

# Span-03 Definition of an Apostolic Church

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*Art Katz emphasizes the essential characteristics of an apostolic church, highlighting the importance of priestliness, diversity, and God's presence in addressing societal tensions.*

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## Description

In this sermon, the speaker emphasizes the power of the word of God and the authority it carries. He refers to the story of Moses and how God called him to confront Pharaoh and lead the Israelites out of Egypt. The speaker highlights the importance of having clean and trustworthy hands in order to be effective in spreading the Gospel. He also mentions the role of apostles in proclaiming the word and the potential opposition they may face. The sermon emphasizes the transformative power of the word of God and the need for faithful messengers to carry it.

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## Transcript

Holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, while you're yet in the earth, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession. Consider what is apostolic and what is priestly, and bring that into your deepest consideration. For the church that is not apostolic, and not priestly, forfeits any part in God's end time purpose.

So the great word that we need to understand, to apprehend, and apprehended by, is the word apostolic or apostle. And these two great words, apostle and prophet, are under the severest attack now, not directly, but subtly, by men who presume to use these titles, whom God has never sent, who have no priestly distinction or understanding, and are not ashamed to call themselves and be called by these great titles. So we need to be jealous for the great words.

We lose these words and their meaning, we lose the whole genius of the church. So may the word find lodging in your heart, apostle, prophet. We have a black lady living behind my house in Minnesota, because fourteen years ago I spoke in Mobile, Alabama, and when I spoke the word apostle or apostolic, she said the word went directly into my heart.

I didn't know what it meant, but I knew one day I would be with this man, over that subject, and she is with this man. My age, seventy-five, seventy-six, living in the Arctic region of North America, Minnesota, going

on for her ninth year, because she heard one word, but what a word. Okay, Lord, great high priest and apostle of our confession, can anyone be more jealous over this word than you? You are the very personification of it, and the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

You subsume in yourself these two great titles, so impart to us an understanding. Send the word into our heart as you did into that black lady, that we will be so jealous for its meaning, so watchful over these words, that we will be able to discern those who say they are apostles and are not, and equally recognize the sent ones who come to us, who indeed are sent. So we thank you.

Grant us grace, Lord, in this concluding word, that of all of the subjects that could yet be touched, you have appointed this as the final omega word of these days. So speak again. Your servants are hearing.

We thank and give you praise, in Jesus' name. You'll be surprised to learn where we're going to begin. The book of Exodus, chapter 25.

You say, how can that possibly have anything to do with the New Testament word, apostle? And the answer is, everything. Everything. In chapter 25 of Exodus, God gives Moses, who himself is an essential apostle, as God said to him out of the burning bush, I have heard the cries of my people, I have seen their oppression, their cry has come up to me from the earth, therefore I send you to confront Pharaoh, to bring my people out from Egypt and into the land of milk and honey.

So in Moses we have the essential elements of the cold man that begins with a confrontation of God in a form in which he does not show himself to many. God in the burning bush. God in the fire of judgment.

And he waited to see what Moses would do. When he passed by and avoided looking. Sensing that this is something unusual.

And that it would be safe for me not to consider it. Any man who considers what is safe for him is disqualified immediately. Immediately.

But he turned aside to see. And when God saw that he turned aside, he called Moses, Moses, take off your shoes for the ground upon which you stand is holy. An apostle is one who will not turn away but look into the fire for whatever frightening thing that implies.

Not out of just mere curiosity. But he wanted to know why the tree burned but was not extinguished. He wants to get to the root of the matter.

To understand the ultimate nature of this mystery. Whatever it costs to himself. Because the rabbis say on one of the rare occasions when they are right that if a man turns aside to see something as potentially terrifying as that, he can never turn back again.

That one turning, that one seeing changes everything. Affects all seeing and all consideration. And you're ruined for God.

Do you have such a heart in you? Because the apostles are the foundation of the church. What then is the superstructure that is raised up upon it? Exactly the same character as the foundation itself. So I pray that you're disposed to turn so as to see.

