

# Great Joy In The City Ministries

“With God all things are possible”



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Dear BSCMF Member,

**“Be strong and courageous! Don't be afraid or discouraged because of the king of Assyria or his mighty army, for there is a power far greater on our side! He may have a great army, but they are merely men. We have the LORD our God to help us and to fight our battles for us!”**  
**Hezekiah's words greatly encouraged the people.”**

- **2 Chronicles 32: 7-8**

**“Be strong and courageous!”** I truly receive great comfort in 2 Chronicles 32: 7-8; and although it is talking about an Assyrian army attacking God's people, it has spiritual revelation that applies for the world today. For Church leaders like you and I, the spiritual revelation is vitally important: **We have the Lord our God with us and He will help us to succeed!** In today's Church World, I have noticed that Church leaders are shrinking from the Truth of God's Word – the world is pushing back so much upon the Church and the Kingdom of Darkness is counter-attacking the Church with great power. In particular, Church leaders are afraid to see their Church members and ministry staffs grow into powerful men and women of God because they are afraid to be 'over-shadowed' by staff who are operating in the Power of God that is perhaps in greater manifestation than the leaders. But I am starting to spiritually sense that the Body of Christ is looking for true courageous Kingdom leadership; leaders who will help them grow into powerful Men and Women of God, so they can fulfill their End-time Kingdom Calling: Understand, this leadership mentality is not so Church members can follow a preacher by sitting in a pew or audience and giving a monthly offering; or a consumer base for the preacher's products or a useful 'Church member' for a pastor's purposes. But instead courageous Church leadership who want Church people excel and walk like Jesus to fulfill God's plans!

I believe that the Body of Christ wants and needs a spiritual 'Church leadership revolution' in these Last Days - Preachers with an eye upon the overall 'Kingdom Plan': Becoming true Christ-like Kingdom leadership whose primary purpose is to help the individual Believer to fulfill God's overall Kingdom plan by teaching, mentoring and leading Believers to find and fulfill their God-given calling; and helping Believers to spiritually mature to take their place, position - their knowing how to walk fully in their individual calling (every a Believer has one), so they develop into useful members of the Body to fulfill God's End-time Plan)...There are few true Kingdom-minded Church leaders like that, and for the Body of Christ to fulfill the End-time Commission of bringing in the Harvest and preparing the way for the Lord's return, we need to see true Kingdom leadership rise up to their proper place and walk fully in that true End-time leadership calling of equipping the Saints for their End-time ministry work. We are in need of true Christian Church leadership in today's world who courageously lead – because leaders lead, no matter what people say and what the worldly consequences might be. True Kingdom leaders understand that they are not alone as they lead – our Lord Jesus Christ, the head of the Church is with them, as is the Kingdom of God and all its resources: I encourage you this month to be a courageous Church leader who leads by example and builds the Body of Christ into that glorified Church that Jesus is believing to see when He returns!

May God bless you richly,

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