



# KINGDOM AUTHORITY

## New Year 2022 Sermon Notes & Study Guide

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### **HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE!**

This is the FOREWORD to our New Years Series which begins in earnest next weekend. Within these sermon notes is a STUDY GUIDE for yourself, your family, and your Ohana Group or Bible Study, with questions for discussion and personal meditation.

[Questions are highlighted like this so you can find them easily.]

In 2021 we spent the entire year on the theme, "ONE." And it was awesome. The astounding result was God united our Church in amazing ways beyond what we imagined. We thought maybe the world will go back to normal. But when it didn't, we were able to pivot with the Holy Spirit and bring our 3 campuses into 1, along with—and this is huge—our Church Online congregation. Woohoo! So now we are ALL operating as ONE CHURCH, in 1 space, the HOPE Center—which is another God Thing—and ONLINE.

On top of that in 2021, Pastor Earl became the President of a brand new 501(c)3 called “Hawaii Pidgin Bible Ministries.” We’re so proud of you, Pastor Earl! Show Da Pidgin’ President some aloha right now, go ahead!

And Pastor Lori is the President of another 501(c)3 we birthed in ‘21 called “HOPE Education Center.” Show some love for President Shimabukuro!

You can find links to support both of these ministries on our website.

*Discussion Question 1: What was your biggest takeaway from our year-long study of **ONE** in 2021?*

Today we have a pretty deep message for you—some broccoli for your brain, some spinach for your soul. You’ll need to stay oxygenated. So everybody: Back straight. Look eye. Ready? Wait!

HOLY SPIRIT ACTIVATE! Ok, let’s go!

*Discussion Question 2: What is our two-word **CHURCH THEME** for 2022?*

As we begin 2022, what is our Church theme for the whole year? We had a one-word theme in 21. In 22, we get TWO words: KINGDOM AUTHORITY. Tell the person next to you, “Kingdom Authority.”

In 2022 we will devote the entire year to learning about KINGDOM AUTHORITY. We will sit with the King in the Courts of Heaven at the right hand of the Father and listen to Him teach us on KINGDOM AUTHORITY. So don’t miss a single message this year! This is going to be a year like no other here at NHCO.

*Discussion Question 3: Is God asking you to fast and pray as we begin 2022? What will you fast from?*

[Click here to learn the proper way to fast and pray.](#)

That's why we need to Fast and Pray! For the first 40 days of 2022, from Jan 1 - Feb 9. The whole Church is fasting and praying. I'm fasting from the most addictive substance on the planet—SUGAR! How about you?

Some of you might be new to Church. Welcome!

We want to encourage you to become a PILGRIM, not a TOURIST. What's the difference?

Tourists say: Wow, look at that worship team! Wow, nice building. Look, the pastor is Filipino.

Pilgrims say: I'm looking for God. My life needs to change. Help me, somebody!

We might start off as tourists checking everything out, that's fine. But whether you know it or not, what you're really hoping for is to meet God. Here at NHCO, we contend for that more than anything else.

*Discussion Question 4: Who were the people for whom 2021 was their final year on Earth? How do we properly **GRIEVE** losing them?*

### **A FINAL ALOHA 2021**

Before we venture out into the New Year, let's take one last look back at 2021 by recalling those for whom 2021 was their last year on Earth. We lost more loved ones, more people we knew personally, than any other year. And the Church is walking closely with families in their hour of grieving. Maybe you knew someone personally who died in 2021.

Here's a list of people for whom 2021 was their last year on Earth.

1. Hank Aaron, 86 (Homerun King MLB)
2. Colt Brennan, 37 5/11/21
3. David Yongi Cho: Pastor & Founder, world's largest mega-church (Korea)
4. Bob Dole, 98: Senator - Kansas
5. Haya Harareet: Who? Israeli actress who played Esther in "Ben Hur"

6. Bob Jones, long-time Hawaii newscaster
7. Robert Kekaula, 56 6/19/21, long-time sportscaster
8. Larry King, 87, radio/TV host
9. Christopher Plummer, (The Captain in “Sound of Music”)
10. Colin Powell
11. Patty Sakal
12. John Madden, 85 (just last Tuesday)
13. Alex Michel

The death of my friend, Pastor Alex Michel, broke my heart more than I expected, and I began to grieve. My spirit would drift into this profound sadness. I can't remember the last time I grieved this deeply.

