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"And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room...[and] these all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication" (Acts 1:13-14)

God's supernatural grace for a supernatural season be released upon His people across Canada and around the world through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Welcome to the month of November as we continue in this wonderful and refreshing new season of the Holy Spirit. I want to share with you the intense desire of the Spirit to restore to the church our original path as established in the book of the Acts. Over the next little while, I will be exploring what it means to follow Jesus by copying the practices of His earliest followers. Unlike us, the early disciples had the dual benefit of both living with and learning from the Lord while He walked on the earth, as well as being filled with His Spirit after His departure. If anyone knew the way, they certainly did.

The first significant act of the early disciples was their act of surrendering all in order to wait upon God. This may seem easy; however, let's look just a little deeper at what this meant:



- **Waiting Proved Surrender** - When Jesus asked them to give up their lives to follow Him, He meant it. You see, in the Kingdom of God there are no Plan B's; there's only one plan and it's called the perfect will of God. If we recall, the first disciples had to leave everything to follow Jesus; not an easy feat when we consider that they had families and businesses, along with the ensuing obligations that come with these commitments. Waiting demanded the surrender of these things until heaven sent the directive for their true assignment in life. Let us follow their example by placing God first, above all things, as we await His instructions (Acts 1:4).
- **Waiting Produced Character** - While they waited, the Lord was developing the character within them that was necessary for their assignment as His witnesses. We must be mindful of this one fact: we can go only so far, and be only as successful, as our character allows. The danger of haste is that we can rise at a rate that is faster than the development of our character. Let us follow their example by allowing the Spirit to shape who we are before we go public (Acts 1:8).
- **Waiting Proved Conviction** - Finally, their wait proved their firm conviction in the message and ministry of Jesus. In simple terms, they believed Him. Thus, the passing of time did not cause them to waver; rather, it strengthened their faith. They knew that what the Lord had spoken, He was going to do, and so they waited for its manifestation! I encourage us to have this same conviction as we await the Lord's coming (Acts 1:11).

This month, I am inviting you to continue to wait with us as we seek the Lord for His pattern for His church in the 21st century. At our local church we are waiting through consistent prayer, which is developing a keen sensitivity to the voice and direction of the Holy Spirit. At the end of this journey, our desire is to see the God kind of results simply because we did it God's way.

Get ready! Something supernatural is being released to those who are waiting!

In the Upper Room for the sake of *Changing & Affecting Lives*,

Your Pastor, Orim M. Meikle

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Join Pastor & First Lady Meikle every Saturday at 6:00 AM in the Toronto sanctuary for **DAYS OF THE SPIRIT** as together we seek God for the infilling and the overflowing of His Spirit. This is our time for a 21st century Upper Room experience!"

Extended to December 3rd 2011



Rhema Christmas Gala

Pastor & First Lady Meikle cordially invite you to an evening of elegance, dancing, staff appreciation, and fellowship

Date: Saturday, December 17, 2011

Location: Le Parc Banquet Hall

20 North Riverdale Road, Concord, Ontario L4K 2K2

Time: 6:00pm

Cost: \$50.00 per person

\$55.00 per person after November 27th

*Tickets available at Rhema World, located at the information kiosk
November 6 – December 11, 2011*

Strength In Times of Weakness

"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness...'" (2 Corinthians 12:9)

All of us, at some point in our lives, have struggled with feelings of weakness; whether emotionally, spiritually, mentally, physically or otherwise. According to the dictionary, weakness is "an inadequate or defective quality." Hence, it is not a characteristic we aspire to possess or find pleasure in boasting of, for in itself, weakness means that there is a lack of strength and an inability to do what is required in a particular moment...[more](#)



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From Low Self-Esteem To Self-Transcendence

As 21st century leaders, one of our biggest 'Achilles Heels' is that of low self-esteem or poor self-image. Oftentimes the result of our upbringing and environmental

constraints, low self-esteem's insidious effects are felt in almost every area of our lives. We feel inadequate and unworthy. These feelings pervade the private corridors of our minds, and even if we do not realize it, the lack of high and balanced self-esteem affects our leadership quotient in every arena of life. Our ability to truly lead is hampered, hindered, and held back. The problem on a deeper level is that our perception is our reality; and though...[more](#)

Spirituality and Self Promotion

Recently, a number of Christian leaders have explored the ways in which social media tools have impacted communication among Christians. As a senior marketing

communications specialist, I naturally appreciate new modes of communication and have witnessed the many ways they've mediated distances between various stakeholder groups, advanced important ideas and facilitated knowledge production processes. However, I too share the concerns of a number of leaders. I am specifically concerned about the convergence of spirituality and self promotion.

Now don't get me wrong, self promotion and self affirmation are not problematic...[more](#)



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Encouraging Singles

Candice Watters, author and co-founder of Boundless, openly shares that she had never had a boyfriend until she met her husband, Steve. She states, "I had no passion in my life. The longer I waited, the more terrified I was that it would never happen."

This is true for many Christian singles in the Church today. Many have never been involved in a relationship and are growing weary of waiting. However, Candice states, "Take a deep breath. Your purity is beautiful. It's a gift ...[more](#)





My Brothers Keeper DVD Release

If you did not get a chance to see the EMG production *My Brother's Keeper* in the theatre during the summer, you can now pre-order your personal copy of the production.

Cost: \$20

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Available November 22, 2011

"My Soul | Mi Alma" is the sophomore album for Rhema's very own bilingual worship leader, Paulis Sanchez. Following her first album "Seguro En Ti" in 2006, this new album is a collection of bilingual (Spanish & English) congregational songs recorded live by Paulis.

This album is sure to move and compel you to worship, and will connect your soul to God's heart. "My Soul | Mi Alma" will be available for sale at Rhema Christian Ministries for \$10 each. Please visit www.Facebook.com/paulissanchezmusic or email Paulis@paulissanchez.com for more information.

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Londa Larmond: Great Things

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CD price: \$10

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By divine direction, and led by our Senior Pastor, Rhema is on a definite path to greatness! This move has been coined "*From Good to Great*". A key element in moving the ministry from *Good to Great* is the elimination of our current debt load. To learn more about this great initiative and to participate [click here](#).



Through The Bible with Pastor Meikle

2011 Daily Bible Reading Guide



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