOVERING GOD'S KINGDOM MOVEMENTS



# RAISE THE SAILS

**DMM TRAINING**

**6 WEEKS:**

**FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> - APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**6:30-8:00 PM EST**



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MESSAGE 7: EMPOYERING

**EVERYBODY GETS TO PLAY!**

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*The council members (rulers, elders and teachers of the law) were **astonished** as they witnessed the bold courage (**boldness**) of **Peter** and **John**, especially when they **discovered** that they were just **ordinary men** who had never had religious training (i.e., **uneducated** and **unqualified**). Then they began to understand the **effect** Jesus had on them simply by **spending time** with him. Standing there with them was the **healed man**, and there was **nothing further** they could say.*

Acts 4:13-14 MSG

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The **early** church was full  
of **ordinary** people  
doing **extraordinary** things.

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*A cursory look at the book of Acts demonstrates that the **work of ministry** was largely done by **nonprofessional** Christians. Several of Jesus' disciples were **humble fisherman**. Even Paul appears to have been primarily self-supporting as a **tent maker**. It is possible that one of the reasons why the **Western church** of the twenty-first century **struggles** to grow is that the **DNA** has been **lost** that made up the **original** disciple making movement (**DMM**), that of **ordinary people** achieving the **impossible** in the name of God. Well, that DNA is being **recaptured** in today's **DMM** that are based on **empowering** every member, **regardless** of background, as a **disciple maker**, taking very **seriously** (obedience to) the final instruction (**Great Commission**) of Jesus to His disciples.*

Jerry Trousdale  
Miraculous Movements (2013)

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God loves and uses  
ordinary people!

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*Brothers and sisters, think of **what** you were **when** you were **called**.  
Not many of you were **wise** by human standards;  
not many were **influential** (in positions of power);  
not many were of **noble** birth (wealthy, high society).  
But God chose the **foolish things** of the world to **shame** the **wise**;  
God chose the **weak things** of the world to **shame** the **strong**  
God chose the **lowly things** of the world  
and the **despised** (laughable) **things** –  
and the **things** that **are not** (insignificant) –  
to **nullify** (supersede) the things that **are** (prominent),  
so that no one may **boast** before him (**God**).*

1 Corinthians 1:26-29TPT

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God **empowers** these  
**ordinary** people  
with “**grace gifts**”  
to **equip** other  
**ordinary** people.

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*And he (Jesus) has generously given each one of us supernatural grace, ... he has appointed some with grace to be apostles, and some with grace to be prophets, and some with grace to be evangelists, and some with grace to be pastors, and some with grace to be teachers. And their calling is to nurture and prepare (to equip) all the holy believers (people of God) to do their own works of ministry, and as they do they will enlarge and build up the body of Christ.*

Ephesians 4:11-12 TPT

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## EMPOWERED BY “GRACE” TO EQUIP OTHERS

1. **Apostles:** *“Sent ones” who are pioneering catalysts.*
  2. **Prophets:** *Visionary activists who challenge culture.*
  3. **Evangelists:** *“Messengers” of God’s “good news.”*
  4. **Pastors:** *“Shepherds” who feed, guard and guide.*
  5. **Teachers:** *“Light givers” who interpret and inform.*
- *“to equip his people for works of service”*

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Ultimately the **coaches**  
do not **win** games  
but rather **equip** players  
to **empower** them to **win**.

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*But you are God's **chosen treasure** (special possession),  
- priests who are kings (**royal priesthood**),  
a **spiritual** (holy) "**nation**",  
set apart as God's **devoted ones** (peculiar people).  
He called you **out of darkness** (spiritual blindness)  
to experience his **marvelous** (amazing) **light**,  
and now he **claims** you as his **very own**.  
He did this so you would **broadcast** (proclaim)  
his glorious wonders (**goodness**) throughout the **world**.*

1 Peter 2:9 TPT

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# **PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS**

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*The doctrine of the **Priesthood of Believers** is incredibly important to **disciple-making**. It affirms the **work** of the **Holy Spirit** in the lives of **all** believers ; it affirms the ministry **potential** and **responsibility** of **all** believers; and it **empowers all** believers to **function** as needed for the church to **minister** to the **people** who **are not** a part of the body of Christ as well as **those** who **are** part of the body of Christ.*

*This one doctrine **opens** the door and **fuels** the passion for any believer to be an **apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor** and **teacher**.*

*It moves **disciple-making** from a profession to a **lifestyle**.*

*It **empowers** the **ordinary** to do the **extraordinary**.*

*It makes the church **relevant** and **essential** to a healthy community*

David L. Watson

Contagious Disciple Making (2014)

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Every-member ministry  
is the early church model  
that empowered the “ordinary”  
to accomplish the “extraordinary”  
in pursuit of Jesus’ missional mandate  
to reach all people groups (oikos).

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## 3 QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. Do you feel like you have been **invited** and **empowered** to get in the “**game**” as an “**ordinary**” person serving Jesus by doing “**extraordinary**” things or are you in the “**stands**” or on the “**sidelines**” watching others? If so, why?
2. Do you see yourself as a “**chosen treasure**”, “**royal priest**” or a “**peculiar person**” as 1 Peter 2:9 describes believers?
3. Are you **broadcasting** God’s **goodness** to those who are in spiritual “**darkness**” by having spiritual “**conversations**”?

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