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ON THE COVER:

"Once more Jesus addressed the crowd. He said, I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me will not be walking in the dark, but will have the Light which is Life." (Jn.8:12, Amp)

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SEEING US LIKE GOD SEES US

Part 2



Kathy Gabler

Let us get to some insight on how to see ourselves as God does, starting with awareness of three basic needs common to all of us. These needs may adjust and morph as we mature, but they don't go away.

The first is identity. Identity includes the way you process and think, the way you react to life, the things that you hold important and how you express your feelings.

The second basic need for all of us is the need for affirmation. Affirmation is someone else's agreement that there is value in you, in your potential, in your purpose and in your presence on earth.

The third basic need for all humans is boundaries. Boundaries give us an order to function within to insure our safety and well-being.

None of us outgrow the need for identity, affirmation or boundaries. If they are met, they help us to be healthy mentally, emotionally, physically and relationally. If they are not met, they set us up for sabotage. A marred, fragmented self-image will keep us from agreeing with the way God sees us and keep us from lining up with God's intentions for our life



and future.

Whether we are aware we function around this three-legged design of basic human needs or not, our adversary, the devil, is very aware. So when he comes to steal or kill or destroy, he will target either self-image or self-worth or self-government. He knows any one of the three can undermine the other two. Why does he know this, because he's been practicing since the garden. When he seduced Eve and Adam and they failed in self-government, their self-image and self-worth crumbled also. We can see God addressing this in the three questions He asked Adam:

1 > The first question was, "Adam where are you?" Where is the identity that had us as Father-to-son, face-to-face, yesterday, but today has you hiding? After Adam ate of the tree, when he looked at himself, his mirror was cracked. He was fragmented and his self-image was scarred.

2 > The second question God asked Adam was, "Who told you that you were naked?" In other words, who judged you and put your value on the line and undermined your affirmation? Sowing fig leaves was an attempt to fix things without repentance. Mature sons shouldn't hide when they need to repent.

Jesus' death, burial, resurrection and ascension was for our salvation. That salvation includes the power to overcome any obstacle to your life and purpose. The fact that He came to die for you proves that you have value. That's your trump, the undeniable proof that you have value and that will forever declare your worth! The challenge is figuring out how to get your emotions to agree with that truth so that you don't *bottom-out* if someone treats you as if you don't have worth. If someone's selfishness or pride or ignorance or prejudice or stupidity causes them to look at anybody as worthless, that is their problem. It is a lie to believe someone else's problem can make you worthless. The challenge here is to find a way that their problem has no influence over our emotions. If we can learn to leave those offending moments in life by deciding not to stop and replay them, we can walk away in the confidence that we can trust God to deal with people and their issues while we rest in the truth that our self-worth isn't even at risk.

3 > The 3rd question God asked Adam was if he'd eaten of the tree. God wasn't looking for information of course. He was helping Adam realize the point of origin of this earthquake that cracked his self-image and damaged his self-worth was when he defied the boundaries. If anyone ever feels like God sets boundaries to demean or be unjust or cruel, they need some vitamin "G" as in "G"row up! He sets boundaries wisely to set the

stage for the truest expression of commitment, respect and honor in a lifetime. It takes self-government to work within boundaries and that self-government develops maturity and character. Character is a matter of righteous values and moral strength. Character is essential to taste true fulfillment in your lifetime. It will take Character to keep you wherever purpose takes you. I've known really gifted and skilled people who lost everything because they did not have the self-government and character to honor boundaries and protocol in relationships or career or finances or health.

The third thing the devil did was offer Jesus a way to get what He came after by getting out of bounds on a shortcut. Satan offered to not oppose Him and give Him the kingdoms of this world (Rev. 11:15). Jesus knew the kingdoms of the world were to be His, but He knew better than to worship Satan to get them. Jesus was a mature son of strong character, and He was so intent upon obedience and self-government, that He couldn't be tempted by success any other way. Adam and Eve did fall for the temptation to get out of bounds and reach beyond the will of God. Then, evidently, they did not truly repent because they passed on the "thinking of their heart" to the next generation. Cain cracked his own mirror also by reaching outside God's boundaries with a sacrifice that wasn't acceptable. Then his self-worth plummeted and his self-government completely toppled when he murdered his brother.

When our self-image takes a hit and our mirror gets cracked, it is tempting to feel so fragmented that we stop functioning. If we do, then condemnation seeps into those cracks and tries to *kill* our relationship with our Father and tries to *steal* our sense of worth and tries to *destroy* our self-government. Condemnation is one of the most lethal weapons the devil uses because it carries a mixture of truth and lie that is particularly toxic. Condemnation's first punch is usually true, like "You know you messed up. You're guilty." However, it's second punch is a poisonous lie like, "There is no way out, no healing for a cracked mirror. There is no way to redeem value that was lost and no restoration of broken boundaries." Those lies should make you want to spit.

I know a lady that was raised on the church bench. She had such a heart for God when she was young, that she truly considered marrying a minister. She is wired primarily eagle, who tends to require perfection in self. She is also ox, wanting no conflict, and she has a motivational gift of serving as well. She went right from high school to being a secretary. As choices flowed in her life, she married young and went through two divorces. Being a conscientious church girl, she saw herself as disqualified and a failure. She struggled with thinking that her potential and purpose were lost. For years, her self-image and self-worth were shaken. However, even with those two elements shaken, she was one of those exceptional people that had enough strength of character not to allow her self-government to take a dive. She remained diligent in her career and rose to executive secretary. After dealing with taunting questions like "Who am I now? Why am I here now? (since I've messed up so badly)," she came to the realization that God had not changed His mind about His original intent for her and her

gifts and calling were still intact. Today, she has overcome and is an awesome intercessor, just as she was originally intended to be. She realizes now that even her time as a secretary was actually intercessory in nature, building bridges between problems and their resolve. She outgrew her feelings of unworthiness to even allow the Holy Spirit to stir gifts in her of discernment and prophetic proclamation.

If we don't overcome damage to our identity, worth and track record, we develop an offence or an attitude or an outlook on life that leaves our mirror cracked, leaves our self-worth fragmented and pulls the rug out from under our self-government. That, in turn, undermines every opportunity and relationship we have.

