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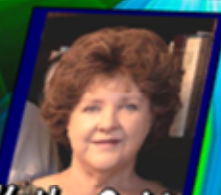
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Realizing the Value of Our Dreams



God gave us many ways to communicate: we can speak or refuse to speak, (both send a message); we can sing, whistle, make a face, gesture, write, draw and we can also dream. Dreaming is a direct line of communication like our own personal telephone. Our mind and body can communicate in a dream. For example, if your legs are aching because you played too many sets of tennis and you dream your legs fall off that night, that is not God sending you a warning in a dream. That is just your mind or imagination messaging your body with a drastic option to relieve the pain while you sleep!

Of course, there are more meaningful and useful communications that dreams carry, so let's consider **three types of dreams** that have more value. **(1)** One common type of dream that many people have is a **clutter dream**. This sort of dream clears out thought-clutter and gives you room to think, (like at times you have to clean your bedroom to be able to get to the bed to sleep!) Pieces of things you have seen or read or felt or heard or smelled or done or wondered about or talked about in the last three weeks are swept into one giant clutter pile in a dream. So that night you have a really strange dream adventure like this: you are the superhero star in the movie trailer you saw. Then while you swing your sword of justice, you keep smelling the dog poop you stepped in on Tuesday, and you hear a grizzly bear behind you because you saw pictures of Alaska in a magazine. Then, because you ran into a lady at the mall that reminded you of your Grandma, when you look around you discover it's not a grizzly behind you. It's Grandma riding a reindeer! That is a strange adventure dream with clutter gathered from everything that has crossed your aware-

ness. There is usually no important message in a clutter dream. They simply clear out thought clutter to de-stress you, mind and body. In fact, the Hebrew word for *dream* means *restore to health*. So, a house-cleaning or de-cluttering dream is a valuable way to relieve stress and re-set mentally.

(2) A second kind of common dream is a **self-to-self dream**. Many of your dreams are likely to be self-to-self dreams. These are thoughts that are under your radar coming up onto your radar screen in a dream or your subconscious heart-thinking coming up into your awareness. Have you ever had a dream in which no matter how hard you tried to run you could only move in slow motion? Desperately grabbing bushes or grass or someone's ponytail won't even help speed up your progress! That is a common example of a self-to-self dream which is revealing a struggle within in your off-the-radar thinking. Somewhere in your heart-thinking you are doubting your ability to get where you need to go with a project or a relationship or a job, etc.

Another similar dream experience many people have is being back in school and not only did you lose your homework, you can't even find your classroom! That too is a self-to-self dream telling you there is a troubling concern that you are going to mess up. Of course, these type dreams can get even more graphic, like you are playing volleyball and happen to look down and realize that you didn't get dressed before you came out to play! That too is a self-to-self message that you are afraid you are going to be humiliated and people can see something you don't want them to see about you.

Here's one of my personal self-to-self doozies: I dreamed I was at a family reunion and dinner-on-the-grounds. All my cousins were sitting at a long table having a good time. They were all sitting in chairs but I was sitting on a commode and it needed to be flushed! (Sometimes, the best thing about dreaming is waking up!) Actually, that dream was valuable because it made me realize I was afraid my cousins were going to reject me. I mean after all, who wants to sit with the cousin who does bathroom duties at the lunch table? That dream revealed to me that I had a Fear of Rejection down in my heart-thinking.

Self-to-self dreams can range from frustrating to funny while they show us what is going on inside our heart-thinking and make us aware of what is working inside us like self-doubt or fear of failure or fear of embarrassment or fear of rejection, etc. Of course, it is valuable to know what is going on in our heart-thinking because Prov.23:7 tells us that a person becomes what they continue to think in their heart. What is going

on within sets us up in attitude and a negative, fearful or wrong attitude will work against us. For example, if you doubt you can learn to play an instrument or learn a game, you are not likely to ever be good at it. If you fear you are going to fail or be embarrassed, your attitude will work against your succeeding. Job said, "The thing I feared came on me." Fear agrees with what might happen and opens the door to see if it is coming! The fear of rejection had affected my attitude to the point that I never went to family gatherings, and I ended up losing contact with most of my cousins. Ironically, they probably thought I was rejecting them. Self-to-self dreams can make us aware of things that we need to overcome.

Recurring dreams are most often self-to-self dreams also, and they expose what is going on within our heart-thinking. I spoke with a young man who was upset about his dreams because he kept dreaming about "evil clown heads." He would find a creepy clown head under furniture and in closets. When this young man was a little boy in second grade, he had a speech impediment. When he tried to do his reading homework, his parents would cuss him, hit him and tell him how stupid he was because he couldn't say the words correctly. This happened repeatedly until CPS took him from his parents. The details of his clown dreams gave insight for release he needed: 1) A clown is supposed to be something funny, entertaining and enjoyable, but these were creepy. Just like the clowns looked funny but were not, Nick's parents looked like loving parents, but were not. The appearance of both his parents and the clowns was deceptive. 2) Although finding heads laying around wasn't a positive experience for him either, the heads were a key symbol to understand his dreams. Heads represented authority. His parents were the authority figures in his life, but they had betrayed him when they used their authority to punish him for things he could not help. So Nick suffered under deception and injustice.

He kept dreaming the creepy, frustrating dreams because he feared lies and betrayal and because he was angry about injustice. If Nick had ignored these self-to-self dreams, nothing would have changed. That could have ended up in his never trusting anyone in authority, whether that be family or teachers or policemen or bosses or God! He could have grown up suspecting everyone of deception, betrayal and injustice. The God-solution for Nick was to forgive his parents, not because they deserved his forgiveness, but because forgiveness releases the one who forgives. Through forgiveness Nick was released from the dreams and the fear and anger behind them that could have undermined his friendships, his career, his marriage and his own children someday. Self-to-self dreams UPLOAD things from our heart-thinking into our awareness.

They are valuable because they reveal what needs to be resolved or changed in our thinking and attitude so that things like anger or doubt or fear don't rule our lives and relationships nor dictate our future.

(3) A third type of dream that everyone can have is a **God-DOWNLOAD**, and of course, these are always valuable experiences. God used dreams to communicate with people throughout the Bible and He still does. God told Pharaoh in dreams to store food for his nation so they would not starve in the coming drought. God gave Solomon a wise and discerning heart in a dream. In dreams, God told the New Testament Joseph how to protect Baby Jesus. We cannot list everything that could happen in a God-sent dream because there is no limit to what God can do in a dream.

God can equip you in a dream. The dream can actually be training like a practice run or rehearsal. God can give you a gift of the Spirit in a dream, a gift of healing or faith or a word of wisdom, etc. When my dad ran into a problem with a vehicle that he couldn't fix, he would get a word of wisdom in a dream and see how to fix it the next day. God can give you a heads-up or warning in a dream. Marty recently dreamed he saw a lady's house that he did not recognize. On her sidewalk, a copperhead snake was hidden in the leaves. He perceived the dream was for someone in the service where he was speaking. He told the dream and afterward, a lady told him that he had described her house and sidewalk. There were leaves exactly as he had described and she was planning to clean out those leaves that day, even though her husband had left on a trip and told her not to do the yard work. She took the warning.

