

ENCOURAGING  
WORDS  
Book 14

TO REVIEW  
FOR STRENGTHENING

By Joan Royer

## **A SPECIAL THANK YOU**

A special thank you to my daughter, Beth,  
for inviting me to stay in her lovely quiet home  
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Thanks, Beth!

## **INTRODUCTION**

This book contains bits and pieces of encouraging words I have received from the Lord directly to me personally, from the Bible, and through the writings of others. There are times when I need to review these encouraging words to strengthen me. Therefore, I offer them to you, the reader, to strengthen you also. You may wish to begin your own book of encouraging words the Lord gives you personally, from the Bible, and from others, to keep for your own re-viewing and re-strengthening.

*(Words from the Lord are in blue italics)*

## **1 CORINTHIANS 2:12-13**

**Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God, which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.**

## **JEREMIAH 30:2**

**This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: "Write in a book all the words I have spoken to you."**

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## THE GREAT ADVENTURE

The Lord led me to watch a bit of TV news, for 11 minutes exactly, and then I turned it off - didn't want to watch anymore.

I then looked up at the clock near the TV and it said 11:11. So many times that number has caught my attention! I just had to laugh! I said, "What does this mean, Lord?" And He said,

*This is the last day of November, 2010 (11/10). (11/11) refers to November, 2011. That date symbolizes the last day for this special period of time in which you and I have this "Great Adventure."*

*WE will work together for this special time. I will fill you with all you need, to accomplish what all I have planned for this time period. Then - no more, enough, done, finished. Your work time on earth will be finished.*

*Trust Me, we will go places and do things during this time that you never even dreamed of. And I will do it all. And you will just listen to Me and follow Me and enjoy the ride!*

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## HOW TO SURVIVE THE WAITING GAME

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**Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for the Lord (Ps. 27:14, NASB).**

No matter what God has called us to do, one of the most difficult things we will face is the in-between time. In the beginning, He prepares our hearts for the calling. He gives us a glimpse of His plans for us, and it births great hope within us.

The difficulty is that there is always a time lag between the initial preparation and the outcome. The beginning often carries a great emotional surge. We know what God said, and we know we will see it happen, no matter what the enemy may throw at us in the process. Our faith is as tall as the mountains. We feel invincible in God's promise. We take the initial steps and are excited to see the fruit of our labors.

But then comes the waiting.

The days become weeks and months, and we have to wait for what God has promised us. Many of us don't handle the waiting very well. Our hope begins to waver. We begin to forget the glorious promises God gave us, and how it felt when we heard His voice. So many of us lose heart during the time lag.

What can we do to instead gain heart during this waiting period?

1. Be willing to rest.

Hearing God's voice is like finding a well in the desert. We do not survive on our own thoughts or strength or goodness, and as we discover this we discover reality and true freedom in Christ. His presence is our lifeblood, and He is our peace, which is the foundation for hearing His voice. It will be very difficult for us to stir up our hearts and keep them passionate and alive without being willing to rest in His presence.

So in the midst of waiting for change, we need to be willing to rest. In the New American Standard translation of Psalm 24:17, it reads, "Let your heart *take courage*" (emphasis added). If we are worrying and striving and trying to make things happen, it will be very difficult for us to find our peace in God. It will be difficult for us to remember Him.

Today, if you find yourself brought low by anxiety, despair, or the apparent lack of movement in your life, *let your heart take courage by being quiet in His presence*. This is the starting point for everything we do. There, God will prepare us for the change He is bringing and for the next step in the promise He has given us.

2. Be captivated.

Paul wrote in Romans 10 that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. The level of "hearing" that Paul talked about means to be enraptured, to be captivated, to be totally consumed, to be focused on the Word—that is what increases our faith.

What has God told you? Be like the persistent widow in Luke 18 who would not allow the judge to forget her case.

If it has been awhile since you have actively remembered the promise God gave you, change that. Think about it. Remember it. Write it on a note card and tape it to your bathroom mirror.

Be captivated by God. Open your heart to hearing His quiet voice in the area of His promise.

3. Be willing to take risks.

Finally, we need to consider taking steps we have never taken before. Perhaps God has already set up everything we need, and the only thing left for us to do now is take the risk that He's calling us to take at the time he's calling us to take it.

Peter took a lot of risks. The New Testament is filled with wild stories about him. Something daring and unorthodox was in him from the beginning. He didn't always take the right risks, yet God never chastised him for being zealous.

If you do these three things—rest in God, be captivated by Him, and be willing to take the risks He sets before you to take—then you are guaranteed to see change because you are seeking God. You are holding on to His promises, and you are remembering His voice. You are honoring Him, and that is no small thing.

Today, be strong and let your heart take courage.

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## **THE GREAT PURPOSE OF THOSE WHO WALK ON THE EARTH**

I want to quote here some ideas I read today in Rick Joyner's book *The Torch and The Sword*.

(page 44)

"After each of the torchbearers departed the earth, they left their mantles of authority to be picked up by others. These have been divided just as Mine were at the cross. When one has a part of a mantle and comes together with one who has another part, their authority will be magnified...

"It is true that spiritual authority multiplies with unity. One can put a thousand to flight, but two can chase ten thousand. The unity that these last day messengers of power walk in will multiply the authority of the mantles they carry."

(page 48)

"I have a fire to cast upon the earth that has now been kindled. Pray for My fire to come. It will purify the earth. Pray for it to consume the chaff, and to purify My chosen ones. I gave authority over the earth to man, and therefore I must be asked before I will move on the earth. This is the great purpose of those who walk on the earth, to know Me and My will."

## A TREMENDOUS SUBSTITUTE

Just now as I was listening to Him teach me, He reminded me of something He taught me many years ago. Then He showed me that there were at least 3 times this principle took effect in my life. This is the story of that.

One Sunday evening when I arrived home from church, the Lord told me to turn on the TV and watch Dr. Charles Stanley preach. Just as I turned it on, he spoke words like this: *"Just before God is ready to bring you His very best, Satan often offers a tremendous substitute."* That was what He wanted to teach me.

Three different times, all three involving job decisions, I watched that idea being played out in my life.

1. One was when I was married, and my husband was looking around for some new job. He interviewed a number of different places, and chose the best one to seriously consider. It was at Duke University in Raleigh-Durham, NC. I visited the area and was told about the schools, housing, etc. I wasn't sure that was the right place to raise our children. He asked the man who interviewed him if he could have until the end of December to make his decision, but he just couldn't make it. Something kept him from knowing for sure and having the feeling this was right. So he asked to have another month, until the end of January, to make his decision, and was told yes.

On the last day of January, during the last hour the office would be open, he called to tell them "yes" - he would accept the job offer. He still didn't have a clear answer, but didn't see any other way toward what he was looking for in a job.

Well, the guy's secretary said the guy had just left for Europe for ~9 days, so this postponed giving the answer for 9 more days. (Praise God!!!). During that 9 days my husband was contacted about the job he eventually took at the University of Missouri in Columbia, MO where we moved that following summer. And when I visited and looked at schools, housing, etc. it was soooo much better, and I felt it was right and so did he. So *just before God was about to give us His very best, Satan offered a tremendous substitute*. How different our lives would have been had we taken the NC job and raised our children there. I believe we got God's very best.

2. Another time is about a job which I got at The Ark Christian Bookstore in Columbia on the last day of the last month before my funds ran out to live on. Before that job was offered to me, I was asked by a Bible Study friend if she could submit my name for a job at her church. I wanted to be in ministry for the Lord, but wasn't sure that was where He wanted me. *After prayer I began to see*

*that as a "tremendous substitute" and said no. Then the job was offered to me at The Ark, and I felt that was God's very best for me at that time.*

3. The other time was when I was also in desperate need for money. I had sought the Lord for permission to look for a job (after 5 years where He led me to separate myself unto Him for daily study, prayer, etc. and not work a job outside my home). This was after I was divorced and on my own financially. At that time I found two different jobs: one of them gave me more hours of work and better pay, but my heart was pulled toward the other job (which was as a part-time church secretary for a United Methodist Church). After much prayer I took that secretary position knowing that financially I really needed full time work with better pay. However, after 1 year that job expanded into full time like I wanted and needed, and I knew I was at the right place and God's best for me. But *the other job was a "tremendous substitute."*

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## **I HEAR THE TRAIN A COMIN' AND GOD SAYS, "READY OR NOT, HERE IT COMES"**

by Doug Addison  
Dec 1, 2010

While in Calgary, Alberta, Canada last week I began to hear what sounded like a stampede approaching in the spirit. Calgary is known for the "Calgary Stampede" celebration. As I listened more closely I realized that it was the rumble of a train barreling toward us. God spoke to me that He is moving quickly and "ready or not, here it comes."

As I was praying about it, I immediately received a text message from one of my intercessors who did not know what I had just experienced. She was seeing a light coming through a window at me and told me that it was important to press in right and respond quickly to the plans that God has spoken to me. That was a major confirmation of what God is speaking to all of us right now.

### **Don't Get Distracted**

One of the major ways that God speaks to me is through things that happen in my life. These events are often like a prophetic act or they are symbolic of what God is saying and doing on a larger scale. I prayed before I left on my trip to Calgary for God to show me what I needed to pack for the trip. Since I travel a lot, I am normally well prepared for just about anything, yet I ended up getting distracted and forgot the equipment I needed for an event. I also made the huge mistake of not checking the weather! I arrived from California to Canada to five degree temperatures and I was wearing my very thin "Starsky and Hutch" leather jacket. Wow!

God was saying prophetically to not allow distractions, which keep us from hearing Him and being unprepared. I realized later that this message was also contained in a prophetic word I had released on September 1, 2010 (read on the Elijah List).

### Watch for Amazing Miracles

We are about to have an encounter with our destinies and it will not be stopped if we don't give up. We are in a time right now that can be compared to what Jesus' disciples went through in John 6:16–21. They had just fed more than 5,000 people miraculously, and Jesus sent the disciples ahead of Him in the boat. He instructed them to cross Lake Capernaum (Sea of Galilee) without Him. In verses 18-19, "A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. When they had rowed three or four miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were frightened."

It had seemed that God had abandoned them...in verses 20-21 Jesus addresses this: "But He said to them, 'It is I; don't be afraid.' Then they were willing to take Him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading."

Many of us have been going through this very thing, where we have seen God do miracles but suddenly it is dark and the winds and waves of our situations are raging against us. Notice that the disciples did not recognize Jesus as He approached to save them. When God does something new, oftentimes we are not able to understand it all at first. It is interesting that it says when "they were willing" to invite Jesus into their situation that they immediately arrived at their destiny. God accelerated their journey just after they experienced an intense storm and as they cooperated with Him.

### Prophetic Word: Suddenly Advance into New Times and Places with God

God is doing miracles through situations that appear the opposite. The appearance of loss will bring new life and accelerate us into our life's purpose like never before.

This is a time to not be afraid and to be ready to allow God to step into our situations. Over the next few weeks it is time to sort through all that God has been speaking and promising us.

Is there anything you can do now to prepare yourself? Get ready to move quickly. Let's watch for unusual situations to suddenly advance us into new times and places with God.

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## HANDCUFFED TO JESUS

By David Wilkerson  
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Paul often refers to himself as "the prisoner of Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 3:1). In Ephesians 4:1 he says being a prisoner of the Lord is actually his vocation, his calling! He considered this God's gift of grace to him (Ephesians 4:7).

Paul wrote to Timothy: "Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner" (2 Timothy 1:8). Even into his old age the apostle rejoiced in having been apprehended by the Lord and taken captive to his will: "Being such a one as Paul the aged, and now [or still] also a prisoner of Jesus Christ" (Philemon 9).

Paul could tell you the very hour that the Lord handcuffed him and took him captive. He was on the road to Damascus, with letters in hand from the high priest, bound and determined to bring back Christians to Jerusalem. He was "breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord" (Acts 9:1)—full of hatred, bitterness and anger in his misguided zeal for God.

As he approached the city of Damascus, "Suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven" (Acts 9:3). He was struck completely blind by that light—which was Christ!

Paul testified again and again how he had to be taken by the hand and led into Damascus, a helpless prisoner. He spent three days in an isolated room without sight and without eating anything. He'd been taken captive totally—in spirit, soul, mind and body!

What happened in that room for three days? The Lord was handcuffing Saul and making him into Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ!

In this vivid scene, Paul lets go of his independence and submits to Christ's yoke. He stretches forth his hands to Jesus, to be handcuffed for life! You can almost hear his agonizing prayer: "O, Lord, I thought I was doing your will! How could I have been so blind? I've been going my way, doing whatever I thought was right. I can't trust my own thoughts!"

My prayer is, "Here, Jesus, take my hands and put your manacles on me. Take me prisoner to your will and lead me wherever you want me to go. Keep me handcuffed to your mighty right arm!"

David Wilkerson

Handcuffed to Jesus, 11.22.10

<http://www.worldchallenge.org/en/coverletter/2010/handcuffed-to-jesus>

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## **ADVICE ABOUT THE TRESPASSERS**

(A word from our spiritual mentor)

I have to advise you of something that is important for the future for the both of you. A teaching moment. It will help the next time B goes to a conference. It is about the trespassers.

When you are in a group of people, all with different issues in their lives, the spirit realm is open. Their issues are released into the atmosphere and have the opportunity to attach to certain visitors. They cling to anyone unless the blood is proclaimed over yourself.

You must also anoint yourself with oil and stand in your armor and decree it. Please take a shower and proclaim a washing by the Holy Spirit. It will help remove any residue remaining. Anoint yourself and take communion for restoration.

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## **THE LORD WILL TEACH US AS WE ASK**

A thought I had when I awoke this morning is this: when we invest ourselves in praying for and decreeing something with another person (what I call intercession) we are actually doing it (going on their trip in this case) with them in the spiritual realm.

Lord, will you please teach me what You want me to know and understand through this?

*I will, My child. You are off to a good start. There is more to learn, and I am your Teacher. I will teach you what you ask Me for.*

I ask You to teach me Your ways, Lord, the ways of Your Kingdom.

*I will, My child. I wanted you to ask Me. I will TEACH you and I will SHOW you.*

Oh good! Wow! Thank You for doing this. I look forward to learning. But I want this to be more than head knowledge, but to be heart knowledge also.... Understanding that will have eternal value and will be what You want me to know so I can hear/know Your heart and speak/write for You whatever You want me to.

*I will do that, Joan. It is My pleasure to teach My children. And you are My child - one who is born again of Me and who is like Me. Now you can become even more of who and what I am as you learn this.*

I want to become even more of Who and What You are, Lord. So thank You for teaching me Your ways. I commit my life to learning from You.

*That's what you committed to yesterday when you anointed yourself at the beginning of the PKD meeting and offered yourself as a tabernacle for Me to live in and for Me to use. Do you understand that now? That's why your prayer partner said to do that at the beginning of that meeting. He knows about this because he has walked this way already/before. He is a good teacher for you. Listen to him as if you are listening to Me. Understand?*

Yes, Lord.

Lord, You have taught me about "hearing" You for many, many years. And I am so thankful for that! Will You teach me more about "seeing" You? Is this something You want for me to ask?

*Yes, it's time for you to "see" better and more. I think you are now ready. I will do that. Pay attention to every tiny thing which you "see" from now on. Ask Me what it means. I will tell you, and you will learn this way.*

*Ask Me what you are to do with what you see. Are you to speak it forth to someone; are you to pray for it; are you to decree it, etc? I will show you each time you ask. Ask and it shall be given you.*

*So, this involves a LOT of listening. That's why I developed your listening ear first. You are a good listener. You react the moment I speak now. It's what I've worked/done in you.*

*It's all Me, and none you. Don't take pride in hearing or seeing, Joan, for it's all from Me and none from you. Remember that.*

Remind me, Lord, if I ever forget that. I DO NOT WANT PRIDE!!! Keep me in humility. Keep me like You at all times.

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## THE WHEEL WITHIN A WHEEL

The Wheel Within a Wheel - Hot Spots will Be Established with Holy Fire  
by Wade Taylor  
Dec 8, 2010

All that Jesus did in condescension through a single body in His first coming, He will again do through a corporate Body in preparation for His second coming.

At this present time, those who will be this "corporate Body" are being "made ready" to function in manifest glory, as being a living martyr, so only Jesus will be seen. We are very close to the time in which Jesus will come to these "overcomers" (saints), to be glorified.

**"And give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you." II Thessalonians 1:7-10 NIV**

This passage of Scripture describes the "glory" which will be manifested through those whom the Lord has prepared for this purpose.

**"I looked, and I saw a windstorm coming out of the north--an immense cloud with flashing lightning and surrounded by brilliant light. The center of the fire looked like glowing metal." Ezekiel 1:4 NIV**

This is a picture of the corporate Body of Christ functioning in end-time glory, which will lead to the establishing of the Millennial government of God in the earth.

The "Wheel Within a Wheel" - Our Lives Merged Into His Life

**"The appearance of the wheels and their work was like to the color of a beryl: and they four had one likeness: and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel." Ezekiel 1:16**

We are living at the end of the "sixth day," during the time in which Jesus is beginning to reveal His manifest glory in order to prepare "overcomers" for His end-time purposes. This is the "wheel within a wheel" – our lives merged into His life, in order to become the expression of His life, which will greatly affect the nations and all mankind.

**"Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel upon the earth by the living creatures, with his four faces." Ezekiel 1:15**

This represents our lives as being "fully submitted" and "moving" with Jesus – "one wheel upon the earth" – Jesus coming to be glorified in His saints. Thus, the wheel, and the will of God can be thought of as being synonymous, as each speaks of our moving together with Him in glory, harmony, and obedience.

