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...and the leaves of the tree were  
for the healing of the nations.  
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# EXPECTANCY



**Kathy Gabler**

**Expectancy can raise our heads and cause us to look beyond the now. A whiff of expectancy changes the atmosphere. The zeal of expectancy searches the horizon of today and stretches toward tomorrow's. Actually, expectancy can even draw inspiration by scavenging through yesterday. The light of expectancy chases away shadows in your attic. Suddenly, forgotten Potential coughs and breathes again, treasures stand up like dusty *maybes* or *what if's*. The whole landscape dances with the winds of expectancy.**

I'm not talking about false fantasies constructed in moments of distraction, but genuine anticipation that comes from hours, weeks and years of effort and pressing on. After enduring twenty years of Philistine oppression, Israel hit the threshold of expectancy and tasted the beginning of deliverance through Samson. After twenty years of enduring his father-in-law's manipulations, Jacob finally breathed in the fragrance of expectancy and took possession of his wives, his property and his future. Twenty is the biblical number of expectancy, the kind of expectancy that comes after a long wait, a finally, an expected end. Biblical expectancy is the point when preparation brings results, the point when process yields fruit, the point when equipping fits its purpose. Expectancy isn't a luxury, it is a necessity because it is both fuel for the journey and the light at the end of the tunnel.

Recently, we received a text asking the biblical significance of the number 20. I'd remembered that E.W.Bullinger, in his book, Number in Scripture, said that twenty was the number of expectancy. I was

on the phone with Melissa at the time I was searching out Bullinger's book. I read aloud to her his comments on the number 20, mentioning Samson and Jacob as I did above. She said, "That's interesting. It was 20 years ago I received that prophecy through Kim Clement about being promoted three times to a place of purpose." That jolted me, because just three days earlier, I too had remembered that prophecy and had asked the Lord where Melissa was in the process of that prophetic promise. I had no idea it had been 20 years, suddenly expectation stirred in me. God had answered my question. The reason we had not yet seen her prophecy come to pass was because it involved a twenty year process to get to an expected end.

One of our spiritual daughters called a few days later. She called to ask me to agree in prayer with her for clarity and direction because she felt it was time to start a business. I was commenting on timing, confirming a God momentum stirring us all to action and change. In that context, I mentioned my earlier conversation with Melissa and our discovery about the number twenty. I heard it take her breath as expectancy struck again. She reached for a penciled note in her Bible and then explained, "Y'all came to Spain in 1993 and prophesied over me. I wrote the prophecy down and have kept it in my Bible for all these 20 years. Every aspect of that prophecy has come to pass except the part about my having a business!" Well, talk about Divine timing, that conversation ended in holy expectation!

Expectancy can develop out of a seed in the soul (experience, logic, desire, opinion, etc), but it can also arise out of God's good plans. When that is the case, God's intent exceeds logic and desire and anything experience expects. History proves there is no guarantee that an expectation forged out of desperation or emotion or panic will come to pass, but a holy expectation coming up out of our spirit in agreement with God's will and timing, will bring a God-forged EXPECTANCY and His expected outcome (Jer. 29:11).

Marty released a mid-year prophecy in July that God was breaking patterns. He explained that the patterns of thought or steps our thinking usually follows were being changed (broken and rerouted) by God. That, of course, ultimately means getting to different conclusions and opinions. I would add here that also means coming to new expectations. Old patterns being broken will include old cycles of memories and emotions as well as old paradigms that unknowingly limit God in our lives. Those old patterns broken will also make some of our unbelief and mis-beliefs obvious, and we will be freed up to move beyond them. So my expectation is new paths and new outcomes. The exciting point here is that if we learn to think more like our Father, our confident expectations (hope) will nurture genuine faith and all that God-pleasing faith can bring to pass.

**Let's take the lid off Expectancy through *Variations on a Theme*:** I have seen artists do *variations on a theme*, like roses for example. With twenty artists painting roses, the colors and shapes and sizes and details vary to such extremes that the results are unique beyond imagination. I believe that it would help us clear some of the fog about our life calling and purpose if we *expected* a variation

on a theme, if we *expected* our lives to produce a unique expression of obedience. For too long many of us have lived in EXPECTANCY that is limited in scope, especially regarding purpose, calling and fulfillment. Purpose often gets narrowed down to constricted categories as either religious, noble callings or secular, ignoble callings that are simply necessary functions in society. Experience and tradition narrow thinking even further by defining the most noble to be callings of God as those within the church structure or system. Even the gifts of the Spirit have been so narrowly confined that we don't expect a word of knowledge outside a church service nor do we expect a working of miracles in secular corporations or classrooms. All these limited definitions have dictated our EXPECTANCY level and eventually our outcomes. The theme of all our lives should be *to glorify God on the earth by accomplishing the work, (effort or occupation) He has given us to do, (John 17:4, NAU)* There is no need to box that in, instead, let's keep the theme of doing what you were born to do open to the Holy Spirit's variations. Let's allow the Holy Spirit to direct our EXPECTANCY and determine how we paint a rose in our lifetime.

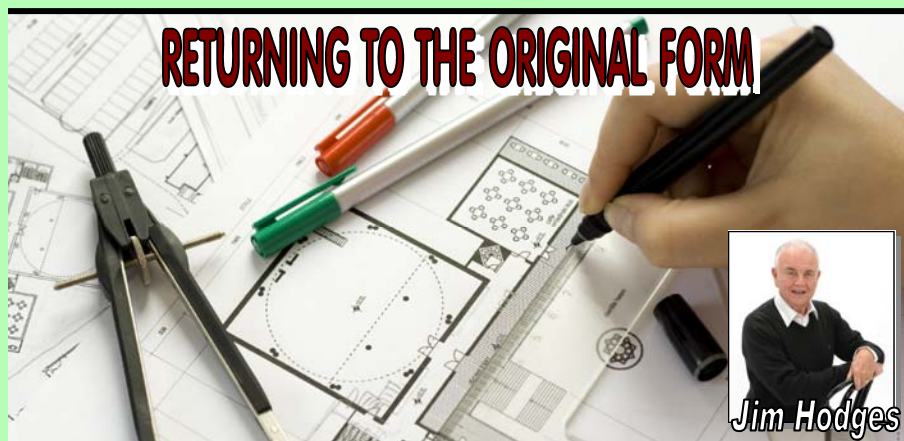
There is a deep breath of freedom in realizing your rose will not have to be exact to a previous pattern. It is good news to know that even if you perceive your call and purpose, that still does not lock down every detail about its ultimate expression. As surely as we must all mature toward the image of Christ in character and relationship (as sons), so we must mature in our understanding of calling and purpose through the distinctives of our obediences. I suspect history will likely prove our footprints as unique as our fingerprints.

I pray release right now for those who are gifted, called, anointed and skilled for life purpose, yet are walking unfulfilled because of misguided expectancy. Expectancy falls short if "be fruitful and multiply" only means duplication or mass production. Expectancy is short-circuited if we are determined to fit the mold of a previous model. Expectancy is distorted if it is influenced by personal issues like a need for attention or affirmation or acceptance. Expectancy is diseased if it is driven by fear or shame or pride. So, let's cooperate with Father as He breaks the thought patterns that lead to misguided expectancy so that we successfully break out of life cycles of frustration and disappointment.

Expectancy comes alive at the intersection of Prepared and Due-Time. By the time the prepared son or daughter intersects with Due-Time, something's gotta give, something's gotta change, something's gotta manifest in the earth as in heaven. An expectant woman goes through nine months of preparation and transformation to get to due time of delivery. People of purpose go through twenty days, twenty weeks, twenty months or twenty years, (twenty signifying the time needed to prepare and transform into God's order), to get to due time. A holy EXPECTANCY announces you are on that threshold of God's good plans ready to be propelled into what has been developing for tangible manifestation.

