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It is nice to be back. You will recall that yesterday we were discussing the subject of organization. I spent quite some time going through the history, explaining the developments of organization over the past **30** years, particularly beginning around **2001**.

And you will remember we went through a number of key dates, you remember, hopefully, that we spoke about the separation last year in **2019.** And from the perspective of <u>this</u> study we recognized, hopefully, that the cause of the separation was organization.

So, you remember that there were two key areas that had not been organized properly, the United States and Oceana. And in the summer of last year June, July, the work of reorganizing the United States began.

And in this narrative, this story, the cause of the separation was the result of **FFA** <u>rejecting</u> organization. Over the past **18** months we have been slowly, but surely, refining the organization of the Movement.

In many ways our current organizational model was given to us, by God. And what I mean by that is, that it was not <u>premeditated</u> by human design.

I explained that there were <u>two key issues</u> or truths, that help us to address organization. The first was <u>Baptism</u> and the second was the **2520**. Now I know in the <u>Movement</u> we do not speak a lot about the **2520**. But if you go through the public record there are tens if not close to **100** hours of <u>material</u> on that subject.

And if you did not want to go back to previous material or wanted to listen to a new speaker on this subject, I can recommend a nice series. It has been done by Sister Catherine from Australia. You should be able to find it on the Midnight Watch YouTube channel. Sister Catherine has done a review of the **2520**, but

obviously in her own words from her own perspective. And if there are any of you that want a refresher in that subject, I can recommend that series. They are not all together; they have been done over a series of months.

So, the idea of Baptism comes into the Movement in **2016**, And it is two and a half years later when people begin to get Baptized. Now connected to Baptism back in **2016**, was organization. And it was decided, remember, there were people who opposed Baptism **2009**.

The same people pushed or promoted Baptism in **2015**, **2016**. And in both eras, they were successful, they prevailed. They pushed for a third step or a third issue, a third point. So, if the Movement was to be organized it needed <u>recognizable</u> leaders.

Now up to that point, the various ministry of fellowship leaders across the world, had all grown up organically. Which means, that they came to prominence because of their own hard effort, their own interest in the message.

I say this positively; they were self-appointed. They came to prominence naturally, hence in English we say they were organic in their rise to power.

Now if we wanted to develop organization, this party proposed the following plan, in fact it was not just a proposal, they said it was necessary that organization had to happen this way. And the <u>way</u>, is what I am going to describe next.

We needed to appoint Leaders in the Movement as opposed to them being <u>self-appointed</u>. So, people could not rise to positions of responsibility by themselves any longer. There was a problem to this, maybe calling a problem is not the correct way of expressing it.

Up to that moment there was only one recognized leader of the Movement, one person that everybody trusted that and that they looked up to, that was Elder Jeff Pippenger.

And therefore, the party proposed to him, counseled him, that the only way forward was for him to appoint those leaders. And he had to do that <u>openly</u>,

<u>publicly.</u> So, simply put, up to that moment <u>anybody</u> could be a Ministry leader, all you need to do is live in your own country and start up a group.

And by and by, you would be recognized and acknowledged as a local leader. But for proper organization, a new plan had to be devised. Now, Elder Jeff would have to appoint leaders. And we are not just talking about leaders at a lower level, we were talking about <u>large structural</u> changes in the <u>Movement</u>.

So, essentially, we will get the world and divide it into portions. Now this Movement does not accurately represent the whole world, yet. At that time, **2016** up to the present day, we cover five Continents. And I know that Canada and United States are considered one continent, but for the purpose of our discussion we will keep them separate. And if we were to do that there would be six.

So, the areas are South America, North America in two parts, the United States and Canada, Africa, Europe, and Oceana. So, that's five or six depending on how you count.

So, for the purpose of our discussion we are going to consider Canada and the United States as separate. And you will remember that I said there were two areas that were not organized properly, the United States and Oceana. The other parts of the world were divided up and leaders were appointed to take care of those regions.

Now the idea of pre-planning and providence, the relationship between planning and providence is complex, far beyond my understanding. Remember, when we approach a story, an event, we can see from different perspectives.

So, you can see, you can argue the point, that some of this was designed, it was engineered, it was designed by this party. And yet, providence was doing its work.

What could not have been known to this party was who was beginning to steer and engineer organization.

