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**The Life-Light blazed out of
the darkness; the darkness
couldn't put it out. (Jn.1:5,
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Renewing Covenant And Moving Forward



Renewing covenant is about connecting the past with the present. The prophets came and declared, "Return to the covenant God made with the fathers." We don't live in the past but we are not disconnected from it. Renewing covenant is an enablement so we can move forward. We now have more history than we have ever had and it calls us to more communication. When you get more than fifty years of marriage in your history, more communication is necessary. That's a simple part of renewing covenant. Conversely, if there is little or no communication, that speaks of little connection. Renewing covenant in families synergizes generations. Synergized generations enable corporate effort and success.

Renewed connectivity, relationally and renewed connectivity revelationally has consequences. I want to list some connections, based on biblical principles, in order to enable us to move forward. When I received the Holy Spirit, my denominational background would preach the fruit of the Spirit and neglect the gifts. Other groups would emphasize the gifts but never talked much on the fruit. Of course, all of a sudden, you have a dichotomy set up that God never intended. It is not either/or, it is both/and.



1. We embrace the connection of the five-fold ministry gifts of Ephesians 4:11. Because we are pro-Christ, we are pro-evangelist, pro-pastor, pro-teacher, pro-prophet and pro-apostle. These all equally represent Christ, but they do not all have the same assignments in their ministries. While all these gifts are meant to connect, the primary connection is the one expressed in Eph. 2:20, which says the foundation of the ecclesia church is apostle and prophet. That does not make them any better than the other three, it just means their calling and mandate is to be foundation builders. So when we talk about connecting all the five-fold, that won't really happen if the power connection is not intact. Therefore, we want to affirm connectivity between apostles and prophets without, in any way, minimizing the other three gifts. All five gifts equally express Christ. Now in theory, we have all embraced this, but the reason we don't see this happening practically is because of extra airfare and budget. Yet, we do value and honor the connection. So, let me say that I am "prophetic" or if you prefer, I'm "apophetic."

2. We affirm the connection between the Kingdom and the church. Some say, "The church is such a mess, I'm just going to operate in the Kingdom." While the church is a mess in some places, they are still called to be God's ecclesia, God's governing people in the earth, the people of the keys. Jesus did not teach a Kingdom without the church. He did not teach a church disconnected from the Kingdom, Matthew 16. The Kingdom transcends the church but it does not dismiss it. The Kingdom defines the church and transforms the church locally and universally. We affirm the connectivity between the Kingdom and the church. The church is the main vehicle, steward and herald of the Kingdom. You don't build good doctrine by moving out of disappointment and disgust. Let's get back to connecting what God wants connected.

3. We affirm the connection of awakening and reformation. The church needs to awaken and be reformed in order to express the biblical pattern. Don't even be motivated by the awfulness of the culture or the condition of the church. We need to be awakened and reformed because it is God's Word and God's desire. God even wanted awakening in the first century church. The Ephesian church had the most awesome revelation of God's ecclesia and had the five-fold ministry expressed in chapter four, but in chapter five, Paul said, "Awake thou sleeper, arise from the dead and Christ will give you life." In other words, here is the Ephesian church needing to awaken somewhat. So somehow we have to embrace both. Our nation needs transformation according to our founders' vision in the Constitution. I'll quote Dutch Sheets, "Awakening now, reformation in our lifetime." It is not either/or. It is both/and. Let's not camp out on one or the other and miss half of what God wants to do. Let's connect what God wants connected. To me, there are degrees and levels of awakening and reformation. As long as revelation flows from the throne, we will experience both awakening and reformation in greater dimension. We don't say that we are the awakened ones

and everybody else is in a coma. That's not how it works. I have some slumber in my life that I must come out of and come more fully awake to some dynamics in God I need to experience and express on a whole new level. I think there are degrees of slumber we don't even know we are in yet. God is trying to stir us up and awaken us fully because until we are fully awakened we cannot fully arise. Awakening is mainly an encounter and reformation is primarily a process. We have to have both. A sixteenth century monk, Martin Luther, had both. He had an awakening out of Galatians, "The just shall live by faith." That awakening in one man, one voice made a difference. Out of Luther's revelation came a whole movement called a reformation that swept across the continent of Europe, flowed over into America and shaped the western world culture and civilization. That happened because one man heard from heaven. If you and I can hear from heaven and pull together what we are hearing, that is called critical mass in the Holy Ghost. We have to have connectivity between awakening and reformation.

4. We believe in the connection between dominion and transformation.

Dominion is Christ on His throne. Transformation is Holy Spirit river flowing from the throne. The purpose of dominion is transformation. In the beginning, God intended the whole earth to become Eden-like. Only the garden was Eden. The rest of the planet was not paradise. It was more a wilderness that needed development. God's call for Adam and Eve was to export what was theirs to the whole globe. That is dominion achieving its purpose of transformation. Now dominion happens through stewardship and guardianship. God told Adam to cultivate and keep the garden. Develop it, steward it and guard it. Guard your bride and God's garden. God's people must be willing to be servants of all. Ministry is not some glorified entertainment thing. Ministry is serving. We should be about the dominion of Christ through the people of God so that what is around us becomes more garden-like and less desert-like. The commandment in Gen 1:28, is threefold and it was to Edenize the whole earth. And that was because God's dominion and governance is to release more of the glory of God in the earth so that it becomes what it would have, had the first Adam never sinned or fallen. Some people tell me they do not believe in societal, cultural transformation. My response is, "Don't you think God can pull it off? Are you telling me that Isaiah 2 is a pipe dream and not a prophecy?" I like the analysis I heard recently that before Finney got to New York, they prayed until God heard. Then they had a visitation so powerful that sinners began to fall on their knees and come to Christ. God gave the ministers supernatural strength to have services day and night without losing any family integrity or health. It was a supernatural thing in Finney's day and the transformation led to the abolition of slavery in our nation. May we see the supernatural and good doctrine flow together and transform our nation again.

5. We affirm the connection of the generations. Our model is not Moses, then Joshua. Our model is Paul and Timothy on the same apostolic team. Synergy of the generations, synergy of the ages, God is into synergy. That is not just a cliché. I have spiritual sons who have exceeded me in God. I have spiritual grandsons that are coming on strong and awesome in God.

6. We affirm the connection between men and women in leadership ministry. I remember years ago we had a conference and I brought in women speakers. I got a comment after that conference, “Brother Hodges, are you trying to feminize FMCI?” I answered, “No, I’m trying to beautify it.” We find at least two or three lady apostles in the New Testament. Get over it. It is in the Book. In the first century world, women were not educated and did not leave much of anything. Lydia had a business. Priscilla was such an awesome teacher that she had to bring Apollos up to date in revelation.

