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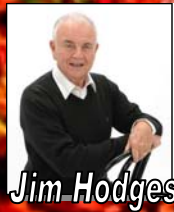
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The Ministry Of Repenting



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Anointed by the Spirit of the Lord

"Remember therefore from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you, and will remove your lampstand out of its place-unless you repent" (Revelation 2:5).

The first thing we find the churches doing in the book of Revelation is repenting.¹ This ministry is enabled by the Spirit of the Lord, or the spirit of Lordship. This is the first component of the seven-fold Spirit of God in Isaiah 11:2.

As the Lord Jesus, the Head of the Church, addressed the churches, five of them were challenged to repent. Notice this is a call for corporate repentance: Certainly individuals are called to repent, but the church itself, represented by its leaders, is called to repentance.

Repentance is our initial and ongoing response to His Lordship. When the Lord Jesus entered His public ministry, He called for repentance.² Preceding Him, John the Baptist had also cried out for the people of Israel to repent.³ Both John and Jesus announced the arrival and availability of the Kingdom of God. The King had come and He brought His kingdom with Him! A radical change of mind, heart, and attitude is necessary to prepare us for a breakthrough of the Kingdom in any generation!

If the churches Jesus addressed in the book of Revelation repent, they will become overcomers through whom the Lord can then implement His Kingdom agenda and purpose in their region. If they do not repent, their



lampstand (light) will be removed.⁴ This is a very startling message for them and for churches in any generation including ours! If Christ is really Lord of the Church and Lord of heaven and earth, then His agenda must be prioritized above all others. Repentance on the Church's part will reengage it with the Kingdom agenda of the Lord. It is hard to acknowledge that a church would resist the agenda of the Kingdom of God. But it happens. Thus the need for corporate repentance where the entire Body is engaged in changing its mind and moving from man's perspective on things to God's perspective.

Let's take a look at the repentance issues in these churches of Asia Minor. They will provide guidelines for repentance that is necessary in the churches of the 21st century.

The Church at Ephesus

This first church the Lord addressed was challenged to repent and return to their first love for Christ and His Kingdom (Revelation 2:4-5).

The church of Ephesus, which had earlier received a letter from Paul, the Apostle, had forsaken first things. The word for first in the Greek is *protos* which translates model, paradigm, pattern, or order. This word is where we get the concept of prototype. The believers in this local church had not only waned in their fervent love for the Lord, they had also forsaken the model the apostle had taught them for a Biblical New Testament church. They had become deficient in their love for the Lord and in their commitment to walk in apostolic doctrine concerning proper structure for the church.

The word for first here is the same word in I Corinthians 12:28 where we read: *"And God has set in the church, first apostles, second prophets, and third teach-ers"* This verse instructs us that the true New Testament Church is prototypically apostolic.

Apostles are first not because they are superior to the other ministry gifts listed in Ephesians 4: 11, namely, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. They are simply first in the divine order of God's Church, and they have the increased responsibility to facilitate the function of the other four ministry gifts.

It seems to me that the priority of the apostolic is underscored in Hebrews 3: 1 where our Ascended Lord is referred to as the Apostle of our confession. We know Christ is THE Prophet, THE Teacher, THE Evangelist, and THE Pastor, but the Holy Spirit chose through the author of the book of Hebrews to designate Him as The Apostle along with the term, High Priest.

This same word, proton (Greek) is used of Christ in Revelation 1: 17. He is the First (proton) Man, and He is the Last (eschatos) Man. In other words, He is the Model--Pattern Man in the earth. It is into His image we are being conformed as we grow in Him personally and corporately.

We need to repent for "doing church" every way but the way the apostles taught! We seem to be experts for doing church in unbiblical ways. We have some repenting to do!

The Church at Pergamum

The issue in this church was the toleration of false doctrine, i. e., the doctrines of Balaam and the Nicolaitans (Revelation 2: 14-16 and 3: 1-3).

This church had turned away into false doctrine, and now they needed to turn back to true doctrine. They had erred in these critical areas: (1) misunderstanding and misapplication of prophetic ministry (Balaamism), and (2) misunderstanding and misapplication of apostolic ministry (Nicolaitanism).

Balaam, an Old Testament prophet (see Numbers 31), was paid by Balak, king of Moab, to curse Israel. He was a true prophet who prostituted his prophetic gift. He was rebuked by God and by the donkey he rode! Even though he was unsuccessful in cursing the Old Testament people of God, his counsel to Balak was used to defile Israel with idolatry and immorality.

Bad doctrine often leads to bad behavior. It seems today we have an abundance of bad doctrine circulating among God's people. Not coincidentally, we have had a number of moral failures among leaders in the Body of Christ.

The Lord intended the ministry of apostles and prophets be pure, powerful, and precise. It is these ministries that foundation the Church in revelation, doctrine, and direction (Ephesians 2:20 and Acts 11 :28).

The word, nicolaitan, literally means: victory over the people. The practical application of this false doctrine oppresses the people of God through authoritarian, hier-archical, top-down structures.

The Lord intended the ministry of the apostles to be fatherly and servant-driven for the purpose of equipping and maturing the saints so they can come into their calling, ministry, and destiny (Ephesians 4:12 and I Corinthians 4:1).

The Church at Thyatira

The issue in this church was their toleration of the spirit of Jezebel (Revelation 2:20-21).

This is an obvious reference to Jezebel in the Old Testament, who, with her husband, king Ahab, governed the nation of Israel in the days of Elijah the prophet (I Kings 16).

Jezebel went beyond Balaam in defiling prophetic ministry; she wanted to replace the true prophet of God, Elijah, with the false prophets of Baal. An anti-God or anti-Christ spirit in any generation seeks to replace the true with the false. Understand that an anti-Christ spirit not only opposes Christ, but intends to replace Him with a false Christ.

The spirit of Jezebel can gain a foothold in a life or in a local church through sorcery and manipulation. It operates through a spirit of control which takes advantage of our insecurities. For example, the insecure Ahab gave his conniving wife an open door to take control of an entire nation!

The church at Thyatira had somehow allowed this controlling spirit to work so as to lead many into idolatry and immorality. Radical repentance was needed here! Even though the entire church had not tolerated her, the entire church had to come into corporate repentance to deal with this satanic stronghold!

In The Old Testament, the prophet Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel and then led the nation of Israel in repentance and in a return to the Lord God of their fathers.

The promise to the overcomers in Thyatira was that they would be given authority over the nations (Revelation 2:26). Think about it. If the church defeats Jezebel in their midst, then they impact nations for the Gospel.

The Church in our day needs to be an undefiled prophetic voice calling nations back to the Lord of the nations!

End notes:

¹ Revelation 2:5, 16, 22; 3:3, 18

² Matthew 4:17

³ Matthew 3:2

⁴ Revelation 2:5

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Psalm 139:16 (Paraphrased): *When I had not yet existed for even one moment, I was commissioned by God's purpose. Before I was even wrapped as an embryo in my mother's womb I was marked and approved by God's eternal wisdom and greatness.* As surely as we were in the womb being transformed to come forth as a living being, reflecting the likeness of our natural fathers, we are in "cocoons" in life being transformed to reflect the likeness and character of our heavenly Father. What I mean by "cocoons" in life is the tough, tight places in life, times when we are caught in a web of circumstances or conditions that have us hot and bothered, barely able to breathe and can't see a way out. In "cocoon times", we can either walk in faith and keep doing what we know to do and realize God is going to utilize it for our growth and development, or we can try to run and escape . . . maybe for an entire lifetime. Or we can take a machete to the thing, pitch a fit and tear up jack! (Of course that very rarely fixes real-life situations and usually makes them worse!) The bottom line is we only do damage when we refuse to change as needed.

