

One Voice

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This is the sermon I gave at the recent Feast of Tabernacles with a few edits. We all have a voice. Are you using it? Are you uniting it with other voices of children of God? Whose Voice is ultimately the ONE Voice we need to be speaking, representing and exhibiting? How the One Voice will help restore all things to the One WAY we are learning from our one Father. Enjoy and hopefully be refreshed by this message of hope and love.

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Warm welcome, everyone, from wherever you are right now.

The Feast of Tabernacles (*Sukkot*) is a time to look ahead, dream a little, get recharged with the reason we were called and what lies ahead of us... if we remain faithful to the end. It's picturing a time when all God's children from Abel onwards will come together, be together as one body, one voice, under one Head, the King – and restoring order to the world.

The world needs what this feast pictures. And frankly, the whole world also needs YOU, the converted, regenerated, spirit-led and spirit-filled you and the spiritual family you're a part of.

You are part of the *elect* of God. Jesus said "But for the ELECT's sake, there would be no flesh saved alive". Let that sink in. (**Matthew 24:22; Mark 13:20**).

Our heavenly Father personally made the choice to have YOU be among his first-fruit group of children. He *personally* hand-picked you, probably from before you were born. He didn't even let Jesus – or Yeshua – make that decision. We've covered that many times before (John 6:44). Neither does Father want a lot of yellow pencils and robots. He wants a variety of personalities, strengths and characteristics. It's a joy to him to see so many unique personalities – over time – come to speak with ONE voice.

And that's what this sermon today is all about: how YOU are you, and have a voice. And I have a voice. Each one has her or his own voice. And Father has HIS voice. We are to speak the Father's Way as one voice, through our own unique selves as well.

No doubt many times you wonder how effective your one voice even can be. But your life and your words are planting a seed that won't come back void.

You know what, even I get discouraged even with this website, and wonder if it's really benefiting anyone. But I know, from a few who have contacted me, that the messages on here are changing a few lives, a few marriages and giving hope. So I go on.

Isaiah 55:11

“So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth;

It shall not return to Me void,

But it shall accomplish what I please,

And it SHALL prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”

So that's the topic today: how our one life, our one voice empowered by God's spirit, uniting with other voices God is working with, can be so much more powerful than they/we have been so far. Two are better than one, and three-fold cords are not easily broken (**Ecc 4:9-12**). Too many are going through life alone, so though I speak of one voice”, I also will emphasize throughout that our one voice must speak and sing with other lives and voices to be most effective – and who and what ultimately that One Voice really is.

I liken it to a wonderful orchestra and choir performing together.

(Describe Ode to Joy – in Spain, then joined by flash mob in a city square. As you watch this you tube video, and I hope you do, realize that ONE cello or one trombone, or one cornet or drums by themselves, wouldn't sound so great ... but it's spectacular when they finally come together under the direction of an orchestra director.

The power each one adds is multiplied many times over when they finally come together.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbJcQYVtZMo>

In like manner, when the Son of God returns in glory and power – imagine the scene as the various single voices over the past few thousands of years finally come together– in the first resurrection – and angels are swooping down to gather us up to be with Christ... wow!

We'll be like a choir coming together. Or the living temple of God! If you've ever been a part of a singing group or choir, you know the hours you have to practice your part, so you listen to recordings, you sing your part – you're a tenor or alto or whatever – and sometimes you might have recorded yourself and felt “that's awful. That's not so pretty”.

But then you get together with the whole choir. The choir director lifts his hands, the first note is about to be sung. You're awe-struck by the BEAUTY of the sound you hear! With each one singing and doing his or her part! This is IT! The beauty of the main melody being sung by the sopranos....and then the altos and tenors blend in their harmonies... the basses give it the firm foundation... wow! It's just so great. Now we're sounding much better and able to get the job done.

(On audio – described singing in the Ambassador Chorale in UK – and teamed up with an internationally known Choral Society in England and the London Philharmonic, as we sang **Handel's Messiah. How stirring. How inspiring and even electrifying it was. “And HE shall reign forever and ever ... king of kings, and Lord of lords... Hallelujah, hallelujah... hallelujah!”)**

That's just one way of trying to describe what you and I are being called to be and do: to be part of the TEAM that our Father and His Son, Yeshua the Son of God Most High, are assembling together to restore all things to this world through the love and power of those who are first fruits of the kingdom of God. You're a PART of this and you have part to play!

