

How to Be Apostolic in Your Everyday Life Doug Addison with Ché Ahn [Episode 85] March 27, 2019

Hey, friends. Welcome to another <u>Spirit Connection podcast</u>. Doug Addison here. I hope you're having a great day, a great year. You know, it's 2019. We're moving forward. God is doing new things and I just want to look back a little bit, because I release a lot of prophetic words and sometimes people can, you know, forget what's going on in the bigger scheme of things.

One of the things that I struggle with is I get the word of the month. You know, I just released a word for this month, and I get those types of things, and a word for the year, and sometimes you can get overwhelmed. That's why I try to use the podcast that I have, and through my blog, to help people stay focused on what is going on right now. And also, to look back and bring things forward, because what happened just last year, maybe 9 months ago, could be birthing right now. Like the birthing of a baby, it happens quite often around my prophetic words, and so I want to remind you of some things that went on last year.

Just about 9 months ago, things that had started and we ... You know, we labored in prayer together, many people who are part of our following. And last year we came together and began to pray for the revival to break out, for the judgments to be released from the state of California and revival to come in California, because in the past moves of God what happened in California seemed to set the pace for the rest of the world.

If you go back and you look, Aimee Semple McPherson, back in about 1917, she launched a radio station that was a Christian radio station that actually impacted the entire world. The Azusa Street Revival happened in California, Los Angeles. It was 1906. Then you bring it up a little bit and the last revival known in America—not just a move of God—but a big revival happened in the early 1970s called the Jesus People Movement and then it was California.

Now, I'm not saying we're special or anything at all, but I'm saying if you follow these trends, you'll see that California can be a pacesetter and that's why it's important not to judge what you're seeing. Some people judge Hollywood. They judge San Francisco.

They judge California, maybe for being liberal and, that aside, the Lord wants to do something new.

Many of us came together last year in a concerted effort of prayer. Lou Engle, Keith Ferrante and I joined forces back in February through April and May of last year, 2018, and we were praying for the revival to break out, that judgments would be removed against California and that revival would come. I tell you, when we started that ... And it was based on a prophetic dream that Mando Matthews had, and I've had Mando on the broadcast to tell about his dream, as well. It was based on his dream that three prophets came together as one, as one voice. So, it was Northern California: Keith Ferrante, Central California: me, because my office is actually located in Santa Maria, and Southern California: Lou Engle.

Now, the Lord really used that, and He used it suddenly after, you know, we pressed in in prayer and fasting and suddenly the book of revival came out into the altar of Heaven. I saw it. The book of revival for California was suddenly out and we removed the seals of judgments off of it and it is now open. It just opened last fall.

And what that means is that ... It's not a physical book; it's a book in Heaven. And when books—you know, books of our calling or books of revival—open, that means the Lord is now doing things from Heaven, on Earth as it is in Heaven. He's sending resources. Then suddenly, what I've noticed since this happened, is there's revelation coming right and left. People are saying, "You know, I suddenly feel drawn to pray for you or pray for California," or "I feel drawn to move here." That's because it's happening right now. Well, it's not just a California thing. It's a worldwide thing and that's what revival is all about.

I have a special guest. I'm bringing him back on the show this week. He's my apostolic overseer, Ché Ahn. He and his wife Sue are the founders and senior pastors of HRock Church in Pasadena since 1994. They've been rocking and rolling there with all types of moves of God. Ché's also the founder and president of Harvest International Ministry. It's a global revival and reformation movement that goes to 65 nations and it brings life. That's where InLight Connection ... We're actually under the apostolic covering of Harvest International Ministry and he's also the chancellor of Wagner University. I was also one of the teachers there. So, I've been connected with Ché for a number of years and I just love his heart and, especially, his apostolic calling. Plus, he's an evangelist and that is really unusual when you come together with two types of gifts (I call it a blended gift mix). He's got all types of other gifts, but he's got a powerful evangelistic gift. He's got a powerful leadership gift on his life and just recently some major changes happened in his ministry and the Lord downloaded to him a strategy on how California can change and actually impact the world. I've had him on the podcast before where he talked about that but, you know, I just saw him a few weeks ago and I felt like, "Wow, I have to have you back on the podcast. You need to talk a little bit more about what God's doing now in 2019." And, not just about California, but the world and some global strategies right now.

Doug: Ché, welcome to the broadcast. It's so great to have you back. How are you

doing?

Che: I'm doing well, Doug. Thanks for having me. It's a privilege.

Doug: Yes, the followers maybe remember Ché talking about California Dreamin'.

A few months back he came on and, you know, we just saw each other just recently at a conference and just felt the Lord say that, you know, there's something that needs to get out to the world. So, I'm really excited. But for

those who don't know you, just tell us a little bit about you.

Ché: Well, I'm a pastor here in Pasadena, but I was raised in Washington, DC,

the nation's capital. My dad was the first Korean Southern Baptist pastor in North America. He came here in 1958 and so our family followed suit two years later. We had some immigration problems, so we couldn't join him right away but ... So, in 1960 as a 4-year-old, I arrived in the United States and came to know the Lord at the age of 17, joined the Jesus People

Movement right there in the nation's capital.

