



# **Building an apostolic culture**

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**Session 1 – Being Kingdom Leaven**

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## **Introduction**

- I started my working life as an atomic physicist
- I had a salvation encounter with the Holy Spirit in my bedroom
- I went to ministry training college for 2 years
- I built a large church and planted other churches
- I was an executive pastor at a megachurch and a Bible college principal
- We have been in ministry in Australia for 30 years
- I started and lead a corporate training and development company
- I am married for 33 years, have 3 daughters and 2 grandchildren
- I have Basque heritage

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## Websites

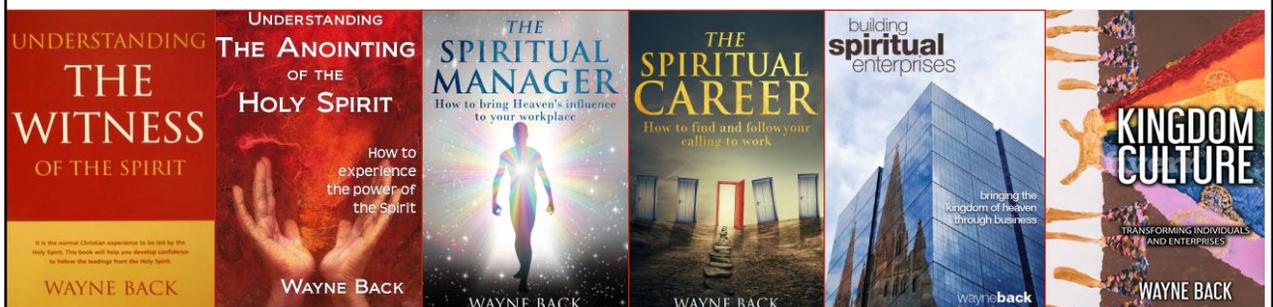
- [heaveninspain.com](http://heaveninspain.com)
- Our resources for prayer, prophetic declaration and kingdom teaching for Spain
- HIS Business
- [kingdomculture.com.au](http://kingdomculture.com.au)
- Kingdom culture assessment, strategic planning, training and development
- [mtaustralia.com](http://mtaustralia.com)
- Corporate culture assessment, strategic planning, training and development

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## Books

Kindle, IBooks, Kobo, B&N



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## Our common mission

- **We are all called to bring Heaven to Earth:**
  - **Matthew 6:10** : “Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven”
- **There are Heavenly “patterns” that we should copy.**
  - **Hebrews 8:5** “who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things”
- **Ephesians 2:19-22** has a pattern for churches and other enterprises
- **Ephesians 2:20** “built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets”
- **All Kingdom pursuits have a foundation of the apostolic and prophetic**

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## What is first?

- **1 Corinthians 12:28** “And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.”
  - **Tongues:** there is a lot of fervency and over-emphasis on spiritual warfare.
  - **Administration:** there is a lot of organisation and resource management.
  - **Helps:** There is a lot of assistance but little focus in the action.
  - **Healings:** There is a lot of focus on physical and mental health but too much time is spent getting perfectly well before doing anything.
  - **Miracles:** There is a lot of spectacular intervention by the Lord but often a lack of process for growth.
  - **Teaching:** There is a lot of relevant helpful knowledge, but also a lot of irrelevant unhelpful knowledge.
  - **Prophets:** there is a lot of direction and encouragement but little action taken.
  - **Apostles:** then new ground is broken and new foundations are laid.

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## Jesus was apostolic

- **John 17:18-20** “As You sent (Greek “apostello”) Me into the world, I also have sent (Greek “apostello”) them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth. I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word.”
- Strong's Dictionary: “apostle” = “set apart, that is, to send out properly on a mission”.
- Roman military term and included reference to the message, authority and resources of the empire.
- When a fleet of ships was sent to conquer a new territory; the admiral, fleet and colony were all called “apostles” even though they each had a different role on the mission.

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## The ascension gifts

- **Teach us different *knowledge of Jesus* (Ephesians 4:13)**
  - **Pastors teach us about His care**
  - **Evangelists teach us about His compassion**
  - **Teachers teach us about His knowledge**
  - **Prophets teach us about His plans**
  - **Apostles teach us about His mission.**

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## The ascension gifts

- **Help us to love others in different ways (Ephesians 4:16).**
  - **Pastors help us to love by bringing people support.**
  - **Evangelists help us to love by bringing people to faith.**
  - **Teachers help us to love by bringing people growth.**
  - **Prophets help us to love by bringing people direction.**
  - **Apostles help us to love by bringing the Kingdom to people.**

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## The ascension gifts

- **All ascension gifts are to “equip the saints for the work of the ministry” (Ephesians 4:12).**
  - Teachers should equip us to be disciple makers (and to be learners),
  - Pastors should equip us to care (to be pastoral)
  - Evangelists should equip us to reach lost people (to be evangelistic)
  - Prophets should equip us to hear from God (to be prophetic)
  - Apostles should teach us to extend the Kingdom (to be apostolic).

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## Apostles and the apostolic

- We are not all called to be apostles but we are all called to be apostolic
- Being apostolic means that we bring an aspect of the Kingdom to people who haven't experienced it.
- The Kingdom is a Kingdom of love and power spiritually, emotionally, relationally, physically and financially
- Apostles should be helping people to
  - Enter and bring the Kingdom
  - Understand and follow their gifts and calling
  - Build an environment of faith and miracles
  - Help people pioneer new works
  - Develop people in all the ways Ephesians chapter 4 says
- These make up an apostolic culture

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## Levels of the apostolic gift

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
<b>Gift type</b>	Every believer	Spiritual gifts	Motivational gifts	Ascension gifts
<b>Scriptures</b>	New Testament	1 Corinthians 12	Romans 12	Ephesians 4
<b>Apostolic</b>	General and specific calling that extends the kingdom	Gifts of faith and miracles	Gift of leading (by pioneering)	Developing others apostolic nature

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## Apostolic level one

### General extension of the Kingdom

- **Every believer is called to**
  - extend the Kingdom (to be apostolic),
  - to hear from the Lord (to be prophetic),
  - to disciple people (to teach),
  - to care for people (to be pastoral) and
  - reach lost people (to be evangelistic)
- **It is more about who we are rather than what we preach**
  - **Matthew 13:33** "The Kingdom of Heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened."
  - **Galatians 5:9** "A little leaven leavens the whole lump"

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## Be the right type of leaven

**2 Corinthians 3:5-6** "ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life."

**Mark 8:15** "Then He charged them, saying, "Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod."

- The leaven of Herod is the leaven of politics – being controlling and abusing power
- The leaven of the Pharisees is the leaven of religion – of legalism and religious practices without the right heart

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## Entering the Kingdom

**Matthew 16:19** “And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and whatever you bind on Earth will be bound in Heaven, and whatever you loose on Earth will be loosed in Heaven.”

- Keys to the Kingdom help us to more fully enter the Kingdom of Heaven
- Then our leaven is more full of the Kingdom and so we supply more of the Kingdom to others

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## 8 Keys to the Kingdom

1. **Prayer** - “And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words” (Matthew 6:7). “Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven”
2. **Faith** - “without faith it is impossible to please God” (Hebrews 11:6)
3. **Humility** - “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.”(Matthew 18:3-4)
4. **Not Judging** - Matthew 7:1-2 “Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.”

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**5. Obedience - Matthew 7:21** "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in Heaven."

**6. Servanthood - Matthew 20: 26-27** "Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave."

**7. Planting and growing seeds - Matthew 13:31-32** "Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches."

**8. Enduring tribulation - Acts 14:22** "strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the Kingdom of God."

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