This glory is a moving glory in which we are being made aware of His manifested presence in glory, and in which we are learning how to function under this high level of anointing and enabling end-time power.

Four Faces: Our Identity with the Lord as Overcomer, Bride, Son and Man-Child

**"Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man. And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings... Their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward." Ezekiel 1:5-6, 9**

"And every one had four faces." This speaks of our identity with the Lord as being spiritually mature – overcomer, Bride, son, and man-child. Each of us has a different part and function within this "wheel." Having "one likeness," is our lives being so yielded that we become the manifest expression of His life, so we can function as being the corporate Body of Jesus.

"And every one had four wings." Each of us has built within us the ability to move in the realms of the Spirit.

**"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40:31**

"They turned not when they went." This act of obedient submission begins within us (wheel), and then it will expand outwardly from us (wheel within a wheel) until it fills all the earth.

**"And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning." Ezekiel 1:14**

This speaks of total commitment and obedience with a single eye, and also of "spirit-transportation," which will increasingly take place in the end-time.

## Functioning with Jesus in His Manifested Glory, Through Holy Spirit Fire

**"As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of lamps: it went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning." Ezekiel 1:13**

Not only are we cleansed and purified in glory (Isaiah 6:5), but we are also being changed "from glory to glory." Our appearance being as "burning coals of fire" speaks of our being under a heavy anointing, and experiencing clear spirit-perception and direction by our relating to, and functioning through, the seven spirits of God – seeing and understanding what others neither see nor understand.

**"...I have ordained a lamp for Mine anointed." Psalm 132:17**

The Lord is establishing special "hot spots" in specific locations throughout the earth. These are places in which His glory will be manifested and function through intense Holy Spirit fire. Those who are being prepared to participate in His end-time purposes will recognize these "set-apart places" and gather there to be sent out to the nations under an intensified anointing and enabling.

**"I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head like the pure wool: His throne was like the fiery flame, and His wheels as burning fire." Daniel 7:9**

**"A fire goeth before Him, and burneth up His enemies round about. His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled." Psalm 97:3-4**

This speaks of the "word with consequence" – the rule of a "rod of iron," in a relationship of functioning with Jesus in His manifested glory, through Holy Spirit fire, which requires a high level of spiritual hearing and obedience.

One With One Another and With Jesus, Becoming the Expression of His Life and Ministry

**"Whithersoever the spirit was to go, they went, thither was their spirit to go... When those went, these went; and when those stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up over against them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels." Ezekiel 1:20-21**

The "wheel" is the Lord (Head) coming in His glory - manifesting Himself through the wheel that is within this wheel - our lives within His life, to accomplish His end-time visitation in which multitudes will be saved, the tribulation judgments completed, and the Millennial Kingdom established. As a result, "every eye shall see Him" (Revelation 1:7).

**"When He shall come to be glorified in His saints..." II Thessalonians 1:10**

The "wheel in the middle of a wheel" speaks of the Lord sovereignly coming into our lives through divine intervention, to move through us to accomplish His end-time purposes. This transcends any faith or ability that we may have. Because this is a very high calling, a commitment and purity of life is required that is beyond that which is required of others.

**"Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising." Isaiah 60:1-3**

This speaks of our being caught up through a specific act of intervention (a part of His second coming), into His manifested glory, in which we will be given the ability to function with authority in the purposes of God. We are living in the last days, in the final time of preparation, in which those who respond will be brought into this high level of corporate unity, becoming so one with one another and with Jesus that we become the expression of His life and ministry.

#### The Greatest Visitation this World has Ever Experienced is Yet to Take Place

The greatest visitation this world has ever experienced is yet to take place with a two-fold purpose. First, the out-calling of a people into an end-time cooperative relationship with the Lord. Second, the judgments on the nations, which will take place through the corporate functioning of this "wheel within a wheel."

At this present time, the Lord is beginning to lift "forerunners" into His presence – those who are beginning to experience a "taste" of the age to come.

**"And have tasted...the powers of the world to come." Hebrews 6:5**

After our rightly responding to this process as forerunners, we will be enabled to function in power, having a foretaste of Kingdom authority with consequence.

**"And he that overcometh, and keepeth My works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of My Father." Revelation 2:26-27**

This relates to the functioning of this "wheel within a wheel" moving in His manifested glory to establish the Millennial government of God in the earth.

**"And when the living creatures went, the wheels went by them: and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up." Ezekiel 1:19**

The Lord is preparing a corporate Bride that is "clothed with the sun" (Son), who, through direct personal revelation, will be "caught up" to have a part in the visitation and

judgments that will come to mankind during the Millennial Kingdom (the wheels were lifted up).

The Heart of God is Reaching Out For a People Who are "Willing" to Birth  
the Purpose of the Lord into the Earth

**"And there appeared a great wonder in Heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered." Revelation 12:1-2**

She being "with child, travailing in birth" speaks of intercession. Just as Mary became impregnated to birth our redemption through Jesus, so also today, there is a body of intercessors who are being "impregnated" to birth the coming time of transition (end-time intervention). As Mary, we do not need to understand how or why. Rather, we simply need to "present our bodies as a living sacrifice" and obey.

We will not come into this overnight, but there is a progression that will bring us into this higher level of intercession. Our part is to make ourselves available and then allow the birthing process to have its full work within us. Our effectiveness in this birthing process will increase through experience.

**"And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to His throne." Revelation 12:5**

The Word tells us that both the "man-child" and those who are "overcomers," will rule all nations with a "rod of iron." These are one and the same, and are seen by Ezekiel as being the "wheel within a wheel, which moved on its four sides."

These "four sides" function in harmony and unity. As an "overcomer," I am being qualified. As a "bride," I am totally submitted to the Lord. As a "son," I enter into a cooperative relationship with the Lord in the outworking of His purposes. As a "man-child," I move in delegated authority. Since there is neither male nor female in the Body of Christ, these are representative types.

The heart of God is reaching out for a people who are "willing" (as Mary was) in the day of His power, who as "intercessors" (a corporate Mary), will birth the purpose of the Lord into the earth in this day. The Lord always moves through and accomplishes His purpose through human agency.

Experientially, we must go through a gradual unfolding progression of the workings of God to bring us to the place where, as overcomers, we are ready to be caught up into this "wheel within a wheel."

Only then can the Lord say to us:



**"Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Matthew 25:23**

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## **SPEAK FORTH**

This morning the Lord told me to listen to the next CD (#5) in the Tabernacle Series. It was about the Glory that comes with tabernacles. I felt so "in tune" with what Paul Keith Davis was saying. I prayed the prayers with him. I decreed with him. I received the spoken words to those listening. I felt like a new person after it was done.

Then the Lord told me that He would tell me things to do and speak forth next Sunday at OCF. He said I could go outside or in a side room and speak these things. It doesn't need to be loud, but it does need to be out loud. So I plan to do that. I noticed PKD said this on Tuesday night: *To the extent we see and hear Him we have authority in that area.*

So as I hear Him tell me what to say, I am to speak it forth with His authority behind it.

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## WHEN PERFECTION COMES

One of the things Paul Keith Davis said (on the CD's I listened to yesterday) was that we are in a 1 Corinthians 13:10 season. That verse says;

**...but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. (1 Cor. 13:10)**

As I studied 1 Cor. 13 yesterday, I wrote these ideas from it:

When Perfection comes refers to the Parusia/Presence of God in fullness. These things happen:

The imperfect disappears (v. 10)

Put childish ways behind me (v. 11)

We see face to face (v. 12)

I shall know fully (v. 12)

I shall be fully known (v. 12)

We shall have love: (patient, kind, not envy, not boast, not proud, not rude, not self-seeking, not easily angered, keeps no record of wrongs, not delight in evil, rejoices with the truth, always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres, never fails)

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## THE THINGS REVEALED

A scripture for me brought to my attention yesterday is Deuteronomy 29:29 which says:

**The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law. (Deuteronomy 29:29)**

As I pondered this I began to think about the "things revealed" that belong to me and my children.

1. They would include Jesus holding our hands and keeping us walking on the Path of Life He has us on. He showed me this in a vision in the past.
2. They would also include "His mighty right hand" which He showed me in a dream.
3. They also includes the picture of the Holy Spirit Ball of Fire moving around touching people here and there (leaving trails of silver dust) and moving and touching them faster and faster until it explodes and fills the whole atmosphere. This He showed me in a vision.

Paul Keith Davis also said that to the extent we see and hear Him we have authority in that area. So, since I have seen and heard these three "things revealed" they belong to me and my children forever, and so I pray and declare them over me and my children now.

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## SONS OF GOD

Today I listened to the Feast of Tabernacles CD#7 by Paul Keith Davis - about the Feast being a time of being "occupied." It was excellent and really spoke to me. The part that caught my attention the most was the last 1/2 hour or so where he explained something he had just worked on that morning. It was about the "sons of God" and how the word translated "son" had two different meanings but both were translated "sons" in English. One was the word "tek-non" which referred to one who was born into a family (born again into the family of God), but was a child. He was the inheritor of the father's inheritance but basically lived the same as a slave until grown up. He was tutored for 30 years, and then he was given the father's ring and given authority to transact all the father's business. This son was called "whios".

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## THE STARS

I want to write here about a revelation the Lord has been gradually showing me recently. It has to do with the stars. It started when I read this passage in Rick Joyner's book *The Call*.

(Quote from *The Call* by Rick Joyner, page 171) This is Jesus talking to Rick:

*"As you grow in the true faith that is in Me, you will grow in dependence on Me, and you will trust yourself less. Those who begin to trust in themselves will not be able to carry the weight of My power or glory; they can fall just as the evil one did. My strength is made perfect in weakness, but you must never forget that in yourself you are weak, and by yourself you are foolish.*

*"Those who are worthy to reign with Me in the age to come will prove this by living in the darkness and weakness of human flesh, yet they will serve and trust Me...*

*"On earth, the truth often looks weak and easily defeated. Those who see from here know that My truth always prevails. The time when I stand up and bring My judgments to the earth has only been delayed so that My brethren could prove their love for Me by standing for truth at any cost. My truth and My goodness will prevail for all of eternity, and so will all who come to Me because they love the truth. These will shine forth as the stars which were made in honor of them."*

As I read the words: "the stars which were made in honor of them" the Spirit said to me, "*A star for each one.*"

What!!!?

Was there a star made for each one who belongs to the Lord in honor of them? This started that idea revolving in my mind.

Then, yesterday, I read Genesis 15:5 where it says:

**He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars--if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."**

I realized that God told Abraham to count the stars and as many as were there, that was how many his descendents would be. It fits with what Rick Joyner was told that the stars were made in honor of those who come to Him...and what the Holy Spirit told me - that a star was made for each one of us who belong to Him. This is because He knew before the foundation of the world who would belong to Him. No surprises, just foreknowledge.

#### SELECTED TOPICS in my NIV Bible: "Stars"

Created: Genesis 1:16

Mentioned: Gen.15:5; 37:9; Judges 5:20; 1 Cor.15:41; Hebrews 11:12; Jude 13; Rev. 8:12; 12:1

Not to be worshiped: Deut. 4:19

Morning: Job 38:7

**God made two great lights--the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. (Gen. 1:16-18)**

As I read this I am reminded that Jesus said we are the light of the world. (John 5:13)

**Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me." (Genesis 37:9)**

**From the heavens the stars fought, from their courses they fought against Sisera. (Judges 5:20)**

**There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another. The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor. (1 Cor. 15:40-41)**

**And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. (Hebrews 11:12 NIV)**

**So from one man, though he was physically as good as dead, there have sprung descendants whose number is as the stars of heaven and as countless as the innumerable sands on the seashore (Hebrews 11:12 Amp)**

**They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame; wandering stars, for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever. (Jude 13)**

**The fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them turned dark. A third of the day was without light, and also a third of the night. (Rev. 8:12)**

**A great and wondrous sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. (Rev. 12:1)**

**And when you look up to the sky and see the sun, the moon and the stars--all the heavenly array--do not be enticed into bowing down to them and worshiping things the Lord your God has apportioned to all the nations under heaven. (Deut. 4:19)**

**On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone--while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? (Job 38:6-7)**

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## **OFFERING OUR ENEMIES A DRINK**

In reading *The Torch and the Sword* (Rick Joyner, p. 151-2) this morning I felt this section was important to type:

"Take these vessels and fill them with water," one of them said while looking straight at the girl and I.

We did as he said, and then he told us to go and give it to those in the evil horde closest to us. The situation was so desperate that we did not have time to question his strange orders, but just obeyed, thinking that there really wasn't much to lose.

When we offered our enemies a drink it stunned them so that they stood still and a great hush came over the place. Not knowing what else to do they drank what we gave to

them. They drank with such a rabid thirst that we were soon rushing back and forth for more of the water. The others around them also seemed to suddenly realize their own thirst, and began begging for the water. Everyone who tasted it wanted more. Quickly we were so overwhelmed that all we could do was to direct them to the stream and invite them to drink.

Expecting them to plunge into the stream I was astonished at how they treated it with great respect, bowing down and drinking, but being careful not to even brush dirt from the banks into it.

As they drank, they changed before our eyes. The hard, tortured, demonic looks softened into human faces. They kept changing until they were like pure children again. After they were transformed they asked for vessels to take the water to the others in the evil horde.

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## HOW GOD LED ME TO DEAL WITH LIES TOLD ABOUT ME

This is how God led me to deal with the lies, which a woman (S) used to tell to others about me. So I will write that story here.

This story took place while I was attending a church in MO. A woman (named S) had been telling lies about me to various people and word was trickling back to me through friends about this. The first person, whom I was told had been lied to about me, was a woman I knew. I thought I should call her and counteract those lies with the truth. So I called her and she denied that S had said anything to her about me like that. But she had told one of the ministers of our church about the lies, and he had told me.

I found that this method of trying to combat the lies didn't work! But I knew they were being told. So I spent time earnestly seeking the Lord as to what to do about the lies. His way turned out to be immeasurably better than mine.

After much seeking the Lord in prayer, I was led by the Lord to read the story of Jehoshaphat in 2 Chronicles 20:10 and following. I had not been very familiar with this story at the time (I sure am now!). As I read the story there were several things which caught my attention.

1. They were being attacked by their enemies
2. They came before the Lord with their petition: "O our God, will you not judge them? For **we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you.**"
3. They all "**stood before the Lord.**"

4. Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jahaziel. His message was: Listen...this is what the Lord says to you: "do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. **For the battle is not yours, but God's.**"
5. Then he gave them the Lord's plan. Part of that plan was: "You will not have to fight this battle. **Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you.**"
6. They all **praised the Lord and followed his plan.** It included marching forth while singing.
7. Jehoshaphat stood and said some significant words: "**Listen to me. Have faith in the Lord your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful.**"
8. As they began to sing and praise, **the Lord set ambushes against their enemies** who had come against them and they slaughtered each other.
9. The men of Judah looked out and saw only dead bodies
10. It took them 3 days to collect the plunder because there was so much.
11. They returned joyfully to Jerusalem for the Lord had given them cause to rejoice over their enemies.
12. The fear of God came upon all the kingdoms of the countries when they heard how the Lord had fought against the enemies of Israel.
13. And the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was at peace for his God had given him rest on every side.

#### THE BATTLE IS NOT YOURS, BUT GOD'S

The key words the Lord gave me at the time of my petition was: **The battle is not yours, but God's.** So, I gave the situation to the Lord in prayer and trusted Him to win this battle for me. I did nothing more to combat the lies myself. I left that in the Lord's hands. And He took care of that for me.

Gradually, and eventually, I became aware of things she had said and got to discuss them with the person involved. One such occasion involved the Pastor whom she had told I had tried to cast a demon out of her. (Not true!) This was something not acceptable in that particular church. I realized this by something the Pastor said to me one day when I was in his office that alerted me to this.

So we got to discuss it openly and he could see it was a lie. She based her lie on a book she gave him called *Pigs in the Parlor* which had my name written in the front of it. I told him I had heard about the book but had never read it and asked him to see if the name was written in such a way that she might have written it there. Then I got to explain some of the things she was doing. And he believed me and said he would take care of it for me.

She also lied to a close friend, SA, and SA and I just happened to have a conversation where she told me S had told her about the book, and said this: "Joan is about to get her Waterloo." In this way the Lord let me know some of the enemy's strategies against me.

Eventually another woman and I got to discuss the fact that S had told her lies, and she said she knew they weren't true because she knew me.

I don't know how many lies weren't revealed to me, but it didn't matter because the Lord was in charge of battling each one of them. And I had peace with the whole process. Praise God!

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## THE BATTLE

I have listed and proclaimed the scriptures given me. I have placed the blood of Jesus over us. I have placed the armor (Eph. 6:19 on) on all of us also. We are covered with His authority, His peace, and His love. We go forth in His name to fight the battle and help place His enemies under His feet.

*You've opened the door; now walk through it.*

I love You, Father. Thank You for this mighty work. Thank You for this door - this portal. Speak everything into our hearts and minds You want spoken.

*This won't be the last time you will pray together re this person, but the first. I will continue to unfold the prayers I want you to pray about this - both today and later also.*

After we talked by phone and prayed together, I asked: Lord, is this what You wanted to happen?

