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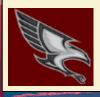
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Back to the topic of 'Awakening'. I believe by this point we have noticed that awakening is not an event but has been rolling out for some years now. It can't be a one time event because it's way too massive for us to be able to endure all at once. Think about it, we have seen almost unbelievable evil surfacing everywhere and it's because hidden things are being exposed. This is seriously ancient evil being uncovered and awakening is causing us to see it. This awakening is exposing agendas that have been built to lull us and control us. These agendas use everyday things like social media, entertainment, news, music, medicines and such—things we allow in our lives because they are "norms" in our society.

My eyes are being opened to things that are shocking and don't seem like they could possibly be real. They sound like a movie plot... but then I realize, movies have been used to lull us and control us! I'll start by saying satanism and witchcraft is very real and in full effect right here in America. We have had no idea how much satanism is entwined in our culture.

I want to talk about something that I learned recently so let me start here, "Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose



them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light." (Ephesians 5:11-13)

At the end of last year I heard a former actress who has turned into a raw, unfiltered, couldn't-care-less, tell-all who exposes the dark side of entertainment/government as much as she can. I just happened to hear her one day talking about something called "Revelation of the Method". Her basic explanation of what this means is: Satanists have to tell what they are going to do and if no one disagrees with them, or if nothing is said at all, they can go ahead with their plans.

The lady mentioned above gave an example. During the election last year a previous government official made a statement on a social media platform about how we may not know the outcome of the election for days if not longer. Well, she knew what he was doing and commented on his post, "We do not consent." Others began to follow suit and posted the same declaration she did. As it turns out, his proclamation did not come true. She knew, because she knew the person and the darkness they are part of, he was using Revelation of the Method to express what the agenda was for that election and she was not having it. The hope that man, and the entity he is part of, was that people would settle into letting the election go on for days if not longer so that the powers that be could do whatever they wanted.

"Be of sober *spirit*, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour." (1 Peter 5:8) Revelation of the Method is our adversary prowling around like a roaring lion seeing who he can devour. It's evil's plan spelled out in plain sight that only comes to pass through agreement. He is prowling around everywhere saying what he wants to do looking for agreement so he can steal, kill and destroy (Jn.10:10). We don't realize how programmed we are by this method through our cultural norms mentioned above. Let me give you an example that hit me after I heard about this - Covid. We were inundated with news on how horrible it was, how many people were dying, that there was no cure. We were even getting pictures of dead people in the streets of China and videos of Chinese people being locked in their apartments. And what did most of America do? They bought extra toilet paper, Oreos and masks, shut everything down and waited for it to hit our homes. That was Revelation of the Method and we consented. BUT we were programmed to consent because we have been consenting to "Flu season" all of our lives. There is nothing normal about seasons of sickness but we have been programmed to consent to it.

"See to it that there is no one who takes you captive through philoso-

phy and empty deception in accordance with human tradition, in accordance with the elementary principles of the world, rather than in accordance with Christ." (Colossians 2:8)

Revelation of the Method has worked very well on our society because we think we live in the land of the free but we have really been lab rats conditioned to be self focused rather than Christ focused. We have been programmed to focus on the American dream of having it all and being happy rather than bringing heaven to earth. We got here by allowing social media, entertainment, news, music, medicines and much more to take priority and shape our lives. If we are spouting what our culture says about aging, like it's scripture rather than actually speaking the scripture, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits - who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's." (Psalm 103:2,5) then we have agreed with the Revelation of the Method. The enemy's power over us comes from agreement. If he can get us to agree with his fear tactics then we will give up the power, the love and the sound mind God gave us. (2 Timothy 1:7) Here is the good news: if agreement can do all of that, just imagine what happens when we agree with God!

Now that we know this evil tactic, let's talk about what to do about it. First, do each action that Ephesians 6:11-12 gives us in command form: "Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*." This is literal instruction and here is the armor: The belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of the preparation of the gospel of peace, the shield of faith which quenches every fiery dart, the helmet of salvation, the sword of the Spirit and pray in the Spirit. Second, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal Revelation of the Method schemes to you. Third, say, "I do not consent."

Let me end with this, God is far greater than the crafty enemy. This really is an exciting time to be alive because Father is not only awakening us to the enemy's ways but also to everything He has given us to deal with those ways. His glory is burgeoning and we get to be a part of God's victory over the enemy!

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"I'm delivering you from a spirit of rejection."

The words caught me off guard, flooding my mind as I stood there in the front of the church near the altar. It was the second night of Marty and Kathy Gabler's Annual SEEC Congress in March of 2023. During worship, the congregation began to spontaneously respond to the Lord, with a declaration of His holiness coming forth as people moved toward the altar. The presence of God became thick in the room.

Out of faith, I moved forward as well, but I wasn't feeling anything. So I began to call out to the Lord to feel His presence. After a little while my frustration grew and I finally just asked the Lord, "What is going on? Why can't I feel your presence?" It was then I heard His almost audible voice: "I'm delivering you from the spirit of rejection."

At that moment, I felt a hand come over the top of me, grab something above my head, and begin to pull. Whatever this thing was, I could feel it being pulled out of my spine. As this was happening, I suddenly had a vision of me at five years old and this thing was being pulled out of five-year-old me. Then I began to see an accelerated timeline of my life as this thing was being pulled out of each year of my childhood, adolescence, and young adult life.



Then it was gone. I stood there feeling lighter...and bewildered. I wasn't sure what had just happened, but I knew I was free, and I also knew I didn't know I was in bondage before it happened. Then the Lord began a season of disentangling rejection from my life, because its tentacles were deeply entrenched in my soul and had been for a long time. Once the spirit of rejection was gone, it was as though a veil had been lifted and I could now begin to see how it was everywhere in my life, shaping my very identity and personality.

As I began to seek the Lord on what He had done and was doing in me, He began to reveal to me the roots of rejection in me. Here's what I learned: it was *inherited*. Now, looking back I knew of several moments of deep rejection in my life, but the root of it was actually generational. Up until I was delivered, I was mostly unaware of the concept of generational strongholds. I began to realize the phrase "I was born this way" actually held a lot of weight.

Derek Prince once explained that he could tell just based on the year someone was born if they were oppressed by a spirit of rejection. Specifically, if someone was born during the great depression, then rejection was very likely present in that person's life. For example, during that time period, a woman already struggling to feed six mouths gets pregnant and immediately resents the child because of the financial strain it puts on the family. That is a wide open door for rejection to come in.

We live in an era where abortion has been an acceptable option for millions of women for decades. You must understand that just entertaining an option like abortion is legal ground for a spirit of rejection to come in. Even a mother wanting a daughter but getting a son produces the kind of disappointment toward a baby that lets rejection in.

The Holy Spirit began to reveal to me how rejection had oppressed my mother and father, and even how they inherited it from their parents. Who knows how many generations deep the stronghold was.