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This is the day when we are talking about awakening and reformation. We need spiritual awakening because out of all that happens on this planet, spiritual dynamics are first. Spiritual issues are paramount. Kingdom issues are primary. So, somehow we have got to lay hold of the message, not only of awakening because we believe and want revival, but revival will historically make a difference in the culture and in society. Therefore we want awakening that leads to reformation. I'm not in the reformation crowd fighting awakening, nor am I in the awakening crowd fighting reformation. We have to have both together to change our nation.

My focus here is reformation which means to return to the form. It is about getting back to God's original design. In the beginning, the first formation became deformed by sin, by the fall of our first parents. Therefore, formation that became deformed now necessitates the work of reformation.

How did God start the whole thing on the planet? He spoke His Word and spoke the worlds into existence, but He started with man by picking up some clay. He started by creating man from stuff He has already made. He started with lifeless clay. Can you hear this, creation is a resurrection. Even the first Adam had to be resurrected. God formed him with clay out of the ground, his skeletal structure and organs and every piece of anatomy called man, and then He leaned over and breathed His very life into man who became a living soul. The angels must have looked at that and said, "This is amazing that God leaned over and kissed the work of His hands." God loves His created order and loves you and me even more intimately. He created Adam, not just by speaking. Even the first creation has the revelation of reformation in God breathing life into man that He had established. God as Master Potter is continually reshaping and reforming His creation.

Reformation begins with revelation. Things do not change until somebody hears from heaven. When we are born again and saved, we get a revelation from the Father of who Jesus is as the Son of God, and then we are initiated into an ongoing process of reformation or sanctification. We are continually being reshaped as revelation breaks forth and demands reformation. If nobody demands righteous change, nobody is hearing from heaven. Luther, a Catholic monk in 16<sup>th</sup> century Germany, is spiritually awakened by the revelation that the just shall live by faith. This monk was reading Galatians and Romans and probably had them memorized, but he suddenly sees it. One man getting revelation turned Europe and its history upside down, and we are here today as heirs of that revelation and that awakening.

Reformation also continues as a work of restoration because the Old Covenant prophets prophesied ongoing restoration. Did not Peter stand up and say to “repent and return therefore that your sins may be wiped away that times of refreshing might come from the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ whom the heavens must contain until the restoration of all things prophesied”? Those prophetic words impacted all of life. Isaiah said that all nations will stream up to the mountain of the Lord to learn of His ways. The word of God is to penetrate the media, the entertainment, the arts, the government, the economy, the school house, the White House, your house. The word of God is not locked up in a book nor locked up even in a building. The word of God is alive and active and what God is doing in reformation is ongoingly restoring.

The word restoration can also be translated reconstitution. So God has to reconstitute America on the basis of His constitution and reconstitute the church on the basis of the Bible. I’m amazed at how many places call themselves churches but do not preach the Bible. So many just take the Bible as a historical reference. Reformation is unfolding as a reconstituting of things. You reconstitute something when it is broken and families, culture and society are broken. That’s why you and I are charged to build again with God.

I want to talk about restoring the church back to its original form, the church of the first form. When I read the following scriptures back in the sixties, they were not on my favorites list because they had stuff in them that was foreign to my background. However, God can speak through non-marked verses in your Bible. These scriptures are showing the essential components of the church of the first form, because the church in the book of Acts had a form. Through the ages, the church has had a form, but it needs to be reformed when it deviates from THE form. Notice all the things listed in these scriptures are in the plural. (Ministry is not a one man show. I am tired of the culture of American Christianity wanting to focus primarily on religious celebrities. Jesus was not a celebrity, He was a servant leader. We want servant leaders whose hearts are toward God and for the people. A shepherd should smell like sheep. More than celebrities, we need smelly shepherds. People are God’s agenda. The Kingdom has to operate in a through people.)

1Co 12:27-31 *Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it.*

*And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues. All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not workers of miracles, are they? All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not interpret, do they? But earnestly desire the greater gifts. And I show you a still more excellent way.*

Here Paul is listing God's appointments in the church, the ecclesia called out from the world, called out to serve God and called out to govern on behalf of our exalted King.

First appointed is the apostle. This does not mean "first" as if apostles are sitting on top of a "spiritual Amway". Apostles are not at the top of some religious totem pole. No, a better understanding of five-fold would be a car with an apostle driving, a prophet navigating with a map, teachers teaching on what they need to do, evangelist waving to people out the window who need to get saved and pastors deciding how to take care of those people. It is a vehicle concept rather than a totem pole. Apostles are first, not by preference, but by pattern and priority because apostles in their place will bring forth all the five-fold ministry in the church, Eph. 4:11. They bring the pattern and prototype. They need to be in place for God to say, "This church is a model of what I had in mind when I first designed it."

The word here for prophets plural is "second protos." Even though the priority of pattern is the apostolic being set first, the first five-fold ministry gift the apostle connects with is a prophet. Eph 2:20 says that the foundation of the church is apostles and prophets. This is important because it shows the connectivity of all the five, but this shows the order to be apostle connecting to prophet first. To complete this pattern, the foundation is laid so evangelist, pastors and teachers can operate at their maximum level. This list does not mention those three, but they are in there, Eph 4:11. I am in no way demeaning pastor, teacher or evangelist. I'm saying they reach their full potential when they're connected to foundational apostles and prophets.

Thirdly, are teachers; this same word was used for the third day when Jesus rose from the dead. A church can be foundational with apostles and prophets, but it does not rise until teachers take their place with apostles and prophets. That's like a three-fold cord. In the church at Antioch, there were prophets and teachers, plural, in the same church. Some churches would be glad to have one prophet or teacher. God is into plurality and team. The Bible does say about the Antioch church that it was of His original design. The disciples were first (proton) called Christians at Antioch. The Jerusalem church was first chronologically, but the Antioch church was first prototypically. The Jerusalem church did not obey the great commission, until they felt led to scatter when persecution came.

Miracles were next. We are seeing too few miracles, perhaps, because of our refusal to get in order. Now I am not saying miracles are a sign of good behav-



ior, because Israel was rebellious in the wilderness, yet they had miracles; but I do believe more order will bring more miracles. We see more miracles in other parts of the world, primarily in the southern hemisphere, where they might not have all the teaching we have, but their leadership is functioning as apostles and prophets which is God's order. God will give miracles even when we are ignorant of order, but we need miracles to be prolific as a testimony that God has something that He can pour Himself through that lines up with the design that He intended originally.

Then, gifts of healings were listed. Both words are plural. If the Kingdom of God is manifest, there are no tumors, no cancer, no plaque filled arteries. God's first form, Adam, was healthy. Some are thinking, we prayed for someone and they died. There is still some mystery in God and still some things solely in the Lord's wisdom, but if someone died, don't stop praying for the sick. God put gifts of healings in the church and no bad doctrine or experience ought to take them out. Why would you want to stop what God set in motion?

God put helps in the church. Not only is helps necessary on the practical level, but in the context of the first century, the way that the early church conquered the Roman Empire was by preaching the gospel, working miracles and believers taking care of the sick and needy as Rome was being overcome by Barbarians. In their chaotic society, it was Christians who formed some type of hospitals. It was believers who brought forth benevolence to the poor. The gospel to the poor is a Kingdom strategy that was co-opted by Marxism and American politics.

Administrations or governments is next. This word is rarely used in the New Testament. It is used here and in Acts 27, where it is translated, shipmaster. Paul in the account of the ship wreck actually administrated or governed the ship ultimately and so was the shipmaster that got the people to safety. The culture of America today ought not be steering the church. The church ought to be steering the culture and the Lord God is reforming the church to administrate and govern.