Doug: Wow.

Ché: I was part of a large Bible study with around 2,000 kids meeting every week

and out of that came a church planting network, a small network of churches. And it was during that season where I was an associate pastor of our anchor church, the mother church there, that God gave me a dream where a black man appeared to me in the dream and he said the Lord's calling you to Los Angeles where there's going to be a great harvest. And I woke up and I heard the words, "The time of revival is at hand." So, I woke up my wife. We prayed and, long story short, we came to California in 1984. I came with another couple, Lou and Therese Engle, and a few singles who joined us, and we planted the first church, which was good, but it really wasn't the revival we were looking for. So, I was faithful to that church and then in 1992 the Lord called us to just resign and itinerate, and so I did that for 2 years and then the Toronto Blessing hit in 1994. Also, that revival hit Los Angeles through the Anaheim Vineyard and there that's where I felt like

I was born again, again.

Doug: Yes.

Ché: And just getting personally revived, experiencing things l've never experienced before, like shaking violently, holy laughter. l've been saved since 1973 and baptized with the Holy Spirit since 1974, but l've never

experienced that kind of manifestation. Well, it's not so much about the manifestation, but it's the fruit, and the fruit was that I felt a real call to go

back into church planting. And we planted the church in 1994 and that's now known as HRock Church and that church has been really hosting the Holy Spirit ever since. We had nightly meetings for three years from 1996 to 1999 and then our church was the church, with Lou Engle, sponsored the prayer movement called The Call and we had an amazing turnout of half a million people on the Washington, D.C. Mall, September 2, 2000. And during this time the Lord also spoke to me about starting an apostolic network, a church planting movement. It was a prophetic word from Cindy Jacobs that initiated that and so Harvest International Ministry was launched and now we're in, by the grace of God, in 70 nations and it's been an amazing ride.

But, as I shared the last time I was on your podcast, Doug, in 2017, October, the Lord really began to speak to my wife and me to turn our heart back to the United States and to really see revival and reformation come to the United States, beginning in our city of Los Angeles and California. And so we've started an initiative called <u>California Dreamin'</u> and, again, it's a long story, but the Lord began to speak to me about planting churches. He said, "You planted churches all over the world, but you haven't initiated planting churches in America." And so, I shared with our team, our pastors in America, and I called for a pastor's gathering in Southern California in December 2017 and the response was amazing. Then in 2018, we started California Dreamin' for real and we actually started to plant churches.

So we're doing this. You know, it's slow going, because church planting is not easy. You know, we planted four churches in 2018, but our goal is to saturate California and the United States with many churches, life-giving churches, unto transformation. We really want to see California become a pro-life, pro-family state and that's our endgame. That's what we want to see and we know that transformed lives will bring about that goal.

So, to me, I learned from Peter Wagner, my mentor, the most effective way to fulfill the great commission is through church planting, because you're ministering to people in a wholistic way. It's not just through evangelism, which is wonderful, or children's evangelism. But when you plant a church, you minister to children, to students, to singles, married couples, seniors ... the whole gambit. And so, God's been very, very gracious and so we're really excited about what the Lord's showing. There's been a lot of souls saved already as we've turned our heart back to California.

Doug: Yes. This is so powerful and, you know, I love this—that you go from shaking, you know, with an encounter with the Holy Spirit in 1994.

Ché: Yes.

Doug: I love what you said: it's the fruit.

Ché: Yes.

Doug: There's some major fruit, you know, having The Call, having revival, having

sustained, even ... I remember hearing you talk once that, you know, that

even the crime rate changed ...

Ché: Yes.

Doug: ... during your time of meetings.

Ché: Yes.

Doug: Now, that's amazing.

Ché: Yes. When we first moved out to Pasadena, Pasadena was the murder

capital of Los Angeles. As you know, LA is made of so many different cities, but we were averaging a homicide a day and it was because of the gang wars between the Bloods and the Crips in the northwest section of

Pasadena. And so, think about it, Doug, you know, 365 murders a year.

Doug: Yes.

Ché: Just in our small city of 110,000. And what happened was, is that when we

started the protracted meetings in 1995—I said 1996, but actually we started in 1995—at the same time we got a new chief of police. And you could say, you know—and by the way, he was a Christian, too; he was a Spirit-filled believer—that maybe this was anecdotal or it's coincident, but we've seen so much happen in our city that ... I was talking to Lance

Wallnau about it, because he's into the 7 mountain mandate of transforming cities, of transforming a nation, and I said it could sound anecdotal,

coincidence that this happened, but he encouraged me and said, "No, that's

a very vital sign."

So, what happened was, is that the police and the FBI eventually moved the gangs out of Pasadena. Now Pasadena is one of the safest cities in Los

Angeles.

Doug: Wow.

Ché: I can't remember the last time there was a homicide.

Doug: Right.

