

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

Turning Point
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There is a new conversation in our Nation; a significant door has opened to share your testimony of Jesus. The killing of Charlie Kirk last week was a tipping point that became a turning point. There has been a string of senseless killings – from young women to school children and senior citizens. Lawlessness is at work. But now there has been a seismic shift – a turning point in our Nation. This is an opportune time to share the Gospel. It is a time to be open, honest, and bold in your testimony of Jesus. It is a new day. A new mindset is forming in our Nation – a shift in consciousness and perspective, an openness to new ideas.

In the previous president's administration, their tagline was that we were in a battle for the soul of the Nation. This was an accurate and prophetic statement – we have truly been in a battle for the soul of our Nation. We have struggled with values and a united direction. Christians have been crying out for the soul of our City and our Nation to encounter the truth and love of God. We have been crying out for a shift of direction – a breakthrough that is like a tsunami wave. And now we are at a turning point.

Hear these scriptures about the soul of America:

God Himself is the Restorer of all things, even He restores the soul of our Nation. There are paths of righteousness for our Nation and cities to walk in. Yes, though our Nation and cities walk through the valley of the shadow of death, fear no evil; for You, God, are with us. Your rod and Your staff, they comfort us. Bless the Lord, O the soul of this Nation and all that is within you, bless His Holy Name. The goodness of God has turned our Nation from going into the pit. To You O Lord, we lift up the soul of our Nation and cities.

The Hebrew word for soul comes from a root word meaning to breathe. Hebrew understanding of the soul; that which breathes, a person's or nation's life force, the place of experience, mind, will and emotions. The soul of our Nation and cities shifted after Charlie Kirk's murder. There is a fresh wind of the Spirit and a new dynamic.

A turning point is the place where a significant change occurs. What is the evidence of this change? 1000 responded to an altar call at a business seminar in Grand Rapids over the weekend. There are testimonies on social media of atheists buying Bibles to find out who God is. And testimonies of people crying uncontrollably when God is mentioned. I know there are many AI generated videos, but even if only a portion are true – this is a new level of revival. Masses of young people attended church all over the world this past Sunday.

Isaiah 61.1-2 NIV

¹ **The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,**
because **the Lord has anointed me**
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,
² to proclaim the year of **the Lord's favor**
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to **comfort all who mourn,**

Matthew 9.35 NIV

³⁵ **Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.**

- The goodness of God is real, and people are looking, especially young people.
- This is an outpouring through Holy Spirit.

Mark 1.15 NIV

¹⁵ **"The time has come,"** he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. **Repent and believe the good news!"**

- Yoke yourself to Jesus, His burden is light.

John 3.17-18 NIV

¹⁷ For **God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.** ¹⁸ **Whoever believes in him is not condemned,** but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

- Salvation only comes through Jesus – He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life!

John 10.9-11 NIV

⁹ **I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.** They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; **I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.**

¹¹ **I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.**

Acts 28.30-31 NIV

³⁰ For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him.

³¹ **He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance!**

- Do not be silent. Initiate conversations about Jesus. Tell your testimony.

Acts 17.16-17 NIV

¹⁶ While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, **he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols.** ¹⁷ **So he reasoned in the synagogue with both Jews and God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there.**

- This is like debating on college campuses – discussing life, where it is going and why.

Acts 4.29-30 NIV

²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to **speak your word with great boldness.**

³⁰ **Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.**

PRAYER AND DECLARATION:

We speak the Name of Jesus and release the Gospel message at the gates of Detroit. We declare that Light is dispelling darkness. To Detroit we declare that the Light of God has the power to continually bring deliverance in the streets and communities of this City – deliverance to the structures and spheres of influence in this City. We speak to our City and say, "Receive and absorb the truth of the Gospel. Receive in your innermost core the testimony of Jesus. Be filled with the fragrance of life, hope, and truth. Resound the sound of the King of Glory. Release into the Nations the sound of life and the Light of Truth."

Detroit, soak in, be filled with, immersed in your God-given destiny and purpose. Detroit, you are a birthing center and a place where revival is emerging and going out. The words that God has spoken to you, Detroit, are filled with the power to accomplish His purposes and your destiny. Absorb, drink in, and be filled with His Light. **Arise and shine Detroit for the glory of the Lord rises in you.**