It is a well known fact that it will cripple a butterfly if, for any reason, their cocoon is opened prematurely. It's essential that they stretch and strain and develop through their tough place in order to have the strength it takes to fly in the future. If we don't, for some reason, process through our tough places we won't have the character, changes, revelation, stamina, skills and strength that we need for our future. Cocoons are simply not optional, process is key to change and growth. If you are in one of your life-cocoons right now, be it physical, mental, circumstantial, relational or financial, oxygen and change and resolve are reachable. Be encouraged, you *do* have a future beyond it.

Hunters who go after the Big Five in Africa have to take “enough gun” to bring down their powerful prey. Likewise, we need to understand the personal war in a life cocoon so that we carry enough gun and do not show up with a BB gun for a tank fight. The most effective weapon that we have for life’s many Cocoon-Conquering-Quests is CHOICE. Deut 30:19— *I have set before you life and death, [Life if you dig out of the cocoon and death if you stay in it], the blessings and the curses; therefore CHOOSE LIFE.* You’d think that goes without saying. Who, in their right mind, wouldn’t choose life? It sounds simple, but it actually can get complex and difficult, because the first challenge is listening to your spirit instead of your soul! Your spirit is where His Spirit dwells, so choosing life starts with pulling from His Truth and Wisdom instead of how we feel because of throbbing pain or blinding fear or understandable anger. Besides extreme emotions, choices from the soul can be under the influence of squirrely thinking or deception or bad moods. We have to work past the soul to the spirit to choose life.

Getting past personal irritations and any sense of injustice and all the frustrations that are like prickly fibers in a cocoon to align with God’s word and His ways can get difficult. Deut. 30:11 confirms that in verse 11 even before verse 19 tells us to choose life. Deut. 30:11— *This commandment, that I'm commanding you today is not TOO difficult for you, it isn't TOO much for you, it's not out of your reach. 12 It's not on a high mountain--you don't have to get mountaineers to climb the peak and bring it down to your level and explain it before you can live it. 13 And it's not across the ocean—you don't have to send sailors out to get it, bring it back, and then explain it before you can live it. 14 No. The word is right here and now—as near as the tongue in your mouth, as near as the heart in your chest.* (Msg) So, difficult or not, choose life. Just do it!

Making right choices could be considered a test that God is monitoring, but God doesn’t score us for the purpose of determining our worth or value. From God’s point of view, testing is about equipping and strengthening as in testing your metal to see if it is sufficient for where you were born to go. If it’s not, it will take more cocoon time, more process to strengthen. Let me point out something about our GOD: He doesn’t gather wood to build a fire to put us through heated trials and He doesn’t design our cocoons. It is not His character to think, “Oh, let’s let Mary be born in a poor cocoon and work through poverty. And John, let’s let him fight fat through his early years.” It is a mistake to blame our cocoons on God. The truth is that when we choose life, He can then make good use of the tough times and work all things together for our benefit and growth.

When you CHOOSE LIFE you are choosing what you will agree with. Your agreement is what opens doors in your life and the cocoon. Your agreement aligns you with either a God-outcome or the plans of self or plans of others, or the plans of Hell . . . or possibly some combination of the last three! For example, if you're caught up in an emotional web and surrounded by hurt feelings or offense or disappointment or despair, your soul is likely to choose to wallow in "UPSET." That choice is agreeing with current conditions, but your spirit calls for a vote, knowing nothing good comes out of coddling and rehearsing UPSET. There's no ground taken by staying UPSET. Let's put it in graphic terms. When your stomach gets UPSET, you throw up. There's no need to save the VOMIT. Choose to FLUSH it and move on, thereby agreeing that you are not staying a prisoner of the UPSET. Why do people ever choose to stay in the chaos of UPSET? Most often, it is because they don't feel or believe they can help it and they have no awareness that there is a choice to react differently. Sometimes people get in a habit of staying upset because it brings attention or pity. Others stay upset as a campaign for justice or vengeance. We can, however, train ourselves to use the weapon called CHOICE and practice until we are skilled enough to choose not to allow UPSET to rule our lives.

If we go to God for a deposit of His peace and wisdom, we can make a choice that contradicts our feelings. That doesn't mean you are giving up strategy and resolve, it means you're just choosing not to stay UPSET while it comes. To stay upset is to CHOOSE death because your body will suffer, relationships will suffer and "emotional reactions" will become KING in the house and set an atmosphere that draws more upset.

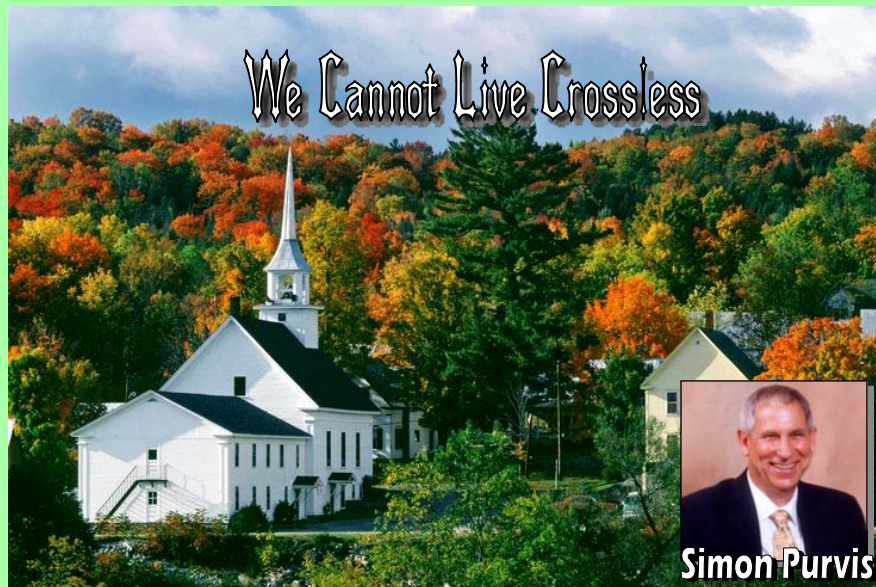
Let's recap to this point: 1) Cocoons are tough times but can be used to process and develop and grow. 2) Choice is the best weapon for conquering the challenges of tough times. 3) CHOOSING LIFE and wisdom will bring God results out of life cocoons.

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If we live only knowing Christ in an external Christian lifestyle, we are apt to judge and criticize and fight (1Cor 3). In Corinth they were taking communion out of order, some getting drunk, others not eating. They had picked out their preferred spiritual leaders and doctrines and Paul called them carnal, still pivoting around self. There's nothing wrong with starting out in human nature, but we can't stay there. We must process to internal so that the Kingdom, its order, love and wisdom are lived out from within. We don't continue to see Christ as our healer, external, like a doctor we try to get to. That will happen to babes in Christ a few times. It is easy to get babes healed, but let that season pass and no amount of rubbing with oil will get them healed. We must move to an understanding that our health, our healing, our life is within us because Christ is within us. That means I can have health even though I am walking in struggles with infirmities, if I know Christ internally. That is not the case with external Christianity.

