

Holy Spirit Renewal Ministries

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I have struggled to come up with the right thing to say in light of the killing of George Floyd and the huge movement of protest across our land and beyond. I know that saying nothing is not helpful, but how do we best affect change in a world struggling with issues that stem from Adam and Eve's original sin. We don't seem to have the answers because followers of Jesus do not love as purely as Jesus loves us. We are not completely pure in our motives and thoughts. It may seem too simple but what this land really needs is a new movement of God's Spirit touching lives and changing society. That is the primary focus of our organization, Holy Spirit Renewal Ministries. We seek to be instruments of the Holy Spirit in bringing spiritual renewal to Christians and churches, and spiritual awakening to our nation and the world.

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Al Sharpton spoke of a scripture text in his eulogy at Mr. Floyd's funeral. He read the words in Ephesians 6:12. "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." Politicians and civil rights activists will struggle with changing earthly powers, but we know that there is a much bigger problem. We have given over authority to spiritual forces with our own sinful choices. Because of this we need to wage a larger, cosmic war in the heavenly realms.

I urge you to take up the full armor of God and "pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication." (Ephesians 6:18) Specifically, let's pray for a great movement of healing of sin with reconciliation. Let's pray for the church to come alive with the presence of God. Pray that the church will live out its mandate to love one another as Christ has loved us. If we will, perhaps we will see real transformation in the land.

Yours in Christ, Rev. Edgar Owens