



KEYNOTE ADDRESS FOR ANNUAL LEADERS CONFERENCE 2013

(Miracle and Power Follow the Movement of the Plow)

Good morning, my beloved brothers and sisters. It is definitely an honor for me to deliver the keynote address for FGA's Annual Leaders Conference 2013. At the same time, I must confess to feeling slightly relieved because I have been told that I can share something from my heart. So I am going to do exactly just that for the next 20 minutes. Before I continue, on behalf of the Oversight Committee, I would like to thank God and all of you who have served the church steadfastly and faithfully for so long.

Most of us here would agree that God has, in His sovereignty, raised FGA to be a soul-winning church. We were a fast-growing church once upon a time. However, in recent times, we have not seen the same level of growth anymore. Somehow, we have lost the ability to grow. The miracle and power of God seem to have just disappeared, and we have lost the ability to move forward.

So, How Do We Move From Here?

< **Hosea 10:12**>: {"Sow for yourselves righteousness;
Reap in mercy;
Break up your fallow ground.
For it is time to seek the Lord,
Till He comes and rains righteousness on you."}



TWO TYPES OF GROUNDS:

- 1) Fallow ground, which needs a plough to break it up before the seeds can be sown. Otherwise, it is totally unproductive.
- 2) Ground already ploughed, ready to be sowed. It is useful, provided we act to sow the seeds.

Fallow Ground

Fallow ground feels that it is self-sufficient; it has never been sown and is unwilling to bear the pain of being ploughed. Year after year, it remains fallow in a half-asleep and half-awake state, and yet it feels that everything is alright. It never has the chance to see the miracle of growing crops; it never feels the motion of life; it never sees the germinating seeds, not to say, seeing the wonderful golden grains ripe for harvest. It will not know the joy of bearing fruit, for it fears the pain and inconvenience that the plow may bring.

Ploughed Ground

Ploughed ground feels the relentless pursuit to move forward, and is always determined to move from success to significance. It is:

- * willing to remove the fence that protect it; and
- * allow the plough to work its ground.

It may be painful; it may be costly and it may be inconvenient. But harvest follows the pain.



The seeds that have been sown will exhibit the miracle of life in this wonderful world of ours. The hand of God will continue to do the miraculous work of the ancient and new today. A new life is born, growing up, maturing and manifesting the full potential of life. This life will bring forth new lives.

Now you see, THE POWER AND MIRACLE OF NATURE (God's creation) FOLLOW THE PLOUGH AND WORK.

The Bible is not referring to agriculture in this lesson. It is talking about us, my dear brothers and sisters!

Two types of Christians (or churches)

- * Like fallow ground.
- * Like ploughed ground.

1) Christians like fallow ground

He lives in the success of the past. The spirit of risk-taking and action within him is already dead. He appears "steady", always standing on the same spot, conservative and reserved. But he does not bear fruit; "survival" has already overtaken "progress"; "to be" has already replaced "to become".

The most pathetic thing is that his future will just be like today and his every other day. This type of Christian has already become numbed and inured to the miracle and power of God.



2) **Christians like ploughed ground**

He is willing to repent and remove the fences that protect him. He allows the repentant plough to move into his heart and spirit. The quickening of the Holy Spirit in his heart, the pressure of his surroundings, and the lack of a harvest all compel him to humble himself. He tells God. "I do not want this half-asleep, half-awake existence. He does not believe that what he has now is sufficient and his spirit is sorrowed because the sinners are not saved. All these break up the fallow ground of his heart. So, he prepares to sow down the seeds once more. Truly, harvest follows the plough. When God comes and rains righteousness on you, growth will begin once more.

Conclusion

For it is time to seek the Lord – not to seek the Lord for new vision, but to seek the Lord to give us the determination and courage to take up the plough (so that we may break up the fallow ground) and sow the seeds.

- <Hosea 10:12> :
- * Sow for yourself.
 - * Break up your fallow ground.

Don't just pray, beg and wait for the Holy Spirit to come and sow. We ourselves need to sow and do the breaking up, (I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. <1 cor. 3:6>).

Likewise, we need to lift up the plough, miracle will follow us and power will



follow the motion of the plough. God will rain down his blessing upon us and give the increase in F.G.A once more.

So, Go, Go, Go evangelize and make disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. That is what we are going to do from next year.