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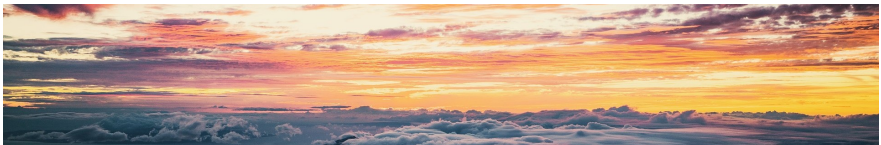


Kathy Gabler

KATHY WILL BE SPEAKING AT DREAMS VISIONS PROPHECY 2024 SEPT.14

In Luke 17: 21, 22, the Pharisees asked Jesus when the Kingdom would come? He answered, "God's kingdom isn't something you can see coming. The kingdom of God is within you, it is already within your grasp." I thought it strange that Jesus would say that to the Pharisees since they were mean hearted, legalistic trouble-makers that hated His guts, and I was puzzled until I heard N.T. Wright explain this passage. First, Jesus told the Pharisee that the Kingdom of God, or the Realm of God where God rules and has right and authority to do so, was not something they would see coming because it was already present (eternal) and not there to overthrow the Roman government and put them in charge like they hoped. Second, the answer that Jesus gave them was an idiom in their language. Every language has their own idioms or sayings that don't translate into another language exactly. So, when Jesus told them the Kingdom was already in their grasp, that idiom meant the ball is in your court or it's your move to respond to the Kingdom rather than to await its arrival. When Peter had to make his move to "Kill and Eat," he had to lay down his training and his bias because the ball was in his court! He had to respond and take up God's priority so he could take the Kingdom to the Gentiles.

In the book of Acts, the Kingdom was in the Believers' grasp because Jesus' had demonstrated how to make a move and activate God's will in earth. They knew they had the ball and they ran with it and God's Realm



spread like yeast. In studying the book of Acts, I came to the point that one night I went to bed troubled because I looked at my own life through the lense of the book of Acts and I saw very little of Paul in myself. I had no trail of miracles, no prophesying that saved a boatload of people through a shipwreck and no shaking off a snake! Paul had a track record that met opposition with miracles because he had a grasp on the Kingdom to walk out God's priority which is always backed by God's authority. So, I fell asleep thinking that perhaps I really don't have a grasp on the Kingdom of God! The next thought was, and at my age, how much time do I have to get a GRIP! Feeling more like a waning moon than the day the Lord hath made, I fell asleep that night, kinda heavy in heart. I remember sincerely praying, "Lord, please help me."

Guess what! He did! By morning the indictment against me had turned to an inspiration within me! Who but the Holy Ghost can do that! Indictment will hand cuff us to the law and condemnation, but inspiration gives us a reason to breathe and move and continue being. So, instead of the overwhelming sense of too little too late, I awoke with a Holy Spirit highlight on Romans 14. The first part of that chapter talks about treating others with care instead of criticism and doing everything you do as unto the Lord and to the GLORY of God. Rom 14:6, *What's important is that if you keep a holy day, keep it for God's sake; if you eat meat, eat it to the glory of God and thank God for prime rib; if you're a vegetarian, eat vegetables to the glory of God and thank God for broccoli.* (MSG) But then moving on down the chapter, verse 17 makes it clear that neither prime rib nor broccoli is the point for the Kingdom of God isn't about eating and drinking. It is about Righteousness, Peace and Joy - in and through and because of the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost draws us into relationship and positions us IN CHRIST, in right standing, guiltless and approved by our Father; therefore we can live in peace and joy!

There was no need or wisdom in being troubled and comparing myself with Paul that night. Comparison is about self-righteousness rather than the righteousness that is the Kingdom of God! The righteousness God intends cannot be measured by what we do or do not accomplish. That righteousness is not about a condition or diet or religion or a ritual, nor success or failure through strain or pain or gain on our part. It is *relationship-righteousness* that is a gift from God, (Rom 5:18.) So, let's not live on the sidelines debating and stressing over being worthy or qualified to have the Kingdom of God within our grasp. The ball is in our court, it's our move to reach for the Realm of God that is within reach. May we daily live in the awareness of our standing in relationship IN CHRIST and therefore our right standing with the Father. May we daily allow the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Truth, to lift our heads and hearts to realize the Kingdom Of God is not limited to miracles from the book of Acts nor dupli-

cates confined to biblical examples. It is also the mighty Powerful Presence of His authority wherever we are boots on the ground as we bear the Righteousness, Peace and Joy that is the Kingdom within us. His Kingdom presence within us can change the atmosphere when we walk into a restaurant or a classroom or a check out line at the store. The Righteous, Peace and Joy within us carries the potential of *All Things being Possible* right into our living rooms. So, we dare not wait around wondering when the Kingdom is coming and miss the Holy Spirit tugging us into a Kingdom moment. We by His authority take care of Father's business and can lay our hand on the TV or computer or phone and declare the fall of satanic strongholds as we agree with an angelic rescue and recovery mission! If I'd missed that Holy Ghost prompt one day, I would have sat in my living room grieving and helpless right along with the 540 trafficked children listed on that computer screen! But agreement with the King and His realm and authority opened the earth to angelic intervention overruling the darkness imprisoning and torturing those kid-napped babies for the purpose of producing adrenaline infused blood to sell to blood sucking deviates and reprobates. I'm sure Holy Spirit was stirring others to the same agreement that day because God was obviously on the move. I prayed as directed: "Father, deliver us from evil because YOURS is the Kingdom government those children were born to live under!" Oh Lord, let us not be led into the temptation to put the ball down or be baited to the bench because of accusations or condemnation or doubt! Holy Ghost keep us in unshakeable confidence in your Righteousness, Peace and Joy, so that we can move in any moment in any direction as You direct.

Two weeks ago, the Holy Spirit made something clear for me. He took me back twenty-three years almost to the day. It was Good Friday when I stood in a city auditorium in Maracay, Venezuela. A spirit of death was on the rampage in that country and had killed thousands in mud slides even though it was not even their rainy season. The people were fearful and many were even praying it would never rain again. The chief intercessor in the city had suddenly, inexplicably died just six months earlier. As a shadow of death filled the meeting room, chaos and life and death struggles suddenly broke out. Two men literally drug a woman up to me telling me she was a pastor they had brought from the hospital because she was dying and the doctors did not know why. Looking back now, I realize she was God's priority in my face and I had no inner debate over can I do this? God's authority comes with His priority. Then I was pulled aside to pray for a ten year old Muslim boy who could not breathe. He and his mother were under a death contract from his father for becoming Christians. Again God's priority was clear and His authority was tangible. I was then pulled across the auditorium to pray for a fourteen year old girl who had spirits coming into her room at night to tell her she was going to die! God's priority was again unarguably clear, and as I walked

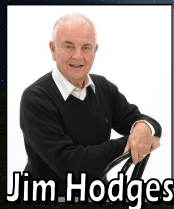
toward her I asked whether to address her or the devils. There was no panic or doubt, just an unshakeable authority at my back. The Lord instructed me to prophesy to her and give her His future plans so she would not accept any others! I began to prophesy to her but then over the speakers I heard, "Please pray, the prophet is dying!" I turned quickly to see Marty across the room stretched out on the floor. His shirt was ripped open and a nurse and doctor were giving him CPR! My Priority in that moment was my husband, and I started to turn and run to him, but the Holy Spirit spoke clearly above all the chaos in the room, "This girl is also in a life and death struggle. You take care of my business and I'll take care of yours." His words carried authority that settled everything within me. I turned back to the girl and finished prophesying before I swung around to run to Marty. When I got to him, they were sitting him up. I grabbed his wrist and his pulse was pounding beneath my finger tips! God most definitely had taken care of my business! I am still amazed at the whole experience, and I can look back and say without hesitation that when we come into God's priority, we can proceed with confidence in His authority!