Maybe it was because he and Jen just bought a new home in Ewa. Or maybe it was because his daughter, Charis, just got engaged, so Alex wouldn't be able to walk her down the aisle. Most of all, I think it was because he was such a great guy. He made you feel like you were his best friend. He was an outstanding pastor and teacher in the prime of his life, and he died suddenly and unexpectedly in an accident. He was here one moment and gone the next. He was only 51.

In my grieving, I learned some profound lessons: I realized that one of the saddest things we can hear at a memorial is “I thought we would have more time.” Maybe we won't have as much time as we think.

So grieving for Alex left me with a very profound gift that I hope I never lose: making the most of the short time I have left on Earth. I find myself more “present” in every moment. I listen to my beautiful, amazing wife, Mona, more attentively. She's my savior, my angel, who nursed me back to health in 2021 when I got Covid. I believe she may have saved my life. Mona, I love you more today than I ever have... but not as much as tomorrow.

I hug and pray for my kids more than ever. Mark, Rachael, and Caleb. You guys are the greatest gifts given to your mom and me from the Lord next to

Jesus Himself. And you are our legacy we leave behind to transform the world.

And I kiss and pray for the grandkids more than ever. Judah, Evangeline, and Lylah, Grandpa Cuddles loves you so much. Listen to your mommy and daddy and you will learn to listen to your Father in Heaven.

Treat each other like it might be your last moment together. We don't know how much time we have, but we can decide what to do with time we're given. I praise God my whole family, including my mom and dad, all my brothers and sisters, and their children are Christians. That is such a blessed achievement in life. What do you hope to accomplish in life?

My friend and mentor Pastor Wayne would say,

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“Only God determines the length of our lives,  
but we determine the depth.”

One day you may hear that Mike Palompo has died. Don't you believe it! For in that moment I will be more alive than ever, and in the Presence of my Savior, my King, my Jesus.

Make sure you play this at my memorial. I want to preach at my own funeral!

How do we move on after suffering the loss of a loved one? Interestingly Pastor Alex himself gave a message on grieving shortly before he died. It turned out to be one of his final sermons before going home to Jesus. That sure got my attention! At his memorial it was said that Pastor Alex taught this:

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“We will grieve in one world and rejoice in another,

but we can only build in one.”

He’s not saying “just move on.” He’s saying that we SHOULD grieve. We need to grieve. Take a moment to REFLECT DEEPLY on the ones we’ve lost. Remember them. Remember the good times and the bad. This is about listening very closely to the Lord in the wake of our loss, and wait for a revelation. I think we will discover just how immensely valuable people are to us—more important than money, power, or the cheap pleasures of this life.

Suffering is not necessarily an evil. Through suffering we can receive amazing revelation from God we might not otherwise receive. So the pandemic, as difficult and disruptive as it is, could lead us to depression, OR... it could be a pathway to what is really important in life—family, your spouse, your children, your friends, God.

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Grieving doesn’t have to be a time where you only feel sorry for yourself. It may also be an incredibly profound time where we discover what really matters in life. But allow Jesus into your grieving. It’s ok to ask Him why. Why did we lose our loved one? That question will lead you to a powerful revelation of His sovereignty. That it was He who brought us into this world and it will be He who takes us out—and only He has ALL the facts on when that’s supposed to happen. Then let Him take you from grief to rejoicing again. Don’t stay in the world of grieving forever because you can only build in one of these worlds.

[Slide: Peter and Jesus Resurrected]

***Discussion Question 5: What powerful lessons can you learn from the transformation of Simon into Peter, especially with regard to greater KINGDOM AUTHORITY in your life?***

That's why I think the story of Jesus talking to Peter after the resurrection is so powerful. Remember how heartbroken Peter was when he denied Jesus three times? The bible says he didn't just cry normally, it says he wept bitterly. That's worse than Oprah's ugly cry. Most of us will probably never cry this hard.

This is a critical moment because remember Jesus told Peter, "You are Peter, and upon this Rock I will build My Church." Jesus had appointed Peter the leader of the movement. Jesus was about to build His Church and he was going to work through Peter to do it. Jesus gave Peter, here it is...

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## KINGDOM AUTHORITY

KINGDOM AUTHORITY to lead His Church. But in this dark hour as Jesus was arrested and about to go to trial, Peter is about to commit the biggest failure of his life. He is about to disqualify himself from his calling. He is about to betray His King.

