We Choose to Be A Movement

PCCNA President David Wells Prayer March 4, 2021

Gracious, mighty God, we choose to be a movement.

As your people, we hunger and thirst for more. There is so much of your life, presence, and person yet to be known by us, your people. Instill within us a holy discontent. The normal fails us; let us experience your above and beyond.

Come Holy Spirit, we honour your person and work. We are desperate to have you do what only you can do—be tangibly with us, moving mountains, while bringing peace in our storms. Empower us to live out the life of Jesus and to proclaim His good news boldly.

Lord of the church, you determine and know what lasts. Teach us to know what is for a season and what is essential. We have seen you demonstrate how to bring life and freedom to a people trapped by dead religion, while honouring ageless truth. Let grace and truth prevail in us.

Your call to us is to be of another kingdom while being in the world that we are in. We consciously choose the ways of your kingdom. We choose to follow Jesus radically, whole-heartedly, whole-mindedly. We choose simply to seek first the kingdom and to be transformed by the Servant-King.

We cry out to you for every person of every age, from every ethnicity and background, to become all that Jesus calls them to be—no more but no less. May every daughter and son of yours fulfill the calling you have placed on their life.

Take us to the people on the edge that you, Jesus, always seemed to find. Like you, the Spirit of the Lord is upon us to proclaim good news to the poor, to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

Our Lord, we envision fresh generations of followers of you rising and taking the church of Jesus to new dimensions of power, love, creativity, mission, integrity, reconciliation, grace, and unity.

To that end, we will lay our lives down so that the church in North America realizes the future you envision for our children's and grandchildren's generations.

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For your glory, amen!

Prayer drawn from the signature characteristics of movements from the work of Howard Snyder as noted in Chandler, John. *Uptick: A Blueprint for Finding and Forming the Next Generation of Pioneering and Kingdom Leaders.* 100 Movements Publishing, 2019

Luke 4: 18,19