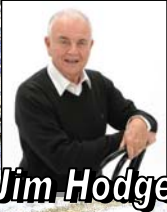
Self-image, self-worth and self-government cannot be determined by your IQ or strengths or looks or successes or skills, but neither are they determined by experiences or failures or opinions or lies. The thing that outranks all of that is your relationship with the Father and guaranteed daughtership or sonship. Identity, affirmation and boundaries are powerfully established through that relationship. Consider David. Even when his self-government completely crashed, it did not kill his self-image, nor did it steal his self-worth. Ding dong! If you refused to take care of your duties and obligations as a God-appointed leader of a nation while taking time out to plot murder, so you can commit adultery and end up with a child out of that affair, wouldn't that crack your mirror and change the way you see yourself? Well, it didn't seem to faze David, but I'm pretty sure the whole nation had a cracked view of David, especially when Nathan the prophet, publicly exposed all this. (2 Sam 12) Most people would have crawled in a hole to eat worms and die, but David took personal responsibility and owned his mess. That positioned him to repent (vs. 13). He didn't act like Adam and try to hide after he sinned. Neither did he spend the rest of his life cowering as unworthy or continually seeking reassurance that God still accepted him. No, in fact, after he repented, he begged God to change His plan and spare the child born out of adultery. Who would have the nerve to ask God for mercy at this point? Even after his mirror cracked publicly, David didn't allow condemnation to seep in the cracks. It wasn't that he was a simple-minded optimist, nor was he thinking in terms of deserving this, he was simply convinced God loved him. None of David's mess-ups ever got bigger to him than God. He remained "a man after God's own heart," who continued to see himself as a son just like God did. That's relationship. That's a strong family bond and some awesome sonship!

Having a cracked self-image, a shattered self-worth or a failed self-government, does not void our Father's love or intent, nor His good plans for us! If we learn to think in our hearts like that, that truth will free us up to walk in destiny and keep us from giving up before we become all God had in mind that we were born to be. Father, may my life glorify you to the fullest extent. Let me see me as You see me. Cause me to value as You value. Grace me to live honoring Your boundaries for my life. May I live in the truth and may it be not only my freedom, but also my legacy.

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THE KINGDOM AND THE CHURCH

Part 2



Jim Hodges

The most important factor in defining the Church as it relates to the Kingdom is the fact that, in the same breath, Jesus said He would build the Church and that He would give the Church keys to the Kingdom. If the Church does not embrace the Kingdom, it is keyless. When Jesus spoke of the Church and Kingdom, He was connecting them like they are supposed to be connected. Kingdom is not Church and Church is not Kingdom, but they are directly related and connected.

In Matthew Chapter 16, Jesus said He will build His Church or *ecclesia* (Greek). Then He said the gates of hell would not prevail against His Church and He would give us the keys to the Kingdom. “*Ecclesia*” is made up of two words, the word *ek* means *out of* and *klesia* comes from the Greek word which means *to call*. So, we the Church are called out of the world system and out of sin. Not only are we called out, but we are also called to the Lord God, to worship and serve Him. So we are not just called out, but called in also. The full perspective is that we are *called out from* and *called into*, in order that we may govern on behalf of our exalted King. So, when Jesus says He will build His *ecclesia*, He introduces a governmental term. We are to apply all truth and principles of the Kingdom to all social and cultural spheres of life, i.e., the seven mountains of cultural influence.

Dennis Peacock says, “The *ecclesia* is the human steward of God’s Kingdom designed to do the following: mature God’s sons, co-rule with Christ, render righteous judgment and liberate the cosmos.” In our libera-

tion is the liberation of the planet. That is in Romans Chapter 8. Creation groans for the maturation and manifestation of the sons and daughters of God.

Here are five perspectives and assignments that are defined by our understanding of *ecclesia* and our revelation of the Kingdom.

1. We need to move into the corporate anointing because *ecclesia* by definition is corporate. That is not just in a local church perspective but regions also need synergistic corporateness. God is in connecting. He insists on it.

2. If we see Kingdom and *ecclesia* extended through it, then we have to quit focusing on the Church as a sheep pen where their part is meeting everyone's needs. We have actually developed in the Church an entitlement mentality because of this view. Instead of taking and consuming, we are called out of the kingdom of darkness to re-invade it with light. If we seek the Kingdom first, He will add all things to us. It is not either/or but both/and. I am a sheep but also a warrior. If I get wounded and beat up, I'll get fixed up to get back in the battle.

3. We need to move from being a subculture in our nation to become the counter culture. An example of this is in China. The Church there has been a subculture a long time because of extreme persecution. There is still an underground Church, but there are people in upper echelons that are coming to Christ now also. There are apartment cell groups all over China. The Church has become a counter culture rather than just subculture. At some point, we must go beyond our survival mode mentality into dominion. We must move beyond existence to occupation. Subculture is not wrong, but we can't just stay there. We are the light of the world.

4. We have to connect with more of the *ecclesia* in our city and region and do it without changing the name on our billboards and stationery. Your congregation and someone else's congregation is a part of the Church, but it is not THE Church. *Ecclesia* is defined by city and regional government. In Revelation, there are seven churches represented by a seven-fold lampstand. If you turn that lampstand ninety degrees, you have one light. That is a picture of individuality but one corporate body. That does not mean perfect unity. It just means we have some agreement on the agenda of God that says we are responsible for our city, our region, our territory, our state, our nation. We are the responsible priests. If we could see this, we would be delivered from envy and competition and insecurity and sheep-stealing. When I was pastoring I told the congregation, "If for some reason this does not seem to be the flow you are in or you don't find a place to fit here and function well, we recommend several good churches in the city that you could go be a part of." That is reality. We are not losing if people go where they can really be a part of the *ecclesia* that is *called out* to govern on behalf of our King.

5. *Ecclesia* is about occupying, stewarding and owning the field or the world.

We are not renters because God is an owner. He owns the earth and we are called to steward it. In Matthew Chapter 16, Jesus said He would give the keys to the Kingdom. In Revelation Chapter 3, it says He will give the Church the key of David. Isaiah 22, is about a steward of a Davidic king's treasure house.

Isa 22:15 Thus says the Lord GOD of hosts, "Come, go to this steward, To Shebna, who is in charge of the royal household, 16 'What right do you have here, And whom do you have here, That you have hewn a tomb for yourself here, You who hew a tomb on the height, You who carve a resting place for yourself in the rock? 17 'Behold, the LORD is about to hurl you headlong, O man. And He is about to grasp you firmly 18 And roll you tightly like a ball, To be cast into a vast country; There you will die And there your splendid chariots will be, You shame of your master's house.' 19 "I will depose you from your office, And I will pull you down from your station. 20 "Then it will come about in that day, That I will summon My servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, 21 And I will clothe him with your tunic And tie your sash securely about him. I will entrust him with your authority, And he will become a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. 22 "Then I will set the key of the house of David on his shoulder, When he opens no one will shut, When he shuts no one will open. 23 "I will drive him like a peg in a firm place, And he will become a throne of glory to his father's house.

This is powerfully prophetic for our day also because Jesus is still giving His *ecclesia* keys. In this Isaiah passage, it is simply saying that Shebna, who had the key will be removed and the key will be given to Eliakim. Shebna had been unfaithful. There are ministries today with access to millions, but their agenda is not God's Kingdom. I believe God is going to transfer some keys. We will know when it happens, because when they get into the hands of faithful stewards, they will open doors that no man can shut and shut doors no man can open. I believe we are going to see that kind of authority in the Church through faithful stewards who are about building His Kingdom rather than their own. After persevering through all we have and having entered the Kingdom through tribulation, Acts 14:22, we have invested faithfulness to the Lord. Therefore, we should expect more Kingdom authority, because God rewards faithfulness. He has already given the keys, we just have to apprehend them. God's *ecclesia* has keys to deal with gangs, to deal with unrighteousness in the market place, to deal with injustice in the civil government realm. It is time for the keys to come out and be used by the *ecclesia*.