As the Lord began to heal me in so many areas, He kept leading me to read and study and proclaim Isaiah 61.

1 "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me,
Because the Lord has anointed Me
To preach good tidings to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives,
And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord,
And the day of vengeance of our God;

4 And they shall rebuild the old ruins, They shall raise up the former desolations, And they shall repair the ruined cities, The desolations of many generations. (Isaiah 61:1, 2a, 4)

We are living in the "desolation of many generations" (Isaiah 61:4). However, according to Isaiah 61, the Holy Spirit enables us to "rebuild... raise up... repair" that which generational oppression has produced. This is what happens after Jesus heals the broken-hearted, proclaims liberty to captives, and freedom to prisoners.

Notice he heals broken-heartedness as the first thing He is sent to do by the Father. This is about trauma, or whatever caused the soul to become broken, fractured. And yes, our souls literally become broken, *dis-integrated*. This brokenness gets exposed when something triggers our woundedness and a "part" of us takes over. That part, if we're honest, is often young, irrational, and desperate to "protect" the broken parts - to prevent pain or more brokenness. Ironically, this self-protection also keeps us trapped in our brokenness, unless we allow Jesus into the broken parts of us to heal us, and lead us out to be integrated back into wholeness.

And this is key: we must choose to come out of our brokenness. Notice in Isaiah 61 that Jesus heals our broken-heartedness and then 1) proclaims liberty to the captives and 2) opens the prison doors. We have to willingly choose to trust Jesus' proclamation that we are indeed free and walk out of the prison. That also means we have to leave behind "prison life". For instance, one of the spirits hiding under the shadow of rejection was self-pity. At some point in the process of healing, I had to renounce all self-pity, rebuke it, command it to leave, and choose never to partner with it ever again. That's hard to do when your brain is wired to use self-pity in very subtle ways to influence others and "survive".

This has been the walking-out process that I've been in for over two years now. With the help of the Holy Spirit, I'm discovering so many parts of me that have been trapped in the moment of the brokenness (stuck at that age), hiding in the shadows to avoid the spotlight that shame wields. Jesus will lovingly reveal to me and walk with me into those memories (which had become a prison), rebuke the enemy, fling open the prison doors, offer to take the broken part of me by the hand, and lead me out. Nearly always that healing requires forgiveness - for those who caused or contributed to the brokenness, or to myself, or both. Forgiving myself has been the hardest.

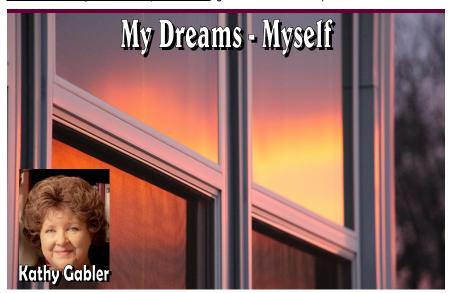
Being delivered from rejection was just the first layer, although it was a big one. You'll find as you allow the Holy Spirit to search you (Psalms 139:23-24) that much of what we have included as part of "who we are", our personality, our wiring, etc., is actually a demonic stronghold through which the enemy has had its way with us. Jesus stands at the door and knocks. You must answer it, even if you don't think the door needs opening.

This is not as easy as it may sound. The wounded parts of us are stuck in

young emotional states. As these old wounds and doors get opened up, the deep, young, irrational emotions come flooding out, and it is far easier to slam the door quickly than to keep it open long enough for Jesus to walk in and heal you. But your emotions are not truer than Jesus, the Truth. Let Him in.

I'm sharing this testimony of Jesus in my life because I want to prophetically release it to happen in your life (Rev. 19:10). If you want to experience wholeness, you must be willing to surrender to the only One who is anointed to "integrate" you. It's time to be free from the prison of the past and let Jesus make us whole and Holy by His love.

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It is highly likely that your dreams are for YOU, just as it is highly likely that your phone rings because someone is trying to reach YOU!

Sometimes there are distractions in a dream that might make us miss the personal telegram in it. I know of a woman who dreamed she was in a limo with a famous TV pastor and his wife. The pastors were dressed in evening wear but she was in her pajamas. Not only was she obviously under-dressed, it was doubly embarrassing that her pajama top and bottom didn't even match! The dreamer had no real life affiliation with those famous pastors; so there was no reason to consider the dream

as a rehearsal of something likely to happen. Questions to ask about such a dream are: What do the people represent or how did I feel around these people during the dream? She obviously felt uneasy and not because of anything that was said but because of their evening attire compared with her pajamas. The dream was a video that revealed her inner feelings about herself. Being in a limo with people that didn't know her and could only logically see her as inadequate for the circumstances revealed the meaning of the dream. It was a telegram to her that knowingly or not, she was dealing with insecurities about her own self-image and self-worth, and it was time to take those issues to the Lord for a healing resolve. Even if someone else seems to be the star of our dreams, it is still likely a telegram for us.

Many intercessors dream of nationally known figures. I had a wonderful friend who dreamed years ago that Dottie Rambo came to dinner on the grounds at her church. Dottie was thin and depressed. My friend was trying to get her to eat. During the dream, her response to the famous visitor was compassion and concern for her health. When she awoke the compassion and concern was still vivid. Here again, the dream seemed to be about Dottie Rambo, but actually the dream was targeting the intercessor with a call to prayer. The dream telegram even gave insight to pray specifically for Dottie Rambo's physical body and heaviness of soul. Another intercessor friend dreamed the President of the United States came to pick her and a few others up in a helicopter. They flew with him to a three-story house. She and the other ladies stayed on the top floor and he was on the second floor. They were watching out the windows for anyone approaching. Obviously, there was no need to contact the President so he could come pick her up. The dream was for the intercessor. It revealed a Call to COVER the President in prayer.

Dreaming about complete strangers can sometimes give us an objective view of ourselves. One lady I spoke with had three dreams. She did not recognize any of the people in the dreams. The first dream was about a bride who was anxious and confused. The ring on her finger was not what she expected or wanted. The second dream was about a lady with five children living in a small hotel room. The third dream was about a lady driving her husband and his truck off into a pond because he would not give her grocery money. Although she did not know any of the women, all three of the women were glimpses of herself and the un-recognized issues in her own heart. In the focus on the ring in the first dream, she was searching for understanding about her marriage covenant. In the second dream she was torn between panic and purpose, having to fulfill her purpose (maturing her charges) in very limited and confining conditions. The third dream revealed her frustration and desire to deal with injustice in the confusing and confining conditions of her marriage and home life.