I watched the season when we all tried to find our purpose while living external. There is only one purpose in earth, different functions but only one purpose. In Philippians 1, Paul was in prison and the people were praying for his deliverance. He made this statement, "The thing is not whether I live or die, the purpose is that Christ be manifest. For me to live is Christ." You may be called to be an apostle or prophet, but that is not your destiny or purpose. That is a function in which you are to manifest Christ. Until we find out that our purpose is to manifest Christ, we will not know what life is about because callings and giftings will not sat-

isfy. When we know Him internally, the motive is love and the purpose is that Christ be manifest. There is no other purpose for the saints. If we know Christ externally and get caught up in destiny and purpose, we fight people to the top, but manifest sons manifest Christ. Things that were important in the external are no longer important when we move into the internal.

In Philippians 3, Paul listed his credentials, his position and his self-righteousness, “Concerning the law, I was blameless, but I count all this as loss. I lose this that I can gain Christ.” The last several years I have been through, I lost the things that used to be important regarding ministry, but I found something deeper. We lose that which we thought was important so we can know what really is important. There are thorns inside of us that choke out the way we should know Him. In the last seasons of his life, Paul was still crying out to know the Lord. Phi 3:10 — *that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death*; Phi 3:11— *in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead*. This has nothing to do with the bodily resurrection from the dead. This resurrection is coming out of the old life, from the self-centered life to a Christ-centered life of only knowing Christ. He said he had not gotten there yet, but that was where he intended to go. He rejoiced in the only righteousness he had and that was Christ.

We don’t realize how bound we are in our own humanity in an external walk until He frees us. God had put some gifts in my life and because I had so many insecurities, those giftings began to give me worth and draw attention to myself. So God told me He was going to take me through a process with the goal of knowing Him. I realized that teaching and preaching was not my life. The eye of the needle is that line between the external and internal. We have to lay something down to step across it. Lavern Fromke said that we preach a crossless gospel. That line between external and internal knowing is the cross. In Matthew 12, Jesus said to take up your cross and deny yourself to follow Him. The kicker is that if we hold on to what is important in the external, we lose the grasp of the internal. However, if we lay down the external values, we gain the internal. The Amplified Bible says that if we live our lives out of our humanity, the lower life, we lose the God-intended fullness of life. You can’t have both because you cannot live knowing Christ internally if you live a self-centered life. In knowing Him externally and living self-centered, we live a life that is all about fixing self. Christianity is not about making you a better person. It is about Christ.

As long as we live external Christianity, no matter how much we have, we will never know what life is about. We just live as miserable Christians though we speak in tongues and prophesy until we can lay down all the misery, criticism and being judgmental and offended to find Christ. However, the all-sufficient Christ wanting to express Himself through our life is fulfilling and it is not about us. The Kingdom of God is moving right now and many people who live in the external, and have lived there too long, are going to try to move with it, but it will be their undoing. The reason the process is so long is because He wants us to find the reality of Christ.

There is an external and an internal cross. Jesus at the Garden of Gethsemane cried out, "Not my will be done but Yours." That was His greatest struggle. His soul died. We can hold to charismatic things that are pleasant to our soul, like preaching and prophesying and laying hands on the sick. Tommy Tenny said we can get addicted to those pleasant-to-the-soul things. However, true obedience is not merely pleasant to the soul and is not found in the external life. Heb 5:8 says, *Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.* Actually, true obedience involves being embraced with things that are not pleasant to the soul. This only happens on the internal side of knowing Christ. Being embraced with something that our will fights against yet we surrender to the Lord is the essence of true obedience.

In the process of moving from knowing Christ externally to knowing Him internally, He frees us from trusting ourselves. In 2Cor. 1, Paul said he really had a struggle and almost despaired of life in moving from trust in himself to trusting the living God. We can believe we are walking in faith, but the hardest thing is to really trust God. When things don't make sense and there don't seem to be any answers and heaven goes quiet, that's when we must trust Him.

I don't think any of us know what is about to occur. Saints, I heard the Lord say something that marked me a season ago. The subject was voting leaders into political offices. It does very little if a person just says they are a Christian and they still get into office and use that office to serve themselves. External living is self-serving and corruption remains unchanged. There is no safety until something happens in a man so that he knows Christ internally. Some have lived knowing Christ externally too long and they still believe that Christianity is about them. They face the danger of hearing and hearing but never coming to the knowledge of the truth, but there are no sad stories on the side of knowing Christ internally. We realize that everything is simply part of the price and process

of knowing Him and coming out of a self-centered life into a life that has meaning and fullness.

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"Toto, I've got a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore." Our culture is changing so quickly, that it feels like our heads are spinning as we ride on the proverbial government machine of "social change." There is a humanist, socialistic, Darwinian, and yes, godless agenda that is being thrust into high gear to bring our nation and the world into a common value system. But I have good news for us: this is not a new plan, its been used for centuries to build kingdoms that will not stand against the Kingdom of God. The book of Genesis will give us some insights into this strategy.

First thing, this new world order wants to control definitions. "Now the whole earth had one language and one speech." (Gen. 11:1) One of the major attacks on our culture is to redefine our terms (language) and control the use of terminology by political correctness (speech). We are constantly bombarded by the news, professors, activists and politicians taking our icons, our history, our heroes and revising their meanings and definitions. This is a system where tolerance, understanding, racism and free speech only flow in one direction. It must align itself with the political nature and whim of the day or you can be labeled a bigot or racist. I am amazed how anyone with a microphone in front of camera now be-

comes a theologian lecturing people how Jesus feels about social justice, gay marriage, racism, healthcare, etc. You name the issue and the agenda is to make everyone agree on the terms. We must reject the premise of this altogether and stand on the biblical principles. The control of language and speech is the linchpin of controlling the debate and conversation.

Secondly, this new world order wants to make everyone the same except for the master planners, of course. “Come, let us make brick, burn them thoroughly, and they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.” (v.3) The whole reason someone would want to use bricks instead of stone is the ease of building. Bricks are uniform in size, weight, density, and appearance. This mindset, based in socialism, believes that many social ills are dealt with by being equal in results. That is to say, if we were all equal, there would be no crime, no envy, and the system would be more fair to everyone, bringing real happiness and fulfillment. If that were the case, North Korea would be the happiest place on earth. We are not bricks, but “lively stones” (1 Pet. 2:5). I was at the hardware store, in the kitchen section, and I was looking at the granite countertops. I was amazed at the beauty, intricacy, color, and uniqueness of each surface. There was not one counter the same as another. There is not one stone the same as another in this world. Each one is different in texture, weight, composition, and density. So too are we uniquely gifted, created, and empowered to be joined together with each other, fitly joined, and built on the Cornerstone, Jesus. Unity is not conformity.