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One of the issues I have been considering is *the last days*. The understanding of some is that the last days is the period of time just before the rapture and the great tribulation. Others believe *the last days* are from the Lord's first coming until His second coming. But there is also a view of *the last days* as being the transitional period, the last forty years, of the ending of the Old Covenant and the beginning of the New Covenant.

The entire book of Hebrews is about this transitional period, this forty years of transitioning from the Old to New Covenant. The New Covenant began with the coming of the Lord, in His death, burial and resurrection, but it could not fully begin until the removing of the temple. Hebrews 12:18 is comparing the giving of the Old Covenant at Mt. Sinai and the giving of the New Covenant at Mt. Zion. **Heb 12:18** *For you have not come to the mountain that might be touched and that burned with fire, nor to blackness and darkness and tempest, 19 and the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words (which voice they who heard begged that a word should not be spoken to them any more . . . [The giving of the law was such a demonstration of the fierceness of God that they were frightened.] 20 for they could not endure the thing commanded, "And if so much as a beast should touch the mountain, it shall be stoned or thrust through with a dart," 21 and so fearful was the sight that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake).* [However, you and I have not gone

to that mountain of the Old Covenant, but rather to Mt. Zion of the New Covenant. Notice we are not “going” to Mt. Zion but “have come to Mt. Zion.” The nations that are being drawn “go up to Mt. Zion,” but we “have come.”] **22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,** [that are to minister for the people of God at Mt. Zion.] **23 to the general assembly and church of the first-born** [In Israel, their firstborn had to be totally dedicated to the Lord, and we are all the first-born.] **who are written in Heaven,** [We are registered in Heaven, this heavenly Mt. Zion, not the natural Mt. Zion. There was a natural Jerusalem, but there is a heavenly Jerusalem. There was a natural general assembly, but there is a heavenly assembly.] **and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect . . .**

Zion was a stronghold in Jerusalem. Up until David’s day, they had accomplished a lot on taking the enemies out, but one of the areas they had not been effective in was at Zion in Jerusalem. It was held by the Jebusites and they had not been able to dislodge them. However, King David rallied his men to take the stronghold that had been allowed to stand. It was such a stronghold that they heard David was coming and responded by saying we will send our blind and lame out against you. David took them down and their mockery down and David built his city there. This is a word to us. In our journey in the Lord, we have certain strongholds in our way and Zion stands for a people that will overcome. That’s why the Lord is calling forth a people of Zion today. We have to be overcomers. We have a lot of obstacles to overcome and some of the strongholds have been there a long time. Prophetically, it is time for some of these long-lasting strongholds in the Body of Christ to be dislodged by a people of Zion. Where these strongholds have been dislodged is where we then dwell, just like David did.

One of the unique things that David established on Mt. Zion was the tabernacle of David. He put the ark, the presence of God under a tent on Zion. The Melchizedek priesthood is represented on Mt. Zion. Melchizedek priesthood was holy but also a ruling priesthood. So what was established at Mt. Zion is this dual priesthood: holy worshipers and kingly, governmental warriors. I believe this dual priesthood is apostolic authority that God is releasing again upon the Body of Christ. We must both worship and war. Mt. Zion is about both a holy people and kingly warriors, carrying godly authority in our lives. I believe God is calling a people to Zion in order to release us to take down strongholds and in their place dwell and advance the Kingdom of God. I think He has set a trumpet to His mouth to call the people of Zion to get ready to dislodge and

overcome. The people He was talking to in Hebrews had to overcome the stronghold of Judaism. Judaism had become such a stronghold in that day that Satan was actually more worshiped in it than God Jehovah. 2Cor 4:4, is talking about Satan being the “god of this age,” and this is the transition time during the last days of the Old Covenant. Many have thought that the “god of this age” was a reference to Satan being the god of the world when it was referring to Satan being the god of that age of transition which included the old Jewish religious system of the time.

Before the book of Hebrews was written, calling them to Mt. Zion, they had begun to fall away under the pressure of Judaism. **Heb 1:1** *God, who at many times and in many ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days . . .* [referring here to the last days of the Old Covenant before beginning the New Covenant. See how clear this is. He was calling them to come and overcome the barrier that the Old Covenant had presented to them. Their stronghold was the Old Covenant.] . . . *spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds.* He is dealing with the passing away of the first covenant so He could establish the second one in **Heb 8:7-13** *For if that first covenant had been without fault, then no place would have been sought for the second. For finding fault with them, He said to them, "Behold, days are coming, says the Lord, and I will make an end on the house of Israel and on the house of Judah; a new covenant shall be, not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day I took hold of their hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt," because they did not continue in My covenant, and I did not regard them, says the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will imprint My laws upon their minds, even upon their innermost thoughts and understanding, and engrave them upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. And it will nevermore be necessary for each one to teach his neighbor and his fellow citizen or each one his brother, saying, Know (perceive, have knowledge of, and get acquainted by experience with) the Lord, for all will know Me, from the smallest to the greatest of them. For I will be merciful and gracious toward their sins and I will remember their deeds of unrighteousness no more. When God speaks of a new [covenant or agreement], He makes the first one obsolete (out of use). And what is obsolete is growing old and is ready to vanish away and to be dispensed with altogether.*

This was just before A.D. 70. The New Covenant had begun, but it had not fully begun. God was reaching out to His covenant people and giving them a forty year period to repent. The great obstacle was the Old

Covenant itself. Satan used the Old Covenant to blind people to keep them from coming to Christ in that period.

Down in the ninth chapter he talks about the tabernacle, the sanctuary, the outer court, the inner court and all the furnishings and then tells us, **Heb 9:6** *Now these things having been thus prepared, the priests go in continually into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the services; 7 but into the second the high priest alone, once in the year, not without blood, which he offereth for himself, and for the errors of the people: 8 the Holy Spirit this signifying, that the way into the holy place hath not yet been made manifest, while the first tabernacle is yet standing.* As long as that temple was still standing there, the way to holiness through Jesus Christ could not be clearly revealed. That temple had to come down. That temple was the stumbling block. The temple had to be removed so the way to the heavenly Holy of Holies could clearly be manifest. Everything had to change, and the whole book of Hebrews is about the changing from the old to the new in the last days, this forty years.