Ché:

And so, you know, you could say, yes, revival hosts the Holy Spirit having nightly meetings for three years cleared the atmosphere. But also, practically, God used the police department and the FBI to clean up our city. So that's one example, but let me give you two more.

Old Pasadena was a red-light district area, the adult bookstores, and you go there now and you can't find an adult bookstore in Pasadena. You don't see prostitutes in Pasadena. I'm not saying they're not there, but the old Pasadena red-light district area is now high end restaurants, stores. It is such a tourist attraction. And so we saw a transformation there.

Probably the biggest thing we saw, Doug, was we saw a cult headquarters in Pasadena called the Worldwide Church of God, founded by Herbert Armstrong, and he had *The Plain Truth Magazine*, had 300,000 members worldwide. But we have seen that cult become born again and they're now part of the National Association of Evangelical Churches and they're believers now. They've repented of all their false doctrine and we're good friends with the leadership, and it's been amazing to see all these things happen in our city.

Doug:

Yes. You know, I had heard that story, but I didn't realize it was in Pasadena. Now, this is so powerful because ...

Ché:

Yes. It had its headquarters right here.

Doug:

Yes, you know what? Because of the fruit and because of your track record, that's why when you started sharing about the California Dreamin', you know, about the strategy to change not only the spiritual atmosphere of California, but the political atmosphere ...

Ché:

Yes.

Doug:

... through the church planting. And when I heard that I thought, wow, this is new wineskin stuff here, guys. And it's proven and backed up, honestly, by this track record of the Holy Spirit, through operating through Ché and Sue and their ministry.

Ché:

Well, I'm glad you emphasized, you know, by the Holy Spirit, because, you know, I say it over and over again. "This is the Lord's doing and it's marvelous in our sight." You know, there's no way we could have done anything like this—of seeing a cult become born again or see the crime rate drop, etc. But this is what encourages me. I do know by the grace of God I was able to mobilize every single stream, every single denomination that wanted to pray in Washington, D.C.

Lou was a visionary leader, but I was the president of The Call from 2000–2003 and I helped do seven major events—six stadium events and one Washington, D.C. Mall. And what the Lord gave me was grace to bring people together from different streams with a common goal to pray for revival and so we had over half a million that showed up. And so this gave me encouragement about California Dreamin', because I just said, "Lord, this seems so monumental. It seems overwhelming." And the Lord reminded me, "Didn't I help you to mobilize for The Call and do the same thing? You know, I want you to mobilize different streams to plant churches in California."

So, Doug, this is really a Kingdom thing. I'm not, we're not just going to be HIM planting churches. I want to see every denomination, every movement, apostolic network, whatever you want to call them, that's interested in impacting California ... We want to help them to plant churches. So practical things we are doing to facilitate this is that I'm going to be hosting a gathering of pastors. I've been doing it ad hoc and I've been doing this, but I want to do this on a regular basis.

Number two, I've been doing a church planting seminar and we've had tremendous response to that. The last one we had over 100 people and so we want to continue to do these church planting seminars.

And number three, we are establishing a foundation called California Dreamin', where people can tap into finances and get a grant for the financial aid in church planting. Because a lot of times people want to plant a church, but they can't even buy a sound system because, you know, the churches that are sending them out is just, "God bless you. Go for it, but, you know, we'll give you some people, maybe, and their tithes may be able to help you cover your expense." But we also want to be able to practically serve these new church plants.

So, it's really a Kingdom initiative. We want as many people who are likeminded to plant these churches with us. And so, to me, I don't care if it's a Vineyard Church or even a Calvary Chapel or a Southern Baptist. If they are intent on seeing California become pro-life and pro-family, and that we will see a shift from the extreme left agenda of California into more of a Kingdom-valued California, that's what we want.

Doug: Right. Exactly.

Ché: And so, I think there is a lot of people who would be like-minded about that.

Doug: Yes, and you can go back ... Listeners, if you go back to Episode 46 of my podcast or just type in, "Doug Addison California Dreamin'," or "Ché Ahn

California Dreamin'," you'll see it, Episode 46. Listen to this, because that's where he gives the whole prophetic word on how powerful it is.

Now, basically you've got this apostolic anointing, and I love the way you said it, it couldn't have happened, you know, without the Holy Spirit, but you had to say, "Yes," in this. And so there is some, you know, there's a mantle of the apostolic on you and you just recently released a new book.

Ché:

Yes, I did. It just came out the second week in January, called *Modern-Day* Apostles with Destiny Publication. And, really, this book is like 10 years in the making, because I started a school called The School of Apostles. It was just a graduate course in the university called Wagner University, which is the university that Peter Wagner founded in 1998. And when he turned 80 in 2010, he commissioned me to take over the school and so it's been under my oversight since then. So, I would teach a course called *The* School of Apostles and there would be only 20 couples. It would be very small, intimate. It wouldn't be something that I would open up to the public. mainly because I wanted it to be invitation only, people I really felt were emerging apostles, or they were functioning apostles, and to have this course. Basically, the course was called 30 Characteristics of an Apostle. So, over time as I gave these lectures every year, after like 8 years of doing it, I just realized that God wanted me to write a book. And so the book became Modern-Day Apostles, but really it's the 30 characteristics of an apostle.