In Matt 6:33, Jesus said seek "FIRST" the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. I believe He was emphasizing "FIRST" to say make this your TOP priority before any other. Seek God's heart, intent and plan in priority to all else day by day and situation by situation. Making God's priority our FIRST priority is the path to a God outcome. So, how about we practice seeking FIRST the Kingdom in all that concerns us in life, seeking God's will and authority FIRST over any troubling or evil report. How about we seek FIRST the Kingdom instead of seeking first an early diagnosis. We know early diagnosis is top priority in the culture we live in, and it is easy to be conformed to this world's thinking. We are programmed to believe it is just natural and unavoidable for disease and disorder and dysfunction to get increasingly worse. But if we seek FIRST the Kingdom, convinced the realm of God is bigger than culture, bigger than statistics, more powerful than experience, and we believe His Rule and authority is ever increasing in the earth, might we discover it is ever increasing within the cells, tissues, joints, organs, systems and conditions of our body? Might we believe the Kingdom of God is ever increasing in our circumstances, relationships, businesses and destinies . . . and the ball is in our court to live like we believe it?

Kathryn Kuhlman once quoted Psalm 46:10, "*Be still and know that I am God.*" Then she said, "For if we can't be still, we won't know." Take a moment to be still and know our God's heart and His priority in every matter, for where we walk in His priority, we carry the ball in His authority.

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Refocus, Re-engage, Redeploy



Present Perspectives and Prayer Points — Jim Hodges

We're in a time of global chaos, economic disasters, civil government oppression from totalitarian tyrannies, and civil government failures through dysfunctional democracies, plus large numbers of sleepy church members. Because of this, the time has come again to focus on King Jesus and to receive a fresh outpouring and empowering of the Holy Spirit in order to advance the will of God in the earth and the agenda of the Kingdom of God in history!

Ekklesia, it is time to refocus, to re-engage, and to redeploy as the army of God.

Present Perspective and Prayer Point No. 1

Seeing the cultural wars and political wars as rooted in spiritual warfare (Ephesians 6 and 2 Corinthians 10:3-6)

Church father, Augustine, taught that the Church was to be spiritually militant. Yes, we are the family of Father God: Ephesians 1, the Body of Christ; Ephesians 1 and 2, the temple of the Spirit; Ephesians 2, the Bride of Christ; Ephesians 5 — all of these prepare and lead us into being the army of God (Ephesians 6).

The word for war is “stratia” — in English, “strategy.” You don’t win a war without strategy, nor without tactics! With all that is going on in the cultural wars and political wars, sometimes I feel like we, the people of



God, are being outmaneuvered by the enemies of the Gospel. (Jesus said: “The sons of this age are wiser than the sons of light in dealing with their own.”) Furthermore, there seems to be more anti-Christ globalist billionaires than Kingdom of God billionaires. (Don’t get me on one of my rants!)

Present Perspective and Prayer Point No. 2

Followers of King Jesus have two citizenships: heavenly and earthly. Reference Philippians 3:20. Too many Christians believe they have one citizenship. Too few seek to steward two citizenships. Polis root word translates also as “commonwealth” and “colony.” It’s related to the word “city” — metropolis.

In the Passion Bible, Brian Simmons translates it this way: “We are a colony of heaven on earth.” Paul was writing this epistle from a prison cell in Rome. *Historically, he was writing to a colony within a colony.* (This Greek city of Philippi was named after Philip of Macedon, who was a tutor of Alexander the Great. The city was considered a colony of the Roman Empire — Latin and Greek were both spoken in it.)

Let me share some insights from N.T. Wright and Michael Bird in their book, *Jesus and the Powers*. “Your and my agenda, as the Ekklesia Church, is to pray that the will of God may be done on earth as it is in heaven. It is to colonize earth with the life of heaven. It is to bear witness by declaring the truth of the Gospel. It is to speak truth to cultural and political powers even if they don’t want to listen!” *This usually focuses on addressing civil government authority.* This, of course, is a challenge since God ordained civil authority. He made three corporate covenants: family, church, and civil government. (All three of these are therefore accountable to the Lord God).

Church history informs us that there are times when the Church submits to the civil rulers and there are times when they resist them. Civil disobedience we see is when the civil ruler is governing unjustly. Romans 13 tells us he or she is to administer justice and avenge evil. There are many varieties of tyranny, i.e., unjust government that needs to be resisted!

Christian faith is an allegiance to King Jesus, and that allegiance sometimes requires the Church to engage in active defiance of tyranny, cruelty, corruption, and despotism! (This is illustrated in Hitler and Nazism in the 1930s. Eric Metaxas’ book, *Letter to the American Church*, is a must read. He compares the 1930s in Germany with America now. Only a remnant of the church in Germany resisted Hitler and Nazism. That was the Confessing Church led by Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Martin Niemöller.)

Paul stewarded the two citizenships! He appealed to his Roman citizenship in order to stand before Caesar in Rome where he preached to him and his palace guards in the capital of the empire. According to Philippians 4:22, “All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar’s household.” Some scholars say this included the emperor’s personal security force, the Praetorian Guard.)

Bottomline: When it is necessary, we resist tyranny by praying and voting! Currently in our nation, only half of the Christians are registered to vote. Only half of them actually vote! This is a recipe for the advancement of darkness and evil.

Present Perspective and Prayer Point No. 3

The people of God in history lived and functioned in the shadow of the empire.

The empire was birthed at the Tower of Babel in Genesis 11. Can I give you a contemporary synonym for Babel? Globalism! As you know, Globalism opposes nationhood. Why? Because of Psalm 2 and Matthew 28, which declares that the Lord Jesus Christ inherits the nations (see Psalm 2:8-9). A little Bible history will hopefully help us on this point. Genesis 10 records the birth of nations or nationhood — 70 in number. Jesus sent out the 70 beyond borders of Israel where there were Gentiles, i.e., nations! (Feast of Tabernacles procedure, the Great Harvest Feast).

