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“Greetings dear pastor! With respect to the NJT Preface of 7th June, I think your outrage is certainly justifiable when Rhoda tried to do ‘pioneering outreaches’ in certain remote place in Hyderabad instead of spending time as you have stated “on our principal leaders and reinforce to them the broad purview of our ministry and how it should be practically implemented!!” Be it as it may, there may be certain constraints she might have faced given the ground situation but the broad principles you have underscored is so vital for our awareness and consciousness. Therein

you have clearly underlined the distinct difference between the Great Commission with the divine mandate God has given you in particular and we, as beneficiaries of your life-giving ministry all these years are bound to assist you. I thought your directive to Rhoda was absolutely wise as it is the best and most effective way in using the God-given scarce resources for her disposal, especially time, if she could focus to speak to those principal leaders. Undoubtedly, they would be the ones who could grasp your doctrines better and faster and would be able, with all probability to mince such lofty doctrines to the villagers in their local outreaches knowing their cultural context and spiritual background. Besides that, I thought that there might also be the security and safety issues also for her in places like India. Over and above your directive to Rhoda, I thank God for your pastoral heart to admonish us concerning our innate depraved propensities as we endeavour to assist you in this ministry to ‘restore all things.’ (Matthew 17:11c) With the darkest state of prevailing apostasy of our last of the last days, very sadly, a majority of Protestant Churches today have departed so far from Historic Christianity that whenever we convey those messages you have bequeathed to us, the hearers, if they are upright, intelligent and seeking for the truth, would marvel at such quantum of light shed on them! To resist the temptation of stealing glory for ourselves, we have to tell the people whom we speak that these doctrines are truths we have personally learned from you, as Paul exhorted Timothy ‘knowing of whom thou hast learned them’ (2 Timothy 3:14b). In fact, these are things we openly declared to the pastors and churches everywhere we go - that we come to them not doing church planting or starting a new ministry but merely helping the local churches to reform by imparting to them the Calvinistic doctrines we have directly received from you to restore them back to ‘the old paths’ (Jeremiah 6:16d). Hence our particular emphasis to speak on ‘the subjective aspect of the Gospel’ to warn God’s people to be ready for the day of reckoning so that we ‘may find mercies of the Lord in that day.’ (2 Timothy 1:18) Unprofitable as we are, may God still make us worthy vessels to assist you faithfully in this anointed ministry given to you to ‘turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just: to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.’ (Luke 1:17) Amen! Thank you very much, dear pastor, for reading my two-cents worth of comments and shalom!” ***Phinehas David Yeoh, Santiago, Chile, South America***

“Dear pastor, I trembled when I read the contents therein for I heard the voice of Christ speaking through you in your missive to Rhoda and the summary of your discourse on this matter. You brought us to focus as you reiterate and underscore the scope of our ministry - that it is more than just fulfilling the Great Commission; it is to restore all things. And what does it really entail? We are to faithfully convey our distinctives of the Gospel, which is aligned to ‘the Historic Faith of the covenantally faithful forebears’ and is based upon ‘experimental Calvinism’. Secondly, I am spoken strongly to acknowledge and affirm constantly of whom I learn these things - my pastor whom God has specially illumined him with the understanding of the Holy Scriptures. It is not by my derived understanding. Lest I think otherwise and become conceited and do my own agenda. Your admonishment is timely, and ever needful to keep me in check of my evil propensity to go astray.” ***Zechariah Tan, Costa Rica, Central America***

“Stunning and very necessary! I'm grateful for another precision strike by thee at multiple targets, pastor! I'm thankful to the design of divine providence for affording thee this provision to address us on our specific mission to assist thee to ‘restore all things’ among the Israel and Judah of our days rather than robbing from what we have received from thee and making merchandise to establish our own empires at our own corners. As pointed by thee; some of us lack the 'grey matter' but others are plainly stubborn and lacks integrity to acknowledge the extent of divine illumination upon thee because of the special calling and ministry given to thee. The issue on the distinction between special mandate and Great Commission is reiterated in great potency and hence thy justified holy anger against our unwise employment of limited resources at the mission fields that reflects a greater worry of our murkiness and malaise. On the whole, it dispels haziness, brings amazing clarity and definition to our mission objectives and it is heartening to hear that ‘our restoration is founded on the Historic Faith of our covenantally faithful forebears’. May the omniscient God help us to repent and grant us grace to be integral and faithful!” ***Zephaniah Soh, Santiago, Chile, South America***

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