And I began in the introduction just saying, "What is an apostle?" Because, you know, you're so prophetic, Doug, and people know that as a prophetic evangelist, you know, they understand even those two words together, being prophetic and an evangelist. We know what an evangelist is, someone who wins souls to Jesus, shares and, you know, like Billy Graham, the late Billy Graham, and then the prophetic. You know, there's been so much restoration of prophets and the prophetic, we all know that we can all prophesy. You know, Jesus said in John 10:27, "My sheep hear My voice; I know them and they follow me." So, we know what it means to be prophetic, what it means to be evangelistic—that every believer must be involved in the great commission in some way. You know, this is not just for the evangelist but every believer.

But what does it mean to be apostolic? For years people have thought that apostles were (a) missionaries or (b) church planters, and they think, "Well, I'm not a missionary. I don't feel called to plant a church," and so they just basically dismiss the notion of being apostolic.

So, I go into the whole thing. Why did Jesus in Luke 6:13 gather—after praying all night by the way—gather His disciples together, pick 12 and

called them *apostolos*, which is a Greek word for apostle? Why did He pick a separate term? I mean, think about it. If He had said "prophets" they would have immediately understood, because Israel had a history of prophets, including Abraham as the father of our faith. He was called a prophet. And then you have the great prophets like Elijah and Elisha. You have the great prophets who wrote most of the Old Testament like Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel. So, you've had tremendous prophets, leading up to John the Baptist, who was the greatest of all prophets. So, Jesus said, "You're going to be my prophets and it's going to be a new wineskin, it's going to be different." John the Baptist was the last of the old dispensation or old covenant prophets. They would have gone there. They said, "Wow, what a privilege." But He used a term that was somewhat offensive, because apostles existed in the Roman Empire and they were not popular people.

The Roman Empire ... Their whole M.O. was to conquer territory and they learned very quickly. And the empire had been hundreds of years in the making already when Jesus was around and Julius Caesar was the greatest emperor and he died 50 years before Jesus was born. Jesus was born under his nephew, Augustus Caesar. So, the Caesars were around, emperors were around during Jesus' time, and so the empire or the Roman Empire, their own M.O. was to conquer territory. They realized how if they brought Roman culture and Roman laws into these conquered territories right away people would rebel, so they basically had someone to enforce those laws and he was called an apostle. He was either a general or an admiral, it was the closest city, or a governor. And so these were brutal people that by force enforced the Roman culture in the conquered territory.

So when Jesus says, "You're my apostles," the connotation of that I'm sure was just because they hated the Romans. They were pagans. They believed in multiple gods and, of course, we know that Pontius Pilate, when Jesus was being crucified, was the governor of Palestine. And by the way, he was not based in Jerusalem, but in Caesarea by the Sea. That was the headquarters.

So when you go to Caesarea by the Sea today, 2000 years later, where archeologists have excavated and dug up the whole city, it is like a miniature Rome. It is unbelievable. You have a colosseum there. You walk around and there's a colosseum. There's a hippodrome where they have the chariot races. All the buildings are Roman in architect. And so here's the reason why. If the Emperor decided to visit Palestine, he would come to Caesarea by the Sea—it was a natural port, and he would feel at home in Caesarea by the Sea. So, Jesus says, "I'm calling you apostles, because I also have a Kingdom and I also have a Kingdom culture. So wherever you go, I want you to enforce Kingdom culture, not by bruit or armed force—it's by coming in the opposite spirit, by being a servant, by loving people, by

bringing My Kingdom values wherever you go." And so He goes on the Sermon on the Mount and begins to unfold what those values are and it's like an upside-down Kingdom.

So, to sum it up, you know, what I'm saying is that if we want to be apostolic, we are people to bring Heaven's culture, Kingdom culture, wherever we go. And anyone can do that, in the workplace, in your neighborhood, at school. And so, it's not to be a church planter or a missionary, but to bring the values of God's Kingdom, to bring Heaven on Earth and, of course, we start by praying that and Jesus taught us to pray that in Matthew 6, starting in verse 9. "Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven." And that is a very powerful theological prayer and statement, because we have to ask, "What's in Heaven?" Well, we know there's no sickness in Heaven, and that's why Jesus preached the good news of the Kingdom and healed every sickness, every disease. He also cast out demons because there's no one demonized in Heaven. But if we just take it even further, there's no poverty in Heaven, so our goal is to eradicate systemic poverty on Earth. There's no injustice in Heaven and so we have to bring biblical justice to Earth. There's no racism in Heaven, so we have to see the kind of reconciliation and unity because, you know, we are to be peacemaker, you know, and "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called truly the sons of God."

So, these are things that I believe we can be, all of us as believers can do in our sphere, in our whatever *metron* God's given us in life, and by doing so we're being apostolic. But unless we are conscious of that, unless we understand that we're to be an apostolic people, we're not going to be as mindful of this.