To examine so as to understand. And if you hear your name called twice, you know that this is going to be a dangerous calling. But you say, Here am I on the holy ground.

By Jesus. Send me. Send me.

It was to this Moses who is the father of our faith. The prototype of the great apostolic figure. One who is sent.

Who feels disqualified. Who am I that I should speak for you? Who am I that I should speak for you? No, I am not a man that can speak well. I stammer.

The lack of qualifications of Moses is what qualified him. Because if you think you're able. Because if you think you're able.

And you can perform this on the basis of your competence. You're disqualified. That's a contradiction.

An apostle is extremely conscious of his infirmity. Who am I that you should send me? And God did not argue with him. But I will be with you.

That's what distinguishes an apostle. And an apostolic church. God will be with you.

Because he has called you. Because he sends you. Because beyond your own ability.

He will be with you. He will be with you. The High Priest and the Apostle of our Confession.

Well, you'll have to read my book. Apostolic Foundations. Which has been translated into Spanish.

But not yet published. And we're leaving tomorrow for Panama. To meet the brother who has done the translation.

A convict who was saved in jail. Had been a drug peddler. And after his conversion.

He found my book in English on the website. And was enormously moved by it. And has translated the entire book into Spanish.

What a classic volume. There's an entire chapter devoted to the word eternity. Apostolic character.

Apostolic proclamation. The principalities and powers of the air. Priestliness.

Who knows anything about that? But Jesus is the High Priest and the Apostle. Which indicates that if you're not a priest, neither can you be an apostle. Which indicates that if you're not a priest, neither can you be an apostle.

What is priestliness precedes the calling. Whatever this priestliness means, it needs to be discovered afresh. It needs to be discovered afresh.

And be incorporated into our walk if we're to be an apostolic body. In Exodus chapter 25, God gives Moses the pattern on the mount. How to build the tabernacle that will house God's presence.

And accompany Israel through its wilderness wandering. And come finally into the land and be the center of Zion. So this is more than just little quaint details.

The details and specifications of God are full of meaning. So you shall make an ark in verse 10 because the ark will contain the tablets of the law and the pot of manna and the everlasting significance of the history of Israel. So it's made out of humble wood of the kind that grows in the wilderness.

That is warped and twisted but somehow has to be worked into a chest and be overlaid with gold. And here the length is given and the depth and the height. Verse 11 shall be overlaid with pure gold inside and outside because gold is the symbol of deity of God.

And wood is the symbol of humanity. Ordinary wood but clothed with gold on the inside and the outside. What a picture of a true saint whose humanity is overlaid with God.

Not only on the outside but also on the inside because we also are arks. We also carry a treasure. We have this treasure in our earthly vessels not the tablets of the law the Lord given himself but arks of God bearing a heavenly treasure which we need to live and give expression and we serve him and worship him.

God does not despise our humanity no matter how humble but he provides himself the gold of God both outside and inside to uncover it.

And then verse 17 after telling us in 16 you shall put into the ark of testimony that which I shall give you and you shall make a mercy seat that's God's own terminology there is nothing here that issues from man this is the pattern of God from heaven a heavenly pattern and make it of pure gold two cubits and a half shall be the length you shall make two cherubim of gold of beaten work you shall make them in the two ends of the mercy seat make one cherub on the one side one on the other side and they shall make them of the two ends and these angelic figures shall stretch forth their wings and touch each other with their wings and their faces shall look one to another and toward the mercy seat shall the faces of cherubim be and you shall put this mercy seat above the ark and in the ark you

shall put the testimony I shall give thee the Ten Commandments and there I will meet with you and I will commune with you from above the mercy seat and between the two cherubim which are upon the ark of the testimony of all things which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel I wish we had all night just to consider this because this is God's appointed place not just then but now where He will meet with us in the place of mercy where the two cherubim face each other formed out of the same gold formed out of the same gold with their wings touching looking at each other in the face and at the same time down and into a crew they are to the testimony of the Lord of the righteous requirement of God God says there I'll meet with you that's where my presence will be and there

