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Celebrating Ten Years of Ministry

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"Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name...Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's" (Psalm 103:1, 5)

Grace to our ever increasing Canadian ministry and global family through our Lord Jesus Christ.



February has arrived and as expected **The Year of Expansion** is moving with tremendous momentum throughout Rhema. Our service gatherings bear witness to the wondrous favour that God has released upon us. The atmosphere is pregnant with all possibilities; the spiritual climate is saturated with His glory and the fullness of His Spirit is being poured out upon us. What an awesome season! I want to take this moment to remind you that February has been devoted to *Spiritual Renewal*: 28 days of spiritual refreshing through significant prayer and selected times of fasting. This time of renewal is designed to maintain what God has begun to do among us.

Here's what is to be expected as together we participate in this season of tremendous renewal from the presence of the Lord:

Refreshing of Spirit - As if someone were pouring water upon the thirsty, God is pouring out the living water of His Spirit upon us. This time of refreshing is releasing a freshness within your spirit that will lead to an even stronger appetite in you for more of God's presence and power. It will be unquenchable! (Acts 3:19)

Revival of Soul - Your soul, the place of the mind, the heart and the will is also being renewed during this time. New thinking is penetrating your thoughts; new passions are rising in your heart; and a new sense of determination is strengthening your will. Your revived soul will create a renewed sense of victory. You will be unstoppable! (Isaiah 57:15)

Restoration of Stuff - And not forgetting the material, spiritual renewal never comes without the restoration of your earthly goods. Drawing closer to God makes it possible for Him to restore those things which you may have lost. The prophetic word brings complete restoration, and the very best of your inheritance is being returned to you! (Joel 2:25)

This month I have invited the various groups within our ministry to boldly enter into this season of spiritual renewal. The mighty men of Rhema have been mandated to lead the charge, followed by our women, our youth and finally our entire church across Canada. If you

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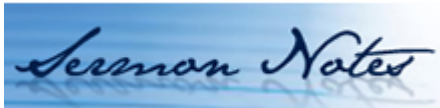
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would like to join us please click on our www.rhemaonline.ca. For a more detailed look at our calendar simply follow the links to the city that you are in.

This month prepare to soar as God renews you as the eagle! I declare that your dwelling is enlarging; your horizon is broadening and your coastline is extending. This year you will be unstoppable! (Romans 8:31)

With love while *Changing & Affecting Lives*,

Your Pastor, Orim M. Meikle



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Having been a student for longer than I can remember, being able to meticulously read and subsequently follow the instructions given at the beginning of an exam or test has become a personal skill of mine, as I'm sure it is for many others. The truth is that following instructions can sometimes become an art or discipline, not because it requires some special ability to do so, but because we tend to be wayward. I say this, not as an indictment, but as an observation. It is noticeable that sometimes when only a paragraph is required we feel the need to write an essay; likewise, in the spiritual realm when all that may be required is the laying on of hands we somehow feel the need to add a few frills here and there to get the job done. The question is why do we do these

things? Is it because we think that we know more than the instructor? No, I don't think that's it. Instead I believe we go the 'extra mile' because we doubt the sufficiency of *just* doing what the instructions dictate; we doubt its adequacy in assuring our success. [... more](#)

Celebrating Our Spiritual And Cultural Heritage



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Shortly after finding my way to Christ I learned that my confessions at the altar would not simply grant me membership within the church, but rather citizenship within the Kingdom of God. Anchoring my faith in an actual culture that extended beyond the four walls of the church or national flag was a powerful ideal and experience. However, it is important to remember that our ethno-racial identity is also an important part of our spiritual heritage.

Far too often Christian leaders declare that our cultural backgrounds are irrelevant within the body of Christ. This is simply not true. There are numerous examples of cultural identification and sadly, discrimination throughout the Bible. Solomon lamented that he was "Black but comely" (Song of Solomon 1:5), Moses was criticized for marrying an Ethiopian woman "and Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married; for he had married an Ethiopian woman" (Num. 12.1), and food was withheld from Greek widows, "In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food (Acts 6:1). Denying the existence of discrimination within churches or overlooking the uniqueness of different cultural groups is problematic for numerous reasons. [... more](#)

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