Fantastic or foreign settings can make us feel a dream is too far-fetched to be of any meaningful value. A young lady told me she dreamed she was in

Tokyo in a market place. She found a beautiful chest she wanted to buy for her parents. However, getting the chest back home seemed impossible with one difficulty after another. The strange, foreign setting seemed totally isolated from everything in her real world. A place to begin to understand the dream was asking the question: What does the place represent to me or to the public in general? Since the city had no personal meaning to her, we researched the city of Tokyo in the encyclopedia. The characteristics that seemed significant were 1) it is the largest metropolis in the world and 2) the city is known as a world power and financial influence. Tokyo simply signified a path many people take to reach a place of financial success. As well as the path to financial prosperity seeming foreign to her, the dream revealed her inner stress over struggling to achieve success and purpose for her parents' sake. Once a dream reveals the source of struggle within us we can take the issue to God and find His answers.

There are several reasons a dream about someone else is not for them but for the dreamer: 1) If the dream is insight for intercessory prayer, that means the dreamer is being called to pray for someone else. (That does not mean telling someone the dream so they can pray for themselves.) Even if God gives directives to take other intercessory action in someone's behalf, we cannot presume they need to know or participate. I saw my daughter, Melissa, in a dream as a young teen. She was dressed in an outrageous and vulgar outfit. That dream was not for her. It was not the basis for a lecture on proper clothing. It was a call for me to pray that she would not be under the influence of the culture and get distracted from purpose and her true identity in Christ. 2) A second answer could be that other people in my dream could be symbolic. A Mother often represents the Holy Spirit. A father in a dream can represent God the Father, etc. Marty dreamed his father was waving him on, telling him to move on from his emotions about a particular experience. He realized it was a picture of God telling him to resolve the issues and go forward. 3) Our souls are filled with thoughts and OPINIONS! Our opinions and judgments of other people can cause us to have dreams about them. You can believe the dream is revealing something about them or FOR them when it is actually revealing your own thoughts, opinions and suspicions, and those aren't things anyone else should have to deal with but you.

When you dream of others and wonder if you should SHARE your dream, there are some questions you might consider. 1) How likely are you to be a messenger to this person? God knows who you have audience with; so, getting a dream message to the President is not too realistic or likely. Expecting your Pastor or friends or even family to take advice from YOUR dream might not be wise either. 2) What is your MOTIVE for wanting to share a dream? If you are concerned about someone, pray. Then, if you still feel you should tell them, ask God to confirm that by opening a DOOR to share the dream, (and don't open doors stealthily in the mean time!) Statements like, "I'd tell you something if I knew I was supposed to," or "I had a dream about you, but I can't tell you," are cunning door-opening manipulations! Realize that we can feel compelled to tell someone a dream for "selfish" reasons. We may need to tell it and get it off our minds, or we need to show how we hear from God in dreams or we need to confirm our suspicions. All those reasons are about us and our needs, and we can do a lot of damage being self-focused. Dreamers and visionaries have to learn to

be wise and harmless. We need to ask for wisdom so that we do not mistake insight for instruction. Also, we should remember to consider our dreams as OUR telegrams with a purpose for ME! If you are convinced a dream is for someone else, at least get godly counsel or agreement before sharing it. The spoken word is powerful. Therefore the spoken dream can become a living, driving force, (positive or negative). Lord, help us to remember the tongue has the power of life and death and reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

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I want to talk about the ministries that are to flow forth from our worship and our intercession. The last book of the Bible, The Revelation, is not just prophetic unfoldings, the book is primarily about worship in the heavenlies and the result in earth because of what is going on in that worship. Heaven does govern earth, despite challenges and darkness in this hour. The Body of Christ has to tap into the realities at the throne zone where there's no spin, the throne zone where we get reality and then minister out of an alignment here on earth as those that say "Amen," to Father's will to bring the Kingdom increasingly in history. The Kingdom comes as we align our worship and intercession with what is going on there.

Rev 4:5, Out from the throne come flashes of lightning and sounds

and peals of thunder. And there were <u>seven lamps of fire burning</u> before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God; The lamps of fire speak to us about the "sevenness" of God. The Bible is filled with sevens with over 650 references to that number. Over forty of those are in the book of Revelation. One thing seven represents is the seven Spirits of God from Isaiah 11:2. Another fact is that the Bible is arranged in a seven-fold pattern, the sabbatical pattern. God made the world in six days and rested the seventh. God is into His people becoming a corporate entity in the earth that facilitates the execution of His will here as He decrees it in the heavenlies. We stand before the Lord as individual priests, but we also stand before Him as a corporate priesthood.

The challenge of the church is to get corporate. We live in a culture that focuses on individuality, and even though God loves us uniquely for who we are, but this is about Him in the midst of us. That is beyond you and me. The church does not get encouraged by naval gazing. Worship services cannot be all about "me". The delay of seeing God's will done in the earth is because we have not become corporate as we need to be. When we see the Jewish menorah and the seven flames from the front, it is seven individual flames, at 90 degrees, it is one flame. That is a lovely picture of individuality and corporeality. The church has to get anointed corporately to release corporate ministries that really drive back darkness and ushers in God's kingdom increasingly in this hour.

Modern culture sadly has crept into the church and there is more emphasis on you and me than upon us being together in God's purpose. Some churches grow by focusing on just getting individuals blessed and that is not wrong, but it is incomplete. The focus is too much on getting blessed individually instead of becoming an equipped people that release a corporate force to advance the cause of Christ in the culture. The concept of transformation is beyond yours and mine. It is about societal and cultural transformation. King Jesus rules over it all. We have to embrace His agenda of being Lord over all by becoming corporate as one body. We are dependent upon Him and we are interdependent upon each other. All may not come along up front, (God usually takes a remnant first,) but all with the Light of Christ merging and joining have a forcible effect in the earth. One chasing a thousand and two chasing ten thousand shows exponential increase in the power of agreement.

Genesis and Revelation, the end books of the Bible are arranged sabbatically and the language is similar. There is a tree of life both in Genesis and Revelation. The tree of life in Revelation in the latter half of the book has healed the nations. Through this, God is showing us that what was lost through the fall of the first Adam was restored through the rising of the Second Adam, Christ. In fact, there is a more glorious restoration of His Kingdom at the end than at the beginning. God does not just restore Eden, which was perfect but undeveloped. Revelation

talks about a full blown, Kingdomized civilization of God manifest in the earth. And the New Jerusalem, the heavenly city is increasingly coming here. As it comes, we take hope that this world will not be the same. The world begins in history in a garden with a tree and it ends with a garden like civilization where the tree of life has healed the nations, and the nations won't need healing in heaven. They need healing here. They need to be discipled here. Every nation needs to come up to the house of God, (Isa.2) and learn of His ways.