So, I began by sharing, "What is an apostle?" And so I believe apostles are people who are called, raised by God to bring about transformation of society and that's why in Matthew 28 He called the apostles to Himself, minus Judas, and gave them what's called the Great Commission. He said, "All authority has been given to me in Heaven and on Earth. Therefore, make disciples of nations." And what's really amazing, Doug, He didn't just say just make disciples in nations or win souls in nations and disciple them, He said, "I want you to disciple nations. I want you to transform nations, teaching them to obey everything I've commanded you."

So, it's a really powerful, you know, mandate that we've received from the Lord. So, I'm really excited about this book. I hope we can see a Jesus revolution here as a result of this book called *Modern-Day Apostles*.

Doug: Yes. That's amazing revelation. So, basically, it's more ... An apostle is

more of a function as opposed to a title.

Ché: Absolutely. You know, rarely does anyone call me Apostle Ché. Seriously.

You know, and friends call me Papa Ché, because I'm a grandfather, right, but it is a function. And I know certain church cultures, you know, they use titles like bishop, you know, like Bishop Joseph Garlington who is a dear friend of mine. Whenever I'm there, when I'm around him, I know he likes to be called Bishop. The same with Bishop Bill Hamon. He was with us at the Prophetic Destiny, and so I don't call him Bill. That's just not honoring. He likes to be called Bishop. Now, we don't use that in our network but, you know, I try to contextualize to really assure the leader in his own church

culture, whatever that might be.

Doug: Yes.

Ché: But for us it's a function. It is absolutely a function. And just like we don't call

James Goll, Prophet James, you know, it's a function. So that's the way we

look at the fivefold ministry.

Doug: Yes. That's powerful. Yes. I want to encourage everybody to get this book,

because it might not be what you think, obviously. *Modern-Day Apostles* by

Ché Ahn and you'll find it on Amazon. It's everywhere, right?

Ché: Yes, it's Amazon.com, but you can go to our resource center, you can go to

HRock Church or HarvestlM.org ...

Doug: Yes.

Ché: ... and just check us out.

Doug: Yes. It's so good, man. I just love it. Now, basically what you're doing is

bringing this message that is so prevalent right now, and I've been a big one on it, is "On Earth as it is in Heaven." So basically, bringing Heaven to

Earth seems to be what the Lord's doing right now.

Ché: Yes. Well, you know, I go back to the garden. From the very beginning, He

told man before he sinned, "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the Earth, and subdue the enemy and take dominion." Why did He say fill the Earth? Because He never intended for the garden—which is Heaven on Earth, was paradise, was perfect—to be in a small geographic location in the Middle East. He wanted it to start there, but He wanted to have it and circle the globe. So, that's why He said, "Fill the Earth. Wherever you go, you're going to bring

Heaven and you're going to extend Heaven here on Earth."

So, we see from the very beginning that was God's heart and then, of course, man sinned, but then you have a prophetic picture of Heaven on Earth through the Ark of the Covenant. Because He said, "I want you to build ..." He told Moses to build this ark with the two cherubs facing each other and He said, "My presence will go with you. My presence will be between the two, two cherub." And so the Ark represented the presence of God, so much so that in 2 Samuel 6, when David was trying to bring the Ark to Jerusalem, you know, he put it on a wagon instead of reading the Bible and realizing that the Levites had to carry the Ark with poles and they had to do it by, you know, on their shoulders. But he put it on the, you know, the cattle, which is, you know, typical of every generation. We want things fast, you know? We want, you know, we want expediency without really understanding how holy this is. And Uzzah, the cart, you know, the wagon—you know the story—tipped over, he put his hand on the Ark and he was truck dead. And so, David, you know, fear comes into his heart and so he puts the Ark in a man's home named Obed Edom, who was a Gittite or, in other words, he was a Philistine. He's thinking, "If anyone dies, let it be a Philistine, not another Jew." But just the opposite happens.

The Bible says in 2 Samuel 6 that Obed Edom and his whole household was blessed, because he was bringing Heaven, the presence of God, on Earth into his home. And so David, recognizing that, brought the Ark to Jerusalem as quick as he could, but he actually ... It took him a while, because every six steps he sacrificed a bull, which was thousands of bulls, to honor God and worship God with his extravagant sacrifice and offering.

Doug: Wow.

Ché: And then, of course, we see when Solomon built the temple, he put the Ark there and in 2 Chronicles 5 the glory of God came—Heaven on Earth again—to the point where the priests could not, you know, function. So, the temple then all of a sudden represented Heaven on Earth.

Then we come to the New Testament and here's the shift, the big shift with Jesus. You know, John says it this way in John 1:1. "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, the Word was God." And then it says, "and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." That word "dwelt" is "tabernacle." It was the same word used about the Ark that was in a tent that "tabernacle" with the people of Israel, representing Heaven on Earth, the presence of God, as they journeyed in the wilderness.

