

The “calling-out of the remnant of disciples” was announced in Kip’s “Portland Story” on August 21, as a call from the leadership of Portland, to local leadership, everywhere, “as of this Jubilee.”

In fact, the call was first issued on August 19, when Kip delivered the inaugural speech of the Portland Jubilee: “**God Became a Dying Man**”.

This original “calling-out of the remnant of sold-out disciples” (“sold-out” was dropped from the published version) was not first from one leadership to another, but from “we ... as the church leadership” (whoever “we” are) to **all disciples, everywhere.**

The following was transcribed by myself, as accurately as possible, from listening to the Portland 2005 Jubilee sermons web-site at Portlandchurch.org. The reader may easily verify that it is accurate; the source is given below.

I did not transcribe the entire speech, but approximately one sixth of it, beginning approximately at the last quarter.

I used all-caps to suggest Kip’s vocal emphasis, and occasional bold-face was added by myself to bring attention to certain key phrases. I have also added extra s’s to suggest Kip’s peculiar reptilian hiss, drawing-out words that end in “s”. He also sometimes ends words with “t” instead of “d”, so I wrote “worlt” instead of “world” because that’s how he pronounced it.

Also, as any public speaker does, Kip uses less formal phrasing than he would in writing, so I have used such expressions as “wanna” etc. to reflect his speaking style. He also occasionally repeats himself, re-starts a thought, or interrupts himself with another thought, which is not unusual in public speaking but it can be confusing in reading; I have included them for accuracy.

To date, Kip has not retracted any aspect of the following, nor any of his “Portland Story”. This means that you, the reader, should feel free to respond to Kip’s call, as of the “historic calling-out” of August 19, 2005. So, consider yourself “called.”

Kip McKean, Friday night, August 19

Y’know, I think the time has come, though, to take things another notch higher. It has greatly concerned me, that that the ‘walls of autonomy’ are not falling down, but raising higher.

Therefore, As the church leadership -- and I’ve shared this with some of the different brothers -- we have decided **to take it upon ourselves** to begin a slow

but progressive ... **calling-out ... of the remnant of sold-out disciples**...(audience: shouting assent)... Let me finish, please! I do not want to be misunderstood....(pause)

I preached for a long time, with a lot of criticism: “one church: one city.” I believe that because I believe that all you need to do, was send in 18 FIRED-UP DISCIPLES, with a MANIAC, CRAZY EVANGELIST, into a city of 18 million, like New York, and someday, it would blossom into a church of thousands. I believe, just just give God a handful, and a maniac evangelist, and you’ll CRANK that city! The Bible says, in Acts 19:8-10, that Paul not only cranked the city of Ephesus, but the whole region of Asia, in two years’ time. Those are the seven churches of Asia. I still believe that.

But we have dying congregations.
You say ‘how do you know that?’ Because they’re not baptizing. (pause)

Y’know, we, I think, need to have the right heart here, and I think that particularly at Portland Church, that, right now the Lord is blessing, and we can get an attitude like:
‘Oh wow, we are crankin’ better than everybody elssse.’

And if we compare ourselves with ourselves, yeah, we think we’re awesome. But once more, who do we have our eyes on?

We gotta have a heart for the whole Kingdom, church. But THAT DOESN’T MEAN WE DON’T PREACH THE WORD AND LAY IT OUT!

Y’know I’ve had a lot of people say to me “Bro, you’ve gotta BACK OFF!... this ‘lukewarm’ stuff, that’s not pullin’ people in... this ‘losin’-your-first-love’ stuff, not pullin’ people... ‘tolerating-sin’ is not pullin’ people in...”

I said “well then Jesus didn’t do a very good job of pullin’ people in there, in Revelations (*sic*) 2 and 3!” (audience: shouting assent).

We have always believed in the principle that disciples are never to rebel. What Kriete did was call for rebellion. That was absolute sin. ReBELLion is of Satan! (audience: shouting in assent).

In the calling-out... in the slow progressive calling-out of the remnant of sold-out disciples -- and I believe they’re everywhere -- and if they’re not, we’ll GET ‘em there --we need to understand the very basic biblical principle. This principle is in 1 Samuel 27:1-4; let me give it to ya, & you can study it.

David was under King Saul. He was a very ungodly king. S’matter of fact, wanted to kill David.

David goes “y’know something? I’m really not COMFORTABLE ... under this leadership. I mean, you know, just...just for some reason, just not COMFORTABLE here. I mean, y’know, the guy wants to kill me, and everything. I mean it-it... it kinda BOTHERs me. (audience: laughter) Let’s see... what should I do? Stay in Israel, under ungodly Saul, OR, put myself under another leadership?”

Get this guys: he put himself under UNCIRCUMCISED ACHISH!

He was allowed to do that by God.
Y’say ‘How do you know that’? Read the Bible!

Now God protects him, and it’s a cool story, but David placed himself under another leadership. In the **calling-out** of sold-out disciples, in **gathering the remnant**, I think it’s very important that we, in respect, go to the existing leaderships that are autonomous and say:
“Guyss, we’re brothers. We’re in this thing together. We know you’re hurting. We don’t have all the answers, but hey, y’know, I-I’m your brother. Ya need some HELP.”