I'll just pause for a moment, I want to say formalize the organization that had already begun, brother Mark Bruce I'm not sure if everybody knows that name,

he was one of the key people. beginning **2012**, that steered the Movement into this organizational direction.

You remember that he was one of our most important or premier teachers after the split in **2014.** We are at the beginning of **2016** now and this party wants organization to begin to be formalized. And what they could never have envisaged, never planned, was that when those discussions were happening, that brother Mark Bruce was not there in those meetings. He was away on a mission trip. And I would argue that that was not engineered, it was not designed, it was providential. Within **12** months he would leave the Movement.

So, when the work of organization was being discussed, I will say providentially, there were key speakers, key teachers, that were in the United States at that time. All at the same place except Mark Bruce.

The meetings began and this party made the following point: for these leaders to be acknowledged to be recognized, they would have to be anointed, there would have to be some public demonstration to the Movement, about who and what those people were, that was readily agreed.

And three people were ordained in that time period, brother Thabo, Brother Marco and me. And each of those people were assigned a region in the world: Brother Marco, South America, me, **Europe**, Brother Thabo, Africa, and Canada.

So, that was readily agreed. And what we had then connected to that event, was what I will call the first recognize, the first the first authorized, the first legitimate; recognized, organized, legitimate.

So, that was the first Baptism that we had in the Movement. I do not mean to say that was the first ever, I am saying it was the first in this new era. And this was a long time before the **2018** work of Baptism began.

So, an ordination service is organized in **2016**, those three members are ordained as **Elders** in the **Movement**. Even at that early stage, I want us to recognize, how many gaps there were. One of the most glaring, and obvious problems that we

had, was that those three individuals were ordained by other men in the Movement.

Now I'm sure that we would all acknowledge that Elder Jeff was the right person to do that work. But in its wisdom, or I should really say, in the lack of wisdom, now I'll say this in different ways, so in the lack of wisdom that Elder Jeff had, FFA had, the local ministry in the United States had, essentially the Glorious Land.

They saw it fit against all reason, to allow members who had previously been ordained as Elders in the conference church, to retain their title, their authority, when they join this Movement. And this was never allowed anywhere else, only in the Glorious Land.

And its issues such as this, that eventually caused the implosion, the destruction, the fragmentation, of the work in the United States. The leadership today has now officially formalized this issue, that we are forbidden to call people Elder, unless they were ordained in this Movement.

There are some people in them in the Movement today, when this issue was addressed this year, found it difficult, found it offensive, against their cultural norms. What they did not realize, is that if you go back four years, this idea of calling non-ordained members Elders, back in **2016**, was the beginning of the end for, I'm going to call it, for the United States. If you want to be specific for Future for America. If you want to be more specific for the local Fellowship Lambert Church that many of you are aware of.

And because the work in the United States was not cleaned up, like a wound, it was allowed to fester, and become septic. And almost all those people in leadership positions, have left the Movement since then.

So, I want to point out that fact, that even from the very beginning, the way the organization started was not done correctly, legally, and yet it was done. And I believe it had God's authorization or his signature upon that work. In our weakness, in our frailty, in our humanity; weakness, faulty, humanity, even with that, plus, I want to call it our rebellion. because we should have known better, and we did.

Even in our weakness those who are too weak to call sin by its right name, yet God's mysterious work went forward. And **2016** really marks the beginning of the organizational structure that we currently have today.

As I say, Brother Mark Bruce, providentially, and I believe it was providential, was not there during those discussions. At least one other person, whose name came up in those discussions, to be ordained was also not there. And both, that person and brother Mark Bruce have both left the Movement. This is why I see God's hand in this work.

I just want to add one point here, which is out of sequence. In English there are terms or phrases that we have, as in most languages. Often, they are ugly statements, there are ugly phrases, not flattering.

The first one is called a "yes man". I don't know if you have something in your language that equates to that, When the boss tells you to do something, even if you don't agree, you just say yes sir. You might call it a puppet or a marionette. Someone who is controlled by someone else, another way of expressing it in English is, that you are in the person's pocket.

So, I told you that the two people that should or could have been there, were not there, were not ordained, and have left the Movement. The <u>three</u> that were ordained have remained in the Movement.