At the moment Peter denied Jesus, Peter didn't know Jesus was going to die. Imagine Peter's horror when he saw Jesus crucified! Remember, Jesus was just a few feet away when he denied Christ. After the 3rd denial, the rooster crowed and Jesus turned and looked at Peter. Had to be the worst moment in Peter's life. I bet after Peter was done crying his eyes out, he went into some serious grieving. More than anything, he probably wished he could have just one more moment with Jesus to make this right. I can imagine him praying, "Please God, it cannot end this way." But Jesus died... So much left unsaid, zero chance for reconciliation, no closure, an "untimely" death if there ever was one.

And then on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, Peter gets an amazing gift—the rarest of moments. Jesus appears to Him. God shows up. Some of us who have lost loved ones wish we could see them again. Well, that's exactly what Peter gets: an impossible turn of events, a second chance to

see the Person he loved most in the whole world! No one gets an opportunity like this. But Peter does. Here's how that conversation went:

"Simon, do you love Me?"

"Yes, Lord."

"Feed My sheep."

Then again, "Simon, do you love Me?"

"You know I do."

"Take care of My sheep."

A third and final time, "Simon, do you love Me?"

"Lord, You know everything. You know I love You."

"Feed My sheep."

Three statements of faith and love—restitution for the 3 betrayals. Peter is now 100% reconciled. But Jesus calls him Simon. That's definitely SUS. In the Philippines we say, "Ay, Sus!" But you see, Jesus changing his name to Peter was not meant to be presumptuous. It was meant to be prophetic. But Peter was still COCKY not ROCKY, so let's start over... We're back to Simon... again.

But here's what we're focused on right now: Peter's KINGDOM AUTHORITY came from his RELATIONSHIP with His King. No relationship, no authority. But how do flawed, imperfect human beings stay in relationship with a perfect King? Everybody say GRACE.

Remember I said a month ago that many Christians struggle with grace. We're somewhere on the spectrum between legalism and license, between trying to keep a "contract" with God and "cheap grace." We're either trying to "earn" grace (there's an oxymoron for you) or we are abusing grace. This is not easy to figure out! Christianity is not a religion created by human beings. That much is clear.

*Discussion Question 6: What is **GRACE**, really? Why is it important to our relationship with the King? And how is this connected with Kingdom Authority?*



So this morning we need a fresh revelation from the Spirit on what grace is exactly.

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CHESED: חֶסֶד  
“Grace”

“Chesed” is the best word in Hebrew for “grace.” Everybody say “chesed.” But it doesn’t mean grace, not the way we might think of it. We say “grace” is “unmerited favor” and we’re not wrong. But in the full Hebrew expression of this word, it is DEEPLY RELATIONAL. It’s not just about what we get from God but about how we will now live WITH God. We’re like, “Yay! The grace of God! No more sin! I’m going to Heaven!” But that’s NOT what grace is for!

So the ACTUAL best translation for “chesed” is... LOYALTY. Ho! You have to catch this! Holy Spirit ACTIVATE!

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CHESED: חֶסֶד  
LOYALTY

In other words, God has made a covenant with us. He is absolutely loyal to us and He’s empowering us BY HIS GRACE to be loyal to Him. He is loyal to keep His covenant with us. He will never leave us or forsake us. But we have enormous difficulty keeping our covenant with Him. This is a very big problem. Because without a—here it is—relationship with the King, we will have no authority. No relationship. No authority.

So how does this happen? Peter got a powerful revelation of the AMAZING GRACE of God on the shores of the Sea of Galilee that day. Why? Because God showed up! What is our church’s greatest and highest value? When God Shows Up. That’s our church motto. Mark came up with that.

Can you see how CRITICAL it was for Peter that Jesus SHOWED UP that day? Jesus was *demonstrating* CHESED LOYALTY to Peter right there in this moment! Jesus was proving to Peter that He was never going to leave him or forsake him. Jesus came back for Peter. Not even death itself could keep Jesus from Peter.

Peter has NEVER seen or known this level of love and loyalty from Jesus. That's why he fell away! But in this Divine Encounter, watch this, Jesus is EMPOWERING Peter to be CHESED LOYAL to Jesus. This is what God's GRACE is for! It is not just His "unmerited favor" so you can go to Heaven. And it's certainly not so you can be freed from the consequences of your sin only to go and keep on sinning! It is the power of God to live in RELATIONSHIP with God. Here it is...

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Grace is the power of God within us to be LOYAL to our King.

So we may be thinking we will never be qualified to serve Him. In FACT, we might be thinking we're not even worthy to be SAVED let alone serve Him. That's exactly how Peter felt. He felt like a failure. He was kicking himself for letting Jesus down. He was telling himself, "You're such a loser, Peter."

