

**Renewal, Remaking and Release**  
**Luke 5:1-11, John 21 15:19, Isaiah 54: 1-10**

**REFLECTIONS**

I will admit this writing is more A few thoughts from the Word than it is a sermon. There are no standard outlines, three points, great illustrations or big punch lines. Rather, it is the impressions, however strange, of one man that some call pastor. I sit intrigued tonight and in awe of a very big God, moving in a small church. Really, a body of seekers who are prone to the same things the children of Israel were. Having miracles, feeling a new pull on their lives, rejoicing and *often forgetting* or being unaware of how much God really, really is performing things both visible, but **beyond our comprehension**. It is rather like the universe itself. We see the stars, the planets, the sun, and yet we cannot see our own galaxy completely, much less the untold galaxies beyond our own. We have been called to launch out! To feed the lambs, tend the sheep, feed the lambs. More God opportunities than ever lie before us. More God thoughts and intimacy with Him lie with us than ever before. When we had little resources, set patterns, and comfortable circumstances, we were unaware of the challenges and risks of being “LAUNCHED”. That is true both in our personal lives and in our church...*FOR OUR PERSONAL LIVES AND CIRCUMSTANCES ARE SUBSTANCE THAT GOD WILL USE TO FORM HIS CHURCH!!* That’s right!! **Dust becomes Destiny** with God. You were told in November of 2004 that “IT WAS TIME”. You were encouraged that God would no longer use band-aids where surgery was required. **That the reshaping, reforming, remaking and renewal** of lives will often be painful on the outside, but will result in a whole new kind of **RELEASE** in our lives. You were challenged to look at your patterns and habits, and let God renew your minds. God DOES NOT LAUNCH A CHURCH...HE launches PEOPLE... and He will not change His plan for ministry *to the body through the body by the body*. We shall more than ever have to be united, edifying and discerning as we enter these days. The enemy will not go to sleep. He will watch for isolated sheep to devour with false teaching. There will be many that come in the name of Christ that will be false prophets, twisting or ignoring scripture in order to deceive and promote their own ministry. The Scripture and diligent study of the Word will always be central to any revelation of Christ. Jesus walked into this world and immediately began with teaching in the synagogues, and what did He use... Scripture. He used the Bible of

His times to stand against the Enemy. Community is important, but it must never take precedence over diligence in the Word. Not just quoting of Scripture, which the devil can do, but

study of the Scriptures. Let us re-commit ourselves to building up of one another in worship that is in spirit and truth. Both together. You have sacrificed, watched and waited. You have touched Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Africa, the Philippines, and India. You are reaching out to Iraq, to Alaska, and to so many states I can't name them all due to time.

Last month 360 dvd's or cd's were made and sent. The emails and calls and letters I received were absolute confirmation that we are touching lives through this. Then, we were invited to join with other denominations, to commission students from a Seminary in the Philippines. Our music ministry has touched lives and is doing miracles in the lives of those who are involved. Our dance ministry has been a blessing far outside of Sandstone area. Our help to local people and to our body was increased and a great blessing. I am told that the mission of many different people in Nicaragua resulted in the purchase of a two story boat to reach ten times the children along the coast line than possible before. Our dvd's have been requested for use overseas for preaching, music and dance. This is because Christ was lifted up and people are hungry for the Message in word song and other forms. You are being launched!! Yes it is change and change is scary. Change is uncomfortable. Only God knows what else will come out of this little church that many of you are doing through your awesome giving of your resources and your lives. My heart is not about programs... it is about reaching people with the Gospel throughout the world, through a little fellowship called CWC. I watch Sunday School teachers, Children workers, kitchen help, tables set up, projectors, recorders sound boards, cameras, overheads, offices, instruments, voices, and a hundred other things being carried out by Christ through your sacrifices of praise. This church is being launched!!!

Having said all of that.... everything we set out to do will come to nothing, unless it is out of an intimacy with Him AND one another... and a flow of the Father in our lives. If it does not, then the very same things that plagued the New Testament churches will plague ours. Jealousy, competition, bitterness, hurt, division, strife... we are not immune. We shall be struggling with "WHO IS THE GREATEST", UNLESS THE LIFE AND STYLE OF THE CROSS, which is a "foot washing, you first, you take the credit, I want to lift you up"....BECOMES THE BASIS OF

OUR DISCIPLESHIP... EVEN AS JESUS SAID IT MUST.