Now the reason I mention that, if I take myself out of this equation, or this problem, it leaves two other people: Brothers Marco and Thabo. And the reason I mention them, I don't know how many of us are aware of this, but Elder Jeff considered them to be in his pocket, to be his "yes men". Because he had developed strong ties with these people.

I think it is fair to say, that he considered them to be like his sons. Elder Marco, he has known for the longest time. Elder Thabo the youngest, was really like Elder Jeff's son. And the reason I mentioned that is because when the separation happens last year, when Elder Jeff clicked his fingers, and I hope you know what that means, he was expecting both of those people to run to him. Click his fingers and they come running to him, that is what he expected.

We are in late August **2019**, Elder Tess is now a recognized leader in the Movement, And, neither she nor I said anything to Elders Marco or Thabo. We never encourage them nor discourage them. They were left completely to make their own decision.

We believe that there is enough power in this message to hold you firm. What Elder Jeff did not realize, slowly, invisibly, not me, the Lord, had been building a firm platform. He had been doing that for the previous five years: 20**14** to 20**19**.

And he did not know, maybe Elders Marco and Thabo did not know that they, had without realizing, it, stood or joined onto that firm platform. I say it that way because I want to make the following point, that there were two buildings being constructed.

If you go back to maybe 20**16 2017** and 20**18**, it becomes public that there are two sets of disciples. I hope you appreciate parables, there were the disciples of John and there were the disciples of that other man.

And history was repeating in this very Movement, two groups of disciples had formed. I never spoke about that; it was John himself and his disciples that pointed this out; history repeats.

If you go back and check the public record between John, that man, John's disciples his disciples, it was John and John's disciples that were doing all the public arguing and questioning, and the man remained silent, as it was then so it was now.

Being a good person, the man never said anything. Like someone who does plastering, he kept on covering up the cracks, until there was an earthquake and the whole structure fell.

During that history, two buildings are being constructed. What I want us to see, you cannot see unless you go back into history, that those invisible structures, as they were being built by those two, I am going to call it parties, those two parties. When you do construction work, you have a brick layer, someone who does

bricks, someone who does carpentry work with wood. And there are people who get cement, make it into a paste and spread it across the walls.

Two groups, two parties, two buildings, if you wanted to know how you could identify the two groups, what is so interesting is the following: now not all of you are there, or not all of you paid attention. But I know Sister Shemain and Elder Maurice noticed this.

And what they noticed was the following. If you went to the board and you looked at the artwork, the artwork of the buildings between the two parties, was different. Graphically they constructed their temples differently. This was like a red light that was flashing a warning.

You, myself and those two people I have mentioned discuss this. They noticed that the graphics, the models were different. The best I could do was offer a smile and move on.

Now remember those two brothers were considered by Elder Jeff, to be "his men" how would he know that? Because their artwork was the same as his artwork, different to mine, and nothing was said. But as I said, slowly but steadily, those two buildings were being constructed. And I would argue that my model wasn't even a building, it was a platform.

I want to tell you something, that this model that I had, 2016 2017 2018, guess when it first came up, what year? 2009. In 2009 I'm discussing this model as a baby, because I don't know my left hand from my right. And guess what happens to me, I get smacked. I was told I am teaching heretical statements, that I don't know my foundations from my pillars. I accepted the rebuke and never spoke about it, maybe for about six years. I Don't discuss the building or the temple for six years, plus or minus. But it turns out that that early model was correct. And it only gets laid out thoroughly, properly, I think in 2018.

So, it is connected to the two charts 1844 and 1850, specific Ellen White quotes. that you can put together, and you can show that the 1850 chart is the foundation. It is the firm platform upon which we stand. And what was the most hurtful thing for Elder Jeff? Was that the people he thought were on his platform

with him, Elders Marco, and Thabo, somehow or another, in in the English they say, jumped ship.

They jumped from his platform onto, I don't want to call it mine, unto the **Movements** platform. Somehow, and I don't mean this in a silly way, because they had to be faithful, they realized that they were standing on sinking sand. And last year they left that and stolen the firm platform.

And that personal hurt that Elder Jeff experienced, was too much. he never really recovered from that. I mention that because I want us to see how firm our platform is, our Movement is.

I want to add two more pieces of information. this story is more than just drawing a family tree on the board and showing you names and geography. I want us to see how this work of organization has grown like a mushroom. It blossomed invisibly.