Sometimes it is not obvious at first whether a dream is from God or not. So, you can approach it from the opposite perspective and check for evidence that it is NOT from God. For example, if a dream leaves you hopeless, that's not His nature. That would be a dream that comes from fear or despair, (your own or someone else's). If a dream makes you feel ashamed or condemned, God is not like that. That's a self-to-self dream. A dream from God will not contradict His nature or His ways or His word. So, if you dream you are stealing plums from your neighbor's tree, and it was fun climbing the fence and not getting caught, and the plums were delicious. That is NOT a rehearsal dream from God that is giving you permission to go for it, because His Word says not to steal and He will never contradict His word. **The simple, equipping truth is that knowing God and His word helps you recognize His signature on a dream.**

In summary, 1) the clutter dream is a house-cleaning for the mind and likely has no message or meaning but can be a valuable way to relieve stress in your mind and body. 2) A self-to-self dream UPLOADS things from our heart into our awareness so that we can overcome negative attitudes that could sabotage our lives and relationships and future. 3) God-sent dreams are DOWNLOADS from Him that bring insight that calls for agreement or follow up action.

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When the Kingdom of God Meets Human Culture



As the people of God go, so goes the nation. We can travel the world or go next door and see the difference that the Kingdom makes in people's lives and lifestyles. We need empowered, reformational thinkers igniting the next cultural revolution. We need revival, reformation, transformation and revolution through the people of God.

Gen 1:27 — God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Gen 1:28, God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

The Kingdom of God was there before earth was created and it immediately interacted with the Garden of Eden. God made mankind and then introduced Himself to Adam and Eve. He could have said, "Hello, I am God and you're not." Mankind woke up in the garden to an encounter with God and His Word. Adam and Eve awoke in a perfect environment and in a cultural setting designed by God with all the favor and blessing they would need. They woke up facing God, facing what He had made, facing His perspective and facing His perfectly designed environment. First there was an encounter, then there was expression and direction. After their encounter with God, God spoke to both of them, male and female, commissioning them with what was required to fulfill purpose in the planet. In Gen 1:28, He gave them the dominion mandate or cultural mandate which detailed their directions: *And God blessed them. And God said to them, Be fruitful, and multiply and fill the earth, and subdue it.*

And have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the heavens, and all animals that move upon the earth. The mandate was to be fulfilled initially in the garden. Then the culture of Eden was to be exported to the entire earth to define human culture.

Two practical functions in the initial expression of the dominion mandate are in Gen. 2:15, *The LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden 1) to cultivate it and 2) to guard it.* The word *cultivate* is rooted in the word *culture* which is from the word *cult* which is from the Latin word *cultus*, (meaning religious viewpoint or what you worship.) So, cultivating begins with focus on the Lord God to cultivate relationship with Him. Then you cultivate what He has given you to manage because the meaning includes tending, developing and stewarding. Adam and Eve were to primarily steward two things, relationships and land.

All human culture starts from our viewpoint of deity or God and flows then to our religion, to our morality, to our code of behavior and then to public policy. For example, in today's culture, we have people confused about which restroom to visit and public policy is accommodating the confusion. After religion, comes a moral code of behavior and after public policy comes civil government. We cannot talk about the Kingdom of God without talking about civil government, but the Church has been very sensitive about this because of their 501c3's. Perhaps we should challenge the political sphere instead of fear it when we cannot live by their moral standards. Our world-view must be based in the Bible and it starts with Who we worship. Today as in the ancient world, the culture is really based on the religion mountain. The religion mountain is not the Church because the religion mountain might include Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism or Shintoism. The way people view life through their religious lense will determine their lifestyle.

There seems to be four basic belief systems: 1) Theism is belief in the Creator-Redeemer God of the Bible. 2) Humanism believes man is his own god. That was the power of the fall in the garden when man became autonomous and started making decisions disconnected from God's revealed Word. We are to be humanitarian but not humanistic, which dethrones the real God in our thinking. 3) Polytheism is the worship of many gods. 4) Atheism is a belief which references God only to deny His existence. (I saw a church billboard that said, "God does not believe in atheists.")

Eden was not just Adam and Eve's address, it was a culture God desired and intended to be everywhere. The culture in the garden before the fall was perfect yet not fully developed. God put all the raw elements

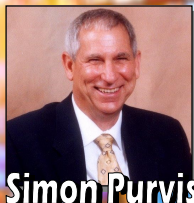
there in His creation and as Adam and Eve obeyed the Lord, the culture of heaven on earth would fill the earth. The word fill also means to sanctify, consecrate, develop and furnish. God made the world unfurnished so He could partner with man and woman to develop those resources in an expanded expression of the Kingdom of God on earth as in heaven.

After cultivate, God said to guard the garden. What God wants to build in our lives and society will be opposed by anti-God forces. Gen 3:15 "And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel." This was the beginning of the fall, when Adam failed to guard. Before he fell, he failed. His failure was irresponsibility. He did not guard his wife from the serpent, (even after the serpent confrontation, why didn't he take her to the tree of life as her kinsman-redeemer?) Leadership is about being more responsible. Leaders are not better than others and not necessarily more anointed, but they take more responsibility to cultivate and to guard. Guarding is a priestly function. We must protect people and their human cultures from the deceptions of Satan. The priest guards God's presence and guards relationships. If the Lord God can create human culture that reflects the Kingdom, He can also redeem human culture from satanic and humanistic bondages. Our salvation is personal, cultural and cosmic (inconceivably vast).

The dominion mandate in Genesis Chapter One is simply the Great Commission. In Matthew 28, when Jesus gave the Great Commission, the Last Adam was reactivating the cultural mandate. We could say the Great Commission is to garden-ize the earth. Jesus' ministry began in a desert. He was anointed by the Holy Ghost when the Spirit came upon Him at His baptism when John immersed Him in the Jordan. His first assignment was in the desert and His earthly ministry ended full circle in a garden. If we are to garden-ize the earth, that indicates we are not called to escape the earth nor abandon the earth nor to live in a church ghetto. Neither are we called to forget the culture. We are called to steward the earth and be its salt and light.

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A Biblical Worldview



Simon Purvis

Matthew 6 tells us to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. In John Chapter 3 when Jesus was talking to Nicodemus, He told him that a man must be born again to see (understand) the Kingdom of God and a man must be born again to enter the Kingdom. Being born again, receiving the Lordship of Christ and entering into the Kingdom of God gives us a new covenant-binding relationship with the Lord. We come into a new covenant understanding and our minds start being renewed with new understanding of the Lord, ourselves, others and the world. Actually, until you bring your life into proper alignment with the Lord, you really don't understand self or the world. Entering the Kingdom gives us a new vision for all of Life. We get a new set of values for life because if our values do not change, our life does not change. A change of doctrine is not enough to change you. Entering the Kingdom brings us into a new openness to yield to the ways of God. When we enter the Kingdom, our heart begins to understand and be teachable. (Otherwise, our minds can be like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and well set!)

Entering the Kingdom empowers us for the Christian life. It empowers us to have a God view of life and the world. A key to God's view is in John 3:16, *For God so loved the world that He [even] gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life.* This scripture is not just about evangelism and becoming a Christian. It is about God's love for the world, the *kosmos*, and that includes all of God's created order, both mankind and all other created things.

