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The Latter Shall Be Greater



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The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.
Haggai 2:9 (KJV)

In last month's newsletter, I shared with you the vision that God gave me to establish a Power Lunch in Baltimore, MD and later, in other cities. What I did not share is what that Power Lunch will look like. I believe that Power Lunch Baltimore will be even greater than Power Lunch Washington, DC. This vision is inspired by the words of the prophet Haggai who spoke to the people during the construction of the second temple. Apparently, the project was not very far along, and as is often the case, cynicism and skepticism were very present among the people.

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POWER LUNCH CELEBRATES SPIRITUALITY & LEADERSHIP

Food for the Body and Soul By Lauren Phelps

"I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now for three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way." Matthew 15:32

Every Wednesday at approximately 8:30 a.m., a faithful group of 7 pull into the parking lot of Reid Temple A.M.E. Church in Lanham, MD. These persons do not come for a prayer breakfast or for morning Bible study, but they come to serve the Lord by preparing fresh lunches for the Power Lunch ministry.



The Bag Lunch Team

In an assembly line fashion, the volunteers put together enough bag lunches to feed 125 persons. The lunches are then loaded onto the church bus and delivered to Union Station in time for the Power Lunch worship service.

These special volunteers make a great contribution preparing the lunches for Power Lunch. Rev. Watley commented, "The lunches make this service more convenient for most of the persons who leave work on their lunch hour to attend this service."

When asked about the team's contributions, volunteer Lillian Hill, also in charge of purchasing the food, emphasized the faithfulness of the volunteers.

"It is a team effort. They enjoy it. I enjoy it. Whenever you can do something for the fulfilling of God's kingdom, it's worthwhile."

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REALIZE YOUR POTENTIAL TO SUCCEED

"And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath;" Deuteronomy 28:13

A core principle of Power Lunch is that God calls us to lead. He calls us to be the head and not the tail, to be above and not beneath. Wherever we are, God calls us to lead. Each week, we focus on leadership in order to build the capacity within each individual which will expand their influence at work and at home. Faith is not simply about being pious, but also about being powerful.

Join us for a special **Spirituality & Leadership Session** at Power Lunch on **April 28, 2004**. We will have a very special discussion that will broaden your understanding of what it means to be a leader, and how you can begin to change yourself and your environment by the power of God. Come with a note pad and an open heart, and God will fill them both with principles that will change your life.

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The people had excellent sight, but poor vision. They could see in the natural the humble beginnings of the temple and they remembered the splendor of the former temple. Their problem was that they did not have vision to see what the new temple would look like at its completion. Oftentimes, we miss out on opportunities for lack of vision.

Some fellow Howard University alumni and I were talking just the other day about how the neighborhood around campus has changed and how the property values have soared. We all lamented the fact that we didn't have the vision to buy a piece of property way back then in anticipation of the profit we could have enjoyed today. Likewise, many of us have missed opportunities for greater profits in our personal lives because we've not had sufficient vision—the ability to see what can happen in the future. We are not enjoying as much peace, joy, or satisfaction that we could have had if we simply had been more disciplined, more patient, and more obedient to the word of the Lord. A vision of what life would look like later would have caused us to be more careful with our credit, diligent in our studies, selective in our relationships,

responsible to our families, and more faithful to the Lord. If we knew then, what we know now, we would have done a lot of things differently.

Thankfully, our God stands not to condemn us for the resources that we've wasted, but he graciously welcomes back his prodigal sons and daughters with open arms and new opportunities. The key for us is to grow our vision to where God is leading us. Haggai saw in his mind what the temple would look like when complete. He looked on and past the dust and dirt, the schedule delays, escalating prices, and labor disputes. He recognized the challenges, but he believed that God was able to do above and beyond what they could imagine.

Even as this ministry expands to another location, our goal is not to simply build an identical Power Lunch, but to create something that is even bigger and better. After all, we have more resources now than when we first started, we've learned many lessons, and we have a clearer vision and more experience with what God can do. Indeed the glory of the latter house shall be greater than the former. Likewise, I believe this word of destiny applies not only to the house of God, but to your house as well. Just as we

use our vision and knowledge to build a better Power Lunch, so will your experience with God help you build better relationships, a better career, a better financial future, and a brighter tomorrow. Dr. Walter Scott Thomas is fond of saying, "Don't be ignorant your whole life. Learn some things." When we know better, we do better. The writer of Psalms 20:6 says, "Now I know that the Lord will help his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with mighty victories by his right hand."

Will you join me in praying for a greater glory to be revealed in God's house and in your house? Let's pray that hundreds and thousands attend Power Lunch Baltimore and that the seed you've sown into this ministry comes back to you 100 fold. Let's believe together that someone comes to Power Lunch on their lunch hour and is saved and that someone in your own home confesses Jesus Christ as their savior. We trust that the power of God will be released on all who walk through the doors of Power Lunch Baltimore and that the Holy Spirit might also rest upon all who walk through the threshold of your home. We agree that this is just the beginning, and the glory of the latter house shall be greater than the glory of the former.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

GOD IS INCREASING OUR TERRITORY. POWER LUNCH TO OPEN IN BALTIMORE!

We're more than half way to our goal! Already persons have availed themselves to participate in Baltimore, and even now, we're preparing to take the city by storm.

BECOME A POWER LUNCH PARTNER

Help support Power Lunch's expansion to Baltimore, MD and become a vision partner. To partner with this ministry, please visit our sales table at Power Lunch, www.powerlunchonline.com, or contact a representative at 202-234-2956.

Power Lunch is held every Wednesday in Union Station's AMC Movie Theater 50 Massachusetts Ave., NE D.C. 20002 11:45am – 12:45pm
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