Thirdly, they were supposed to disperse and fill the whole earth, not stay in one place together. “Come, let us build a city and a tower....and let us make a name for ourselves.” (v.4) They wanted to build a city that could access God and redefine who they were. They wanted to give themselves a title that pleased *them*, that by the work of their own hands they might receive an identity that they could satisfy the need in each one of us to find purpose. Everything finds its expression in something greater than itself. We now live in a time that wants to label everyone and make people submit to what is “acceptable” to men. But we must obey God, rather than men. (Acts 5:29)

“And the Lord came down to see the city and the Tower that the children of men build.” (Gen 11:5) I love this part of the story. God decided to come down and see what is going on with the project. I could just imagine what He was thinking. Maybe, The Lord was saying, “Hey, Jesus, come over here and check this out. Isn’t it cute. They built a tower.” No matter how hard men work, God is not impressed with our efforts that

are not based in relationship. The people decide to take on another name, purpose, and identity instead of the one God gave them. “God took one look and said, “One people, one language; why, this is only a first step. No telling what they’ll come up with next—they’ll stop at nothing! Come, we’ll go down and garble their speech so they won’t understand each other.” Then God scattered them from there all over the world. And they had to quit building the city.” (Gen 11:6-8, MSG) Our God is not taken by surprise by what is happening in our country and world, so, we can have confidence in our God to take care of His people. “He who sits in the heaven shall laugh, the Lord shall have them in derision.” (Ps 2:5) The Supreme Court ruling in June 2015 has set the government on a collision course with the right of freedom of religion in our nation. We know that there is a higher court that we can appeal to. This is *an appeal to heaven* and our loyalties are to Jesus Christ and His Kingdom. Our prayer of appeal to heaven is this: “Shall the throne of iniquity, which devises evil by law, Have fellowship with You?” (Psalm 94:20 NKJV) Many Christians struggle with the thought of civil disobedience to the law. We are taught to obey the laws of the land, but when the laws of the land go against conscience, we cannot compromise our very souls for temporary peace. This may be the greatest time in the history of the Church. We have been positioned for a great move across our nation. When the darkness comes, the light shines all the brighter and we will reap a harvest if we do not faint. I leave you with quotes from the two most famous Martin Luther’s:

Martin Luther (The German Reformer, 1521)

“I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither safe nor right. May God help me. Amen”

Martin Luther King Jr. (Civil Rights Activist, 1963)

“An individual who breaks a law that conscience tells him is unjust, and who willingly accepts the penalty of imprisonment in order to arouse the conscience of the community over its injustice, is in reality expressing the highest respect for the law.”

“One has not only a legal, but a moral responsibility to obey just laws. Conversely, one has a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws.”

The rainbow may have shined on the White House, but the Glory of God will shine on His Church. So help us God.

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It has been in my spirit recently that we can actually observe the results and outcome of cumulative effects in us. In other words, the rise in the spiritual maturity of an individual or a congregation can be traced to a continual appetite toward truth and the Word of God. We can all quote “faith comes by hearing and hearing and hearing, and so forth.” Hearing the Word of God brings a cumulative effect in our spirit and on our lives. Even continual obedience (layer upon layer) to God and His Word brings victory. Notice Joshua and Israel marching around Jericho once a day for 6 days and 7 times on the 7th day! Well, was it the *cumulative* effect of the marching? No! It was the *cumulative* effect of their obedience to God’s Word. Of all the biblical stories of obedience, this one tops them all because it took so many, all at the same time, each day and every obedience just added to the power of the victory. Why? It took 40,000 warriors to be in sync and in repetition, to do and to NOT DO what God told them, “*Don’t utter a sound, with your voice neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you to shout.*” (Joshua 6:10) Repetition can be boring or if applied for the right purposes and motives, can yield powerful effectiveness. That’s why athletes train continually to muscle memory through repetitive cumulative effect. (Luke 18:3-5 NASV) “*There was a widow in that city, and she kept coming to him [unrighteous judge], saying, give me legal protection from my opponent. For a while he was unwilling; but afterward he said to himself, even though I do not fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow bothers*

me, I will give her legal protection, otherwise by CONTINUALLY coming she will wear me out.” The repetitive *cumulative* effect paid dividends for her.

As in anything else, there is also the negative side of *cumulative* effect. For instance in the natural, too many CAT Scans and x-rays will stay in the body and build each time another radiation exposure is administered. Likewise, we’ve all heard of the “Chinese water torture.” Just one drop every few seconds on a man’s forehead will debilitate him into a blithering idiot, willing to spill his guts all because of the *cumulative* effect of the persistent continual DRIP! Proverbs 19:13 says in the NIV, “....and a quarrelsome wife is like the constant dripping...” (Over and over and over again!) Remember, the positive effect of the continual assimilation of God’s Word builds faith while the absence of His Word allows fear to fester and affect us in a very negative way. Let’s look at one of nature’s marvels. Consider how an irritant inside an oyster will cause an enzyme to create a layer around a grain of sand but he doesn’t stop there. Layer upon layer, layer upon layer until that grain of sand is encased by the *cumulative* effect to produce a beautiful and valuable pearl. It is also with us as God’s Word is taken in over and over to build up, encourage, protect and make us something beautiful to the King and His kingdom.

I remember a story of the princess traveling in her carriage through the dark forest with all her men and they came upon a large rock that blocked the carriage from going forward. Trees on the left and right and no way to reverse, so the captain commanded four soldiers to fetch large sledge hammers to break up this huge rock. As they surrounded the rock, the four of them would cantor on each blow of the hammer one, two, three, four,... one thousand sixteen and then finally one thousand seventeen, the giant rock split into pieces. Someone asked which blow actually demolished the rock? The captain answered, “*All of them!*” It was the *cumulative* effect of every blow. Jer. 23:29 AMP says, “*Is not My word... like a hammer that breaks in pieces the rock (of most stubborn resistance)?*”

While talking with a friend recently, he told me he was trying to control his appetite and it had worked. The effect on his body was a weight loss that he had not attained to in 20 years. When he said that, I immediately thought of how *repetitive* and *faithful* he would have had to be to achieve this. When you apply this physical principle in comparison to our “spiritual appetites,” the commitment to continue to be *repetitive* to be *faithful* will work if uninterrupted in like manner. I’m sure we would be

pleased with those results as well. (I Tim. 4:8 AMP) *“For physical training is of some value (useful for a little), but godliness (spiritual training) is of value in everything and in every way, since it holds promise for the present life and for the life to come.”* WOW! Both the physical (natural) and the spiritual training have a *cumulative* effect on the whole man. When there is a persistence of *repetition* applied, there is a *logarithmic* effect. *Logarithm* is a word made up by a Scottish mathematician, Jon Napier, for (get ready for this) from the Greek word “Logos” meaning proportion, ratio or “**WORD**,” and “Arithmos” meaning “**NUMBER**”...Get it? Which together makes....the **WORD ADDED** over and over or **MULTIPLIED** over and over numbers of time, which has an exponential *accumulative* effect. Talk about power, the magnitude of an earthquake is determined by *logarithmic* measurements!

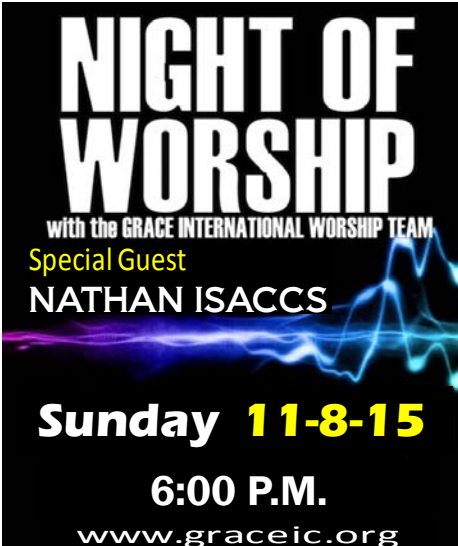
In other words Isa. 28:13 says, *“But the WORD of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, (a rule of God untended to regulate behavior or thought, then God repeats the exact same thing for our emphasis) precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line (repeated again); here a little and there a little. ”* The NIV translation says, *“So then, the word of the LORD to them will become: Do and do , do and do, rule on rule, rule on rule, a little here , a little there.”* (Notice the *repetitiveness* God is exhibiting for our good so the *accumulative* effect is to be successful! **Definition of cumulative:** increasing in quantity, degree or force by successive additions (stuff piling on and piling on). OMG! No force like God’s power to add to us and increase in us in stature with man and God.