Do you know what Peter was doing when Jesus found him on the shores that day? FISHING. He had gone back to fishing. He had gone back to Simon. He had set aside Peter, the Rock on whom Jesus was going to build His Church, and reverted back to Simon, the plain ol', common fisherman from Galilee. It was Monday morning and Pastor Peter quit the ministry. He quit the Church. His fire had gone out.

But remember, Jesus PROPHESED that Peter would fail. Watch this now, some of you need to hear the Lord prophesy over you today. Jesus told Peter, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me 3x." Jesus prophesied exactly WHEN Peter would sin, HOW he would sin, and HOW MANY TIMES he would sin.

So Peter was horrified at what he had done to Jesus. Jesus too, by the way. But Peter's weakness and dysfunction did not catch Jesus off guard. Simon needed to go through a process of Spiritual Transformation to become Peter. Here it is...

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Jesus knew that Peter was trapped inside Simon.

Each of us will begin our Christian lives with an identity crisis. Who are we really? SIMON is the worldly version of us—selfish, cocky, proud, and stupid. Simon says things like, “All these other guys might fall away, but I never will.” But when you come to Christ, there's also Peter, the Kingdom version of us. Peter is humble, smart, prayerful, and completely dependent on Jesus. Peter says, “You are the Christ the Son of the Living God... and I am not.” Peter is the one Jesus will build His Church on, not Simon. Which one will we be? For the moment, Peter is trapped inside Simon.

Before He died, Jesus told Peter, “You will recover recover from this, my friend. Then you will restore the others.” Jesus had to kill Simon so Peter could come forth. And that's the process Jesus has him in right now. Lots of suffering. Lots of grieving. It's the death of Simon. Then boom! Peter rises from the ashes.

Maybe you're going through a lot of grief and suffering right now. Remember when Peter denied Him, Jesus was just a few feet away? And then Jesus looked at Peter right in the eyes after the rooster crowed? That look was NOT just a look of disappointment or disgust.

Remember, Jesus PROPHESED that Peter would fail, and then recover, and then restore his brothers. That was a look saying, “Don't forget what I told you, Peter. This isn't how your story ends. This is a CRITICAL part of your Spiritual Transformation.

Yes, Peter, you will fail, and this failure will cause you to grieve. And as you grieve, you will think long and hard about your weaknesses. As you grieve, Simon will die so Peter can live. If Simon doesn't die, you cannot build the Church. You need to realize that you cannot do this without Me. You must learn, Peter, that you will have no KINGDOM AUTHORITY without a strong relationship with Me." Simon must die, so Peter can live.

Jesus put a calling on your life as well, and you're trying to qualify yourself, be worthy of what you think He's asked you to do. Hopefully you're starting to figure out, like Peter did, that what God has called you to is WAY over your head. Maybe you're called to be a husband, a parent, or run a business. ALL of us need to learn this lesson from Peter's life:

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"When God puts a calling on our life, He already factored in our stupidity."

Once Peter had this encounter with Jesus on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, the FIRE in Peter's life was rekindled. KINGDOM AUTHORITY! Where does our FIRE come from to serve the King? It comes from our RELATIONSHIP with Jesus. Drift away from Jesus and your fire goes out.

You see, now Peter knows that Jesus knows EVERY STUPID THING about him and loves him anyway. He now knows that Jesus is never going to let him go, no matter how badly he screws up. And very importantly, Peter now knows that Jesus will EMPOWER him BY GRACE to overcome his every weakness and all his failures. So now Peter has—watch this...

*Discussion Question 7: What does **EXTREME OWNERSHIP** mean? What has God put you in charge of? Are you doing a good job?*

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EXTREME OWNERSHIP

One of the biggest problems in families and societies today is people not taking responsibility. Can I get an amen? Not taking responsibility for

cleaning your room, fixing your house, maintaining your car, running your business. What happens when you're given authority over something? That's right! You are RESPONSIBLE for it. Your car. Your house. Your family. Your job. The buck stops with you. Are you doing a good job? In 2022 take EXTREME OWNERSHIP of everything God put you in charge of. So when you see Him after you die, you will not be ashamed. Embrace your KINGDOM AUTHORITY in 2022 and all that changes. You watch.