Much of the confusion in doctrines, especially about end times, is be-

cause we don't start with a biblical worldview or an understanding of the *kosmos* as God views it. When I study Francis Schaffer's and George Barna's teachings on a Christian worldview, I can see how the Church has developed a heavenly or spiritually-minded versus a secular-minded view that is not accurate. That view leads to the conclusion that the world around us is all secular, and there is a great gulf that cannot be crossed between the secular world and the Christian world. However, we need a biblical understanding of the *kosmos* so that we see that God loved the whole created order of mankind and all things that He established in the earth. When Jesus went through Calvary, death and resurrection, the finished works of Christ were to save the world (*kosmos*), God's whole created order. It was not just to get men to heaven. The whole creation is groaning for the revealing of the sons of God. God is going to save His whole created order.

When John the Baptist saw Jesus walking toward him in John 1:29, he said "Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world" (*kosmos*), all of God's created order. In John 4, it says Jesus is the Savior of the world (*kosmos*). In John 8, Jesus is the light of the world (*kosmos*). In 2Co 5:19, it says Jesus came to reconcile the world (*kosmos*) back to God. We have used John 3:16 for evangelism and that is certainly part of it, but there is a whole created order that Jesus' finished works are to redeem and bring back into right relationship with God.

To say God loves you is correct, but to say a God of order loves you means something more. We cannot separate God from His order and we cannot separate Christ from His Kingdom. Man through his disobedience in the garden perverted God's order in the earth. Jesus came to reconcile that order back to His father and set it right again. John 3:16 is not just about forgiveness of sins and going to heaven. *"For God so loved the world, kosmos, [His created order of mankind and all things that He created] that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. Jn. 3:17 "For God did not send the Son into the world, [kosmos] to condemn the world [kosmos] but that the world [kosmos- His created order] might be saved through Him.* God sets things in order and He rules through covenant.

GOD'S ORDER ENCOMPASSES ALL OF LIFE

Marriage: When He created male and female, the command to them was to be fruitful. That is His created order. He brought them into a covenant relationship called marriage and He loves that in His created order. Satan came to tempt mankind to believe God was holding out on them and if they trusted God they would miss out on human rights. So, he

baited them to disobey the command and eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil so they would be like God and know everything for themselves. Mankind disobeyed his Creator, not realizing that when he disobeyed he would come under the one that he *did* obey and heeded. When mankind came out from under God and the dominion God gave him, the created order was perverted. Yielding to Satan twisted the *kosmos*. The covenant of marriage that was part of this created order was then subject to the perverted results of disobedience. Marriage is wonderful if it is in God's order. God loves marriage. The intimacy or the sexual relationship was ordained by God as part of His *kosmos*. He came to save it and restore His created order. Under the Kingdom of God, marriages get fixed and we can be light to the world. Under the perversion, marriage is questioned according to what people think and decide for themselves, even to the extent of two men or two women marrying instead of a covenant between a man and woman. Being fruitful was part of God's created order. He loves family and He is going to save households from the messed-up *kosmos*.

Education: God ordained education and it started in the family. The man and woman were to instruct their children about the Creator and His created order and how to take dominion. When perverted, it no longer gave glory to God but to man. Education got perverted to revolve around humanism.

Work: God created work and we are created for it. We have a DNA to be creative in the workplace. When it got perverted, it was viewed as a curse. Man was to glorify God in his workplace. Man should enjoy the work of his hands and should be creative and innovative. Our creativity through Jesus Christ is redeemed. Man in the garden should have been creative. The gems and treasures laying on the ground were for man to use to build God a city. Babylon was a perversion of the development of cities to God's glory. Babylon was built for human rights so man could control his environment and do everything without God. So, God brought confusion to their project. Their great plans came to nothing. We can read in Ecclesiastes that the Kingdom of God brings order on this earth and men can actually have an expression of their work that is joyful. There doesn't have to be blue Mondays or thank God it is Fridays. It is in our DNA to be unique and creative. As the Kingdom of God expands, creative things come to and through the people of God that haven't been imagined. Part of the created order is work. Work is not a curse in God's created order. If people think of work only as cursed, no wonder some have boiled the gospel down to get saved and get out of here, but God's creative order redeems work. As people come more under the order of the

Kingdom of God, the more expression they will find in work.

Music and the Arts: Music was God's idea, but then it was perverted when man disobeyed God and made music glorify man instead of God. The arts and entertainment is part of God's created order. He wants to redeem them. Look at the children having visitations from the Lord and creating paintings and works of art.

Land and Government: Managing land and government are part of His order. All of us ought to have land that we redeem for His purposes. Towns and cities are God's ideas. Look how He arranged the order of Jerusalem. Owning and stewarding land is part of God's created order. The Church must be renewed in mind through the scriptures to a biblical worldview so that we bring God's order. The elders sat at the gate to order a city. Civil government has to be redeemed. Redeemed man with a biblical idea must be in civil government to redeem the order God so loved. The view of getting out of earth and letting humanistic forces feeding on the knowledge of good and evil have civil government and the courts is not redemption or a biblical worldview. If we take the ten commandments out of our civil government, we remove God's order. God's order should be in the home first and then in the Church and then in the civil government. Civil government leaders come out of the order of congregations. 1Corinthians Chapter 6 talks about not taking your case before the world and the ungodly. God wants people with redeemed minds and a biblical worldview sitting as judges. Christians have the right to vote and we represent 35% of the voters. That should mean a biblical worldview makes a difference in our nation, and does not allow a 2% homosexual minority agenda to govern our laws. We dare not limit our purpose to simply getting everyone saved and getting out of here while the *kosmos* God so loved falls to ruin.

Money: Money also was and is God's idea. 1John tells us not to love money and the world and things of the world and not to live in lust and the pride of life because that is all perversion of God's idea. In Matthew 25, the man gave his servants money and told them to steward it. We are to steward the resources of God and all that belongs to Him. As the Church, we can redeem our money and get it out of a world system that is unstable. We can be good stewards so that our money brings glory back to God in the advancement of the Kingdom.

Health: Health was part of God's created order. It started breaking down in the perversion that disobedience brought. God's will is to *save* us back to health. Before the Kingdom is fully consummated I believe man's years will be extended again through God's restoration of His cre-

ated order. His created order is going back to the garden. Death is the last enemy to be destroyed. The other enemies will be destroyed first, like humanism. Humanism is an enemy in government. Humanism in marriage is an enemy. Humanism in education is an enemy. All those enemies will be defeated before death. God will defeat everything in His created order that does not bring Him glory.

God had a creative order for all of life and we find it in His Word. For a biblical worldview, all of life has to be ordered by the Word of God. A biblical worldview sees God’s created order and instructions and principles as primary. If we do not have a biblical or Christian worldview, we are liable to be convinced that everything has to get worse and worse in the earth. John 3:16 should contradict that and settle it for us. God created Adam and Eve and gave them all His created order in the earth. Dominion means everything that man is responsible for is to give glory back to God. Mankind wants human rights, but God wants us to have responsibility and be responsible to steward His *kosmos* or created order that He has entrusted to us. He has put within us His grace, His giftings, His calling and His life to do so. A biblical worldview cannot be about ourselves. A biblical worldview is about the *kosmos* He so loved.