*Yes, this is exactly what I wanted to happen. It's time (in general) but not yet time (in the exact moment)*

*I am working this in all of you. This IS a great battle, and we WILL win it. And all who fight in it will learn from Me, and learn from this, and receive the rewards from participating in it - rewards while in this earth through what you learn and how much greater you are equipped, and specific rewards in heaven which you will learn about later up there.*

*You do not need to all get together in one room and pray together for Me to connect your prayers together. I can connect them from wherever in the world you are, and even work "time" so they are all coordinated together too. That is good - just as if you were all together in the same room at the same time.*

**The battle is not yours, but God's.**

*That applies to this battle too. The battle is Mine and I am preparing My troops and getting all things lined up in right order.*

Lord, I feel so inadequate and inferior to tackle this, so inexperienced.



*That's good, Joan, because then you will depend totally on Me and I will get the glory and I will do the fighting. You will just get to participate in the part I give you to play. That's part of the humility I have called you to.*

Later...

I feel so depleted and fatigued like I have really been through a battle. And He said:

*You HAVE been through a battle. You have joined My Army and gone to battle with Me as the Captain of the Hosts. The Hosts are those Hosts on earth and those Hosts in heaven. The battle had already begun in heaven. Today's time was an early stage of the battle.*

*Remember Rick Joyner said the "camping" time was as important as the "fighting" time. In the camping time you get your plans, purposes, and strategies. I give those. That's what I was doing this morning through your times with Me and talking together. Understand that that is part of the "battle" - just as important as the actual wielding of the swords.*

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## **BE STRONG AND PATIENT AND WAIT UPON ME**

This scripture came to me this morning:

**They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint (Isaiah 40:31)**

*Be strong and patient and wait upon Me. For a lot is coming yet and I will walk through it ALL with you. You are My precious child and I draw near to you EVERY TIME you draw near to Me. That's why I've given you so many "triggers" throughout your day to draw your thoughts to Me. I WANT you to draw near to Me (bring Me to the forefront in your thinking) so I can draw near to you.*

**The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. (Psalm 34:7)**

*This is one of the best parts of your day, Joan, taking communion. You don't "see" what that does in the spirit realm, but I do. And it is significant.*

Into my mind comes the picture of God's right hand that He showed me in a dream previously. A scripture to go with that:

**You hem me in--behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain....If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. (Psalm 139:5-6, 9-10)**

*I want you to know this is for you today: Psalm 91:1: "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."*

*You ARE IN My Secret Place (a special place with Me - a protected area) now, Joan, ALL THE TIME so you are continually under My shadow - an absolutely safe place to be. Know this as you walk/go through the coming days. "Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. (Psalm 23:4)*

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, FOR YOU ARE WITH ME; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. (Psalm 23:4)**

**The mouth of the righteous man utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks what is just. The law of his God is in his heart; his feet do not slip. (Psalm 37:30-31)**

**You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you....The path of the righteous is level; O upright One, you make the way of the righteous smooth. (Psalm 26:3, 7)**

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## **TIMIDITY AND FEAR**

I've been thinking a lot about timidity and why I grew up so timid and afraid. I believe it came upon me as a very young child because of living in the same house as my father. I was afraid of him as long as I can remember. He was one of my examples of what adults were like, so I think I expected others to be like him. He was very dominating and moody. Now I think he actually had symptoms of split personality because we never knew when he came from work what his mood would be. We learned to gauge everything around "Dad's moods."

I didn't even think he cared about me, so I was surprised one day (maybe in my early teens) when he told me about picking the place where we lived partly so we would have good schools. I remember being absolutely amazed by the thought (like a revelation) that he actually cared! Isn't that sad?

Then I remember the time, when I was an adult living in Missouri, when my dad had a stroke and was in the hospital in Indiana. Here is the story I wrote in one of my books about that particular event:

## *I LOVE YOU*

It was the last day I could visit my father in the hospital. He had a stroke and we did not know how long he would live. We also did not know what his condition would be if he did live.

When I heard of his stroke, I made the ten-hour trip from Missouri to Indiana to see him. After spending several days there, it was now time to return to Missouri...return without knowing the outcome of this stroke.

I did not look forward to this last visit to the hospital, knowing it could be the last time I might see my father alive. What do you say at such a time?

My father and I had never been close. He was not the type of person to be affectionate or share his feelings with others. We did not communicate much except about surface things. I wanted to be close to my father, but somehow it was not easy to feel close to him. I had never heard him tell any person, "I love you." And as a child it would have made such a difference in my life to have heard those words!

Now, as an adult, I could see that Dad had loved me "in his way" by taking care of my material needs along with those of our family. But, as a child, I did not perceive that. I needed, as a child, to be told and shown that I was loved. Therefore, I grew up thinking he really did not care much about me.

And now the time had arrived to say good-bye. I dreaded this moment. What should I say? I leaned over his bed to hug him and said, "Dad, I have to leave now. I have to go back to Missouri....I love you, Dad."

And he said the words I had waited all my life to hear: "I love you, too."

As my sister and I left his room and walked down the hospital corridor, she said with tears in her eyes, "That is the first time I ever heard Dad say 'I love you' to anyone in my whole life!"

I knew it was one of life's rare and touching moments... and that God gave that moment as one of *HIS MARVELOUS DEEDS!*

Oh, that we could turn aside  
from all our pride and pain  
and take the risk to tell someone  
"I love you" - what great gain!

Take the time to tell someone  
of the caring in your heart,

before the opportunity is past,  
before you have to part.

As I grew up I was especially interested in musical things. I sang, played French horn, played a bit of piano, sang in choirs and ensembles, played in bands, and played in an orchestra. Music was central to my life. I took lessons in piano, French horn, and voice. The trouble with taking music lessons was that I was expected to participate in recitals. Those were excruciating to go through! I had so little confidence in myself, and was so afraid of "making a mistake" and being embarrassed in front of others (pride, self-centeredness, fear). My very first piano recital I forgot a whole section of my piece, and it stuck in my mind for years as a fearful experience. And I didn't want my parents to attend these recitals. That's a clue! My mom was ok, but not my dad! He was critical of others so much, I think I feared his criticism of me.

So timidity and fear have been a major part of my life. I grew up fearful of standing up in front of others and speaking, performing, teaching, etc. Maybe that is one reason I really liked teaching kindergarten for many years - the children were not scary like adults were to me. But when the supervisors came to observe my teaching, it was really awful for me to live through.

So, to spare myself the pain, I think I withdrew into myself where I was "safe" and kept out of public attention as much as possible.

Oh, the things we learn, the lies we believe, because of our parents and the adults in our lives when we are children! I'm so grateful God loves me and accepts me as I am, even though He continually works to change me. It is loving change and I welcome it. Thank You, God, for your unconditional love for me!

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## **ALL CHRISTIANS SHOULD KNOW THE VOICE OF THE LORD**

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This coming year the goal of our study is to be able to discern the voice of the Lord better, first for our own guidance, but also in the unfolding events of our times. Nothing is more important for us to do this year than to love God more and follow Him more closely. Only then can we love each other the way that we are called to love.

As we have learned with so many prophetically-gifted people in our church and ministry, if they will inquire of the Lord about a person, He will show them things that can help them. If they inquire of the Lord about a city, He will show them things about the city that can help it. The same is true for a church or a nation, a ministry, a mission, an industry, and so

forth. It is the same gift of the Holy Spirit that reveals all of these things. Even so, after a time, prophetic people will often start to specialize in hearing God for individuals, or for churches, cities, nations, etc.

### Understanding the Voice of the Lord

When I'm flying my plane, I will sometimes turn the speaker on to listen to the controllers rather than wear the headset. Almost every passenger who flies with me says they cannot understand a single word that the controller is saying and they wonder how I can. More than the volume or tone of the speaker, the reason they cannot understand the controller is because the words that are being used, or the way that they're being used, are unfamiliar to them. To prove this, I have sometimes asked the controllers if they knew the score to a big game, and when they start talking about sports or something my passengers are familiar with, they can understand them fine.

My point is that many do not understand the voice of the Lord for the same reason—the words, or the way the words are being used, are unfamiliar to them. This is basically what Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 2:12-14:

**Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God, which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words. But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.**

Many Christians have a belief that the Lord will only speak about spiritual things, or about what He is doing in His Church, but this is not the case. Often, He will speak to us about the things that we are interested in just so we can begin to know His voice. In His own walk on the earth, the Lord spoke to people about the things that were important to them. God cares about everything we care about. God is so big that we tend to think He will only get involved in the big things, but He seems to enjoy getting involved in the most personal, even seemingly trivial matters with His people. He'll speak to you about your child's little league team or your diet. It does not have to be a problem for Him to give us counsel either—it's mostly about relationship.

As we see in John 10, the Lord's sheep know His voice and they follow Him because they know His voice. All Christians should know the voice of the Lord and easily be able to distinguish it from all of the other voices in the world. However, not every Christian is a prophet or has prophetic gifts. The basic difference between hearing from the Lord on a personal basis and prophecy is that if we have a gift of prophecy it is for others, not ourselves. If you have a gift of healing, it is not to heal yourself, but others, and the same is true with all of the spiritual gifts.

### The Only Way to Mature is Through Experience

For this reason, the most prophetically-gifted people I know do not hear prophetically very well for themselves. This is because the Lord has made His Body to depend on one another so we will have to walk together as we are called to accomplish our purpose.

Think about this principle with the two best dream interpreters in Scripture—Joseph and Daniel. They were both extraordinary at interpreting what others received, but neither one of them could interpret their own dreams well. Daniel's revelations actually made him sick, and he was told to seal them up until the end of the age when their interpretation would be given.

I am making this distinction here because many people who start hearing from the Lord begin to think that everything they're getting is for the whole Body of Christ, or for the nations, when often it is just for them. Not being able to distinguish this has brought much confusion to the Body of Christ. This is one reason why much of the Body has had such bad experiences with the prophetic that they don't want to have anything to do with it now.

Learning to distinguish what the Lord is saying to us personally and what He may be saying to others simply takes maturity. I have prayed often for the power to be able to lay hands on people and just say, "Be mature in Jesus' name!" but it has never worked. The only way to mature is through experience.

You can't blame church leaders for only wanting prophetic ministry that is mature, because it takes a lot of work to help people mature. However, if you want a mature prophetic ministry, this is virtually the only way to get it. The maturing process for both the prophetically-gifted and those who will relate to them enables a true relationship to develop where the prophetic ministry can be useful.

Most of the people who read this Word for the Week are relatively mature Believers. However, we can be mature in one area but quite immature in others. The goal for our study this year is that regardless of how mature and experienced we are in knowing the voice of the Lord, we will go twice as far as we have before this year in revelation, knowledge, wisdom, and understanding. We will need this in the coming year, but this is why all of His gifts were given to the Church—we need them.

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## HIDDEN MANNA

The hidden manna, in us as true believers, refers to the food that He gives us daily to carry us forward and feed us. For kingdom people our manna is truth and it is from God.

To some unbelievers, the hidden manna is lies, and it is from the father of lies, Satan.

I always thought the "hidden manna" was good. So I asked Him for a scripture about this.

First, He reminded me that Satan counterfeits what God does. God has the real manna, and Satan counterfeits and distorts that.

Second, he drew my attention to 2 Corinthians 11:14 **"Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness."**

This reveals to me that there may be agents of Satan, who have masqueraded as servants of righteousness, who have fed lies that unbelievers have eaten and fed on during their lives. They probably think they have the truth, when in reality it is lies. But they have eaten it.

*You keep listening and I will reveal hidden things to you. You have asked, and I will answer. Keep listening and watching. It may come anytime and anywhere.*

Ok, Lord, I am listening and looking to You for these answers. Thank You, Lord, for providing them.

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## DESTRUCTIVE CRITICISM

I looked up and read Romans 8 and 9. It meant more to me than it previously had, like new understanding came. I was reading in a New Century Bible which I have, which has many articles inserted in it by various Christian authors. Well, right there, in Romans 8 section, was this article on *Criticism* by Brian Tracy. As I read the article I knew it applied to me, and my childhood. It showed me that one of the negative hidden manna is criticism as a child.

I will quote here a section of the article that particularly stood out to me:

"Destructive criticism lies at the root of many personality problems and of much hostility

between individuals. It leaves a trail of broken spirits, demoralization, anger, resentment, self-doubt and a host of negative emotions.

When children are criticized at an early age, they soon learn to criticize themselves. They run themselves down, sell themselves short and interpret their experiences in a negative way. The continually feel, "I'm not good enough," no matter how hard they work or how well they do."

The Lord also put in my mind the scripture from Malachi 4:3

**"But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings."**

*This year I, the Sun(Son) of Righteousness, shall rise and bring healing and righteousness to many, Joan. It will be good and you will see it. It will be done supernaturally.*

**"Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the Lord Almighty.  
(Zech. 4:6)**

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## PEACE SCRIPTURES

**Numbers 6:26** (Declare this whole scripture on you)

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you **peace**.”

**Numbers 25:12** (Place a covenant of peace on you)

Therefore tell him I am making my covenant of **peace** with him.

**Judges 6:24** (Place Jehovah Shalom, The Lord is Peace, on you)

So Gideon built an altar to the LORD there and called it The LORD Is **Peace**.

**Judges 18:6** (Place the Lord's approval on you)

The priest answered them, “Go in **peace**. Your journey has the LORD’s approval.”

**Psalms 4:8** (Place peace on your sleep)

In **peace** I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, LORD, make me dwell in safety.



**Psalm 29:11** (Place His blessing of peace on you)

The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with **peace**.

**Psalm 37:11** (Place meekness/humility on you and enjoyment of peace)

But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy **peace** and prosperity.

**Psalm 119:165** (Place a love of His law on you and that nothing can make you stumble)

Great **peace** have those who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble.

**Proverbs 16:7** (Declare the Lord causes your enemies to make peace with you)

When the LORD takes pleasure in anyone's way, he causes their enemies to make **peace** with them.

**Isaiah 9:7** (Declare you will be in His government ruling with justice and righteousness)

Of the greatness of his government and **peace** there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

**Isaiah 26:3** (Declare His perfect peace, a steadfast mind, and trust in Him)

You will keep in perfect **peace** those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.

**Isaiah 26:12** (Declare His established peace over you)

LORD, you establish **peace** for us; all that we have accomplished you have done for us.

**Isaiah 32:17** (Place on you the fruit of righteousness, peace, quietness, and confidence)

The fruit of that righteousness will be **peace**; its effect will be quietness and confidence forever.

**Isaiah 55:12** (Declare you will go out with joy and be led forth in peace)

You will go out in joy and be led forth in **peace**; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

**Isaiah 60:17** (Place on you peace as your governor and well-being your ruler)

I will make **peace** your governor and well-being your ruler.

**Daniel 10:19** (Place strength from the Lord on you)

"Do not be afraid, you who are highly esteemed," he said. "**Peace!** Be strong now; be strong." When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, "Speak, my lord, since you have given me strength."

**Matthew 5:9** (Place on you a peacemaker ministry)

Blessed are the **peacemakers**, for they will be called children of God.

**Luke 2:14** (Place on you the favor of God and peace)

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth **peace** to those on whom his favor rests.”

**John 14:27** (Place on you the peace Jesus gives you)

**Peace** I leave with you; my **peace** I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

**John 16:33** (Place on you the overcoming of the world)

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have **peace**. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

**Romans 1:7** (Place on you grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ)

To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people: Grace and **peace** to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Romans 8:6** (Place upon you a mind governed by the Spirit which is life and peace)

The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and **peace**.

**Romans 15:13** (Place on you the God of hope to fill you with all joy and peace)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and **peace** as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Galatians 5:22** (Place these on you)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, **peace**, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

**Ephesians 2:14** (Place on you Jesus who is your peace)

For he himself is our **peace**, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility,

**Philippians 4:7** (Place on you the peace of God which transcends all understanding to guard your heart and mind in Christ Jesus)

And the **peace** of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Colossians 3:15** (Place on you the rule of the peace of Christ in your heart)

Let the **peace** of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to **peace**.

And be thankful.

**1 Thessalonians 5:23** (Place on you the God of peace to sanctify you and keep you blameless  
May God himself, the God of **peace**, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul  
and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**James 3:17** (Place on you the wisdom that comes from heaven: pure, peace-loving, considerate,  
submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere)  
But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then **peace**-loving, considerate,  
submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

**2 Peter 3:14** (Place upon you to be spotless, blameless and at peace with God)  
So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless,  
blameless and at **peace** with him.

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## WONDERFUL GIFTS

When I awoke and was talking with the Lord, He told me to command that these 2 veils leave me  
forever:

- The veil of **distraction**, and
- The veil of **not discovering**

So I did that. And then He said to loose:

- the ability to **stay focused on Him**, the Lord, and
- the ability to **discover the new things** that He, the Lord, has for me.

I did that and then came the tears and shaking that confirm to me that He is with me and that He is  
doing this. Wow! Thank You, Lord, Thank You, Thank You, Thank You! You are so good to me.  
What wonderful gifts You have given me today: the ability to stay focused (stayed) on You, and the  
ability to discover the new things You have for me. I WANT both of those gifts! So, I receive them  
in Your Name, Jesus!