Ephesians 4:15-16

“but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head – Christ – 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working **by which every part does its share**, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”

You and I look out there and wonder if we're ever going to really be part of something so big, so strong, so world-shaking as we read about in the scriptures. YES, YES – again I say YES – ***you're just one thread in the tapestry right now, but wait to see what it looks like when all the threads come together.*** Or what the temple will look like – when you, a living stone, are added to all the other living stones, and now become a living, breathing alive-temple of God! See, our Father says the same thing through the Apostle Paul.

**ORDINARY PEOPLE CALLED TO be ONE VOICE DOING
EXTRAORDINARY THINGS by HIS power**

We are not the elites of the world. YHVH called people like you and me to shame the elites. We are not the kind who have to have our own private jets, or have to drive a Lexus, or wear a \$5,000+ watch or wear Gucci or, or, or have private limos and drivers, or lots of money. If you gave God's children lots of money – they'd probably use it to help the poor, to help people out of a bind. They're not known by society, but the nobodies of society are coming to know them, yes some of you – *people who will lift up the downcast, believe someone who is a loser can change and be a child of God, and who worship and love your heavenly Father and Savior for all they **are** and for everything they do.*

Yes, YOU, you – your one voice – YOU are being invited by the Highest Court in heaven to be part of the coming new leaders, the first Responders who will finally truly do things to help this world get back on its feet and to be healed.

Whether you say “Team, choir, tapestry, temple” – all are made up of individual parts, pieces or persons -- who retain their tone, their personality – but join up with others to be the beautiful tool and joy that God our Father can now use for his awesome purpose – working as one, loving as one, worshiping as one, serving as one – all under the guiding hand of God in the Highest, our own heavenly Daddy. **YOU – you are being placed into a team that includes the apostles and prophets and Yeshua the Son of God!! YOU.**

Ephesians 2:19-22

“Now, therefore, **YOU** are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy

temple in the Lord, 22 in whom **YOU ALSO** are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.”

How many of you have ever been a part of a choir or tightly bonded sports team, or band, or group with a mission? Some of the best times of your life will come in those moments when you realize it's not just you – but you and others, coming together as one, as ONE voice, as ONE purpose, as ONE dream.

Realize you're not really all alone

No doubt many who walked this road before us felt so very alone. **John the Baptist** – “A voice in the wilderness”, and yet Christ said “No one born of women was greater!” **Luke 7:28**. Yes, even he faltered and wondered for a brief time if Jesus of Nazareth was the real thing (**see Luke 7:18-23**). But Yeshua also said that even the least in the Kingdom will be greater than John the Baptizer.

Elijah felt all alone, (**I Kings 19:14-18**) and YHVH had to remind him that there were 7,000 others in Israel who had not bowed the knee to Baal. Now that's encouraging. YHVH knew who they were! But why didn't they encourage Elijah more, to realize he really was not all alone?

Most of the prophets – the same thing. No doubt many of them felt so alone. Some of them overlapped – sure – but without phones and rapid transportation, they mostly worked alone. **Isaiah** had to preach naked (Isaiah 20:1-3). **Ezekiel** had to lie on his left side for 390 days (Ezek 4:1-8) and then on his right side for another 40 days.

ORDINARY people... called for an extraordinary task by God's Spirit

Who were some of the Bible heroes – but ordinary men like Abel and David- just lowly shepherds? Rebekah – a shepherdess.

Who were the apostles but a bunch of ordinary unlearned fishermen, hated tax collectors (like Matthew), one was a political zealot (Simon the Zealot) --- all were people just like you. Some of the greatest women in the Bible: wow – **Mary Magdalene**, out of whom came 7 demons. The FIRST blessed to see the Risen Messiah! And **the Samaritan woman at the well**, who had had 5 husbands – one of the very FEW to have it directly revealed to her that Yeshua was THE Promised Messiah!

So don't downplay your calling! Yes you, ordinary you and I have also been called to join them. And like them, when God is finished working through you – if you open the door to Him – we will also be able to do wondrous works. If we're not, it's not God's fault. What God does through you and me won't be by our talents or might or abilities, but by his spirit.