Everything that had to change included the covenant, the priesthood, the sanctuary and even the sacrifice: **Heb 9:24** *For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but into heaven itself.* Jesus would not enter the man-made tabernacle that was only a shadow of the real one in heaven. Only the real could interpret the shadow. The shadow could not interpret the heavenly. That is why we cannot take Old Covenant scriptures and use them to try to interpret the New. For example, in the second Psalm where it says that I will set My King upon Mt. Zion, that is not a reference to natural Zion for Jesus to come back and be enthroned upon. This Old Testament scripture is not a reference for the return of Jesus because the New Testament tells us in Acts that when Jesus ascended, that's when Father sat Him down on Mt. Zion. Another case in point, there is nowhere in the New Covenant that we can find a rebuilt temple. The only temple in the New Covenant is the church, (the people, not the building.) **Heb 9:25** *nor was it that He would offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the holy place year by year with blood that is not his own. 26 Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now once at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.* This ended the Old Covenant. That was the finish of it. This scripture isn't talking about the end of the world but the age. Like in Matt. 24, when they asked when will the temple be torn down and when is the end of the age, some translations say *world* but it is the word "age". Even though people have built doctrines about the end of the world, they were simply asking, "When is the Old Covenant age

ending?" When did He offer Himself? When did He go to the cross? At the end of the age. When Jesus came, He started the end of the Old Covenant.

Heb 10:8 *After saying above, "SACRIFICES AND OFFERINGS AND WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND sacrifices FOR SIN YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED, NOR HAVE YOU TAKEN PLEASURE in them" (which are offered according to the Law).* Once the ark was brought to Mt. Zion, they never offered another blood sacrifice because David realized God never wanted them. At this point, they established the Levites. They did no more offering blood sacrifices for the people. Twenty-four hours a day, the Levite choirs were speaking and singing to one another. Many Psalms came out of the beauty of this. **Heb 10:9** *then He said, "BEHOLD, I HAVE COME TO DO YOUR WILL." He takes away the first in order to establish the second.*

Heb 10:25, *not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.* The "day" approaching was the day of the Old Covenant fully ending by removing that temple, (and he was not talking here about church services.) **Heb 10:37** *FOR YET IN A VERY LITTLE WHILE, HE WHO IS COMING WILL COME, AND WILL NOT DELAY.* Jesus is coming "in a little while" to remove that temple. I have 30-40 scriptures using terms like, "at hand", "short season", "last days", etc., that were all talking about the end of the Old Testament age. Verse 37 here is not talking about thousands of years down the road because the Judge was standing at hand and He was about to remove that temple. It is part of Daniel's 70 weeks. Redemption was not fully dealt with in the New Covenant and fully in place until that temple was removed.

Heb 12:26 *And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, "YET ONCE MORE I WILL SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO THE HEAVEN."* **Heb 12:27** *This expression, "Yet once more," denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things.* He was talking to a present-tense people right then, not a future-tense. Hebrews 12:27 is not a future prophecy about a future removal of things like some folks use it. He was talking about the things that were the shadow, the natural, that were being shaken and removed then. *So that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.* Nothing about the New Covenant can be shaken. Nothing in it will ever have to be removed. Nothing in it will ever become obsolete. Everything in the New Covenant will remain. This finished work of Christ is the life that flows in His people and makes them overcomers.

Mt. Zion is the symbol of the finished works of Christ flowing into believers. You and I are part of the New Jerusalem and part of a Kingdom that cannot be shaken. We are the people of Zion. **Heb 12:28** *Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken;* —so if we are doing anything that can be shaken, it is not Kingdom. It is natural rather than heavenly.

The Old Covenant was to be a ministry of glory but was to fade away. **2Co 3:7** *But if the ministry of death, in letters engraved on stones, came with glory, so that the sons of Israel could not look intently at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face, fading as it was.* There was glory in the Old Covenant and it literally shined on Moses' face when he was in the presence of God, but it would fade after he left the presence. That was a prophetic sign from God that the glory of the Old Covenant would fade. Moses would veil his face so the people would not know the glory faded, so that they could not see that this would pass in the end. **2Co 3:11** *For if that which has been done away was glorious, much more that which remains is glorious.*

2Co 4:1, *Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we received mercy, we do not lose heart, 2 but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. 3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 in whom the god of this age has blinded the thoughts of the unbelieving, so that the brightness of the gospel of the glory of Christ who is the image of God, should not dawn on them.* As the god of this age, Satan infiltrated the Old Covenant worship that was a shadow and used that to blind them from Christ. In John 8:44, Jesus told the Pharisees that Satan was their father. I wonder how much stuff has gotten into the church even today that could be demonic, and how big a fight will we have on our hands to dislodge it? A year of apostolic victory means a year of opposition. If we are going to be people of Zion, we need to be ready for a fight. Our weapon is the gospel of the Kingdom. The word is going to come so sharp, so powerful and so strong that it will be hard to resist. We are about to see the power of the gospel come with demonstration.

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For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear; but you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, Abba, Father. Romans 8:15

Paul's letter to the believers in Rome was meant to educate them in the basic doctrines of salvation and the general principles of the Christian life. His desire was that the followers of Jesus would put the shared truths into daily practice. He wanted the truth of fatherhood to become the foundational standard for their mindset and conduct in life. He uses the terms "bondage" and "adoption" to explain this.

"Bondage" in original language is *douleia* term that is defined as *servitude, dependence, or the state of being a slave*. It is the state of a person in which he or she is prevented from freely possessing and enjoying a full and wholesome life. It is derived from a root word that means, "one who is in a permanent relation of servitude TO another, his will altogether consumed in the will OF another." This is the picture of one who operates in life with an orphan heart.

In contrast to this, "adoption" in the original language is *hoiuthesia*. It is derived from two root words, *huios* meaning "son" and *thesia* meaning *to place*. In scripture, to be adopted literally means to *be placed into*

the position of a son. Jesus was always referred to as *Huios* in the Bible. Whenever we repent as sinners and become washed in the blood of the Lamb, we are immediately translated into the kingdom of *Huios* (*Colossians 1:13*) and adopted, or placed into the position of a son, in the family of God and become, *citizens with the saints and of the household of God* (*Ephesians 2:19*)

While all of this dynamic transpires in the Spirit at the point of salvation, it does not mean that we immediately acquire the character and nature of the Father AS a son. We are born again, placed as sons in the kingdom of the Son, and even given full covenant rights as citizens of the kingdom. However, our character and nature must be developed into that OF a son by growing and maturing in the Spirit. This is why so many believers live shipwrecked lives. They are given the position of a son through Christ yet continue to conduct their manner of life as an orphan. They live life under the influence and guidance of the orphan heart.

The Orphan Heart Defined

Simply stated, the orphan heart is a learned behavior that becomes entrenched in the internal paradigm or mindset. The source of this is deep wounding that most commonly occurs from the father. These deep wounds release a host of emotions in the soul that ultimately separates the child from the identity, security, sense of destiny, and purpose that, by design, are to be instilled by the father.