Diversities of tongues here is not basically talking about your prayer language. This is the gift of tongues and interpretation in the assembly. Beyond that, the word diversity here is from the Greek word, *genos*, that relates to offspring, nation, generation, genetics and genealogy. This is when God's people learn to speak languages we need in order to reach people. Daniel learned the Babylonian language because he could not reach the culture with Hebrew. We have to speak the language of the market place, the government and the culture today. The church has to learn something beyond in-house lingo. God can gift us to speak the language of every sphere and culture in society.

What would happen if the church got a firm hand on the wheel to steer, or . . . what will continue to happen if we keep our hands off of it? That Greek word for "steer" in 1Cor 12:28, also has the word "cube" in it. The Holy of Holies was cubical. Cubical speaks of strength and stability and a place for God's glory to be released. The veil rent at the death of Jesus was not just so man could get in, but

so God's glory could get out. We need to steer for His glory to be released in our generation.

It is obviously going to take some reformation to equip and position believers to "steer the ship," so we must ask and be open to God's answer to: What has become deformed in you and me that the Lord would reform? What has become deformed in the church that the Lord would reform? We will discover the answers as we submit to The Potter who is faithful and insistent to shape and reshape His vessels.

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"For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end" Hebrews 3:14. "He has reconciled you . . . to present you holy and blameless and above reproach in His sight—if you continue in the faith grounded and steadfast and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you have heard" Colossians 1:21-23 NKJV.

This is the day and hour that God is calling His people to stand firm in the midst of uncertainty. To show examples of those who stood firm in the Bible, I refer to Daniel and the Hebrew children. From the beginning of their exile in Babylon, they showed evidence of their determination not to conform to the practice of this worldly kingdom. When they were called by King Nebuchadnezzar to be leaders in his kingdom, they responded but would not compromise.

Daniel 1:4 says they were young, good-looking, knowledgeable men,

quick to understand, with the ability to serve in the king's palace and learn the language and literature of the Chaldeans. They were willing to serve in this secular kingdom but resolved to maintain their faith in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God is looking for a steadfast people in our generation to stand up with character, like Daniel and his friends, to give witness in a secular and godless world without compromising their convictions.

Daniel and his friends were willing to put their faith to the test, and they passed every time. They put their flesh to the test by refusing to be defiled by eating the delicacies at the king's table. Many foods at the Babylonian king's table did not conform or were not prepared according to God's Law. Because they participated according to God's direction, He produced in them ten times greater wisdom and understanding than those who partook of the king's delicacies. Crucifying the flesh is a vital first step in standing firm. If we are to survive the purpose of God in this hour of history, we may have to change our lifestyles to fit His plan.

In the third chapter of Daniel, the Hebrew children faced the test of their determination to trust in God. They were commanded to bow to a heathen image of gold that represented the compromising of their faith and submission to a worldly system and rule. They openly resisted the decree of the king, because it was contrary to their convictions. They were not afraid to stand firm. At the time of the writing of this article, there is a young Iranian pastor who faces execution because he refuses to renounce his faith in Jesus Christ and return to Islam. Many have faced this kind of persecution throughout church history, and this type of suffering continues today. Are you and I ready to make this sacrifice, if need be, to take a firm stand in our nation? The principles of Christianity are being tested. Will we stand by and let our faith be compromised?

You know the story of how the Hebrew children refused to bow after a second chance was given to them. They said with confidence in Daniel 3:17-18 (NKJV), "If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hands, O king. But if not, let it be known to you O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up."

Because of their determination to stand firm, they were thrown into the fiery furnace. We see the demonic anger of the king demonstrated because the Hebrew children refused to obey his command. Today, we see this demonic anger rising in our society because Christians refuse to compromise their convictions. This will become more and more acute as we

face the coming days. There is a distinct hatred for Jesus and the gospel. Forces are forming to eliminate the truth from our society. We must stand firm on every mountain of our existence if we are to survive. We don't need to be afraid because we know the end of the story.

The Hebrew children were thrown into the furnace bound and wearing pants, turbans, robes, and other garments as described in verse 21. That they were fully clothed has a spiritual meaning. Throughout the Bible, we see clothing having a spiritual significance. I believe these faithful children were clothed with truth, righteousness, holiness, faith, and all the fruit of the Spirit. These spiritual garments guaranteed their survival. If we stand firm and survive our confrontation with the world, we will need these same spiritual garments. It is time we let the Holy Spirit clothe us anew with every holy garment to meet the challenge of the end times. Standing firm is manifested in many forms, including faithfulness, obedience, confidence, accountability, dedication, dependability, and loyalty. God has a wardrobe of garments that, if worn with spiritual dignity, can identify us as His overcoming citizens of the kingdom of heaven.

Third, the men who threw the children into the furnace were killed. In the same fire that the Hebrew children survived, these men died. The world's devices against God's people will become their means of destruction. The characteristic of hell is fire. God's promise is that no weapon formed against us will prosper, and every tongue that rises against us in judgment we will condemn (Isaiah 54:17). The Hebrew children stood firm and were delivered. The same God who delivered them will deliver us in this day of uncertainty and turn the world's devices of destruction against them.

God Himself honored the faith of these Hebrew children. By showing up in person in their midst, God demonstrated His power to deliver. He was visible to all looking on. It is believed this was the pre-incarnate Christ of promise, making known His power to save many years before His death and resurrection. Those who dare to stand firm in our day of testing will not be disappointed, because, if He would do it for these men of faith, He will do it for those of faith in this generation. I believe God, in the form of Jesus Christ and Holy Spirit and accompanied by the host of heaven, is about to show up in this hour like they have never done before. The whole world will see the signs, wonders, and miracles as revealed by prophets and John the Revelator. Stand firm, for it will happen.

Having seen this take place before their eyes, the king and his court were unquestionably dumfounded by what had happened. All doubt was removed about who was the most powerful God. When this happens in our day, the world will know who is the Lord of Lords and King of Kings. All doubt will be removed. God is going to show Himself ruler of the universe. For those who stand firm, it will be a glorious day.

A few years down the road from this display of the Hebrew children, we witness Daniel demonstrating his opportunity to stand firm under a different king and government. Although he had favor and position, this was a secular nation,



with gods and influences that did not understand the laws and covenants of the God of Abraham. Political spirits with demonic influence possessed the governmental structure of that kingdom. Daniel had to stand firm, as he worked daily among these influences. Every day they sought to find some way to destroy Daniel's favor and honesty before the king. After much effort to find a crack in his character, they attacked Daniel's faith and relationship with God (Daniel 6:1-6). This sounds like something we would witness in our generation.

Daniel was not moved by their scheme. As I was praying about this part of the article, I asked the Lord to show me the structure of Daniel's firm stand in this situation. God said Daniel was, "fearless, bold and determined."

Daniel knew the consequence of his decision to stand firm, but it did not alter his faith or commitment to his consecration and loyalty to his testimony. We are living in a time when the church, the individual Christian, and the moves and teachings of the Holy Spirit based on the Word of God are being extremely tested. God's people must not be intimidated by the schemes of the world and the Devil to bring fear and weakness to the bold expression of the kingdom of heaven. The body of Christ must be determined to declare the gospel with the power of the Holy Spirit. This generation of believers can face the giants and the lions with confidence that God will deliver them from the jaws of those with destructive purposes.

First, Daniel was "fearless". He had lived in this kind of atmosphere for many years. This incident in the lion's den was not his first encounter with contrary forces. He had battled through the times of Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, and the challenging conditions of Babylonia. He and the Hebrew children became strong in their resistance against evil in that land. Being led through obedience to seeing God work miracles on one's behalf can bring confidence in the Word of God. Faith is matured through courageous acts. Daniel's faith was strong because of the success of his valor, which eliminated his fear. The first element in standing firm is to overcome fear. Daniel was not afraid to face the lions, because he knew by faith that God would deliver him. Our God will deliver us in our day if we are fearless in this time of uncertainty.