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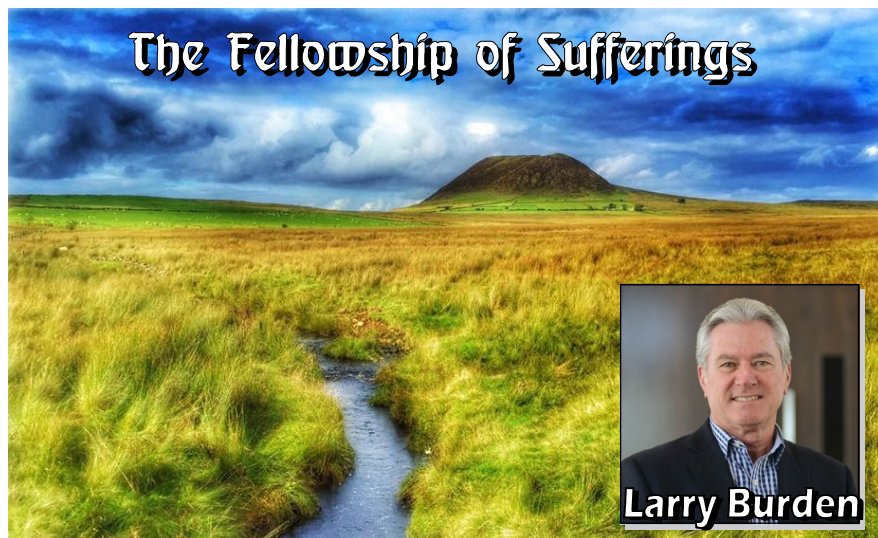
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In Bible school, I was taught how to wage war against the enemy of my soul through binding and loosing in prayer. I learned, too, about using the authority given me as a follower of Jesus, standing in faith to resist the devil, and even storming the gates of hell to unseat the principalities and powers in the air. Throughout my faith-walk in Christ, these weapons of warfare have served me well and have helped mitigate the sufferings of my soul that often accompanied attacks upon mind, body, and spirit.

It has often been a mystery to me why the Apostle Paul would address the fellowship of sufferings mentioned in Philippians 3:10, *That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable to his death.* I am all for the knowledge of Christ and his power, but not so much when it comes to being in fellowship with His sufferings. I do not particularly care for suffering.

To be scripturally sound with this passage, Paul is speaking here of the wonderful freedom that he had found through his relationship with Jesus. Having been a devout Pharisee who followed the letter of the Law of Moses completely, he was making the argument that his religious past was no comparison to the life he now had gained through salvation. His heart's cry was to continually know the wonders of Jesus and to increasingly experience the overflowing power of His resurrection each day. He was longing to understand this death and resurrection that had killed sin in him and then transformed his life from one of religious bondage to one of true Spirit life.

That said, there is still the fact that we sons and daughters and minis-

ters of our Father's kingdom still routinely find ourselves in the middle of sufferings in this life. Jesus told us that we would go through such things, and His promise to us was that He would help us overcome the sufferings of trials and testing (John 16:33). Suffering is a fact of Christian faith.

If one takes time to look at those in the Bible who weathered seasons of suffering because of their faith in Christ and/or ministry assignment, one can see that there were things uniquely accomplished within them that, through God's wisdom, only suffering could bring to pass. Great men like Job, the Patriarchs, King David, and certainly the Apostles of the Lamb, are all examples.

Job was a man who was upright, God-fearing, and opposed to evil of any kind. God had taken notice of him, and even pointed him out as one of His finest to Satan. When Satan suggested that all would change with Job if he suffered, the Father gave permission for Satan to have his way with Job, sparing only his life. Satan destroyed Job's family, livelihood, health, and more. Job found himself sitting in a heap of ashes, scraping boils from his body. He voiced that he would have been better off not to have been born. His friends coerced him to repent of his apparent sin. His wife told him to curse God and die!

It was, however, amid this horrific situation that Job made a powerful revelation. He said, *I have heard you by the hearing of my ear; but NOW my EYE SEES YOU* (Job 42:5). In this intense suffering season, Job discovered the treasure of his life that was solely and uniquely GOD! It was the revelation of God Himself that he had never seen before. He turned from complaining and embraced the treasure, and when he did, God released him from the sufferings and restored all that had been destroyed and stolen by Satan. The Lord blessed his END greater than his BEGINNING. Not only were all his belongings and wealth restored, but also, he lived to 140 years and saw four generations of his children receive their inheritance.

King David was another who suffered intense sufferings. Anointed as King of Israel at age 16, he was catapulted into the palace of King Saul after saving Israel from the Philistine giant. He became Saul's son-in-law, rode to battle with Saul, and was best friends of Saul's son Jonathan. He behaved himself in a wise manner, and quickly became highly favored among the Israelites. His popularity stirred the jealous spirit in Saul, and for years David ran for his life, suffering at the hand of Saul.

During the years of suffering, David was simultaneously tested by God. On more than one occasion, David had opportunity to kill Saul but chose not to do so. He could not wrongly touch God's anointed king. His decisions meant more

years of suffering as clearly seen in the Psalms that he wrote. However, like Job, David discovered something during these years – the treasure within that is uniquely God Himself. He developed a heart that longed for the continual presence of God. He became a man after God's OWN heart (Acts 13:22). Through sufferings, God molded the heart and character of a true King through which the seed of the King of Glory Himself would flow.

Paul, too, was no stranger to sufferings. He endured much during his life-time of service to the Lord. However, there was one account that stands out to me; that is, his thorn in the flesh. He shared in 2 Corinthians 10:7-10 that, because of the extraordinary level of revelations that he had received of the Lord, it had apparently become needful for him to suffer at the hands of the messenger from Satan to buffet him.

Paul sought the Lord on three distinct occasions for this *thorn* to be removed. In response, the Lord replied, *my grace is more than enough for you and my power finds its full expression through your weakness* (v.9a – The Passion Translation). While I would not exactly be overly joyful about this response, Paul got excited about this revelation. Rather than bemoan his condition, he embraced it with joy. He stated, *So, I will CELEBRATE my weaknesses, for when I am weak I sense more deeply the MIGHTY POWER OF CHRIST LIVING WITHIN IN ME* (v.9b – The Passion Translation).

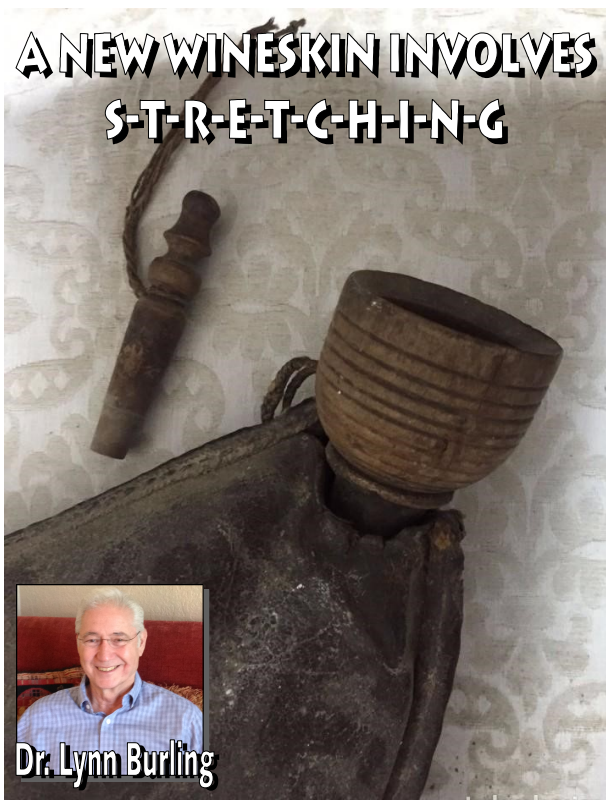
In the sufferings, Paul discovered the reality of the treasure within that was Christ Himself who was the *MIGHTY POWER* within him who brought freedom and victory no matter the sufferings! It was this revelation that brought such freedom within his soul, mind, and spirit. He concludes by saying, *for when I feel my weaknesses and endure mistreatment – when I'm surrounded with troubles on every side and face persecution because of my love for Christ – I am made yet stronger. For my weakness OPENS A PORTAL TO GOD'S POWER!* (v.9-10 – The Passion translation). Paul discovered that in his sufferings, Jesus stepped in to release His authority and strength to bring freedom to his beloved son.