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## **A STRONG CORD OF THREE**

*You have a seer anointing, Joan, and so does your prayer partner. You each and both together will be coming up to My Spiritual Realm and seeing and/or hearing from Me. It's My work you're doing. I'm using you two as My servants, but also as My friends.*

*From now on you'll be adding a column/section to your journal called "Revelations." These will really be "Revelations from the Unseen Realm." Some will be to share, some to pray or decree, and some to hold/ponder.*

*I'm going to be speaking to you about your medications, Joan, which to stop taking and which, if any, to keep taking. Be watching for that. It will be soon - in the next 2 months.*

*Notice how your writing's better today? That's My doing.*

*You are a strong intercessor, Joan, because you are My friend and you hear Me and I hear you. Your prayer partner is also the same. I put us three together to make a strong cord of three, which can't easily be broken*

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## **THE PLACE OF IMMUNITY**

*Do you know that as you carry My Presence, when you enter a room My angels are alert to do what you send them out to do, and the evil forces are alert to see how you are going to affect them? They know how much power you carry, even if you don't.*

*I want you to know you carry My power and authority and can use it as I lead you - even quietly so people around you won't know. That's why I may have you step outside or into a different room sometimes during the services.*

*You are clean. You keep clean by meeting with Me each morning, taking communion, and anointing yourself. This is the place of immunity that Francis Frangipane wrote about. And with My blood over you every day,*

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## **A SECOND CHANCE**

## Seeing and Hearing, Part 1

Rick Joyner

Week 1, 2011

Since this is the first Word for the Week of 2011, and we are studying how to know God's voice and the prophetic gifts that He has given to His church, I want to begin by sharing what may be one of the most prolific messages God's people have been receiving. The question I may be asked more than any other is what 11-11 means. Whether seeing it repeatedly on their clocks or in other ways, many people have been receiving this for years. New Year's Day was 1/1/11 or 11-11. This usually speaks of a second chance, which is the message of Isaiah 11:11 because it is here that God promises to restore Israel to their land a second time

**In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a second time to bring back the remnant of his people. (Isaiah 11:11)**

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### A SERIES OF DREAMS

I had some dreams. Then I asked the Lord: What do these dreams mean, Lord? Did You give them to me? Will You interpret them for me please?

*Yes, I will. I gave them to you. Basically they mean this:*

*College training is over. You have had many dreams regarding college classes. This is the first one showing college is over. This is a good sign. What do you do after college? You look for a job, the one you have been trained for.*

*What have you been trained for, Joan?*

- *For intercession,*
- *For administration,*
- *For studying and communicating what you've learned to others,*
- *For adding stability in a situation as that person works it through,*
- *For listening to Me and writing or speaking what I've taught you.*

*These are things you have learned and now you have gotten a job using that training - right now with B and your prayer partner.*

*Bing Crosby represents the "old." His son represents the continuation of the old ways of thinking and "acting." Although you grew up in that thinking zone/paradigm, it has now become as separated as possible from you.*

*The car, or ministry, of that way of thinking is big and there is a lot of room in it, but you aren't welcome there anymore. And you can see and sense that.*

*The young hands represent, in this case, the immaturity of the past spiritual paradigm in your life. Hands represent works in this dream.*

*The musical drama represents the way much of the current church in America is seen by Me. They have beautiful clothes on and sound pretty (all this from the perspective of the world), but there is something missing and it doesn't minister to the needs around them.*

*I want you to know from these dreams that it is time to move on to the "new" that I have for you and am calling you to walk in. You have begun this "new" over the last several months and during last year. The new is good, Joan, and it is what I've trained you for. I know you don't see very far down the road of this ministry, but are mainly just living in the day to day present right now. I will give you more vision for what I have for your future - if you'll ask Me. Will you do that now?*

Yes, Lord, I ask You now to show me Your vision for my future. What do You want me to know and see regarding the job you have for me, that You have trained me for? Please show me, Lord, as much as You want me to know and understand right now.

*Ok, I will. this is a start: I want you involved in B's and your prayer partner's ministries that they are called to. That's why I have you tightly bound in sharing and prayer right now. This will continue, and I will take/use those relationships and shape your ministry plan to fit with theirs. That's number one.*

*Another aspect of your future ministry I will show you and develop for you as we go along, and as you "follow Me." Is that enough for you to know right now?*

Yes.

*By revelation, I will open your spiritual eyes to the new things as the situations develop regarding them. Expect those revelations to guide you. Keep asking for those revelations as we go forward now.*

I ask for them, Lord.

*I know you do. And, trust Me, I will give them at the right moments. You are currently getting those revelations more often now, and they will increase in number and speed. Expect this.*

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## MY HOLY SPIRIT WILL BE YOUR TEACHER

*Don't even evaluate the new by what you learned in the old, Joan. Only evaluate the new by Me and what I teach you and show you. My Holy Spirit will be your only Teacher from now on and He will teach you through those who also have the new being poured into them. Evaluate what they say by My Spirit, then follow what is the truth. It's the only way to follow the new.*

*The old will only lead you into unbelief and doubt, and you want to be rid of that. As your faith increases, your doubt will decrease. As your belief increases, your unbelief will decrease. That's the way My Kingdom works. Replace doubt with faith. Replace unbelief with belief. Read My Word on faith and belief to strengthen these in you. Repeat them often and let them change you down inside in your heart. This is My way.*

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## TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE

Lord, I ask You to show me and tell me what You meant at church when You told me You wanted me to keep on doing this intercession like today in the future. Will You do that, Lord?

*Yes, watch for it. I will put various pieces of understanding the whole puzzle together for you until you fully know My plans for you. Remember they are plans to "give you hope and a future." And remember you said, "Yes," to Me when I asked you if you would do that.*

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## A WARFARE PRAYER

This prayer is from a book called *Warfare Prayers for Prayer Warriors* by Jan Wallens.

Father, in Jesus' name I now declare that 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 Christ, bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

Therefore, in the name of Jesus Christ, I take all power and authority over all the works of darkness set against me. (I cast down and destroy every ungodly pattern of thinking, every ungodly attitude, habit, desire, motive, behavior, and belief from me in Jesus' name.) I bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

I pull down and destroy every strongman associated with these things. I bind all spirits of deception and lies, every mind-blinding spirit in Jesus name. I command satan and all his demons to loose my mind, and I ask you Father to send your angels to break, cut and sever all fetters and bands from around my mind in Jesus' name.

I thank you Lord that greater is HE that is in me than he that is in the world.

(The scripture references are 2 Corinthians 10:4-5, Matthew 18:18 and 1 John 4:4.)

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## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

*I want you to be a pray-er, Joan. I've called you to be a pray-er. Now I'm ready to teach you how to be a pray-er. That's what today is about. That's what working with your prayer partner is about. That's what working with Me is about.*

*As you read this book I want you to take notes on computer. Set up a special file just for it titled Intercessory Prayer by Dutch Sheets. Put all your notes in it as you read. And I will show you how to use it. I will "teach you to pray" as I want/need you to.*

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## MY LIFE ASSIGNMENT

During the afternoon today the Lord began to explain to me some of what He meant yesterday when He said this was what He wanted me to do in my future – it was intercessory prayer. He said these ideas:

- Hidden prayer warrior



- In a retreat setting (meaning set apart by myself in quiet)
- Assigned certain people to pray for
- I will listen and He will tell me whom to pray for and what to pray. Maybe like an hour or more at a time on one person/ministry
- He's getting me ready fast to see and hear better what He reveals to me for prayer
- Not pray what I want, but only what He wants
- This will be my life assignment
- I will not leave the U.S. but my prayers will – like I did with B in Uganda and the Gs in Turkey
- I am only to take on the ones He gives me, not others
- Most important prayer jobs I will ever do
- His Kingdom work – hidden in prayer
- He will keep the enemy from hearing my prayers even though I speak them out loud (unless He WANTS the enemy to hear them)
- This will be my place of peace in Him
- This will be my life in Him
- This will fulfill my every desire in Him

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## HOW TO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE WORDS I'M SPEAKING FOR HIM

The Lord and I talked regarding how to have confidence that the words I'm speaking for Him really are right. He says:

1. Be cleansed and anointed beforehand
2. Listen carefully and quietly to Him
3. Put on the mind of Christ and shield of protection/faith
4. Speak, trusting Him in the anointing, and that I have the mind of Christ.

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## SEEING THINGS IN MY "MIND'S EYE"

Regarding “seeing” things in my “mind’s eye”:

I did not know, until my prayer partner taught me, that a way of “seeing” was knowing something in my “mind’s eye” - which my prayer partner says is in the heart. When it comes to me, I “know” a picture is before me, but I don’t actually see any with my natural or spiritual eyes. But I know what it is, and that it is before me.

After it was explained that to me as being a new way of “seeing” (which was imparted to me on Sunday along with greater seeing) I realized I have “seen” this way on previous occasions, but I didn’t understand it.

For example, I have “seen” myself standing before the throne of God many times and seen Jesus standing to His right side...always standing up, not sitting down. I worship many times with this image before me. I talk to Them with this image before me.

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## **SHEPHERD'S ROD**

Regarding the Shepherd’s rod picture He gave me on Sunday in my “mind’s eye” -

In my Quiet Time I was conversing with the Lord about the meaning of the "Shepherd's rod" I saw in my "mind's eye" on Sunday, and He was telling me more about what that meant.

Basically, He told me that He is the Shepherd and I am His rod that He uses here on earth. He uses that rod to guide, comfort, correct, rebuke, teach, and discipline. He speaks, and I speak it forth for Him, He uses His rod and I do it for Him....all this as I listen and obey Him.

Then He reminded me of a vision picture He gave me years ago in which He, Jesus, was walking through a valley, and I, as a little sheep, was walking on His right side. This picture has brought me great comfort through the years.

Then I opened David Wilkerson's message today, and he taught on *The Lord My Shepherd*.

God is surely coordinating David's messages to meet my heart's needs! I am amazed again by Him!

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## **SHEKINAH - A PRESENCE THAT NEVER LEAVES**

## THE LORD MY SHEPHERD

We are all familiar with the 23rd Psalm. Its comforting message is well known even among non-believers. This renowned psalm was written by King David, and its most famous passage is contained in the opening verse: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

The Hebrew word David uses for want in this verse indicates a meaning of lack. David is saying, in other words, "I shall not lack anything." When we combine this meaning with the first part of the verse, David is saying, "The Lord leads, guides and nourishes me. And because of that, I have no lack."

In this brief verse, David gives us yet another reflection of the Lord's character and nature. The literal Hebrew translation of the first part of this verse is Jehovah Rohi (pronounced Je-HO-va-RO'-ee). It means "the Lord, my shepherd."

Jehovah Rohi is not some benign, passive shepherd. He isn't a hireling—someone who does little more than provide food and guidance. He doesn't merely point us toward the grassy pasture and pools of water, and say, "There's what you need. Go and get it." Nor does he turn a blind eye to our needs. He doesn't run the other way when he hears our cries for help and sees us in trouble. No, he knows every pain we endure, every tear we shed, every hurt we feel. He knows when we're too weary to go another step. He knows just how much we can take. Most of all, he knows how to rescue us and bring us to a place of healing. Time after time, our shepherd comes after us, fetches us and takes us to a place of rest. He continually makes us lie down for a time of healing and restoration.

Jehovah Rohi—the Lord our shepherd—is compelling us to follow him into his rest, so that he might "shekinah" in our midst. The Lord says in Exodus 29:45, "I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God." The Hebrew word for dwell here is shekinah, meaning "to abide by, or to settle down beside." This word signifies not just a passing presence, but a permanent one—a presence that never leaves. In short, the shekinah glory of God is not a vanishing imprint that disappears from our hearts like invisible ink. No, it's something God imprints permanently on our soul. It's his very near and eternal presence.

The picture here is glorious: Our shepherd offers to come to us in the midst of our pain and depressed condition, and to sit by our side. He promises to bind up our wounds and strengthen the parts of us that have become sick and diseased.

That's the shekinah glory of God: the abiding, everlasting presence of the Lord. And we often experience it when we're in the midst of trouble. Our great shepherd tells us, "I want to restore you. And I'm going to do it by being present with you, even in the valley and shadow of death. My presence will be with you through everything the devil throws at you. Even if you try to run from me, I'm going to chase after you. And when I catch you, I am going to take you in my arms and carry you back to my rest. Then I'll bind up your wounds and heal all your sicknesses."

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## UNION WITH GOD

Union with God. This means to be made one with our Master and our Creator God. It is a work that God does in our hearts, with two vital preparations on our part: love for God and purity of heart. First comes the revelation of God's vast love toward us and, second, allowing Him to produce in us a heart of purity as an expression of our love for Him. (*The Seer* by James Goll, p. 169)

*That's what I am working on next in your life, Joan. Do you want this?*

Yes, Lord. I want union with You. How do I get that?

*That's what I am giving you next. I want that too. Your recent dream, where we embraced, showed that we were close to that, but there was a small distance yet between us. I want that distance closed if you are willing.*

I'm willing, Lord.

*Then I will do it at just the right time. Once you are in union with Me, then you can never go back out of it. I will see to that. I will not let you go out of union with Me. You will know Me so well that I don't want you loose in the world without My closeness and protection all the time, day and night, because you will be a target for the enemy.*

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## INEXPRESSIBLE JOY AND LOVE

I was experiencing very tender feelings today. I was led to ask the Lord about this. As I asked He said:

*The greater truth is that you are feeling a greater depth of My love, Joan. I love you with a depth so great that you cannot know it with words or with actions or with feelings only. It must be expressed, and you find it impossible to express it so you know it is adequately expressed. It is BEYOND adequate expression while on this earth.*

*It can only be known and understood adequately when you come up here to heaven to be with Me. Then, somehow, you will KNOW and UNDERSTAND this great love I have for you and you feel rising up inside you. You have felt this great love rising up inside you in the past at times. You always knew it was somehow from Me, but didn't know what to do with it. It is inexpressible to you. It is only expressible through Me. Now you know. Enjoy this love from Me.*

*That's what was rising up inside you as you walked across the college campus one night near the chapel. That's what was rising up inside you as you sat by the fountain in Columbia and could hardly contain the joy that came. That's what you felt when you were singing in church choir practice one night when that joy and love rose up so you thought you might burst if it got greater. It is I, Joan. I am that Love. You are experiencing Me. Just enjoy Me and enjoy these special days when they come.*

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## MY FUTURE

Today in Quiet time He showed me again the vision picture of myself inside a bubble, which He put around me. I could see out of the clear bubble, but couldn't get out of it. There was no door out, even though I thought there was when I got the vision. Today He shows me that there is NO WAY OUT.

That means I will always be surrounded with the bubble of His protection and it will always be there. It will not leave or dissipate. No one can come in, and I can't go outside of it. He showed me today that the bubble is made of clear one-sided glass or material, which I can see out of, but NO ONE ELSE CAN SEE IN to see me or hear me. So I am hidden from the evil one and his demon spirits. They can't see me or hear me praying. I am a *hidden warrior*.

Today He wants me to make a new folder in my computer titled MY FUTURE. In it I am to put the revelations He is giving me of what I am becoming and will become in Him. This writing will be put in there along with other writings and revelations He guides me to put there.

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## A DREAM ABOUT FIREMEN RIDING ON TALL BICYCLES

In this dream I was walking on a road among a forest of very tall trees (2-3 stories high) - like maybe pine trees. I saw a fireman who was riding on an exceedingly tall bicycle so that he was at the top of the tree level. He had a branch of a tree stuck in his yellow fireman's hat. It seemed like I knew there were other fireman also, but I only saw this one.

Then I saw a fireman riding on a donkey along the road near me. I watched as he came. It was like he said (or it was spoken to me) that he was following up to see that all the fire was taken care of.

What does this dream mean, Lord? Was it from You?

*Yes, it was from Me and that's why I have kept it in your remembrance for many days. I have been waiting for you to write it down and deal with it. Now is the time. Do you see that there was a fire somewhere, even if you didn't see it? You only saw the evidence of those who were dealing with it, not the fire itself. So what does that mean?*

*It means that I am taking care of the fire that is blazing in the heavenlies (way up high in the sky above the trees) and My firemen are checking it out to see that all is accomplished that I sent them to do. The fire is from Me. The blaze takes out those enemy forces that have been against you and your prayer partner this week in the battle you have waged for Me. The fireman on the donkey reminds you of Me, doesn't He? Because I rode a donkey in humility on My day of recognition by some.*

*What does a fire mean, Joan? In this case it means "removal of impurities" and it means "God's protection." It means the Presence of God, the Holiness of God, purifying and testing. All of these took place this week. I showed Myself pure and powerful in what your prayer partner went through. I was exalted in it. I was glorified in it – in that he went forth and went through what he did because I asked him to. That brought Me glory. Tell him this.*

*The tall trees represent leaders – leaders in the evil hierarchy. Notice that trees can symbolize "power of evil people". What evil people did your prayer partner meet up with this week? Those firemen were My angelic beings sent forth to control and watch over the fire that was blazing and to keep you both safe while you were walking on the road (going along the journey I led you on). You felt no danger, did you, in the dream?*

No, Lord, but absolute peace. I was just watching and wondering what it meant.

*There you are. So the dream depicts that stance for you and your prayer partner. He took the brunt of the battle, but you walked in peace. Interesting, huh? Sometimes it may be the other way around – where he walks in peace and you take the brunt of the battle. But mostly you will be standing by him as he goes forth where I send him. Note that.*

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## HUMILITY DEFEATS EVERYTHING

A word of wisdom from my prayer partner -

I noticed a picture on my wall after we hung up. It is more of the answer to a word you gave already. The picture is of a giraffe. The significance is that before I went to Kenya, HE gave me a dream of seeing a giraffe. The first animal I saw crossing the Maasii tribal lands into the Preserve was a giraffe after driving 10 minutes. In the dream and in the natural the giraffe did exactly what he was directed to do. As we drove across the land, the giraffe was on my left side and bowed his left knee to us. The picture is on my wall; It represents HUMILITY. And, as the word you gave the other day, HUMILITY defeats everything, including strife. I need to dig that word out and place it forefront in my heart and mind - because Humility defeats everything.

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## AN EAGLE

*You are an eagle today, Joan. Today I have made you an eagle.*

How can this be, Lord? Why would You do that?

