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Organic Culture

Relentless is a community of believers who love God and do life together. We are hungry for a move of God and are committed to discipling, developing, and empowering the people of God that He has sent to this house. The way we develop the gifts in this house is not through teams; we do have teams to serve in, but we do not limit the operations of spiritual gifts and abilities to teams. So, we embrace an organic culture style of gift development.

As an apostolic house, we expect many people to come in to this house and in our worship gatherings. Some of these individuals may be seasoned and proved in their gifts, some may not, and we never want to limit/shut the mouths and abilities of those who operate in gifts in a mature/seasoned fashion. Having this in mind; we have set up “protocols” for accountability and order in the flow of our organic culture.

Organic culture is simply the idea of a R&D (research and development) Culture. We allow people to operate in their gifts with the understanding that sometimes it will be edified and encouraged and sometimes it will be corrected for the purpose of building up and maturing in the person operating in their gifts. We get it right, and, we get it wrong; but we want to have an organic culture of “try” so that the dullness is identified for the purpose of sharpening.

The church has lost the ability to abide in Him and produce organically. We want to walk in a culture where the family of God can produce seed year after year and be pollinated by the wind of Holy Spirit; His ways and not ours!

Below you will find different ministry protocols so that people can operate fully in their gifts with accountability and purpose!



Altar Calls, Personal Words, and Worship Response Protocols in Worship Gatherings

We know that many are well trained in prayer and ministry, however, since there is no way to know everyone who is attending our gatherings, we need accountability in what goes on to make sure people are receiving the voice, heart, and direction of the Father.

- 1) **Altar Calls** – There are times during our gatherings where we open the floor up for what we call, “Altar Calls” - this is simply a time to minister, and come in to agreement, with those seeking answers, help, healing, and more. Every gathering will have “Altar Ministry Hosts” assigned/scheduled to help maintain unity and accountability during altar calls so that no false words or wrong directions are being given. Hosts will be identified with a lanyard/badge. While we allow people to pray and minister; these Hosts lead the way and have the authority to ask people to step away or submit to the Altar Host’s request to shift the prayer in to truth and where Holy Spirit wants to go. These Altar Hosts have been appointed by our leadership team. This doesn’t mean that only Altar hosts can flow, it means they are watching, hearing, and keeping every accountable to truth being spoken and Holy Spirit being followed. Altar hosts lead prayer and ministry times.
- 2) **Personal Prophetic Words** – With an organic culture; we allow people to release prophetic words in personal ministry moments; however we ask everyone be held accountable to words being given. The following protocols are how we stay accountable to words being given.
 - a. Always have a witness present – ministry should never be done alone – in our worship gatherings and any other groups or gatherings, all personal words should be given with a host or leader present.
 - b. We ask that all prophetic words are recorded or written down for accountability and for the ability to properly steward the words that are received. All of these recordings/writings will be given to the apostolic leader of the house so that we have records of all words given so that words are stewarded for the benefit of the receive and to provide clarity rather than allow an environment for confusion.
 - c. More Prophetic Ministry Protocols can be found in the next session.



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3) **Spontaneous Worshippers Walking Up to the Altar Area** - We have seen times during the worship gathering when people will come up to the altar to simply become more free in their worship. This is NOT your opportunity for the laying on of hands, personal prayers of healing, prophetic words, or other forms of prayers. Let people worship! The protocol for ministry prayer at the altar should be a response from the leader inviting the people to the front or in the congregation who may need prayer.

Prophetic Ministry Protocols

We know that many are well trained in prophecy and altar ministry, however, since there is no way to know everyone who is attending our gatherings, we need accountability in what goes on to make sure people are receiving the voice, heart, and direction of the Father.

There may be times when people hear/receive a word from God that they feel is to be given to the corporate body. The following instructions are how these words are to be communicated to the people in the group/gathering.

- 1) Words for individuals should never be given in front of a crowd unless permission is granted from the apostolic leaders or the elders. If you receive a personal word; refer to protocols below.
 - a. If a personal word is given, a leader or host should get email/contact info from the person receiving so we can get them a copy of the word, whether by written word or an audio recording.
- 2) All words must be approved by leaders and/or altar team hosts before being allowed to be spoken.
 - a. If a word is given to an altar team host; please give the full word or write it down and hand it to the leader while clarifying what you feel the Lord is wanting you to do with the word. The altar team host will then bring it to leadership for further instruction.



b. Leadership will determine what, how and when prophetic words will be released. Some words may not be released due to varying factors, including but not limited to timing or overall flow of the Spirit as discerned by leadership. Some words may be held pending additional understanding or revelation that brings greater clarity. This is why we want the words in writing; if they are words from God then they are to be released in time; although it may be according to the timing you think. Trust leadership that we will steward the release of these words correctly; sometimes immediately and sometimes the release may be later.