Zechariah 4:6-7

“Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says YHVH of Hosts. “ A great mountain becomes a plain when we shout out “GRACE, GRACE TO IT”

Look at the FIVE ordinary women – the number of GRACE – who are mentioned by name in Jesus' genealogy in Matthew 1. **Tamar** – who had to dress and act like a street prostitute to get her father-in-law Judah to do his Levirate

responsibilities. **Rahab** the Gentile Canaanite harlot who believed in and turned to the living God -- **Ruth**, a Gentile Moabitess – who also turned to the one true God “Your GOD will be my GOD...”, **Bathsheba** – who gave birth to Solomon and the Messianic line, and then of course **Mary**, the innocent young woman accused of fornication (see John 8).

LIKE YOU, almost all who came before us were also just –at first at least – just ordinary men and women, ultimately led by God – and they all ended up being a part of His extraordinary dreams! Fishermen, tax collectors, shepherds (considered the lowest rung of society), a few were priests – many lived nomadic lives. ≡

What’s keeping YOU from accepting your personal invitation from God Most High himself to be PART of God’s ONE VOICE?

Yeah, OK – but you look at your awful sins and failures, as I sometimes still do. Are you any different from King **David who** killed a faithful husband in a premeditated murder plot – to hide his own adultery with the WIFE of that loyal commander he killed? But David repented of that low point sin and will rule over all Israel in the Millennium, under Christ. HIS VOICE includes many words in the Psalms that still inspire us all and will for centuries to come.

Samson – broke his Nazarite vow, was often a drunk who slept with so many women? He’s in the Hall of Fame of Faith in Hebrews 11 too.

Peter – swore as he denied his Savior 3 times, but look how God still continued to work with him.

Hebrews 12:1 tells us that though they’re dead now, it’s like there’s this cloud of witnesses rooting us on to victory.

WHY “one voice”?

Now with all that in mind, why am I titling this message “One Voice”? Are you getting it?

You have a voice, and I have my own voice – but together we are to be doing what Yeshua did: speaking our Father’s words. **Our voice should be ONE with HIS – and HIS is the One Voice we all get in synch with.**

- **Yeshua (Jesus): “my words are not mine**, but my Father’s words. I say what he wants me say.” See **John 14:24**. WE should be praying often each day – “Father, may the words I speak, really be yours; kind, seasoned with grace, and inspiring and loving”
- “My **deeds** are to fulfill **my Father’s will, not my own**”. See **John 4:34; 5:30; John 6:38**. We must constantly be about our father’s business.

This he did even as a 12 yr old when he stayed at the temple. HE said to his parents, “I must be about my FATHER’s business” (**Luke 2:41-51**).

- ***“EVERYTHING I do”, he said, “PLEASES my Father – so, or therefore, (think about it) he never leaves me alone” – John 8:29. WOW! We must ask: “Will this that I’m about to do, be pleasing to Father?” Yeshua was ONE VOICE with his Father.***

AS we do all this more and more, we’re growing in the ONE VOICE concept – **the One Voice ultimately is our Father’s voice, Father’s way. Yeshua – who had OneVoice with his Father – is now speaking and working in you and me.**

MORE AND MORE LIKE ABBA

ARE you and I sounding and acting and looking more and more like our Father? We need to be. Time is short. There was a time in my life when I wasn’t... but now hoping I’m letting God’s spirit lead me more and changing to be more and more like my heavenly father. *Our father in heaven must be the One seen more and more in and THRU our lives,* our marriages, our child rearing, our interactions with people – especially when things aren’t going as they should.

Ever notice how even toddlers and little children progressively have their father’s actions? They walk, they tilt their heads, they use the same expressions, and their voice starts to sound just like mom or dad. Have you noticed?

I used to know a man with a club foot and he had to walk with special shoes. A wonderful man and a great family. They had a son who – when young – began to walk just like his dad. They had to explain to the boy that he didn’t have a club foot and didn’t have to walk like his dad. But it makes my point.

And the good things about you they will often copy. And guess what? Your bad habits and your bad traits, they will also copy! (Story)

Are we looking and acting more and more like God our ABBA Father?

So what is the central thing about our Father? HE SO LOVED THE WORLD, its people – not its ways – that he sent his one and only son to DIE for the whole world, for EVERYONE WHO WILL ACCEPT his offer. You have to accept it – or you remain under his wrath.

