

RESET, REDISTRIBUTE AND REBUILD

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Reset- We need to reset the way we think, we need to reset the way we approach things, we need to reset the way we engage each other, our mind frame needs to change because the way we're doing things, we're playing a very low level game, we need to elevate and play at a much higher level, because every time we sit here and have caucuses, events and gatherings, by the time we get home and turn on the news, decisions have been taken and nothing you said is reflective of the decisions that have been taken, which goes to show that our vote on the ballot box is less valuable and some votes selsewhere in the suburbs, different provinces or some highlands matter. The only power we have is that X on the ballot box, wherever it is, we need to stand up and we need to make ourselves available, that's the only way we're going to start this revolution, otherwise, we can forget about it.

Redistribute- When I talk about redistribution, I'm talking about redistributing the wealth and equitable stake for black people in this country in time, there's enough wealth in this country for everyone to share, now we look around, it's the same usual suspects who are part of the system, and that system is a political system, it's an economic system that exists that none of us are a part of, none of us control, and none of us have any intention of being involved, we need to make our intentions clear and we need to state those intentions clearly, **why redistribute?** Because the wealth is obviously sitting in a certain grouping of people's hands and it needs to trickle down to the people, now if you look at the decisions that have been taken year in and year out, you listen to budget votes, budget speeches, the people that distribute budgets in this country, they're not from here, never been to Umbumbulu, they don't understand the material socio-economic conditions that are here on the ground, they sit somewhere else and they make decisions for us without consulting us and that needs to change.

Rebuild- We have a whole society to rebuild, besides rebuilding infrastructure, our ports, rail, roads, we need to rebuild ourselves because we are a hurt society, a friend of mine once told me that hurt people hurt people, now this means people that are sitting in positions of power, by virtue of their age, and nothing against old people but we're just talking about their experiences that they would have experienced pre-apartheid, they've been hurt, they've been arrested, they were beaten, some were electrocuted, others are not here because they've been killed, and they're hurting, so by the time they take up positions of power they know nothing else but to do exactly what was done to them, so they hurt other people, and by hurting other people is not a physical thing, hurting people is ignoring the plight of the poor, hurting people is them not dealing with issues of service delivery, hurting people is locking down the country when we should be opening up, people are unemployed, people are hungry, we need to be careful of the decisions that we make, the decisions need to be reflective of the majority population and it's not, I'm not taking light the situation, people are losing their lives, we've lost people, I've lost someone yesterday and we understand that this is a serious dilemma, Covid, but we cannot put people on lockdown, we need to get people back up on their feet and work.

So rebuilding is about re-industrializing, rebuilding is about creating an economy that is beneficial to everybody, rebuilding is exactly that, building from the ground up, there's a system that exists politically and economically, there are role players that occupy those positions, some of them are people that we know, some are related to us, some are friends of ours but they are unable to use that system to benefit us because that system is created for certain groupings. So two things are going to happen, not because I say so, because this is the way life goes, it's either we're going to destroy that system and rebuild it, or we're going to create our own system. I believe it's time to create our own system that is independent of everything that's happening in this country because if we continue on the road that we're going, we're on a road to nowhere.

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