Jesus now is the temple of the Holy Spirit and He dwelled among us and He is representing Heaven on Earth literally—Heaven invading Earth. But the beautiful thing is that after His death and resurrection He says ... Before He died, He prophesied, "You're going to be better off if I go away, because if I

go I will send the Holy Spirit and He will convict the world concerning sin, righteousness and judgment." And so the disciples in the Upper Room, 120, received the Holy Spirit and now ... It's amazing because now the Bible says we're the temple of the Holy Spirit and is Christ in us, the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27). We are carriers of His glory and wherever we go as God's people, we bring Heaven on Earth.

So, the point I'm trying to say is that we pray, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done," but God's answer to bringing Heaven on Earth is Spirit-filled believers carrying His presence wherever we go and bringing transformation and light and love. And so, you know, the problem is that unfortunately Christians, you know, they're just waiting to die to go to Heaven, instead of being Heaven on Earth here.

Doug: Right.

Ché: You know? They just, just want to escape instead of being salt and light and occupying until He comes. And so this is why this message, what it means to be apostolic, modern-day apostles, I'm trying to get to people to say God wants to use you to bring Heaven to Earth. And so it's really exciting when we begin to realize our divine assignment and all of a sudden our identity is activated into a whole different level, which will help us fulfill our destiny, because everyone has a God-given destiny.

Doug: Yes. This is so powerful. I love the way you practically bring it. This is so deep. You know, this is like a lifetime of research. This is a lifetime of living this stuff out, and now it's being presented in such a way that this is doable. You know, you can do this. You don't have to ... You don't have to go to Bible college or—it would be great if you can—or a school of ministry ...

Ché: Right.

Doug:

Ché:

... but you can actually do this stuff in your everyday life. And I know that you teach that in your church, in your community as well.

Yes. Well, yes. I'd say that that's the other function of an apostle and the fivefold and Ephesians 4:11 is a key passage. "And He gave some to be apostles." By the way, that word "some" means that not everyone is called to be an apostle, not everyone is called to be a prophet or an evangelist, pastor or teacher, but some are. So, there are some, and "to equip the saints for the work of ministry." So, our job is to equip the saints for the work of ministry.

You know, it's amazing. In America, based on George Barna, only 1 percent of the church is in vocational, full-time ministry, and even most pastors are

bi-vocational. They're like Paul; they are tentmakers. So, it's ridiculous to think that 1 percent is going to get the job done of seeing nations being discipled.

Doug: Come on.

Ché:

Our job is to equip the saints for the work of ministry. So every saint, every believer is a king, he's a priest, he's a minister. And I think that one of the greatest truths that came out of the death and resurrection of Jesus is that the Bible says, because of what He's done, that He has made us, you know, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. We're, we're a brand-new people and He raised us up to be kings and priests. Revelation 1:6 says that. Revelation 5:10 says we're kings and priests. And so, kings are to rule. They're to take dominion. Priests are to minister. I mean, we're both kings and priests. And so every believer needs to understand that this is God's call on their lives and that whether they're in the marketplace or whatever they're called to, they are still called to be a king and a priest.

And so this is my joy. You know, I love to activate people into ministry and to realize that, you know, we're trying to give away ministry, not, you know, just be everything to, all things to every person. That's exhausting, you know, when I think about it. So, we're in a new day, and in fact Bishop Bill Hamon wrote a book maybe around 5 or 8 years ago called *The Day of the Saints* and basically he says we're in the day where apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors have been restored, not to its fullness but for the most part, and we're now to equip the saints for the work of ministry and now we're in that season of the day of the saints. So, it's really exciting to be a believer as long as they have the right theology, you know, because if they're just thinking, "Well, I'm just buying time until Jesus comes back or I go home to be with the Lord." You know, I think this is the mentality that the Jewish people had. They believed in Heaven.

It's interesting. In Matthew 4:17, Jesus comes on the scene and says, "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." And as you know, Doug, that word "repent," yes, it does include turning away from your sin. But the word "repent," the Greek word *metanoia*, literally means to change the way you think, to change your mind, to do a paradigm shift. And I think Jesus was saying, "Do a paradigm shift of not thinking that one day, if you're good, you'll go to Heaven. But think that right now Heaven is at hand. You can have Heaven now." And I feel that people need to realize that we have, you know, His Kingdom at hand now and that we have a task to advance His Kingdom and it's the most exciting time in Church history to do this and what an incredible calling. And, frankly, we're going to have to give an account of how we used our time before the judgment seat of Christ—not the great day of judgment, but the judgment seat of Christ—which is a good

thing because, you know, it's where we get our rewards for how we stewarded the call on our lives.

Doug: Yes, exactly. Yes.

Ché: So, you know, it's a really positive thing, but we still have to, you know, make the most of our time for the days are evil. So, that's why I'm just, you know, I'm just consumed with, you know, advancing His Kingdom. That's all I can say. I just think, eat, drink, breathe it and, you know, every morning is such an exciting day and I just love Jesus. I want to just do His will. I want to see His Kingdom come and there's nothing, you know, more fulfilling than to live for His glory, to live for the advancement of His Kingdom, and I say that's the way God wants all of us to live, you know? It says, "Whatever you do, do all for the glory of God," right? And so, we're living in very, very exciting times.