Three sons of Noah repopulated the earth after the universal flood. By the way, Noah’s Ark is not in the nation of Turkey; it is in Williamstown, Kentucky. Jean and I have been there. Old Testament people of God lived in the shadow of a pagan empire. The descendants of Abraham in Moses’ day lived under the shadow of the Egyptian Empire. After that, according to Daniel 2, the following empires cast their shadows over the people of God: Babylon, Medo-Persia (modern-day Iran), Greece, and the Roman Empire. They were presented as a four metallic statue with these symbols: gold, silver, bronze, clay, and iron together.

Read Daniel 2:32-35 and 44-45. The 5th kingdom, i.e., the Kingdom of God, was set up on the earth in history. This does not wait until the second coming of Christ. It happened in history under the shadow of the Roman Empire. I have a thought that it was these four empires the Devil offered Jesus in the temptation in the wilderness (Matthew 4:8-10). *Don’t forget the prophet Daniel prophesied the destruction of these evil empires! In Psalm 2, Yahweh and His anointed Son break the arrogance of empires!*

B. The New Testament people of God lived and ministered in the shadow of the Roman Empire.

The Romans were polytheists worshipping many gods, including some planets like Mars, Neptune, Jupiter. However, their main worship was directed to the ruling Caesar, i.e., emperor worship. In Ephesus there was a statue of Caesar Augustus. On it were these words: “There is no other name whereby anyone can be

saved.” Caesar was their savior! (Compare Acts 4:12 — Peter said of the name of Jesus).

The Lord Jesus was crucified by the hands of the Roman Empire and by the complicity of corrupt Jewish priests. *Spiritual principalities and powers worked through both!* The Early Church was persecuted and some were martyred by what the book of Revelation refers to as the beast and the false prophet. (References to Nero Caesar and to Caiaphas, the high priest of Israel, who represented covenant breaking Israel in their rejection of its Messiah. The false prophet rejected the True Prophet).

C. In our day, it boils down to the same conflict: the battle for the earth between the sons of light and the sons of darkness.

Or say it this way: the battle between the Ekklesia and the Empire, which could also be expressed as the battle between Globalism and Nationhood. In our day, World Economic Forum meets in Switzerland. It’s a gathering of globalists with their open borders policies — Klaus Swab, George Soros, Bill Gates, etc. This battle hangs in the balance while nations make up their minds! But they don’t have to decide for Globalism or arrogantly proud Nationalism! They can choose Genesis 12, which is the covenant of Abraham by which all the nations are promised blessing by Abraham’s seed, King Jesus! (Reference Revelation 7:9-11)

Present Perspective and Prayer Point No. 4

The economy of the sons and daughters of light will prosper beyond the economies of the sons and daughters of darkness. Scriptural history is replete with examples of economic wealth being transferred from the wicked to the righteous!

Examples:

Transfer of the wealth of the Egyptians to the Israelites before the Exodus! Psalm 37 refers to the righteous inheriting the land while the wicked Canaanites are disinherited. Pagan kings came to Zion and gave King David riches, treasures, etc. Jesus said the meek inherit the earth (Matthew 5:5). Church, Jesus inherits the nations according to Psalm 2, and we are co-heirs with Him (Romans 8:17).

Conclusion

Because of our Founding Fathers covenanting with the Lord God, and because the contemporary Ekklesia army is warring for the restoration of our nation through intercession, decrees, and stewardship of our citizenships in heaven and earth, we shall be a sheep nation when Jesus returns!

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Life in the Wilderness



Larry Burden

In my devotion time some days ago, I was taken back to the deliverance of Israel from Egyptian captivity. Through a series of astounding miracles through the hands of Moses, God liberated those enslaved by evil Pharaoh and set them on a course toward their divine destiny. Their first destination point, however, was a desert wilderness where they would wander for forty years.

The wilderness was barren, harsh, and forbidding. It almost seemed that God was treating them severely after rescuing them from destruction. Because of this, complaining and murmuring toward Moses and God from the people was commonplace. This escalated to the point where God wanted to destroy the entire nation and start over with Moses. So, it seemed that the wilderness was a place of harsh judgment and pain - a **HARD PLACE**.

The Hebrew word for wilderness is midbar which is derived from the Hebrew word davar, which means to speak, and is literally translated, mouth. So, the wilderness was not only a place of dryness and desolation but also the place where the Father spoke to His family (Israel) regarding His love for them and the life destiny that He purposed for them to attain. God brought them into the wilderness in order to get their attention and to reveal His heart for their lives, destiny, and purpose.

We have all experienced tough times and seasons of life. These may



be described as times of hardship, crisis, tragedy, loss, conflict, and anything that causes one pain. Each of these life events speak of those seasons when we find ourselves in the wilderness, feeling that somehow we failed, missed the mark, lost our way, or for whatever reason brought the wrath of our Father upon us. We might feel abandoned and hopeless because of life circumstances that are overwhelming to the soul.

It is oftentimes in these seasons of life where we also discover things about the Father's heart that we were unaware of. For Peter, the outspoken disciple who denied knowing Jesus three times, it was love. For Joseph, whose evil brothers sold him into slavery, it was forgiveness. For Job, whose wife encouraged him to curse God and die, it was intercession for those friends who misjudged him. For John the Baptist, it was beholding the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world (John 1:29). In each of these situations and more, we see how the Father uses the wilderness seasons of life, the hard place, as the setting in which He demonstrates to us the reality of His heart of love, compassion, godly instruction, and the fulfillment of His promises.

The wilderness is the place where distractions of life are removed and we become quiet from the clamor of our business in order to seek the Father's heart and to clearly hear His voice. It is therefore out of this understanding that we learn not to fear these seasons but rather embrace them. As we gain understanding of these times, we will welcome them as a gift from the Father which draws us closer to Him. We will seek His heart and listen for His voice. We will receive His encouragement, His correction, His forgiveness, and His directives. We will be consumed by His love, astounded by His compassion, marvel at His instruction, and rest in His glorious presence. Our wilderness of difficulty will be transformed into an oasis of His holiness.

Outwardly the wilderness appeared to be desolate and lifeless. In reality, it was used by Father to become a fertile place, a HOLY PLACE, a place of transformation. It was in the wilderness that Father rescued His beloved sons and daughters from dependence upon Egypt and walked with them through the process of removing Egypt from their hearts. Being transformed from the mindset of slavery to the heart-set of sons, they eventually crossed over from the wilderness and took possession of their promised destiny as a holy nation.

Israel was, and remains today, the Father's covenant family, and through Christ we too are grafted in as covenant sons and daughters. The shakings have now come to fuel this transformation process such that our hearts and fidelity become completely welded to His heart and Spirit. We

are not to fear the future and the shakings that will most certainly intensify. We are to embrace them.

We are not to be fearful of what we think our future will look like in the coming days. Our future is firmly secured by our Father as we yield our hearts to His and follow His leading to obey His directives. Psalm 46:10 instructs us, Be still and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah. Jeremiah declares, For I know the thoughts and plans that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts and plans for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome (Jeremiah 29:11 - Amplified). We too will cross over this wilderness season, secure in our Father's love.

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RADICAL!

