

LETTERS TO LEADERS

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Word of God

In the last 20+ years there has been great emphasis on the Word of God. We should study to show ourselves approved. We should know the promises of God. We should stand on the Word of God. All of this is right and true. But in Bible times, they did not have the word we have today. They had not yet written by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. Yet, God moved on their behalf. Often He moved suddenly.

Suddenly

In Lk 2:8-14 the shepherds were watching their flock by night when an angel appeared unto them announcing the birth of the Son of God in a Manger. Then SUDDENLY there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God. That SUDDENLY changed the lives of those shepherds. Israel had not had a prophet for 430 years. There was no presence of God in the synagogue. The Rabbi only preached "Thou shalt not..." according to the law. These shepherds were bored. Then SUDDENLY their lives were changed.

Appearances

In Jn 20:19 Jesus appeared suddenly in the upper room on the first day of the week after the resurrection. The scriptures do not say suddenly, but surely it was because he walked through the closed door unannounced. Eight days later He did a similar thing with Thomas present. These suddenly appearances of Jesus changed their lives.

Holy Ghost

In Acts 2:1-4 the 120 were gathered in obedience (probably the shepherds were there also) in the upper room. They were not told how long to wait. Jesus just said "Tarry until..." They were hungry and they loved Jesus, so they tarried. On the tenth day, the feast of Pentecost, "SUDDENLY there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind,..." That suddenly changed their lives. The Peter who denied Jesus became the Peter who preached short sermons and won 8000 people to Jesus in two days.

Your Suddenly

We all have had "SUDDENLYs" that have changed our lives. God has more suddenlys for all of us. These suddenlys will change our lives.

Leaders, encourage those who look to you that "God has not forgotten them. He has more suddenlys planned for all of us".

With His Love

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