Daniel's fearlessness leads to "boldness." Boldness is another element of standing firm. God doesn't need wimps in battles to establish His kingdom on earth. Because of Daniel's boldness, God sent the angels to control his circumstance. God is ready to respond to those who stand boldly against the inva-



sion of evil in our society. I believe the true body of Christ is God's ordained organism to resist the force of greed and sin released on the world. Demonstrations and marches may show the frustration of those who are emotionally in bondage, but they will not solve the problems that only can be revealed through revelation from heaven.

Determination prods to action those filled with confidence and boldness. Daniel walked into the lions' den determined to see the challengers of his faith pushed back to a defeated level. He faced the dawn of a new day with victory over fear, doubt, and intimidation. With some determination, we can face the issues of our day that seek to defeat and discourage us. In Matthew 10:22 (NKJV), Jesus said, "And ye shall be hated of all men for My name's sake; but he who endures to the end will be saved."

The word "endure" in this scripture means to remain true to one's convictions, bear up under trials, and resist with fortitude and perseverance. Endurance adds up to determination. God is looking for people who will stand steadfast to the end.

Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, challenged the Israelites to stand firm against the enemy. When Jehoshaphat was confronted by his enemies in 2 Chronicles 20, verse 3 says he was terrified by the news. He did what we all should do when confronted by terror. He called God's people together to pray and fast. He carefully told God the details of his situation. He closed the prayer with these words, found in verse 12, "We do not know what to do, but we are looking to you for help." God sent a prophet with this word, "Do not be afraid! Don't be discouraged by this mighty army, for the battle is not yours, but God's. Tomorrow, march out against them . . . He is with you."

After thanking and worshipping the Lord, Jehoshaphat stood before the people and said in verse twenty, "Listen to me, all you people of Judah and Jerusalem! Believe in the Lord your God, and you will be able to stand firm. Believe in his prophets, and you will succeed."

The singers went before the army with praise and worship, declaring the faithfulness of the Lord. God caused the enemy to be confused, and they turned on each other. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. When we stand firm in our faith, He will go before us in this hour.

**(This article was taken from Dr. Lewis' new book *The Essence Of God's Kingdom*. See information below to order.)**

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## Can the Church Do It Again?



Dr. Hope Taylor



Due to a recent flight cancellation, I had the opportunity to spend a day in beautiful Telluride, Colorado, at 8,745 feet elevation. While enjoying off the charts mountain scenery and a quaint downtown setting, I was in a store on Colorado Avenue and had an interesting conversation with the enthusiastic and engaging lady working the checkout counter. After a few comments, she asked if I was a professor. Not being one who takes the first opportunity to announce my profession as a minister because it can be a conversation extinguisher with some people, I responded, "I am a speaker and educator, but not in an institutional setting."

She dug deeper into the conversation by asking, "What do you do?" I then said, "I am a minister."

After many years of this type of interaction, without exception, the next thing out of the person's mouth will be very revealing. Now on full alert for her potential responses, I heard these words: "So many young people are using drugs. It seems since they took religion out of education, the problems have gotten much worse." Then came the defining moment of the conversation as, with genuine concern, she asked if I thought it was too late. Among other things, I responded, "If I thought it was too late, I'd unpack my luggage, stay in Telluride and enjoy the beautiful creation."

Reflecting on this interaction, I've been pondering this question: can our generation do what the Church did as reported by her severest enemies in Acts 17:5 & 6? In the city of Thessalonica, the Church's reputation and influence caused the jealous Jews to give them the greatest public relations talking points ever when they said, "These men who have upset the world have come here also."

Will it be said of our lives and ministries that we upset our neighbor-

hoods and nation, our communities and cultures with the gospel of the Kingdom of God? How will our generation respond to questions on the streets like my Telluride acquaintance asked: "Is it too late?"

We believe there is time to fulfill that which God has called us to individually and corporately. We also believe the Scriptures are the master key and blue print for how we can effectively engage our culture and lead it into societal transformation. Our starting point and foundation of faith is that only the Church can turn our nation. We will build alliances with those groups and organizations who work for the common good of our cities, yet scripturally the Church carries a mantle for transformation like none other. This leads to the question of how.

The Church at Antioch is a model and pattern of what it will take to change our neighborhoods and nation. The strategy for societal transformation ultimately filters down to the presence of local congregations and ministries who demonstrate the Kingdom dynamics seen at Antioch. America desperately needs to be saturated at the local level with ATMs -- Antioch Type Models. In this article, we will briefly look at four core values seen then, which are values that are on demand now.

1) Centrality of Jesus! Acts 11:19 & 20 vividly portray how Antioch preached and prioritized Jesus. Successful transformation by the Church is built on this foundation. Seminars, conferences, books, sermons, social media comments, songs, seminaries, Bible schools, blogs, etc. seem endless, and yet our culture shows signs of decay. As believers and ministry leaders, there must be a returning in our lives, conversations and messages to the centrality of Jesus! In our desire for relevancy to those we lead and influence, we've drifted from the anchoring truth Antioch leaders were tied to -- preaching the Lord Jesus. Can it be, my friends and co-laborers in the Kingdom of God, that our social decay is linked to our feeding the people a steady diet of filler and substitutes? ATMs keep their focus on the centrality of Jesus!

2) Kingdom view of ethnicity. Acts 11:19 & 20 reveal a striking contrast between Antioch and the other cities. Phoenicia and Cyprus saw race while Antioch saw grace. In reality there is only one human race with different ethnicities. Genuine Kingdom people see grace before ethnicity and culture. Being born in the South and spending many following years there, we can testify to the importance of God giving revelation of His Kingdom and its prevalence over our particular natural born cultures. As we witness the most recent eruption of ethnic prejudices in America exposed by the Zimmerman case, it is a reminder of what Antioch demonstrated -- an understanding, maturity and heart to prioritize a Kingdom view of ethnicity. Our hearts have been saddened by the devastating loss of life and tremendous pressures the Martin and Zimmerman families have experienced. We are deeply concerned by the wide spread ethnically-incensed responses this case has exposed among the Church. Antioch-type believers can step into this situation, model the Kingdom of God, and by the grace of God, we could see the root of racism uprooted in our lifetime. As we respond to a tragedy with a Kingdom view of ethnicity, the Lord who causes all things to work to-



gether for the good of those who love Him is able to heal, deliver and make whole a divided nation. Can the Church do it again? Can the Church model a Biblical example of ethnicity and thereby be the catalyst for cultural healing?

3) Activation. Acts 11:27-30 is a prime example of the Antioch Church being socially active. Agabus prophesied a great famine throughout the region, and the people took action to help those hurt by the loss of daily necessities. Verse 29 states each of them got involved in a very practical way to respond to the prophetic word and help those hurting. Having spent many years among a portion of the Church which embraces the prophetic gift of God and how He speaks to His people to encourage, edify and comfort, it is particularly exciting to see a grass-roots movement activated toward humanitarian and social relief. Can the Church upset our communities as the early Church did? It can and will as she moves from a spiritually introverted dysfunctional mode into a Kingdom culture, which is active in societal transformation. Antioch Type Models are active in their neighborhoods and nations!

