

SAPPHIRE LEADERSHIP GROUP

Noble Subjects of the Great King

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Mercy Season **Mystery**

I am writing to request seven days of prayer support from the Sapphire family around the world.

There is a territorial issue I have been working on quite unsuccessfully. I have been onsite, talked to civil and religious leaders, studied the history and I am still quite utterly blocked from understanding the existing dynamics or from developing strategy for going forward.

God is silent to the people there and to me when I am onsite. God has been silent when I have been exploring the issues offsite. I have used the normal diagnostic tools from a principle approach and other than determining the redemptive gift of the community; I have not been able to make any progress in any direction.

I have a clear sense that this **is** my battle to fight, so I am making like a son, not a slave, and looking for the raw materials God has already provided for me to make progress. In this case, the raw materials happen to be an international and formidable band of people who know my King, understand the treasure that land is, and are willing to give back to me in exchange for what I have so often given out.

That is why I am overtly asking for you to fight on my behalf on this issue.

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strongholds in the Mercy season.**

I could be very wrong, but I **don't** think that the lack of insight into the spiritual dynamics of the community is primarily because of demonic interference. Rather, I think God wants to show us a new approach to dealing with strongholds in the Mercy season.

I don't know what it is that we need to know. It may be that your joining me will push back the darkness and show us what is really happening on the ground. Or...this may be one of those history making shifts where God uses an intractable problem to show us a significantly better way to do life!

It is because I think the stakes are high that I am taking the unusual step of intruding into your already busy lives and asking you to give back to me and to the King in this way, by allocating some of your prime time in the next seven days to pursue this issue vigorously.

The possibility exists that the wisdom, insight and strategy that come out of this unusual piece of land will benefit the Body of Christ as a whole.

So our prayer focus will be very simple: **Ask the Lord to reveal exactly what He wants us to know about this situation.**

Let's refrain from coaching God on how to do His business, and simply focus on the bottom line. What does HE want me to know about this place, at this time?

Thanks for joining with me in this.

Arthur Burk
From the Quarterdeck, in Anaheim