If we are speaking as ONE VOICE with Abba, we will be looking more and more like our father – we will - in our own ways – love everyone too, not just people of our fellowship. We will be known as people who surely must be like God – kind, loving, gentle, patient, joyful... all the fruit of having his spirit in us. Joseph and Daniel and others were known as “having the spirit of God in them.” (See **Gen 41:37-38; Daniel 5:11**).

When others see us in action, we should clearly evoke thoughts of God being in us – as people watch and spend time with you. We will, in our own ways, send rain on the just and unjust alike. We will care for people. We will pray for God’s mercy on the people of FL or Puerto Rico before the storm....

YOU have a crucial role. I hope this also tells us to not just love fellow brethren who attend at our same group – but to love the whole world, as God so loved the world. So we PRAY – “THY KINGDOM come, soon, please, Father – send Jesus back, SOON!”

YOU – your ONE LIFE – when empowered by God, and LINKED UP with others hooked into that power – can become an unstoppable force, if you would believe, if you would submit to what Father wants in your life, and LET HIM FLOW in you.

You say, “But I’m no Jesus – or YESHUA”. Well, look even at his own life..

THE POWER COMES FROM GOD ABOVE

Jesus taught us several things about this that are crucial. Let’s start with HIM. He was the SON of God, yes – but look at what even he had to deal with before he began his ministry:

- Widely suspected of not having a legitimate birth or legitimate father. “We know who is OUR Father....We weren’t born of fornication. We have GOD as our Father...” **John 8:41.**
- Was not from the rich neighborhoods of Jerusalem – like the High Priest’s home, etc. but from despite Nazareth of the Gentiles. Yeshua grew up on the “wrong side” of the tracks!
- In his local town – Nazareth – **Mark 6:4-6** says even the very Son of God could do only a few miracles there – because of their unbelief.
- This perfect human being... how did it end up? Beaten to a bloody pulp by us humans and crucified and killed as a criminal.

But even with all that, He changed everything. He is the coming King of Kings.

Here’s what the Son of God – on earth – said – as our perfect model:

John 8:28-30

Then Jesus said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will **know that I am He [I AM] and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things.** 29 And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him."

TALK ABOUT “ONE VOICE” – WOW! Talk about ONENESS, UNITY, ONE MIND – WOW!! That’s our model. You be you, and I be me – but somehow GOD is seen in you and God is seen and heard in me.

The CHALLENGE for all of us

WHO actually DID the miracles of Christ? WHO actually walked on water?

WHO actually resurrected the dead? WHO actually multiplied fish and loaves?

John 14:9-12

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? **He who has seen Me has seen the Father;** so how can you say, 'Show us

the Father'? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority;

[IN **John 17:8** Jesus said to Father, “the words YOU’VE GIVEN ME I’ve given them...”. Jesus spoke, and he spoke Father’s words. He did Father’s deeds. He was ONE VOICE with Father!] But it gets better....let’s keep reading....

(end of verse 10) but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. [Did you GET THAT? My miracles are really HIS power working in me. I can do nothing of MYSELF” he said

11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, **he (Whoever!) who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and GREATER works than these he will do,** because I go to My Father.

And now I challenge you and me with Jesus’ words. The Son of God said if we would TRUST, if we would BELIEVE, GREATER works than even HE did – WE would be able to do. That’s what he said. But do we believe him?

NOW – team up with 1-2-3 others, and now 2-3 hundred others – and now 2-3 thousand others filled and led by God’s spirit, and what could we do?

Are you seeing and hearing the power of the ONE VOICE? And don’t belittle the “day of small things” or the little talent you think you have. USE your talent. Write. Call people. Speak where you can. But most of all – as you live day by day, let Christ really be the one living in and through you each and every day.

Let’s repeat:

- *YESHUA said we should be able to do GREATER works than even He did, especially if we’re working together and relying on Father, just as He did.*
- *Yeshua said in **John 15:5-8** – that we can do nothing by ourselves, but in HIM, we can do anything. He says in **John 15:7** that if we abide in him, and if His words abide in us, we will be able “to ask what we desire, and it shall be done for you.”*

But where’s the power of the One Voice in your life, in my life? Where is it? God has not gone to a nursing home. He’s still God Almighty. He’s still able to do anything he wants. Could the problem be with US?]