Let’s look at what the force or power in an earthquake is and how it is measured. For instance, a 5.0 compared to a 6.0 in power is 10 times more powerful. Now lets go from a 5.0 to a 7.0 the logarithmic cumulative effect is 10 x 10 or **100 times** the force. It’s a spiritual understanding of Lev. 26:8, *“....and five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put 10,000 to flight!”*. Also, we know a threefold cord is not easily broken. This is all because of the cumulative effect. One more verse for clarification, (Deut. 32:30) *“How should one chase a thousand and two put 10,000 to flight...”* NOTICE, Leviticus gives us a 20 to 1 ratio and a 100 to 1 ratio, but Deuteronomy gives us a 1,000 to one ratio and a 5,000 to one ratio. Don’t be confused, remember the definition of logarithmic says the **WORD** in Proportion or **RATIO** times numbers. OK, this determines if you are a 5.0 believer due to your diligence in attendance, reading, obedience, serving, etc. or a 7.0 believer. How, you say? Well all of the layers of Faith by hearing and hearing and hearing, and obedience over and over, etc., over your lifetime have a **CUMULATIVE EFFECT**. When an earthquake happens mountains are shaken, moved and

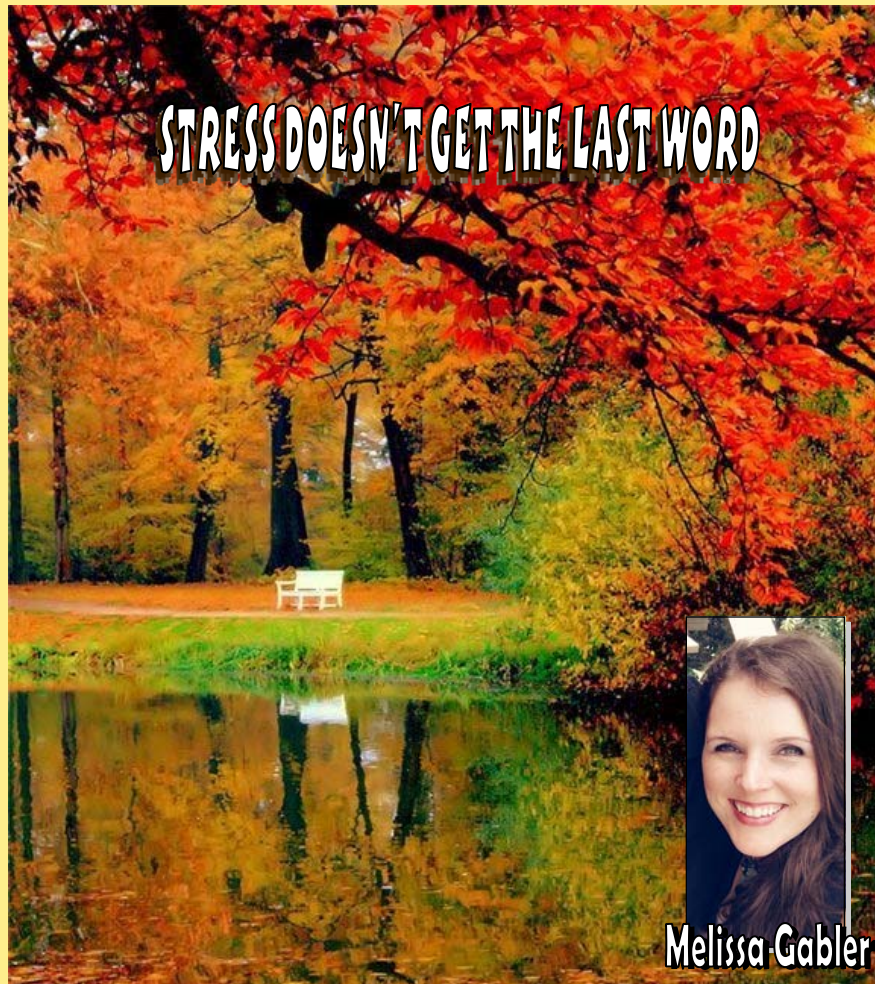
sometimes flattened. *(This article is for illustrative purposes and is not trying to establish any new doctrine, but is for the edification of His Saints.)*

The hearing of God's Word from your youth until now has borne much fruit in you. (2 Tim 3:14-15 NIV) *"But as for you, **continue** in what you have learned and have become convinced of.... and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures."* God's Word works in us all the time. When He says His Word never fails, He also means the part that's in you will accomplish what it was imparted for. Just as His love is unfailing, His Word is unfailing continually to bring us to greater faith and greater obedience and service. Please, think back, look back at the "good" *repetition* in your life while serving and being faithful to God. Its effect on you has brought you to where you are today as you've yielded to God's *cumulative* effect on your life. Paul writes to those who have applied this in a much different way. (Gal. 5:19-21 MGS [partial]) *"It is obvious what kind of life develops out of trying to get your own way ALL THE TIME: repetitive, loveless, cheap sex; a stinking accumulation of mental and emotional garbage;... competition; all-consuming-yet-never-satisfied.... uncontrolled and uncontrollable addictions."* Sin has its *cumulative* effects but so does righteousness. Practice makes perfect in either of these arenas. Don't sit on the fence... "the devil owns the fence." Choose now to sow into your future with all the right and correct actions. The *cumulative* effect of the **Word** brings a *cumulative* effect of **faith** and faith brings a *cumulative* effect to **obedience** and obedience brings a *cumulative* effect to receiving God's **promises** and **blessings**. It doesn't take long for faith, obedience and righteousness to add up and multiply as you become *repetitive* in your life, as you *accumulate* the promises of God's blessings on your life.

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With stress being such a factor in the daily lives of people, and even causing health issues, let us remember that our Lord has not left us without principles in Scripture that can be keys to overcoming. I heard Dr. Caroline Leaf say there are three levels of stress. Level One is a good place to be, but once you move into Levels Two and Three, you cannot hear God. (Been there!) Pondering on this led me to realize the reason behind it. At Level One we have ample opportunity to grab hold of *"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;"* (2Cor.10:5) We've got more of our wits about us to grab hold of this thing and HEAR what God says about it because the Almighty has an answer. BUT when we jump on that stress locomotive the volume of the Spirit gets turned way down and the volume of the

soul maxes out. The reason we cannot hear God at that point is because we subconsciously narrow our range of hearing. We don't even realize we are doing it because all we can hear is the scream of the soul crying, "HEEEEEEEEEEEEEELP!!!" When we narrow down our hearing we are narrowing down our hearing expectancy to one, maybe two specific answers. When we do that, we narrow down the God-of-the-impossible to only one or two answers for our situation! We limit the margin of possibilities to what our finite mind concludes as the best answer.

Here is the problem: If our conclusion of the best answer is not the will of God, He will not answer that way. Here is the other problem: Our limitation, due to said stress, limits us from seeing God coming at this problem from a different direction, and possibly limits that answer from being applied. A good example of this is an old joke you have probably heard. A man crawls up on top of his house due to rapidly rising flood waters. As he waits, a boat comes by and offers to help him, but he refuses saying, "God will save me." Then a helicopter comes by, and he gives the same response. When the man gets to heaven he asks God, "Why didn't you save me?" God's reply was, "I tried with a boat and a helicopter!" Funny, but a very appropriate picture for a Level Two/Three stress response IF we don't *take those thoughts captive*.