Melissa Gabler MELISSA WILL BE SPEAKING AT DREAMS VISIONS PROPHECY 2024 SEPT.13

Recently I was praying over a situation and all I heard loud and clear was the word "radical". I could get behind that! Yes, radical change in this situation. I began to speak "radical" into my concern. It was one of those kind of things, however, that just kept rolling around and growing inside of me. It just felt like it meant more than I was currently grasping. It also felt like it was for more than just that particular situation. So, I looked the word up in the Websters 1828 Dictionary.

Check this out: Radical: **1.** *Pertaining to the root or origin; original; fundamental; as a radical truth or error; a radical evil; a radical difference of opinions or systems.* **2.** *Implanted by nature; native; constitu-*

tional; as the radical moisture of a body. 3. Primitive; original; un-derived; uncompounded; as a radical word. 4. Serving to origination. 5. In botany, proceeding immediately from the root; as a radical leaf or peduncle.

Well, oh my! Radical is a much stronger word than I thought it was. Basically, what I see in these definitions is that radical means going back to God's original intent. So, when the Holy Spirit says "radical" He fully intends to take the current situation and put that person, family, business, region, etc. back on track with His original intent. With one word He intends to align what has been out of line. With one word He intends to right the wrongs. With one word he intends to do what He had in mind all along.

This word has become my one word declaration over many situations and people. It's one word, but it says it all! Right here in the middle of some of the most chaotic days of most of our lives, God says one word — one very loaded and life-changing word. It might seem like the end of all things, but fear not. We are about to see the radical that has been happening behind the scenes. We might think we have seen radical happening already. Nope, we are about to see radical for real. Isaiah 55:11 (His word will accomplish what He pleases) is a truth that we will see manifest in our day. How so? Radically. No need in any of us trying to figure out how, for whom, or even when. Radical is a steam engine barreling down the track building speed. Let's just get out of the way.

To you and your family I say, "radical!" To the United States of America, one nation under God, I say, "RADICAL!"

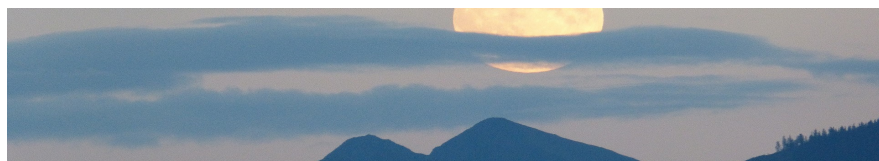
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KATHY—The 3rd question God asked Adam was if he'd eaten of the tree. God wasn't looking for information of course. He was helping Adam realize the point of origin of this earthquake that cracked his self-image and damaged his self-worth was when he defied the boundaries. If anyone ever feels like God sets boundaries to demean or be unjust or cruel, they need some vitamin "G" as in "G"row up! He sets boundaries wisely to set the stage for the truest expression of commitment, respect and honor in a lifetime. It takes self-government [the practice of one governing one's own life] to work within boundaries and that self-government develops maturity and character. Character is a matter of righteous values and moral strength. Character is essential to taste true fulfillment in your lifetime. It will take character to keep you wherever purpose takes you. I've known really gifted and skilled people who lost everything because they did not have the self-government and character to honor boundaries and protocol in relationships or career or finances or health.



“Joe, the Lord is giving you 500!” I was a bit stunned as the room turned into shouts of praise and exuberance. It was November, 1995 and we had a guest speaker come in for a Sunday AM and PM service. He was traveling through our area and a friend of ours recommended him. The man was a great preacher and had an acute prophetic gift. He was a bit peculiar in that he would take your lifted hands and move them around like the rabbit ears on your TV set. He was working the prayer line and kept calling out the name “Walker, Walker, David Walker” and asking, “Is there a David Walker here?” A woman in our church came forward and said, “That’s my husband, but he’s at home.”

“Go get him!” She left, went home, got him, and brought him back to the service where he ministered to him. That man later became our children’s church leader and deacon in our church. I’m in the line and he’s coming to me. He walks up, lifts my hands, starts to move them *to dial in the signal*, and then say, “Are you the youth pastor? Joe, the Lord is giving you 500! I see kids jumping and praising God in there. The music is jamming and lights are going. It’s amazing!” Now I’m shouting and praising God and my mind begins to wander into what that would look like. Then, the warning came... “Joe, you’re going to get two offers to leave this church, don’t go.” Wait...what? First, God is going to do this great thing, and then a stern warning came to prepare me to say no. It is amazing how the Spirit of God works. He will on one hand give you a glimpse into what is in the heart of God and a direction to proceed. On



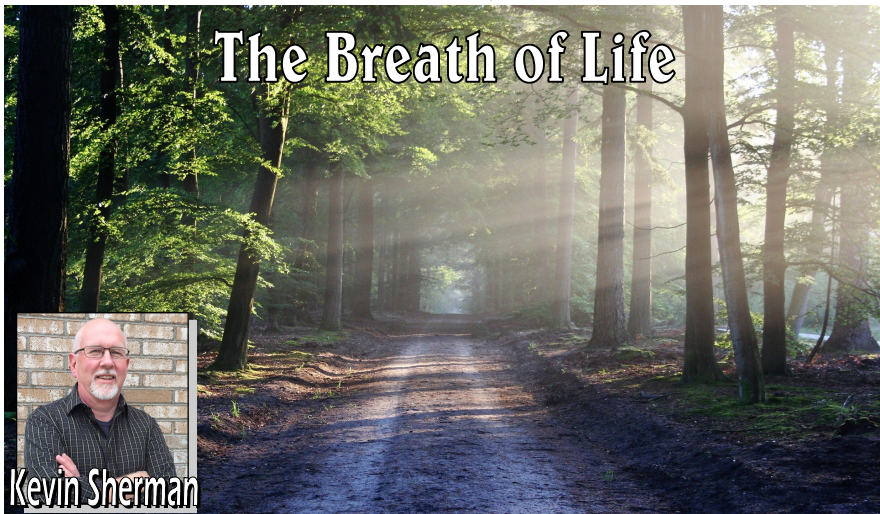
the other hand, He will tell you not to go down certain roads or take certain opportunities. One is a yes and one is a no. Both are conditional to my agreement and obedience to be led by Him. Well of course, I began to think of what a youth group of 500 kids could look like. In the logistics alone, how much pizza were we going to need and how many buses would it take to get kids around? There would have to be a leadership team developed just to disciple the mass of teen humanity, and oh, God, what about dealing with that many parents? I began to hyperventilate. We didn't even have that many chairs in the sanctuary. We would need another building. This thing snowballed on me quickly. If our youth group was going to have 500 kids, that meant the church had to be in the neighborhood of 4000 members. That really is revival. But, even with all my illusions of grandeur, that wasn't what God was doing. Our youth group did grow, but not 500. We were a big group for our size church. We had lots of young adult leaders as leadership training became a big part of our vision. We were rocking along pretty good. But the word never manifested like we thought.