7. We affirm the connection of spiritual government and civil government without violating the boundaries of the two institutional covenants. We read Romans 13 and Psalm 2. The church is supposed to have a prophetic voice to the civil ruler. That is true in both the Old and New Testament. Peter and John and Paul all went to jail because they gave out tracts on the street corner, no. They went to jail because they held civil rulers accountable and because they were persecuted by religious systems and governmental structures that were anti-God and anti-biblical worldview. A couple of years ago we had another accusation come in. We were accused of being political and my response was, “Guilty.” The root word for politics is policy. There are some public, political policies we are for and there are certainly some we are against. In Psalm 45, Jesus rides on that horse because He loves righteousness and hates wickedness. We must be for what God is for and against what God does not embrace. We don’t hate policy makers, but we oppose some of their policies. To quote Dennis Peacock, we don’t hate homosexuals, but we are for biblical marriage. We don’t hate doctors and nurses, but we are against the murder of pre-born and newborn babies. We cannot help but be political because it is about policy. We have to line up with God’s agenda, which takes priority over Republicanism and Democratism. Jesus is Lord of all.

8. We embrace the connection of worship and intercession, harp and bowl. When they connect, they release the crown and miracles happen.

Though we cannot wait for everybody to renew covenant and connect, we can move forward with a remnant. Change happens through a committed remnant. We gather that remnant by connecting with a regional coalition of those who hear the same sound in churches, networks, marketplace leaders, intercessory leaders, worship leaders and civil government leaders. Connecting, communicating and stepping out of the boat to walk on water are key steps to changing our world. We can do this.

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Mature Son Results



Kathy Gabler

If you are battle-weary, I believe the new year, 2014, will bring welcomed changes. I'm not implying battles will stop suddenly and everybody goes on vacation. I'm saying many long-term battles will end because you finally win. *Unrelenting disappointment leaves you heartsick, but a sudden good break can turn life around* (MSG, Pro 13:12). I expect some sudden good breaks in the year to come.

In my last article I talked about twenty being the biblical number for expectancy, the kind of expectancy that comes at the point when battles are finally won or preparation finally brings results or the point when process yields fruit or the point when equipping fulfills its purpose. I believe the "20" in the coming year of 2014 re-emphasizes the focus on an expectation to see and walk in different results. Of course, we have been in the 2000's for 13 years already, but the 14 in 2014, adds the significance of a time coming when "as it is in heaven" processes come to completion and are unshakably established in our lives. Putting all those concepts together raises my anticipation for the coming year, particularly concerning long term battles. I have an expectation that the completion of spiritual, God-orchestrated processes is going to equip me as a son of God and equip me to get to mature son results.

Though I started with the numbers and their significance, they were not the seed thought for this article, rather they were a confirming afterthought that caught my attention. The seed has been in my thoughts for several weeks because I have been seeing God's hand moving behind a

curtain on a stage. That has kept me anticipating the curtain rising in my understanding. Little by little an expectation has grown in me that we are about to see many things the Holy Spirit has been adjusting, rearranging, developing, redeeming, restoring and maturing. I don't think there will be some colorful, feel good, fairytale play behind those curtains, rather a stage set with details that bring clarity and a God-perspective that equips us, literally showing us another way to think and perceive and prevail. I have a feeling the curtain will rise on insights that adjust our mode of operation and strategies and change our outcomes.

The curtain rising on equipping insight may come in a dream. Recently a friend had a dream that laid out priorities for dealing with an attack. As she was being shot at on the way to her car in a parking lot, she never stopped walking toward her assailant and she simply deflected the bullets with her hands as she kept moving. Three equipping strategies came from the dream: 1) Do not allow the enemy to determine the rules of engagement. She did not respond with the weapon he chose. Instead she responded with a supernatural tactic. 2) Though the attack is personal, don't lose time and momentum by feeling like a victim. She did not run or hide to become the hunted. 3) Wield your supernatural authority offensively, deflecting and defeating every obstacle between you and your goal. We are about to grasp equipping that produces confidence. Confidence comes when we realize the enemy does not get to decide the rules or the outcome and neither will statistics or the odds determine the outcome. Equipped as mature sons, we can go into battle fully confident of the outcome. She woke up rehearsed and equipped. The follow-up challenge, of course, is to walk out that equipping and watch God happen.

The curtain rising on equipping insight may come in a vision. Recently, I was concerned about some dear friends who are in war in a different region of Texas. I asked the Lord for insight on what they were dealing with. His answer was, "Whispers in the wind." Caught up in the moment, I did not speak but used my hands to war (Psa 144:1). I thrust my hand in the air, snapping from an open palm to a pinching grip to silence the noise and shut up the foul breath. Immediately, I heard, "Who are you to address me?" The sudden comeback implied I had no legal right to touch a battle in another place. The comeback also carried a threat that I'd better stay out of this for my own safety, but springing from my spirit, I declared aloud, "'Greater is He that is in me' is addressing you." Enough said.

I was confident that the winds were being confronted by counterforces of God and the outcome would be a halt to the lethal influences invading lives and business and government, especially in the church mountain of culture in that region. "Be still and know that I Am God" was the prevailing, activated directive as I watched the war in the air. I saw dark powers vying for positions like communication companies contending for key antennae placement. The powers of darkness were looking for effective perches for the most intense signal and dominating communication advantage to keep the atmosphere inundated with

their whispers, but the sounds were muted.

The scripture, Eph 2:2 came to mind as I realized my friends were battling the “prince of the power of the air.” I went to search out that scripture wanting to get a working definition and understand “the power of the air.” That verse in Ephesians indicates the power of the air to be enemy occupation in an atmosphere. When the power of the air is infested like that, it can cause the culture to fester and draw flies like the imaginings and thoughts and opinions of men and their unbelief, rebellion, arguments and theories and reasonings and every proud and lofty thing that sets itself up against the knowledge of God. The power of the air is atmospheric conditions that affect people daily either positively because it is receptive to God or negatively because the power of the air has successfully been contaminated and made toxic.

I asked to understand why the power of the air could get to and maintain such a fierceness of warfare. I heard the words, “10 layers” and then I realized this power had been steadily gaining and reigning for decades, and the powers that be, those residing rulers of darkness in this region, have tenure. The air has been repeatedly conditioned as men’s choices, acts and decisions have remained “under the influence.” However, Goliath, no matter how big he grew was born to fall, and no matter how many opponents he fought on the way, the confrontation with David was his appointed demise. God’s “due time” appointments involve the intersection of time, place, circumstances and specific people. It is obviously due time for God’s order to prevail in the atmosphere of that region. That explains why the warfare has peaked to a crisis turning point. Decades of decisions and their results over that region are being set up like dominoes, poised for knocking down.

I was talking to Melissa on her way to work the morning after the download about the “power of the air.” Before I could tell her about it, she said, “Mom, there is something in the air. I have been pacing restlessly for the last three days and even thought about loading my gun because of what I am sensing.” I then told her about the insight on Eph. 2:2. That confirmed the warfare status. She responded, “We can’t be intimidated by principalities. The problem is we feel we have to go after the whole thing, but we don’t.” All we have to do is just pierce the piece God points out. She said it is like a Jenga game. Just pull the precise piece that is your part of the tumbling of a principality. I came away equipped with a solid battle strategy: don’t be overwhelmed by the size or tenure of the enemy, just pull the piece God points out . . . or just thump the highlighted domino.