I am encouraged by these accounts. It says to me that, while we all suffer at times and in seasons of life because of our faith-walk in Jesus, we are never defeated by them. It is in the intensity of these times that we too discover the treasure within us that is solely and uniquely Christ. In the sufferings, our weaknesses are exposed, and His power is revealed. He steps in through the portal and reveals to us the uniqueness of the Person he truly is!

While I do not care for sufferings, I am truly grateful for what they produce – true freedom in my soul, mind, and spirit that comes from the revelation of Jesus in me. Make no mistake, the Son is come to set you free!

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A NEW WINESKIN INVOLVES S-T-R-E-T-C-H-I-N-G



Dr. Lynn Burling

(Luke 5:33-30 NKJV) ³³ Then they said to Him, “Why do the disciples of John fast often and make prayers, and likewise those of the Pharisees, but Yours eat and drink?” ³⁴ And He said to them, “Can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? ³⁵ But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them; then they will fast in those days.” ³⁶ Then He spoke a parable to them: “No one puts a

piece from a new garment on an old one; otherwise the new makes a tear, and also the piece that was taken out of the new does not match the old. ³⁷ And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine will burst the wineskins and be spilled, and the wineskins will be ruined. ³⁸ But new wine must be put into new wineskins, and both are preserved.”

We are in an unprecedented time of biblical proportions in the world as we know it. It's palpable! PALPABLE: “(of a feeling or atmosphere) so intense as to seem almost tangible”. If you are a true follower of Jesus, you would have to be on another planet not to know change has taken place. Some call it a shift (there have been many) while others refer to it as New-Now revelation. The sons of Issachar, (those who discern the times and seasons) have become more prominent with their voices, telling us, urging us to be ready. This is requiring something new from God's people, His true sons and daughters. Jesus clashed with the culture of His day and so are we clashing with the culture of our day.

I believe the story of the new wine (GR: NEOS) and new (kainos) wineskin are as much of a challenge today as Jesus' words were a rebuttal

to the Pharisees. Wine is wine—but new wine means: *something that's never been before... EVER!* The Greek word for “new”, with reference to wine, was different from the word “new” with reference to wineskins. Just to be clear the word new for wineskins, “kainos”, meant to “repurpose or re-new. It means: new in quality—fresh in new opportunity also; not found to be like this before.” We all want to be used but many today must be renewed or repurposed to know the “capacity for the New!” (Have the new ability to stretch). Why must we ready ourselves to be stretched? The old mindsets, paradigms and methodology cannot contain the new that the Lord has prepared for these days. The good news is new wine can come in two geographical growing seasons in Israel. If we camp out and get too enamored with the truth that God is releasing for the NOW, we will miss the next season of “*what has never been before*” when He’s ready to update us.

Let us examine the wineskin, the container. You and I are the containers. We have this treasure committed to us. The old model will not work with the new wine. Case in point: Jesus was with Philip when the 5,000 needed feeding. Jesus asked him, “*What would you do Philip?*” Philip’s response was, “Well, 200 silver coins are not enough to feed 5,000 men (plus women and children). Something was about to change Philip’s mindset FOREVER! Something that had never happened before happened. What happened was five loaves and a few fish happened to that set of circumstances. Philip did not have the capacity to think beyond his natural eyes. Jesus provided a new way of thinking and seeing. I guarantee you that Philip, from that moment on, began thinking and acting out of the box. Jesus caused him to *stretch* himself to include the New possibilities and New-found abilities. The old wineskin represents old outward things, such as old law, (Pharisaical fasting twice a week); whereas, the new wine represents the enablement to overcome all outward things based on a summary of new information. VOILA! This explains Philip and us. We can never be the same again. We must *choose* to let go of the old and we must *choose* to allow the new! To repurpose an old wineskin for new use was to soak it in water for a while then rub it with oil until supple, which enabled it to stretch to contain the new crop of grapes.

I’ve seen God’s new revelation hit people between the eyes, but because they were not ready or prepared or REPURPOSED, it could not stay or remain in them. The old Testament law was inflexible and outdated. It could not contain the new faith of Christianity. Old wineskins are fixed and can’t or won’t expand to ADAPT beyond its ability to yield to the new wine. As far as the new cloth on an old tear was concerned, they were trying to patch the law with grace—you cannot co-mingle the two.

The old came through Mosaic Covenant but the new comes by grace, through Jesus Christ and the apostolic teachings. One is bolted on as an outward attainment while the other is embedded. **When you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change!** This is a transformation, not an evolutionary process. *We must learn a new way to think before we can change a new way to be!* **Jesus' message was a new revelation to them. He wanted the Jews to know. He did not come to preach a new and improved Judaism or to re-upholster a worn out religion. He came to bring something completely different.**

Jesus said, "It has been said... **but now I say!** Its meaning- "been said was the old path," but now—I *say, is the new truth!* I want to add that when the new is poured into the new wineskin, it will displace unneeded things—it fills every void and challenges everything that doesn't belong. Jesus was telling Nicodemus, "Hey friend, you're a major teacher here and you have no clue pertaining to spiritual matters." The law kills but the spirit makes "alive" - new again, born again. Just so you can understand, the new wineskin means "re-purposed". Look at 2Cor.5:17 (Same word "kainos" in all of these.) New creature. (2Cor.4:16) Though our outward man perish, our inward man is (kainos) "RENEWED—same man made over. Get ready for this one. Eph. 4:33 "*And be renewed, in the spirit in your mind*" (your way of thinking), the way you look at things and put on the new man (the renewed man). The Apostle Peter in 2Peter 1:12 (Msg), "*Because the stakes are so high, even though you're UP-TO-DATE on all this truth and practice it inside and out, I'm not going to let up for one minute in calling your attention to it.*" In the NIV it states "***In the truth you now have***". I submit that Peter was sharing the most up-to-date revelation he knew that had been revealed to him for his time and his season. But I'm not where I used to be 5, 10, 25 years ago in knowledge, wisdom and understanding. God is revealing to us knowledge that Daniel 12:4 said must be locked down until the times of the end. It is information not yet known or revealed, but knowledge shall be increased. I believe this is that time and season. True, it is human knowledge but also knowledge coming from the most high revealed to those prepared to receive the New wine and to stretch!

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Recently, during morning prayer, the Lord asked me this question: “What do you value?” When He asks me questions like that it usually means I am about to enter another season of repentance (changing my mind). He is asking me to change the way I think about something. When I enter these seasons almost everything I read, hear, or experience seems to point me toward the answer to the question.