only I will meet with you in the place of tension and conflict between opposites male and female gringo and Mexican Jew and Gentile prophet and teacher wherever there are opposites by their very nature by their very calling that will always give place for tension and conflict in the place of that tension if you'll not turn away from each other but look each other in the face as a Jew and as a Palestinian that's where I'll meet with you and there I will commune with you and give you instructions and I will be present there above the mercy seat between the wings of the cherubim that's the place we want to run from because we don't like tension we don't like conflict we would rather look the other way than look into the face of that one who seems to oppose us and not oppose us in trifles but

oppose us by their very nature of being opposite one to the other God knew that God made that the symbolic angels on opposite ends representing opposite things but compelled to look each other in the face and don't turn away and whatever the issues between you whatever the background and violence and misunderstanding injustice and oppression look down through the mercy seat where the blood of the lamb will be sprinkled and see the tablets of the Lord below I'm not asking you to take shortcuts or forget the issues let bygones be bygones smooth it over in the Latin way no the issues must be faced the issues

of conflict must be faced in righteousness but they must be seen through the place of mercy and that's where I'll meet with you and you come to that place in priestly attitude I will not

shrink from it there and only there I will meet with you I will meet with you from above the mercy seat between the cherubim and will give you all things and commandment to the children of Israel somewhere last night or early this morning I was too tired to get up and turn the light on I should have written it down I should have written something the phrase came to me that this place where God will meet and commune with us is the nexus of apostolic authority and power I know what I've just said is completely over your head I know what I've just said is completely over your head but don't panic you'll have the tape and you'll need to hear all of this several times the nexus the heart the crossroads where something comes together where a reality of a certain kind is to be found uniquely

needed in a troubled world and earth and in the church especially apostolic authority apostolic power the signs of the apostle is where God is who himself is the high priest and the apostle of our confession and will impart to us himself if we meet him in the place of opposition in the place of tension in the place of conflict and not shrink from it black and white Indian Mexican Indian Spanish descendant white aristocracy and the Mexican aristocracy that descends from the Spaniards where one has been the victim of the other over long centuries of exploitation that don't even want to look at each other as we experienced yesterday, the day before we made a trip to Saltillo Saltillo just to see this ancient city and its plaza under whose surface Jews who were burned at the stake are

believed to be buried you need to know your own history Jews have been tortured and burned alive in your Mexico Jews have been tortured and burned alive in Mexico by the mere fact of being Jews by those who were called Christians so it's no wonder that they are so resistant because the Jews remember the historical past of which you yourselves are ignorant and we walked around the plaza and two or three times we passed peons the simple people of the earth dark-complected obviously poor clearly uneducated and they could not even lift up their eyes to look at me but enough to see the familiar complexion and all that it symbolizes and to look away with a hard look that is ages old in history I don't think Mexico will ever be a glory to God I don't think Mexico will ever be a glory to God

until there is a reconciliation of all its peoples in the one place that God has established where the opposites need to meet and not look away but look each other in the face which some of your children are unable to do to us here they come to shake our hands but they don't look at us where did they learn that? it's something instinctive but it's not kingdom they should look us full in the face what are they shaking our hands for? formality? to look into each other's face is to see the face of God this is not just an answer for the church it's an answer for the world it's an answer for the black African and for the white African settlers for the Jews, the Israelis and the Palestinians bombings and bloodshed and violence and torture how will that ever be reconciled? how will it ever be

reconciled? only in the place where God is therefore look at each other face to face and see at the same time the mercy of God and the righteousness of God because there he will meet with us there he'll give us instruction there he'll give us an answer to what seems to us an irreconcilable problem this age is old brother you can't get over this overnight these prejudices are deep and they exist even in the church that glosses over and doesn't want to look at it what itself reflects the culture of Mexico and is more disposed to recognize and to esteem what is white than what is dark so I want to take you from this to the book of Acts to the first apostolic sending chapter 13 the church at Antioch this is the beginning not Jerusalem Antioch why? because the church at Jerusalem was totally

