“The Nazirites are coming so put the scissors away!”

Avoiding the trap of quenching their extreme passion

Amos 2:11-13
Matt. 18:1-6

There is an extreme generation of **Nazirite** warriors that have been and are being released by the Strategist of Heaven in this hour. They don’t look the way we have expected them to look or act the way we have expected them to act. They don’t fit into the mold that we expect them to conform to and they don’t live the conservative Christian life that we have come to expect every young Christian to eventually “grow” into. But then again, neither did Jesus.

The religious people of His day expected a King with the hosts of Heaven behind Him and they got a baby in a manger. They expected Him to come in and destroy the Roman oppressors and instead He came in and loved them. They expected Him to follow the religious traditions of the time and instead He condemned them saying, “…In vain they worship me, teaching as doctrines, the commandments of men” (Matt. 15:9) and “Making the Word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down.” (Mark 7:13). This generation is the answer to the 2000 year old prayer started by Jesus, saying, “Pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest”(Luke 10:2). They are a totally new breed built in a completely different way than any other generation. They are the tools that God has chosen to use in this end time move of His Spirit and the danger to those who are not part of this generation is the temptation to condemn their ways because they don’t fit our mold or because they

convict you of your own complacency. So choose now to deviate from the path of Delilah (a woman used by the enemy to destroy the **strength of the nazirite**, Samson) and put the scissors away!

The Church of today is in a miserable state and the world is even worse. Fortunately God has chosen to love both so He has not given up on either one. But for Him to be able to help either one The Holy Revolutionary of Heaven had to come up with a revolutionary plan. You know what His plan is? A REVOLUTION! A revolution within the Church that will cause a counter-culture revolution throughout the world. Pretty ingenious plan if you ask me! It is not a revolution of natural violence but of spiritual violence. It is not a revolution driven by hatred and weapons, it is a revolution driven by holy desperation, love, prayer, intercession, and an unquenchable desire to see God and to see Him move in an unprecedented way in this world. The only problem with this plan is that in order to have a revolution you need revolutionaries. And there is a major major shortage of revolutionaries in the Church today! We as the Church seem to be content to have our own half-baked relationship with God and work really hard to increase our own little kingdoms so that we can have a comfortable life and not be too inconvenienced with the work of His Kingdom. Sure we go to all the services and sing songs to God and even cry and shake, but as far as laying down our personal goals and plans to live and die for the Kingdom of Heavens advance, we don't do it. So God needs to raise up these revolutionaries. In His all-knowing wisdom He has chosen this generation, the generation that the enemy has labeled as Generation X and has tried to destroy before they were even born. This generation has been marked by the Creator

as His chosen generation for this time. He is raising them up as a generation of nazirite warriors who have wholly consecrated themselves to Him and Him alone. They are born with an instinctive desire, placed there by God, to be extreme. To be radical. To be different. To brake the mold of tradition and do something new. To be violent! Not in the natural but in the spiritual! Just go into any public school or youth group and you will see these inbread instincts manifesting. They do extreme things. Things the previous generations didn't do. They aren't content with "regular" things. Their hair is extreme. Their clothes are extreme. Their music is extreme. Their sports are extreme. Their passion is extreme and when God gets a hold of them, their worship and loyalty to Him is extreme. They don't want to fit into the mold or follow the man made traditions. They want to be different! They want something new. But most of all they want something that is genuine and real! They hate "religion" and long for a loving relationship with Jesus. They are violent! Just turn on the news and you will see how violent they are. There is a new school shooting every month. The jails are filled with convicts of violent crimes. God has placed these traits within them and because the Church has been so complacent and dead, the enemy has taken these traits and used them for his purposes. He has directed their God given desires toward the wrong path and uses them to destroy each other. Is there anyone who can help this generation and teach them how to use their instinctive desires and gifts for their true purposes? In Gods revolutionary plan there is!

He has called the previous generation to be the fathers and the mothers to this young generation and to impart the wisdom and direction they need to become the radical nazirite warriors they have been called to be.

This is where the plan becomes challenging. The Church of today has not been too open to this young new generation and their ways. They expect them to conform to their traditions and the way “they” have always done it. “You can’t wear baggie jeans and a t-shirt to church. You need to wear dress pants, a shirt, and a tie.” You can’t come in here with pink hair and black lipstick on.” “You can’t come to youth group unless you get rid of your earrings and that black spiked dog collar around your neck.” Now I am not saying that, as a Christian you should dress like that but what I am saying is this; The church needs to realize that these are the people God has chosen to use in this time and we need to be able to see past their outward appearances (which is just an expression of their inward desire to be different and break the mold in a radical way) and start seeing them through the eyes of Jesus. He is leading them to us. Once these radicals meet Jesus and decide to give their lives to Him is where the hardest part of the challenge comes in. These guys and girls are RADICAL!!! They won’t lay their lives down for anything that isn’t real so you know when they give their lives to Jesus; they do it all the way! They want it all at once. As soon as they hear the message or read the scripture declaring, “Be Holy as I am Holy” they change everything about themselves to answer that call and they come against anything they see as an opposition to that call. They will stop at nothing to be holy before Jesus and to destroy any sin in their lives or in the lives around them. They become true nazirites, wholly consecrated to God as His, willing to go anywhere, do anything, and say anything to be like and to please Jesus, their Master and Daddy. They will call sin sin wherever they see it. If they see it on your television in your living room they will call it sin. If they hear it come out of your mouth they will call it sin. If they see it in the way you act or treat someone else they

