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Lyrics of “Who’s Gonna Fill Their Shoes” by George Jones. I Don’t Believe in secular Country music. However, This is where I got the title for my message.

Introduction

In the annals of Apostolic Pentecostal history, we find a lineage of faithful men and women who have boldly proclaimed the truth of the Gospel. They have paid a great price for the revelation of Jesus Christ, the Almighty God, and the essential doctrines of our faith. As we reflect on their legacy, we must ask ourselves: “Who’s going to fill their shoes?” This booklet will honor the great Apostolic Pentecostal preachers of the 20th and 21st centuries, as well as the prophets who carried their mantle.

Chapter 1: The Great Apostolic Pentecostal Preachers

1. William Seymour (1870-1922) Known for the Azusa Street Revival, Seymour’s ministry brought the Pentecostal movement to the forefront of Christianity.
2. G. T. Haywood (1880-1931) A prominent figure in the early Pentecostal movement, Haywood emphasized the Oneness of God and the necessity of water baptism in Jesus’ name.

3. A. A. Allen (1911-1970) An evangelist known for his healing ministry, Allen's powerful preaching and faith in God inspired many.
4. David Bernard (1956-Present) A contemporary voice in the Oneness movement, Bernard has written extensively on Apostolic doctrine and has served as the General Superintendent of the United Pentecostal Church International.
5. T.F. Tenney (1926-2019) A beloved pastor and evangelist, Tenney's ministry emphasized holiness and the importance of living a separated life.
6. Bishop J. Delano Ellis II (1946-2021) A respected leader in the Apostolic community, Ellis was known for his eloquent preaching and commitment to the Oneness message.
7. Mark Morgan (1955-Present) A dynamic preacher and evangelist, Morgan's ministry has impacted countless lives with the message of Jesus' name baptism and the infilling of the Holy Ghost.
8. D. C. Smith (1904-1997) An influential pastor and teacher, Smith played a vital role in establishing Apostolic doctrine in various regions.

Chapter 2

The Prophets and Their Mantles

1. Elijah (אֱלֹיָהוּ) - Eliyahu

- Meaning: “My God is Yahweh.”
- Successor: Elisha (עֶשְׂרֵה) - Elisha
- Meaning: “God is salvation.”
- Elisha received Elijah’s mantle and performed twice as many miracles.

2. Moses (מֹשֶׁה) - Moshe

- Meaning: “To draw out.”
- Successor: Joshua (יְהוֹשֻׁעַ) - Yehoshua
- Meaning: “Yahweh is salvation.”
- Joshua led the Israelites into the Promised Land.

3. Samuel (לֵאמֹעַ) - Shmuel

- Meaning: “God has heard.”
- Successor: Saul (לְאָשָׁר) - Sha’ul
- Meaning: “Asked for, prayed for.”
- Samuel anointed Saul as the first king of Israel.

4. John the Baptist (יְהוֹחָנָן) - Yochanan

- Meaning: “Yahweh is gracious.”
- Successor: Jesus (יֵשַׁעַ) - Yeshua
- Meaning: “Yahweh saves.”
- Jesus fulfilled the prophecies and established the New Covenant.

5. Apostle Paul (שָׁאָל - Sha'ul)

- Meaning: “Asked for, prayed for.”
- Successors: Timothy (תְּμִימָה - Timotheus)
- Meaning: “Honoring God.”
- Timothy was a spiritual son and co-laborer with Paul.

Chapter 3

The Witness of the Holy Ghost

The Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Ghost

The baptism of the Holy Ghost is a transformative experience that marks the believer's entrance into a new life in Christ. According to Acts 2:4, the evidence of receiving the Holy Ghost is the initial sign of speaking in tongues. This phenomenon serves as a divine affirmation of the believer's new birth experience, fulfilling the promise of Jesus in John 3:5, where He states, “Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.”

1. Born of Water: Baptism in Jesus' Name

- Baptism in Jesus' name is essential for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). This act signifies the believer's identification with Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. It is through this sacred act that we are cleansed and made new.