- *Peter and Paul raised the dead. Great miracles were done at the hands of Philip – a deacon (see Acts 8:4-8), not an apostle.*

John 14:12 again is plain:

“Whoever (even you!) BELIEVES in me, the works that I do, HE WILL also do; and GREATER works than these he will do, because I go to my Father.”

*Paul said he could do ALL THINGS - THRU Christ who strengthens me.” **Phil 4:13.***

DO YOU really believe that? Do YOU and I really believe we should be able to walk on water if the situation called for it – and whatever “walking on water” stands for, doing what is normally impossible?

Father can do these things and he's saying even YOU can have a tiny piece of his great power to change the world, to heal the sick, to do miracles to help people. Those who believe should lay hands on the sick and sick be made well.

Do you believe you could raise your Lazarus? Or that you – Christ in you – could feed thousands with just a few fish and pieces of bread as Christ did? Check your thinking. Many of you are doubting and when we doubt, don't think you'll receive an answer! See James 1:4-8.

SO WHAT'S our problem?

- **We must not fully believe him.** We must be harboring doubts. Doubts and lack of belief will kill miracles in their tracks if we don't get them resolved. It's OK to have a doubt – at first – if you resolve it.
- **We must think “surely not I, Lord. Surely I have no talents”.** You may not. But Abba has lots to give you. Yeshua in you is ready to roll... Are you ready to receive his power in you? And believe.

Isaiah 6:8 – Isaiah offered to go and be the Voice of God. He may not have liked the initial things YHVH had to say. But he submitted – all the way to his death. But LET GOD work in you – and me, no matter what God's message is for us. Speak of God to people. Get out of your rut! A rut is simply a grave with its ends kicked out.

- **Another thing Jesus said was that he always pleased His Father.** When we aren't close to God, but are speaking and acting and living in ways that don't please him – HOW will we have the confidence to believe what Yeshua SAID? How?

The apostle of Love – John - teaches us that when we are in synch with our Abba and HIS way – we have CONFIDENCE when we pray.

1 John 3:21-23

“Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. 22 And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. 23 And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

Yeshua said when we obey his commands, we abide in his love and He in us

John 15:9-15

"As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. 10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

"These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. 12 **This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.** Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. You are My friends if you do whatever I command you."

***That's our model.** Yeshua in you will live that way again. He died – not just for good people, but “for the UNGODLY” (Rom 5:6) and he justifies, makes righteous, “the ungodly” (Romans 4:5) when they believe on him and accept his sacrifice. He asked Abba to forgive those torturing him! Amazing!*

***Do you feel the same way for people - everywhere?** If you're in “one voice” with Abba, you will be. One VOICE means we're speaking Father's words, doing Abba's work.*

Yeshua died for adulterers and Sodomites. He even died for rapists, murderers and yes, even child molesters. He died for every vile sinner you can think of – if they will accept his love. Would you die for a bad person?

Don't “write people off”. God's not done with them yet. Will you acknowledge that Abba still has people around you that he's working with – even though they for now might keep Christmas, eat pork, lie and be unfaithful in mind and deed to their marriage...? (Remember **Corinth**: God said, “I have MANY people here” he was calling. See **Acts 18:9-10**).

We have to see every single person as a life for whom the Son of God died. And see them as a brother and sister who just don't know yet that they're your future brother and sister.

As we live and speak that way, and let God's spirit shine thru us more and more, our words will have more impact. Though Yeshua preached a message of repentance (among many other things), he lived and spoke to people in such a way that the worst of sinners somehow felt comfortable in the presence of the sinless, holy Son of God! You get it?

That's the ONE voice! The Father's way, the Father's voice. Are we seeking to be in synch with him? Are we learning to consciously seek the Father's way and his one voice?

I think we're spending much, much more time in Facebook, videos, Instagram etc, than we are in talking with our Abba. Just ask yourself – how much time were you on FB this week vs talking with Abba?

Imagine now thousands of you and me and he and she – all letting Christ rule in our lives – think of it—what a powerful force for good we could be, and now especially if we all would work together more.

PASTORS, LEADERS – get out of the way of God's people working together – even with other fellowships. Christ is not limited to your box religion or box church type. Let Christ reign. NOW, in the lives of people. let people, encourage people to meet with other believers outside your fellowship!