As I was reading through the gospel of Matthew, one of Jesus’ parables leapt off the page at me, so to speak: *“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it, he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”* (Matt.13:44) As I read this parable in every English translation of the Bible I could think of, I became more fascinated by it. I had questions such as, “What does the treasure represent?” “What does the field represent?” “Why did the man buy the whole field instead of just being satisfied with the treasure alone?”

As I prayed and searched I began to realize that the last question was the one He was waiting for me to ask. The man buys the entire field because in doing so he has access not only to the treasure he’s already found, but also to more treasure that may be hidden in the field. Could it be that what he found might possibly lead to more, waiting only for someone willing to dig for it?

This word “treasure” comes from the Greek word *thesaurus*. We use a thesaurus to find various ways to express one word. Jesus is The Word and we carry this treasure, or many ways to express Him. (see 2 Cor. 4:7 Adam Clarke, in his commentary on this verse, says this, “We are not to imagine that the treasure here mentioned, and to which the gospel is likened, means a pot of gold or silver mine, which he who found out could not get at, or work, without turning up the field, and for this purpose he bought it.” Miners will keep mining because there is more

gold to be found. Paul the apostle spoke of *the unsearchable riches of Christ* in his letter to the Ephesians. “Unsearchable” doesn’t mean that we can’t search it out. It means it is past finding out. In other words, we can never reach a place where we have finally and fully comprehended it! If we believe that we have, then we have ceased to be seekers. He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek him. Where are the miners of the kingdom? Where are those who have beheld the beauty and brilliance of the treasure that is the kingdom of heaven?

Back to the question – What do you value? To value something is to consider the worth of it. The man in the parable considered the treasure worth selling everything he had and buying the field. You will give everything you have for what you value the most.

Counting the Cost

It will cost us everything to buy the field, but initially it will cost us our head. No, I’m not talking about the guillotine. It will cost us some old beliefs and ways of thinking. I recently learned a method of cost-counting from Dr. Jonathan Welton that has helped me tremendously. 1. Get alone with God. 2. Ask Him to reveal to you the three most limiting beliefs that hold you back. 3. Replace each one with a belief that is healthy and empowering. 4. Now ask yourself this question: “If I hold onto this unhealthy belief, what will my life look like in five years? Ten years? How will it affect my spouse? My children? My friends? My sphere of influence?” 5. Now ask yourself, “If I choose to discard this old belief and replace it with one that is healthy and empowering, what will my life look like in five years? Ten years? How will it bless my spouse? My children? My friends? How much more will their lives be enriched?”

Let me give you my own example: An unhealthy belief I had was this: regret for missed opportunities. I had beaten myself up so bad for past decisions that it had paralyzed me. “What’s the use in starting anything now? It’s too late.” I began to replace it with “I have today and I have His grace. I will take one step at a time and then another. Nothing can separate me from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord!” Things that had looked hopeless to accomplish before, I was now beginning to do. Whatever thought you replace the old one with, must be accompanied with action. I can’t control circumstances that may happen, but I can control myself. It takes self-control to do this. 2 Timothy 1:7, The Passion Translation says, ***“For God will never give you the spirit of fear, but the Holy Spirit who gives you mighty power, love, and self-control.”*** Self-control is the last in the list of the fruit of the Spirit but certainly not the least.

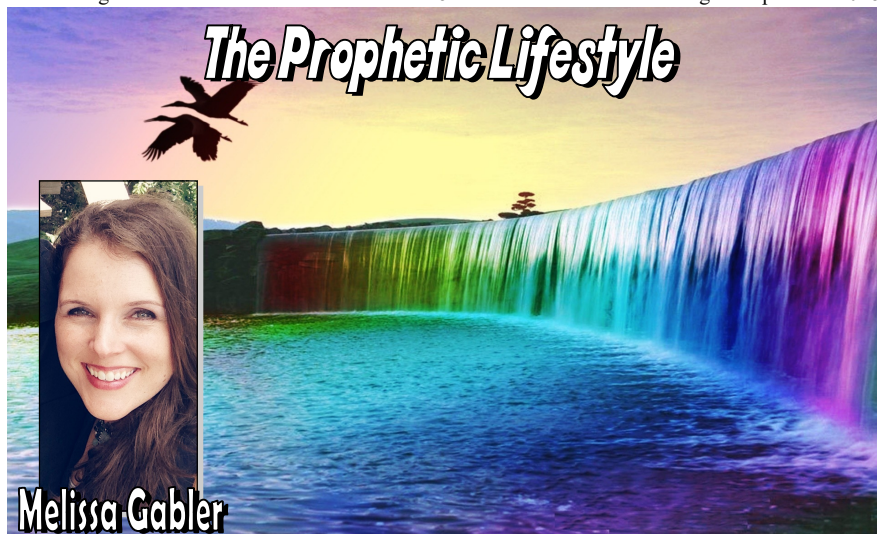
Counting the cost in this fashion empowers us on a daily basis to do whatever it takes in dedicating our lives to finding and mining that treasure that is the kingdom of heaven. We owe it to ourselves, our children, grandchildren, and generations to come.

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THE WARRIOR

By Marty Gabler

The Lord our God is a Warrior mighty in Battle.
His heart doesn't skip a beat even when sabers begin to rattle.
Battles and war are no stranger to him
He determinedly runs toward the enemy to win.
His mind is set, his eye is sure;
The Warrior will fight for the righteous and pure.
The enemy will swear out his useless threats
And gleefully glare while the weak one sweats.
But there is something reassuring in the Warrior's eye.
There's something of a Shepherd tells my feet, "No need to fly."
With this assurance piercing dark and dread,
I remember the helmet of salvation he put on my head.
Let the enemy come, let him vow and threat.
The Warrior, my God, soundly on his throne is set.
"The day of battle is not without noise and clamor."
But I hear the Warrior's voice above the battle's hammer.
Though I am tooth and nail aface my foe,
I can feel the Warrior's power through me flow.
He has empowered my spirit for such a day,
And before its over, the enemy will have to pay.
There will be scratches, cuts and wounds
But I will heal and will readily fight again soon.
The Warrior has called me to worship and in that will I fight;
For every time, His praises set the enemy to flight.
The Warrior's glory is known well all 'round.
Judah's praises stomp the enemy in the ground.
Darkest night, nor dark cloud of day
Can keep the Warrior from breaking through dismay.
His Long Arm is mighty to save!
He comes quickly, His banner over me to wave.
The Warrior, my God, is mighty in battle;
That's what makes the enemy nervous,
And that's what makes *his* saber rattle!



It's our time to be who God intended us to be. First things first, however. Let me clarify. A prophetic lifestyle does not mean you have to be a Prophet. The office of prophet is designated by God and recognized by the Five-fold ministry. We are all capable of living a prophetic lifestyle without being a prophet.

What is a prophetic lifestyle? It is hearing and seeing God's intention about the here and now, and what is to come on a regular basis. Or as my Mom puts it, "PROPHETIC" is God revealing Himself, His thoughts, His will, His insights, His plans, His wisdom or instructions or warnings or the plans of hell. Why is a prophetic lifestyle important? A prophetic lifestyle starts with a hearing ear. The statement *"He who has ears to hear let him hear"* is made in all of the following passages: Matthew 11:15; 13:9; Mark 4:9; Luke 8:8; Revelation 2:7; 3:6. To be said this many times must mean it's rather important. This lifestyle lives in agreement with the intentions of God and stops enemy assignments from manifesting on the earth.