Oh yeah, we also would do camp every year. We began to invite other churches we were in relationship with and kept developing the program. For years we just called it youth camp until someone said, "You guys need a real name, a real brand." Hmm, what would describe us in a nutshell? We remembered our motto, "Come for fun, leave with an experience." Just like that Experience Youth Camp was born. EYC has become more than just an annual event. It has become a network of churches all over the region ministering to a generation of young people. We developed a culture of valuing relationships and honoring each other's gifts. We believe that if we can keep a youth minister encouraged throughout the year, we can touch a generation in our state and nation. Over the years we've had youth groups from Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, Temple, Spring, Seguin, Winnsboro, Fort Worth, Iraan, Centerpoint, Palestine, Franklin, Gauze, Lake Jackson, Cypress, Oklahoma, California, Colorado, Illinois, Michigan, and many others come be a part of EYC. This year was EYC's 30th Anniversary. As I stood in the sanctuary of Pineywoods Camp in Groveton, TX, I realized that I was looking at the fulfillment of a 30 year prophecy. We had young and old ministering at the camp. Adults leading with their children in tow. Grandparents were walking with strollers putting children to sleep as their adult kids ministered to youth kids. We saw young and old working together to position this generation into a life-changing encounter with God. It was quite surreal. The thing that impacted me the most was not just the number of bodies in the room, but that the journey was better than I ever dreamed. It finally came to me that God wasn't just bringing kids to us, but He wanted to build a family. We're not necessarily a family camp, but a youth camp that ministers as a family. The EYC family was the real goal, and He used 500 kids to get us there. The numbers are a blessing and God gets all the glory. The influence of EYC has grown exponentially throughout the years and has allowed us to minister to so many

youth leaders, parents, worship teams, prayer warriors, volunteers, denominational leaders, staff, and churches.

By the way, the summer of 1996, I had offers to help two close friends of mine plant church's back in California. We were originally from California and those offers would have been very tempting if we had not been warned not to go. Just know that God will give you a word to start you in a direction. He can adjust you along the way. And when you finally see what was in God's heart, the only thing you can say is, "It was better than I thought it would be."

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I can't speak for everyone, but for me the questions that have always set like bedrock underneath every other question are, "Who am I?", "What is my purpose?", "Where am I going?", and "How do I get there?" There is a perfect place, a paradise if you will, where all of these questions are swallowed up in knowing and understanding, where "there" is. Paradise, we all want to go there. Well, actually, rather than simply visit, we all would like to live there! In my imagination, and in yours too, I suspect it would be a combination of the most beautiful place on earth combined with the most blissful, peaceful feeling you've ever experienced where there is no hurry, worry, fear, or chaos. If you look up the definition of paradise in Merriam-Webster Dictionary you'll find the first word that appears is "Eden." If you look up the definition of Eden, the first word that appears is "paradise." The Garden of Eden is the place where it all began.

As a child growing up in Sunday School in a traditional church, I would hear the story of God creating Adam and putting him in the garden. Later, when I was back home, I would get out the playdough and sculpt my own version of the first human. *“And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.” Genesis 2:7 KJV* The Lord God formed man with His hands. Go back to the beginning of creation and you’ll see that up until Adam, everything else had been made with a spoken word. God said, “Let there be light,” then God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters,” etc. While everything else God had made He did by speaking, Adam was created with God’s own hand. The Lord God took dirt and sculpted a man according to His own image and likeness.

Recently, at the SEEC Kingdom Congress, I had an encounter each night where I was taken to the Garden of Eden. The first night, we were singing “Revelation Song.” When we sang the line “Jesus, your name is power, breath and living water,” on the word “breath” I found myself standing in the Garden of Eden facing the Tree of Life. The tree looked nothing like I had ever pictured. It was multicolored with the most vivid colors you could imagine and the tree looked like it was literally breathing. To the left of the tree I could see the shape of a man in the ground as if he was part of the ground. It was Adam, the man He had sculpted and shaped from the earth. I saw Yahweh stoop down, pick the man up in His arms, put His face over the man’s face and blow His breath into his lungs. For a second it looked like their faces became one. Can you imagine this scene of intimacy? Adam takes his first breath and the first thing he sees is the face of Yahweh! As I watched God’s breath fill the man, I became overwhelmed with the pleasure of God. In the Passion Translation footnotes from Gen. 2:7, Brian Simmons says, “The dust of earth and the breath of Deity mingled as one, so that Adam could interact in both realms (physical and spiritual).”

The word “breath” in Gen. 2:7 is the Hebrew word “neshamah.” Some of the meanings of this word are: spirit (of man), divine inspiration, and intellect. Merriam Webster defines “intellect” as “the power of knowing as distinguished from the power to feel and to will: the capacity for knowledge.” We’re not talking about merely breathing in air here when it comes to man. Every animal breathes in air. The Lord God formed all the animals from the ground just like Adam (Gen. 2:19), but He didn’t blow His breath (neshamah) into them. Neshamah is also found in Proverbs 20:27 (ESV), “The spirit (neshamah) of man is the lamp of the Lord, searching all his innermost parts.” And in Job 32:8 (ESV), “But it is the spirit in man, the breath of the Almighty, that makes him understand.” This is breathtakingly wonderful! We are created in the image of

God. The all-knowing, all-understanding Creator of all things has breathed His breath into us, giving us the capacity to receive His understanding and His thoughts! His breath gives us the capability of knowing God. Before He is crucified, Jesus is telling His disciples that there's One coming – Holy Spirit – who will give them the capacity to be restored to what they were originally intended to be, His agents to replenish the earth and restore it to what He had designed it to be. Thankfully, He doesn't leave them or us to do this task alone. Jesus comforted His disciples with these words before He left: *John 14:18-19 (MSG)* "I will not leave you orphaned. I'm coming back. In just a little while the world will no longer see me, but you're going to see me because I am alive and you're about to come alive." *John 16:13 (ESV)* "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come." *John 20:21-22 (ESV)*, "Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." Jesus spoke these words to those followers of His to whom he was closest. He had spent three-and-a-half years sculpting and shaping these rough lumps of clay, and now He was sending them into a cruel and turbulent world where they would expand the kingdom of God exponentially by preaching the gospel with signs following. They would pick up the original mandate given to Adam and Eve. We carry the same mandate with us to "*be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion.*" (*Gen. 1:28*)

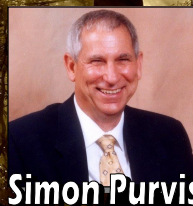
After Christ's ascension, He fulfilled His promise and breathed on His followers again:

"When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting." (*Acts 2:1-2 NKJV*) The word "wind" (pneo) is translated "breath" or "respiration." Not only did it fill them individually, but the whole house was filled with His breath! A corporate filling! From that time on, they would never be the same. We are coming into the most chaotic, disturbing times we've ever seen. Jesus told us it would be this way, but He didn't leave us here just so we could hold the fort until He comes. We might have to endure some hardship, but at the same time they will be the most amazing, breathtakingly beautiful times we've ever seen! There is a remnant of blood-washed, fearless, God-loving, intimate friends of Jesus, who are daily receiving the breath of the Holy Spirit and are shaking off the iniquity of generations that have held them like caged birds. We are taking back territory that our ancestors gave the enemy through idolatry

and agreements with iniquity. The American church (pointing the finger at myself), who for a long time lay lifeless, is being resuscitated by the breath of God. We are being awakened to the original purpose of our ancestor, Adam, to fill the earth and subdue it. Holy Spirit, we receive your life-giving breath again! Amen.