Jesus demonstrated how to pierce an atmosphere. He did it when He acknowledged the woman with the issue of blood. His acknowledgment, without condemnation, pierced the atmosphere of traditions that limit life and steal destiny. He pierced the atmosphere that was filled with the fear of death when He spoke to Jairus of his daughter saying, *"Do not be afraid any longer; merely entrust this to Christ, and she will be made well."* Jesus’ words pierced the atmosphere and served as a heads-up to the prince of the power of the air over Jarius’

region. That atmosphere filled with unbelief was about to shatter. The stronghold of experience and natural limitations was crumbling, bowing to a Higher order. Jesus set the rules of engagement in Lk 8:51 “*When He came to the house, He did not allow anyone to enter with Him, except Peter and John and James, and the girl's father and mother.*” Then He pierced the powers-that-be again, “He said, *“Stop weeping, for she has not died, but is asleep.”* The first blow shook every power of darkness lurking in the smothering, toxic air, and then He delivered the second blow in verse 54, “*He, however, took her by the hand and called, saying, “Child, arise!”*”

Her parents were amazed; but He instructed them to tell no one what had happened. I believe one reason that He did that was because His goal was NOT to become Judea's crisis hotline. His goal was to equip His followers by example to stay on Father's agenda, pierce the piece God points out and prevail by the power of God. As a mature Son, He got mature son results.

The curtain rising on equipping insight may be a call to step up on the prepared stage for a hands-on, call to duty, on-the-job-training experience. Most of us have heard of battles where God opened supernatural dimensions and sent angels to intervene for men and nations, but we are about to hear more about God also sending mature sons into supernatural battle. Since dimensions are no limitation to our God, He can usher us outside time and natural boundaries for His purposes. One of the biblical understandings of vision is “interaction within the spirit realm.” Technically, being geographically translated into a situation can be considered a vision experience. What I'm describing in particular is what I will term a “night vision” that occurs while asleep yet goes beyond a typical dream. These type of experiences leave you wondering where you have been in the night because the experience was real enough to wake up in a sweat or wake up with dirty fingernails or wake up sore from deeds accomplished.

Marty recently dreamed that he, Melissa and I went into a region of the U.S. to free a young woman from a prison of prostitution. Praying in the Spirit, we were all propelled through barriers, breaching the stronghold she was in. The battle was an intervention and the details were so specific and graphic that he awoke in a sweat and sought me out to see if I too had had the dream. While a rehearsal dream can be as impacting as a night vision, its purpose is to equip us for the future and we awake with a deposit of confidence that comes because we have already experienced something. The night vision is not only about equipping, it is about accomplishing a task. Such divinely orchestrated assignments can move us through dimensions to a God appointment with stealth. The enemy doesn't know we are coming, and he cannot explain the defeat his stronghold suffered when we leave. The follow up action to a night vision is an “amen,” a “so be it,” to seal the outcome that was literally acquired. Could such translation to complete a task happen in daylight hours? Yes, mature sons can get mature results in whatever rules of engagement Father designs.

The coming year will initiate a maturing season that will bring forth mature sons who get mature results for the Glory of their Father. When I read 2Co 10:3-

6, this is what it says to me: *For though we are flesh and blood, when it comes to war we are not limited to physical frailties, human nature or human passions. For the weapons and tools of our warfare are not fettered by mere human motives and passions with temporal effects. Rather, we dismantle the powers of darkness by pulling down their conniving efforts to block our knowing God and His instruction that will cause us to prevail.* As we learn to pierce the piece God points out, we will see God-results. Like our example, we will learn to merely do what He says do and watch God happen.

(Kathy will be speaking at the SEEC Kingdom Conference Mar.5-7,2014)



The Lord has been speaking to me that one of the highest levels of spiritual warfare is the enlisting, equipping and organizing of an army. He then showed me that many of the spiritual warriors destined for service in His army have been involved in "Guerrilla" warfare - a very independent and self-reliant form of warfare. This is the first level of warfare for a warrior in an "occupied territory". After the enemy has invaded and established a stronghold for himself, those living within that area will fight back using their personal abilities and the provisions which are readily available. Small groups of individuals may gather together for mutual benefit, but larger groups require more coordination. At this level, the warfare is of the "hit and run" variety, and sustained siege or attack is impossible. It can be very effective for a single contest against the enemy, but building one victory upon the last is not common at this level. Generally the enemy has time to recover from his losses before another attack can be assembled.

The second organizational level is the Resistance Movement. This level is more united than the previous, but still "underground". In many wars of the past it is at this level of warfare that real and sustainable damage began to be effectively staged against an occupying enemy. While using many of the same techniques learned as Guerrillas, the Resistance is

able to do significant damage to the structures the occupying army uses to move and care for its troops. This level of warfare uses the supplies at hand, strikes hard and disappears until the next operation (opportunity). There is recognition between members of this army, but very little outside of this "resistance". It can actually be dangerous for the soldier if too many can identify him or her. This resistance movement weakens the enemy, knows his strengths and weaknesses, has mapped out the enemies' "camp", and has strategies for attacking the enemy when the third level, the "Liberating Army", arrives. The Liberating army is much more organized and disciplined. The Liberating Army cannot win without the preparatory work accomplished by the Resistance movement.

I believe the Church as a whole is currently in the first stage of guerrilla warfare. But the battle is quickly out-growing independent soldiers. The "Resistance" Army is formed of committed "companies" of believers who are relating and setting aside their personal differences for the benefit of the coming King and His liberating army. Those who serve well in the resistance movement will be commissioned in the Liberating Army. I will take a closer look at these stages of warfare and what is necessary for the transition from one to the next.

I believe that some of the most effective spiritual warriors today are guerrilla warriors. The battle may be brutal for them and the warriors learn to trust only a few. They work to cover their own backs if possible. There are rewards and personal victories, but the frustration and risk is great. The casualties may be unusually high at times, especially due to "friendly fire". Friendly fire is not always due to "fighting in the ranks", but can be accidents caused by mis-communication between combatants. Sometimes it is difficult to identify between the enemy and the ally. Some victories fall short because there are no "reserve troops" to call upon. Victories won and territory taken from the enemy might be fought for again by another group of spiritual guerrillas because they are not aware of what has already been accomplished. It is nearly impossible for groups of warriors at this level to sustain great victories like the winning of an entire city or area. While a party of warriors at this level might be effective at taking out a "bridge" which the enemy uses for transporting evil, the enemy generally is able to re-build before a major assault can be made upon his stronghold. The guerrillas expend much of their energy and resources on each target and can not regroup quickly enough. This is not to say that these warriors or their techniques are not worthwhile, but they are not as efficient as the next level.

