The Ultimate Fixer Upper Reveal

I just finished reading Joanna and Chip Gaines, The Magnolia Story. By the way, it's a great read, even for guys like me that end up as accidental HGTV viewers. In the book, the Gaines share amazing stories of how their lives intersected and through courage, faith and perseverance God began to build things in their lives that they never dreamed would happen.

For me there is a biblical moment in every one of their shows, It's the big reveal. They bring the home owners by their newly redesigned house with a huge photo of the pre-renovated house masking its fresh paint, new porch, replaced shutters and new landscaping. Of course, it's the dramatic climax of every show as they roll the huge photo away, a moment complete with tears, hugs and 'wow's.

The biblical moment for me is the connection we find in Ezekiel 40 when God reveals to Ezekiel the New City and the New Temple.

He brought me there (to the new city). In visions of God, He took me to the land of Israel and set me down on a very high mountain. On its southern slope was a structure resembling a city. Ezekiel 40:1-3 (CSB)

This was God's big reveal as he walked Ezekiel through the New City and Temple which represent a time when we *all* will see the glory of God's perfect work. Complete with eye-popping design, renovation and beauty.

I'm reminded that this world is *a fixer upper*. The societal landscape is full of weeds, leaky pipes, stained carpet, faulty tile, and messy closets. They present themselves as lies, injustice, starvation, human trafficking, hypocrisy, hate and dirty politics. But even now, God is at work.

We have the same responsibility that Ezekiel received in verse 4:

He spoke to me: "Son of man, look with your eyes, listen with your ears, and pay attention to everything I am going to show you, for you have been brought here so that I might show it to you. ***Report everything you see****."*

We get to share the big reveal of our soon-to-be home, that Jesus is preparing. It's what we do as believers.

Remember His promise?

In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if not, I would have told you. I am going away to prepare a place for you. If I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come back and receive you to Myself, so that where I am you may be also. You know the way to where I am going.

I don't know about you, but after a rough year of lies, violence, injustice, terror, and protests, I'm ready for our new digs. In the meantime, let's do the two things He's asked us to do. Do "big reveals" of the Kingdom to come and pick up a hammer and renovate the fixer upper we have in front of our eyes today.