In the Hebrew language, *orphan* is *yawthome* meaning *bereaved and lonely*. It means *to be bereft of a parent or parents* and is the picture of a child who has lost one or both parents. Another definition of an orphan is, *one who has been deprived of a parent or parents by either death or desertion*. In the Greek the term is *orphanos* and is translated, *parentless, fatherless, and comfortless*. It figuratively speaks of one who is bereft of a teacher, guide, or guardian. In Jesus' day it was customary for Hebrew children to each have an assigned rabbi who was responsible for their training. If that rabbi were to die during the training of the child, the child was considered *orphaned* since no other rabbi would take the child to himself and complete the training. This is why Jesus told His disciples prior to His departure that, *I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.* (*John 14:18*). He wanted them to know that He was not leaving them orphaned!

A believer who is plagued by the orphan heart is one whose heart is separated from acceptance, love, and security even in the presence of a church family who extends love and belonging. Their heart that is long-

ing to belong but has the inability to do so. They have a "disconnect" in their soul that prevents them from engaging and trusting others. As a result, they are unable to acknowledge or submit to authority, instruction, or direction from the fathers and mothers of the faith who love them. Their heart is deeply damaged by abandonment, rejection, and/or abuse from those who were supposed to love, nurture, and bless them.

What the Orphan-Hearted Individual Looks Like

When one observes the orphan-hearted individual, there are several common characteristics.

FIRST, they are individuals in great pain of soul hallmarked by **loss of belonging**. Because the orphan hearted feels *lost* in life, it leads to isolation, loneliness, and lack of identity. They continually search for the answer to the basic question, *Who am I?* Since they have had no father to establish true identity and purpose in their life, they wander throughout life in search of true identity. They will often look up to someone they would like to have as a father or mother figure and then try to emulate them. They will exhibit mannerisms, dress, and even personality traits in an effort to "connect" their lonely heart to a "parent" they wish to be like.

SECOND, there is a **loss of value**. The orphan soul is filled with feelings of worthlessness, rejection, and sadness. This is especially true of those who have been abused or abandoned by a parent. They receive the message that their life is unimportant and their contribution to the family is not needed. In short, they believe they have no value to those who are supposed to love them which produces a profound sadness that grips their soul.

THIRD, there is a **loss of security**. Rejection, abuse, and the loss of worth create intense insecurities that strike fear into the core of the orphan's soul. Peace is unseated by torment, and hopelessness takes charge of the mindset. The orphan will always see the glass half empty and have great difficulty surrendering their soul to the Father, even when taught that He is loving, caring, and nurturing toward them.

FOURTH, there is the **loss of trust**. The orphan has been deserted by those who were supposed to love and care for them. Therefore, they purpose to never allow themselves to be hurt again by those who call themselves fathers and mothers. There is a deficit in the trust level of those in authority because of the deep wounding. Because of this, the orphan will reject order, especially God-appointed order, since ultimately he sees God as a tyrant taskmaster rather than a loving, caring Father.

FIFTH, orphan-hearted individuals are those who are relationally challenged. They establish walls to protect themselves from further hurts and wounds. Some have an excellent ability to develop business relationships, yet they short circuit when it comes to intimacy. They have great difficulty getting close to people.

They tend to keep others at arm's length and find great difficulty in maintaining long term relationships. They become anxious when they find themselves getting too close to people and will even sabotage their relationships in an attempt to protect themselves.

Orphans are very self-reliant since they are the only ones in life that are trustworthy. They cannot comprehend the notion that God is a provider and a shelter for their lives. Because they cannot understand this, they often become obsessed with self-help. They embrace self-improvement formulas in an attempt to become a better, healthier person, yet rarely experience lasting change since the root issue of the damage to their soul is seldom addressed.

Authority is a four-letter word to the orphan heart even though deep inside they want to be free of their torment. They often seek affirmation and encouragement from church leaders in order to feel secure; however, order often equates to control, and therefore when they step into a setting or system of order, stability, and proper alignment, they become disquieted in soul. When love is applied to facilitate change and maturation, they become uncomfortable. They will often look for the flaw in leadership or church members and use it as an excuse to exit. Orphans are commonly the church hoppers that despise submission and flaunt lawless behavior within the Body of Christ. They commonly claim, *I don't need you, I only need God*. They remain fiercely independent and critical of any system that operates within an orderly structure.

SIXTH, orphan-hearted individuals are desperate for love and acceptance. Their need for love is so great that they easily fall into ungodly soul ties. They also tend to become perfectionists in order to prove their worth. They will work hard if there is a reward of recognition; otherwise, they have little motivation to serve at all. They are unable to reach out to others, except as a mechanism to draw attention to or to feel good about themselves. These individuals are those in the church who work themselves to the bone because their work becomes their identity and gives them their sense of worth. Take them out of their job and you strip them of their identity and value.

FINALLY, the orphan-hearted person will readily pick up the offenses of others. They are very sensitive to perceived injustices and are quick to pick up on grievances against the "status quo" or established authority, especially God-appointed authority. They are often easy prey for gangs and human trafficking. In the church they are those who exhibit an Absalom or Korah spirit, with the intent to undermine or remove God-appointed leadership. It is often their attempt to "save" those within the body they perceive as "blinded" and "captive" to the leadership that leads to their downfall.

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Among those who walk in an understanding and awareness of the times and seasons there is a deep hunger for the manifestation of the supernatural. God is raising up individuals, ministries and groups of people who are experiencing the supernatural. They are teaching the principles of how to walk in the supernatural. We are facing a season in which it will be essential to know how to live a supernatural life style.

I was born and raised in the twentieth century outpouring of the Holy Spirit. I witnessed and participated in all the restoring manifestations of that season such as the healing movement, faith movement, prayer and intercession and worship renewals, and missions that brought the Pentecost message to the world. My wife and I have been active in ministering and teaching the gifts of the Spirit, deliverance, the apostolic and prophetic and other five-fold ministries. We have been reaching for the supernatural for many years. In face of this I am convinced that the next manifestation of God's Glory will be the greatest revelation of the supernatural that we have seen or witnessed in the past.

Kim Clement spoke recently about the supernatural in the coming season, "God will show Himself in the sky, in the land, and manifest Himself in all areas of society, business, government, education, and the full stream expression of everyday living." Things that have never happened before will happen supernaturally. Signs, wonders, and miracles will happen regularly. The supernatural will happen to those who deliberately and consciously reach for it.

We are witnessing major disasters in forms of excessive rain, floods, storms, earthquakes, etc. Nations are in reformation, economic chaos, and

change politically. In Hebrews 12:26-27 God says, "Once again I will shake not only the earth but the heavens also." This means that all of creation will be shaken and removed, so that only unshakeable things will remain." I ask these questions: "Is this shaking beginning now? Will the things that are to remain be saved only by the supernatural intervention of the Lord?" It is certainly evidence that the patterns laid out in the Word of God are coming to pass.