Jewish but the church at Antioch was diverse in its racial and cultural makeup it's interesting it required this kind of a nexus for an apostolic sending it required diversity and opposites because we read in chapter 13 they were in the church at Antioch not at the church in the church in English and Spanish not have a difference certain prophets and teachers and you know the difference between a prophet and a teacher there's nothing more offensive to a teacher than a prophet because the teacher is systematic he divides the word of God carefully and only the word but a prophet he's off the wall he talks from the label on a ketchup bottle he has visions he's too impatient to be restricted merely to the narrow word that's the nature of his calling to be a sweeping visionary but the teacher

is exactly the opposite he is suspicious about these visionaries where did you get that? where does the bible say that? where do you take the liberty to interpret that?

I'm speaking out of experience I've had to live with this for many years the friction the prophetic impatience with the teacher can't he see? can't he understand? can't he see the larger thing? why it's so narrow? a conflict of opposites which God himself has created as much as he has created male and female like her talk about opposites talk about differences so what does God do with a Jewish prophet? he has him to marry a gentile from Denmark Jewish prophet the man of the tent and the altar the visionary moving through the nations with a gentile wife who wants a little white house with a picket fence and the husband that goes out at nine and comes home at five and security with security? not the unknown where is the man? what is he doing? who embarrasses me humiliates me publicly people

are offended at him for the way he speaks and she just wants to make nice make nice it's called it's called the cross both for her and for me and we want to run in opposite directions and I should find a Jewish woman who's a believer with long black hair Hebrew of the Hebrews my kind we can make such music together God says no no, no, no, no the genius of what I am about is not compatibility or human happiness but my glory will be revealed in reconciliation in those things which are opposed so if you have received any benefit through me in these days bless my wife it's her fault thank you Lord so look at the details that were given here not only prophets and teachers as Barnabas and Simeon who was called Niger Lucius of Cyrene and Manaen which had been brought up with Herod and Saul what

a bag of motley differences if a man is called Niger the root of the word negro black is from Africa and the other guy is from Cyrene a Mediterranean race and someone descended from Rome and one is a gentile and the other is a Jew but when they were found worshiping the Lord together the Holy Ghost said separate unto me poor and barren for the work which I have called them and that's the beginning of apostolic sending Paul was a teacher in the body Barnabas was a prophet in the body but when they were sent out from the body which is an apostolic sending body we have the first apostles who turned the world upside down because they went out with power and authority because in the place of tension and conflict that was centuries old of jealousy and opposition and fear and prejudice between

Jew and gentile and black and white and Roman and Hebrew they worked something through and they could worship the Lord together not singing choruses from an overhead projector but the place of worship is the place of truth not the place of musicality they did not so much as have a single electrical appliance but they worshiped God in spirit and truth which would not have been possible if there was yet an unresolved difference a secret fear a secret prejudice a distrust because you're not like me you're not a Jew you're a gentile and you guys have always been opposed I don't know if I could ever trust you black and white evidently Antioch was more than a church of services you see how discreet the Lord is He doesn't give us the details He doesn't tell us how they arrived at this condition

but when they arrived it was reflected in their worship not alongside each other but together and then the Holy Spirit said separate from me a piece of this reality I want to send this into the world where men are cutting each other's throats where there's racial prejudice and fear and intimidation and threat and terror and misunderstanding I want to send a piece of this reality that you have perfected at Antioch to bring healing and answer to the world and power and I will be with you and I will be your authority and you'll turn the world upside down because the world is all wrong in it's false systems in it's phoniness in it's deceit in it's make believe in it's advertising in it's movies in it's movie programs in it's phony romance stories it's all wrong it's a lie, lie, lie, lie and