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The Workings of the Gifts of the Spirit



Simon Purvis

In Matthew 12:28, Jesus said, “If I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.” The Holy Spirit empowered Christ with gifts, gifts of the Holy Spirit to bring forth the authority of God's Kingdom and reveal that the Kingdom of God and the rule of God was here. When He cast those demons out by the power of the Holy Spirit, it said God anointed Jesus Christ of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. In Acts 10:38, it said how God anointed Jesus Christ, and He went around doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil. And when He called His 12 disciples to Him, He gave them power or authority over unclean spirits to cast them out and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of diseases. And then Jesus sent out all 12 disciples and commanded them saying, don't go in the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter the city of Samaritans, but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as you go preach the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons: freely ye received, freely give.

In Old Covenant times, the Holy Spirit came down on the prophets, on the judges, and upon the kings to bring God's Kingdom into the earth. Israel was the steward of the Kingdom of God. And so you see God's rule in the Old Covenant through seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. So, Jesus operated under those seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, as did all the Old Covenant prophets and priests and kings. And then on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was poured out, all seven gifts were poured out plus two more, (which was diversity of tongues and interpretation of tongues.) This was all Divine evidence to show the Holy Spirit had come. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are to empower God's covenant people to demonstrate God's rule is in this earth and that He is in charge. We demonstrate His power and can therefore say the Kingdom of God is at hand and is here now. And 1Co 12:7 tells us that to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit to profit all. Every one of us should be involved in this. It's not just for apostles or prophets, it's for the body of Christ. For one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues and to another interpretation of tongues.

Howard Carter, during WWI founded a Bible school and began a 30 year study of the gifts of the Spirit of which Paul said he did not want us ignorant. Howard wondered why so little had been written about the importance of the gifts and why so little was known throughout the church. So, Howard Carter was a pioneer and sought out a simple definition of each one of the gifts. He celebrated the preacher, Charles Spurgeon and told this story as an example. Charles Spurgeon built a house for elderly people and loved to visit them. In one visit he noticed a slip of paper framed on a wall. He asked the old lady the meaning of the keepsake. She said she had kept it to remind her of an old gentleman that she served as a nurse for many years. He had been very appreciative for her work and could not thank her enough for all that she'd done for him as he lay dying. He wrote his name on a piece of paper and handed it to her so she had it framed. And whenever she looked at it, the old lady said it reminded her of the kindly old gentleman. Mr. Spurgeon requested that he might borrow the paper and pursued her to remove it from the frame. He hurried to the bank with it. He asked if they knew anything about it. They told him they had been wondering to whom the old gentleman had left all his money! There were hundreds of thousands pounds. And Howard Carter was making the point that we as Christians so many times live like we're in poverty while the riches of heaven are available to us. All the

workings of the gifts of the Spirit are available to the Church. And Paul said he did not want us to be ignorant of them!

These are some of Carter's definitions: The gift of the word of wisdom is a supernatural revelation from God of his mind and purpose, and it has a future tense to it. The gift of the word of knowledge is a supernatural revelation from God of a fact or event. It's something that has already happened. The gift of discerning of spirits is a supernatural revelation from God of the presence or activity of the spiritual world. It's not just demons but of any activity of the spiritual world. Howard Carter broke them up in these categories: gifts of revelations, gifts of power and gifts of inspiration. The word of wisdom, the word of knowledge and discerning of spirits was for revelation. The gifts of power were the gift of faith, the working of miracles and healings. He said, the gift of faith is a supernatural power given by God, protecting from harm and danger. The gift of the working of miracles is supernatural power, producing signs and wonders. The gift of healing is a supernatural power given by God, removing disease and infirmities. The gifts of inspiration are the gift of prophecy that is a supernatural utterance inspired by God in a known tongue. The gift of diversities of tongues is a supernatural utterance inspired by God in an unknown tongue. The gift of the interpretation of tongues is a supernatural utterance inspired by God interpreting the unknown tongue.

There were seven of the nine gifts of the Spirit working in the Old Covenant in prophets, judges and kings, like Elisha, Samson and Gideon. When the Lord told Abraham about Sodom and Gomorrah, that word of wisdom came with a future aspect and was protection for him. Gifts of the Holy Spirit were working in King David, evident in his life and the Psalms he wrote.

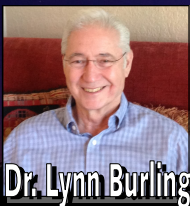
Some of us were raised in a way that we saw all of these gifts working. They hadn't passed away when we were young. In the Latter Rain movement with Jack Coe and different ones, we saw miracles and healings and deliverance. When I went to a Katherine Kuhlman meeting in Houston, I sat near the stage, and under it where I was sitting, there was a little door. There was a man trying to come out that door. He was twisted and he was walking on a cane walker. He could hardly move. He was all bent and bowed and Katherine Kuhlman was talking. She said, "The Spirit of the living God has just breathed into this building." At that moment, that man's bones started popping and sounded like shots from a 22! Suddenly, that man walked upright and picked up his walker and walked to the other side of that large auditorium. Saints, this is real. I traveled with Lester Sumrall to different nations and saw more in the Philippines. There was a girl, so demon possessed that they locked her in a cell. She had cursed the guards and they'd died. So they had Lester Sumrall come and pray with this girl and he cast the devil out of her and freed her from demon power. They put it in the local newspaper, "THE DEVIL'S DEAD!" There was some strange happening between that

girl and those demons, and I won't talk about it anymore, but God wants to. There's something stirring. There's something stirring again, and may God begin pouring out His gifts upon us. We can't do this without the power of the Holy Spirit.

A lot of different groups use 1 Corinthians 13 to point out when that which is perfect comes then that which was in part was done away with. And so they say when the Canon of Scriptures was fulfilled and the last Apostle died, then the gifts ceased because they were just there to get the church started, but that's just man's opinions. If you've seen the supernatural, the way we have seen the supernatural and the demonstration of the power, then man can't fool you concerning that.

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REPENTENCE MAKES US ACCEPTABLE BEFORE GOD



A Change of Heart, Mind and Actions

This subject is sort of timely as we have just witnessed yet another "Top Tier" ministry "fallen". This is not a rebuke on *anyone* or *any ministry*. This is serious and to the point, as to staying in fellowship and remaining connected to the Lord for our good and for those we minister to.

The subject is parallel to David. Beloved of God, as everyone knows, "A man after God's heart". I don't recall who said it, but "when we come in to His presence, we enter His holiness". I think too many are "too casual", including myself, in our relation with our Lord and Savior.