I want to focus on the seven 7's in the Revelation: 1) The seven churches called the seven lamp stands, (1:4). These were literal churches in Asia Minor that John addresses while exiled on Patmos. The church referred to as a lamp stand means a place on earth that received heavenly light. A lamp stand does not give off light except that they receive it. Christ, our light and life, lights those lamp stands so local churches were receiving divine revelation. We live by every word that proceeds out of God's mouth, meaning we must hear what the Spirit is saying, present tense. God is still talking. Scripture is finalized, the canon is complete, but God did not lose His voice after the first century. He is an ongoing communicator. His name is Word.

- 2) The Seven Spirits of God, the seven-fold measure anointing prophesied about Messiah Jesus, Isa 11:2, The Spirit of the LORD [1] will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom [2] and understanding [3], The spirit of counsel [4] and strength [5], The spirit of knowledge [6] and the fear of the LORD [7]. In God's triuneness, there is a sevenness to the Spirit. This is not seven persons, but seven dimensions to the one Holy Ghost that is upon Messiah Jesus without measure. This seven-fold Spirit of God gives us a framework for presenting these corporate ministries that God wants to release through you and me as the Body of Christ to accomplish His mission in the earth.
- 3) The seven stars of the churches, refer cosmologically to angels. Every church has an angel for a leader, a human angel. The word is messenger, angelos, and can mean human or divine messenger. Stars speak of governments. When Joseph saw the sun, moon and stars bow before him, that was a picture Joseph was being elevated government in beside the Pharoah. The Bible uses cosmological language to speak of covenantal truths and government. Paul goes on to say that you and I are stars shining in this world. The Body of Christ does not need superstars, just everybody to be a star because our light is needed. The star here is the governmental leader, the visionary leader of the local house or a voice in a region that gives expression to God's government. The church is more than a gathering for saints. The church is more than a worship and teaching service. The church is the gathering of God's embassy. That is ekklesia, called to govern on His behalf, an awesome responsibility. Therefore, we see seven stars speak of the Lord's government flowing through the church. Jesus is the Morning Star. It's the light from that star that precedes the sun coming up. This is all building a context to be launched as the most effective corporate ministry we have ever seen. I know the earth is waiting for it because there are still so many things not aligned with heaven and the Kingdom of God. The answer is us taking our place to be what God has called us to be.
  - 4) The seven seals, (5:1 & 6:1), like wax seals for documents. The sealed

scrolls are opened to release the actions of the Lord God in history to conquer all other kingdoms and fittingly, Jesus is the first to ride out on a white horse to conquer. He is not just going to ride, He is riding right now. These seals speak of the King's righteous judgments in history, judgments that vindicate you and me as servants and release vengeance upon His enemies.

- 5) The seven angels (8:2), who are given seven trumpets. Their ministry is preceded by another angel. I believe that angel is the Lord Jesus Christ serving at the heavenly altar because it is He that adds incense to the prayers of the saints both in heaven and on earth. In the Old Covenant, the priest offered incense. In the heavenlies, Christ is our High Priest, intercessor. He is mixing the incense with the prayers that we pray and the prayers of saints praying in the heavenlies. In Revelation, the angel speaks to John and says he is a fellow servant to John and the prophets. Angels work with the five fold ministry. Angels guard us individually but they have other ministry. They ministered to Jesus through His whole ministry. Angels and prophets are trumpeters that declare and sound out the moves of God in history. I believe that the true Church in days to come is increasingly going to partner with angels in the unfolding plan of Lord for His earth. Peter was glad to see an angel when he was locked up. I believe angel activity is going to increase. I believe the church is going to increase in its prophetic trumpet ministry and they will work together. We ain't seen nothin' yet.
- 6) The seven thunders (10:3). Here an angel (which I believe is the Lord Himself), stands with one foot on the land and one on the sea and utters His voice. The God of glory thunders.
- 7) The seven bowls or challis' (16:1) holding the wrath of God. The wrath poured out is in the form of plagues. In Egypt, it took ten plagues to defeat ten gods of Egypt. That Exodus story tells us that God has enemies and so do we. These seven challis' are poured out to defeat the demonic structures. In the New Testament, the Lamb of God lifted the challis of the New Testament as New Covenant blood. As you and I lift the challis of the New Covenant blood, the Lord is able to tip over the challis' in heaven and release righteous judgment in the earth. When we take the Lord's supper we judge ourselves that we might not be judged with the world. The Lord's supper is not a benign service. It is covenant renewal here that turns over some challis' there and God deals with His enemies.

The sevens of the book of Revelation are shouting at us. They are calling us as followers of Christ to come into the corporate anointing to release the seven corporate ministries described in the last book of the Bible. There were many years that I didn't want to read the book of Revelation, even though there is a promise to reading it, because I just got confused. I'm still learning, like everybody, but what opened up to me was the book is more than prophecy. It is a worship and prayer manual for the church. And it is the only place in the pages of the New Testament where you find tabernacle of David worship expressed. In Acts 15, where James quotes Amos about the restored tabernacle, you don't see that described in the worship of the early church, except fasting. However, in Revelation you see expression of it all going on as we are blended together in a corporate anointing releasing here what the throne is decreeing there. We are

individuals but we cannot slide into individualism. That will keep us from properly connecting and weaken us for the cause of Christ in the earth. We are children of God, a corporation with Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the perfect corporeality.

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It is no secret that we have been in a prolonged era of mind warfare. These wars of course are nothing new. They began in the garden when man received a suggestion from the serpent and proceeded to believe the lie. That response opened the door to sin; and since that day, mankind has been engaged in spiritual warfare at various levels and intensities. As the end of this present age is drawing closer to the return of Christ and the restoration of Father's original design, the warfare has clearly intensified.

We have been in a threshold war season which has demanded that we operate our lives through great spiritual wisdom and understanding. We are not to fear the enemy of our soul, but neither are we to be taken by surprise or caught off guard by his wiles. As it was in the beginning (the deceiving of man), so shall it be in the end. Our most intense battle-ground continues to be the mind of all mankind, especially the minds of believers. It is no wonder that the book of wisdom admonishes us to:

Listen carefully, my dear child, to everything that I teach you, and pay attention to ALL that I have to say. Fill your **thoughts** with my words until they **penetrate deep into your spirit**. Then, as you unwrap my words, they will impart true life and radiant health into every **core** of your being. **ABOVE ALL**, guard the affections of your heart, for they affect ALL that you ARE. (Proverbs 4:20-23) Passion Bible.

Apostle Paul also spoke to the Corinthian church about the critical importance of a sound mind. In 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, he admonished the believers, saying:

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not WAR after the flesh: for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds: casting down IMAGINATIONS, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God and bringing into captivity EVERY THOUGHT to the obedience of Christ.(KJV).

For good or for bad, our lives will reflect how we think. The Bible states, as a man thinketh in his heart, SO IS HE (Proverbs 23:7). We ultimately will become in life what we believe. Because of this, especially in this war season, we must keep our minds renewed and our spirit in proper alignment with the truth of God's word. His word is life to those who find it and health to all their being (Proverbs 4:22).