Here is a track to follow when stress hits. First, take a breath and step back for a broader view. Then you need to realize that we serve an infinite God of possibilities that span outside of our understanding. You must remember that *NO weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper*; (Isa. 54:17) because God has counter measures set up before the stressful event even takes place. Yeah, He's just that good! After this is a great time to thank the Lord for His goodness, intervention, and provision. Maybe we should even say out loud, "I will not limit You in this situation. Be God in this circumstance. Show off all kinds of ways for Your glory's sake!" You will need to remind yourself that there are many ways possible that God will deal with this. Keep doing these steps if need be, not because this repetition will talk God into helping you out, but rather this repetition reminds you how AMAZING our God is!

You have in you what it takes to deal with stress (2 Pet. 1:3). Our Lord already provided that. So, when we don't deal with stress and we allow Level Two and Level Three to dominate us, then we start to pay the price in our physical body. BUT, all of the years of that havoc can be reversed too! Yep, because He is just that amazing and loving. Oh God, You are so good. Thank you.

Hey, you've got this!



The apostle Paul states it very precisely when he says:

Yes, furthermore, I count everything a loss compared to the possession of the priceless privilege (the overwhelming preciousness, the surpassing worth, and supreme advantage) of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord and of progressively becoming more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him [of perceiving and recognizing and understanding Him more fully and clearly]. For His sake I have lost everything and consider it all to be mere rubbish (refuse, dregs), in order that I may win (gain) Christ (the Anointed One). Philipians 3:8

This is what I am speaking of as truly knowing Christ. But to do so, we must also follow Paul's prayer for this to occur that he recorded in Ephesians 1:17-19. That we be granted "a spirit of wisdom and revelation, [insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him."

This to me is the gold standard of our life's ambition: progressively becoming more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him. This can only happen by the spirit of wisdom and revelation which is prophetic in nature. Yes, I said it! We should be prophetic in nature, seeing this is the very nature of God! God is a God who desires to reveal His plans, will, and desires to His people.

Do we realize that the New Testament books written by the apostle Paul were based upon this statement about his knowledge of Christ, that

were formed into doctrines (teachings) about Christ? Galatians 1:12 says, "For indeed I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but [it came to me] through a [direct] revelation [given] by Jesus Christ (the Messiah)."

Paul was speaking about the gospel he preached, which was not a human invention or according to human standards. He also stated that if anyone, including angels, preaches another gospel than the one he preached, let him be accursed. That means doomed to eternal destruction and punishment! Yes, this is the same gospel that we must preach and teach today, or should be.

When Paul checked in with the original apostles after several years of active ministry, he compared his gospel with the gospel they had received from Christ, and sure enough, it was the same one. They received theirs from Christ Himself, and Paul received his by direct revelation from Christ Himself.

My point is we must have direct revelation as to who Christ is by the same Holy Spirit that the original apostles and those like Paul who were secondary apostles and were involved in writing the gospel and doctrines of Christ. Yes, we now have the written Word of God, but we also need the spirit of wisdom and revelation to understand Christ and all His wonders. Therefore, we need the spirit of prophecy and the prophetic anointing when we preach or teach the gospel of Christ and His kingdom. We must be anointed with the spirit of prophecy when we preach, teach, or witness of the testimony of Christ. For only by the spirit of wisdom and revelation will anyone really know who Christ Jesus is!

When we read of those in past centuries whose knowledge and experience in their day was far greater than what we generally are experiencing today, quite frankly something is very, very wrong! They fulfilled their days, ministries, and destinies in their generation, but what about this new generation? Do we, in general, have the same revelation, knowledge, and experiences as past generations had? I dare say that most don't! Most just read about those who had such personal knowledge and intimacy with Christ. It's wonderful to read about what they had, but how much more meaningful if we can experience the same things and even grasp far more than they had! Actually, this is why this study is so vital to all of us. There is the story about a Brother Andrew, who lived hundreds of years ago as a monk in a monastery whose lifestyle was very simple, but his intimate relationship with Christ was such that it was written down in history as one of the greatest stories ever told!

If we are to impact our generation and future ones, we too must gain new, fresh revelation of our Lord, lest we fail in our efforts to pass on the truth about Christ and our need of His great love and sacrifice. In doing so, we will return to God's original purpose and plan for man. God's original purpose and plan will have absolutely no meaning at all for us if we do not have a revelation of Christ as the Messiah, King of Kings, Lord of Lords, and God's Only Begotten Son.

God has planned for the maturity of the times and the climax of the ages to unify all things and head them up and consummate in Christ, both things in heaven and things on the earth. So we of necessity better know Him more than we did in the past. It's all about Christ! God the Father is going to reveal His Son in the heavens and earth as the central figure of the universe, and display Him before all creation as the Supreme Head of the church, which is His body. Making known to us the mystery (secret) of His will (of His plan, of His purpose). [And it is this:] In accordance with His good pleasure (His merciful intention) which He had previously purposed and set forth in Him. [He planned] for the maturity of the times and the climax of the ages to unify all things and head them up and consummate them in Christ, [both] things in heaven and things on the earth. Ephesians 1:9-10

Paul is saying that what was once a hidden mystery (still a secret) has been revealed in his day, giving him and the church greater revelation of God's original purpose for Christ. Past generations didn't have such revelation. Christ was some unknown figure who was symbolized in religious forms and ceremonies, but now revealed as the Messiah, whose name is Jesus Christ! Christ had now appeared in human form as the Son of Man, died for the sin of the world, was raised from the dead after three days, appeared to many after his resurrection, and after forty days returned to His Father and ours. What is next on God's timetable? **To head up everything in heaven and earth and unify all things and consummate them in Christ.** He is scheduled to return to earth and set up His earthly kingdom that was the hidden mystery in the book of Daniel. Prophets had declared this, now it was made clear for all to see.

THE MESSAGE OF HOPE IS WHAT IS NEEDED

With this in mind, we can readily see the utmost importance of the prophetic ministry in our generation, and join the apostle Paul in his prayer in **Ephesians 1: 16-19** that a greater revelation by the spirit of wisdom and revelation will be upon us in this hour of great history.

[For I always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him, by having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set-apart ones), and [so that you can know and understand] what is the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength, . . .

For us to fulfill what Paul has stated here, we must of necessity have the eyes of our heart flooded with **"light."** That light is nothing less than the **"revelation, insight, and understanding"** of the hope of a future in Christ that

awaits us. This is what the prophetic ministry is all about. We face a generation who are filled with **hopelessness**. Christ is our only hope. Therefore, we must **prophecy** to this generation of His goodness and greatness, giving them a hope for the future.

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As kingdom people we are all looking for the fullness of the kingdom to be seen on the earth. We see the kingdom advancing in many places of the earth, except America. Here we see a different thing unfolding and it's the collapse of a moral culture. Decisions on marriage from the supreme court, abortions reaching 60 million, and countless shootings, murders etc. But all of these things are only indicators of hope being formed in the remnant that will usher in the fullness of the King and his Kingdom.

Matthew 13:33 (KJV 1900) — 33 Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took,

and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

The Word says that the kingdom is full of leaven. Jesus warned the disciples to be wary of the leaven of the Pharisees and Saducees. (Matt 16) The word "leaven" means mental and moral corruption. Yes the kingdom has this within it because everything is sitting within the kingdom since there is only one kingdom. All occultism, demonic activity, heavenly activity, all creation is within this kingdom. What are we doing with this mental corruption as the true ecclesia? Do we take on the leaven of institutionalized religious structures or do we take a mentality that comes from the kingdom?

