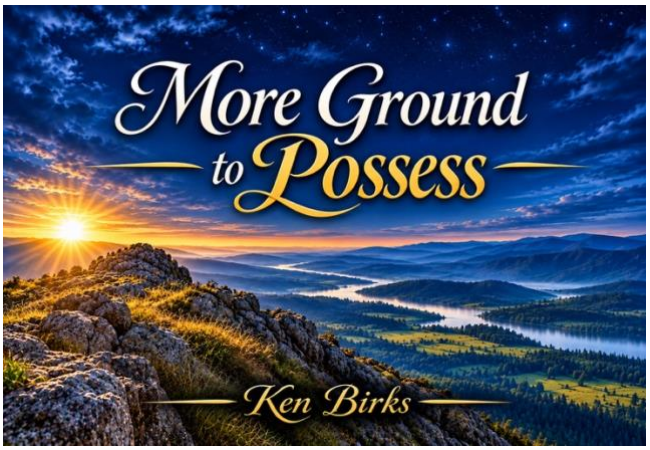
More Ground to Possess

By Ken Birks



Throughout this devotional journey, we have reflected on the loving yet urgent call of our Heavenly Father, who is drawing His sons and daughters into a deeper, more intimate relationship with Him amid increasingly turbulent times. As the world around us grows more uncertain, the Spirit of God is calling His people to stand firm, press deeper, and walk more closely with Him than ever before. Yet those who answer this call must understand that every step toward spiritual maturity will be met with challenges that test the heart, refine the soul, and reveal the depth of our commitment to Christ. The apostle Paul understood this reality well. Though he had experienced profound revelations, remarkable victories, and years of faithful service, he refused to view himself as having arrived. Instead, he lived with holy determination, relentlessly pursuing the purpose for which Christ had called him. He writes, *"Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."*[1]

Paul understood that no matter how far we have come in our walk with Christ, there is always more of God to know, more of His character to reflect, and more spiritual ground to possess. Until the day we hear the trumpet sound and meet the Lord in the air, or until He calls us home into His eternal presence, our journey of faith continues. There is no room for complacency in the kingdom of God. Every season brings new opportunities to grow, new challenges to overcome, and new depths of intimacy with our Heavenly Father to discover.

The apostle knew that spiritual maturity is not measured by how far we have traveled, but by our willingness to keep moving forward. Though battles may intensify and weariness may at times set in, we are called to persevere with unwavering faith and holy determination. We must continue to fight the good fight of faith, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus and our hearts anchored in His promises. In these critical days, the Lord is calling His people higher, urging us not to settle for yesterday's victories but to pursue the fresh work He desires to accomplish within us. The race is not yet finished, the prize is still before us, and the upward call of God continues to beckon us onward. Therefore, let us press on

[1] Philippians 3:12-14

with courage, endurance, and expectation, trusting that He who began a good work in us will be faithful to complete it. When Paul reassures us that there's still more ground to cover, he is inviting us to remain open to the Holy Spirit's leading as we press on toward the finish line. We see this in the next verses: *"Therefore, let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind."*[2]

Maintaining Daily Fellowship and Intimacy

In light of Paul's exhortation, we should take a moment to ask, "Am I advancing toward Christ, or have I become spiritually comfortable?" As we consider our next steps toward becoming the prophetic people God has called us to be, we can reflect on the prophetic truths we have Learned to to be true that affect our gifting and calling in this critical hour of the Church's history? What is our contribution to all that God is doing in this hour of the Church? What sovereign events can we be positioned for? As we continue to worship with a prayerful posture, let's allow these thoughts to fill our minds and hearts as we wait upon the Lord. We can do this by maintaining daily fellowship with Christ that brings us into those moments of intimacy with Him.

Courageously Living is a Necessity

As we look at the prophetic season unfolding before us, one thing becomes increasingly clear: its impact now reaches into nearly every arena of our lives. The questions before us are no longer theoretical. They are deeply personal. Will we have the courage to stand when opposition comes? Will we possess the resilience to continue moving forward when obstacles arise and the path becomes difficult?

The days ahead will require more than enthusiasm. They will demand unwavering conviction and steadfast faith. Yet our confidence does not come from ourselves. It comes from knowing that God has already laid hold for us a divine purpose and eternal destiny. When we are secure in that calling, courage rises within us to face the road ahead, regardless of the challenges. Courage will prevent us from retreating, hesitating, or settling into spiritual complacency. It will drive us forward with determination, knowing our lives are part of a greater prophetic purpose. The Apostle Paul captured this mindset when he wrote, *"I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me."*[3] Like Paul, we must recognize that we have been apprehended by God for a purpose greater than ourselves. The pressing question is not whether God has called us, but

[2] Philippians 3:15-16
[3] Philippians 3:12

whether we will respond with the courage, endurance, and obedience necessary to fulfill His calling for our lives in this prophetic hour.

By discerning what God has called us to pursue, He gives us the courage to move forward. In the days ahead, prayer, worship, and reliance on the Holy Spirit are not optional; they are necessities God has given us for the journey. As we embrace the fullness of these necessities and move forward, may God fill us with the same courageous Spirit He gave Joshua as he took up the task God had set before him in preparing him to lead the children of Israel into the promised land. God said to Joshua, *"No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them."*[4]

As we press toward the finish line, possessing more ground, let us remember that the same promise God gave to Joshua is still alive for His people today. As we embrace our cross daily and move forward into all that God has entrusted to our hands, we do not walk alone or without divine assurance. The Lord who called us is the Lord who goes before us, strengthening us for every challenge and preparing the way for every assignment.