2. Born of the Spirit: The Holy Ghost

- The infilling of the Holy Ghost empowers believers to live a victorious Christian life. The initial evidence of speaking in tongues is not just a sign; it is the blood witness of the new birth. It signifies the believer's submission to God's will and the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit.

3. Holiness and Separation

- The experience of being filled with the Holy Ghost leads to a life of holiness—both inwardly and outwardly. As we submit to the Spirit, we are called to live a life that reflects the character of Christ, setting us apart from the world.

Chapter 4 The Mantles That Have Fallen

The mantles that have fallen and will fall come by the will of God to impart into one's life. Jesus is the Holy Ghost that fell upon the upper room upon the 120. In John 14:18-20, Jesus said, "I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you." Jesus is the Comforter.

On the day of Pentecost, as spoken in John 14:20, they were all baptized in the Holy Ghost and fire with the evidence of speaking in tongues. Jesus is the Holy Ghost; when you receive the Holy Ghost, the blood

witness of speaking in tongues is when you receive the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19; Acts 2:4; Luke 24:47-49).

- The Mantle of Jesus: The Holy Ghost is the firstborn birthright promise of His Spirit (John 1:12-13; Acts 20:28; Acts 1:4-8). Speaking in tongues is the evidence of receiving the Lord Jesus Christ, the Spirit of sonship (Galatians 3:13-14; Galatians 4:4-7; Romans 8:9-14, 26-27).
- Endued with Power for Salvation and Service: “Let thy mantle fall on me” (John 14:16-17, 18, 26). Jesus promised us that we would do greater works (John 14:12), and Mark 16:17 affirms that signs shall follow those who believe. According to Acts 2:17-39, you don’t have the Holy Ghost until you speak in tongues, and the ongoing evidence of speaking in tongues daily is complemented by the fruit of the Spirit.

Chapter 5

The Cloud of Witnesses

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us, who have passed the torch to us in this generation. To the young students of this hour, we must protect, guard, and adhere to the principles of Apostolic Pentecost that have been passed down. The baton is put into your hands, and we will be off the scene before you know it.

God is raising up a new Joshua Generation to carry on with the divine order of Apostolic Pentecostal. Who's going to fill their shoes? The young preachers coming up must learn to submit and honor their elders in life. Give your pastor and his wife double honor. Never put your man of God on the spot or be rude or rebellious toward your elder in your life. Honor them, for they are a vital part of your spiritual journey.

Chapter 6: Filling Their Shoes

As we consider the legacy of these great men and women of God, we must also reflect on our own lives and ministries. Who will rise up to carry the mantle? Who will continue the work of preaching the Gospel, baptizing in Jesus' name, and teaching the importance of holiness?

Key Points to Consider:

1. Commitment to Doctrine

- Embrace the core beliefs of the Apostolic faith, including the Oneness of God and the necessity of baptism in Jesus' name.

2. Pursuit of Holiness

- Live a life that reflects the holiness of God both inwardly and outwardly, setting a standard for future

generations.

3. Boldness in Evangelism

- Share the Gospel with passion and conviction, just as our predecessors did. Be willing to endure persecution for the sake of Christ.

4. Mentorship and Discipleship

- Invest in the next generation of leaders. Teach them the ways of God and empower them to carry the mantle forward.

5. Prayer and Fasting

- Commit to a lifestyle of prayer and fasting, seeking the face of God for direction and empowerment in ministry.

Conclusion

The question remains: “Who’s going to fill their shoes?” As we honor the great Apostolic Pentecostal preachers and prophets of the past, let us rise to the challenge. May we be found faithful in carrying on the legacy of truth, holiness, and the power of the Holy Ghost. The world needs the message of Jesus Christ now more than ever, and it is our responsibility to continue the work that has been entrusted to us.

Call to Action

Let us commit ourselves today to be the next generation of Apostolic leaders. Let us pray for boldness, wisdom, and the anointing of the Holy Spirit to fulfill the Great Commission and to fill the shoes of those who have gone before us.