*There's an encouraging verse in **Daniel 11:32** that says in the midst of the coming worldwide chaos, there will **be a people of God “who know their God and shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.”** Let that include you. Plan on it! Be there!*

Those many who will come together in the end won't be limited to the COGs (Church of God 7th day keeping groups).

There's coming a time when **a GREAT INNUMERABLE MULTITUDE** – Revelation 7 – will come to God out of the coming Great Tribulation. Where are they coming from? From every nation! **Rev 7:9** to the end of the chapter – they come – “from ALL NATIONS, peoples, tribes and tongues.”

Maybe, just maybe, even you – and your words, and your deeds, powered by Christ in you – may be instrumental in some of those coming to Christ – years from now. But that's OK. Seed from your one voice and one life came to bear fruit. Come out of the closet, you believers! Spread the word about our Messiah and His soon return to rule the earth.

“I HAVE MANY PEOPLE HERE”

God has people he's working with that we don't even recognize as His people a lot of times, which means we're missing opportunities to speak God's “One Voice.” A couple examples:

- **Corinth** – “I have many people here” (hear audio) **Acts 18:9-11**. Not yet spirit filled people, but God, who sees the end from the beginning is already referring to them as “my people”.
- Jesus himself said, “I have SHEEP who are NOT of this flock... and there shall be ONE flock and one Shepherd” – **John 10:16**

God describes His people as those who “speak often to one another” and make up his special jewels. This is all part of our preparation too.

Malachi 3:16-17

Then those **who feared YHVH spoke to one another,**
And YHVH listened and heard them;

So a book of remembrance was written before Him

For those who fear YHVH and who meditate on His name.

17 "They shall be Mine," says YHVH of hosts,

"On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them

As a man spares his own son who serves him."

To be ONE VOICE – don't just speak to people who believe exactly as you do! Don't just mingle with your own fellowship and disdain to consider others!

Speaking often is not just for the fun times of laughter. Sure – do that too. But your phone call, your words, just might be the one thing that keeps someone alive. People despair for life sometimes. David did, Elijah did, Even Paul said,

You have not been called just to save yourself, just to be saved. You've been called also to let Christ work THRU you to help save others; to put others on the path of hope, a new life, and a bright future.

Your calling is not just to WAIT until the millennium that this Feast pictures to start helping and saving people, but to learn to do all that – RIGHT NOW – in this life. THAT'S also being "one voice" with Abba above!

- If there's a regional calamity, God's children should be the FIRST ones out there helping others, calling neighbors to see if they're alright, helping repair, helping provide water, giving hope.
- Have you ever thought of being a "First Responder" in crisis? Well, you WILL BE and you are, today, a spiritual "first responder".

We've just been thru Harvey, Irma and Maria hurricanes in the USA and Puerto Rico and many Caribbean islands. You've seen the trauma, the battered islands, the ruined homes, the flooding, the lack of potable water, whole lives disrupted – but that is in a small area compared to what is coming.

Imagine now the WHOLE WORLD in total destruction from the wars, famines, plagues, massive hail stones, unprecedented earthquakes, tsunamis –a world without power, without potable water, without food, without hope (or so they might think), without transportation, no working communication systems, nothing is up and running. Total disaster all around the world. The multiple strikes we received in succession from Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria – in just a small section of the world – was a wakeup call. Now imagine the whole world like that.

But the One Body of Christ will come together—with one voice, your voice, my voice working together as one in various tones, pitches, harmonies – to something beautiful, like beautiful harmonics. Like a world class orchestra or choir ... or tapestry... all these analogies. What's that body like?

They love each other so profoundly that people say –“ they must be the people of God, and Jesus must be the Son of God...”. WHY? Because of our One Voice coming together as one, letting God's spirit do even greater things in the Body than Yeshua did.

You and I are being called to know we will have the love and power to change things. But not by yourself. You're part of a team. See the TRUE body, the true church now. Look past the organizations and fellowships that block you in. God's working far wider than that!

I'm hoping in this sermon that at least SOME in this room will catch the vision and turn off the smart phones for a while and go pray more, go meditate, go ask Father to live in you and you in him. More of him, MUCH more of him – and much less TV, smart phone and FBook and games.