4) Territorial Authority. Acts 11:27-30 reveals a core value of the Antioch Church and is an example for us. These believers felt a responsibility beyond their own immediate footprint. When the word came regarding the famine and how broad it would be, they took ownership and set in motion a strategy to minister. The scripture says the famine would be all over the world, and the Antioch Church understood their role to be ministers of the gospel to the world. God had given them a revelation of their Kingdom authority, and it reached into the known world. If the Church in our generation is to disciple or "upset" the nations as Jesus commissioned us in Mathew 28:18-20, there must be an enlarging of our territorial authority. Effective ministries will see the Lord broadening their reach to include people and territories they once may have not carried a burden for. ATMs planted throughout our cities that move in a broader territorial authority will be the catalyst for societal transformation in our lifetime.

Countless people in America ask the question "Is it too late?" The answer is it's not too late to see our generation so used of God to bring societal transformation that even our enemies become our greatest allies as they state, "Those who have upset the world have come here also."

#### Prayer & Action Points:

- 1) Pray for the centrality of Jesus among the leaders and believers!
- 2) Ask God to reveal His Kingdom revelation regarding ethnicity to you. Build relationships with people across ethnic boundaries.
- 3) Talk to your leadership about how you and your congregation can become more active in your community. What has God given you that can become a catalyst for community transformation?

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The LORD spoke to His prophets because their life was a life of prayer. He then often asked them to display with words and actions the decisions of the LORD'S word to them. Isaiah spent three years walking in his loin cloth to display what would happen to nations that Israel trusted in instead of Yahweh (Isaiah 20:2-6). I want to challenge the church of America – even if only a remnant. We must begin to consider our lives as lost to Christ, forsake our lust for comfort, and boldly face what kind of land we leave for our children. First we are called to pray.

It is courageous to pray and to obey in our time here in the nation. Let me say UP FRONT that there is nothing scarier to me than for God's people to move without a word from the Lord. Any action or obedience that is not following a word from the Lord is obedience to something else. But I do believe we will see times of Spirit-led action in the near future. Our prayers and active obedience will not just be motivated by love of our nation. Please hear that COVENANT with God is generational and our motivation – our passion is generated by our hearts joined to see His Kingdom come to earth and His love for generations of those that will serve Him

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German Christian living in America when he felt he must return to Germany as it was being overtaken by Hitler and Nazism. He was a man of prayer and he also died a martyr in prison. He said some beautiful things: "When Christ calls a man, he bids him come

and die.” I do believe his prayers and even his death paved the way for Hitler’s defeat. He said, “The essence of optimism is that it takes no account of the present, but it is a source of inspiration, of vitality and hope where others have resigned; it enables a man to hold his head high, to claim the future for himself and not to abandon it to his enemy.” He also stated, “The ultimate test of a moral society is the kind of world that it leaves to its children.”

Dr. Martin Luther King said, “Never forget that everything Hitler did in Germany was legal.” He also said that “History will have to record that the greatest tragedy of this period of social transition was not the strident clamor of the bad people, but the appalling silence of the good people.”

I have always admired these two people who died for what was righteous and just- both honoring the law of love and insisting that God’s people never give in to hatred or false judgment.

Recently I met a Bible Church pastor who is a black man and was involved in our nation’s struggle for civil rights for the black race. He is a very bold man and for several reasons I am not going to name him but I want to quote him also. He said, “We have way too many evanjelly-fish. The minute he said this I could see many born-again floating around in an ocean called religion with no backbone what-so-ever. Why quote all these people who stood in times of national conflict? Because we stand in such a time! For the sake of space I will not give you the many cases right now in our nation concerning decisions that attempt to hinder and stop Christianity from witnessing, from speaking up, from stating Biblical values. Other nations have already fallen to this due to the silence and powerless apathy of the church. I am speaking out because I firmly believe our prayers may need to be expressed in actions that demonstrate our refusal to leave our children a heritage of secular humanism and atheism.

I write this as a call to prepare your heart to resist fear-based, comfortable unawareness leading to complacency. I write this as a cry from Father’s heart. I have never felt that politics or political parties can save a nation, although all should vote. We know that only God’s people have the place of authority to turn and heal a nation. Our biggest need in this hour is to know that following Jesus is not the same as being His disciple. (Luke 14:25-35) This is a call to become His disciples, to lose our life for Him, and to boldly resist when we are pressured to disobey His Word. Not one of our Christian forefathers affected this nation through fear, complacency, lies or comfort, but through not loving their lives even unto death (Rev 12:11). Am I talking protests? If directed by our Father for the future ability of our children to serve God with freedom, YES. Am I talking civil disobedience? If we are asked to do things that directly oppose what God is saying and has said in His Word – ABSOLUTELY. My greatest concern is that many are oblivious to our season lost in the ocean of the cares of this life, the busyness of the day and maybe even anesthetized with church programs.

This is for those who have ears to hear and the willingness to develop an unusual

courage.

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**THERE IS A BATTLE IN THE HEAVENS FOR YOUR  
HEART AND MIND.**

The carnal mind is centered in self. The spiritual mind is centered in God. The spirit wars against the flesh. The flesh wars against the spirit.

**SALVATION DEPENDS ON WHO WINS!**

Romans 10:10 - *"For with the heart, man believes unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. "*

Satan is against the Kingdom of God. He hates the Kingdom and he will do anything to keep it from being established in our hearts and minds but he is subject to God's Word and by the authority given to God's spirit-filled children. Christ completed His work at Calvary. He now sits on the right hand of the Father waiting for a mature and obedient people through whom He can demonstrate, manifest, and establish His Kingdom on the earth.

**GOD WANTS OUR HEART**

God is after the heart because the kingdom is established in the heart. The very core of our being is in the heart. Our mind, will, emotions, and conscience are in our heart. So many people are worried about an anti-Christ sitting on and ruling from a throne. Instead, they should be concerned about the One wanting to sit on the throne of their heart NOW.



## SATAN WANTS OUR HEART

Satan will blind and darken your understanding of what God is doing in the earth. He does not want you to know that God has given His people -called the Church- the power and gift of the Holy Spirit so that they can manifest His glory and the Kingdom of God in the earth and overcome evil. Satan has deceived the heart of man. Many people are looking for Christ to come in a visible way and overcome the devil and his evil influence in the earth. Satan does not want us to know that God has given His people the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they can manifest the Kingdom of God and overcome evil.

## SATAN CAN, BUT GOD CAN'T?

Satan wants you to believe that he can enter into the heart of a man and manifest evil, but God cannot manifest the power of His Kingdom through man. Is God so weak that He cannot enter into the heart of a man, rule and manifest the Kingdom of God in this earth and overcome evil? Does He have to physically come back and crush Satan a second time? (Remember? Satan is a defeated foe.) Jesus won the battle at the Cross. What about: *"Greater is He that is in me than He that is in this world"*? What about: *"If sin abounds, God's grace does much more abound"*? Do you believe that God can abide in the hearts of people called the Church and manifest His glory on planet earth? Do you believe God can enter into the hearts of a people called the Church and they in turn can overcome evil in this world? *"Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered" 2"Let the wicked perish at the presence of God"* Ps 68:1-2

## JEZEBEL SPIRIT

A woman of Thyatira called Jezebel, talked about how things were evil in the world. With this spirit of magnifying the devil, the scripture says that she promoted the people into evil. In a similar way the church, (without realizing it), promotes the devil by speaking of the evil in the world and the anti-Christ must come. We are in essence saying that evil has overcome good, and the resurrection power of God is not sufficient for the day.

## THE BATTLE IS WON

True to accepted tradition, most of the church world is looking for a physical return of Christ, at which time he will set up His Kingdom to resist and overcome the enemy. Jesus has already come, and brought with Him the Kingdom. The cross has already overcome.

Jesus fought the battle at Calvary and He won. The cross is enough. His resurrection is enough. His power, the Holy Spirit, residing in the hearts of Christians is enough. Satan is a defeated foe. Spirit-filled Christians have been called to accomplish God's work. We have been called to be the salt and light of the world. We have been called to show forth the light of the gospel of the Kingdom. We have been called to manifest the Kingdom of God in the earth just as Jesus did.