Now that may tick them off... well, that’s OK, y’know, people who changed my life, ticked me off the most. I mean, Doug and Steve did it last night for four hours. I had my whole bulletin article [The Portland Story] written exactly the way I wanted it, and they made me go change it. And THEN I had to tell Carlene she was gonna have to re-type it. (audience: laughter, shouting)

I think we go to these churches that are dyin’. Let’s just -- they PASSED from lukewarm! Let’s just LAY IT OUT! ‘Lukewarm’, there’s still a fundamental group of disciples. After awhile, lukewarm becomes dying, and dead. And if people ARE NOT LIVING THE LIFE OF A DISCIPLE:
If they’re not PRAYing every day
If they’re not studying the BIBLE every day,
If they’re not in daily CONTACT with Christians,
If they’re not PREACHIN’ the WORD every day,
If they’re not makin’ disCIPIles every day,
If they’re not LIVIN’ the life of a disciple, ARE they a disciple? (audience: shouting, “no!”)

See these WHOLE CHURCHES ARE FALLING AWAY!
We GOTTA DO SOMETHIN’!
These ARE our BROTHERS AND SISTERSsssss! (audience: shouting)
It’s outta CONCERN! (pause, silence)

I think we go, I think we can win a lot of our brothers and sisters over.
I think a lot of people are getting FED UP with lukewarmness. (audience: shouting “That’s right!”)

But I do think there are some places, that hearts are hard, and they just wanna keep to themselves, and do it their way, not like the Bible. And I think that's where we say:

“Hey, if there's a group in that church, that wants to come out of that church, leave THAT leadership, and be under OUR leadership, so we can build a group of sold-out disciples, WE will HELP YOU. We'll send an evangelist, we'll send a mission team, we'll GET it, we'll REPLANT IT, and it'll be AWESOME, because ALL WE NEED, is a HANDFUL OF DISCIPLES, a MANIAC EVANGELIST, and GOD will BLESS us, with eVANGelizing, THAT WHOLE CITY!!” (audience: cheers, applause)

You say: “But what do I do?”

Listen: If you're a control-person, **an elder or evangelist**, what do you need to do? you need to **just flat repent**. See we been through this thing: “Oh, our churches need time to heal!... our churches need time to heal!”. Y'know, in the Bible, HEALING is equated with REPENTANCsssE. It says, y'know, It's not the, HEALTHY that need a doctor -- ‘the doctor’ being ‘the great physician’-- but the sick! They're the ones that repent!

See, HEALING is equated with REPENTANCE, not TIME. All TIME does, is allow a-a GROWING SPIRITUAL PUSsss, to develop. (pause... audience: ‘c'mon, lay it out!'). And y'know, just like those little pus-ee pimples on your face, (audience: laughter) y'know what you gotta do to those babies? (pause, more laughter) You gotta POP ‘EM!! (more laughter) and you gotta get RID of the PUSsss (long pause, laughter, shouting: “c'mon, preach about it!”).

If you're a control-person, I call you by the word of God, to REPENT and go back to your church, and preach the Word; PREACH THE CROSS OF JESUS CHRIST, and YOUR CHURCH WILL CHANGE! (pause, audience: “amen!” cheers, applause)

If you're not a control-person, then maybe you're like the Currans, who came to last year's Jubilee. We were only able to spend an hour with them in Starbucks, over there, by uh, by the [?] event center.

They said “what do we do? Our church isn't moving there in Montreal, and it's really hard for us ta...ta DO anything.”

I said “well, what do you do?”

He said “well, I-I lead kind-of a house-church / Bible-talk.”

I said “Well, bruh, go back and just DO IT!”

He said “Well, what do you mean?”

I said: "Well just go back, and preach the Word, and get some BAPTisms! Lemme tell ya somethin', any group that starts getting baptisms, people are gonna go "whoah!" and you'll have credibility!"

Y'know, Tim and Lee-ann went back and did it. They started having baptisms, and the leadership there was SO humble. The Brisebois. Danny and Gillianne. They said: "MAN! Sump'm HAPPENED there in PORTland! We gotta go GET some o' THAT stuff!" They came out here and visited, they said: "Hey, we need some discipling, we're tired of being autonomous, we're tired of just the fellowship of Canadian churches, we wanna be a part of a worldwide body of Chrissst! And we don't even mind an American evangelist helpin' us on out!" ... and today, the Muntreal (*sic*) Church is a multiplying ministry for Jesus Chrissst!! (cheers, applause)

What do you do, though, what do you do if **you're a non-control person**, and the leadership just doesn't want to do it? Well then you're like David, and you **remove yourself from Saul**, and **you move to a Portland**. You move to a church that's really doin', maybe just to **save your soul**."

Or maybe there's a group of you inside of -- and I'm not calling for rebellion -- You've gotta go to your leadership, you gotta lay it out -- and not just one time -- but you gotta lay it out: say, "Listen! We wanna BE a disCIpling CHURCH the GLORY of GOD!"

But there COMES a TIME, that ya go:
"Listen: Enough.... is Enough.... is Enough. We love you, we consider you our brothers. We're not -- there's no 'line of fellowship' here -- but we're gonna come out, and we're gonna start with just a handful of disciples, we're gonna see if we can find a maniac to come and be our evangelist, and then we're gonna get back, and start evangelizing this city, and helpin' to evangelize the worlt." Amen? (applause)

[At this point, he moves on to his next subject: "Radical Dreams"]

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