Yes, and you can tell. I always say this. I don't want to sound judgmental to anybody because, you know, I've been a church planter and pastor myself. If your kids are in ministry or if they're still believers within ministry, that's, that's a testimony. That's the fruit. And you have children. How many children do you have?

Well, I have four adult children and, by the grace of God, again, all of them love Jesus, they're all serving God in their own way, including two who are doing it full-time vocationally and one part-time. But I have three daughters and one of them is a pastor and she's working full-time for HIM, as the Vice President of Harvest International Ministry. But the other daughters are stay-at-home moms and, you know, we have six grandchildren so ...

Doug: Wow.

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Ché:

... they're serving God, but they were all at one time on staff at our church and so they're very, very godly. It's a real reflection on my wife. My wife is amazing, Sue. You know, we've been married, this year will be 40 years and, you know, she ... We homeschooled our kids and she was an elementary school teacher when I met her, when we were single, and she wanted to homeschool our kids. And as a result of that ... You know, in California, we brought up our kids... It's just that, even back when they were young, just the sex education course was so ungodly, back then even, and it's more so now, because now they're teaching same-sex marriage and transgender identity and, you know, the multiple different identities you have and all that. So, we wanted to teach them our values, so we homeschooled our kids. And, by the way, homeschooling has just taken off in California. It's like doubled and it's not Christians who are homeschooling. It's, you know, people who are just tired of the kind of left-wing agenda that the

Board of Education has here in California, so people who are not even believers are choosing to homeschool their kids, because they just so disagree with the values that are being forced down the throat of these young people.

Doug: Yes.

Ché: So, anyway, so we homeschooled our kids and they all came to know the Lord at a young age and then walk with the Lord ever since. So, we're very, very blessed and grateful and I also thank God for my parents, because I know I'm here because of their Christian walk, my dad being a pastor, and, really, on my dad's side, it goes all the way back to 1907. My great grandmother came to know the Lord through the Pyongyang Revival in 1907 ...

Doug: Wow.

Ché: in Pyongyang, North Korea. And then on my mother's side her parents, my grandparents, were like elders of the largest Presbyterian Church in South Korea called ... Presbyterian Church, helping found that church in 1948. So, there are godly roots on both sides and I know that that blessing is being carried on to my children and my grandchildren. A few of my grandkids have come to know the Lord already as we just see that generational blessing.

And for those who are listening, you know, you say, "Well, I'm a first-generation Christian." But, you know, starting with you, you are going to be a blessing to your children, and to your children's children, until the Lord comes and so I prophesy that. Just receive that because, you know, He has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us, so whatever generational curse you may have had, once you give your life to the Lord that curse is broken, and now you begin the great legacy of godly generations to come. So, I just prophesy that to those who are hearing.

Yes. Come on now. Well, we're talking with Ché Ahn, cofounder of Harvest Rock or HRock Church and HIM Ministry and lots of different things, author of many books and his latest one, *Modern-Day Apostles*. And if you're ever in Pasadena you want to come to HRock Church, but you don't have to, because they also stream online. Is there a website or something we can get a hold of you?

Yes. Yes. HRock Church, just Google that, or just go to HRockChurch.org—one word, "HRock." We were called Harvest Rock when we first started, but in 2010 we changed our name because I gave a teaching series with the word 'H' and it does represent harvest, but I also said it represents Holy Spirit, it represents Heaven on Earth, it represents holiness, it represents

Doug:

Ché:

healing, it represents humility, etc. and I began to share some Kingdom values using the word 'H.' And all of a sudden, I just felt like those words represent who we are, and so instead of just saying Harvest Rock, we're just going to shorten it to say HRock Church, and that's how we changed our name, because there's so many great values with the word 'H'.

Doug: Yes. It's powerful. I didn't know that part of the story. I do remember it

changing.

Ché: Yes.

Doug: It's good.

Ché: Yes, but now you know the rhyme and reason.

Doug: I know. It's powerful. It reminded me of Aimee Semple McPherson for some reason when I first heard it, as part of her church planting and stuff.

So, we were talking briefly about the California Dreamin'. I just want to remind everybody to look up or you can just Google "Doug Addison California Dreamin'," "Ché Ahn"—either one of us—or <u>Episode 46</u> of my podcast, where we go into the details. But is there a website specifically for

that?

Ché: Well, there is a California Dreamin. If you just Google "California Dreamin"," but it's also linked with HarvestlM.org. (for International Ministry). So HarvestlM.org. So, that's our apostolic network. So, California Dreamin' is a ministry under HIM—Harvest International Ministry—and so ... But it's blown up into a significant already ministry that it has its own website as well. So California Dreamin' or Harvest International Ministry, you can just Google that and look that up.