*Because that is what I choose to do, My child. You are now an eagle for Me and you will fly forth in My Name and give out wisdom for Me, and prophetic words for Me, and encouragement for Me, and prophecy to Me.*

Is that different from prophetic words, Lord?

*Yes, it is. And you will come to understand that more as we proceed. Just know, today, you have been promoted to being an eagle like you saw in Rick Joyner's book The Final Quest. I will be with you and show you how to minister as an eagle now, ok?*

Yes, Lord! Teach me your ways, Lord, that I may know You and continue to find favor with You. Thank you for this favor from you. I trust You will accomplish this through Your wonderful grace!

I just noticed that I wrote the words "prophecy TO ME in that word from Him. At first I thought I had made an error and it should say prophecy for Me. But He says that is not a mistake, but that I will be making prophecies to Him – meaning, I believe, declarations that He wants spoken forth or prophesied. Is that correct, Lord?

*Yes, that is correct. That is one of the things I will be having you do more and more for Me is prophesy TO ME. Then I will carry out those prophecies. That is how I work in My Kingdom. Remember when I healed people, I often said something like, “You are healed”? That was prophesying TO MY FATHER who then performed those acts. I only did what I saw Him doing and said what I heard Him saying. You will too, only you will do and say what I show you and speak to you. Is that ok with you?*

Yes, Lord. Thank You, Lord! Is that what an eagle does?

*Yes, he/she is a high-level worker with Me and for Me. He/she is “in union” with Me and does My work on earth and we communicate with each other – daily. Will you do and be that for Me, Joan?*

Yes, Lord, I say yes to You! I want to be Your eagle and communicate with You daily and go out in Your Name to do the work You send me to do. I consider it a great honor and privilege to be chosen to do that with You, Lord! Thank You for choosing me! Please keep me humble and loving as You are humble and loving as we do this together.

*I will, Joan. That is part of My commitment to you today. This is part of the new covenant we are now making with each other. I WILL keep you in right relationship with Me so you will be ready and able to carry out this ministry. Remember I am He who began a good work in you, and I will be faithful to complete it. Praise Me for this!*

*This is going to be SO GOOD, Joan! I am excited and I know you are too. AND I WILL DO ALL THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS!*

Yes, I can see that, because that’s the way You’ve been functioning in me. Thank You!

(A note: last night I wanted to change the picture on my desktop P.C. and He guided me to put the picture of an eagle flying there. Then He used that picture to prompt me to write this about being an eagle for Him this morning.)

As I look at the picture, He says:

*Only you will not be black like the eagle picture, Joan. You will be and are a pure white eagle. Notice he/ she is flying out FROM those tall pine trees and INTO the heavens. That is what you will be doing too. Remember this.*



*What are we talking about up here in heaven now, Joan? What did we ask you and your prayer partner to pray out loud for us and with us? JUDGMENT!*

*The world is now to be judged. It is time for the last judgments to come to the present earth. It will be very good for My people - for judgment brings justice and My people have been crying out to Me for justice. And justice will be done and now is the time! Yes, that's why I led you and him to agree together this morning and call to Me for justice.*

**Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know. (Jeremiah 33:3)**

*You will now begin to see these unfold on the earth and you will “know” from Me that these are My judgments. Do not be afraid of My judgments – they will bring justice and will prepare the way for My soon return.*

*First I will take off the earth My people, My Bride, and then I will quickly finish My judgments and then return to rule and reign (and you with Me)!*

*I'm getting eager – very eager – so pray My prayers for Me, ok?*

Yes, Lord! Show us what to pray and we will pray Your prayers!

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## THE LATENT POWER OF THE SOUL

(Quotes from the book *The Latent Power of The Soul* by Watchman Nee)

(Preface)

Our conflict is not concerned with word but with that which lies behind. The spirit and the soul are two totally different organs: one belongs to God, while the other belongs to man. They are completely distinct in substance. The peril of the believer is to confuse the spirit for the soul and the soul for the spirit, and so be deceived into accepting the counterfeit of evil spirits to the unsettling of God's work.

The greatest advantage in knowing the difference between spirit and soul is in perceiving the latent power of the soul and in understanding its falsification of the power of the Holy Spirit. Such knowledge is not theoretical but practical in helping people to walk in God's way.

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Man's body was formed of the dust of the ground, and man's spirit was given to him by God. After the breath of life had entered into his nostrils man became a living soul. The spirit, the soul, and the body are three separate entities. The spirit is God-given; the soul is a living soul; and the body is God-formed.

We humans have both spirit and body; but our characteristic is neither spirit nor body but soul....soul stands for our personality, for what makes us as man.

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How strong must Adam be to be charged with dressing a land which was surrounded by four rivers! He was not only to dress it but also to keep it; to keep the garden from being invaded by the enemy. Therefore the power which Adam had in that day must have been tremendous. He must have been a man with astounding ability. All his powers were inherent in his living soul. We may look upon Adam's power as supernatural and miraculous, but so far as Adam was concerned these abilities were not miraculous but human, not supernatural but natural.

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At the fall, though, the power which distinguishes Adam from us is lost. Yet this does not mean there is no longer such power; it only denotes that though this ability is still in man, it is nonetheless "frozen" or immobilized. According to Genesis 6, after the fall man becomes flesh. The flesh envelops the whole being and subjugates him. Man was originally a living soul; now, having fallen, he becomes flesh. His soul had been meant to submit to the spirit's control; now it is subject to the dominion of the flesh.

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When Adam fell in the garden of Eden his power was immobilized. He had not lost this power altogether, only it was now buried within him...this primordial ability of Adam has become a "latent" force in his descendants. It has turned to become a kind of "hidden" power. It is not lost to man, it is simply bound up by the flesh.

Today in each and every person who lives on earth lies this Adamic power, though it is confined in him and is not able to freely express itself. Yet such power is in every man's soul just as it was in Adam's soul at the beginning...**The work of the devil nowadays is to stir up man's soul and to release this latent power within it as a deception for spiritual power.** The reason for my mentioning these things is to warn ourselves of the special relationship between man's soul and Satan in the last days.

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Satan attempts to break open this fleshly shell and to release the power dormant in man's soul in order to gain control over man. Many do not understand this strategy, being deceived into accepting it as of God.

In any religion there stands a common principle behind all their apparent differences. **This common principle is to aim at overcoming the outward flesh so as to deliver the soul power from all kinds of bondage for freer expression...**It is important to know this or else we will be deceived....Their elucidation's may vary, nevertheless the underlying principle is the same, which is, **the use of special means to release the power of the soul.**

Examples: Taoism, Buddhism (the Buddhist is attempting to break all physical and material bonds so as to get his soul power released), church of Christ, Scientist, Unity, psychology, parapsychology,, hypnotism, clairvoyance, telepathy.

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Why is it called "latent" power? Because in Adam's fall God had not withdrawn from him that "supernatural" power which he once possessed. Instead, this power fell with him and became

imprisoned in his body. The power was there; only it could not be expressed...the latent power of the soul may be released by the appropriate means.

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Telepathy – being communication between mind and mind otherwise than through the known channels of the senses – enables a person to use his own psychic force to ascertain another's thought without the need of being told.

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All these practices of breathing, ascetic exercise, hypnosis, prediction, responses, and communications are but the release and manifestation of the power within.

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We who have been taught of God know that this ability is the latent power of man's soul which is now bound in the flesh through Adam's fall. This power had fallen with man, so that according to God's will it should not be used any further. But it is Satan's desire to develop this latent ability so as to make man feel he is as rich as God in accordance with what Satan had promised. Thus will man worship himself, though indirectly it is a worship of Satan. Hence Satan is behind all these parapsychic researches. He is trying his best to use the latent energy of the soul to accomplish his goal. For this reason, all who develop their soul power cannot avoid being contacted and used by the evil spirit.

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An adept can consciously see the minds of others. He can act by his soul-force on external spirits....He can send his soul to a distance, and there not only read the thoughts of others, but speak to and touch those distant objects...he can exhibit to his distant friends his spiritual body in the exact likeness of that of the flesh.

These miraculous phenomena in religion and science are but the manifestation of man's latent power which in turn is used by the evil spirit. They all follow one common rule: to break through the bonds of the flesh and release the power of the soul. The difference between us (the Christians) and them lies in the fact that all our miracles are performed by God through the Holy Spirit. **Satan makes use of man's soul force to manifest his strength. Man's soul power is Satan's working instrument, through which he works out his evil end.**

God never works with man's soul power, for it is unusable to Him...God works by the Holy Spirit and our renewed spirit....Since the fall God has forbidden man to again use his original power of the soul. It is for this reason that the Lord Jesus often declares how we need to lose our soul life, that is, our soul power.

We cannot say that all the wonders performed in the world are false; we have to acknowledge that many of them are real. But all these phenomena are produced by the latent power of the soul after Adam's fall. As Christians we must be very careful in this last age not to stir up soul's latent energy either purposely or unwittingly.

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Soul power is rushing towards us like a torrent...Satan is causing this world to be filled with the power of darkness. Yet this is but Satan's last and final preparation for the manifestation of the Antichrist. Those who are truly spiritual sense all around them the acceleration of opposition from the evil spirits.

Satan will perform many astonishing feats by utilizing this soul power so as to deceive God's elect.

What is soul power? By going to the Scriptures and under the illumination of the Holy Spirit believers ought to realize that this power is so hellish as to spread over all nations on earth and to turn the whole world into chaos.

Satan is now engaging this soul power to serve as a substitute for God's gospel and its power. He tries to blind people's hearts, through the marvel of soul force, into accepting a bloodless religion....He aims at substituting Christ's salvation with psychic force.

The children of God can be protected only by knowing the difference between spirit and soul...."Soul-force" versus "Spirit-force" is the battleground today....the only safety for the child of God is an experimental knowledge of the life in union with Christ wherein he dwells with Christ in God, above the poisonous air in which the prince of the power of the air carries on his work.

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May God impress us with the fact that where soul force is, there also is the evil spirit....For the soul's power has, through Adam's sin, already fallen under the dominion of Satan and has become the latter's working instrument. We therefore need to exercise great caution against Satan's deception.

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The relation between this latent psychic power and a Christian. Unless we know its danger we will not know how to guard against it.

Four facts

1. There is in Adam an almost unlimited power, a near miraculous ability. This we call soul power. Modern psychic researchers have proved the existence of such ability within man.
2. Satan desires to control man's latent soul power...for his own purposes. The purpose of his tempting Adam and Eve in the garden was to gain control of their soul power....Satan knew there was such wonder-working strength in man, hence he tempted man to declare his independence from God...He aimed at gaining the soul of man. When man fell, his original ability and miraculous strength all fell into Satan's hand.
3. Today Satan desires to release and display the latent power of the soul.
4. Satan does this to confuse God's miracles and confound the work of the Holy Spirit by doing in man's soul many phenomena similar to the working of the Holy Spirit, causing man to experience false repentance, false salvation, false regeneration, false revival, false joy, and other counterfeits of the Holy Spirit experiences.
5. The last three years and a half of the tribulation will be a period of great wonders performed by man's soul under Satan's direction.

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How should we guard against deception? We need to discern what is God's operation and what is the enemy's operation, what work is done by the Holy Spirit and what work is done by the evil spirit. All the works of the Holy Spirit are done through man's spirit; the works of the enemy are all done through man's soul.

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If we pray we should pray to God and not towards man. I personally have experienced the ill-effect of such prayer. Several years ago I was sick for over a year. This was due to the prayers of five or

six persons being piled upon me. The more they prayed, the weaker I became. Finally I discovered the cause. I began to resist such prayers, asking God to disengage me from what they had prayed for. And so I got well.

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Testimony: I have just come through a terrible onslaught of the enemy. Hemorrhage, heart affection, panting and exhaustion. My whole body is in a state of collapse. **It suddenly burst upon me while at prayer to pray against all psychic power exercised upon me by (psychic) "prayer."** By faith in the power of the Blood of Christ, I cut myself off from it, and the result was remarkable. Instantly my breathing became normal, the hemorrhage stopped, exhaustion vanished, all pain fled, and life came back into my body. I have been refreshed and invigorated ever since....my condition was the effect of a group of deceived souls, who are in opposition to me, "praying" about me!

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"You must remember that there is no need for people to feel the power which comes from the Holy Spirit. Man's duty is to obey God. For the power of the Holy Spirit is not given for man to feel (sensing in the Spirit is another matter). My duty is to ask God to bind my soul force, that is, my own power. I am to obey God absolutely, the rest I leave to Him to do.

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Each time we see or hear of a wonder performed we must ask, is this God's doing or the enemy's. Is it done by the Holy Spirit of God or by the law of human psychology?

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## STANDING IS OFTEN MUCH HARDER THAN MOVING FORWARD

After trying to go to sleep for over 1 ½ hours, and going to sleep just enough to have a dream where I was afraid of an elephant coming near me, and weird things happening which didn't seem like they were dreams from God, I asked Him to tell me what was the truth about what is going on. He says:

*The truth is, Joan, that I am fighting a huge battle up here in the heavens. My angels are very busy doing this for Me. I have engaged you and your prayer partner in this battle. And, as you listen to Me, I give you another piece of what this battle is.*

*The truth is I need your voices to declare things into the heavens for Me. I need you two to take a stand for Me where I tell you to stand.*

*I have you standing beside him for Me. Both of you are trying very hard to listen to Me and follow Me. That is all taking place just right, just like I am leading you. The truth is, this is a hard place to be. Standing is often much harder than moving forward. But standing must be done just at this moment.*

*Any time now, meaning any day now, this issue will be resolved one way or the other. The enemy's tactic right now is delay.*

*Rejoice! The victory is ours! THAT is the truth that you asked Me about. See this from My heavenly perspective and you will better understand what is going on. Justice and truth and righteousness are prevailing.*

*Ask Me what question is the right question to ask Me.*

Lord, what is the right question to ask You?

*I want you to know the right question is: What are You doing, Lord? What can we do for You, Lord? What can we do with You, Lord? What does Your heart want right now?*

What are You doing, Lord?

*I am waging the battle of the century, the battle of the ages, the end-time battle for supremacy of My people for the world. I am eager and ready to give this world back to My people.*

What can we do for You, Lord?

*You can fight this battle along side of Me and win it together with Me. I have called you to this, those of you who are My dread champions right now. Fight for Me and with Me.*

What can we do with You, Lord?

*Listen to Me and follow Me – every day as you set yourselves apart unto Me.*

What does your heart want right now?

*Victory, Joan, I want victory in the earth and the battle to be finished so I can come and rule and reign along with My victorious people!*

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## **Will America Survive 2011?**

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*Recently, my friend Rick Joyner had the most serious, alarming dream of his life. It was also the most specific, real and graphic dream he has ever had. Many of you are familiar with the accurate dreams God gives Rick. His best-selling book, The Final Quest, was based on a series of dreams. The message of his latest dream is crucial for future of the United States. — Sid Roth*

On October 22, 2010, I dreamed I was walking through a log cabin. Every room that I walked through was a different part of America. It was like this log cabin was the United States. Small fires started breaking out on the floor in every room. They were easy for me to stomp out. As I started to leave the log cabin, another fire ignited that I went over to put out. I saw that it had burned through the floor, so I looked through the hole to see if I could determine what was causing these fires. I discovered that the entire foundation of the building was covered in hot burning coals. I knew the cabin was about to go up in flames so I started to turn aside to grab my laptop computer. Immediately, I heard the voice of the Lord say, "You don't have time for that. Get your wife, and the fire hose, and put the fire out." The dream ended. When I woke up I was deeply shaken.

Interpretation: Our national problems are much worse than we realize. The foundation of our nation is being consumed by a fire that threatens everything. The reference to "my wife" represents the church, and she alone has what can put out this fire—the truth. In Ephesians 5:26 we are told that water represents the Word of God, and this alone can save us now.

I believe that if the preachers and the prophetic voices in America don't stand up and pour out the truth, our whole nation is about to be lost. And we've got to pour the truth on the foundations.

A week after my dream, an Orthodox Jewish rabbi who believes in Jesus (who I cannot name) had a dream that I felt corroborated mine. The following is an abbreviated version of what he sent to me:

I had a dream on the evening of October 29 and again during the afternoon on October 30. I saw a giant grizzly bear running rampant through America and the rest of the world, though primarily in the United States. It was large enough that it could swallow a man whole in a single bite. People everywhere were cowering in fear. I watched in horror as it swallowed person after person with alarming speed and left a swath of destruction behind it. As it approached where I was standing, that fear and panic started to overwhelm me, and then suddenly I felt a peace. That was when I noticed the Lord was standing next to me. He said, "Come with Me, you have seen all that you need to here. There is something else you need to see."

He took me to what looked to be a classic church with a steeple. When I walked inside, while it still had the feel of a house of worship, it looked more like a hunting lodge filled with trophies. Suddenly I saw what looked at first to be the rampaging bear. Then I realized that, no, this bear was considerably smaller, and while still menacing, it was nowhere near as fearful as the rampaging bear that I had seen. After a moment I realized that it was another trophy.

As I approached, I saw a plaque at the bear's feet that said, "The Great Bear of 1929." Even knowing that it was a long dead trophy, I still stood trembling before this bear. The same fear and confusion seemed to radiate from it as was radiating from the rampaging bear. Again, I felt calm come over me as the Lord stepped up to my side. When I turned to Him, He said, "You need to stand in my peace to see clearly what must be done." As I looked back at the bear I noticed a rifle in a case next to it. It looked like an old M1 Garand in 30-06 caliber. When I looked at the

manufacturer's information inscribed in the barrel it said, "Mission and Intercession Armory." In place of the model number were two verses, "Matthew 6:33" and "Matthew 6:10."