In the Resistance Army the commitment and technique of fighting

learned at the Guerilla level is necessary for the "freedom fighters". Unlike the guerrilla warfare level there is a higher level of communication and coordination of the warfare. Because of this, losses due to friendly fire are dramatically lower. It is difficult for many guerrilla warriors to make the transition to this level due to distrust. Many at the previous level have lost trust in leaders and attempt to accomplish all that an army should accomplish while remaining separate. One indication I see of someone stuck at the first level is that they attempt to cover their own back. The armor God has supplied to His New Testament soldiers does not provide for protection of the warrior's back except by intercession of others (Eph 6:18). This is similar to the armies of Old Testament Israel where the "glory of the Lord" was to be their rear guard. (Is 58:8). Since the glory of the Father was given to the Son and He said He has given it to us, it follows that this part of the armor is manifested through unity. Yet, at the first level of warfare there never seems to be enough intercessors and intercession.

In the Resistance Army there is a greater ability to specialize and the intercessors are informed and released. In fact, true intercessors need very little more than information and time to pray. At the first level information is sketchy at best and usually too little and too late. The intercessors fall to counter attacks by the enemy because the enemy is given too much attention and time in conversation. However, when intercessors come into the Resistance they become more aware of the Glory and less aware of the darkness. There is a higher level of intercession available in the Resistance Army, and the casualties in the commando units are lower. It is now possible to coordinate intercession with the warfare campaign strategy.

One of the greatest hindrances preventing the move from the level of guerrilla warfare to that of the Resistance Army is a fear of authority. The key to successful transition is two fold, first there must be a recognition of the need to move on, and secondly there must be a willingness to "forget those things which are behind and reach forward to those things which are ahead". The soldiers must recognize a need for those who are walking in true spiritual authority, rather than the examples of religious authority and control which are counterfeits. False authority is a source of much past hurt and present distrust of authority. The two can not exist together, and true spiritual authority will always intimidate counterfeit authority. Authority is counterfeited - and it is therefore imperative that discernment be used in locating those in authority in the Resistance Army. Those in true authority will exhibit a willingness to "lead from the rear" in humility by placing the needs of others before themselves. Yet there will also be a willingness to "lead from the

front" when it comes to actually getting up and going. In short, they will be willing to mobilize for the good of the Kingdom.

Participation in the Resistance Army requires some recognition - but not advertisement - of rank or else there would be no coordination possible. Secrecy from the occupying enemy is imperative to success, thus advertisement is a pitfall. The members of the Resistance Army, including the officers, must look and act just like the rest of the population when they are not deployed on maneuvers. It is regrettable that some are not willing to give up their rank among the guerrillas for a less advertised rank among the Resistance, this keeps them from moving forward. Likewise, many guerrillas have assumed a rank which the Lord has not given to them. Often there is a wealth of experience and knowledge which should be passed on from those guerrillas to the Resistance Fighters, but this can never happen without the willingness to share with one another. Presently there are thousands of independent ministers, ministries, and churches. While often the birthing of these ministries was out of necessity and called of God, the Holy Spirit is presently calling for us to question what are we "independent" of, and to become "interdependent" with one another for the good of the Kingdom.

Finally, it seems that many times those who are tremendous guerrilla warriors are inadequate in enlisting and retaining recruits. On the other hand there are those who are able to recruit and mobilize but haven't the guerrilla's ability to train new recruits. It is only by laying aside our outdated methods of warfare and coming to the Lord together that we will prepare ourselves as an Army of warriors strong enough to resist the powers of darkness, and prepare for the Liberating army which the Lord will lead.

In light of the events occurring around us in the world it is very important that we again realize that we do not wrestle against flesh and blood. The Lord is calling His people to lay down our lives for Him, and enter into an organized resistance against evil. As we do this I believe the victories will increase geometrically through the anointing that comes with corporate unity.

The time to UNITE is NOW!

"Therefore submit to God. Provide RESISTANCE to the devil and he will flee from you." James 4:7 (paraphrased)

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Coming in 2014 A Heaven-Earth Collision



Larry Burden

Each week the KingdomLife family of intercessors meets to worship and pray. It is generally a time to intercede for our region, state, and nation. Our flow is simply to open our hearts to the Holy Spirit and allow Him to direct us as priests and kings. In a recent gathering I was deep in worship when the Lord said, “Heaven and earth are on a collision course that cannot be stopped. It will be both glorious and terrifying!” I was not seeking a word from the Lord at the time; I was simply caught up in worship. However, there were two things I knew immediately. First, it was from the Lord; and second, it is already in motion!

The word “collision” is an interesting term. I always thought of a collision as an accident that occurred from some form of violent impact. My father was killed in a head-on automobile collision. However, the word also means, “a conflict of opposing ideas, attitudes, or goals” or “an event in which two or more bodies come together”. Another term for “collision” is “confrontation” which speaks of “a hostile face-to-face disagreement or discord resulting from a clash of ideas”. Still another synonym is the word, “encounter” which can be either positive or negative. It is clear to me that this collision will directly impact both the church and the world systems. I see it as glorious to those who belong to Jesus and terrifying to those who oppose Him.

In Genesis 6:1-7 an event occurred that changed history. It was a time when the wickedness of man was great in the earth. The imaginations and thoughts in the hearts of men at the time were continually evil as they worshipped Baal. It became too much for God to bear and so He devised a heaven-earth collision to put His creation back into order. He called upon a righteous man named Noah, and revealed His plan. Baal, known as the god of storm and thunder was about to be confronted by Almighty God who “sits upon the flood: yes, the Lord sits King forever...” (Psalm 29:10). The Lord releases the storm of storms and destroys the chaos of the earth by covering the earth with the FLOOD. It was both glorious-

ous and terrifying, and it restored the order and peace of heaven to the earth. The righteous man was delivered and evil men perished.

In 1Kings 18:17-40 there is another heaven-earth collision documented in scripture. It was a time when Israel's weak king Ahab allowed his demonized wife Jezebel to establish Baal worship in the nation. She built temples throughout Israel and strong-armed the prophets of God to convert to Baal and serve her. She manipulated, controlled, and killed anyone who would dare interfere with her evil agenda. Once again it became too much for God to bear and so He called upon His righteous prophet Elijah to confront Israel and the prophets of Baal. On Mount Carmel, Elijah challenged the false prophets. Both would erect altars and offer a sacrifice. The God who consumed the sacrifice with fire would be the True God. We know the story well. Elijah prepared his offering and then poured water not only upon the sacrifice but also into the trenches surrounding the altar. Elijah prayed and the FIRE of God fell upon the altar consuming not only the sacrifice but also the stones, the dust, and the water in the trenches! The prophets of Baal were slain and the people of Israel cried, "...the Lord, He is the God; the Lord, He is the God." (verse 39). This day was indeed both glorious and terrifying, and once again God's righteous man was delivered and evil men perished.

