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A SEASON OF TRANSITION (3) By Pastor Sumbo Oladipo

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- Christ has made available to us everything we need (grace and authority) to accomplish the work. In this sense, we are called to become restorers of the earth (**Isaiah 49:8-13**).
- According to the prophetic word given to us, the transition into becoming restorers of the earth is preceded by the call to be nation-builders.
- A nation-builder is an individual or group that takes proactive responsibility for a nation's systems, culture, unity, and future – often sacrificing personal interests for collective progress.
- A nation-builder accepts responsibility for the well-being and greatness of a nation and acts proactively, seeing problems ahead and preparing solutions in advance.
- A nation-builder is a person of foresight and critical thinking, equal to the high demands of the mandate. Joseph exemplifies this – he discerned and provided a strategic solution to the king's dream (**Genesis 41:25-36**).
- Joseph functioned as a restorer of the earth by preventing global devastation from famine. His solution extended beyond Egypt. As recorded in **Genesis 41:56-57**, all nations came to buy grain from Egypt, and in doing so, the world was preserved.
- The second qualification is selflessness. A nation-builder places the nation above personal gain, prioritising the well-being of the people and

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willingly sacrificing comfort for the common good (**Nehemiah 5:14-18, Hebrews 11:24-26**).

- Lessons from Nehemiah and Moses are clear: a refusal of personal rights and privileges, and a willingness to identify with and share in the suffering of the people rather than enjoy the comfort of the palace. These are the marks of true faith and essential qualifications for effective nation-building (**Nehemiah 1:3-4; 2:1-6, 17-18, Hebrews 11:24-26; 2:11-15, Acts 7:23-25**).
- Many celebrated “nation-builders” have left their countries worse than they found them. These are oppressors and kleptocrats who enrich themselves while impoverishing their people, building collapsing empires that serve no one. Like Pharaoh, their hearts are hardened against their own.

- It takes a compassionate man to feel the weight of the people's burden, even when he is not directly affected by it.
- It takes a man with the fear of God and a compassionate heart to see human suffering and act, even when he is not directly affected. Jesus consistently demonstrated this: before feeding the 5,000, healing the sick, or raising the dead, He was moved by compassion.
- A nation-builder thinks in terms of “us,” not “me.” He is wholly selfless, with no room for personal gain or selfish ambition.
- Some nation-builders think beyond themselves and live for others. Others go even further, so consumed with love for their people that they are willing to erase themselves for their nation. They do not live for “us” or “them,” but for sacrifice itself (**John 8:50, Exodus 32:9-11, 31-32, Esther 8:17**).

- A global citizen sees himself as part of an interconnected world community that transcends national borders (UN). From a biblical perspective, this aligns with the mandate of earth's restoration and stewardship (**Genesis 1:9-11, 24-25**).
- In **Genesis 1:28**, God commands humanity to fill the earth, ensuring it is continually inhabited and not left in emptiness as at creation (**Isaiah 43:1-5**).
- While we steward the physical earth to prevent it from returning to a chaotic and formless state, there is a greater divine mandate in God's call to fill the earth (**Joel 3:14**).
- Across the earth, many are unstable in faith, suffering, or lost in ignorance and emptiness, like sheep without a shepherd. The divine aim is that the knowledge of God fills the earth as the waters cover the sea (**Habakkuk 2:13-14, Isaiah 40:5; 9:2**), and global

citizenship serves as a platform for advancing this vision.



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- Why citizens with a message and a voice? John the Baptist was a voice in the wilderness, preparing the way of the Lord and announcing the coming Messiah. In the same way, this voice must transcend borders and nations to become global, because its mandate is to reach the whole earth.
- We must engage every sphere of society—social, political, economic, religious, and cultural—going beyond traditional boundaries of influence. Jesus Himself demonstrated this holistic reach in proclaiming the Kingdom (**Matthew 4:15-17; 28:20**).

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- The second mandate is to subdue the earth. After filling it, we do not withdraw but align it with God's order, casting down every stronghold that exalts itself against the knowledge of God (**Isaiah 40:3–4, 2 Corinthians 10:5**).
- When we fill the earth with the knowledge of God's glory, we address its emptiness. When we subdue it, we restore order, bringing every form of rebellion into alignment with God's will.
- **Acts 1:8** defines the scope of our mission and its global reach. The apostles first filled Jerusalem with the doctrine of Christ (**Acts 5:12–28**) and then subdued opposition by advancing into hostile regions like Samaria, extending the kingdom despite resistance.
- The final mandate extends to the uttermost parts of the earth (**Acts 17:1–6**). As they spread the light, darkness receded, and by every measure, the apostles functioned as restorers of the earth.
- One UN criterion for global citizenship is global identity, but identity alone is insufficient. History shows that even celebrated nation-builders and founding fathers have shaped the world without necessarily producing an impact that aligns with heaven's values.
- In restoring the earth and embracing a global identity, we must also be discerning about the culture we propagate across it.
- We must avoid a narrow focus that renders us ineffective. The missionaries who brought the gospel combined word and works—building schools, hospitals, and vocational centres—leaving enduring, value-filled legacies rather than empty monuments (**Romans 8:19–23**).

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