As I was marveling at the rifle, an old hunter approached me. He was dressed in a field jacket of WWII vintage. He said, "That rifle is great for killing bears. We used it to take down the Great Bear here. It is available for any who are willing to take it up now. One well aimed shot at the heart is all it takes." The dream ended.

In both of these dreams there is an answer to the current crisis. In dreams and visions, bears usually represent fear, or as in this case, a "bear market," which is actually the result of fear. Though I was not told this in my dream, I felt that the fear that was devouring our foundation, and would soon consume the entire house, was an economic catastrophe. In my friend's dream, it was a bigger bear than the bear of 1929. Often the time when we wake up from a prophetic dream can have significance, indicating a date, or a Scripture verse. That he had this dream on "the evening of October 29th" also speaks of 1929. This is what we are approaching.

In my dream the answer was to get the church (my wife), who has the hose, and get her to pour water on the fire. The water that can put this fire out and save the house is the truth. Pastors, preachers, individual Christians, must stand for the truth without compromise, they must proclaim it boldly regardless of the threat, and they must do it now. That I did not have time to get my laptop spoke of how we cannot worry about our own stuff—we've got to proclaim the truth.

In my friend's dream, the weapon we can use to kill the bigger, more deadly bear we are facing now was the same weapon that killed the bear of 1929—faith in the Lord and His coming kingdom (Matt. 6:10), seeking "first the kingdom of God and His righteousness," and not worrying about tomorrow (Matt. 6:33-34). The only way that we can do that, as this dream indicated, is to stay close to the Lord.

The election on November 2nd was important, and a step in the right direction for our nation. Many believers assembled to pray and fast for this election. We should be encouraged by the results. However, the crises we are now facing will not be solved in Washington. Too many times Christians have seen their candidates elected and then relaxed, feeling that things were now going to be okay. They have only gotten worse, if only a bit slower. We should support and pray for our leaders, but what we're now facing is beyond their ability to handle. Voting is important, but prayer is more important than any vote. Prayer is crucial. And we must add to it the proclamation of the truth. Above all—get close to the Lord.

One final note—there is no place for fear. Jesus is in total control. God is not up there wringing His hands over all this stuff happening here on earth. If we keep our eyes on Him, we can go through the most intense times the earth has ever known and count it all joy. This is our time. We have been chosen to live in these times. We have the One in us who is much greater than anyone in the world!



Wednesday, January 26, 2011

#### WHO DREAMED UP THIS PLAN FOR SURVIVAL?

**“And the word of the Lord came unto him [Elijah], saying, Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan” (I Kings 17: 2–3).**

As Elijah looked ahead to the coming crisis, things must have looked absolutely hopeless to him. But God had a specific survival plan in mind for his faithful servant. He instructed the prophet, “Go east to the Jordan River, and there you will find Cherith, a little tributary that runs off. You can get all the drinking water you need from that brook. In addition, I’ve arranged for food to be delivered to you daily, by my courier ravens!”

How could any person, in a million years, ever dream up this kind of a plan for survival? How could Elijah ever have imagined he’d be sent to a hidden brook to find water to drink, when there was nothing but drought everywhere else in the land? How could he ever have thought a daily supply of bread would be brought to him by ravenous birds that ate everything they sank their beaks into?

Later, times got hard for Elijah, because the brook finally dried up. But God stepped in again, giving the prophet another fresh word of direction. He said, **“Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow there to sustain thee” (v. 9).** Again, I have to ask—how could anyone ever think a poor widow woman, in the midst of a depression, could feed a man for days, weeks, months on end? But the fact is, God uses the most despised, insignificant things of the world for his glory. And he told Elijah, “If you’ll go to her and do what I tell you, you’ll survive. Listen to me—heed my direction—and you’ll make it through!”

The evidence is overwhelming: God—our adviser, counselor and survival expert—has a detailed plan for every one of his children, to help us face the worst of times!

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#### SONGS OF PRAISE

Psalm 8, 9, etc – sing these songs of praise and deliverance and of His power. Songs of praise for holiness and praise for mercy.

*When you sing these songs to Me, Joan, songs that praise and worship Me, then something is stirred up in Me that hasn’t yet been stirred up before in this battle. I will hear you from a deeper place in My heart, and then I will send out My angels to do this deep work.*

*It's the deepest place you can go in warfare – to sing new songs of praise and worship and of trusting in Me to fight the battle.*

*Yes, these songs will be like songs of ascent...the longer and more you sing, the higher you will go into My Spirit realm and all the way up to My throne room. Come before Me with songs of praise.*

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## BURDEN BEARING

(Quotes from *Keepers of the Presence* by Murray Dueck, pp. 131-179)

(P. 131) When I had driven out into the country to deal with the warfare, I was assuming that I was fighting through something to do with me and my personal situation. It never occurred to me that the Lord had actually given me a burden bearing assignment, that I was waging a war on behalf of someone else. I assumed that my battle was just about me and my little world. Spiritually sensitive sensor/feelers often make such mistakes. Because we sense or feel things so strongly, we automatically want to protect ourselves and to have whatever is going on stop! Often, our first reaction is to seek personal peace and survival, which makes it difficult for us to come to the right conclusion. I now see God wanted to start a dialogue with me about what I was feeling so that I could be aware of, and involved with, the burden He was carrying. I just needed to learn to ask whether what I was experiencing was about myself or someone else.

(132) We will always enjoy greater fruitfulness and blessing by living according to the truth that God is looking for co-laborers on the earth, so He can release His presence and glory through His people.

It is important to note that burden bearing does not always require that you minister to people, but it does call you to minister to the heart of God.

(134) As an act of intercessory prayer, burden bearing not only releases the power of God into the lives of people, but also into corporate meetings, and even regions.

(135) Burden bearing is a divine act that can release the presence of God into meetings, churches, and regions. We, as sensor/feelers, are uniquely positioned before the Lord to step into this calling. As keepers of the Lord's presence, we have been gifted to sense what is hindering the Lord, when those hindrances break, and when God's glory is released into situations. Thus, through burden bearing and prayer, we can pastor the presence of God in corporate settings.

(136) From time to time, before I am to speak at a conference or preach at a church, travail and weeping will overwhelm me. I will begin to shake and cry. I was sure of one thing—I didn't want people to lay hands on me and pray for me! I knew I didn't need healing for what I was experiencing. I eventually figured out that what was really happening had nothing to do with my emotional condition—it was God's heart! I realized that such manifestations usually indicated that

the presence and power of God was going to fall in my upcoming meeting. When I get all emotional before a meeting, it is as if God is pouring into me His heart for the people at that meeting. As I carry the burden of the Lord and weep, the presence of God begins to build within me, like water inside a dam. As I stay with the Lord in that state and carry that burden, I know the presence of God is going to show up in the meeting in a big way, just like a dam opening its floodgates! And the glorious thing is this—since I carried that burden, I know I will get to stand in the anointing and power of the presence of God as it pours out onto countless people in that meeting. As a sensor/feeler and friend of God, He gives me the honor of pastoring His presence so I can see the desires of His heart fulfilled.

## SPIRITUAL WARFARE VERSUS DEFILEMENT

Spiritual warfare and defilement have one very significant difference: while you can just wash off defilement, you can't rid yourself of the enemy quite as easily – he tends to resist and fight back.

Our enemy is just like that: *his power over us depends on what we believe about him, and about the Father's love for us, and about our authority in Christ.*

Focus on Jesus; step into God's presence; reflect the Lord's glory; and then rebuke the enemy. After all the enemy is just a turkey with his feathers all fluffed up.

I learned that my years of developing a lifestyle of worship had increased my spiritual authority and helped me to outgrow some of my fears. I also discovered that learning from Jesus, focusing my sensor/feeler gift on God through worship, and maturing spiritually had given me the authority to thrash the enemy. Warfare can be a lot of fun if we overcome the things in ourselves that cause fear and panic. *The enemy is a defeated foe, but he stops by from time to time to see if we believe it.* Therefore, if we are to defeat the enemy, we must first prepare to win. We need to put on the armor of God and stand firm. We must realize that we put on armor because we are warriors—warriors who clothe ourselves in the glory and presence of God through worshipping the Lord!

As warriors, when we find ourselves in a battle against the enemy and he is trying to make us feel fear, shame, weak, etc., we need to realize that God is sending us a message: "There is ground to be taken, the kingdom of heaven is advancing, and the army of the Lord is moving forward." In fact, when a big battle is raging, the Lord is revealing to us that we are about to graduate to a new level of authority and anointing in Him; our ministry is about to move forward. If you study the life of Jesus, you will see Him face big battles before big victories.

We, as sensor/feelers, submit to God by turning our sensing/feeling gift away from the enemy and onto God. We turn to God in worship, love on Him, adore Him, and humble ourselves before Him. Suddenly, God's presence comes and the enemy runs for it. To beat him, all we need to do is submit to God and resist the enemy; that's when he runs for the hills!

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God wants us to know that no matter how difficult things may get for us, he will sustain all who trust in him—by the power of his still, small voice, speaking to our inner man daily.

This is confirmed by the prophet Isaiah: **“And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left” (Isaiah 30:21).** You have to understand, Isaiah delivered this word to Israel in the very worst of times. The nation was under judgment, in absolute ruin, with everything breaking down. And so Isaiah told Israel’s leaders, **“Turn to the Lord now! He wants to give you a word of direction—to speak to you, saying, ‘Go this way, go that way, here’s the way...’”** But they wouldn’t listen. They decided they would turn to Egypt to deliver them! They thought they could rely on the Egyptians’ chariots, horses and supplies to see them through.

Yet, God did not send all of his judgment on Israel at that point. Rather, he decided to wait patiently until the bottom fell out of every plan. He said, **“While they’re running around scheming how to survive, I’ll wait. I want to show them my mercy, in spite of their wickedness!” (v. 18).** Sure enough, everything failed, and things only got worse for the nation. Finally, when all their schemes had fallen through, God told the people, **“Now, let me take over! Open your ears, and I will speak to you. I know the way out, and I will direct you. I want to guide your every move, to the right and to the left, to deliver you. I’ll lead you by my voice—speaking to you, telling you what to do, down to the last detail!”**

*What matters—what’s vitally important—is that you get to know the voice of God.* He is still speaking. He made it clear, **“My sheep know my voice.”** There are many voices in the world today—loud, demanding voices. But there is that still, small voice of the Lord that can be known and heard by all who trust what Jesus said.

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## MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT

Today my prayer partner called me before attending the training session for the healing rooms. He said - was I being led to pray for him before he goes. I asked the Lord and He said yes...to pray what He gave me. So I prayed a short simple prayer over him as He gave me words.

Afterwards I felt like what I prayed had no power or strength to it since I didn’t feel anything like that as I gave it. Then He began to teach me that “His power was made perfect in my weakness.”

He said I was to pray simple prayers that He gave me and just trust that He will put power in those words because they were His words. They didn’t give ME strength and didn’t come from MY power. But they brought power and strength to the person He prayed for through me.

I was to stand on His word that **“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” (2 Corinthians 12:9)**

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## THE REARGUARD PRAYER

Today the Lord guided us to go through the Rearguard Prayer section of the book by Chuck Pierce called *Prayers That Outwit The Enemy* p. 77. It says:

In order to secure our victory and outwit the devil in his attempts at backlash, we need to allow God's standard to rise behind us in rearguard prayer. ...**Then your light shall break forth like the morning, your healing shall spring forth speedily, and your righteousness shall go before you; the Glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard (Isa. 58:8).**

We read aloud the war strategy Chuck gives in the book on p 185 based on 2 Chronicles 20. The Lord said to follow that strategy, but let Him give us further wisdom and counsel in each of the 7 steps listed there. We did that. The seven steps are:

1. They fasted (v. 3)
2. They inquired of the Lord (v. 4)
3. In faith they declared their God-given boundaries reminding God of His promises of inheritance to them.
4. They acknowledged their own futility and recognized that they needed to keep their eyes on God or be overtaken by the enemy (v. 12)
5. They positioned themselves to face the enemy (v. 17)
6. They sought counsel (v. 21)
7. They worshiped and praise the Lord (v. 22)

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## AN ANGEL

I was reading Anne Elmer's article in Elijah List. She was reading about how Kevin Basconi worked with a healing angel to bring about healings. She asked the Lord to give her a "breaking chains" angel that she could see to work with her in breaking the chains that held people and kept them from their potential in Christ. Then she pondered the scripture about asking, seeking, and knocking. Then the Lord asked me if I wanted a vision, so I asked Him:

Do You want to give me a vision, Lord?

*Yes.*

Then I ask You for a vision, Lord. Would it be a vision to clarify my ministry?

*Yes, and how to work with angels in your ministry, Joan. I want to give you an angel to work with you from now on, because I have plans to carry out through you – and My angel will help you and work with you and even help guide you at times. Do you want this, Joan?*

Yes, Lord, I want this. I **ask** You for this.

*Then I will give it. First I will give you the vision and through it I will show you (clarify it) the ministry I "see" ahead for you. And then I will show you your own special angel (like Kevin was given his own special angels) to work with you to carry out this mission assignment. Will you accept this?*

Yes, Lord. I accept this. Thank You for this, Lord. I want to do Your will for me, Lord, and carry out the mission assignment You have for me.

- *You know that some of your "mission" is to minister to and with your prayer partner.*
- *You know that I have put in your heart a desire to minister salvation to others (both in your books and in your prayers).*
- *You know that some of your heart's desire is to help people grow in their relationship with Me and learn how to draw close to Me in intimacy.*

*What kind of an angel would likely help you with this?*

Revelation and Intercession?

*Yes, that's a good assessment. I will show you more when I give you the vision. It will come soon. Be expecting it and, when it comes, journal it so you can read it many times. I will give you the exact/precise words to journal it.*

(The "vision" came on Thursday through impartations by my prayer partner. The Lord gave me 4 gifts that day and told me about what I would be doing in the future. I didn't "see" this vision, but "heard" it spoken to me as I waited in His Presence.)

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## ASK, SEEK, KNOCK

**Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. (Matthew 7:7-8)**

A quote from Anne Elmer's email message last week (regarding the scripture about asking, seeking, and knocking), which I want to review:

"Ask, seek, knock" phrases were related:

- Ask for what you want, and you'll get it... if you...
- Seek sincerely enough to find the right door which holds the answer, then...
- Knock on the door and you'll be granted entry into...

Whatever it is you asked for.

All the books I saw were in my house, available for me to look at *any time*. The answers to all the questions I am asking are there, under my nose as it were. It just needs *patience, discipline, and perseverance* to seek out the answers, knock on the right doors, and faith to expect them to be opened.

I guess at least for me, this is going to be a year of seeking Him and His answers more than ever before. It will be a year to ask, seek, knock, and receive so much that has been waiting to be found for a very long time.

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## CHECKLIST FOR INTERCESSORS

(From *Keepers of the Presence* by Murray Dueck)

Checklist of five things to consider when we pick up something in our sensor/feeler gifting

1. Burden bearing

2. Defilement
3. Discernment
4. Wounding
5. Warfare

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## A TALL TREE CHOPPED DOWN

My prayer partner saw a picture of a tall tree being chopped down or falling. We thought it might pertain to OCF or Vineyard Church...but we don't know.

I heard this from the Lord regarding a tall tree chopped down:

*When you see the man of deception, the tall tree, exposed and cut down, you will be greatly saddened and disappointed, BUT don't be discouraged. Know this exposure is of Me, of My Light shining on the situation, and that I will bring good from this.*

*Purity must be established and maintained so I can have a pure and spotless Bride. I want My Harvest to come in to a pure church fellowship so I am cleansing it. And I will keep on cleansing it until it is clean and ready for Me to use for My glory.*

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## FALSE PROPHETS AND TEACHERS

**But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them. (2 Peter 2:1)**

*Notice Peter said there WILL be false teachers among you, not POSSIBLY among you. This is rampant right now in many churches – false teachers who base their teaching on other things than My Word. Therefore what they teach is not the Truth, but a mixture.*

*Remember those situations at CBC where two different people tried to get into positions of teaching leadership who weren't following My Word? And one of them actually did get to teach a Sunday School class when you knew she followed Unity beliefs. That happens many other places too, Joan. It could even be at OCF or Vineyard.*



*Notice what they introduce will be done SECRETLY. Those listening might not even catch the destructive heresies unless they know My Word well.*

Do You want me to pray about this, Lord?

*Yes, pray that anything that is taught at OCF (the church you are to pray for) that is not of Me be exposed to My Light and be made known for what it really is.*

He said that was what “abiding” was – fellowship and focus on Him. And, as I do that with regard to false teaching at OCF, and ask that He take care of unmasking false teaching there, He will.

**If you abide in Me and My word abides in you, ask what you will and it will be done for you. (John 15:7)**

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## **WHEN WE AREN'T GETTING THE ANSWER TO A QUESTION**

I learned this afternoon as I read in the book *Keepers of the Presence* by Murray Dueck that sometimes when we are seeking an answer for a question, and we aren't getting the answer, that the Lord may want to be fellowshiping with us rather than answering questions. If we have questions that need answers, we will seek Him, and He wants that seeking. So, I just started focusing on Him and relating to Him and, right away, He started talking to me about things that interested me.

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## **OPERATE FROM A POSITION OF VICTORY AND FOCUS ON ME**

"Operate from a position of victory." This is in my mind this morning. I read it in Kenneth Hagin's book *The Believer's Authority*.