## HARDENED HEARTS

Israel's understanding of the Kingdom of God was that of a physical kingdom which could not be resisted and would entirely destroy evil. They could not understand a spiritual kingdom coming to invade the human heart and give victory over evil. The church of today has the same understanding as Israel. For the most part, they are looking for a physical return of Christ to set up a physical kingdom that will resist and entirely destroy evil. They have misunderstood Christ's spiritual kingdom and have given Satan an opportunity to harden their hearts to the message of the Kingdom of God.

Satan's increased activities in our Nation have direct relationship to our failure to understand the message of the Kingdom of God. The church today does not seem to realize that God's Kingdom has dominance, not Satan's kingdom. We have lost sight of the fact that the darkness cannot overcome the light (John 15); as a result of this, we cower before the works of darkness instead of reproving them (Eph. 5:11). If the nations are not presently being disciplined, it is not because Satan is dominating the course of history; it is because Christians, like the church at Thyatira (Rev. 2:18-29), have granted to Satan an importance that he does not deserve. We have failed to realize the power the church has in the Kingdom of God. Believers, through the power of the Kingdom of God, can turn people from the power of Satan to God, from darkness to light. Acts 26:18

## DEFEAT OF SATAN

Christ came to defeat the works of the enemy. (1 John 3:8) In His earthly ministry, Christ (1) Preached the gospel of the Kingdom of God; (2) Cast out demons; (3) Healed the sick. \*Zechariah 13:1-2...prophesied that the coming of Christ and His redemptive Kingdom would mean the removal of "unclean spirits." \*Matt. 2:28-29; Luke 10:20-22...Christ's power to cast out demons showed that the Kingdom of God had come and that this resulted in the plundering of Satan's house. \*Mark 12:1-27...Demons recognized that Christ's coming was a sign of their defeat. \*Acts 10:38...Christ came healing those oppressed by the devil.

## CHRIST'S DEATH AND RESURRECTION

On the cross, Christ finished the work that He came to do and defeated Satan through His death and resurrection...John 12:23-32; Matt. 10:1, 7-8; Mark 6:7; 9:38; 16:15-18; Luke 10:17-18; Acts 5:16; 8:6-8; 16:16-18; 19:11-12; Romans 16:20 - "*Crush Satan under your feet.*" Eph. 6:10-18 - "*Put on the full armor of God.*" James 4:7 - "*resist the devil and he will flee.*" 1 John 4:4 - "*He that is in you is greater than he who is in the world.*"

## HOW ABOUT US?

Christ endowed us with authority and dominion, through the Kingdom of God, so that we can defeat the devil and destroy his works. Matt. 28:18-20 Will we receive the kingdom of God and submit to its power and authority and complete the work that Christ has given us to do? Will we respond to Jesus' command in

Mark 4 and go into the whole world and make disciples of the nations (Matt. 28:18), so they may be followers of Christ and His teaching?

Jesus taught primarily about the Kingdom of God. Acts 13 Shouldn't we?

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## ***Times Of Restoration***

Acts 3:19-21 “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the TIMES OF REFRESHING shall come from the presence of the Lord. And he shall send JESUS CHRIST, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the TIMES OF RESTITUTION of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of his holy prophets since the world began.”



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This passage, spoken by Peter, came on the heels of healing the lame man who sat at the Beautiful Gate near the temple in Jerusalem. It was a notable miracle for sure. I can envision this man as he was leaping, praising God, and embracing Peter and John. It created quite a stir. Many people “ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon’s, greatly wondering” (v 11).

In this passage there are two distinct “times” that are addressed. The first is “times of refreshing”. This literally speaks of a reviving of the body, soul, and mind that comes to you through a face-to-face encounter with Jesus. It is a “God moment” that has a major impact upon your life. It is an encounter that creates a deeper awareness of His love, mercy, authority, and power to bring you much needed breakthrough. No doubt the lame man had received a huge breakthrough. These times are so profound that you cannot keep silent about it; you are compelled to share it with any and all who will listen to your testimony. These times are times of revival.

The second is “times of restitution of all things”. This speaks of “set times on the clock” or “time frames” that are determined by God before time as we know it began. This time is of paramount importance because it speaks of the set time when all things in the earth are restored back to God’s original design and intent. When Jesus returns, He will ultimately restore all things in the earth to perfect order. However, until that “time” comes we are to engage in the progressive works of restoration as representatives/ambassadors of Christ. Our job is to steward the earth for the King of Glory while He remains in heaven.

In my lifetime I have seen the rapid restoration of the five-fold gifts to the church. It began in the 50’s with the spotlight on the healing evangelist, moved into the 60’s with the focus on the pastor, merged into the 70’s with the age of the teacher, progressed into the 80’s with the addition of the prophet, culminated in the 90’s with the seating of the apostle, and now has come full circle in the New Millennium with the revelation of kingdom reformation. There has been no time in history like this; all the five-fold office gifts are operational in the church in order that the kingdom of God may be advanced as the return of Jesus approaches. The “times of restitution” are times of reformation.

It is important to understand that revival and reformation go hand in hand. John Garfield states, “God’s people, whether Jews or Christians, have always been slightly prone to ‘consume’ revival for themselves rather than share it. God has always had a little trouble getting revival out of the box/meeting format and into the culture. Our great commission is to make disciples of all nations. When that happens, revival becomes a reformation and it touches all seven mountains in the nations. I’m suggesting that our cities and nations should be our goal. We should experience revivals in meetings ... and we should extend the manifestation of God’s presence into our cultures and change nations. That means having a plan ... to release these sons/kings to carry revival and reformation into every mountain.”

As a representative of the kingdom of God we must recognize that “times of re-freshing”, or the face-to-face encounters with Jesus, come not only to bring us relief but also to fuel our greater “times of restitution” assignment in God. They are not just to make us a better person but to usher us into the “fullness of him that filleth all in all” (Ephesians 1:23). A fresh release of authority and anointing is needed to impact our mountain assignment. Breakthroughs must come that we might be empowered to make a difference in our metron of influence. Personal constraints must be removed in order that we might be able to function in the higher orbits of kingdom representation. Revival must not be an event but a means to a higher purpose. It is our destiny!

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## *The Spirit Speaking By The Word*



We must look at how the prophetic anointing brings truth to light via **the Spirit of wisdom and revelation**, and is necessary to know Who Jesus really is. How based upon the Scriptures, we now can have **greater revelation by and through the Holy Spirit with the prophetic gifts**.

**WE MUST ALWAYS BASE OUR FAITH UPON GOD'S INFALLIBLE WORD**

**A sure word of prophecy!** But every detail, crook, and turn we must face in life may not be so clear at times. Then, **a specific word** is needed to make clear our needed direction. We need daily revelation of Christ on a personal basis, to guide us through this life and prepare us for the next. The Holy Spirit will speak to our hearts via the written Word and give us **personal insight (revelation)** into the purposes, plans and will of God for us individually. Our natural minds cannot understand spiritual things. Only by the Holy Spirit of God can His will and purposes be revealed to man.

God says that He has thoughts and plans for us for our "welfare and peace and not for evil, to give [us] **hope** in our final outcome" (Jeremiah 29:11). How then are we to receive a clear, specific word from the Lord regarding our daily walk? By reading His written Word, and by the spirit of prophecy which can only reveal to us who Christ really is!

That in itself is a prophetic word, for it speaks of our final outcome, or future hope in Christ. This is what the devil fears and literally hates to hear spoken. If we take up or bear witness to that same word or testimony which Christ spoke as the Word of God, even before his incarnation, we are bearing witness to His own testimony. This speaks of victory and not defeat!