The greatest of all heaven-earth collisions is documented in the gospels. The condition of the earth was worse than ever. Man was hopelessly lost in his sin and bound to a dead religious order. He lived under the influence of the prince of the power of the air, "having no hope and without God in the world" (Ephesians 2:12). Once again God had enough, and this time he sent His SON to once and for all restore His order and peace in the earth. Jesus confronted all the powers of darkness at the cross. He shed His innocent blood to seal our covenant with God forever. At the time of His crucifixion the earth shook, the sky turned black as night, and graves opened and released the souls of departed saints who were spotted on the streets of Jerusalem. The people were terrified as the centurion declares, "Truly this was the Son of God" (Matthew 27:54). The glory and terror of the moment was unprecedented. Righteous men were delivered and evil was judged forever! At the Lord's return the final consummation of this will occur.

In the Book of Acts there were some instances where the glory of God collided with men to establish His purposes in the earth. The glory of God collided with Paul while en-route to arrest and kill more believers of Christ. He was terrified by the experience, and his life course was forever changed for the kingdom. Cornelius collided with an angel that terrified him, but through that experience the Holy Spirit directed Peter to release the word of salvation to the Gentile races. In the Book of Revelation John encountered the glory of God and falls to the ground as a dead man. The Lord lifted him up and revealed the greatest revelation known to the world today.

The Book of Habakkuk was written to address the spirit of violence. He lived in a time much like the days of Noah, Elijah, and Jesus. He was perplexed by the evil of the land that was going unpunished by God and by the calamity it brought upon His chosen people. He was deeply troubled by the injustice that

prevailed. In response to the many inquiries he made to the Lord, God revealed that there would be a day when “the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.” Heaven and earth would collide with a colossal global impact. It would be glorious for those who love and follow Jesus and terrifying for those who are evil.

God is sending the flood and fire of the GLORY of His Son that will impact the nations in such a depth that all, like the centurion, will declare, “Truly this IS the Son of God!” in manifest authority and power! He is revealing His glory in a powerful, life-altering way. It is a glory of awakening, of refreshing, and of reconciliation. It is a glory of judgment, of justice, and of reckoning. Prepare the way of the Lord in your heart today. His GLORY is come!!

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Recently it has become more and more real just how simple the truths of God are to partake of. He said we would know the truth, and it would set us free (Jn. 8:31-32). It's just amazing that a simple statement like that is actually that simple to attain! Somewhere along the line we have shifted living from the guidelines given in the Word of God to the guidelines set by a fallen system. We are self-diagnosing according to what happened to so-in-so rather than truth that sets us free. We are self-diagnosing according to our sin-consciousness rather than the merciful truth that sets us free.

I heard it put this way. There are 4 voices that you hear on a constant

basis: (1) your own, (2) other people's, (3) the enemy's, and (4) God's. So, 3 out of 4 voices are diagnosing your current state through a mixture of experience, fear, ignorance, and malice. There is only 1 out of 4 that diagnoses with truth at ALL times! You can see why it is so easy to miss the truth that sets you free.

This is a broad topic so I am going to focus on one aspect, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof." (Prov. 18:21) This is a great example of simple. This is actually plain *and* simple! Death and life are two of the biggest issues we face on a daily basis. "Am I going to make it?" "Am I going to die too soon?" Here is a guideline from the Word of God that is easily forgotten. The word "tongue" ("lashon" in Hebrew) literally means the member in your mouth, and it means language. So your tongue, your language, has the power of life or death. Why are we not wielding that power for good, and not evil? Why are we using our tongue to agree with experience? Why are we using our tongue to enslave our bodies to a fallen system? Is it because we have allowed 3 out of 4 voices to override the 1 voice that counts?

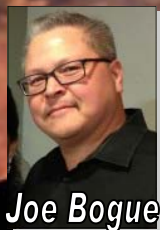
It has, unfortunately, become easier to go with the flow of the current "norm" than to increase the volume of God's voice in our lives. This too is a simple fix. All you have to do is build up your Inner Spirit man to hear His voice over the clamor of the other 3. "That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth and length and depth and height, and to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge, that you might be filled with all the fullness of God." (Eph.3:16-19) It edifies us to pray in tongues, and because this action turns the volume of God's voice up, then in turn we can edify others with the power of our language. It's a beautiful cycle!

Death and life being in the power of our language is a lot of responsibility. The great thing is that God made it simple to use that power for good. It's not too late to turn that ship that is headed toward a storm. Just start speaking life! If you don't know what to say, pray in tongues until life falls out of your mouth. Life is ALWAYS readily available from the Life giver!

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Wise Giving



The holiday season is upon us again. The Christmas season can be a wonderful time of giving, thankfulness, and joy. We celebrate the most awesome gift to all mankind, Jesus Christ. This season can also be a time of frenzied panic for those caught up into the materialism of the world. The world has a form of giving during this time of year. There is a different attitude about giving during the Christmas season. People are far more benevolent for a variety of reasons. Some reasons are good and some are not. Our modern day culture has taken the focus off of Christ and put it on the season. I remember growing up that I never saw any Christmas decorations until after Thanksgiving. Through the years I began to notice how more and more Christmas items began to appear earlier and earlier. Now it has become a year-round event. You can find some Christmas items almost anytime of the year. The focus of the world is on gifts instead of “*The Gift*.” The wise men from the East can teach us a great lesson about how to give to our Savior. Let’s look at their story.

The wise men were not godly men. The word is “magoi” in Greek, thus the term Magi. They were a priestly caste that was numerous enough to be counted as one of the six tribes of Media. Marco Polo writes in his diary of a town in Persia where the locals confirmed to him that the wise men journeyed from there. These men worshipped the elements and the stars. They were astrologers who looked for the signs in the sky. Even though they were not men of God, they were like the sons of Issachar, who discerned the times and seasons. (1 Chronicles 12:32 KJV) They realized that a significant event had taken place and that the Kingdom of the Jews was about to go through a major transition.

“Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.” Matt 2:1-2 (KJV) Note, that they asked, “Where is he?”. They didn’t ask if such a person was born. They knew that He was here. They received this revelation from the stars. Thus the scripture is fulfilled, “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork.” Ps 19:1 (KJV) “One who knows that Christ exists can’t but want to know Him more.” Because they were open to seeing the King come during this season, they were able to perceive his arrival when the religious leaders couldn’t. The wise men didn’t just come to observe this person . . . they came to worship him.

“And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.” Matt 2:11 (KJV) The first thing the wise men did was come to His house. We need to be ever conscious of the necessity of coming to the house. (Heb.10:25) A young man in my youth group said something very simple, yet so profound. He said, “If you can’t find God where you are, then move!” Yes, God is everywhere and he can move at anytime, but He is a “rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.” (Heb.11:6) The wise men came to Him and when they saw Him, they fell down and worshipped. The term worship is “proskuneo” meaning to kiss, like a dog licking his master’s hand; prostrate oneself in homage. When they saw Him the only reaction they could give was to worship Him. When we come into the presence of the Lord and see him, we can do nothing else but fall on our faces and worship Him.

