

Matthew 16:13-19

It's a new day. God spoke to us and has decreed its new day.

I love this passage of scripture. God's whole plan for the world is summed up. I will build my church. I will build my people. I will build.

God is not into pulling down just for fun. He isn't into destroying people's lives. He is in the business of building. That's our call. We are in the building business. Therefore anything we do that doesn't build the house of God needs to be stopped.

**God builds on two things.**

1. the revelation of who God is
2. the revelation of who we are

**When we loose our identity in Christ or replace our identity in Christ with stuff we struggle in walking in the supernatural.**

Our identity in Christ is the basis for our supernatural. What we do is not the basis. **Who God is and Who we are in Him is the conduit through which the supernatural of God flows into and through our world.**

When we come to Christ we are given a new name, have a new day proclaimed over us and get a new character. We get a new identity. **It is that revelation of God of us that we build with.**

God calls you a winner not a loser  
Instead of failure He calls you success  
Instead of rejected He calls you accepted  
Instead of poor He calls you rich  
Instead of sick he calls you healthy.

The devil may try to put all sorts of names on you. 'You are a poor person'. You may try and put a name on yourself. 'I cant do anything'. Cant do anything come here.

**Your identity is set in Christ.** 'It is no longer I who lives but Christ who lives in me'.  
Galatians 2:20

I believe that there are times in our lives when we experience something fresh from God. We get new direction. Come to a new understanding of our identity. Experience a new breakthrough. God is progressing us. We go from 'glory to glory'.

**I believe we as a church are about to go through a whole new level.** A whole new dimension. Its like God wants to take every individual to another dimension, a new day is upon us church.

This new day is a day of unlimited potential.

**A new day starts with morning.**

There is always a morning to start a new day. We have to start with a morning. Both figuratively and literally.

### **We mourn that which we had in the past.**

This can even grip us, or even hinder us from moving into the new day. Its like our past can paralyze us.

**As soon as we want to start something new we will feel the grip of the past.** A hangover both good and bad can be over our lives.

- I'm going to give up smoking....
- I'm going to fast

When the Israelites were going to leave Egypt their tasks where increased. There past gripped them and stopped them from moving forward.

### **A new day starts with sowing – seed level**

Once the morning is over, while the morning is still happening we need to go to work. We have got to start sowing.

Without sowing, we don't reap. Galatians 6:9

**I have found this to be the greatest point of resistance in life.** Moving from the sleep to the work. Moving from the previous day to the sowing. Moving from one day to the next.

It is at this point that the vision of the new day is at its most vulnerable. At the very beginning.

The birth of a baby is at it's most vulnerable at the point of delivery. The enemy will look to derail your new day right now. In Revelations 12 the enemy is waiting to kill the baby just as the woman gives birth.

### **The seed is most vulnerable at the point of sowing.**

The enemy will endeavour to destroy your seed. He wants to take your opportunity before its even gotten off the ground. He will even destroy your new day before its even gotten under way.

### **A new day starts with a battle**

Every new day, new dimension, new beginning begins with a battle. The present situation seems to try and stop you from moving forward.

Whatever we have now will stop us from moving into the new. We hesitate maybe because its different, maybe because we like what we have, maybe because we don't know about the future.

There is a battle.

We wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalites and powers.

**Usually when God says there is a new day, the present says we cant do it.** The timing isn't right. The day is not right to start.

When Jesus said to Peter to walk on the water, it did not look right. Firstly he was about to step out of something which was solid onto something which wasn't. he was about to step out in the midst of a storm.

**The present says its impossible.**

Whenever we have a new day, we always have opposition. **Its never convenient to step out into something new.** The world is not right. My shares are not doing well, my house needs fixing, my investments aren't right, my kids need a new school, my car needs new tyres, my house needs new gutters, my famly don't think its right, someone in my family is sick, my job is unstable, I am not sure if my job will last, the interest rates aren't falling, my electricity bill just came in, my marriage needs time, my boss wont let me take any time off... there are a plethora of things which can hold us back and not allow us to break into the new day.

**But it's a new day.** Over this church the atmosphere of a new day exists. It's a new day. I believe every person in this church is breaking into something new in their life. Yes there is opposition, but we know that all things work together for good to them that love God and are called according to His purpose.

When the Israelites were told to enter Canaan and process the land, the Jordan was in flood. Normally it was ten feet wide... it was miles wide.

Ecclesiastes 11:4

He who observes the wind will not sow,

And he who regards the clouds will not reap

(new living translation) If you wait for perfect conditions you will never get any thing done.

**This year it's a new day.** I want to encourage you to spend some time over the coming weeks as we move towards Rise and Build Sunday. We are going to take an amazing offering. People will pledge to sow seed into 2009 for the future of the church. Get Ready church. Over the coming weeks we are going to be explaining more about Rise and Build Sunday.