Bring Back the Dinosaurs: A Call for True Apostolic Pentecostal Revival

Introduction

In a world where the church often finds itself caught up in trends, performances, and the pursuit of entertainment, there is a growing cry among Apostolic Pentecostals for a return to the foundational truths and practices that once characterized our movement. We long for the days when the pulpit was a place of power, conviction, and genuine anointing. This booklet serves as a rallying cry to bring back the “dinosaurs” of our faith—those stalwart preachers and practices that reflect the true essence of Apostolic Pentecostal revival. The time has come to reject modern liberal, compromising, and woke ideologies that have infiltrated our churches. We must reclaim the sacredness of our calling and the purity of our message.

Chapter 1

The Legacy of the Old Paths

The term “dinosaurs” may evoke images of a bygone era, but in the context of our faith, it represents a rich heritage of preaching that is deeply rooted in Scripture and the moving of the Holy Spirit. The old paths are not merely traditions; they are the foundational truths that have sustained our movement through trials and triumphs.

- Jeremiah 6:16 (KJV): “Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.”

These old paths remind us of the uncompromising truth of the Gospel, the necessity of holiness, and the power of the Holy Spirit. We must not allow the pressures of modernity to dilute our message or our mission.

Chapter 2

The Need for Authenticity

Today, many congregations are filled with performers and exhibitionists, focused on entertainment rather than the anointing. This shift has diluted the power of the Gospel and the effectiveness of our witness. We

must return to authentic worship and preaching that glorifies God and transforms lives.

- Ephesians 4:29 (KJV): “Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.”

We must challenge ourselves and our leaders to prioritize the anointing over performance, seeking the presence of God rather than the applause of man. The authenticity of our worship and preaching must reflect the holiness of God and the truth of His Word.

Chapter 3

Vessels for the Master’s Use

To see true revival, we need vessels that are filled with the Holy Ghost—individuals who are sanctified and set apart for God’s purpose. This requires a commitment to holiness, prayer, and a deep relationship with God.

- 2 Timothy 2:21 (KJV): “If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master’s use, and prepared unto every good work.”

Holiness is not just a doctrine; it is a lifestyle that

reflects our relationship with Christ. We must strive to be vessels that bring glory to God, rejecting the influences of a society that promotes compromise and moral ambiguity.

Chapter 4

The Power of Old-Time Preaching

Old-time preaching is characterized by its boldness, conviction, and reliance on the Word of God. It is preaching that calls for repentance, challenges the status quo, and points people to the cross. We need to bring back the fire and fervor of those who preached the unadulterated Gospel without compromise.

- 1 Corinthians 1:18 (KJV): “For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.”

Let us not shy away from the hard truths of Scripture. The Gospel is a message of hope, but it is also a call to repentance. We must preach the whole counsel of God, not just the parts that are popular or palatable.

Chapter 5: The Role of Prayer and Fasting

Revival does not come without a price. It requires fervent prayer and fasting, seeking the face of God with sincerity and urgency. We must return to the

altars, both individually and collectively, to cry out for His presence and power.

- 2 Chronicles 7:14 (KJV): “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

Prayer and fasting are not optional; they are essential for a vibrant, Spirit-led church. We must seek God earnestly, asking Him to revive our hearts and our churches, and to pour out His Spirit in a mighty way.

Conclusion A Call to Action

As we seek to bring back the old paths and the “dinosaurs” of our faith, let us commit ourselves to being vessels of honor, filled with the Holy Spirit and ready for His service. Let us lay aside the distractions of the world and focus on what truly matters: glorifying God and reaching the lost.

The time is now to rise up and reclaim the power of Apostolic Pentecostal preaching. Let us bring back the fire, the fervor, and the faith of those who came before us, and let us see a true revival sweep through our churches and communities. We must

stand firm against the tide of modern liberalism and compromise, holding fast to the truth of God's Word and the power of His Spirit.

My booklet serves as a guide and a reminder of the rich heritage of the Apostolic Pentecostal movement. It encourages readers to reflect on the importance of authentic worship, powerful preaching, and a commitment to holiness in their walk with God. Let us not forget the lessons of the past, but instead, let them inspire us to press forward into the future with boldness and conviction.