Believe you have influence and power even now. Your one voice, your one phone call, our one prayer – your one voice can change and even save a human life forever. Don't discount it. Your one hug to one grandson or granddaughter – or to your wife or husband – can change a life. Your words of encouragement to a teenager who's been pondering suicide – can be life changing. Turn off Facebook and TV – and call a loved one, a nephew, a niece – and ask for God to use your life and voice to bring life.

Now combine your voice with hundreds, thousands of others – all speaking, doing and singing Father's words, Father's mind, Father's heart, Father's love – together – not apart from one another, andWOW, what God could and would do!!

Release the power of your One Voice – God's voice, speaking in and through you – because you believe in Jesus Christ and are doing the things that please our Father – and as I showed you earlier, you and I should now be empowered to do even greater works than Jesus did. HE SAID SO. That's what this message is about. Releasing and harnessing the power of God's love into your heart and life.

AND THEN THE FIRSTFRUITS FAMILY OF GOD COMES TOGETHER

I really want to be part of God's family. I take up the high calling given me by my father. I want YOU there, too. Will you join me as my friend, brother or sister in the family of God? I desire to be your brother, in spite of all my and your past failings, we're forgetting the past, and reaching forward to the HIGH calling we have been given – in Christ. Philippians 3:11-12

Whether you're 12 or 82 or 102, if you've been called.... Wake up and take hold of your calling. Do what you've been called to do and to be. Pray much more. Come out of Babylon, totally. Be part of the kingdom to which you've been called.

Look up! LISTEN. Someday we'll hear the last trumpet. We'll see the heavens and sky open up as scroll and behind it will be the Son of God – our very own Yeshua, our Beloved, along with millions of his angels – and wow, look – they're zooming down to you, to me, to pick us up, one by one and take us to literally finally all be in one place – one body, one temple, one family – in Christ!

Look! Over there – is that Abraham? There's **King David** the good shepherd king, and look... John the Baptist, Rebekah and Mary Magdalene, and the woman at the well, and hey – **is that apostle Paul -- and Peter, Thomas, James, John, Philip - yes even Philip** -- and what...what's happening, now you're being picked up to join that elite team. Yes, YOU. Yes, the parts of the body are coming together.

And look – there's **Mary** the mother of Jesus, and Joseph and Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.. and **Elijah**, over there's **Moses**...And the prophetess **ANNA** is there, she looks so young and vibrant... **SAMSON**....Isaiah, Daniel, **RUTH**... oh wow – it's **RUTH**, and Rahab and Bathsheba – and Ezekiel, Barnabas and Timothy...

The living stones of the temple of God are coming together... and you, and even I, are part of it. And there's Aunt Doreen, and Uncle Charles, and **IS THAT MY DAD** over there and my brother? Wait, wait – there's my WIFE who got cancer and died....[not literally my wife Carole] Look how beautiful your wife who died looks to you! How brilliant, how healthy, how happy she is... you ask the angel carrying you if you can be taken to her... he smiles, and says "You'll see everyone here for eternity now..." They died long ago in the faith – there they are... "Dad, Dad", you cry out... "MOM, you're here ... MOM, yes, we're all here."

Can you feel it? Can you see it? And one by one the pieces of the choir, the temple, the body of Christ, all come together – speaking, singing, working and acting – as ONE VOICE.

And now we're being taken to the Wedding Supper... wow. (See my sermon "I go prepare a place for you.")

Everyone who learned to speak the One Voice of God our Father, who lived as one, who loved as one, now come together as the holy family of God, children bonded in their love for one another....

Right now believers are not one. We're not "all one body we", as we sing in "Onward Christian Soldiers". Right now we are still uncomfortable acknowledging that this one or that one could truly be a brother or sister - because they don't understand everything you understand. What a shame to let that keep you apart. We are to come together even as we grow in grace and knowledge, or as Ephesians says, "TIL we come to the unity of the faith".

So we'll be coming together finally – together – all together, and yes, as one voice.

And of course now the kingdom of God will replace the kingdoms of this world – and YOU'RE a part of it. But as we return to the Mt of Olives, the work really begins. All things have to be restored to the place that represents Abba – his way, his One Voice.

I can't wait. Get excited, BE excited folks... you have a high, high calling.

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Here's the YouTube that represents the "coming together one by one" an orchestra and choir I referred to in the message today, at Sabadell in Spain I believe.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GBaHPND2QJg> -- ONE bass or cello, joined by others.... Sabadell -- Ode to Joy