Apostle Paul expounded on this principle to the church in Rome as well. In *Romans 12:2* he admonished the church to, *be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind ...(KJV)*. He knew that behaviors were the outward expressions of inward thoughts. He also knew that a renewed mind was one of the greatest weapons of warfare against the wiles and lies of the enemy. He knew that knowledge of truth was the greatest safeguard against wrong thinking, wrong believing, and wrong speaking. He knew a sound mind was the greatest weapon against the devices and strategies of the enemy who relentlessly maneuvers to separate us from the peace of the Father!

The heart of the Father would have us prosper and enjoy optimum physical and mental health. The Apostle John teaches that our health and prosperity are directly connected to a healthy soul (3 John 1:2). In a mind war, the enemy targets our peace. He releases weapons such as worry, fear, doubt, and unbelief to subdue us and to separate us from our faith and trust in God. His ultimate strategy is to deceive us and to rob us of our peace.

This was the case of the woman with the issue of blood until she received the revelation of Jesus, our Messiah. After twelve years of suffering, she heard about the healing power of Jesus. She purposed in her heart that, if she could just touch the hem of His garment, she would be whole (Mark 5:28). She followed through with a faith action and received her healing. Jesus literally felt healing power flow out from Him when she touched His garment hem. He stopped, located the woman, and declared to her that her faith had brought healing to her infirmity. He further admonished her to Go in peace and be whole (Mark 5:34). This was an admonishment from Jesus to her NOT to allow anything to rob her of this miracle. This twelve years of suffering was now over for her, and she was instructed to go with peace in her heart and remain free of her suffering.

It was important that Jesus gave this specific instruction. He knew that on the heels of this amazing healing miracle that the enemy would work to steal that healing from her. How would he do it? By attacking her mind with thoughts of doubt and unbelief. If he could orchestrate a scenario whereby she would question the miracle, he knew that through doubt and unbelief he might be able to rob her of this miracle and return her to captivity in the dungeon of doubt, anxiety, fear, worry, and despondency.

Jesus is the Prince of Peace. His mission in earth was to restore peace on earth and good will for all men (*Luke 2:14*). He also became our life source and role model for all of us to follow. In a sinking boat, he was enjoying a peaceful sleep. In a hostile crowd, he took a casual walk among the threats to push him off a cliff. He would take another walk on the surface of a stormy sea. No matter His situation, Jesus never let go of His peace.

We too are empowered to live a life of peace. We have been given the privilege and ability to do the same through our victory of Christ. When the mind wants to drift into fear, peace swallows that fear. When worry tries to take charge of our emotions, peace ejects that worry out the door and slams it shut so to never return. When situations attempt to draw us into doubt and unbelief, peace refuses that we become disturbed or troubled in our minds.

Peace is not the absence of difficulties. Peace is the place of rest for the soul that carries us through the difficult situations of life. Peace means that sleep and rest need not be compromised during times of trial and testing. Peace means we will not fall apart when all around you seems to be. Peace will always focus on the truth of the word rather than the challenge of circumstances. Peace means that we are walking through the mind wars with an assurance that Jesus has already won the war! Peace walks hand in hand with assurance in faith such that, no matter how things look in the natural, there is breakthrough on the way and a victory celebration on the other side of the conflict. Peace and faith walk together into complete victory!

The enemy of our soul has lost the war. Jesus declared to the seventy upon their return from their assigned mission saying, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and NOTHING shall by any means hurt you. This notwithstanding, rejoice not that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven (Luke 10:17-20). He would say the same to us today!

The war of the mind has already been won. Jesus won that victory long before we arrived on the planet. While we walk in this natural world, we are not OF this world. We are the sons and daughters of God, and we are citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven with full rights and privileges as His offspring. We have been given the privilege, responsibility, and ability to govern our Father's earth according to the laws of our delegated authority as written in the Book, His Word!

So, when fear, worry, doubt, and unbelief come slipping up on you to attack your thoughts, stand your ground! Resist those thoughts and watch them flee

(James 4:7). Release the authority given you by the Father and kick the enemy out of your mind! He has been stripped of any and all authority to harm you. You now have control over him based upon who Jesus is and what Jesus has done both inside of you and for you. So, stand your ground, guard your thoughts, embrace the truth of God's word, and live in victory!

Remember, For whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our FAITH! (1 John 5:4)

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Over the last several months, we have been traveling for the EYC. EYC is our youth camp that we've hosted for 30 years. We have over 20 churches and 600 attendees coming. EYC has grown from a small youth camp ministering to our kids and maybe another church or so, to what we are today. We have 5 branches of EYC now:

EYC Camp - this is the one-week event that we host that is dynamic and life-changing. We have thousands of testimonies of how young people experienced God in a whole new, life-changing way. From the moment the kids awake to the time they go to sleep, we have created a format that maximizes opportunities for people to encounter the living God. We minister to the whole person; body, soul, and spirit. Body - we want them to eat well, stay hydrated, and sleep well. Be in good health. Soul - we

want them to feel safe, have fun, and make friends. Spirit - we want the Holy Spirit to come, encounter, touch, heal, deliver, fill, reveal purpose, and calling. EYC Leadership - This area has developed over the last several years. Our staff and I spend a lot of time ministering, encouraging, empowering, equipping ministers, pastors, and youth leaders to continue doing what God has called them to do. We take an interest, not only in the ministry but the personal struggles that come with ministry all year round. We believe if we can keep leadership encouraged and engaged, we can help disciple a generation in our region.

EYC Missions - This year we are planning a mission trip to Guatemala. We will be traveling and ministering with Nations In Love Ministries, Bro. Danny Green. We will be helping the poor during the day and ministering in churches in the evening. We have opened this trip up to the entire EYC family. Your church may have a few people who are interested in going to the mission field, but you don't have enough to take a team. EYC is providing opportunities for young people to go to the nations and experience Jesus oversees. EYC - Legacy - This is a funding mechanism for the ministry. We are working with businesses, churches, and EYC alumni to help fund the rising cost of the ministry. With ministry partners, we can lower our cost of our camp, which allows more young people to attend as well as supporting families. We can also scholarship students to camp and missions as well as pay for the tour.

EYC tour - We visit every church that attends EYC. We come to connect with young people, parents, and leadership. We not only talk and cast vision for camp but also minister to the people while we're there. This has been an amazing aspect of EYC and very effective.

This is the part I want to address. Sorry for the long intro. As we have spent the last several months traveling for EYC, we have heard a consistent theme. "Everything that can be shaken is being shaken." Throughout the body of Christ, we have seen a turnover in leadership. Some have left by choice, some by promotion, some by disqualification, and others needed removal. Many churches are dealing with the loss of people they thought would always be there and now are gone. The plans and strategies that were built together now seem hollow and empty without them. Some leaders are moving because of blessing. God has opened new opportunities of growth in their business and region. Amazingly great... but we still feel their vacant chair at our tables. Some are moving into new relationships and apostolic coverings. Some are leaving old traditional denominations. Some are under attack from the cultural left for taking a stand for traditional marriage. Others struggle with the broken covenant of a leader who left to start a new work with 10 families.