Two points, two people.

I met Elder Jeff in **2005**. I want to express it this way, and I think could speak on behalf of Elder Marco and Thabo, that I developed a personal friendship with Elder Jeff. So, this personal friendship began to grow in from **2005** onward, Unfortunately, or fortunately I don't know, Future for America is not Elder Jeff Pippenger. It is a group of people.

And not everybody viewed me in the same way. But what I want to say is that, from an exceedingly early stage, I developed a connection with him. A personal and organizational connection, that just grew stronger and stronger, year by year.

Now what's the other area that has had difficulties? Oceana. And in that area of the world, I too developed a connection, this was back in **2011 10** years ago.

So, I made a personal connection there, which over the recent past has also developed organizationally. I mention all this history because, I want to lay a foundation for us, so that you can be sure of several things.

Even though human beings are involved in this organization, they, we, make decisions. Sometimes they are good decisions sometimes they are not good.

But what I want to point out is, no matter how influential we humans are, and we are influential. God's ways are past finding out. I quoted from scripture, it means that <u>we cannot understand God's plans</u>. He has his own ideas. And if we try to do some strange work, he just has a way of getting his will done.

And what I want us to see in case you have any doubts today and moving forward, you ask, why have you, Tess and Parminder, made these silly decisions. Who gave you these ideas? I don't want to say God did, I wouldn't be so bold, so presumptuous. But what I would say is do not worry.

If you see wisdom, good, if you don't, if you have doubt, don't fear. Because God is in control of this work, not us. Even when we get false Elders doing a work, God will fix it. Even if two parties develop, God will control it. Even if you find yourself, not only building, but standing on the wrong platform, by the way some of you are there today, God has a way, to get you off sinking sand and come on to the firm platform.

I am assuming of course that this is the right place to be. And I don't do that based upon my theology. I say that based upon one fact, which is fact. That this platform has been built by the Messenger of the Midnight Cry.

And I have confidence in the way that she has constructed this platform. Because it is, in agreement and fits with everything that has happened in the past. So, theologically, doctrinally, I stand with her. And if you today are on the wrong side and some of you listening are, or you know someone that is, there is hope for them.

I only mentioned two people, Elders Marco, and Thabo, and I hope they don't mind me mentioning their names. They are prominent enough, famous enough, to be able to take that. But they are not the only people that were followers of Elder Jeff, on the wrong side.

F20rom **15** to 20**19.** there were large sways of the Movement, who followed him. I would call it, his disciples. And nearly every single one of those people who came into this Movement, because of doctrine, not because of personal ties, left him and came onto the right side of the argument.

Don't be in this Movement because your friends with me or you like Elder Tess. Because you will be in trouble. You need to be here because of the doctrine. And then whatever happens you will be safe and saved.

So, in our next presentation we will lay out the family tree, the organizational structure. Most of it should be straight forward, but we will explain some idiosyncrasies or some refinement, depending on how you look at it. So that we are all clear in the direction, that I believe the Lord is leading us in.

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

let's pray heavenly father I want to give you praise and thanks. You have guided and directed this movement; we know that many of us have wasted year after year. At least from a human perspective it seems that way. In the final moments that we have left, may we redeem the time. Father we know that time doesn't even really exist. In many ways it's a figment of our imagination, and yet we connect events by this phenomenon that we call time. In the few remaining events that we have left, we pray that we would be on the right side, that we would understand them correctly, not repeat the mistakes of our past leaders, and move forward and develop our characters, individually and as a group. In Jesus name, Amen.

## **OPENING PRAYER**

let's open with the word of prayer, Heavenly father we thank you lord we ask that you guide direct and bless us as we transition from one year to another. Each of us wants to take a moment to thank you. You have brought us through a great trial, trials within our own minds, within the movement. and in the world. For those of us who can be here this evening we offer you heartfelt thanks. I know that not everybody listening this evening is in good health, we want to offer a prayer for those brothers and sisters who are ill. I want to send a special prayer for our brother James, please be with him and comfort him. We thank you that you are with us through the Holy Spirit this evening. I pray that you would be with my mouth, and with the ears of those who are listening. And, be especially with the translators. We pray all these things in Jesus name. Amen.