it's destroying personalities who need to be brought to reality by men who come to them in reality sent ones apostles who have met each other face to face who have met each other face to face in Romans chapter 10 and Romans 9 through 11 is the heart of the apostle Paul that deserves our most serious study and then he takes up the mystery of Israel and the church which is so central to the church that the church that ignores this mystery sidesteps it wants to avoid the obligation to the Jew loses any possibility of being apostolic the issue of being apostolic is the issue of Israel rightly understood and received in chapter 10 talking about his Jewish people and reminding us in verse 11 whosoever believes in him shall not be ashamed there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek for

the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him for whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved but how shall they call on him in whom they have not believed how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard how shall they hear without a preacher and how shall they preach without being sent as it is written how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things Lord give me grace don't let us sink here this is where the issue now really counts now this is the good part how shall the Jews call upon him of whom they have not really heard I lived in a Christian country for 34 years when they prayed for those rabbis whom we were going to visit the next day who remembered to pray for them I'm not at liberty

to tell you now but one of these rabbis the oldest whom I have known for 30 years and have seen in every trip I've made to Monterrey something happened to him he was able to call able to pray calling on the name of the Lord because I was sent I was able to preach and bring the knowledge of him in reality that this Jewish man was able to recognize and receive the issue of apostolic preaching is apostolic sending because the word apostolic means sent one God's intention for you is that you would be the Antioch of Monterrey the Antioch of Mexico the Antioch of Latin America and out of the reality that you perfect because you will not turn away your faces because you will not turn away your faces because you will see issues through in righteousness through mercy where God will meet with you

you will come to a reality of a kind of true worship that when the Lord sees it he will say separate unto me this one and that one that they might be sent is the issue of apostolic is the issue of salvation for the Jew is the issue of life or death that they encounter men of this kind who are sent out by the Holy Ghost because after the call came at Antioch the believers fasted and prayed and they laid their hands on Saul and Barnabas and the scripture says so they being sent forth by the Holy Ghost went the scripture equates the laying on of the hands of ordinary men and women in the body the scripture equates the laying on of the hands of ordinary men and women as being sent by the Holy Ghost because when you lay hands on someone you communicate and confer the truth and the reality of

God in your own life in whatever degree you have it that's why Paul was full of authority full of power he was reflecting a corporate reality it was part of him by the laying on of clean hands hands that he could

trust because he knew these men and women because they were more than Sunday Christians they were more than sitting behind somebody's head because they were in daily intensive personal relationships he knew their lives he knew their character they were tested and proved he could receive their hands and not suffer loss but have an impartation that he would then carry and turn the world upside down are your hands to be trusted? are they clean? have you diddled with the TV set? or scraped a coupon hoping to win a... or scraped a coupon hoping to win something? is there a visible

open life of communion with each other? this is what God is waiting for if you are going to be an ascending body for the earth is crying out for true apostles to be sent in the authority of God to speak the word that brings the knowledge of the name and faith by hearing it's a creative word that they speak it creates faith where it didn't exist before that the person can call and the people can call the name of the Lord because anyone who calls the name of the Lord will be saved not men who are self-appointed but little followings in a little religious system by which this one submits to that one who submits to that one to the man who seems to have some measure of authority and is impressive personally but is not himself a sent one sends himself self-appointed by some prophet who

prophesies that he's an apostle so that the one confirms the other in some kind of religious system that plays upon the great words that itself is not great and threatens and opposes those things that are truly apostolic of faith are the realities that prevail today we need to come back to the holy place where God meets with us face to face where we are being seen face to face so let me conclude by reading you the comments on this subject by a great theologian first time in the history of the church in Monterrey that a great theologian has been introduced to the general church where a great theologian will be introduced to the church and it's about time for these men are giants they are God's gift to the church and we need to receive their benefit to labor in the word and study in the