These are all real issues hitting the Body of Christ right now. And many leaders are feeling the shaky ground they are navigating on their way to stability. My encouragement to all those going through these times for shaking is to let the things fall that are not anchored in Christ. Whether it's systems, traditions, mindsets, or people, God is shaking loose the things that so easily beset us and keep us from fulfilling His purpose. I grew up in California, so I have been in many earthquakes over the years. Most of which were smaller 5.0 and under. These tremors can be felt, but are not a cause for alarm or fear. You can almost acknowledge what it is and then go about your business. We used to say, we can stay in bed and determine how large the earthquake is. But when a 7.4 earthquake hits, you do not have the luxury of lying in bed wondering how long this will last. That large of an earthquake throws you out of bed, and now we run to an interior doorway. In that place of sheltering, you can't catch falling dishes, books being strewn about, the furniture moving, or anything else in the moment. You just have to stand there until the ground stops shaking. Doorways are places of transition. Some of you are being shaken and still trying to catch things that are falling. You can't do it. Let them fall. You will get more hurt if you try to navigate in such an unstable environment. Let the shaking have its way, and then clean up afterwards.

God is moving out things so He can move in things. He is moving out people so He can move in those for the next season. It's a messy business this shaking, but necessary. Just know that if you don't lose heart and embrace the process, you will not only survive this season but thrive in it. That is the goodness of God.

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KATHY GABLER—Do we overlook destructive behavior and negative emotional patterns that may sabotage a loved one or confront them? There is no pat answer. The place to start is prayer. One prayer I have seen God answer many times is, "Lord, please change them or change me so your peace can cover this relationship." We can trust His wisdom and His faithfulness to address the problems in wise timing. What we cannot do with behavior or personality issues is fight fire with fire. Fighting negative behavior with negative behavior is using a carnal weapon that does not pull down strongholds. Nor will any good fruit come from confronting others out of frustration rather than love. While we should not presume to confront without God's instruction, neither should we be too cowardly to talk it out if He so directs. We can be confident that the place to start is prayer. Then we follow God's instructions and timing to a God-outcome of healthy and meaningful and fulfilling relationships.



Some people have no place for or awareness of the gifts of the Spirit, (i.e., word of wisdom, word of knowledge, gift of faith, gifts of healings, working of miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, different kinds of tongues and interpretation of tongues as defined by Howard Carter.) And some folks simply do not recognize these gifts in action. Let's look at some vivid biblical examples of these giftings in operation.

In 2Ki 3, Jehoshaphat said, Is there a prophet of Jehovah, that we may inquire of Jehovah by him? And one of the servants of the king of Israel answered and said, Here is Elisha the son of Shaphat, who poured water on the hands of Elijah. (Elisha was the servant of Elijah and the anointing that was on Elijah came on him.) So Elisha said to them, now bring me a musician. Have you have ever noticed a lot of times that worship and praise inspires the prophetic? And then it happened when the musician played that the hand of the Lord came upon Elisha. And he said, thus sayeth the Lord make this valley full of ditches. That word was not past tense nor present tense but future because there weren't any ditches yet. That was a word of wisdom which is a supernatural revelation from God of his mind and purpose, and it has a future tense to it. He continued, thus sayeth the Lord, "You shall not see wind, nor rain, yet the valley shall be filled with water so that your cattle and all the animals may drink. I like verse 18, This is a simple matter in the sight of the Lord. And he shall also deliver the Moabites into your hands. And it happened in the morning when the great offering was offered that suddenly water came by the way of Edom, and the land was filled with water . . without any rain or wind! The water just came. And when all the Moabites heard that the king had come up to fight against them, all who were able to bear arms gathered at the border for battle. When they rose early in the morning, the sun was shining on the water and the Moabites saw

the water on the other side as if it was red blood. They mistakenly thought it was blood and that the Israelite army had already been defeated by someone. That mistake led to Moab's defeat by Israel.

In chapter 4, there was a certain woman, a wife of the sons of the prophets who cried out to Elisha saying, "Your servant, my husband, is dead, and you know that your servant feared the Lord, and the creditors are coming to take my two sons to be slaves." So Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you?" And then he added, "Tell me what do you have in your house?" She answered, "I have nothing in the house but a jar of oil." A gift of the Spirit is working in this situation when he said, "Go borrow vessels from everywhere, from all your neighbors. Do not gather a few. Shut the door behind you and your sons and pour your oil into these vessels." So she went from him and shut the door behind her after her sons brought the vessels, and they poured the oil into them. It came to pass when the vessels were full that she said to her sons, bring me another vessel, but all were full." So the oil ceased to flow. Then she came and told the man of God and he said, "Go sell the oil, pay your debt, and you and your sons live on the rest." That was a word of wisdom again.

In chapter 4, we see the word of wisdom again with the woman who had her husband build a room for Elisha so whenever he came by, he could stay here. So it happened one day that he came there and he turned into the upper room and he laid down. He said to his servant, "What can we do for this woman? What is on her heart?" He answered that she had no son and her husband was old. So he called her and when she stood in the doorway, he said, "About this time next year you shall embrace a son." And she did conceive. (How many times has a barren woman conceived after the word of the Lord comes?) At the appointed time that Elisha told her, the son was born and the child grew. One day the boy went to the field with his daddy and he said, "Father, my head, my head." So he said to his servant, carry him to his mother. And when he had taken him and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon and then he died. She saddled up and went to the man of God. When Elisha heard of it, he told his servant, Gehazi to take his staff and go to the boy and lay the staff on the face of the child.

The mother of the child said, "As the Lord lives, I will not leave you." So Elisha rose and followed. Gehazi went on a head and he laid the staff on the face of the child, but there was neither voice or hearing. Therefore he went back to meet Elisha and told him the child is not awakened. So Elisha went into the house where the child was laying dead on his bed and he shut the door behind the two of them and he prayed to the Lord. The he went up and laid on the child. He put his mouth to the child's mouth, his eyes to his eyes, hands to his hands. He stretched himself out on the child and the flesh of the child became warm. Elisha

walked back and forth in the house. And again, he went and stretched himself out on him. And then the child sneezed seven times and opened his eyes. Elisha called Gehazi and said, call the Shunammite woman. When she came in he said, "Pick your son up." So she went in, fell on his feet and bowed to the ground, then she picked up her son. Look at the gifts of the Spirit flowing one after another, the word of knowledge, word of wisdom, gift of healing!