*See? You activate My power when You focus on Me – and I can act in the person or situation. I then can show you what I want you to know and pray about. Then you pray (speak the words I give you) and I can then act on those words. So, those words you pray are not your words (from your mind), but are My words (from My mind). That way you have the Mind of Christ...that which you've asked Me for.*

*You see, I want you to not only focus on Me and listen to and learn from Me, but I also want you to write down what you learn. That's what I've trained you for and what I want to use you for now, ok?*

Yes, Lord. So this is Your revelation. It's opening a new level of Your revelation to me. Right?

*Yes, that's right. And I will show you the people and situations that I want you to focus on. You will receive revelation through Me.*

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## **GIFTS FROM GOD**

My prayer partner (who is a prophet) and I were talking on the phone. He said God had something for me and I was to stretch out my right hand, which I did. Then it came, and my hand began shaking and shaking, and was heavy with weight, and it moved around and down to near the floor (the gift of healing).

Then he said it was coming again, and it did, and my right hand went up toward the sky as far as I could reach and rested there (the gift of worship).

Then he said it was coming again, and it did, and my right hand went straight out in front of me and rested in peace there (the gift of peace).

Then he said the Lord was going to spend some time with me right then, so we hung up our phones.

So, for a long time, I rested in His Presence and listened to Him tell me things. These are some of the things He told me:

1. My right hand was now empowered more for healing and I was to use it to impart healing as He led me to.
2. He gave me the gift of worship. He will show me if I can impart that gift. Right now it is to worship Him as He wants to be worshipped, and to focus on Him so I can be the intercessor He wants me to be.
3. He gave me the gift of His supernatural peace. He said I would need it to go through the times that are coming. When I felt a need for it, I was to reach out both my hands in front of me and "take" His hands in mine. Then His supernatural peace would come inside me – no matter what the situation. He said, as He led me to, I could impart that peace to others in two different ways:
  - a. one by voice - speaking peace to a person or situation,

- b. and the second way by reaching out and taking His hands and receiving His peace from Him, and then transferring my hands to another person – again only as He leads me to.
- 4. He told me about my future ministry, and let me know that whatever I needed (to do that ministry) He would provide as I needed it. With Him all things are possible. So, I am to expect and walk in that ministry believing His promise.

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### ANOTHER WONDERFUL GIFT

I have been given another wonderful gift! Last night my prayer partner said the Lord had another gift for me and that I was to go to bed early. I did that and slept well. This morning I wondered what all that was about since I didn't know of anything special that took place. Then, as I went into my secret place, the Lord started off with this:

*Rest in Me. That's what you received last night - REST IN ME - a wonderful gift! You were obedient to what I had your prayer partner tell you - to go to bed early. You obeyed with expectation - AND - then you received. The reason you didn't feel or hear anything powerful is that you were resting so well. That will be a very needed gift in days to come. (Hebrews 4:9)*

**So then, there remains a sabbath rest for the people of God; for whoever enters God's rest also ceases from his labors as God did from his. (Hebrews 4:9-10)**

So now He has given me 4 gifts: healing in my right hand, worship, peace, and rest. What a wonderful blessing!

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### DECLARE THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD TO PUSH OUT FEAR

The Lord gave me a picture illustration about how to push out of our lives the things that are not from Him, like fear. He said to declare the truth of God's Word and it will push out the lie (fear, etc.) gradually. Repeat and repeat. Hebrews 4:12. The picture He had me draw (He used an oval instead of rectangle) was like this:

**Truth** (the Word of God goes in more and more Hebrews 4:12)

∨ (Arrow pointing down)

**Fear** (the Word pushes out fear gradually as the person is filled with God's Word)

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## SHIELD OF PROTECTION EACH DAY

I prayed each day for a shield of protection.

- **Communion** – each morning
- **Anointing** – anoint myself with oil and ask the Holy Spirit to anoint me
- **Strategy** – I ask for a new strategy for the new day – a strategy to fit this day
- **Shield** – I put on a new shield of protection for where He wants me to go today (The shield is the Blood of Jesus, the Name of Jesus, and the Presence of Jesus)
- **Love** – I ask for a new supernatural impartation of His Love for this day
- **Mind of Christ** – I put the mind of Christ on me so the Spirit of wisdom and revelation is activated in me

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## IT IS A PLACE CENTERED THING

My prayer partner described something, which happened to him, and asked - what is this? He sensed he got hit with some anxiety, as well, in the atmosphere. This happened when he was at a gathering of people for a meeting, and also at the Mall.

When I asked the Lord, this is the first thing the He showed me:

*Say, "Get thee behind me, Satan. I submit to God, and I resist you, devil, and you must flee."*

If it leaves, then it was something from the devil. If it doesn't, then we will assume it is something from God, and we'll seek the reason it is there from Him.

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I reached out to Jesus for His peace, which He gave me as a gift recently. He came, and His peace settled over me, and I relaxed and sensed His presence. Then He said,

*It is anxiety, stress, fear, and hopelessness that is rampant in the world right now. It is so all pervasive that it even fills the atmosphere in some places **where people congregate**. People are looking for distractions to take their minds off this stress, but the stress still stays on them. It is an inner thing. When many people are gathered together, it seems to be multiplied.*

*So when you go to places where there are lots of people (or have been recently) you will pick it up, since you are so sensitive to it. It is burden bearing, defilement, distraction, wounding, and warfare all mixed together from different people who have met in that place. It is a place-centered thing. It is from the evil one and should leave when you submit to Me and resist him and command him to leave.*

*You may also pick some of this up at work and may need to do the same thing regularly to get it off of you. IT IS NOT OF ME.*

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## **WHEN WE ARE IN MEETINGS THAT ARE OPPRESSED OR HEAVY**

(Quote by Murray Dueck in *Keepers of the Presence* p. 256-7)

When we are in meetings that are oppressed or heavy, our first responsibility is not to deal with the enemy, people, the room, or even ourselves – it is to turn and minister to the Lord. It's very easy to react to situations that don't feel right.

How do we avoid this way of reacting? It is by making what we are sensing or feeling to be about what the Lord is sensing or feeling, not about ourselves or others. God wants us to know what is on His heart for the people we minister to and what His heart is for each of us while we minister.

Therefore, whatever we sense about others or about how we are doing emotionally ourselves should become merely a starting point for a conversation with God. When our sensors pick up information, we are to first go back to relationship with the Lord. We need to treat what we are picking up as a gift we can lay at Jesus' feet. Anything that causes us to have a discussion with Jesus draws us into greater intimacy. In this manner, we deepen our friendship with God and minister to Him.

(pg. 262)

I recommend that to practice this...you start in a setting where the atmosphere feels tough or tense. You can even do this in a mall...Under normal or pleasant circumstances, our original discernment may appear the same as what we sense is the Lord's point of view. But, when things are tough and we feel the enemy's presence, people's attitudes, defilement, or when we find

ourselves reacting emotionally to people or situations, the Lord may not seem to have the same discernment or feelings as we do.

He may see the treasure or calling in the same people or meeting in which we are discerning heaviness and warfare. So, after looking at people from the Lord's point of view, we can feel love and compassion. Believe me—such a dramatic difference can come as quite a shock.

It doesn't mean that what we were originally sensing or feeling was wrong; we just didn't take into consideration the Lord's point of view and what He desired of us to do with the information He had given us. We were forgetting to treat our discernment as a starting point to a conversation with our Heavenly Father.

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## MY NEW COAT

Sunday

My prayer partner saw a golden needle being threaded. He said this was because he was being given a new coat and that he had been given new coats at various times in the past – each one building on previous experiences he had in his progressive journey. He said I was getting a new coat too and sent it.

The Lord says:

*This is precious so treat it carefully.*

After we hung up, I rested and listened to the Lord. He said the new coat was the symbol of the gift I had asked for at 3:36 today – more of Him. He said I now had it and I would be noticing evidence of it in time. He said He had a lot to say about my new coat, but that would come after I rested and took a nap this afternoon as I was tired from the whole morning's experience. He said my new coat was that bright beautiful royal blue that I admired so much some years ago when I had clothing of that color. I really loved the color.

Tuesday

Do You want to tell me about my new coat You gave me, Lord? Besides the fact that it is royal blue?

*Yes, the first thing to know is it is bulletproof. It keeps the fiery darts (bullets) of the evil one from getting through to you inside it. It is Me. It is a mantle of Me wrapped around you.*

Friday

*This mantle/coat, Joan, is made of the very best of who I am. It contains all My best character values. It is what I am growing you toward. But you can't make these character traits form in yourself. They will only form and grow in you as you put aside your own desires and seek Me in all things. Then I will grow My own best characteristics in you and you will become like Me. That is to be your greatest desire – to be like Me. So, whenever you are asked what they can pray for you, tell them to pray that you become like Me. I will honor that prayer because it is what I desire too.*

*Later*

*I want to tell you more about your mantle today, Joan.*

*It's blue, it's bulletproof, it's Me, and it's My Presence. It contains peace and joy, and all of My fruit of the Spirit. It contains My love and My humility. It is an intercessor's mantle – for one who is hidden away with Me in prayer.*

*This will be your mantle for the rest of your life on earth. When you put on your mantle, you put on all that. Bulletproof means complete and total covering of My protection. Wear this mantle all the time – day and night – for the rest of your life. After this life you will have a different type of protection. This mantle is My covering over you for now.*

*Yes, this mantle will expand over time and will include:*

- *All the provision you need*
- *Miraculous power for the works I give you*
- *Supernatural protection in all circumstances*
- *Translation as needed*
- *Coming closer and closer to Me, seeing Me*
- *Hearing Me and speaking and writing for Me*
- *Humility and love*
- *Peace and joy and all the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control)*
- *Intercessor – hidden away with Me in prayer*

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## SOUL POWER

Lord, what is bothering my prayer partner? Is he sick or under attack, or both? He looked so tired in his eyes this morning at church. What questions do You want us to ask You, Lord?

*What questions do I want you to ask Me? Ask Me first who did this to him. Was it I, or the enemy?*

Ok, Lord WHO did this to him – You or the enemy?

*This is a work of the enemy.*

*Now, what kind of work...ask Me.*

What kind of work of the enemy is this, Lord?

*It is the work of soulish power working against him through those who have developed this power and use it to further their own desires and purposes. I'm not naming names to you just yet. These people are all around nowadays – in the workplace, in the marketplace, in the church, in malls, etc.*

*Your prayer partner regularly picks up pricks and hurts, which are effects from this soul power. This power may manifest through any of the various ways it is brought up and opened in man – psychic, new age, etc. This soul power seeks its own way over the wills of others.*

*So, what do you do against this? Look at the article you wrote.*

(These are notes from *The Latent Power of the Soul* by Watchman Nee.)

- The only safety for the child of God is an experimental knowledge of the life in union with Christ wherein he dwells with Christ in God, above the poisonous air in which the prince of the power of the air carries on his work.
- We therefore need to exercise great caution against Satan's deception.
- How should we guard against deception? We need to discern what is God's operation and what is the enemy's operation, what work is done by the Holy Spirit and what work is done by the evil spirit.
- The more they prayed, the weaker I became. Finally, I discovered the cause. I began to resist such prayers, asking God to disengage me from what they had prayed for. And so I got well.
- Pray against all psychic power exercised upon me by (psychic) "prayer." By faith in the power of the Blood of Christ, I cut myself off from it, and the result was remarkable.
- Each time we see or hear of a wonder performed we must ask, is this God's doing or the enemy's. Is it done by the Holy Spirit of God or by the law of human psychology?

*So you see, Joan, that you must be aware that soul power is all around you. You don't "see" it, but it can affect you invisibly. So*



1. *Keep clean and pure daily*
2. *Keep in close contact with Me all the time.*
3. *Know that soul power MIGHT be affecting you, so pray against it.*
4. *Cancel it and cut it off from yourself with My blood.*
5. *Pray against any psychic prayer that the enemy might be using against you.*

*You will find he stays much healthier when you do this for protection. You don't need to know WHO is using it against him – just cancel it from him.*

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## THE PROPHETIC GIFTS

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### The Prophetic Gifts: How Do They Work in Us?

This week we will study the prophetic gifts and how they work in us. When we do, many will realize that they have been working in them, but did not understand them. Even so, this is not a science but a relationship. We are listening to a Person, not just learning formulas and procedures.

### Prophecy Works Through Friendship with God

In Amos 3:7 we are told, "Surely the Lord GOD does nothing unless He reveals His secret counsel to His servants the prophets." **There is nowhere in the Law that the Lord obligated Himself to do this, but He does it because He does not want to do anything without sharing it with His friends, which is the basic essence of prophetic ministry – friendship with God.** The prophets are those who have become so close to God that He does not want to do anything without sharing it with them.

Many question whether one must be called as a prophet or if it can be pursued. Both are true. Some were called before they were born, and they cannot do anything else. The prophetic is also something that the Scriptures exhort us to seek, so He would not tell us this if He would not let us achieve it. Because the real essence of the prophetic is friendship with God, this is something He wants all of His people to pursue. This is why Moses said that he would that all of God's people were prophets (see Numbers 11:29).

The prophets see what He is doing because they stay so close to His throne – they see and hear what is happening there. I have heard it often said that we should not seek

the gifts, but the Giver. This sounds noble and wise, but it is contrary to the Scriptures, and it is the immature that follow such glib-sounding phrases that divert them from the truth of the Scriptures. We are exhorted in such places as I Corinthians 14:1 to: "Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy." Pursuing the gifts of the Spirit is a way that we pursue the Lord. The Father is seeking those who will worship Him in Spirit and in truth, and the gifts of the Spirit are a way that we do this.

Of course, we pursue the Giver first, but this does not exclude pursuing the gifts of the Spirit. The gifts of the Spirit are not gifts in the sense that we think of gifts, like presents. A better translation could have been something like "tools of the Spirit." The gifts of the Spirit are not given as a reward, or to just bless us, but are given so that we can do His work. This work of the Lord is worship; it is our service, done because we love Him.

### **Can a True Prophetic Person Make Mistakes? What Happens if I Make a Mistake?**

**A basic work of the prophet is to speak for God, to say what He wants said in a situation.** This is an ultimate trust that He will not give to the immature or the frivolous. What king would want someone representing him who was prone to add his own opinions? Therefore, anyone can be used to prophesy, but it takes a level of maturity, integrity, and trust from the Lord to be commissioned as a prophet. It is a trap for us to think that we have God's opinion about everything – that what we think is what He is thinking, and what we may feel about something is the way He is feeling about it. This will lead to prophesying from our own soul, at best.

This is what happened to the Apostle Peter right after he had received the greatest revelation – that Jesus was the Christ. Jesus commended Peter for hearing this straight from the Father and was told that it was upon that rock, the rock which is revelation that comes from the Father, that He would build His Church. Then He blessed Peter with the keys of the Kingdom. The very next words that came out of Peter's mouth were straight from Hell, and Jesus had to scold him by telling him to "Get behind me, satan!" (see Matthew 16:23).

So here we see how easy it is to hear straight from Heaven and the next thing can come straight from satan. This happened because of Peter's immaturity, and it happens to virtually every prophetically-gifted person when they are immature. If this is too discouraging to you, and you are too afraid of making such a mistake, you will never make it as a prophet. If you learn from your mistakes, you will learn to discern between the voice of God and your own soul, or the devil, but if you are too afraid of making a mistake, you will never learn.

Peter was prone to the biggest mistakes in the New Testament, but he was also used for some of the greatest works, which is why he was given the keys to the Kingdom. **Peter was not afraid to use them, and he did open the door of faith to both the Jews and Gentiles, not to mention walking on water, raising the dead, and having such power that just being touched by his shadow brought healing.**

Many want a formula for knowing God's voice so that they can avoid making mistakes, but the only formula I know is to *mature in Christ*. I would love to have the gift of being able to lay hands on people and have them mature instantly, but I have never seen that gift in Scripture. **Maturity requires experience.** It is also true that people often learn much faster from making mistakes, so if we want to mature fast, we need to embrace our mistakes as *opportunities*. This is not to imply that we should want to make mistakes, but we cannot be too afraid of them to step out in faith. If we are, we will never do anything, and we will never mature in the gifts.

I do not know of a single person I consider to have a prophetic gift of true New Testament stature who has not made major mistakes on their path to maturity. Once we are a commissioned prophet, we should not still be making these, but there is a difference between a calling and a commissioning to the ministry. Paul was called as an apostle many years before he received the commission at Antioch.

You are not a prophet when you are called as a prophet, but only when you have been commissioned. We have to "make our calling and election sure" (see 2 Peter 1:10), or we must pursue maturity in our calling until God sees that it is time for our commissioning. If you are wondering whether or not you have been commissioned yet, then you have not. When the real thing comes, you will not have any doubts about it. **Until then, enjoy the opportunity to try your wings, and stay humble enough to embrace your mistakes and learn from them.**

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## PRAYER LANGUAGE

(A song)  
I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice,  
To worship You - Oh, my soul rejoice.

Take joy, My King, in what You hear,  
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

I sang the song “I love You, Lord” and then sang it in tongues. Then I said, “Tongues is an interesting thing, isn’t it, Lord?” And He said:

*Do you want Me to teach you more about tongues, Joan?*

Yes!

*Then listen. It is a gift given to you to praise Me with. It is a gift given to you to beseech Me with, and to seek Me, and to ask Me questions. It is a gift in which I pray through you to even guide you to ask Me things I want you to ask Me. So it all comes through Me. It is a way of praying My prayers, and isn’t that what you want to do?*

Yes, it is. Thank You, Lord.