You are a representative of heaven during your lifetime. *"But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A CONSECRATED NATION, A [special] PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies [the wonderful deeds and virtues and perfections] of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."* (1 Peter 2:9, Amplified)

The prophetic lifestyle opens opportunities, timing, and connections. Opportunities: having the ears to hear to be at the right place at the right time for yourself and others. Timing: none of us understand the timing of God because He is working on so many levels. It takes a prophetic lifestyle to see beyond the lim-

ited vision of our normal dimensions. It can keep you sane where timing is concerned. Connection: Brings lives together for God team-ups, projects, events, etc. We were never meant to do life alone (1 Corinthians 12:20-21). In this day and age, this way of life is a total necessity for the body of Christ.

How do you know if what you are hearing is God? Well, does it line up with His word? For instance, murder and adultery... not God! Also, He trains you to hear Him. *"The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the Lord hath made even both of them."* (Proverbs 2:12) Sometimes we train ourselves to ignore the prophetic lifestyle because we don't want to be weird. This really is an epic life we are meant to live. Not fairytale or fantasy, but epic. Why epic? Unlike fairytale or fantasy that denote magic, rainbows and butterflies, and other-worldly superhumans, "epic" denotes work, grit, fight, humans living their destiny and winning. So, don't ignore His training. Don't ignore that relationship.

The following list is not only how the prophetic lifestyle is lived out, it is also ways in which He trains us for a prophetic lifestyle. *This is not a comprehensive list. There are so many ways to hear from the Alpha and Omega. We don't all have the same exact experiences because we each have a personal relationship with God. The way you hear has to do with this most important relationship of your life! But, as you'll see, there are similarities in ways we all hear.*

1.) Coincidences: the occurrence of events that happen at the same time by accident but seem to have some connection. (Webster's Dictionary) Coincidences can easily be put in the *I don't want to be weird* category, so they can easily be ignored. Pay attention! Remember, God is working on many levels, so why would we not experience coincidences?

2.) DeJa-Vu: a feeling that one has seen or heard something before. (Webster's Dictionary) Nope, not spooky at all, rather a fantastic training experience! If you have one simply ask what you need to see. If you don't get an answer, perhaps you were being trained to pay attention.

3.) Dreams: of course God speaks to us in dreams. Our conscious mind is out of the way.

4.) Visions: are like a movie in your head or right before your eyes.

5.) Double-take: is that thing which makes you look again because you thought you saw something and it ends up not being there.

6.) Feelings: are about a knowing in your gut, excitement out of nowhere, uneasiness out of nowhere.

7.) Urges: to pray, do something, call someone, go somewhere.

8.) Hearing: still small voice or loud and clear.

9.) Thoughts: came out of nowhere. You weren't even thinking about that subject and the thought won't go away. It just sits in your mind.

10.) The place between awake and asleep: the mind is not in the way

here. From my experience these moments have been very clear.

11.) In conversation: something strikes a chord, confirms something you heard, or an idea comes "out of nowhere". An inspirational conversation, if you will.

What do I do when these things occur? Here's where I start: TAKE THE TIME TO PAY ATTENTION. Remember, this life is meant to be EPIC. Take time to act, pray, speak it/declare it, write it down or simply agree in that moment. If it's not obvious what to do, ask God for instruction. You may need to hold on to it for future reference. Don't get impatient and jump into action if the action is not clear. That could lead to an unpleasant outcome. He could be training you in that moment, getting you ready.

Personal Responsibility for the Prophetic Lifestyle:

1.) Read the Bible. Remember, the Bible is written FOR us, not TO us. The Word specifies who it is written TO. Reading the Bible keeps you familiar with God's ways. God highlights and pinpoints scriptures for wisdom, action, prayer, declaration, etc.

2.) Pray... specifically in tongues. It keeps your eyes and ears open. Ephesians 3:16, 20-21- *"That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."* Praying in tongues charges our spirit man. The spirit (inner man) needs to be charged way more than the soul does. Praying in tongues brings that charge which in turn brings clarity. "Your soul drinks in what your ears and eyes and emotions are exposed to all day. The only way you can renew your mind and take dominion over the demonic assault on your feelings and thoughts is to be filled with the Spirit!" (Lance Wallnau).

For a final note on the prophetic lifestyle:

I will boil it down to this. The key is awareness. We must remember, at all times that the Kingdom of God is invading this nation. Each one of us has a piece of the Kingdom that penetrates and affects the region around us. We are going to WIN this fight. Hey, it's not pretty right now, but no matter what you see, hear, or face, it has no effect on what God has set in motion. After all, He has the last word!

If you feel worried, afraid, or uneasy that's your clue that the Prophetic Lifestyle needs a re-boot. Make sure you keep the air cleared in your vicinity. One great way of doing that is, like we discussed, upping your prayer in tongues. Talk about an air purifier! Speaking in tongues is a beautiful weapon from Heaven for such a time as this. We are all capable of living a prophetic lifestyle without being a Prophet.

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There are two kingdoms that are recognized in Holy Scripture, the Kingdom of Light and the kingdom of darkness (Col.1:12-13; Acts 26:18). “I pray that you will be grateful to God for letting you have part in what he has promised his people in the kingdom of light. 13 God rescued us from the dark power of Satan and brought us into the kingdom of his dear Son,” (Col.1:12-13, CEV) As long as there is a kingdom of darkness, the Kingdom of Light will never form a treaty nor will the two kingdoms ever even sit down for a parlay; there will never be a cease-fire nor an armistice; total hostilities will never cease because they will each be opposed to the other and must, by nature, contradict one another. The very nature and purpose of each of the kingdoms sets them, perpetually, at odds with the other. It is not possible to exist in a “no-man’s-land” between the two — neither is there any neutral ground. There is either the embracing/participation of Light and the works of the Light or the embracing/participation of darkness and the works of darkness (Rom.13:12; Eph.5:11).

Righteousness is not wrought in a nation because of the existence of acceptable political candidates. Righteousness cannot reign in a land until there is repentance (a change of mind and turning from unrighteousness) so that reformation may be the bone and the constant in the various limbs and avenues of societal function.

Repentance will not, in a wholesale flash, sweep a land in a few hours time. That repentance must begin in individuals and families. A few righteous legislators and justices will not, by themselves, produce a reformation. There must be a value base embraced by many in the land that will be the ripe field for the seeds of repentance and, hence, reformation. There have been a number across the grid of Christianity who have espoused an

opinion that just getting “the right people” into the “right positions” would somehow open a grand dam of reformation that would flood the land. Right people in right places is a key factor but not the full recipe. When a nation has multiple churchmen and multiple churches making news headlines on a regular basis because of values that were traded for a ready-to-eat bowl of soup (Esau, Gen.25:29-34) in a moment of carnal passion or a moment of greed, a message has been sent to that nation (and to regional spiritual entities) that the values and basis of reformation (Holy Scripture) are held as less than supreme. What house has ever stood that divided itself from its foundation? We must fashion ourselves after the wise man of Matt.7:24-27 who built his house upon a rock so that the opposition of rains, floods and winds could not destroy it.