original languages and to probe and open the great doctrines of God is not contrary to the faith nor the spirit but Pentecostals have been suspicious if something requires mind and intelligence and thought it's considered suspicious and contrary to the spirit but listen to this he raises the question how shall they call upon him and confess him as Lord if they have not believed how shall they hear without a preacher preaching is a holy vocation it's not a profession it's not a skill you learn in school the man himself is the message his character and his life is caught up with his speaking preaching is high and holy it's not because a man has a certain gift of gab he knows how to put it to work there's no higher vocation than to preach and he has to preach in such a way with such a

message that it reaches and smites home to them in such a way as they cannot elude or escape it there's truth and truth there's truth in a doctrinal form in which we're saying the correct words and terms but it doesn't register as truth it's hollow and it's shallow because we have not internalized we don't know it's full reality in measure and though we speak it technically it falls to the ground it does not return to the Lord because he did not send it but the word that is sent out of a tempered and trusted vessel more than sent of God out of a body who knows the man and laid the hands upon him and sent him and continued to uphold him in prayer and continued to uphold him in prayer when he goes to four countries in Africa and mainland China what he speaks in those places will constitute

an event of the kind that you have been hearing and receiving in these days more precious than you presently know when we meet preachers like this we cannot escape their word because it penetrates because God is with them and in them because he promised I will meet with you I will give you instructions I will be the nexus of your apostolic authority and power your word will not be an entertainment because

whenever God speaks he does not speak to entertain he speaks to require it's a call those who hear the word and receive it come up unto me and be there such men have to be sent such men have to be sent this is a mission this is the backbone the heart of proclamation the word is more than just information it becomes a point of encounter it's revelation it pierces it pierces and men who up

to that time like my Jewish kinsmen who can discuss any subject and never get ruffled very cordial, gracious until they hear the gospel in the power of God apostolically expressed in power and the mask of civility comes off and the teeth are bare that gnash upon us one will either fall before the man who brings such a word and say men and brethren what must we do to be saved or they will gnash upon us and seek to destroy us that's why the apostles are almost always the martyrs they are a savor of life unto life unto son and a savor of death unto death to others they represent God they bear God they have that treasure in their earthen vessels they are wood in their humanity that is gnarled and twisted with their history but they are encased in gold within and without imagine a whole church

like that in Monterrey in Mexico imagine a church like that in Latin America and Jews will be passing through it how shall they not be saved in the reality that they will see and the word they will hear that they cannot regain, say, nor rebuke, repudiate it's a word of authority it's a sent word and the sender himself is in it we ourselves were marveling today my brothers and I we were talking about you we are men of broad experience in travel but I said, where have we met a congregation like this where the speaker can speak for an hour and 45 minutes never losing the attention of the audience and the pastor gets up and himself speaks for 20, 30 minutes and he also speaks for 20 or 25 minutes and you receive the whole thing so there is a power of resurrection in that kind of word the same

life of God that raised Jesus from the dead is the power that manifests through the language of those who are sent they are eminently the men of the resurrection their word and their persons are in full resurrection power they are already in the resurrection already in the eternal place Paul says, I have my citizenship in heaven yes, I'm a Hebrew of the Hebrews but the things that constitute the truth of me are not drawn from the earth but from heaven and it's this heaven that I commend to men that they may catch the sense of it now and in this life unless it comes to them too late on the day of eternity when it will be too late to call that him whom they have not really heard because no one had really preached because no one had really been saved we have watched souls pass from death to

life even this dear rabbi which I'm asking you to keep quietly to yourself we mustn't go out and boast about this the man is still alive with an oxygen tube in his nose maybe he has only days to live but he knows now where he's going and he has the peace that passes all understanding what is apostolic is real what is real is authentic what is authentic is God the apostle is the missionary of reality things as they in fact are as God sees them and as he would have meant to know them in a world that lies and deception and a wicked one who is a liar from the beginning and needs to be confronted and the truth needs to be revealed and light needs to come into darkness because the true apostle not only speaks the message he is the message in himself he is the thing in himself in his character,

in his life through and through what then would such a church be but a glory to God forever so these men bear the power of the word because they bear the Lord himself they are encased in gold and the character of God which is beaten out of gold they haven't learned this in the school of convenience they learned it in hardship in heartache they learned it with heartache in struggle, in opposition and if they can't find such opposition anywhere else in the world God will give it to them and their wives or they'll have it in the church or in their own family tension, conflict that is the shaping factor beating something out of gold for it

to become itself and get in order where God will meet with them and be with them as they are sent so, do you desire this? or you just want to be a