“. . . and when they had opened their treasures.” The Greek word for “treasures” is thesauros. It means a deposit, i.e. wealth (literally or figuratively). Today a thesaurus is a book with all the different expressions of a word. It will give you the synonym and antonyms. I believe that God wants us to open up every possible form of expression to Him. That might mean raising your hands, falling on your face, weeping, laughing, dancing, jumping, leaping, running, shouting, clapping, marching, playing instruments, singing, and any other form of worship you can think of. I’ve been in worship services that consisted of 100 metal chairs being banged on a concrete floor. Is this worship? You bet it is. This is the real treasure God loves.

Finally, “they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.” Then, they gave of the precious physical things. We manifest first in the spirit, then in the natural. 1Cor.15:46 The word “presented” not only means to offer, to present, to bring to; it also means to “assail or attack.” They literally attacked him with their giving. The wise men brought gold because He was a king. They brought frankincense for His priesthood. And, they brought myrrh for His death and burial. So, too should we be so exuberant about our giving to the Lord. It should not be out of religious obligation, but a heart of passion and joy. The wise men gave us the progression to giving. First, find His house, see Him with your eyes, fall on your face and worship him, open every form of expression to him,

then attack him with your gift. If you follow this model, you too can “worship with the wise.” Lets enter the next year with the same resolve to ask until it’s given, seek until we find, knock until it opens. I declare that 2014 will begin a new era of sowing and reaping, giving and prosperity, thankfulness and blessings. Let us to be counted as “Wise Men.”

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What kingdom am I serving? Simply put, it depends on whom you are hearing and obeying.

Romans 6:16 says, *"Know you not, that to whom you yield yourself to obey, his servant you are, whether of sin unto death or of obedience unto righteousness. "*

The Message says, *"You know well enough from your own experience that there are some acts of so-called freedom that destroy freedom. Offer yourself to sin, for instance, and it is your last free act. But offer yourself to the ways of God and the freedom never quits. All of your life, you have let sin tell you what to do. But thank God you have started listening to a new master, one whose command set you free to live openly in His freedom.*

It is all about sowing and reaping... we either sow to the Kingdom of Light or the kingdom of darkness. There is no other kingdom.

Colossians 1:12-Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son.

TWO KINGDOMS

Conflict rages between the Kingdom of Light and the Kingdom of Darkness. *The battle is not against flesh and blood, but wickedness in high places* (Ephesians 6:12). When we receive the Holy Spirit, we become children of light. In Christ there is light and not darkness.

We have a choice between two kingdoms. Will we serve the Kingdom of Light or the kingdom of darkness? Either we will have citizenship in the Kingdom of God and be completely dependent upon Him, or we will walk in the kingdom of darkness, independent of God and His presence. At what time we become citizens of the Kingdom, His Spirit takes up residence within us and establishes order and balance. People, who are living in the Kingdom under the dominion and authority of the King, show forth the power and glory of God.

Psalms 24:1- *"The earth is the LORD'S, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. "*

CITIZENS OF HEAVEN AND EARTH

We are citizens of heaven and earth, while at the same time, we are surrounded by world systems in darkness under the dominion of Satan. When Adam and Eve came out from under the order of God, Satan seized illegal ground and set up world systems. Satan is not god of this earth, but he is god of world systems (finance, education, sports, government, the entertainment industry) that are in rebellion to God. World systems embrace a state of independence and rebellion toward God. They are an element of the kingdom of darkness. *We are in the world, but we are not of this world* We are not to be entangled in world systems whether they are political, financial, or educational. Instead, Citizens of the Kingdom are to bring the Kingdom of God to these institutions.

SATAN'S WORK

Satan did his best to usurp God's throne in heaven and destroy God's plan for earth. He knows that the earth belongs to the Lord and His ordained people. Yet, he is still in the business of deceit, trickery and manipulation of God's Word. He rules in the hearts and minds of people who continue to walk in their own way, independent of God.

Satan does not want the Kingdom of God re-established in this earth. He surely does not want God's people to understand that once again the Kingdom of God is in the earth. Dominion, authority, and rulership have been restored to mankind through Calvary. Satan, through deception, has blinded man to the truth of his inheritance. He goes about like a "roaring

lion" with deception being his sole weapon.

GOD'S REDEMPITIVE WORK

God's plan for His Kingdom is not deterred by Satan's rebellion and evil work in the earth. God's redemptive plan is all about bringing His Kingdom once again to man. In the course of Jesus' coming to earth, His death, burial, resurrection, earthly ministry, ascension, and sending the Holy Spirit to mankind, man was placed into a new and dependent relationship with Christ as King. He gave man new values and openness to His ways. He finished this great work by giving man a new empowered life. People, who are not in order, are not open to the ways of God and are bereft of the Holy Spirit. The new birth is not about receiving salvation so we can go to heaven, although this is an integral part. Rather, it is about restoring that which was lost in the Garden, the Kingdom and our relationship with the Father. Even though Satan invaded the peace, harmony, and order of the Garden, God's plan did not change. Jesus' redemptive work brought us back under the order of the Kingdom that was and remains an extension of God's rule in the earth, THE SAME, as it is in heaven.

GOD'S PURPOSE AND PLAN REVEALED

Despite Satan's diligence in deceiving man concerning the Kingdom of God, God remains steadfast. In this day and in this hour, God is revealing to man His purpose and plan for the Kingdom of God on earth. His plan has never changed. From the very beginning, He desired that the heavenly Kingdom be extended to earth, and He would rule from heaven through mankind. Mankind did the changing by abdicating their position and forfeiting their right to the Kingdom for themselves and generations to come. Even though man failed, God is once again using mankind to accomplish His plan and purpose for earth.

The Church, God's ordained people, are rising up and, under heavenly sovereign Kingship, taking their rightful place of authority and dominion in the Kingdom of God until all of Christ's enemies become His footstool.

KINGDOM OF LIGHT

Serving in the Kingdom of God is hearing and obeying God and producing righteousness out of the Tree of Life.

When we live according to Kingdom principles, we bring glory and honor to our King. If you have been born again and live in His Kingdom, you are a child of God. You have been judged righteous, not because of anything you have done, but because of the sacrifice of Christ. In the eyes of God, all our righteousness is as filthy rags. Jesus' righteousness has

been imputed to us and we are covered by his blood. On the other hand, if you think that salvation is just about receiving forgiveness and trying to "live well enough" and "work hard enough" to make heaven, then you do not understand the purpose of God in His redemptive plan. You have not entered into the Kingdom.

YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN

In John 3, Jesus talked to Nicodemus about a man being born again. He said two things: *A man must be born again to SEE the Kingdom of God*, and *A man must be born again to ENTER the Kingdom of God*.