Poug: Yes, and I would encourage you to look at that, listen to the previous podcast, because it will give you a whole fresh view of how to pray for California, how to pray for revival. It'll restore your hope with the, some of the news stories you're hearing and, you know, the things. And here we are, a bunch of us out here on the West Coast living on a fault line, you know, believing the Lord's going to do something new, and He is, and it's about to happen, and it's partly because of people like Ché and Sue Ahn, who have given their entire lives to the ministry. We're so grateful for you, Ché. Thank you for coming on, but I want to get you to, to just pray a blessing activation over us.

Sure. I would be happy to and, again, Doug, it's been an honor to be on your show. Thank you so much for initiating this and having me on. But let

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me just pray. I want to pray, you know, an apostolic blessing. I want to pray a father's blessing on those who are listening. Like I said, I'm a father, I'm a grandfather, and so most of you who are listening I could probably be old enough to be your dad.

So, Father, I just want to pray a father's blessing. Those who have had no fathers or an absentee father or those who have come out of broken homes, I just pray for a massive revelation, the Spirit of Wisdom and revelation, the knowledge of the Father heart, the love of God. You just come upon those who are hearing ...

Doug: Jesus.

Ché:

... that truly that You would baptize those who are listening with a baptism of love afresh, knowing that the love of God has been shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit. So, Holy Spirit, just come and fill each person who is listening and refresh them even now and given them a greater revelation of Your love. But I also pray for an impartation of the apostolic, that You would make us an apostolic people, that we would understand it's not just being a church planter or a leader of a network or a missionary, but we're all to bring Heaven's culture wherever we go. We're to bring the Kingdom of God wherever we go. We're to preach the good news of God's Kingdom, we're to pray, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven." But actually, we also are carriers of Your glory and that wherever we go we can shift the atmosphere and then we can bring justice and righteousness where there is injustice, we can bring reconciliation where there's racism, and we can bring prosperity and abundance where there's been poverty. So, Lord, I pray that You would prosper the listeners even now financially, and in the full sense of the word prosperity, bless them so they can be a blessing. Lord, that's the covenant you made with our father, our spiritual father Abraham. "I'm going to bless you, for all the families of the Earth will be blessed through you." I do pray a blessing on all the marriages and families that are listening right now, that You would strengthen the home, because as the family goes, so goes the church. And bless the churches that are presented here ...

Doug: Right.

Ché:

... on this podcast. And I pray for revival in America, that You would just rend the heavens and come down and revive Your people. And, Lord, help us to return to our first love, so that in Your power, motivated by Your love and grace, we can change our world. I pray these things in Jesus' mighty name.

Doug: Amen. It's so powerful. Thank you so much. Ché Ahn, HRock.

Ché: I just want to say thank you and I hope you have me back on again.

Doug: Oh, I would love to. It was so powerful. We're supporting you and we support HIM. Plus, we're supporting California Dreamin'. I love the vision. I love it. Encourage people to check it out on the internet, listen to the

podcast, get involved, and just be praying for him, because there's a spiritual shift happening in California, but there's also a political shift that

could happen as well, which are coinciding.

Ché: Absolutely.

Doug: We're excited for that.

Ché: One last thing. You know, we don't shy away from political shifts, because

... It's really interesting and if I have time, I mean, you know, forgive me ...

Doug: Yes.

Doug:

Ché: ... for taking a few more seconds. But it's interesting that Paul was called to the children of Israel, to the gentiles and to kings. This is in Acts 9. I don't remember the exact verse. The reason why "kings" is because ... I believe ... Let me just quote a person who said that, "The harvest is among the poor, but transformation takes place among kings." This is from Lance Wallnau's quote. And I thought about that and I said, "Yes, you know, it takes kings. Those are people of influence."

Like, for example: You know, we have abolition of slavery and the slave trade ended in England in the early 1800s because of a king—a man, a member of parliament named William Wilberforce. And it took his tireless work to see something dramatically shift in England. The slave trade was the number one source of income for England and he was able to do a paradigm shift for the whole nation to show the evils of slave trade and slave rape and then parliament finally passed to make it illegal. And so, thank God for Godly people in leadership.

So, I'm believing that God will raise up the righteous and remove the unrighteous and remove the unrighteous here in California. And I want to encourage those who are listening, if you feel called, run for office. We need men and women of God to be kings in the marketplace, in the government mountain. So, that's my closing statement. Thanks for allowing me to share that.

Yes. Thank you. I always tell people, you know, I'm not a political prophet in a sense, but I do have an assignment to pray and I'm political privately in

my life. You know, we pray by name and we have ... You know, we're very active, but not in the sense of, you know, hating other certain people and things like that.

Ché: Of course not.

Doug: So, I encourage people to have etiquettes and the power of love and I know that flows from you and your entire ministry.

So, anyway, hey, everybody, I'm so grateful to have Ché Ahn. Go check out this stuff and follow him on the internet, and it's just going to be an entire blessing that's going to open up, not only over California and the world, but over you.

All right, everybody. See you next time.

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