Jesus put Peter in charge of the Church. So Peter had to take responsibility of what God put him in charge of. "Simon" was a wimp and a loser. But Peter has EXTREME OWNERSHIP of the Church. He's no longer ducking his responsibility. The fire in his life is back! He is now willing to sacrifice his life for Jesus if need be—and one day in the near future, he will do exactly that. Tell the person next to you, "We're going to have EXTREME OWNERSHIP in 2022!"

In this first Kingdom Authority message of the New Year, I've been trying to describe for us how the Spirit brings us to a place where we go from Simon to Peter, from ordinary to extraordinary, from natural to supernatural so we live by His grace in a glorious relationship with our King, embrace our KINGDOM AUTHORITY, take EXTREME OWNERSHIP of all we're in charge of, and contend for His Kingdom on Earth as it is in Heaven.

*Discussion Question 8: What does **SHALOM** mean? What does it have to do with our capacity to walk on fire with Kingdom Authority? Why do we need a fireplace first before we build a fire?*

Now how many of us know that the full-on, unmasked, unveiled Presence of God is a consuming FIRE? We're wearing masks to protect ourselves, well, from each other. God wears a mask to protect US from HIMSELF! I know we want more of God's Presence, but the truth is we can't handle His Presence. I know we all want the truth, but we can't handle the TRUTH. If God took His mask off, our heads would explode. Just go watch Raiders of the Lost Ark again. So God in His mercy, wears a mask to protect us.

But how many of us want more of His Presence! Right? We want His FIRE. We need His FIRE! So here's the thing: If I built a fire right here on stage, we would need to evacuate the building. But if we got some brick and mortar and built a nice FIREPLACE, then we could experience fire and not die. Before God can bring the fire, we need a fireplace.

So how do we "build a fireplace" to contain His FIRE? John Bevere calls it "Divine Order." But I think the Bible has a better word for it:

[Slide: Shalom: Divine Order]

SHALOM. Shalom is perfect PEACE WITH GOD. It is a life of perfect righteousness before God by the GRACE of Christ. Shalom is the Kingdom of God established in your life. It is a life filled with peace because you're living Kingdom on Earth as it is in Heaven.

It won't matter what the circumstances bring in 2022 if you have Shalom. We can have more Omicron, Delta Variant, it won't matter. We can COVID Alpha Beta Gamma Delta all the way to OMEGA and it won't matter if we have Shalom in our lives.

Shalom is the most important thing we need in 2022. Turn to the person next to you and say, "Shalom." That's how we say hi and bye in Israel. In Israel when you say, "How are you?" It's "Ma neshma." It means, "How is your Shalom?" And if you're doing good you say, "Tov." (Good) But if you're doing great you say "Baruch HaShem!" "Blessed be The Name." (They won't say God's Name in Israel, so they just say "The Name.")

We need SHALOM in 2022! Amen? No more fear! Shalom!

Now listen: When we have SHALOM, we can carry the FIRE OF GOD! You will have new boldness in your life. The FIRE of God is a heart to tell others about Jesus, to make disciples, to volunteer, to serve in Church. It is the

FIRE of GOD that empowers us to love our spouse and disciple our children.

Listen, sometimes we think if we just train people to follow Christ, they will go all-out for Jesus. If we just teach more Bible, people will live for God. But we've had billions of sermons preached! If the world was going to be reached through sermons, everyone in the world would've come to Christ by now!

What we need is the FIRE OF GOD in our lives! You can give a person the best training in the world, but without the FIRE OF GOD, they'll just sit there.

And you can't have FIRE without a FIREPLACE. The fireplace is SHALOM, peace with God, in your life.

As we wrap up today, I want to show you that SHALOM must come first before the FIRE of His Presence. This is our journey together in 2022. Or are you too sleepy? Do you want to go to brunch or hear about how to get the FIRE OF GOD in your life? Ok, so brunch can wait? HOLY SPIRIT ACTIVATE! Because I'm about to show you how Simon becomes Peter. If you're watching online, this is the best part.

#### EXHIBIT A: CREATION

Remember in Genesis, Creation starts off as TOHU VAVOHU, chaotic and empty, formless and lifeless. But God takes Creation from chaos to order, emptiness to fullness, death to life, from crazy to amazing, from cold to fire. The WHOLE WORLD was designed to be the Temple of God's Presence—a COSMIC TEMPLE. And it will be again in the future. (That's worth meditating on this year, by the way.)

Now watch this: as soon as He was done establishing DIVINE ORDER, there was SHALOM. The world became a fireplace for the FIRE OF GOD. Then and ONLY then His Presence came. God showed up in His Creation. (In a second, I'll tell you how His Presence came.)