We are citizens of the kingdom and our conversation is in heaven. (Phil. 3:20). The word "conversation" means administration. Our citizenship of heaven supersedes our citizenship of America. So should our conversations and how we administrate that kingdom. But if our perception has no hope then what is the point of being a kingdom person? After all it is the Gospel of the kingdom, not the gospel of salvation we are to preach. Salvation gives us entrance in but kingdom gives the whole package. Now that is true hope.

It is easy to see what is wrong within our nation, but remember our nation is within the kingdom. If we look at history we are currently repeating a pattern that brought forth the Jesus movement of the 70's. In the 1960's we were at war in Vietnam. People did not like us being there and protested the war effort. Free love was happening and the drug culture was becoming strong as people wanted to escape reality. People did not see a need to work and became hippies. Orgies, sex, drugs, rebellion to the government, racisms, segregation, and countless other culture moral compasses went greatly askew. Rock and roll was birthed as a new sound was coming, and the best example of all of this was a music fest called Woodstock.

But within a few years all these things began to shift. A move of God's spirit came into America in the 70's and began to touch into this counter culture with a kingdom culture. These searching for truth and meaning came into the kingdom. People caught in addictions were set free in a movement of time. Many of those who came in are current leaders in the church and ministries today.

Today our nation is poised in the same way as the 60's. Gay marriage has replaced free love and there are also meth and marijuana. We have the same types of war, rebellion, racism with the rebel flag etc, and an entitlement system is alive and strong. The new sound is not rock and roll, but prophetic creative music in the church. Instead of a young generation being totally caught in culture many are getting caught in the culture of the kingdom. We are to bring forth the transition. In other words, every leaven that exists is pointing to the greatest move of God yet to be seen in the earth. When evil abounds, grace abounds even more. When fullness of evil comes then the fullness of God comes. We are in for things our eyes have not seen and our ears have not heard. We are going to experience things greater then we can think, imagine or dream of!

You see, it is all about our perspective and we are to maintain a true kingdom

perspective. I am filled with more hope each time I hear an evil report, not because of the report, but because it is bringing us ever so closer to an outpouring. As my son says, "That's just another meeting we needed to do to get to the meeting we are looking for." Instead of whining because it appears that we have lost another battle, we need to find the expectation and answers for the transitions that will be coming. What will we say when the sweeping move of God comes into America and Gay people become born-again and see sin as real sin? Will they leave their partner? When a Muslim truly converts to be a Christian with multiple wives, he will take the first as the true wife and put the others out, but still take care of them and their children feeling moral obligation. Are we really ready for the greatest transitions we have ever seen at conversion?

Perhaps we have lost sight that the kingdom culture has more answers, more potential, and is greater than the culture we are fighting against. We need to become stronger in moving in power and authority and move the church from being just another subculture with a small voice to being a counterculture offering something different. Many churches and ministries are trying to be relevant to the culture. But to truly be relevant means we have compromised and have embraced parts of the current culture. The word "relevant" means to be connected with something. What we need to offer is not something that seems like another spin on the culture but something that is contrary to culture. After all the kingdom in the Book of Acts was contrary to the culture but could be operated within the culture to start a new culture.

Stewarding seems to be the real issue and it starts by stewarding our lives. Then it goes to stewarding our potential and finally stewarding our opportunities. This is how you make transitions in your personal life, your ministry life and how a nation begins to experience a move of God. I think we steward our lives pretty good as the people of God. It is when we come to stewarding our potential or the potential of others we drop off and then finally when it comes to stewarding opportunities we are failing.

I think it comes down to us truly seeing ourselves as the father sees us. He sees us victorious, full of His nature, carriers of His presence and ambassadors for Him. He sees us not lacking and moving in the strengths He has given. He sees us overcoming, advancing, above and not beneath, as sons and daughters of a king and having a rich inheritance resting in Him. But He sees us as His hope, His only hope and He has great faith in us to accomplish the task at hand and present a kingdom to the father!

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In the fifth century a 16 year old boy by the name of Patrick lived in Britain. Irish pirates captured him and carried him to Ireland where he was forced into slavery for six years. He then managed to escape and returned to his family in Britain.

After being trained in his family's church, he returned to Ireland where he had been forced into slavery for six years. He returned because he believed that God could turn a nation around. When he arrived, Ireland was under the influence of the Druids and human sacrifice was the order of the day. Throughout the nation human sacrifice had become accepted as a way of life and was never questioned.

Patrick knew he had to simplify his message in order to reach the nation of Ireland. So, he left off heavy theological content and simply preached: Jesus was the only sacrifice required and now there is no need for any sacrifice human or animal. A powerful move of God swept over Ireland and for the next 200 years it was a Christian nation and righteousness was the order of the day.

Patrick had a mindset that Ireland could be turned to God and become a righteous nation. With that mindset and vision working in him, he set about the task of turning a nation to God Almighty and did so without large amounts of money but with only word-of-mouth advertising which spoke of the righteous workings of the power of God rather than speaking of the things public relations experts deem required. Patrick did not look at present circumstances and long for a better-day-to-come but set heart and mind to getting the nation to God.

GIANT/GRASSHOPPER MENTALITY

We live in a nation that must be turned to God. There are many difficult nation-affecting challenges before us and the coming generation. Every challenge and difficulty that we do not meet and overcome in our generation is weight that gets added to the load of difficulties that our children will have to deal with, and that is added on top of the ones they will have to handle in their own generation.



Those challenges require much more than a viewpoint which expresses a belief that they will be met and adequately handled by divine fiat in a time period that is yet to come. The Israelite generation exiting Egypt viewed the challenges before them as giants and themselves as grasshoppers (Num.13:33). The giant/grasshopper mindset was not a Promised Land possessor mindset. After the giant/grasshopper mindset generation died off, there finally arose fathers (Josh.14:10-13) with a give-me-that-mountain mindset that produced a take-the-land-mentality generation—not a generation of mere survivors, but one of possessors.

A prophetic mindset doesn't merely consider present circumstances but looks into the future to see what shall be. When Isaiah prophesied the birth of JESUS, he did not say, "For unto us a child *shall* be born." He said, "For unto us a child *is* born." (Isa.9:6) He spoke in the prophetic perfect tense which declares an action already completed. His prophetic mindset was deep within him and came out of his mouth declaring that what Jehovah intended would, indeed, come to pass (Rom.4:21). The prophet got into agreement with God in spite of present circumstances (Rom.10:16; 2K.6:15-17). Only in agreement with God (the mindset of the One Who stands above it all), and His purposes for the advancing of His Kingdom, is there hope that overcomes the impossibility of the challenges of a generation. All those who are born again of THE Prophet have some degree of THE Prophet in them, and so are prophetic.

JESUS DETERMINING THE CAPACITY OF PHILIP FOR PARTICIPATION

Jesus wanted Philip to participate in the miracle which He had in mind which would meet the need of all 5,000 gathered on the hillside in John Chapter Six. He wanted Philip to participate in everything He had been doing and in everything He was going to do. In the Gospels we can't help but notice that Jesus spent three years building a legacy for 12 average people (and those who would believe upon Him through them) to advance His Kingdom and turn the world upside down (Jn.20:21; Acts 17:6). They had watched and heard many times as Jesus spoke to diseases, demons and nature with astounding, decisive, victorious results. After those command-and-action-filled confrontations there was no doubt that the government of God was superior. And now, He was seeking to draw Philip and the others into participation that was to become a lifestyle for them as they pierced the darkness of a kingdom that comes to steal, kill and destroy (Jn.10:10).

