

## **A Short introduction to Prepare for Purpose (PfP)**

*Raising God's Army of Legends  
PfP is a Resource to the Church*

When God gives a vision and you know it's from God, the person who is the recipient of that vision, can normally not think of anything else worth doing. It's like it's all consuming. When God touches your heart to that extent, seeking His face for His strategy and action plan becomes top priority.

Beryl and I are in our eighties. We did not 'retire' but, after many years of mentoring our future leaders, we simply handed our leadership baton over to the younger generation. Now, motivated by Luke 1:17, it seems God has more plans for us. God clearly spoke saying that He wants us to encourage Church Leadership to motivate the Legends in their churches, starting with the sixty-plus, out of the idea that retirement from their secular workplace does not include retirement in His Kingdom. Retire from secular work and collect your pension money yes, take a year sabbatical rest from your labour if that's what you want, but bear in mind, there's no retirement in God's Kingdom. We are in the world yes, but we're not of this world and where necessary, He wants to repay us for the years the locusts have eaten (Joel 2:25). In fact, this last season could be the most exciting and the most powerful years of our lives, producing fruit and being willing and available to serve Him. Slowing down and taking on less responsibility is good, but, like Caleb at the age of eighty-five, he asked God for his promised inheritance, the hill country where the giants were. He was up for the challenge to take hold of his inheritance (Joshua 14).

God has designed us to grow in the safety of biological families. But as we all know, New Testament families are not doing that well. The divorce rate, as one example, outside the Church and inside the Church is through the roof. God urged the Apostle Paul, to create space for a spiritual family within the Church, for those who don't have a 'spiritual' mature biological Dad. Paul had no intention of replacing any biological parent, but to supplement where there are no spiritually mature parents or absent fathers (1 Corinthians 4:15-16).

In our (Derek and Beryl) ministry to younger generations over the years, we find the young people, confused by the information on social media and other media platforms, are crying out for truth and wisdom that is available through the experiences of those who have lived life. We also found that the older people in our Churches are cautious of the younger generation. The generation gap has been around for more decades than we wish to admit. We believe, with vision, intentional determination and courage, God is asking us to encourage and help Church Leadership close this gap.

Our first step is to envision our Legends about this huge need and prepare them to connect with younger people in the church. The second step is to intentionally connect the two groups to give them opportunity to build natural relationships. Reaching out to encourage the younger people is up to us, the Legends in God's kingdom by turning our hearts toward them. Those who are on secular pension or nearing secular pension, in every church in town, need to hear what the Spirit of the Lord is saying. Luke 1:17, ... to turn our hearts (biological and spiritual fathers and mothers / parents) to the children in our churches of every age to help them along life's journey. There are thousands of young people in our churches suffering the loss of healthy families. Let's start changing this on our watch.

We see Luke 1:17 as an instruction to the Church. John the Baptist initiated it, the Apostle Paul seemed to take it further in the epistles to Timothy by making himself available as a spiritual dad. Has this instruction, in recent times, fallen through the cracks in our Churches? Let's learn how to bless, serve and encourage the next generations.

*Luke 1:17 - "And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."*

Be encouraged and expectant to what God wants to do through you to begin to turn this situation around. We are doing this for the good of the children, the youth, young adults and in fact all the young people in our churches and communities.

If you witness with what you have read in this introduction, we recommend you bring it to the attention of your pastor. Your pastor is your spiritual covering and responsible before God for those in the local church. Should your pastor want to know more about Prepare for Purpose and/or Derek and Beryl, we would welcome arranging a meeting with him or the leadership of your church.

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