## EXHIBIT B: THE TABERNACLE/TEMPLE

Remember that the Tabernacle/Temple is God's Presence on Earth as it is in Heaven. God gave Moses a precise architectural design for the Tabernacle. A thousand years later, Solomon followed the exact same blueprint to build the Temple. "SHALOM" was established. A fireplace was built for the FIRE OF GOD. Then and only then His Presence came. God showed up.

## EXHIBIT C: CHRIST

This is actually all leading up to the greatest manifestation ever of the Presence of God on Earth—Jesus. How does God establish Divine Order for the FIRE that would be Jesus? Two ways: John the Baptist, the greatest man ever born who told everyone, "Repent!"

Second, Joseph and Mary. Jesus was raised by amazing, righteous human parents! Mom and dad, this year we're going to show you how to turn your kids into a fireplace for the fire of God!

But once John, Joseph, and Mary were done with Jesus, "SHALOM" was established. A fireplace was built for the FIRE OF GOD. Then and only then His Presence came. God showed up. And Jesus began His ministry.

## EXHIBIT D: CHURCH

Next, the death and resurrection of Jesus FULFILLED ALL RIGHTEOUSNESS for the birth of the Christian Church. A fireplace was built for the FIRE OF GOD. Then and only then His Presence came. God showed up. Pentecost.

[Slide: PENTECOST]

Remember the tongues of fire that appeared on the heads of the disciples?

So what happened after Moses finished building the Tabernacle?

Watch this:



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“FIRE came out from the LORD's presence and consumed the burnt offering” (Leviticus 9:24 God's Word Translation)

A thousand years later, what happened after Solomon finished building the Temple?

“FIRE came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple” (2 Chronicles 7:1 NIV).

So remember I said that after God established DIVINE ORDER in the Creation, there was SHALOM and then His presence came into His Creation. How did His Presence come? What was the original manifestation of God in His Creation? Adam and Eve, the image of the living God, the FIRE OF GOD, the rulers of the world, the king and queen of Mother Earth.

Listen now, this year we will ask the King to build a fireplace WITHIN YOU. I know we all want the FIRE OF GOD. But the FIRE OF GOD doesn't come just because we want it. It doesn't come just because you agreed with the Gospel. It doesn't come just by saying YES to Jesus. Like “Simon” you need to undergo SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION to become Peter. Simon must die so Peter can live. Then comes SHALOM. Then and only then will the FIRE of His Presence come.

[Slide: Exhibit E: YOU]

And your life will be filled with the FIRE OF GOD. God will be revealed to you. God will be revealed WITHIN YOU. God will be revealed THROUGH YOU. God shows up.

**[Slide: 2022 NHCO OUTCOMES]**

So finally, here are our outcomes for 2022.

By the end of 2022, here's what we are praying we will see...

- **KINGDOM AUTHORITY** through Chesed LOYALTY in every area of our lives. Then as we operate in our Kingdom Authority...
- **EXTREME OWNERSHIP** We will take greater responsibility –DOMINION!–over EVERYTHING God has put us in charge of. Finally...
- **SHALOM** You become a FIREPLACE for the FIRE OF GOD.

#### CLOSING BENEDICTION

We're praying this will be you in 2022.

If in 2021 your life was TOHU VAVOHU, chaotic and empty, formless and lifeless, well, forget about making New Years resolutions. Those don't work! Instead, let God TRANSFORM you from chaos to order, from ordinary to extraordinary, from natural to supernatural, from dazed and confused to dazzling and CHESED LOYAL, from undisciplined and irresponsible to EXTREME OWNERSHIP, from scared to SHALOM, from the coldness of a dead spiritual life to the FIRE OF GOD. From SIMON to PETER.

None of us are getting out of here alive. What matters is the choices we make in the time that we're given. AND WE CHOOSE THE KINGDOM OF GOD ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN! AMEN?

The purpose of your life is NOT just to stay alive, hiding from Covid. Human beings were made to LIVE not just EXIST, to take our DIVINE AUTHORITY and TRANSFORM THE WORLD. And by the GRACE OF GOD, that's exactly what we will do in 2022.

Now stand with me and let's take our rightful place at the side of Jesus at the right hand of God our Father.

*Discussion Question 9: By faith, what did the Spirit say to you in this “foreword” to Kingdom Authority? Try to succinctly express it in a sentence or two. How will you step out in obedience to what He said to you today?*