When we enter the Kingdom of God, we come back into Kingdom order, and enter into a new relationship with Christ as King. He becomes our ruler, our King, and we become dependent upon Him. God gives us a new value system. Within this value system is a new and empowered life. The power to live a life dependent upon God is inherent in the Kingdom of God. It sets our laws in order. Let us remember that we are under the same principles and order that exist in the heavenly realm.

A NEW HEART

In the Kingdom of Light, there is a new heart that hears and obeys God. It is God-dependent and God-centered. The old heart is self-centered but He gives us a new value system that is centered and dependent upon God.

Ezekiel 36:26 - A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.

WHAT IS THE NEW HEART?

This new "Kingdom of God heart" is made up of four organs including the:

- (1) Mind has the liberty and ability to know God and His will;
- (2) Emotions have the liberty and ability to desire God and His will;
- (3) Will has the liberty and ability to choose God and to do His will; and
- (4) Conscience has the liberty and ability to allow God alone to have authority and rule over the conscience.

PENTECOST

On the Day of Pentecost, the purifying fire of the Holy Spirit came and brought those in the upper room into the reality of the Kingdom of

God. The Holy Spirit came to sanctify the heart of man and bring us to a place of dependence upon God. Those in the Upper Room were filled with the Holy Spirit and an empowered life. Lives were changed from being self-centered to God-centered.

THE SPIRIT OF GOD

Ezekiel 36:27 - *And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.*

All Jesus wants us to do is obey and He does the rest. He places His Spirit within us and empowers us to be obedient to His will. We can follow Jesus' example of obedience. He said that He only did what His Father said to do.

WHY JESUS CAME

Jesus didn't come to save anyone. He didn't come to heal anyone. He didn't come to go to the cross. He came to do one thing - obey the will of His Father. However, in obeying the will of the Father, He did these things and more. He gave man right-standing with God.

WHERE ARE YOU WALKING?

Are you walking in the statutes of God? God is weary with His people being wishy-washy, tossed to and fro, carried about with every wind of doctrine, and not having a will that is stern, steadfast, and full of power.

Even the disciples, as they followed the Lord, argued with one another about who was the best in the Kingdom. They debated who had the most important ministry, who was going to sit on the right hand, or on the left. Imagine the disappointment and sorrow of Jesus as He listened to such thinking that was so unlike His Spirit and secondary to His plan for re-establishing the Kingdom of God upon earth.

HIS YOKE IS EASY

If any should say that Christianity is hard, living for God is hard, going to church is hard; that person is out of order. It is the un-Christian way that is hard. The Kingdom of God says, *"His way is easy, and His burden is light"*. His commandments are not grievous. Jesus said, *"Learn and take my yoke upon you."* That yoke is the Kingdom of God.

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Wow, what a way to begin an announcement, “Hey, guys, I have something very important to say here but first I must ask you to not be troubled of heart.” Jesus addresses His disciples at a momentous time, on a very important occasion to communicate to them the launching of a new era that was immediately upon them and in which they would take the lead. *DO NOT let your hearts be troubled (distressed, agitated). You believe in and adhere to and trust in and rely on God; believe in and adhere to and trust in and rely also on Me.* (Jn.14:1, Amp) Jesus announces His going and their total dependency upon Holy Spirit to do what He has been doing while with them.

LAUNCHING INTO A NEW ERA (THE REASON THEY ARE TROUBLED)

They were soon to launch upon a new era in their lives: ministering and facing opposition, facing the world, its issues and needs without His physical presence. **They** would now be the ones 1.) dealing directly with religious opposition in all forms, 2.) dealing directly with devils in all forms and 3.) dealing directly with the great weight of human need. **They** would no longer be standing *behind* Him observing, listening as He authoritatively dealt with each person and each situation with acts of power. **They are now the ones** who will be speaking authoritatively and performing acts of power or the troubles will go uncontradicted and needs will continue unmet and unabated. Therefore, it is no wonder that their hearts were troubled, distressed, agitated.

In Jn.14:1 Jesus is saying, *Stop putting your thoughts on those things*

and put your thoughts back on Me. That is not putting your head in the sand but getting your focus where it belongs. I know the waves are there! I am sitting in 6in. of water! But the answer is not in focusing on the waves but focusing on Him who is so desiring to pull me up out of the waves and Him who is so desirous to stop the waves.

THE REASON JESUS COULD SAY “YOU TRUST IN GOD, SO YOU CAN TRUST IN ME”

*Philip said to Him, Lord, show us the Father [cause us to see the Father--that is all we ask]; then we shall be satisfied. 9 Jesus replied, Have I been with all of you for so long a time, and do you not recognize and know Me yet, Philip? **Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father.** How can you say then, Show us the Father? (Jn.14:8-9, Amp)* The reason Jesus could say, “You trust in God so you can trust in me” is because He had never misrepresented the Father in any way. That speaks of integrity, reliability and credibility and that will be displayed in one’s character.

One way to not misrepresent Father is to make sure we are not prophesying out of disappointment with people or events. Are we truly prophesying the word of the Lord or are we prophesying what **we think** should happen or what our disappointment and aggravation **wish** would happen? Are we prophesying out of our disappointments? Are we prophesying our pet-peeves? There are those who seem poised to attach God’s name to every weather disaster and declare it as representation of God’s judgment upon a group or a nation. From time to time someone will put God’s name on a business venture and when it utterly fails, God’s name is still on the sign and the business cards. People in the marketplace and in government walk around shaking their heads when “Christian” or “preacher” or “God” are mentioned. Unbelieving family and acquaintances freeze-frame such people and put up a wall of resistance. Each such occurrence gives observers an excuse to build the wall of resistance and suspicion higher and higher. There have been people who try to force some sort of prophetic word upon others and who even try to make it come to pass and effectively close doors for the legitimate prophetic word. Every time I hand a cashier a \$20 bill they mark it with a detector pen – they seem to be more inclined to think it is counterfeit than they are to think it is genuine. Not only are unbelievers in the world bolting doors against Christians and their ministries and their predictions but leadership in churches, expecting nothing but the counterfeit, are warning their people about them. People have already seen so much misrepresentation for so many generations that they cannot conceive of the genuine.

Christian apologist, Ravi Zacharias, was invited back to the country of

his family's origin to speak at a conference. The people there did not know Ravi. When it came time for Ravi to speak, the conference host spoke about Ravi's father for ten minutes. At the end of that time the only thing the host said of Ravi was, "And now here is his son, Ravi, to speak to us." In that culture, they are accustomed to the son being of the nature of his father so that what you got in the father, you get in the son. Though the host did not know Ravi, he knew Ravi's father and therefore did not hesitate to turn the podium to him. Jesus said, "Anyone who has seen me, has seen the Father." (v.9)

*Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son **can do nothing of Himself**, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for **WHATEVER THE FATHER DOES**, these things the Son also does **IN LIKE MANNER**. (Jn. 5:19)* Two things to note here: **(1.)** Jesus did not do anything **unless** He "saw" the Father doing it and **(2.)** when He *did* do something, He did it in the same manner the Father would do it.