I won't try to give a lot of details, but in 2 Samuel 11, we read the

account of timing “when kings go to war” David remained in Jerusalem. He walked on the rooftop and saw a beautiful woman bathing. After his inquiry as to who she was, he had her brought to his chamber and, honestly, seduced her. Her covering, Uriah the Hittite, was fighting for the kingdom under the king who just lay with his wife and impregnated her.

Proverbs 28:13 says “He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them *WILL HAVE MERCY*. So now David has made a terrible mistake of being in the wrong place at the time. Now, having learned that Bathsheba is with child, he lures Uriah home from the war to “sleep with his wife” to cover the initial sin. Of course, we know that Uriah being a patriot, and a wonderful husband, has his priorities in line and chose not to go in unto his wife while on leave.

The plot thickens – now David contrives a “premeditated plan” to get rid of Uriah, and hopefully these 3-4 mistakes/sins will get covered and protect him. The plot is carried out and Uriah is killed in the heat of the front lines. End of story? No, this is the crux of the title!

“There are consequences to our actions”, but a remedy is available to us - called REPENTENCE! Now we see Nathan, the prophet who tells David a story that supposedly happened, but it manifests David’s ire, and he says of the man who took the “lone” lamb of the offended man and slew him when he could have taken one of his own. Immediately David retorts, that man who took that one and only lamb that was precious to the other, must be put to death. Because he had no pity – no mercy! I can hear the reverberation in the ears of David...”Thou art that man!” In 2 Sam 12:5-7, God uncovered David’s sins by the prophet.

We have arrived at only one place so far – now it’s God’s turn to speak – and speak he did! Read for yourselves vs 10-12 and when you get to v. 13, it’s the first time in almost one year that David has broken fellowship with the Lord and he has not prospered in the sense of “A man after God’s heart”. The consequences have been released and David has owned his sin – and now the healing begins.

Move to Ps 51. Let’s learn something about this one year away from God’s favor and presence. My bible says as a prelude, “To the choirmaster, a Psalm of David, when Nathan, the Prophet, went to him after he had gone in to Bathsheba.” Psalm 51:1a “Have mercy on me O God!” V.1b says “Blot out my transgression...cleanse me from my sin (the Hebrew word for blot is the same word when blotted out all of mankind when he flooded the earth). *Comment:* David felt his guilt – and it was a very heavy weight on him. We ask ourselves, “What took you so long, David, and what were you thinking?” Ha, as if we were talking to a mirror of our own selves. Funny how sin on others fit, but on us, we are just uncomfortable. V. 3 “I know my transgression and my sin is ever before me!” *Comment:* He’s laying it out now, being transparent as his heart awakens to the terror of being disconnected. V. 4 “Against you, you only, have I sinned.” This is picture book for confession and repentance.

All the verses have in-depth meaning, but v. 8 is incredible..."Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice". *Comment:* He's approaching the finish line, but the insight is he was miserable, pent up inside with hidden iniquity and in God's mercy, a prophet had to stimulate his conscience – no joy – not even sound of joy of others had any meaning to him.

This is what it does, until we confess it! Vs 10 "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit in me." *Comment:* Yes, it's a great worship chorus to sing, but oh my, how he missed *where he used to be!* God allows mulligans (golfers understand this). The last 3 verses I will comment on are vs 11, 12 & 17. "Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me." *Comment:* Not a good place, as he has felt this way as lost in transition. Vs 12 "Restore unto me the joy of your salvation. *Important comment:* The target here is Your joy and Your salvation O God! *I must do anything to have that again.*

Vs 17 "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise." Amen David! *Sometimes God must break us to know that we need to be fixed!* Notice *spirit and heart*, once that is accomplished, the restoration is on the way.

Uriah's murder did not resolve David's problem. 2 Sam 11:27 "But the thing David had done displeased the Lord." As far as I know, Bathsheba was referred to as the "wife of Uriah" more times after his death.

Yes, David was restored, but the same rooftop where David spied Bathsheba, was the same rooftop that Absalom set up tents and slept with his ten concubines in the sight of all Israel. Also, the Lord said the sword shall not depart from thine house, the symbol of violence and war. David was not allowed to build the temple because, in God's words, "Thou art a bloody man." I think it meant his pre-meditated murder rather than destroy his enemies in defense.

I've been where David has been with the "no joy" and "in limbo" with God's presence. Yes, I'm restored and so are you. But pass this on, prayerfully help and encourage someone who has failed to act on true repentance!

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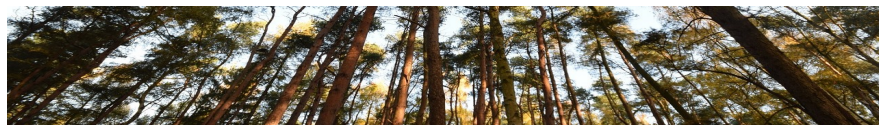


[This is an excerpt from Dr. Greg Crawford's book "The Awakened Heart".]

In this visitation, God woke me up at 3:30 AM . He had been preaching to me while I slept and then gave me these points to share with others. He also gave me the Scriptures to go with each section.

1. Expectation releases the supernatural deposit within us. It comes from within the vessel, be it a vessel that is unsaved or saved Acts 1:1-7— 2:1. The Lord showed me that saved or unsaved, that he had deposited expectation within every vessel. That we did not have the ability or the expectation within ourselves to seek him or hunger after him before we knew him. That this expectation deposit was what enabled us to experience salvation. This expectation enabled us to understand our need for God. He had put that expectation within every man, woman, and child to know God. Like David, every person has a hope within them. Even the vilest person has this deposit of hope or expectation abiding within. God showed me that no matter what a person says, excuses they make, or actions they display, deep within, is his expectation for himself that he deposited. The Lord showed me this is a key to unlocking any person's heart.

2. Fresh expectation always will produce the suddenlies in our lives. Mal 3:1, Acts 2. The Lord showed me that every 'suddenly' in our lives did not just occur but was the result of the release of expectation within us. He showed me that expectation also had creative ability within it that released the suddenlies that we see in Scripture. He showed me that as we walk in life, we always have an expectation of the day. That expectation is releasing things around us and putting them



in motion towards us. But he showed me that a fresh expectation is what releases the suddenly. Fresh expectation is a collision of our faith with God's hope.

3. Expectation sometimes comes for a service as people begin to gather, that is why messages sometimes do not come until the last moment. Acts 3:5. The Lord showed me that many times messages must change at the last moment before being presented. It's due entirely to people's expectation that they release. He showed me that leaders must be willing to change their message at any given moment because people's expectations are shifting. He showed me that when everyone's expectation becomes the same that is when His glory can invade. This synergy is when everyone's faith and hope collide, allowing God to descend in a certain way to meet with everyone as if they were one person, body, or voice.

4. When expectation shifts from an event to a daily lifestyle then revival has come to the people of God. Some can be in revival while others are not. Acts 3:5 The Lord further expanded this by this statement. He showed me that revival, awakening, or reformation is depended upon a daily expectation more than a weekly event. The reason we are not seeing the results that we are looking for in the Church is because most of the Church only has an expectation for a single service each week. Revival, awakening, or reformation all has the makeup of daily expectation. The Lord showed me Paul's daily expectation and how he walked in it. The release of daily faith caused the revival, awakening, and reformation of the early Church to occur daily not weekly.

