



## CHAPTER 5

### *A New Season*

**M**any people talk of a new season - a time when new things could begin to happen. Or it could be a previous vision or desire that could come to pass in their lives. But they just talk about it and never really experience it. Some people are satisfied with simply talking about a new season and taking no action. I have heard people talk this way and I'm sure you have also.

When someone says, "I've been thinking about doing \_\_\_\_\_ for the Kingdom," my first reaction is to respond with, "How long will you disobey God?" How long will one strive between two opinions? People either obey or do not obey God. There is no in-between.

We will never experience the power of the new season until we obey and step into that new season. The power of the new season is IN the new

season - not talking of a new season but stepping into that new season. Obedience is BETTER than sacrifice. Obedience is the key that unleashes the power and presence of God. It sets things into motion. This is where the statement you are not waiting on God, God is waiting upon you applies.

The Gidley family could have talked about leaving. We could have practiced it or rehearsed it. But to get to that next season required action on our part as believers of the Word. When God said, "You're outta here in 60 days," we began to take action. Right then was when the next season's power was released. Many stand in a stale lifeless former place of wonder looking over into what might be possible. All they would require is to simply take action. Obey what God said. My purpose in writing our story is to help people leave the perch of human observation. Jump into what God is telling you to do. Launch out into the deep. I love that statement! My good friend, John Mason, always signs his books that way and it always stirs me. The catch isn't on shore - it's out there beneath the waves of challenge and impossibility.

When we arrived in Nashville or specifically Springfield, TN to Dr. Arlin Smith's home, we didn't know that we had already leapt into the

new season with power. We were significantly more than we were before because our obedience to the word from God had opened a door. An anointing had been released. We arrived at the small apartment that they have on their property. Dr. Arlin told us that this was our home as long as we desired and whenever we were in the area we could have it. He prayed for us and he specifically prayed over my wife. She immediately felt strengthened. We planned to have a Sunday of meetings. These were our first meetings since leaving everything and going on the road. That Sunday morning was so powerful. People were touched and the power and presence of our mighty God was in our midst. That Sunday night Dr. Arlin spoke to me and asked, “Can we continue these meetings??”

I said, “Sure!” I knew God desired it.

I have had hundreds of Sundays in my ministry. This was the first time that a Pastor had asked us to stay and continue the meetings because the Spirit’s power was so strong. I realized that was the first sign of the new season. One meeting turned into a week of seeking His presence and blending with this wonderful congregation. The provision was amazing from this congregation also. Dr. Arlin was amazed at the giving of his congregation and it was an amazing blessing as a

door had opened in NYC. We were blessed with the finances in abundance to go and do what God had said to go and do.

Obey God. Do what He has placed in your heart. Provision and Help are before you.