In the days ahead supernatural miracles will occur regularly. We who are aware of what is transpiring will need to take initiative to reach out and be channels of the supernatural. We can only take hold of that which we deliberately and consciously reach for. It's time to practice walking in the supernatural, if we will be able to confront and overcome the condition of the coming season. In Romans 12:1-2, Paul challenges us, *"I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind He will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship (serve) Him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person (a supernatural person) by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect"* (NLT). These are the steps of preparation to walk in the supernatural.

The supernatural is a mystery and can only be understood by the direction and action of the Holy Spirit. We can't predict by human thinking how, when, where, and what manner in which the supernatural will manifest. We see this in healing and other demonstrations of the works of God. He does things in His timing, in His way, in His place. We can cry for a supernatural answer to our prayers even for years, but it will not come in our way, but only in His way and timing. Our responsibility is to be prepared and wait expectantly. I believe what we have anticipated for years is about to happen. Are we prepared for a greater manifestation of the supernatural?

The supernatural is a manifestation of the Kingdom of God which Jesus calls a mystery in Mark 4:11. Paul says in Romans 16:25-26 that the gospel is a mystery brought to us by revelation kept secret from the foundation of the world, but now made manifest by the prophetic scriptures made known to all nations by God's command for obedience to faith. In Ephesians and other writings Paul says much about the mystery of the gospel. In Revelation 10:7 John wrote, *"When the seventh angel blows his trumpet, God's mysterious plan will be fulfilled. It will happen just as he announced it to His servants the prophets."* The supernatural that is sourced in the nature of God is only revealed to those who are willing to

come under His full control and authority. God is looking for a people who will obey Him in the coming season so He can manifest the supernatural with miraculous power and deliverance. God has promised to intervene in behalf of His chosen people.

Ephesians 6:10 says, "... *Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.*" His strength and power are manifested through the supernatural. His strength is a state of being and His power is the energy source for the strength. His supernatural strength and power are not sourced in things we see with natural eyes, hear with natural ears, speak with natural voices, govern by natural laws, control by human power, decide by human wisdom, manifest by human demand, construct with human hands, teach by human instruction, and birth by human conception. God wants to show us His supernatural strength and power from the resource of His Spiritual nature high above our human weakness. Our survival in the coming days depends on tapping into this resource.

Here are five ways He has chosen to reveal His strength and power supernaturally:

FIRST BY THE POWER OF HIS WORD: From the beginning His word is shown to be supernatural by creation, communication, demonstration, and covenant. Hebrews 4:12 states that His word is alive, powerful, sharp and able to divide between soul and spirit, joint and marrow, and expose our innermost thoughts and desires. Nothing is hid from God, and everyone is accountable to him based on His word. His word is a stimulator of faith to activate the supernatural (Romans 10:17). The Bible records and gives proof to God's power to energize the supernatural. Jesus said that Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God (Luke 4:4). We must commit to total obedience to the word of God in the season ahead.

SECOND BY THE POWER OF HIS NAME: Jesus gives claim to the power of His name in John 14:12-14, "*I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. You can ask for anything in my name and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father.*" He reinforces this in other places of the Gospels. We know Jesus is the light of the world who dispels darkness (John 1:1-9). In order to see the supernatural in this coming season we must be bold to proclaim the Name of Jesus without fear and compromise. His name is above every name (Philippians 2:9).

THIRD BY THE POWER OF HIS HOLY SPIRIT: Romans 8: 9-17 says that we are controlled by the Spirit of God that lives in us and He quickens our mortal bodies so we can effectively live an overcoming Christian life which activates His glory (His supernatural presence). Jesus said in Acts 1:8 that we will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon us to be witnesses to the ends of the earth. And in John 14-16 He names the responsibilities of the Holy Spirit: 1. Leader into truth, 2. Advocate, 3. Helper, 4. Teacher, 5. Guide, 6.Revealer of the works of Christ, and 7. Convicting the world of sin. In John 7:37-39 Jesus pro-

claims the Spirit will be like Rivers of living water flowing from our heart. In Acts 2:17-21 Peter proclaims Joel's prophecy that in the last days God will pour out his Spirit on all flesh and His people will prophesy and see visions and dreams. God will show wonders in the heavens and signs in the earth, blood and fire and vapor of smoke. And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. It is evident that these things are happening now. God will release His Holy Spirit to meet the needs of the coming season supernaturally. It's time to be filled with the Spirit.

FORTH BY THE POWER OF PRAYER AND INTERCESSION: What a great move of God we have seen in the prayer movement in the past thirty years. This foundation that has been laid will be a mighty force in the release of the supernatural in the coming days. It will become stronger and the forces of darkness will not be able to stand against it. In 1Timothy 2:1-8 Paul gives a short discourse on prayer. He says that we are to pray and intercede for those in authority so we can live a peaceful life in godliness and reverence, and that men should pray everywhere lifting up holy hands without wrath and doubting. Prayer will carry us through the difficult days ahead and release the supernatural works of God. Never stop praying and giving thanks (1Thess. 5:17).

FIFTH BY THE POWER OF HIS ANGELS: Angels are ministering spirits (supernatural beings) sent from God to care for people who will inherit salvation (Hebrew 1:14). Throughout the Bible from Abraham to John the revelator, angels have an active part in establishing the Kingdom of God on earth. Angels will have a special place in revealing the supernatural works of God in the upcoming season. Space in this article doesn't allow me to enlarge on this subject. John Kilpatrick has a series on angels. He makes this statement that identifies the ministry of angels to God's people. "**Angels are the muscle of heaven!** They are created beings sent forth by God to deliver you and watch out for your interests. They will not forgive, they don't hold a grudge – they are assigned to covenant heirs. The word has power but it must be provided a voice. Angels give heed only to the voice of God's word. Do not neglect so great a deliverance that has been made available to you by God's angels." God appointed an angel to go before Israel as they journeyed from Egypt to the Promised Land (Exodus 23:20-23). God said that we are not to provoke His angels lest they bring judgment on our disobedience. A study of angels will help you to understand their part in protecting God's people in the new season.

There is much teaching on these five areas of supernatural power. If we learn to effectively and efficiently live in the flow of God's word, His name, His Holy Spirit, prayer, and ministry of angles, we will be ready to walk in the supernatural that God releases to sustain and provide for us in the days ahead. I trust this writing will stimulate you to reach for the supernatural.