One giant step in the direction of saving the “house” is to recognize that there is a vast difference between the kingdom of darkness and the Kingdom of Light, and the impossibility of bridging that disparity through any form of compromise or tolerance. The citizens of the Kingdom of Light must maintain purity and fealty to the King of Kings and His standards, values and covenant. The Kingdom of God does not take its measure from power, money or influence. When the prognosticators proclaim that powers, pressures and intimidation from this quarter and that quarter are pressing the church to conform to the demands of culture, and consequences will not be desirable if they do not bow, the people of the Kingdom of Light declare, “It does not matter what powers and pressures are applied. What God has started cannot be stopped!” (Isa.9:7). With that declaration on their lips stands a people who will not forfeit His covenant.

We have an unshakeable Kingdom that is ever increasing and that is why Pharaoh’s “snakes” are manifesting and making a show of themselves with their threatenings and attempting to intimidate. Those of the Light stand up, confront and contradict opposition like the disciples did in Acts 4:29 — “And now they’re at it again! Take care of their threats and give your servants fearless confidence in preaching your Message.” God’s Word, standards and truth will never be drug upon the auction block. I heard it said recently, “Truth sounds like hate to those who hate the truth”. One of my old professors Dr. Anthony Palma wrote a book entitled, “Truth: Antidote for Deception”. Truth will contradict darkness and darkness will, in its humanistic determination, defensively and vehemently respond.

THE SNAKES WILL COME OUT OF HIDING

The truth will come out and that will draw out the “snakes”. It is a law that God built into the universe. (Matt.10:26, Amp) “So have no fear of them; for nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, or kept secret that will not become known.” (Lk.12:2-3, Amp) “Nothing is [*so closely*] covered up that it will not be revealed, or hidden that it will not be known. Two notable factors may be found

in the authoritative words of our Lord: 1) everything hidden will be revealed and 2) have no fear of those who operate in darkness and do not fear the things they do in darkness. (Also, Isa.5:20; Isa.58:10; Micah 7:8; Matt.4:16; Lk.1:79; Jn.3:19; 8:12; 12:46; Acts 26:18; Rom.13:12; 1Cor.4:5; 2Cor.4:6; 1Pe.2:9)

By appointment of God Almighty (Ex.7:8-12), Moses and Aaron (leaders of one of the smallest nations on earth, which happened to have a covenant with God) courageously walked into the most powerful throne room on earth and demanded the freedom of the enslaved Israelites. The truth of Jahweh's covenant (Ex.2:23-24) was that Israel was free and when confronted with that divine truth, Pharaoh called upon his wizards and thinkers and advisers to oppose that truth and its representatives. That confrontation of divine truth brought out the snakes! Things got real ugly real quick. There came forth rapidly spit incantations, the bellowing of ominous sounding chants and nasty snakes hissing and slithering, all with accompanying bells and metallic clanking of cultic accoutrements. It all appeared and sounded as though the pit of hell had regurgitated its evil confusion in the middle of regal opulence.

The ugly, less-than-desirable offensiveness of darkness must be revealed so that the authoritative, superior government of Jahweh may deal with it. That which is hidden in individuals and power structures must be manifested (yes, even in all its ugliness and vile expressions-Mk.4:22). The reason some celebrities and politicians are so opposed to the present administration (and even appear demonized in their reactions) is because the truth of their vileness is being exposed and they know there is more exposure coming. While some in the religious community are loudly voicing the evilness and, therefore, shortness of the days we are living in, and while brazen opposition is ferociously attacking all that is sacred, it might behoove the people of the Kingdom of Light to realize that the nasties and the uglies are being manifest so that, through the sons of God, they may be dealt with (Jn.18:37; 20:21; 1Jn.3:8). We would do well to replace our cries of escapism with declarations of the authority of the risen Christ. Rather than cursing the vileness that is cancerously spreading in the nation, we could declare the known will of God which is life and redemption (Jn.10:10). The superior, authoritative instrument of Jahweh (Aaron's rod = authority, Ex.7:12) swallowed up the instruments of threat and intimidation from darkness (magicians rods=magicians authority).

"...right and wrong, truth and error, are about to come into open and deadly collision; and the day is coming when all hidden things shall be disclosed, everything seen as it is, and every one have his due (JFB)". While those in darkness would do well to heed that undeniable truth, it would serve the sons of God well to heed Isaiah's assurance: (Isa.60:1) *ARISE [from the depression and prostration in which circumstances have kept you--rise to a new life]! Shine (be radiant with the glory of the Lord), for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! [Zech. 8:23.]* 2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and dense darkness [all] peoples, but the Lord shall arise upon you [O Jerusalem], and His glory shall be seen on you. [Isa. 60:19-22; Mal. 4:2; Rev. 21:2, 3.] 3 And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. (Amp) While we observe much that is undesirable being revealed, we don't fear it, we declare the Light while being light and salt (Matt.5:13-14).

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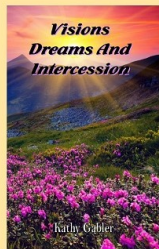
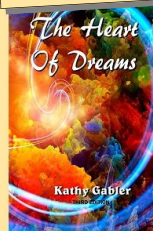
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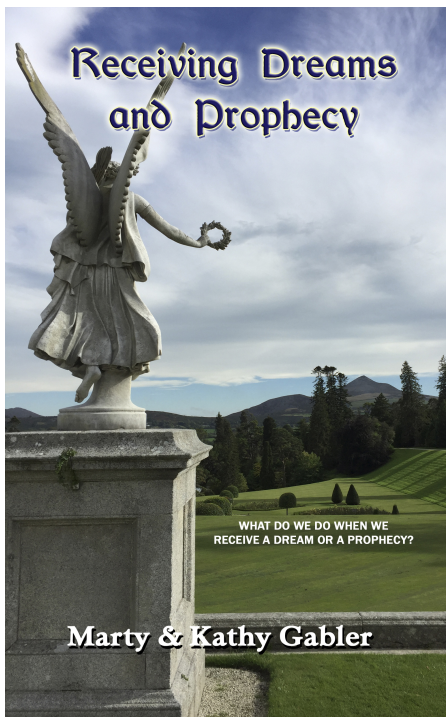
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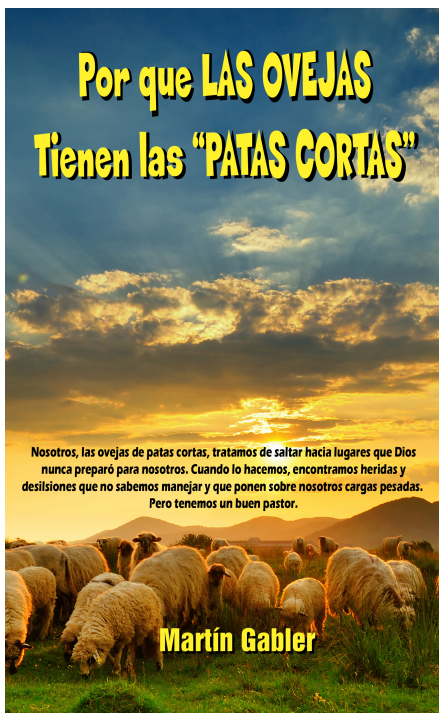
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