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Almost 12 years ago, we relocated in Middletown. For me, it was a return home after 14 years. Within 2 years, we found ourselves beginning a Christian training ministry which also led to the formation of a small church.

Shortly afterward, I had a distinct experience with the Lord, during which it was revealed that the removal of the roof over the old City Centre would be the first step to a downtown revitalization quite substantial and financially prosperous for creative entrepreneurs.

Since, we have spoken, prayed, encouraged and believed that eventually things would turnaround. Also, we've seen exodus and relocation of businesses. We've endured arguments about unity, strategy, east vs. west, and they go on forever.

Still, regardless of "blame & shame," the possibilities for the city (including downtown) still exist. But the real questions for our city are these: what is needed; what will it take?

Realizing this sounds too spiritual for some, our city will not go forward into needed changes without the creative power of God.

It seems clear: God has a destiny for the city; God believes in it as well. This also seems clear: whatever God believes in is always possible. But what will it take to release the necessary creativity to bring about such a change? The blessing of God.

Every believer in Jesus Christ has the right, privilege and responsibility to release God's blessing over their environment. That's what it means to be the "salt" and "light" of the world. I would add this: it's not enough to tell (even) God what's wrong, but instead to receive God's blessing for the city and then speak and live it out.

We need a miracle from God. Now more than ever. And God is in the business of doing that which human beings could never even imagine apart from His Spirit.

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