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I received the revelation from the Holy Spirit that the restoration of the Tabernacle of David in this twenty-first century would cause a redefining of the true Church and take it beyond the religious gatherings that many call church, but still cling to Old Testament, Law-driven structures. He also said it would *Spearhead* a new *Spiritual Awakening* and a new *Movement*. The Tabernacle of David restored was described as a *spearhead* or driving force to bring about a new spiritual awakening to the earth and out of that awakening would emerge a new spiritual movement. He described it to me this way; It will be like the earlier Jesus Movement and the Charismatic Movement of the 1960's through the early 1980's, but be much stronger and have a greater impact for decades to come. I just read a recent monthly news bulletin from our apostolic leader and overseer who stated he remembers joining 30 pastors in Morgantown, Pennsylvania, in baptizing 1500 young people in a Mennonite farm pond during the last outpouring of the Spirit in the Jesus People Movement. I was reminded how these two movements changed the face of the Church almost completely, especially in the area of worship and music in the church. New leadership emerged and formed many different streams of ministry that went global in their influence and dynamics. They became *change agents* for the kingdom of God in those days because they were bold in their efforts to change the old mindsets that were largely focused on building personal kingdoms and not building the body of Christ and the Kingdom of God.

Looking back for a clearer perspective of the thing that played a major

role in the last spiritual awakening, I would have to say it was the reestablishing of Davidic worship. This form of worship created an atmosphere that was totally nontraditional but one that was truly Biblical and the true pattern of worship established in the New Testament era. All of these so called *free spirits or hippy subculture youth* were just being led of the Spirit of God to restore the Tabernacle of God in the last part of the twentieth century.

And, of all things, they brought their tambourines, djembe drums, guitars and flutes to church and introduced ***a whole new sound*** in the traditional church world. A very religious world was accustomed to hearing the pipe organ and piano played while a robed choir sang formal hymns sandwiched between the Sunday morning announcements and offertory, and just before the preacher stepped into the pulpit for his weekly word from the Lord. For one thing, this Davidic worship disturbed their comfort zone big time! This new style of free and joyful praises coming from newly saved, subculture creatures was *rocking* the old wineskins to the very core of their being! They were still singing “Rock of Ages” but with a totally different beat! As we now know, the old wineskins as a whole totally, or almost totally, rejected this new style of worship. The evangelical churches, in particular, discounted it as a *way too far out type of praise and worship* for them all together. For the very few who did allow them to attend their church services for the second time, they became the ones who grew not only in numbers but became the new wineskin churches who ***reaped a first fruits harvest of souls*** for the kingdom of God. By the way, those new converts became the leaders of that new movement that arose in the earth and are now the influential men and women in the present church world. The end results were what finally caught the attention of the old wineskin churches, that being, ***an abundant harvest of souls*** that came into the kingdom of God. It was those new converts that changed the face of the Church during that time of spiritual renewal. This very same type of thing is about to happen once again. I have absolutely no idea of what it will be named for future generations' sake, but it will be one of the greatest moves of the Holy Spirit recorded in the chronicles of history, for sure.

Well, it's time, according to the Holy Spirit, for another ***great spiritual awakening*** in the earth. And the same basic ingredients that were the right mix for the last awakening will be the same for this one also.

We have an emerging generation that has the right ***DNA***, or what I call ***Divine Nature Anointing***, waiting in the wings, but not for long. They are so properly wired for this next great spiritual awakening in the earth. From what I have experienced visiting the many local churches and attending places, these youth are involved in praise and worship. I have absolutely no doubt that they are the next Davidic generation arising in the earth. They are the twenty-first century

spiritual type of Obed-Edom and family who will leave the farm so to speak, and move to Zion the city of David. They will become the next attendants in the newly rebuilt spiritual Tabernacle of David.

So, what is this spiritual spearhead called the Tabernacle of David all about? What are its fundamentals that will not only spearhead a new spiritual awakening but also result in a new spiritual movement in the earth? **The Tabernacle of David** is the name given to the little *tent* that King David erected up on Mount Zion in the city of Jerusalem that housed the Ark of God. It became the very center of the new order of joyful praise and worship that stood in very sharp contrast to the solemn worship that occurred in the Tabernacle of Moses just down the road a few miles.

The Levitical priesthood in Moses' Tabernacle was still offering up sacrifices of animals at the prescribed times and seasons, while the new Davidic order was where Israel was offering sacrifices of praise in joyful songs filled with thanksgiving to the Living God of Israel. His very manifest Presence was now once again in their midst. Their earthly King David was leading them in a totally new order of live worship. The Tabernacle of David was a prototype of the worship that was coming to the New Testament Church. Its sacrifices are from the New Covenant priesthood, which offers sacrifices of praise, joy and thanksgiving, no longer the blood of bulls and goats. Christ Himself is our High Priest in Whom and by Whom we can now offer ourselves as a living sacrifice unto His Father in heaven.

(I appeal to you therefore, brethren, and beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to make *a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice*, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and **SPIRITUAL WORSHIP**.) Romans 12:1.

This new order of worship requires the total man or woman as the case may be. Worshiping God with our whole being, spirit, soul and body; this is worshiping in spirit and in truth and is called **SPIRITUAL WORSHIP**. The old type or covenant worship was only done in the flesh and not the spirit. Ritualistically, they offered something outside of themselves to God. Now God was requiring that they become the sacrifice which required total commitment, not just an offering from an outside source. David said on one occasion, "I will offer nothing to the Lord that does not cost me something." The old required the total sacrifice of an animal of some sort, but now that same total commitment is required of the true worshiper.

The sacrifices of animals were merely a crude outline or foreshadowing of the good things to come. If it were otherwise, those sacrifices offered day after day and year after year would not have stopped. The worshipers had to be cleansed once and for all time. For their sacrifice or worship to be acceptable unto the Lord, it had to be guilt free and have no consciousness of sin. Christ Who offered Himself on our behalf, made the way possible for the worshiper to offer

his sacrifices of praise to be acceptable unto God.

(Through Him, therefore, let us constantly and at all times offer up to God **a sacrifice of praise**, which is **the fruit of /lips** that **thankfully** acknowledges and confesses, and **glorifies** His name). *Hebrews 13:15*.

The phrase Davidic worship just simply means to worship the Father in **spirit and in truth**. This type of worship is an act of the whole person, not just some mental ascent played out in a certain form or ritual without the spirit, soul and body of the worshiper involved. The Worship of David's Tabernacle included singing, instrumental music, standing, kneeling, bowing, hands raised high, clapping and dancing like David did when he brought the Ark of God to Zion's Hill. We are to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind and with all our strength. Mark 12:30.

In addition to the order of worship outlined for the Church, the Tabernacle of David strongly contends for the proclamation and authority of Christ through His Church, thus prefiguring the priestly, kingly and prophetic ministries of the Church. These threefold anointings are three of the four elements of the Tabernacle of David.

Jesus came to build His Church and gather to Himself a people from every tribe and nation to worship and serve Him as a royal kingdom of priests. He is still doing that very thing of building His Church along with restoring the Tabernacle of David in each ensuing generation. We have witnessed a renewed emphasis of this restoration in the second half of the twentieth century and the beginning of this twenty-first century for the sole purpose of building His Church. We must also remember that there have been those throughout Church history who have embraced and practiced the principles of Davidic worship. We have read about those who in the power of the Holy Spirit were a prophetic people and worked tirelessly to establish and advance the kingdom of God in their generation and on their "watch." These ministered as prophets, priests and kings in the earth and helped change their world. So it is today, the Father still seeks worshipers who will worship Him in spirit and in truth. The restoration of the Tabernacle is a restoration of worship in spirit and in truth and so much more as we shall see in the near future.