5. Awakening is when the expectation of the Church exceeds the unbelief of the community. Acts 12 The Lord showed me a community that has been completely changed because of the Church. He made the statement above and spoke to me that the Church's expectation has to exceed the unbelief of the community. He showed me that when we realize the expectation is not from us but from him, he would change our perspective of what we would believe could really happen within a community. The awakening in a community is not about unbelievers getting saved at the church, but the Church coming into her realization of who God really is. He showed me how Peter was put in jail but that the Church's expectation of God was greater than what held him. Even then, unbelief was rampant in the Church. He showed me expectation of the few gathered to pray exceeded the unbelief of the many. He told me not to worry about the numbers. But to make sure that the few were in unity and had the same expectation.

6. Expectation is hope. Faith is putting expectation in fullness. This is why expectation releases revival. The Church's hope in God and His ability to perform His covenant exceeds the world's state of hopelessness. Heb. 11:1 The Lord showed me that expectation carries the same dynamic and power as faith. He showed me that when we activate our faith we are actually putting in motion the expectation that he already has ownership of within our heart. This great hope exceeds the hopelessness of the world. Hopelessness carries a certain degree of power but expectation released is as if the power is doubled because faith is involved. He showed me that expectation is based upon our understanding that we know He is about to perform His covenant. The Lord showed me that many understand the covenant but many do not understand how the covenant goes into action. He

spoke to me that it is about faith and expectations are the keys that unlock covenant.

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See the Fingerprint of Yahweh



Many of the folks we have talked to have had a similar experience as us. We began this year at what seems to be a full run. There is much going on in our sphere of influence (metron) and in our nation that has the fingerprint of Jehovah God upon it in spite of all the national chaos.

Awhile back I posted on Facebook “In this year I am praying to see a lot of posts that start with: “Hey, you guys, God is awesome! Another dream just came true!!!” A number of people have responded with “Hey you! God is awesome! Another Dream came true” and another said, “God is awesome so many miracles already in this year including new mindset of victory in every situation” and one declared “My mother is no longer using a walker!”. Isa.43:18—“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.” Prov.4:25—“Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. Jer.29:11—“...the plans I have for you... to give you a future and a hope.” We are praying for you to see ahead and see your purpose and victory assured in Christ.

A couple who attended Kingdom Congress from another part of Texas invited a relative to the meetings. They said he is an intellectual and had God and the Bible all figured out and believed everyone else is just miss-

ing it. But while I was giving words of knowledge that night, “he was blown away” because he received two healings and the descriptions of his illnesses were “right on the dot”. He couldn’t explain what had happened or how and he had always been able to do that before in other church services.

Testimonies of healings are coming into our office and being shared with us even in places like parking lots. Sometime ago Kathy and I were getting out of the van in a church parking lot. A ways over from where we were parked I heard a lady call my name. She was walking toward us as fast as she could with a huge smile on her face. Her daughter is a nurse and was present in the service when we were there last year. At that time she was just barely able to do her job because she was in constant pain from arthritis in her hands. She was concerned that she was going to have to quit her job because of the inability to use her hands. That morning I had a word of knowledge that the Lord was healing arthritis in hands. Immediately all the pain left her hands, it is still gone and she didn’t have to quit her job. The Lord’s name is Jehovah Rapha, the Lord my healer! Bless His wonderful name!

A lady I haven’t heard from in thirteen years messaged me on FB to report this: “Marty - My daughter is on a flight coming in from the Middle East today. You prophesied over her when she was 13. Everything has come to pass, so exact that it’s been scary. She said there was one thing you mentioned that never came to pass and she has always wondered about it. She is 38 now. The word said that she would facilitate to unwed mothers. A few months ago our Pastor laid out a plan for some property the church owns and said we would build a house for unwed mothers. She said her chest literally tightened. That would be another part of her prophecy. Thank you for sowing into my family.” Blessed be the name of the Lord forever! That is exciting! Time and circumstances or a person’s age are not obstacles to Yahweh bringing His Word to pass.

When I was in the midwest with Bro. Hodges on a ministry assignment I was invited to minister in a church that was made up people from several denominations. They had been exposed to personal prophecy but it was always done privately without a microphone so that no one ever heard anyone else’s prophecy. The line was short at the beginning but as I started to prophesy, the line began to grow all the way to the back of the auditorium and others took seats near the aisle so that they could be next in line. They knew it had to be the Lord because they knew the people I was prophesying to and they knew I had never met any of them. Grandparents were deeply moved at the prophecies their grandchildren received and the words that fit their personalities so appropriately. Couples in line were asking for their children to be brought to them so that they could be

prophesied to as a family. I ministered several words of knowledge in the A.M. service and afterward people were walking up and telling me about being instantly healed. They were quite excited. Plans for ministries and businesses were modified and successful because the Lord spoke so powerfully to those hungry people.

The husband of an elderly lady I have known all my life called and told me about his wife's extensive kidney problems and that she was on dialysis. Her sisters had been called to her side to spend some time with her because they expected that the disease would take its toll on her in the next week or so. We were praying with him and her family that the Lord would turn that situation completely around. I have very little knowledge of any type of medical terminology but here were some of the terms I was being told: she had problems with ANCA, renal vasculitis, necrosis of blood vessels and she was on dialysis. About a week later they called back and, not only did she not have any problems with those items I listed but she was no longer on dialysis. Today, she is just fine and getting around to family functions and going site-seeing and regularly attending church services. PTL! Jehovah Rapha is the mighty God Who turns circumstances around with His breakthrough power!

"He Himself bore our sicknesses and infirmities and by His stripes we are healed." (1Pe.2:24) The Passion Translation: "Our instant healing flowed from His wounding."

I saw two intercessors (an elderly mother and her daughter) and visited with them for a short time. We had a brief time of prayer before I left. The next morning I received a text that said they were both healed at that time.

We are so thankful that King Jesus is showing His love, power and higher government in this world at this time. We (all three of us) have also been so blessed to see numerous people delivered from issues that have troubled them for years.

2Sam.2:6,Amp—"And now may the Lord show loving-kindness and faithfulness to you..."

We are praying for you to receive a miracle touch of the risen Christ while you are reading this magazine. We would appreciate prayer for us and the meetings as we prepare for DREAMS VISIONS AND PROPHECY 2024 September 13-14 at Grace Church Willis,TX. All information is at martygabler.com/dvp2024/.

Blessings to you for your prayers and giving, Marty and Kathy



Thank you for praying. After each issue is mailed, more dates get added to the calendar. Bless you for praying for us.

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We have been putting dates on the Calendar after the magazine goes out. Please Check Marty's Facebook page and martygabler.com for dates. We also serve on presbyteries, councils and prayer groups during the week that we don't post. Thank you for your prayers and support as we travel.—Marty & Kathy

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