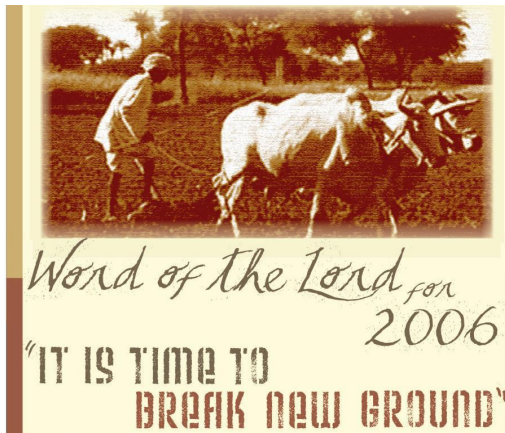




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The word of the Lord for 2006:

IT IS TIME TO BREAK NEW GROUND



We learn from the first few chapters of Revelation that the Lord has a specific message for every local church. What the Lord speaks has relevance to every member of that local church.

On November 16th Wednesday, in the early hours of the morning, as I was praying in the Spirit, I could sense the presence of God come over me. During this time I received what the Lord would say to us as a local body for 2006. "IN 2006 - IT IS TIME TO BREAK NEW GROUND". I saw the image of an Indian farmer with two bullocks pulling the plough. He was getting ready to plough new ground that had not been ploughed on before. This was virgin soil, new ground. He was starting to plough this land.

God often uses imagery to communicate His thoughts to people.

Jeremiah 4:3

Hosea 10:12

"break up your fallow ground" = break the clods and till the soil in freshly ploughed land

IN 2006 - IT IS TIME TO BREAK NEW GROUND

New ground = ground that has not been worked on or cultivated before.

Understanding the process involved in breaking new ground:

1. Identify new territory – strategic location, plan for irrigation, harvesting, etc.
2. Clean out the surface – cutting down, pulling out, burning up, uprooting
3. Start ploughing

IN 2006 - IT IS TIME TO BREAK NEW GROUND

Application for us as a church:

As a local church/Body 2006 will be the year when we will break new ground in several areas.

1. We will break new ground in our corporate life/walk with God in the spiritual realm.
2. We will also launch out in a strong move across the nation. This is the year when it will start. This is the year when in the realm of the spirit we will begin to break new ground as we start to move across this nation.



3. We may do things in the natural that have been done previously. However, there will be a release of a new anointing – impacting lives in a fresh new way and moving people into avenues that they may have not ventured into previously in their walk with God.

4. We will launch new ways of doing things in ministry which will be “ground breaking”.

Application for us as individuals:

In this year we will break new ground in our personal lives, spiritual growth, professions, careers, family relationships, marriages, etc. We will step out into new terrain in these areas of life.

In your spiritual walk with God expect God to take you into new realms, to break new ground.

We go through seasons in our spiritual growth: there are seasons of conquests, time when you break new ground and advance. There are seasons when you are solidifying or securing what has been gained. Then there are seasons when you are defending/guarding what you already have. Then there are seasons where you are recovering what may have been lost in previous years.

In your personal life expect to break new ground. Areas you have been just thinking of and pondering about, expect to step in to those areas.

For example, on your job you may be asked to take on an assignment or responsibility that you have had no previous experience or skill in handling. This is new ground you are breaking in your professional life. It may even be something that has not been done previously in your organization.

Launch of new business, etc.

What to do with a word of the Lord?

- In general, every word from God is conditional, whether conditions are stated or not.
- 1 Timothy 1:18 We have to fight a good fight with the prophetic word. Take a hold of it. Believe it. Desire to see it fulfilled in your life.
- Daniel 9:1-4,15-19 1 Kings 18:1,41-46 James 5:17,18 Pray over what the Lord has spoken. Pray it through till it is established in your life.

3 Action Steps

1. GET THE GROUND READY - There is a process involved in getting the ground ready before you can start breaking it through plowing.

- Identify new territory – be strategic. Don't do this randomly or indiscriminately.
 - Ask the Lord to reveal to you what are the strategic areas in which He would have you break new ground. Pray. Listen to the Holy Spirit.
 - Don't rush into areas that Lord does not want you to be entering in. Acts 16:6-10
 - Avoid mistakes. Avoid pursuing soulish desires.
- Clean out the surface – cutting down, pulling out, burning up, uprooting
 - Through Prayer Hosea 10:12
 - By wielding the sword of the Spirit – speak the word Jeremiah 1:9,10
 - In the natural you may have to do certain things: rearrange your priorities, change your schedule, acquire new skills, go through a learning process, etc.



- You will need to change your attitudes. Wrong attitudes are like weeds/wild grass that prevent the ground from being productive. Get rid of negatives such as self, pride, strife, unforgiveness, anger, lust, etc.
- Start ploughing
 - Launch out in faith.
 - Until you step out of the boat you will not be able to walk on the water.

2. WORK IN FAITH - Breaking new ground does not mean you will see fruit or harvest right away. You are working in faith.

1 Corinthians 9:10
plow in hope = with expectation, anticipation

Isaiah 28:24-29
God teaches us and instructs us. Operate in divine wisdom. Receive divine wisdom and instruction from above on how you should go about breaking new ground.

Deuteronomy 22:10 2 Corinthians 6:14 Amos 3:3
You need to be careful how you go about ploughing your ground.
Avoid using methods/means that won't get the job done.
Avoid the mistake of being "unequally yoked together". You need to partner with people of the same spirit, like-minded, similar passion, similar intensity, similar vision and purpose to be really effective.

2 Thessalonians 1:11 Remember that God will complete your work of faith with His power.

3. MORE WORK AHEAD - Breaking new ground means that there is more work ahead – the work of sowing, watering, nurturing and harvesting.

Proverbs 10:4, Proverbs 20:4 Don't tolerate laziness.

Luke 9:62 Once you put your hand to the plough to break new ground for His Kingdom, there is no turning back. Stay till you complete the job. Don't quit mid way.

1 Corinthians 15:10 Don't be afraid to work hard!



USEFUL RESOURCES



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YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

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JESUS CHRIST: <https://examiningjesus.com>

BIBLE COLLEGE: <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

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