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I will not allow any person nor any adverse circumstance to determine the lifespan of the hope God originally put in me.



Can you picture a world without Jesus? Imagine the despair, depression, and utter hopelessness. Have you ever thought what it would be like to spend even one minute out of His presence? Terrifying, isn't it? **HOPE** came to earth over 2000 years ago wrapped in swaddling clothes, sleeping and crying in a manger. Bethlehem, the birthplace of **HOPE**.

As you can plainly see, Holy Spirit is placing the emphasis on **HOPE** this month. **HOPE** is a noun. A noun is a person, place, or thing. **HOPE** is a person, Jesus Christ. **HOPE** is a thing - a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen. We are about to close the door of 2014 by celebrating the birth of our Savior, our **HOPE**. How better to enter the door of 2015, than with **HOPE** Himself. None of us knows what 2015 holds for us, but **HOPE** holds 2015. The hands of **HOPE** are nail scarred reminding us that He was torn to give us new life. Healing hands that touch body, soul and spirit, leaving us forever changed. The head of **HOPE** is thorn scarred assuring us that all mental issues that could render us hopeless are covered by His blood. The feet of **HOPE** carry the marks of piercing - confirming that Destiny's Road is paved in **HOPE**, promise and joy in the journey. **HOPE** has walked where you've walked, even through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, and came out victorious on the other side. **HOPE'S** side carries the scar of a piercing. If your heart has ever been pierced through, scripture promises that He is especially close to you during those moments. When it feels as if all **HOPE** is gone Jesus draws you near to His side.

Here are some of the truest, most beautiful words ever written "Why, my soul are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your **HOPE** in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God" (Psalm 42:5).

HOPE is a small word, but it is one of the most powerful because in **HOPE** lies the power of the human soul to turn to God and live as if His promises are to come true. "Be strong and take heart all you who **HOPE** in the LORD" (Psalm 31:24)

The key to surviving any challenge or crisis is **HOPE**, **HOPE** that Jesus loves you. **HOPE** that He is, right now working out a solution for you, **HOPE** that the future you place in His hands will be better than the present you hold in your own. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you **HOPE** and a future" (Jer.29: 11).

Practice this **HOPE**, even if you have to will yourself to do it. With its power, you will overcome all things. "Those who in **HOPE** the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint" (Isa.40:31).

Our prayer for you is, "May the God of **HOPE** fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in **HOPE**." (Rom.15:13) It is our **HOPE** (earnest desire for a certain thing to happen; a feeling of expectation) that you experience **HOPE** Himself in a glorious way in the coming year.

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BY OTHERS OR BY US



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In time to come, may we live differently with different results than we have lived in times past. May our homes and work environment be filled with different conversation in times to come—different because we are no longer discussing threats and defeats but hopes and victories. May our homes be fuller in the coming year—full of the things we have needed, full of evidences of victories and full of love and good, productive fellowship. May our homes be filled with new language in this new year—the language of finance and prosperity, the language of health and the language of wise counsel given and heeded. May this coming year look totally different as we look back on it than any year prior has looked. May we say that it had the look of answers, resolve and fulfillment.

All of these wonderful things could come to pass for some of us simply because we applied a very simple solution—they could happen because we have stopped living by what is said BY OTHERS and have started living by what is said BY US. Over the course of years I have heard of people who changed something in their life because of something an individual said to them. They stopped taking medicine or started taking a medicine because an individual, who had no medical training, said they should; and the result was disastrous. There are people who have brought someone into their life or expelled someone from their life because an individual said they should; and the result was disastrous. There are people who have invested in a market an individual told them to invest in and the result was disastrous. I know a couple who were told by an older influential cou-

ple that they should stop paying tithes “because it did not make sense to pay tithes” proving on both ends (believer and unbeliever) that human reason can, somewhat easily, cast aside biblical principle because an opposing viewpoint seems logical at the time.

Paul helped the Christians in Rome to wake up to a matter that would be a vital factor in their future: ...*“The Word is near you, even in your mouth and in your heart”*... (Rom.10:8, NKJV). Some of us came through an era of religious training and teaching that left us with the understanding that the vital factors of our lives and our future would be the result of what someone else said to us. Some have grown up in dysfunctional families and some have come out of bad marriages thinking that they do not deserve anything more or different than the negative that was said about them. But the helpful instruction of Paul is that the word our ears (and the atmosphere and the environment) need to hear is the word that comes out of our own mouth. But that word must be influenced, must be shaped by THE Word of God: *“...that is, the Word of Faith which we proclaim;”* (v.8b). What was to come out of the Romans’ mouths was to have been influenced by the instruction of the Word from godly leaders and teachers.

Paul had a God-ordained appointment to get to. He was traveling in a ship that was in the middle of a storm and the ship was in danger of sinking. Other people were making decisions about that journey and about that ship and were saying things that were in agreement with what was apparent in the present set of circumstances. In Acts 27:17 experienced seamen were *“fearing”* and in v.20 things had escalated to the point that the report is *“all hope was taken away”*. In v.11 the centurion had already listened to something said by an experienced sea captain and was putting 276 people in peril for their lives and v.12 says *“the majority favored the plan of putting to sea”*. Experienced people and the majority put the loss of the ship and everyone’s life in peril because *“someone said”*.

From the Acts 27 account Paul decided, in the midst of a dangerous situation, to not live by things said BY OTHERS. The foundational thing he said was in v.25 *“I believe God”*. He believed the thing said in v.24 *“you must be brought before Caesar”*; and HE SAID that thing also. Other things he said that were contrary to what was apparent: v.22 *“there shall be no loss”*; v.24 *“fear not”*; v.24 *“all will be saved”*. All the other 275 people and their authorities (unbelievers) were crying out contrary things but Paul did not live according to what *they said*; he lived according to what he had been instructed and what he had been instructed, he said. Not only did Paul firmly stand on what HE SAID but, eventually, those in authority began to say what *he said* and all were saved.

We have appointments to get to in 2015. If we listen to what seems to be apparent and logical and reasonable and live according to those things, it is possible that we will not get to God-ordained appointments. Trying to live by what others say can result in the sad report of Acts 27:20 *“all hope was taken away”*—that is the point at which people give up and stop trying. For the coming days of our lives we best listen and take Paul’s example and Paul’s instruction who said *“I believe God”* (Acts 27:25) and *“...The Word is near you, even in your mouth and in your heart”*... (Rom.10:8, NKJV). Let’s stop trying to live by things said BY OTHERS and start living by things said BY US. (Cf. Prov.15:30; 18:21)

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