

IN THE NAME OF JESUS

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EQUIPPING THE NEXT GENERATION

It was 1991 and Ed Silvoso had kindly arranged for me to visit Argentina in order that I might witness first hand the amazing revival of the Holy Spirit that had been moving across the land since 1983.

On the Sunday afternoon of my visit, Victor Lorenzo drove me to La Plata where I had the privilege of meeting Pastor Alberto Scattaglini who shared with me the story of how revival came to this city in 1983 through the preaching of Carlos Anacondia. He kindly invited me to preach in his church that evening, and the following events were to have a profound impact on me.

After preaching, I invited people to come forward to fully dedicate themselves to be used by God in the evangelization of their city. Some two hundred people came forward and as I prayed for them, I witnessed the amazing sight of waves of the Holy Spirit falling upon them and filling them. I was deeply moved by the sincerity and hunger of these people and also aware of the anointing of God that was upon this church.

However, more was to come. At the end of the service Victor explained to me how it was the responsibility of the speaker to be available to pray for those who had need of prayer. Somewhat reluctantly I moved to a place where a line up of people with prayer needs was assembling.

I was most unprepared for what would happen next. The first person in the prayer line was an older man in a suit who had a handkerchief in his hand. I asked Victor, "What does he want?"

Victor replied, "I think he wants you to bless his handkerchief". I had not ministered in this way before, but could recall something similar happening on one occasion in the book of Acts.

I placed my hand on this man and began to pray, but only spoke five words, "in the name of Jesus.." I didn't get any further. At that point the man who I was praying for was thrust to the floor by an unseen force, whereupon he began to manifest some demonic spirits.

This was all very new to me so I asked Victor what was happening. He replied, "I believe the man came to curse you."

I responded, "Is that what you would call a power encounter." Victor nodded in agreement.

At that point, Elders came to the man's side and began to deliver him of demonic spirits

Now this was just the first person in the prayer line. As I continued to pray with people, I experienced the power of God at work to set some people free and to heal others. An incredible anointing was upon that church.

As we drove back to Argentina and as I returned to my hotel room, I could do nothing but meditate on the power that there is in the name of Jesus. To that point of time I would sing about the victory we can have in the name of Jesus. Now I had experienced that victory and I would never be the same again. My visit to Argentina had given me a new vision of what God could do.