Then Elisha returned to Gilgal where there was a famine. The sons of the prophets were sitting before him and he said to his servant, put a large pot of stew to boil for the sons of the prophets. So one went out in the field and gathered herbs and found wild vines and gathered from it a lap full of wild gourds. And then they served it to the men to eat. Now it happened as they were eating the soup that they cried and said there's death in the pot, and they could not eat it. So Elisha said bring me some flour. He put it into the pot and told them to serve it. And there was nothing harmful in it. Here we see the working of miracles. And that continues then as a man came and brought to the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley, and ripe ears of grain in his sack. And Elisha said to give it to the people to eat. But his servant said, "Is this enough for 100 men?" Elisha answered, "Give it to the people that they may eat for, the Lord said they shall eat and have some left." And he set the food before them, and they ate and had some left over, according to the Word of Jehovah. The supernatural revelation from God of his mind and purpose was to multiply their meal until there were leftovers!

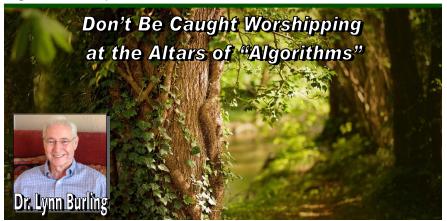
The examples of the gifts in action continue in chapter five when a young Israeli girl told the commander of the army of the king of Syria about miracles happening through a prophet in Israel. Since this commander, Naaman, had leprosy, he went with his horses and stood at the door of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him saying, go wash in the Jordan seven times and your flesh shall be restored to you and you shall be clean. In verse 14, he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan according to the sayings of the man of God. His flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child and he was clean. Was this a gift of healing which is supernatural power given by God that removes disease and infirmities and/or a word of wisdom, which is a supernatural revelation from God of his mind and His purpose and what He's going to do?

In chapter six, the sons of the prophets cut down trees to build a house, but as one was cutting down a tree, the iron ax fell into the water. He cried out and said, "Elisha, it was borrowed!" The man of God asked where it fell? And he showed him the place. So he cut off a stick and threw it in there and the iron ax floated to the top. There's no other explanation for this incident than the gift of working a miracle here. Elisha following the Holy Spirit urging brought supernatural power that produced signs and wonders!

When Elisha told the king of Israel not to go a certain way because of a planned ambush, that was a Word of knowledge. When Elisha prayed his servant's eyes would be opened and he could then see the surrounding horses and chariots of fire, that was the gift of discernment. The gift of discernment is not always talking about demons. It is insight into the spirit world. Today when people see a manifestation of angels, that is a gift of discernment. If God was to

grant any of us right now the discerning of spirits, we could see what is going on with angels even here in this room. The spirit realm is not millions of miles away. It is simply another dimension. So, for those folks who think discernment or any other of the gifts have all stopped and are no longer in operation, they need to realize their ideas have consequences. At the very least, their thinking can block God's plan and power for their own life. I pray, Lord, may our hearts be encouraged and strengthened as we see the gifts of your Spirit working in us and through us in days ahead.

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2 Cor 3:18 "And we all with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed (*recalibrated*, *a change or adjusted*), into the same image (*same identical match*) from one degree of glory to another (*Glory to Glory*). For this comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit." The enemy doesn't want you to achieve this!

Now to really appreciate this scripture, which summarizes the whole chapter of 2 Cor. 3, we look at a pattern of other verses that the Holy Spirit uses to move us along in our experiences, that encourage and help us in our progression to "Glory to Glory". To get to being transformed, the Lord gives us three scriptures with a similar message that attributes to our goal. John 1:16 says "For from His fullness, we have all received grace upon grace (or grace to grace). Fullness refers to the complete and perfect nature of Christ.

Ps 84:7 "They go from *Strength to Strength*;" signifying a continuous increase in strength from one level to the next. And then in Romans 1:17, "For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from *faith to faith*" (*Meaning the righteousness of God is the <u>total work of God's faith-fulness to our faith</u>)...and the devil doesn't want us to progress, learn,* 

achieve, grow in wisdom or spirit to be like Christ..... *Glory to Glory*! I want you to see how these four scriptures are interwoven, designed in a manner that requires the believer to trust and rely on God's supply throughout their salvation experience.

Glory to glory is the goal which is undergirded by: grace to grace (the definition of grace is what you extend to someone who offends you and mercy is what you extend to someone you know will offend you again). It's a continual of releasing the same you receive to those around us. From strength to strength is to the physical and spiritual man. (Meaning a growth cycle that requires discipline and perseverance, even in difficult seasons.) Faith to faith (Meaning from start to finish) is with a goal in sight—"a deepening trust in Him". But glory to glory, meaning gradually and continuously becoming more like Jesus in character and actions, we need the undergirding of the three to get to the process of glory to glory—being like Christ in His image—His best use for us in His Kingdom. We can only imagine ourselves fully equipped to make a difference in the Kingdom as Christ supplies these four to equip and train us.

In Prov 25:2 "It is the glory of God to conceal things but the glory of kings is to search it out!" God does not hide things from us, He hides things for us. Mark 7:13 says "Because of your traditions, you've made the word of God of no effect!" What is more powerful than the word of God? Nothing in the universe! And yet we get to vote on what we meditate on – what we think on, and the enemy knows this. When we believe a lie, we empower the liar! When we misplace or replace our Christcentered values, not built on the mind of Christ, then we can undermine the word of God by constantly participating in algorithms that are the enemy's secret weapon. He will take your personal desires of the flesh and use them against you. In actuality, we're providing him our personal algorithms that the enemy has designed in these last days – to weaken believers in their quest for God's Glory, i.e., becoming like Christ.

The enemy knows the data of your life, your weaknesses and strengths, your desires. It's like on my phone when I shop for chocolate. The ads for chocolate show up on every device to tempt my flesh to purchase it. *Desires can eventually become pleasures that we give power to!* We do that by giving in to our devices/our personal *algorithm*. Or if we have a weakness for watching "things we shouldn't", guess what? All the wrong things in that category show up to tempt us to feed our flesh. The devil does not want us to go from *Glory to Glory* and become like Christ!

Let me give you a scientific experiment I recently watched that blew my mind. The Spirit of God said, "This is what the devil has copied for my people." A scientist took 200 fleas, created by God, to jump as high as 13" and lift 900 times their own weight. He put them in an 8" high

quart jar and put a lid on it for 3 days. After 3 days he removed the lid. Surprisingly, the fleas could only jump 8" high. Now something dramatically changed and the fleas which were designed to operate in God's design were changed forever. Why forever? They have no system to combat the negative. Secondly, when the next generation of eggs hatched, that next generation could only jump 8" and so on for the next generations.