THE PARADIGM JESUS HAD

The question Jesus asked Philip is worthy of note. Jn.6:5—Where shall we buy bread...?" He did not ask, "*Can* we buy bread?" or "*Is it possible* to get hold of some bread?" There *will* be bread and the only question at this point is, "*Where is* the bread going to come from?" Jn.6:6—"And He said this to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do." Jesus was not in a quandary wondering what might could be done. "He Himself knew what He would do" and knew the outcome. But He was wanting disciples who would participate in the miracle. In this context, Jesus was not looking for the speaking of words but for action.

THE PARADIGM PHILIP HAD

The response Philip had was that 200 days wages would not purchase enough bread for each person to have even a small amount. Yet, Jn.6:11 says that each

person had “as much as they wanted” and v.12 says that “they were filled.” Even if someone were to attempt taking Philip’s defense and try to show the many negative experiences he had endured in his life and declare that no more than his reply should be expected of him, it would only serve as an excuse and a very possible preventative to his opportunity to participate in miracles. It is possible to have negative experiences without them dominating one’s heart. “For as he thinks in his heart, so is he” (Prov.23:7, NKJV). “...God is greater than our heart and knows all things.” (1Jn.3:20, NKJV)

Philip simply was not looking beyond the limitations of his own experiences that he might see the possibilities of the workings and wonders of the Son of God. Philip didn’t even have to come up with any money nor any bread or fish. Andrew is the one who acquired the boy’s lunch. But in order to participate in the miracle, all Philip had to have was capacity – the ability to take in possibilities beyond his own experiences and limitations. The advantage Philip had was that he had been with Jesus—the same advantage you and I have (Matt.28:18-20; Lk.24:49; Jn.14:23).

There are great challenges before us *now* and challenges *yet to come* upon this world. Those challenges must not go unmet. And who better to meet them than those who have been with Jesus? Each son of God and daughter of God is being tested by Holy Spirit because Jesus wants each of us to participate (Jn.20:21; Gal.4:1-7).

WE MUST PROPHETICALLY SPEAK TO THOSE CHALLENGES

We must speak prophetically. The sons and daughters of God must have a mindset that is prophetic. The prophetic mind thinks on the same scale that God Almighty thinks on. God does not speak “ant” language; He speaks “giant” language. Jesus was thinking, “We *can* feed these 5,000 people.” Someone had to be available to go with what Jesus already knew He would do. Jesus already knows what He will do in our families, churches, cities and nation. He is looking for prophetic capacity for the purpose of prophetic participation.

JESUS SAID [THE PROPHETIC MINDSET SAID], “BRING THE BOY’S LUNCH.” Mt.14:18

The prophetic mind can see what others simply cannot. Jesus was in communion with the Father and had His mind, His manner of thinking (Matt.14:23; Jn.5:19 “likewise” means “in the same way”). The mindset that is not prophetic only looks at present conditions. The prophetic mindset looks at what shall be. Abraham only considered Sarah’s dead womb. But God considered the life He was going to put in that womb and did not hesitate to inform Abram that his seed would be as the number of the stars of the sky (Gen.15:5). Prophetic voices have God’s perspective on what is and what shall be and refuse to be bound by the limitations of the poverty of the human experience, and refuse to get into agreement with it by speaking it.

Our confession must come into agreement with what already is: the will and purposes of God (Mt.6:10). Jn.6:6—“for He Himself knew what He would do.” THEN comes: Matt.16:19—“I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven and whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

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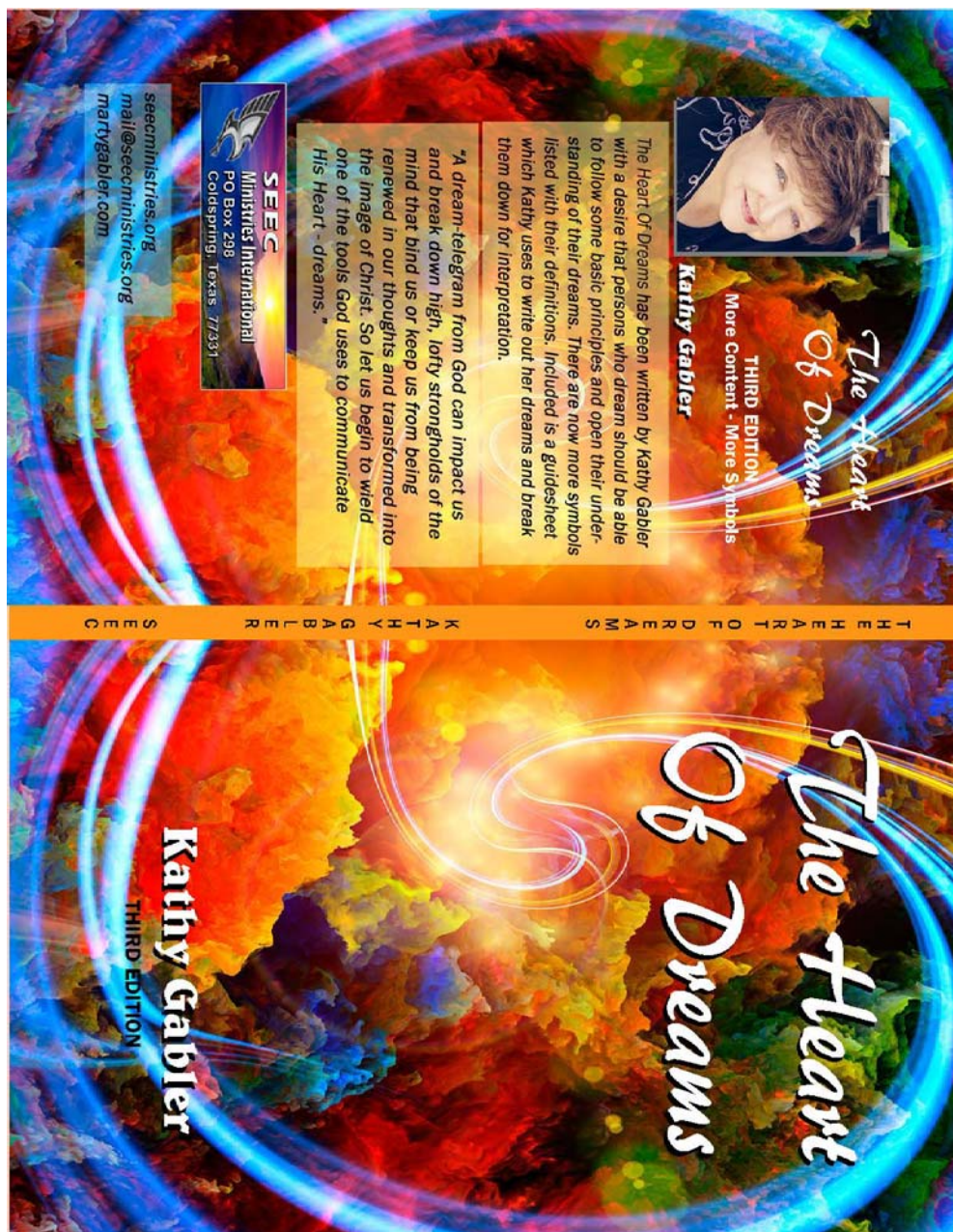
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