

THE CITY #2

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When they were together for the last time they asked, “Master, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now? Is this the time?” He told them, “You don’t get to know the time. Timing is the Father’s business. What you’ll get is the Holy Spirit. And when the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem,” Acts 1:6-8 MSG

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Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, “Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o’clock in the morning is much too early for that. No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days,’ God says, ‘I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants—men and women alike- and they will prophesy. And I will cause wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below—blood and fire and clouds of smoke. The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red before that great and glorious day of the LORD arrives. But everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.’” Acts 2:14-21 NLT

AN ENTIRE CITY WAS ASKING:

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IN MY CITY ... CAPTIVES NEED RELEASING

So Moses said to the people, “This is a day to remember forever—the day you left Egypt, the place of your slavery. Today the LORD has brought you out by the power of his mighty hand.”

“God rescued us from dead-end alleys and dark dungeons. He’s set us up in the kingdom of the Son he loves so much, the Son who got us out of the pit we were in, got rid of the sins we were doomed to keep repeating.” Colossians 1:13-14 MSG

DELIVERED ONES _____.

“You yourselves were foreigners in Egypt.” Deuteronomy 10:19 NIV

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“For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes.” Deuteronomy 10:17 NIV

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“He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing.” Deuteronomy 10:18 NIV

DELIVERED ONES _____.

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” Luke 4:18-21 NIV

PEOPLE ARE TRAPPED: DELIVERY MEN WANTED IN YOUR CITY!

“For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.” 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 NLT

GOD SAYS:

“The person who trusts me will not only do what I’m doing but even greater things, because I, on my way to the Father, am giving you the same work to do that I’ve been doing. You can count on it. From now on, whatever you request along the lines of who I am and what I am doing, I’ll do it. That’s how the Father will be seen for who he is in the Son. I mean it. Whatever you request in this way, I’ll do.” John 14:12-14 MSG

FOR DISCUSSION:

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN SOMEONE ACT OUT OF THE ORDINARY AND ASK WHY?

WHAT WOULD OUT OF THE ORDINARY BEHAVIOR LOOK LIKE FOR MEN IN TODAY’S CULTURE?

WHO DO YOU SEE AS “TRAPPED” OR HELD CAPTIVE OR VULNERABLE IN YOUR CITY OR COMMUNITY?

WHAT KIND OF SERVICE IN YOUR CITY OR COMMUNITY WOULD PEOPLE BE SHOCKED BY IF MEN TOOK UP THE CAUSE?

WHAT WOULD IT TAKE FOR PEOPLE IN YOUR CITY OR COMMUNITY TO SAY “WHAT HAS GOTTEN INTO THESE GUYS?”