The point is that the enemy has designed a personal "lid" for each of us in order to change us for what God designed us to be in the Kingdom and that is being altered in unsuspecting Christians as they are giving in to "worship at the altars of the devil's *algorithms*" which we give him to use against us. He will do anything he can to thwart you and I to become like Jesus or to enter into going from *faith to faith*, *strength to strength*, *from grace to grace and glory to glory*. Once we vote on his recommendations to our flesh, we are no longer progressing.

So today I decree and declare that everything God has designed me for in His kingdom, I submit and will not follow nor veer away from my pursuit of His Glory to become like Jesus and do what Jesus did and said. I repent of/from my own fleshly desires which slow my progress in becoming more like the Son of God. The enemy knows that when we rebuke his temptations designed for our weakness, we will be his worst nightmare, just as Jesus destroyed the works of the devil. Let us begin today to destroy them in us first and follow from His grace to His strength he provides, the faith He gives, and focus on going from *glory to glory*!

#### **Declarations**

I decree that every Invisible Ceiling that's over my life is shattered now.

As I move from *glory to glory*, I rise, I shine. I will no longer be restricted – the cap is lifted, the barriers are removed. No more dreams will be left unfulfilled of what God has begun.

I decree every contrary wind must cease now.

I will not be stuck between promise and fulfillment.

I will not be stuck between prophecy and manifestation.

I will not be stuck between vision and reality.

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God is doing such awesome things in this season.

Is there anyone reading this who thinks this is a season you would rather not have gone through in the past year or two? Or maybe you think this is even a season you could've done without? The Lord gave me a word awhile back that we would be having to press through the summer. Several people told me they don't ever want me to give any more words like that!

We press through the summer when the Lord gives a word. But when the Lord gives a word like that it's not like, "Oh no, how terrible, how negative! We're going to have to go through some very unpleasant kinds of stuff that's negative. I don't know if we're gonna make it." That's not what the word is about. The word is about "go ahead and press on through" because you have the power, you have the strength, you have the grace, the enablement to press through and when you do press through you are pressing through unto... We press through onto... we press through to what God has for us.

Did David say, "I walked into the valley of the shadow of death and I went down to the bottom and got stuck in the mud?" No sir! David said, "Yea, though I walk THROUGH. He did not have a pup tent and a backpack and a canteen. When you've got all that, you're ready to stay there and grit your teeth and strain with everything that is in you. David had a determination to walk **through**. I believe also that he realized that while he was walking **through** there he was up against a demonic entity of death. If anybody walked through the valley of the shadow of death, at least once or twice, it was David. He talked about walking through a low place. There tends to be something about this kind of "valley" that is down low and there is a darkness about it.

That word "valley" is indicative of something dismal and dreary. Another word David used on purpose was the word "walk". He said,

"Though I walk". He didn't say, "Though I step in for a moment and then step back out." That valley is not two or three feet long. It is a long enough experience for a man to ride something through it. I have walked through the valley of the shadow of death and it is something that is to be gotten through with steady determination while praising and leaning heavily on the One Who overcame death itself, let alone the valley it dug (Rev.1:18; 20:14). He was in that thing long enough to experience what that entity could press against him with. That shadow, that pressing is evil.

The thief has come to steal, kill and destroy (Jn.10:10). The word just before destroy is "and". He has come to do all of it and that evil is "seeking whom he may devour" (1Pe.5:8) in the valley. That evil has come to take you out through whatever means are available to it. It will use anything we will agree with. Now, right here in the middle of all that gloom David (and some readers) are toiling under, it is possible for us to just get our socks blessed right off our feet! I happened to notice in Jn.10:10 what John did NOT write. He did not say that the thief will most assuredly steal, kill and destroy. He only informs us that the thief has come with that purpose. Remember what I said a couple of sentences ago? I wrote: "It will use anything we will agree with." WELL, we are NOT going to agree with any of the "shadow's" estimates or its threats or its predictions!

David didn't say I took two dozen of my best friends and two dozen of my best intercessors and we had a great time right down there in the middle of the bottom of that thing. No he didn't say that because, he was all by himself. But when he was walking through the valley of the shadow of death nothing changed with Yahweh, nothing changed with God Almighty sitting on the throne of heaven. Nothing changed, no plans changed. Nothing changed with God. He didn't withdraw from David. David messed himself up for a while but nothing changed with God. God didn't send for a scribing angel to come and bring extra ink and quill pens and scratch out a bunch of stuff He had intended for David's life. David didn't mess up God, he didn't mess up God's plan for Israel. God did not get discouraged nor did God get confused. God did not push back in some stops that He had already pulled out. God did not send back some angel armies that He had already called for that were ready to go. They were still on the line ready to go.

David said, "Yea, though I walk **through**". There is nothing in that passage says that he paused or that he stopped or that he missed a step or that he missed a beat but he kept walking through. There is nothing going on in this nation, there is nothing going on in Russia, there's nothing going on in China, there's nothing going on in any part of this world that says to you and I there's a little bit of hesitation going on in the universe. There is no hesitation going on on the part of God.

I will fear no evil for thou THOU art with me. Sometimes when I'm really extra good and sometimes when I haven't made anybody mad at me and when nobody has pulled out in front of me in traffic or when I read a couple of chapters of the Bible before I went to bed, I can bank on God being with me (at least that's what I tell myself sometimes). But in Ps.23 there is an imperfect man walking through the **valley** of the **shadow** of **death**. It doesn't matter who I am. It doesn't matter what I've done, it's all on Him. Because He went to a cross called Calvary and there He bled and died and on the third day after they laid Him in a tomb He walked out. And He didn't even have a limp! If our Good Shepherd faced death, hell and the grave head-on and defeated them, we can press through summer following Him... one trusting step at a time.

David didn't receive comfort in the bottom of the valley of the shadow of death because all of his wonderful elite friends and family were showering kudos and compliments on him. He was comforted because the rod and staff of the shepherd was with him. That meant that David knew the Good Shepherd's correction and that David knew God's order. Come on Shepherd, bring Your rod and Your staff. Just bring Your presence, just bring Your person, bring anything You need to bring with You for correction, for instruction, for edification.

Father God, here we are in the year 2025 and approaching the last half of the year. Yea, though we walked through 2023, yea though we walked through 2024, yea though we enter into the summer of 2025 we will not fear any evil because Thou art with us. You were with us back in 1950 and 1980 and 1990. You were with us in 2020 and you are with us again through the remainder of this year because you never leave us nor forsake us! We will press through summer following You... one trusting step at a time.

Melissa Gabler -- 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.

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Apr. 12-13 \* Huntington, WV Marty & Apostle Jim Hodges ARC Convocation Director Tim Robinson

Apr.14-17 \* Louisa, KY
Marty & Jim Hodges meeting
with Addiction Recovery Care
Leadership
Stewardship Prayer Meetings and
Tent of Meeting

May 7 \* Willis, TX Grace Church Worship/Prayer Night Prayer Starts at 6pm

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