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Expansion Is a Word for 2022 December 21, 2021 Suzi Armstrong

The word God gave me going into 2021 was build spiritual muscle. Muscle's primary function is to exert power. Looking back on this year, it was a year to build spiritual muscle!

God is speaking the word **EXPANSION** as we enter 2022. When God speaks a word over a year there is an anointing connected to that word. Step into and receive God's anointing for expansion. There is revelation, understanding and wisdom by Holy Spirit connected to expansion.

Expansion is defined as the action of becoming larger or more extensive, increasing in depth and breadth. Expansion is building. There is stretching involved in expansion as you take on a new shape – increased capacity. Giants will fall in 2022.

The spiritual muscle that was built in 2021 is going to be expanded in 2022. The definition of expansion says that it is THE **ACTION** of becoming larger. **Expect a lot of action in 2022.** Lots of opportunity to stand strong in the Lord and the power of His might.

- Very important to stay in the joy of the Lord.
- Joy that comes through union with Christ, abiding in Him. He is the vine, and I am a branch. The joy of the Lord is my strength. This connects back to building spiritual muscle.

Ephesians 18b-19 NIV

...grasp **how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ**,¹⁹ and to **know this love that surpasses knowledge**—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

- Knowing the love of Christ will be key to expansion.

Psalms 24.9 NIV

⁹ Lift up your heads, you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

- Go into 2022 With your head lifted up:
 - Lift up your head and know that God is the Great God above all other gods. He is mighty, powerful, all-knowing. All dominion belongs to Him. His kingdom and His peace are ever-increasing.
 - Lift your head to see God's agenda and embrace His agenda.
 - Know whose side you are on. The middle ground is gone.
 - Know whose voice you are following.
 - Know that your intelligence briefing will come from the Lord – through intimacy, through prayer, through the word of God, through Holy Spirit.
 - Set your mind and thoughts on things above – above what is going on in the natural. Draw from the supernatural realm where you are seated far above powers and principalities.
 - Have God's perspective – who knows the beginning from the end.
- Open every door of your heart and life for the King of Glory to come in – the One who is mighty in battle and is leader of the angel armies. The One who is victorious. The One who covers us with His blood. The shaking will continue and so will the warfare.

Positioned for action – expanded in your spirit man.

- Speaking God's promises and His word – the war of words will be strong in 2022.
- Bold like a lion.
- Fierce in faith – the kingdom of God suffers violence but the violent take it by force. In a famous song it is put like this: "Don't stop believing!"
- Fully trusting – being fully persuaded that God is able.
- Focused.
- Filled with joy.
- Resolved and resilient.

Colossians 2.8-10 NIV

⁸ **See to it that no one takes you captive** through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

⁹ For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰ and **in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.**

- The devil has plots and plans to take us captive in many ways in 2022.
- In Christ we have been brought to fullness – expanded.
 - We are not victims of the government.
 - We are not victims to the environment.
 - We are not victims of false narratives.
 - We are not emotional victims.
 - We are not spiritual victims.
 - We are not victims to sickness and disease.
- Expansion of miracles and demonstrations of the supernatural.

Psalm 46.10 NIV

¹⁰ He says, **"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."**

- Expanded in revelation and experience of knowing God.
- Expanded in wisdom and insight.
- Expanded the awe and wonder of God.
- Expanded encounters with the holiness of God.

PRAYER:

Jesus taught us to pray, "Our father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name". We exalt You Father. We honor You and give you glory. From before time began You were on the throne, You are God alone. You are unchangeable, unshakable, unstoppable – that is who You are! You say that You make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times what is still to come. You say that Your purposes will stand and that you will do ALL that You please. You will level mountains. You will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron.

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight. Their eyes are plastered over so they cannot see, and their minds are closed so they cannot understand.

We declare the expansion of God's kingdom realm in 2022. We declare that God's way is perfect and that the word of the Lord is flawless. The Lord reigns forever, He has established His throne for judgment. He will judge the world in righteousness; He will govern the peoples with justice. The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know Your name will trust in You, for You, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek You.