



More Than Enough: Part 2

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Now hear this! On December 12, 2013, the call to liquidate the church mortgage in 2014 went forth during the Annual Church Forecast Meeting. I was present at that meeting and afterward wrote an article entitled "More than Enough for 2014." We fell short of that goal, and the matter has been presented once again to the congregation. In seminary I learned one of many important principles: if a word or idea is repeated in a passage or text, take heed because repetition is important!

Thus, at the Church Forecast Meeting held January 15, 2019, Deacon Alonzo Cockrell, Chair of the Mortgage Liquidation Campaign, and Pastor Robinson issued a clarion call to the congregation to eliminate the existing church mortgage by 2021, *if not sooner*. Like the Israelites enslaved in Egypt, I wondered "How can bricks be made without straw?" (Ex. 5:6-17) But seriously, I know nothing is impossible with God (Lk. 1:37). Following is my paraphrased biblical account of what can happen when the people have a mind to work.

This is what the Lord says. In Exodus 35:4-5, Moses received a command from the Lord to build a Tabernacle. Moses conveyed his orders to the children of Israel. In any building project funds are needed to purchase materials and skilled workers (men and women) to do the work. Thus, the Lord commanded that a special offering be collected to build the Tabernacle – a building fund so to speak. But only those persons with a willing heart were to give (2 Cor. 9:7). When the offering was presented, every one whose heart was stirred and everyone whose spirit was willing gave of what they had (Ex. 35:21-29).

The offering was presented to Moses. The work began, but every morning the people continued to bring freewill offerings for the building of the sanctuary (36:3). One day all of the craftsmen stopped what they were doing and spoke to Moses saying, "The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which the Lord commanded us to do" (36:5). When Moses heard the report, all the people were commanded to stop bringing their offerings for they had more than enough to complete the sanctuary. Scripture says "Indeed too much" so much so that the people had to be restrained from giving (36:6-7)! Can you imagine what would happen if we as a collective body would give with such generosity to complete the work of the Lord that has been asked of us?

Pastor Robinson and the Mortgage Elimination Committee, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, have cast a vision and made it plain (Hab. 2:2) to The People's Community Baptist Church. Everyone has a job to do but we must do so cheerfully. We have more than enough resources within this Body of Christ to bring to pass the vision that has been set before us. Can you see it? We must step out on faith and *believe* that it's already done. Just "Ask the Savior to help you, comfort strengthen and keep you/He is willing to aid you/He will carry you through!" Why? Because if He did it before He can do it again. Repetition is important! God bless you and may Heaven continue to smile upon you. Amen.