**CALL UPON THE LORD**

Then in the next three verses, we are to **call upon the Lord** and **come to Him in prayer**. And He will hear us and heed our prayers. Listen to what He



says: "Then you will call upon Me, and you will come and pray to Me, and I will hear and heed you. Then you will seek Me, inquire for, and require Me [as a vital necessity] and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you, says the Lord, and I will release you from captivity and gather you from all the nations and all the places to which I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I caused you to be carried away captive." Jeremiah 29:12-14

As we seek the Lord for our daily guidance, He will give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation to know for sure the way to go. He will speak to our future and this falls under the subject of **prophetic insight, prophetic revelation or prophetic ministry**. He will give us a word of **knowledge or wisdom**. Sometimes this comes via another person, who is anointed to speak a prophetic word of confirmation, after the Holy Spirit has spoken to us. Paul, in his writing to the Ephesians, says this: "[For I always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you **"a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him"** (Ephesians 1:17).

If the apostle Paul experienced this and prayed for others so they may know Christ as Paul knew Him, we too must pray and seek to have a spirit of wisdom and revelation. It goes without saying, Paul knew Jesus Christ in ways that most never dream of in this lifetime. Yet this is available to everyone who seeks Christ as Paul did.

But thanks be unto God, His Holy Spirit has been given to us as He was to Paul. So we too might have the same revelation of Christ in this hour, taking advantage of the Word of the Lord as Paul writes it to the Corinthian church. **First Corinthians 2:10** says, "Yet to us God has unveiled and revealed them by and through His Spirit, for the [Holy] Spirit searches diligently, exploring and examining everything, even sounding the profound and bottomless things of God [**the divine counsels and things hidden and beyond man's scrutiny**]." We are totally dependent upon the Holy Spirit to reveal the divine counsels and deep things of God--things that have not even entered the heart of man, but now can be revealed to us by the Spirit!

SOME SAY THAT THIS ASPECT OF THE PROPHETIC MINISTRY HAS CEASED SINCE THE NEW TESTAMENT TIMES.

The reasoning is we no longer need this facet of the prophetic, that the office of the prophet has ceased, and only the gifts of tongues and the interpretation of tongues are valid (and those with great limitations). The message given is usually very general in nature and simply says that God loves us, and then they usually quote a verse from the Scriptures as verification to what was said. Not that this is wrong, but it is not all together in line with what the Bible teaches about **true prophecy** in the Old and New Testaments.

The gift of **tongues** has not ceased, nor has **the gift of prophecy**. The book of Ephesians is very clear about **the fivefold gifts** to the church, and the **office of**

**a prophet** is surely included. Since the gift of prophecy was active in the New Testament churches as recorded in **Romans 12:6; 1 Corinthians 12:10, 14:1-40**, and since they were the pattern for us to follow in all generations, the gift of prophecy and the office of the prophet still exist and are needed. If the truth were known, there are prophets in every nation on the planet, even though they may not be called by that name or have recognition as a prophetic gift to the church.

Yes, we too can have the spirit of wisdom and revelation to reveal to us the wonders of Christ Jesus, more than we can even imagine! (**1 Corinthians 2:9-10**) For this is what inspires the church of Jesus Christ to endure, keep on keeping on, and finally reach our destiny!

The rediscovery and total recovery of the prophetic giftings and ministry is a work in progress, as you will see. Its very nature is revelatory to reveal Christ in spirit and in truth. He has no limitations therefore the continued revelation of Jesus Christ is without limitation. But we must confine this study for the present to what God has intended the prophetic ministry to encompass in this life and hour.

Note: The gift of prophecy has its limitations--basically, because the person with the gifting is limited. But the spirit of prophecy has no limitations. We must at this point in time go past the gifts and office of prophecy and the prophet, and become one with Christ and take on the spirit of prophecy that is the very essence of His Testimony, both written and verbal, via the voice of the Holy Spirit. Becoming one with Christ will cause us to take on a new dimension of life and ministry that we have not experienced in this hour!

In a nutshell -- The prophetic ministry is to simply give a clear and continuous testimony of Jesus Christ throughout all generations for that was in God's original purpose and plan. But at the same time, realizing that an even greater revelation of who Christ is, and just how we fit into God's original purpose and plan is progressively being revealed in each separate ensuing generation with greater clarity (or it should be the case), thus bringing God's people into a spiritual maturity of the fullness of Christ, that the book of Ephesians has stated we can and will experience in this lifetime.

To be truthful at this point, I feel we are lagging far behind in our progression of the revelation of Christ. Oh yes, we have the Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ. But how many are stuck on its 'eschatology' and not on its 'kneology'? It matters little when He shall return if we don't know Him before He does return! I'm speaking about an intimate, personal, daily relationship with Christ and the Father via the Holy Spirit. I am speaking about an unbroken, ongoing, progressive fellowship divine that is the very life of Christ manifest in His saints, His corporate body in the earth!

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# THE GOVERNOR'S POWER



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The purposes of an invisible God are served by a visible creation. We are the visible representation of the unseen heavenly realm. It all culminated in the Person of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit who anointed Jesus now dwells in us and enables us to be God's visible, tangible point of rule and authority on earth. The Holy Spirit and the Kingdom of God go hand in hand. You don't get one without the other.

It is all by the power of the Holy Spirit. We are not just kings and priests so we can have titles. We are so, by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the One who has the mind of the Father and He will guide us in those aspects of being kingly and priestly so that we may be what the Father wants us to be in those aspects.

The Holy Spirit is the One who has constant communication with heaven which is the seat of God's authority. The key to man being able to express the Kingdom of God here on earth is the presence of the Holy Spirit. As it has been so well said, the Holy Spirit is the most important Person on earth. Jesus is at the right hand of the Father—at the right hand of majesty on high. He is there in the presence of God. The presence of God is not static, He is active—constantly active.

God's plan is not to rule in the earth by sitting on a big gold throne in Jerusalem and sending out messages and orders and commissions and mandates by email and texting. His plan is to be upon His throne in the heaven of heavens. *The heavens are the heavens of the LORD, But the earth He has given to the sons of men.* (Psa 115:16) Why is it like that? Is the earth simply a place of woes and defeats that we have to try to tolerate until we have an opportunity to leave it? Is the earth ours so we can grow corn and cows and have great food and enjoy ourselves on holidays? Or is it so that we can be His representatives, fully representing His Person and character by saying what He would say if He were present and by doing what He would do if He were present?

The devil's plan from the beginning was to simply separate Adam and Eve from the presence of God. He did not have to kill Adam and Eve. He still doesn't have to kill people today. As we go about ministering across the nation we occasionally come across people who express concern as to whether or not it is God's will to heal them. They wonder, "Is God doing this to me?" or "Is the devil doing

this to me to get me out of the picture?” The devil actually doesn’t have to get himself involved in all that messy sort of entanglement. All he has to do is somehow, craftily provide opportunity for a wedge to get driven between us and the Communicator of heaven—The Holy Spirit.

Kathy and I grew up around church kids and minister’s kids. We know many for whom hurts and disappointments drove mean wedges between them and the Holy Spirit. That resulted in their not wanting anything to do with ministers or churches or Christians and. . . eventually God. The devil didn’t have to kill them to stop their progress in the destiny they were born with. The kids I’m talking about are ones that the obvious Hand and purpose of God was upon them. All satan has to do, in many cases, to bring a screeching halt to purposeful progress is to ask, “Did God say?” (Gen.3) A doubt offered and a doubt received is a perfect pair of brakes to stop most any vehicle. “Well, if God loved you, this would be a certain way and the other thing would be what ‘it ought to be’.” Just because our lives are not perfect does not mean that God doesn’t love us.