Pentecostal body a Pentecostal assembly nice services good biblical teaching good worship there's something more something higher something more ultimate there's a word that God wants to revive and the reality of that word apostle, apostolic sent the thing in itself having the character of God seeking nothing for itself knowing that it will either be received or opposed and will either cry out what must we do to be saved or seek to cast us over the hill and it's all the same we don't fear and we were just as content to remain at Antioch and worship as to be sent we have no itch to be ministers no ambition to be seen and heard we have no career to promote we are just as content to remain hidden and obscure in the place of worship together as in the place of sending separate unto me men who

are already separated from their religious ambitions their racial and ethnic origins I'm more lightly complected than you I'm more Spanish you're more Indian these men have been separated from the deepest things that govern men and dominate men and lead to fear and tension, opposition they're liberated they take the message of heaven they transcend their culture they transcend their nationality they are the messengers of a heavenly way the reality of God and where do they learn it? where do they come to it? in Antioch in the church that was in Antioch made up of black and white and Jew and Gentile and all of the raw natural ingredients of a church of diverse differences there in truth and in love in openness and humility and confession and communion they rose above, they transcended they

were separated from the earthly things that poison and corrupt men and therefore could be sent the issue of Paul is the issue of Antioch he's not some magical thing in himself and if I have had any value for you in these days thank my wife the opposition, the tension, the difficulty thank my fellowship and my community the opposition the differences everyone with his own thought and opinion with scriptures to prove it and you want to spit your guts out it seems irreconcilable but you hold steady and you remain and you continue to go face to face and you don't turn away and in that place God meets you and gives you an answer that you would never have imagined and the brother that you thought was your worst enemy becomes your deepest friend, an ally because we continue to look in each

other's faces and would not turn away and so the issue of righteousness through the place of mercy I want to dedicate you as the Antioch of God for this city perhaps this nation we're not here by accident nobody else wanted us you took us in nobody received us here in Monterrey but you received us and you have received the benefit but we have the authority to preach and to teach but also to bless with a priestly authority to confer blessings which is more than just a nice feeling but a conferring of something palpable and real that was not there before until it came through a sent one because the blessing is the Lord himself this prayer, this desire receive it Lord, in the name of Jesus a day of new beginnings not that we are in any way making little what has taken place until this moment

from this pastor everything was given of God it was a preparation for now for the Kairos time that has come the time for this Lord has come it's time for an apostolic reality in the nation of Mexico and in Latin America that can send forth preachers whose word creates faith in their hearers that they might be saved and perform the works of God and that they might confront the authorities of the world and the things that are false and that are of no use to them so Lord, in your holy name my priest and apostle of our confession in your name I bless this people let something come down to them from heaven from above to settle upon their souls to find its way into the very root and foundation of their corporate life a depth of understanding and of desire and appreciation for that which is

apostolic not just to admire it but to become it bless this Antioch Lord and make it a sending body that this nation will receive the benefit the real thing that reveals the counterfeit simply by being the thing in itself a people who are able to discern that which is sent of God and that which is sent of man who are able to identify those who say they are apostles and are not because they themselves are living in apostolic reality and instantly can sense that which is false and presumptuous religious and human and are jealous of the truth and the reality of God in such a great word because they have a heavenly calling and they consider the high priest and the apostle of their confession even Jesus Christ in whose name we pray say this Lord Amen Amen

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