3) Sometimes, God may not give someone a word, rather an instruction. For instance, maybe God is telling you “someone needs healing” – simply take the word to an Altar Host or leader and we will ask Holy Spirit to guide us in what to do with that word.

4) In times outside the worship gatherings (groups, intercession, any meeting outside a weekend gathering) if a personal prophetic word is given, we ask that it be recorded (audio or written down) for accountability and submitted to leadership and a copy given to the person receiving the word. We are not doing this for control; this is about order and alignment. If someone needs wisdom, ministry, or advice about a word, leadership shouldn’t be blind-sided with no knowledge of the word given. Remember; we want to be a unified body of believers!

We believe as we follow order and protocols that people will grow in their gifts. Sometimes, words may be given incorrectly or in a fashion deemed unsuitable by leadership. You won’t be rebuked! You will simply be corrected, trained, and sharpened to help you deliver the word of God effectively the next time! We are excited to see what God does in our personal and corporate prayer and prophetic ministry times!

Prophetic “Acts” Protocols

There are times where we invite the people of God to come together for prophetic intercession, equipping, and more. There are many schools of ministry surrounding the prophetic with different styles and applications, so we have developed some protocols of how to honor the culture of this house!



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- 1) **Nothing Permanent** – We encourage the people of God to participate in prophetic acts as Holy Spirit leads; however we ask that nothing permanent is applied to the facilities. If God leads you to write something; write it on a piece of paper or card that can be removed. Do not write anything on walls, chairs, desks, other furniture or structural piece of the facility.
- 2) **Anointing Oil** - If anointing oil is poured, it must be poured in such a way that it does not stain carpet or other cloths or walls. Anointing oils spread over doorways, windows, etc must be approved by elders or the apostolic leader of the house.
- 3) **Prophetic Acts**– We encourage everyone to worship God and express their passion for Him in many different ways. However, we ask that if God leads you to do it; do not force (or keep encouraging someone to do it until they give in) someone else to do the same thing. This is your personal prophetic expression and we honor everyone's expression. For example, Just because Holy spirit moved you to dance, that doesn't mean He has moved everyone to. Sometimes it will spread like fire and everyone will participate, but sometimes you'll dance while someone else sits; that's ok! Scripture speaks of agreement; if someone agrees with what you feel Holy spirit is speaking to you, let them agree; if no one is in agreement; that's ok too.

General Meeting(s) Protocols

There are times where we come together for times of prayer, intercession, prophetic intercession and more. We want everything in this house to have the DNA of this house; meaning everything in this house to look like, feel like, and sound like Relentless. So, when meeting together please honor the following DNA 'codes' of the house!

- 1) **Sound** – All playlists, artists, and soundtracks must be approved for meetings. Leadership can help develop approved playlists for prayer meetings so that the sound of prayer gatherings match the sound of the house.



There are many different sounds for prayer and we are not saying those sounds are wrong or not powerful; they are just not the sound for this house. As we grow; the sound will grow and change; but let's grow and change together!

- 2) **Time** – This is simple – we start on time and we end on time. We are a house built on honor. Please make sure we start on time and end on time so we can honor people's plans and schedules and if Holy Spirit is leading/flowing past time; at least let people know they are free to leave if it is past time of scheduled flow.

Advice For Receivers of Prophetic Words

The following are instructions provided to help you properly respond to all prophetic words you receive at any time in the life of this house

- a. Immediately write out your prophecy, meditate on it and begin to pray it through.
- b. Review your prophecy with your spiritual covering (apostle/pastor/elder/spiritual mentor).
- c. Don't make critical decisions or moves based on this word without confirmation and counsel. Prophetic words are not always immediate and are conditional based off actions. Seek counsel.
- d. Prove every word with Biblical principles and witness of the Spirit. Remember that prophecies are almost always conditional based upon proper biblical response.
- e. Once a word is tested by spiritual authorities in your life and confirmed by the witness of the Word, Spirit and others, begin to put the word to action in your steps and decisions and expect the Lord to lead you. He will guide you steps of preparation that lead to the fulfillment of the word in His time and in His ways.