will call it sin. This is the part that stirs our religiosity and causes our complacent ways to react in self-defense of our sin and compromise. When your son or daughter tells you that you shouldn't be watching that movie or television show because it is making course or crude jokes with sexual connotations and is impure and offends God, we don't respond with "your right son. I am sorry. I will shut it off." Instead the more common response is "You don't tell me what I can and cannot watch. I am the parent and you are the child." Or "There is nothing wrong with this movie/ TV show. It is just a joke. Stop being so legalistic." Or "If it convicts you then don't watch it, but it doesn't convict me." And you do all this without realizing that they are viewing you as an example of Jesus Christ. (Jesus would not be caught dead watching 9/10ths of the things we watch on TV and if it doesn't convict you it is because your heart has grown cold towards the convicting voice of the Holy Spirit and you need to repent and start pursuing His holiness in a greater way). The next step that we take is to tell them that they are way off and they need to "tone down" and be "refined". That their extreme actions are un-called for or wrong without ever realizing that the motive of their heart for what they are doing is to please Jesus. We then come against them and call them proud, arrogant, and rebellious because they "Think they are better than us". When in reality you are the one being proud and arrogant, assuming that what you are doing is right because you're older than they are. Refusing to see that what they are saying is the truth because it would mean having to admit that you are in sin and repenting. Your pride rises up in defense of your compromise because you have grown comfortable in your complacency and don't want to have to start running hard after Jesus and His lifestyle of holiness again. So rather than changing and climbing higher with them, you choose to stay

where you are and pull them down with you. It is sin and is in direct opposition to Gods plan for here and now! God gives us a SEVERE warning not to do this in Amos chapter 2 verses 11-16. Here God is talking to the older generation about holding back the passion of the younger generation. He says, “I raised up some of yours sons as prophets, and some of your young men as **Nazirites.** Is it not so, O you children of Israel? Says the Lord. But you gave the **Nazirites** wine to drink, and commanded the prophets saying ‘Do not prophecy!’ Behold I am weighed down by you, as a cart full of sheaves is weighed down. Therefore flight shall perish from the swift, the strong shall not strengthen his power, nor shall the mighty deliver himself; He shall not stand who handles the bow, the swift t of foot shall not escape, nor shall he who rides a horse deliver himself. The most courageous men of might shall flee naked in that day, says the Lord”. God is letting us know that He does not take this type of thing lightly. He is saying that the people who commit this horrible act of holding back or causing one of these young nazirites or prophets to stumble will not escape His wrath no matter what they try to do. Very severe warning indeed! Jesus says in Matthew 18: 5-6, “Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me. Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea”. Believe me, if you are discouraging, in anyway, one of these passionate nazirites, no matter what your age is, from recklessly pursuing God and His holiness, you are causing him to sin. Remember that you are the example of Jesus to these young nazirites.

I have personally seen parents and other adults in the church tell their children and other youth that they were rebellious and arrogant because they told their parents

that what they were watching was sinful. Granted they need to tell their parents or other adults in a respectful way, but for a Christian adult to respond that way to their child, the one they have probably been praying for to get set on fire for Jesus, that they are arrogant and rebellious for confronting sin is ridiculous. I have also seen parents and church leaders tell youth that they are being too radical or too extreme in their pursuing Jesus because they decided not to date until God spoke to them and showed them whom they are to marry. They simply decided that they wanted to devote all their attention and affections to Jesus and to avoid the sexual temptation that comes with a girlfriend or boyfriend, and they get told that they are being "weird" about following Jesus. They get told that they are being too extreme or "crazy" or "goofy" about chasing after Jesus. It is horrendous sin and it needs to stop. It is a trap of the enemy to divide two generations against each other. It is the devils strategy to destroy these nazirites as he has tried to do throughout history. He tries to steal the source of their power. He did it with Samson by having his hair cut off. The source of this generation's power is its passion and he is trying to use us to steal it from them. We can not let that happen. We have to put the scissors away for good!

This generation of Nazirites is Gods answer to bring in the harvest. They are the radical nazirite warriors who can go into the schools and the campuses and reach the lost where they are. The older generation's role is to impart the wisdom, leadership and intimate relational discipleship that the younger generation so desperately needs. It is a divine plan from a Divine Savior who wants to save this world and prepare His bride for the big wedding. He wants to do this by bringing two generations together to fulfill His final plan. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the youth and the hearts of the youth

to their fathers. We need to repent, go after God like never before, and push them to become even more extreme for the King in Life and Death.