Religion is in the habit of deciding to do something, then setting about doing it and THEN asking God to bless it. We can attempt things by ourselves and there will be some kind of result, but is it a God-result? Does the "good thing" take the place of the "God thing?"

"I PERCEIVE YOU ARE A PROPHET"

In Jn. 4:19 the woman said to Jesus, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet." He wasn't wearing a T-shirt or handing out business cards or demanding that everyone use the title "prophet" in front of his name. What He was and what He was doing coincided without additional promotion. You don't have to start a ministry if you are a ministry. If you "be" what you are in Christ, you will, of necessity, "do" what you are. Perhaps if there is no evidence in a person's life-style, they will find it necessary to try and promote the idea, to the minds of others, of being a certain thing.

WHAT ARE WE PUTTING INTO THE ATMOSPHERE?

The prime reason Jesus knew that He must help the disciples reach a point of not being troubled is because when people are troubled, they talk like they are troubled. That kind of talk is contagious. Talk that is troubled is anything but productive.

I came across an article where the author quoted some university level research. He claimed that the typical person experiences 1200 words per minute of "self talk." The average person subconsciously hears 1200 words a minute of self-talk going on in their mind and 1100 of those words are negative in most people. That should give us pause for thought.

Negative thoughts disempower us. They remove the productivity of positive words that we have received in the past. We must break agreement with enemy and “let not our hearts be troubled.” If Jesus commanded us to “not let our hearts be troubled” then we have the ability to not let our hearts be troubled. He would not command us to do something we could not do.

Satan’s only authority acted out in this earth is by our permission or our malfunction or our neglect. We neglect to “let not our heart be troubled” and we neglect to speak out words of life. We neglect to declare the known will of God.

How do we, in a time of need, suddenly stop the negative and suddenly begin authoritatively operating in the power of the Throne? How do we, in a season-shift, push down the troubling aspects of our environment and see what the Father is doing and do what the Father is doing in spite of those elements? We can immediately go to panic, to fear, to flight but our emotional make-up is such that we require a period of time before turning to the positive. I have seen deer in the wild that were perfectly at peace, grazing and resting. But, suddenly, there is a noise and they jump and snort and run. Then they stand around stomping and snorting and looking at each other and looking all around their environment. They eventually settle back down but the operative word here is “eventually.” It only takes one deer to keep the rest from settling back down and all the rest will run and abandon food and rest because of the one. How do we turn it around in our minds? We “be not conformed” (Rom.12:2). We do not allow ourselves to be pressed into the mold of present circumstances. We submit our minds to be transformed by the Word of God. Applied to the correct report, we can renew our minds. If we neglect knowing the intentions of the King for this season of history, we cannot be transformed into the mindset that cooperates with and gets the results of His Kingdom intentions.

DISCIPLES JUST DWELLING ON THE FACTS

When Jesus told His disciples to go to the other side of the lake, the hard facts the disciples focused on, once out on the water in the storm, were (Matt.14:22-27): 1.) it was night-dark 2.) they were a great distance from land 3.) the boat was beaten by waves 4.) the wind was against them—blowing the opposite direction they were supposed to go. We must beware of reaching a point that we are merely dwelling on just the facts. These may be the present facts but they are not the conclusion of the matter. In the Bible, present facts and final conclusions always looked very different from one another.

So.... when Jesus came walking on the water (ruling over the very circumstances plaguing them), “they screamed out with fright” (v.26, Amp) They could not conceive, in this condition, the possibility of Jesus being the one walking on the water. There isn’t even any evidence that they are attempting to bale water out of the boat. They are now operating on fore-gone conclusions and it has left them in nonproductive panic.

The miracle of provision they had just witnessed (feeding of 5,000+ with 12 baskets of leftovers) was forgotten with their focus on the present negative factors. Their hearts are very troubled and they are very unproductive. Is it more difficult for Jesus to calm wind and waves than it is to multiply a little boy’s lunch to feed 5,000+? Is it more difficult to walk on 300 foot deep water than to walk on 3 foot deep water? Has He stopped working miracles because “this is now and that was then”? The same authority and power applied to loaves and fishes gets the same results when applied to wind and waves!

PROPHETIC GIFT CALLS US TO PERSEVERANCE SO WE CAN RECEIVE

When God gives a promise He gives a witness of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. *He... put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come* (2Co 1:22). We allow pressures and delay to smother the witness, of the Holy Spirit, to promise. When we are on our way to the fulfillment of promise and the wind is not at our backs, the tendency is to turn around and go back so that we are not opposed by the wind. Rowing with the wind is much easier than rowing against the wind. But winds of opposition will come from the enemy because he does not want the promise of God to be fulfilled in us. If it is fulfilled in us it will not only revolutionize our lives but it will also bless those around us. It will advance the Kingdom of God. The wind will resist our shifting into a new season.

Why then do we get discouraged or give up? The witness has not been removed. It is, however, that we are now looking at and listening to that which *we* perceive has interrupted or canceled promise.

There seems to exist some perverted rule which says, "That which bullies its way in gets to stay." Those defeating thoughts and doubts which demand to be considered begin to take the forefront and will eventually replace the words and witness of promise. It is that prophetic gift which comes to remind us that **GOD'S WORD HOLDS THE HIGHEST PRIORITY OF CONSIDERATION**. We must ask ourselves, "What has priority? What is worthy of our focus? What will destroy promise? What will sustain promise? What will launch me into the season I belong in? And which am I entertaining?"

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Dec.1-3 * Galveston, TX

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Prayer & Planning Sessions

Dec. 8 * Houston, TX

Global Advance Church
Pastors Luis y Corey Gomez
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Bilingual Service*Spanish/English
www.sites.google.com/site/gachurchmentor/home

Dec. 15 * Willis, TX

Grace International Church * 10a.m.
Pastors: Joe & Virgie Bogue
Marty giving the 2014 Declarations
www.graceic.org * 936-856-2455

Dec. 25 * Christmas Day

MERRY CHRISTMAS to all our brothers and sisters in Christ. May our Lord's birth be a reality above and beyond the trials of the year; and may you finish the year with His presence moving purposefully in you and around you and yours.

Jan. 5 * Tomball, TX

The 4:12 Center * 9:30a.m.
Dr. Terry L. Thompson &
Marty Gabler speaking
the412center.org
281-351-6364

Jan. 19 * Seguin, TX

New Life Fellowship
Pastors Layne & Pamela Dietz
Info: 830-372-1200
www.newlifefellowshipseguin.com

Feb. 2 * Willis, TX

Grace International Church
Elders Round Table
Marty & Kathy participating

Feb. 16 * Seguin, TX

New Life Fellowship's 20th
Anniversary Celebration
Marty Speaking
Pastors Layne & Pamela Dietz
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Mar. 5-7, 2014 * Willis, TX

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