In this prophetic hour, we must never lose sight of the fact that we are living out a holy calling. This calling was not an afterthought in the mind of God, nor was it based upon our abilities, accomplishments, or human efforts. It was established before the foundation of the world as part of His eternal purpose. The Apostle Paul reminded Timothy of this profound truth when he said, *"Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began."* What a staggering reality. Before time began, God saw our day, ordained our purpose, and prepared the path that we now walk. If He was faithful to call us, He will also be faithful to equip us. If God entrusted us with an assignment, He will provide the grace necessary to fulfill it.

Knowing that God is continually for us and not against us should fill our hearts with unshakable confidence and courage. The uncertainties of the future, the resistance of the enemy, and the challenges of the journey cannot overturn God's purposes. As the days grow darker and the demands upon God's people increase, we must stand firm in the assurance that heaven is backing all that God has called us to accomplish.

Therefore, let us move forward with renewed faith, holy boldness, and steadfast endurance, knowing that the One who called us is also sustaining us. As Paul triumphantly declared, *"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"*[5]

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[4] Joshua 1:5-6

[5] Romans 8:31

Armed with that assurance, we can face the days ahead without fear and embrace the fullness of all God has prepared for us in this prophetic season.

We Have Been Properly Equipped

One of the beautiful realities of moving forward with a sense of urgency and expectancy is knowing that God continually equips us for whatever lies ahead. He never calls us into a new season without also providing the grace, wisdom, and spiritual resources necessary to fulfill His purpose. As I have moved into retirement, I have discovered that God is far from finished with me. He continues to use the gifts and abilities He so graciously deposited in my life many years ago.

While the expression of those gifts may look different than it once did, the calling remains the same. The platform may change, the audience may change, and the methods may change, but God's purpose endures. Because I have sought to remain sensitive to His still, small voice and responsive to His gentle promptings, I have allowed Him to continually shape, stretch, and equip me for each new season. In doing so, He has kept my passion alive and my spiritual fervency burning. Rather than slowing down, I have found myself discovering fresh opportunities to serve Him in ways I never anticipated. There was a time when I spent countless hours preparing sermons and Bible studies to preach and teach God's Word from the pulpit.

Today, that same passion and zeal find expression through writing. Though the ministry is different, the message remains the same. The desire to encourage, challenge, and build up the Body of Christ still burns deeply within me, but God now channels that calling through a different avenue. Even more remarkable is the fact that God has not merely sustained the gifts He has already given me; He has expanded them. Along the way, He has added new skills, fresh insights, and unexpected talents to my spiritual arsenal. What I once viewed as the closing chapters of my ministry has instead become the beginning of new adventures with God. He continues to remind me that as long as we remain available, teachable, and willing to follow His leading, there are always new mountains to climb, new lessons to learn, and new ways to advance His kingdom.

The truth is that God's equipping never stops because His purposes for our lives never cease. Until He calls us home, He is continually preparing us for the next assignment, the next opportunity, and the next step in our journey with Him. The question is not whether God is still speaking or still calling; the question is whether we are listening and willing to move forward when He says, "Come higher."

Maintaining an Eternal Perspective

We know difficult times are in the playbook for the period before Jesus returns. The Bible warns us quite clearly that persecution and tribulations are in God's playbook. Jesus said very clearly, *"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."*[6]

In Peter's first epistle, he writes quite clearly about the importance of keeping our sights on the eternal weight of the riches that await us while enduring unpleasant times here on earth. He says, *"In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed."*[7] Paul writes something very similar when he says, *"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a* ***far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,*** *while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal."*[8]

Therefore, the key to moving forward amid difficult trying times is keeping our hope set on the eternal weight of glory. This is why James writes, *"My brethren,* ***count it all joy*** *when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing."*[9]

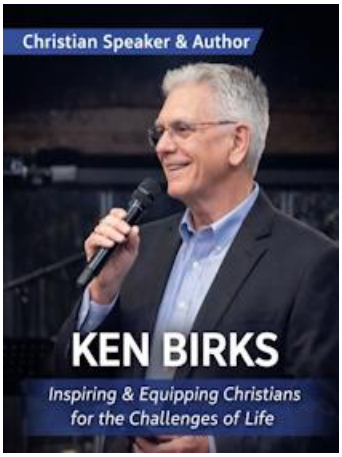
The challenges of our times should not cause God's people to retreat, stagnate, or lose hope. Instead, they should inspire us to deepen our faith, strengthen our convictions, and draw closer to Christ. The Lord is looking for believers who will not merely endure the times but grow through them. As prophetic events unfold and the return of Christ draws nearer, may we heed the call of Scripture: forget what lies behind, press on toward what lies ahead, and keep moving forward until the day we see our Savior face to face.

As we conclude this journey, let us remember that God has not called us to stand still but to keep moving forward, pressing ever deeper into His presence, purpose, and promises. There is still more ground to possess, more of Christ's character to reflect, more victories to experience, and more kingdom assignments to fulfill.

[6] Matthew 5:10-12
[7] 1Peter 1:6-7
[8] 2 Corinthians 4:17-18
[9] James 1:2-4

Though the days may grow darker and the challenges greater, we can move ahead with confidence, knowing that the One who called us before the foundation of the world is faithfully equipping us for every step of the journey. Let us therefore remain steadfast in prayer, faithful in worship, courageous in obedience, and unwavering in our devotion to Christ. With our eyes fixed on the eternal prize and our hearts anchored in His unfailing promises, may we continue to press on until the day we stand before our Savior and hear His glorious words, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Until that day, let us move forward with holy expectance.

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Ken Birks has walked with God through seasons of quiet wonder, deep refining, and unexpected grace — journeys that have shaped both his faith and voice. From early moments of sensing God's nearness to years of learning to listen more closely, Ken has discovered that the Lord often speaks in whispers, rhythms, and poetic impressions.

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