A body builder by the name of Arnold Schwarzenegger didn’t get that way because God made his environment perfect. He got that way by pumping, pressing against iron. Let me say that another way: he worked with resistance. He didn’t stop or go another direction when the great resistance of weighty iron was presented to him. His experience in resisting iron was that every time he would push the iron up, the iron—through its weight—would push down. He consistently worked with that resistance to build a championship physique whereby he was able to rule in the world of body builders. The perfect environment that brought him through to championship was one of resistance.

The mighty ship that crosses oceans with great loads of valuable cargo was not meant to be tied up to the dock while the waves tossed and the wind howled out at sea. The ship was designed and built to ply the seas and its time in harbor at dock was meant to be for resupplying so that it could get back out upon the seas it was built for. The reason for a big harbor isn’t so that more ships may get into it and reside there, it is so that more ships may be supplied and equipped more efficiently to get back out on the seas as quickly as possible. And then once out at sea the bow must push its way through the resisting waves and currents to get to its point of delivery. We are built, like the great ships, to handle resistance and cut through resistance. Progress and profit only come from the ships that ply the seas.

It is up to our God/King to sit upon His throne in the heaven of heavens and delegate and it is up to us to take that authority and enablement and resist the “press of weight” and “cut through waves” and “run through troops”. David spoke in the past tense saying, “I have run through a troop.” It was something he had already done by the power of His God and wrote of it to testify to us so that we might take courage and do likewise. You were born to run through the enemy—not just one small one— but through a troop of them. You do not have to abide the enemy and certainly do not have to cower before him. You can “run through” because it is by the power of the Holy Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit, and be

the Communicating, Governing and Empowering Factor in our lives!

We need the power of Holy Spirit in order for God to be able to get us from point A to point B. The blessings of God stem from the fact that God has a Son and a purpose to glorify that Son because that Son has a destiny. God will take a person from point A and, no matter how impossible it seems, get them to point B to participate in fulfilling some aspect of His Son's destiny in advancing His Kingdom.

God's government is active in this world today. It is not by something on the order of the waving of a magic wand. That government is active through sons/daughters that are indwelt by the powerful Person called Holy Spirit. Every son/daughter of God carries in you the same authority that Jesus did (Jn.20:21). Everything that needs to be done in this earth is already in you and I. Compare the example of Adam naming the animals. God turned him loose to name the animals because it was already in Adam. All it needed was for the Governor to authorize the release. God releases us to "get it done" by the empowering of the Holy Spirit.

There have been unknown, unnamed people who have had an impact on a nation because they were in a place where God wanted them to be to release what He had put in them to release. God can put you in a position where someone else can open a door for you that you would have never been able to pry open on your most determined day.

We must be careful not to undersell ourselves. All of us have undersold what God has put in us for appointments and we have kept our mouths shut because we have focused on our individual value without consideration for what God has put in us. David's brothers only considered him as their bothersome little brother when they told him to go back home and tend to those few sheep. Thank God he did not limit himself to the considerations his brothers limited him to. It was evident, when he faced Goliath, where David's considerations were: "And David said to the Philistine, You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of Jehovah of Hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied." (1Sa 17:45) Goliath came against David with only consideration of who he was within himself but David came against Goliath with only consideration of who God was in him.

As long as we do not see who or what we are in Christ, we are not going to act at that level. You are more than your constituent parts, i.e., you are more than bone and muscle and more than arms and legs and emotions. ...*the Spirit... dwells with you and shall be in you.* (Jn.14:17) *Jesus answered and said to him, If a man loves Me, he will keep My Word. And My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him.* (Jn 14:23) Now we must give Him release through our voice and through our actions. We are our constituent parts **plus** the Living Christ. After Jesus announced that all authority in heaven and earth had been given to Him, He told His disciples to go. It was His valedictory address announcing to them that it was now their time to release the sovereign activity of the Father.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dates are subject to change. Call before traveling.

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR US

Marty & Kathy's calendar of events for October-November, 2013

October 11-12 \* Bryan, TX

The Ladies Event

Kathy speaking

“More Than A Conqueror”

Kathy will be speaking on “More Than A Conqueror” and “Dreams And Visions”

Info: Brandi—713-248-9732

Registration: \$35

[www.the412center.org](http://www.the412center.org)

Also check them out on FaceBook

October 18 \* Houston, TX

Jesus Hour Ministries Conference

31st Annual JHM Conference

Prophet Chuck Kaliszewski

Evening Services 7:30pm

Christ Covenant Church

17000 Longenbaugh Dr.

Houston, TX 77095

[www.jhm.jesushourministries.com](http://www.jhm.jesushourministries.com)

October 21-23 \* Denton, TX

FMCI Annual Conference

The theme is:

“RENEWING COVENANT--

MOVING FORWARD”

Let me share some highlights of our

time together—

\* Team of Prophets releasing words from the Lord they have received before the conference begins as well as during the conference. Dr. Patti Amsden is coordinator for this extended session.

Panel chaired by Elijah Low:

“Going To The Next Level In

Marketplace Ministry”. Larry

Bizette, Bill Thomas, Tim

Robinson, Rod Davis, and Sean

Morris from Australia will share.

Speakers include Dr. Dutch Sheets, Dr. Hope Taylor, Apostle Greg Crawford, Brandon Burden, and Jim Hodges.

\* Worship Teams led by Isaac Duke, MELISSA GABLER, and Nathan Isaacs.

November 2 \* Iraan, TX

Iraan Community Church

Pastors James & Michelle Kent

SEEC InterAct \* 10a.m.-3p.m.

Marty & Kathy teaching

November 3 \* Iraan, TX

Iraan Community Church

10:00am & 6:00pm

Info: 432-639-2734

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Dear Family and Friends of  
FMCI:

We are getting excited to  
gather October 21-23 in  
Denton (Dallas area), TX, for  
our 25th anniversary celebra-  
tion as a Federation family!  
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\* Panel chaired by Elijah Low: “Going To The Next Level In Marketplace Ministry”.  
Larry Bizette, Bill Thomas, Tim Robinson, Rod Davis, and Sean Morris from  
Australia will share.

\* Discussion Rings (like round table) on the following topics: Racism, Pro4phetic  
Intercession, Ministry Finances, The Culture War as it relates to defining marriage,  
Apostolic Centers, Raising up pastors for apostolic churches, Awakening, Signs and  
Wonders, Common Core, City Transformation, and International Apostolic Minis-  
tries.

\* Speakers include Dr. Dutch Sheets, Dr. Hope Taylor, Apostle Greg Crawford,  
Brandon Burden, and Jim Hodges.

\* Worship Teams led by Isaac Duke, **MELISSA GABLER**, and Nathan Isaacs.

\* Ministry reports from Apostle Fred Smith of the Native American community.

\* International report by Apostle Dexter Low from Malaysia.

Call Dawn to register at 972 283 2262. We are not registering on line this year  
because of the different financial packages and housing choices.



The graphic features a shield divided into four quadrants. The top-left quadrant is black with the text "Renewing Covenant" in white. The top-right quadrant is gold with "FMCI" in black. The bottom-left quadrant is gold with a "25th Anniversary" seal. The bottom-right quadrant is black with "Moving Forward" in white. The shield is set against a background of autumn leaves. In the top right corner, there is a small photo of a man in a suit. Below the shield, the text "25th ANNIVERSARY" is displayed in a large, stylized font. To the right of this, the conference details are listed: "FMCI ANNUAL CONFERENCE", "OCTOBER 21-23", and "CAMP COPASS, DENTON, TX". At the bottom, a call to action reads: "Come and help us celebrate! Register by calling 972-283-2262."



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