

### Challenges in the Agriculture!

God was the FIRST FARMER according to Genesis 2:8. 8 - Now the Lord God had **planted** a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.

God declared Himself as the FIRST FARMER, that planted the FIRST GARDEN in Eden. The first occupation on earth!

What was God's intention with planet earth and the world He created? What was His intent with it all? Do we see the world's view as God's view and His intent or do we know God's view and intention for the agriculture sector. Do we follow the world's patterns or our Father in heaven's?

We as farmer changed the mandate of the first occupation to something other than His plan. God gave us His mandate in Genesis 1:28. - God blessed them and **said** to them, "Be **fruitful** and **increase** in number; **fill** the earth and **subdue** it. **Rule over** the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Our mandate from the FIRST FARMER and CREATOR of everything was:

1. Be fruitful and increase in number.
2. Fill the earth.
3. Subdue it.
4. Rule over everything, (fish, birds, every living CREATURE that moves on the earth). He did not include people in our mandate.

Nowhere in our mandate did God said we must own the earth, neither make money our focus as a sector. We can't own it because it BELONGS to Him!! Why do we do as the people of the world! Why do we want to own everything instead of ruling over it and subdue it to His authority that He gave us. Do we as farmers understand our ORIGINAL MANDATE from the FIRST FARMER?

God wants to share His creation with us for His glory and honor under His KINGDOM system by doing His Will on this earth as it is done in heaven. The farmer must create and cultivate the land as well as a culture for the people to create a society to be a home to everything on earth. Providing food, clothes, shelter, and LOVE to all that God created. That is our mandate from God. It all begins with the farmer!

Jesus declared that we as image bearers of Christ must not follow the world and its way's because if money is our focus the love for our Father CANNOT BE IN US.

Matthew 6:22-24. 22 "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, [a] your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eyes are unhealthy, [b] your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

24 "No one can serve **two masters**. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. **You cannot serve both God and money.**

Because we as farmers must replicate our FIRST FARMER, we cannot love GOD and money at the same time!

1 John 2:15-17. 15 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father [a] is not in them. 16 For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes,

and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. 17 The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

We must decide who we will LOVE, but it cannot be both, Our FATHER the FIRST FARMER or money! We as farmers must decide who will obey, it is time for a real decision!

The current capitalist system is built on property rights, where the strong will gain and the weak and pore will lose. The system is built on three pillars namely:

1. Greed.
2. Fear.
3. Own kingdom.

We as Christians farmers conformed to the patterns of the world and we live according to their rules, and we see that as the norm. Is it really God norm, His KINGDOM, and His WILL as in heaven? I don't believe it at all!

God's intention and plan for the world on this earth was created for His pleasure and His Glory, UNDER His authority for Him and Him alone! The current and visible system of this world, which is not His world, is build out of greed, fear, and lust, for man's own pleasure and own kingdom.

As the first occupation we as farmers must hear God's voice and understand our mandate so that our country can be healed. The earth is created to support live in its fullness. We must use it accordingly! Currently everyone uses the agriculture sector to get rich and we participated with them in this race for **money**, the love for money is the root of all evil and that is why our country, and the world is in the state it is currently! Sick and ready to be healed!

The love for money changed our mandate to the same mandate as the world. God will help us to be renewed in our minds to hear His voice so that we can replicate the FIRST FARMER'S - INTENTION'S and MANDATE in our sector!

The word "Agriculture" refers to where farmers/people, "CITIZENS" work in a "FIELD", "CARING and CULTIVATING" it by planting SEED that will provide the necessary FOOD and CLOTHES as an act of "WORSHIP", while they create a "CIVILIZATION" with a specific "CULTURE" in their society obeying their CREATOR. That is our focus, aim as well as our goal and responsibility as farmers in GOD'S KINGDOM.

God showed me a part of His heart in 2003, firstly for the agriculture sector and for His total creation and mankind on this earth while we are here. God changed the hearts of a few farmers in Ficksburg that stopped building their own kingdom's by willingly sacrifice their lives' so that God can use them to show the world THE FIRST FARMERS heart and His will visibly on this earth as it is in heaven.

The FIRST FARMER changed these farmers in Ficksburg's hearts, and they now love the people more that their farms, tractors and bakkies. People are more important that stuff for them.

God said to me that He will start with a few farmers and then He will include the community in Ficksburg so that the total community will life under His kingdom and doing His will daily – AS IT IS IN HEAVEN! Ficksburg will be the first society where the farmers "cultivated" the new "culture" and the world will take note of our community. All the glory and honor to the FIRST FARMER.

In the FIRST FARMERS society you don't need a pension fund or social fund, because God said that he will provide for the birds of the sky that don't have shed to gather, they just trust the FIRST FARMER for their provision! So will we also!

If we as Touching Africa farmers don't live a renewed life under His KINGDOM, doing His will – how would we show the world, that are so desperately seeking a solution, God's system, His kingdom, if we don't live accordingly? Christ gave His life UNCONDITIONALLY on the CROSS for me and you, and we that wants to follow Christ must do the same. We must give our life also UNCONDITIONALLY and God will change AFRICA to be the breadbasket of the world. Farmers that are our only solution to the problem – we must DO AS CHRIST DID! Give our life for Him as He did. 1 John 3:16-17, John 15:13.

We know His thoughts are different than ours and His ways are higher than those of the world according to Isaiah 55. Why do we conform to the patterns of this world? God is using these farmers in Ficksburg to show His heart for a time like this!

The world's farmers that are building their own kingdoms, they live in a capitalist system where everything evolves around himself, for his family and his kingdom. If you read Isaiah 44 the Bible, explain the world capitalist system in full, and God said they are foolish. The problem is we don't know the FIRST FARMERS heart and intention for creation, and that is why we participate in the world's patterns!

God change that and He will guide us into His KINGDOM and His WILL that will reflect His heart and His way's as they are in heaven now on this earth.

Touching Africa's farmers will live according to His pattern and His system, showing the world HEAVEN ON EARTH! – THE HOPE OF GLORY FOR EVER AND EVER!

LIFE IN ABUNDANCE FOR AFRICA THROUGH HIS KINGDOM UNDER HIS WILL!