*So it is a good thing, isn’t it? And yes, I will deepen your prayer language even as you have great needs that come up and you don’t know how to pray for them. This releases Me to pray through you and brings you understanding in your spirit. Then, when your spirit understands, it brings peace and revelation into your soul realm because your spirit has control over your soul.*

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## BE JOYFUL WHILE ENDURING TESTS AND TRIALS

The Lord told me this morning (4:30) that He wanted me to set aside today and be with Him, listen to Him, and write. He wanted me to do this with joy. He said:

*It’s worth a lot in heavenly rewards to be joyful in Me while on earth enduring tests and trials. Come today, Joan, and spend a joyful time with Me. Just come like a child eagerly looking forward to being with your parent and being excited and joyful as you anticipate it. I will spend time with you today. Seek it. Wait for it. Set aside today for Me - to sit with Me, walk with Me, dance with Me, worship Me, and write about all of this.*

*Don’t fear or grieve about what is happening at OCF. I am in charge of this, and I will show you the way to walk through this situation one step at a time. Your role is to listen, and trust Me that I know what I am doing, and just be obedient to what I show you to do.*

*I will bring good for you out of this situation, no matter which way it goes. That is My pledge to you. Trust this. Stand on this in faith and expectation to see what I do.*

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## **Moving Into Your Promised Land**

by John Belt  
Feb 27, 2011

Each of us has a promised land for our lives. God's promises are key to us entering into the vision that God has given us. If you are in a desert God is ready to take you out! Time to move on from eating manna to eating the food that God freely gives in the promised land of your destiny!

### **A People of Faith**

God is looking for a people of faith. Jesus asked the question, "Will the Son of Man find faith on the earth when He returns in His glory?" We want to be found with a faith in God that is active and living. Passivity has no value in the Kingdom of God. God calls us to be actively engaging our faith by taking steps out into the unknown. Abraham was such a man that he went out not knowing where he was going.

One of the reasons people never step out in faith is because of the uncertainty of whether they are hearing God or not. Because of the multitude of voices people are distracted from the One voice that matters. Many times it is the compromise of being a people-pleaser that cause people to lose the clarity of God's voice in their lives. We must be a people of the Holy Spirit, a people that are yielded to His life and reality.

When we are listening to just the voice of man for our direction in life, the voice of God gets lost in the mix. Everyone has an opinion, but only God has our directions. He has specific directions for each and every person on the planet and a custom blueprint for our lives. No two blueprints are the same. Therefore we need to be wise in where we give our attentions. It is crucial we are a focused people of faith. If we lose our focus we lose our faith.

Psalm 25:15, My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He shall pluck my feet out of the net.

The enemy has a net for every person. His goal is to keep us from God's best in our lives. Distractions are one of the key tools the enemy uses to get us off the path, to get us off track. Just as Peter was called out to walk on the water to Jesus, so are we. Peter began to walk on the water, but then took his eyes off the Lord. He lost his focus. Because of this he began to sink. The key to Peter walking on the water was him keeping his eyes on the Lord. God keeps us when our eyes are upon Him. When we set our love upon Him He will deliver us from all evil. When our eyes are upon Him that means our ears are also attentive to Him so that we can hear His voice clearly.

## In Step with the Spirit

Anxiousness is when we get ahead of God. When worry takes over then people lose their peace, focus and rest. Samuel was God's appointed man to offer sacrifices to the Lord. Saul was supposed to wait on Samuel to come offer the sacrifice on behalf of Israel, but Saul was anxious to make things happen in his own power. Saul offered the sacrifices to the Lord, which the Lord hadn't told him to do. This displeased Samuel and the Lord. Because of this trespass it was the beginning of Saul's end in Israel as king. His authority would now be stripped from him because of his anxiousness. Anxiousness leads to doing presumptuous things.

1 Samuel 15:22, So Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams."

Anxiousness causes people to step out of sync with the Holy Spirit. God is not looking for the multitude of sacrifices but is looking for us to do the ONE THING that He has told us to do. The peace of God causes us to rest in the simplicity of our relationship with God bearing the fruit of righteousness and patience. His peace keeps us in step with the His Spirit.

Philippians 4:6, Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

## A Different Spirit

Numbers 14:24, But My servant Caleb, because he has a 'different spirit' in him and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it.

Those whose hearts are fully pursuing God have a different spirit. These are the ones who will enter into the reality of the promised land of God. We are a people of God's promises. We partake of the divine nature through His great and precious promises. Full whole-hearted uncompromising pursuit of God guarantees us entrance into the fullness of experiencing His promised land for our lives. What is the promise that God has given to you? What is the vision that God has shown you?

We don't receive the promises of God just because we are Christians. There is a whole-hearted focus, determination, sacrifice and surrender to pursuing God that brings us into the land of promise. God has a divine inheritance for us that is beyond anything we can comprehend. He works with us waiting to see a fullness of pursuit with a focus that will not be distracted. Whole-hearted surrender is the foundation of such a person of faith. This person will have a "different spirit."

## Faith Without Question

Hebrews 11:8, By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

The righteous are bold as a lion. God wants us to be confident in His promises. If God says it that settles it. We need a revival of stubborn faith! We need a tenacious faith that will not let go. We don't need to have all the answers, explanations and reasons why from God to step out in faith. Abraham did not require such explanations from God. When God says, "Go!" that is good enough. We don't need everything figured out in our heads to move out into promises of God. When we take Him at His word we can know that God has everything lined up and ready to go. All we need to do is believe and move out where He shows us with full confidence and trust in Him.

### The Promise Food

Joshua 5:12, Then the manna ceased on the day after they had eaten the produce of the land; and the children of Israel no longer had manna, but they ate the food of the land of Canaan that year.

God promised His people that He would take them into a land flowing with milk and honey. The day of manna from Heaven was coming to an end. Once in the promised land there would be fullness of blessing. The milk represents the blessing of God. The honey represents the anointing of God. God has overflowing blessing and anointing for us. The days of manna from Heaven are over. God gives us the food of His promised land. The manna represents the desert season.

Jesus is the fulfillment of the promised land for our lives. We no longer have to settle for manna. We can eat the food of the land of promise. There is variety, color, fullness and life for us in the promised land. No more desert, no more dry places. The promises of God bring us into a land of abundance, better things and the overflow with new adventures of conquest and expansion. Springs of life and rivers of living water overflow here. All of this is ours in the promised land.

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## **HIDDENNESS AND MANIFESTATION**

Last night when I wrote the words He gave me between 11:00-12:00, I heard His words but didn't feel a confirming feeling of His Presence. So I felt I really needed my prayer partner to confirm those words to me - whether they were from the Lord.

This morning He told me to seek Him to feel His Presence to give me assurance. So I sought Him as I took communion. His Presence came very strongly! He is now showing me that sometimes He will come in what Graham Cooke taught us called "hiddenness" where there is no physical manifestation, and sometimes He will come in "manifestation" where we feel His Presence and have physical reactions (like shaking, weeping, difficult to talk, etc. for me). He has given me both within the last 9 hours.

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## **You Are Wanted**

**February 2011  
by John Paul Jackson**

A few years ago, I dreamed that my father offered to give me a ride to my car. My car was only a block away, and I could have easily walked there. But after some lighthearted insistence on his part, I finally agreed to let him take me.

Instead of going the most direct route, he ended up taking me all over the area: down one-way streets, through parks and office communities. Forty-five minutes later, we were back to being within one block of my car. Frustrated, I asked my father to stop so I could just walk.

As I got out of the car, my father remorsefully said, "I just wanted to spend some time with you." It was then I heard a voice from Heaven say to me, "This is how you treat Me."

"No," I quickly retorted, "I'm not like that at all! I make time to talk with You."

But His response left me aghast: "Yes, you are ready to talk with Me when you want, but you are not available to talk anytime I want. You are more interested in reaching your goals than spending time with Me."

Needless to say, that dream was a wakeup call for me. It helped me better comprehend the heart and thought processes of my Father God.

**You are wanted**



Genuine relationship with God is a marriage of two hearts, and like any marriage, it needs *time* and *focus* in order to grow. It also requires both people actually *understanding* where the other is coming from. Let me explain what I mean by that.

God's love for you is extravagant. His love for you is greater than anything that has ever been seen before. His love for you is more than you could imagine. It is more than you could ever expect, even on your best day. And this God who loves you more than you could ever hope for wants you to be an active participant in *His* life.

This is not an invitation to feel condemned. Don't think, *I never spend time with God. He must be disappointed in me. Or, I know He wants me to spend more time with Him, but I just can't right now.* Don't read this article and allow your soul to become troubled. Instead, realize how much you are *wanted*.

### **How should you respond?**

If this is a difficult subject for you to grasp, purposefully set out to change your mind about it. For the next month, try to wake up in the morning with this thought: *Today, God desires me.*

As our weeks and months go by and we struggle through our valleys and trials, it can be so easy to forget our passion; the understanding of His heart for us can slip through our fingers. Then, when His invitation comes, we often respond in fear: *I'm not doing enough! He's probably upset with me! How could He ever want me? I'm not one of the faithful ones. If I come to Him now, it's probably going to be at a great personal cost!*

But again, the invitation is not meant to make you feel condemned for your actions or thought processes (Romans 8:1). It has been issued solely because He wants you. And the result of spending time with God is that you become God focused. Your life changes. Your mind, your will and your emotions become aligned with His. Your hope flourishes. You discover real, genuine, true life; you discover the real you in the middle of His affections.

When you wait on Him, He speaks. When you spend time with Him, you discover that He has been *wanting* to speak. He has been waiting for you to wait, so He can talk, so He can move, so He can inform, so He can touch, so He can hold, so He can caress, so He can embrace *you*.

Let today be your day. Go find yourself in God's affections. Spend time with Him and discover His heart for you. And remember that you are wanted so fully and completely that when you begin to understand His desire for you, the path will straighten out beneath your feet; your questions will be answered, and you will discover a peace that passes all comprehension.

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## **HEALING PRAYER**

This morning my prayer partner was oppressed by many hits on his body and by a sinus infection making him hoarse and miserable. We prayed until he had significant relief from that. I was so concerned because I didn't think I had a healing gifting to help him. But the Lord showed that I didn't need to do that. My part was to help prepare him for healing and go through the process while listening to Him lead us and my prayer partner could do the actual healing prayers. The Lord said I was to write out the process to get him prepared for healing to come, so I could have it to follow other times as needed. Here is the process:

## HEALING PRAYER FOR MY PRAYER PARTNER

Prepare him for healing by:

Singing to the Lord and praising  
Cleansing, confession, forgiveness  
Communion, anointing  
Ask God for His Word for this situation  
Declare the Word  
Ask God to perform His Word  
Rebuke and bind things evidenced: pains, etc.

He says: *I will lead you; ask Me*

Ask what else to do to get healing completed

Place on him

- the Spiritual Armor (Ephesians 6:10-18)
- the Rearguard prayer (Isaiah 52:12 and 58:8)
- the Shield of the Blood, the Name and the Presence of Jesus
- the Mantle of steel (see description below)
- the Light of Jesus to shine around him
- the Mantle of Immunity, Humility, and Love
- the Mantle of Authority, Power, and Revelation

About the high level enemy commander:

*There is a high level enemy commander now noticing him and you as you pray together. This commander needs equal level power coming against it/him from Me. That is what I want you to pray for now, today. Pray I select just the right power force from My angels and send that force out to defeat that commander and all who are under his command. Do this in Jesus' name, and I will do it. I want you to do this together to multiply the power of your prayers. Do this today, and remember this weapon to use at other times as I lead you.*

About his mantle of steel, He said:

*It's a mantle of steel. It is clear and see-through so no earthly being can see it except by keen discernment, but those in the spiritual realm can see it and can't get past it. It is a mantle of Me, of My Presence, and Satan has no power great enough to penetrate that. It is as strong as steel and even stronger. Nothing can penetrate it from the enemy camp.*

Re Chuck Pierce's rearguard prayer:

"God promises not only to look out for us as we go into battle, but also to be our rearguard after the battle. Nevertheless, we need to bear in mind that when God has worked mightily, when God has used us significantly, when there has been great spiritual breakthrough, we cannot allow ourselves to be spiritually careless. After a successful battle, we must give ourselves that all-important order: "Shields up!" (See Isaiah 58:8 and Isaiah 52:12 )

Scriptures given us to pray over him:

**Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. (Isaiah 58:8)**

**But you will not leave in haste or go in flight; for the Lord will go before you, the God of Israel will be your rear guard. (Isaiah 52:12)**

**You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you. (Jeremiah 29:13-14)**

**Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know. (Jeremiah 33:3)**

**The word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12)**

*He says: Send it out!*

**He sent forth His Word and healed them. (Psalm 107:20)**

*He says: Send His healing WORD to him.*

**Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows...But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by His wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5)**

*He says: By the blood Jesus shed in that whipping, he is healed. We claim healing for him by the shed blood of Jesus.*

**"Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." (James 4:7)**

**Come near to God and he will come near to you....Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. (James 4:8, 10)**

**Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's...You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you...the Lord will be with you. (2 Chronicles 20:15, 17)**

**Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)**

**Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge. (Psalm 91:4)**

**If you make the Most High your dwelling...then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. (Psalm 91:9-11)**

**"Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. (Psalm 91:14-15)**

**The Lord will keep you from all harm – he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. (Psalm 121:7)**

**You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. (Isaiah 55:12)**

**Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 1:7)**

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## **FOR WHEN PRAYERS ARE BEING SAID AGAINST YOU**

Know that **soul power** might be affecting you, so pray against it. Cancel it and cut it off from yourself with the blood of Jesus.

Pray against any **psychic prayer** that the enemy might be using against you.

Make a **prophetic declaration** that you are in Jesus and Jesus is in you. In Jesus is the “place” of safety.

**Stay in peace and rest.** That is your place of immunity – peace. So place peace scriptures on yourself throughout the day.

Ask the Lord to **comfort** you throughout the day as you walk through the mission field you are currently working in.

Ask for an **anointing** on you in a special way today for each and every thing that will come into your life.

Ask for a **new war strategy** for your new war now. You need to perceive the enemy, know the enemy, and find out how He wants you to fight

Place on yourself a new **shield of protection** of the blood of Jesus, the Name of Jesus, and His Presence

Ask for a new impartation of the **love** of Jesus

Ask the Father for the Spirit of **revelation and wisdom**

Ask Jesus to **sprinkle His blood** on you – on your heart, your mind, your eyes, your ears, your mouth, your will and your emotions

Put on yourself a **mantle** of love, of humility, and of Christ-centeredness

Ask for the **faith** of the Lord Jesus Christ to fill you

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## YOU GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO EAT

by Francis Frangipane

"Consequently, King Agrippa, I did not prove disobedient to the heavenly vision." ---Acts 26:19

What I have come to believe concerning the Lord's glory and its manifestation in the church is supported by many Scriptures. Yet, it was through a night vision in 1971 that God granted me insight into His plan. In this spiritual encounter, I saw a great metropolis languishing under the weight of a deep and terrible darkness. Chiseled upon the faces of those in this wretched society was the image of hopelessness. The place was desolate of real life and the time for a recovery seemed long past.

I was with a group outside the city. We were not part of the darkness, but had been "baptized" in a glorious and powerful light. During the vision, I actually experienced the power of this light surging up from my innermost being. It coursed out through our hands like streams of laser light; a visible splendor shone from our bodies, especially our faces.

Suddenly, out from the city the great multitude began to grope their way toward us -- thousands of people. Soon all were calling on the name of the Lord. As we laid our hands upon them and prayed for them, they also received the light.

The vision passed, and though I continued to lie in bed, I did not return to sleep. As dawn broke, I opened to the book of Isaiah. As a new Christian, this was the first time I was reading through the Bible. I turned the page from the previous day's reading and there, for the first time, I read Isaiah 60. The words bolted into my mind like lightning, then shook my insides like thunder.

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
For behold, darkness will cover the earth,  
And deep darkness the peoples;  
But the Lord will rise upon you,  
And His glory will appear upon you.  
And nations will come to your light,  
And kings to the brightness of your rising.  
---Isaiah 60:1-3

It says, "darkness will cover the earth." This was exactly what I saw in the vision! It proclaimed, "the Lord will rise upon you, and His glory will appear upon you," precisely describing what I had seen in the vision! It was as though I had actually stepped into the future and experienced a fulfillment of this prophecy. The Holy Spirit and the Word, working in divine symmetry, revealed that the glory of the Lord would be manifested in His people at the end of the age, and that "nations," currently languishing in darkness, would come to Christ!

Today many people are excited about the harvest. However, in the early seventies and through the eighties the idea of "multitudes coming to Christ" was not a common expectation. With the threat of nuclear war ever present, most Christians were not thinking, praying, or acting like revival was coming. What most expected was a nuclear war with the USSR and either the rapture of the church or the beginning of the great tribulation.

It was against this backdrop of fear and unbelief that the Lord spoke to me of the harvest. Today several hundred thousand souls each week come to Christ worldwide. Still, even this is small compared to what God is going to do in the days ahead.

As important as the harvest is, however, the primary focus of the vision was not winning the lost; it was on the ascendancy of Christ's presence in the church. *The Father's priority is that the Lord Jesus be lifted up: The coming great harvest will be the result of Christ's presence!* It will not be our programs or methods that bring this harvest into God's barns; it will be the glory of the Lord.

### **A Third Witness**

The vision released within me lofty expectations for the future, while the text in Isaiah grounded my feet on the firm path of God's eternal Word. Still, the Lord was not done with me, and one more witness was about to come. After I read Isaiah, my next reading in my daily progression took me to

Matthew, chapter 14. As I read, I paused after verse 15, which reads, "The disciples came to Him, saying, 'The place is desolate, and the time is already past; so send the multitudes away.'"

This Scripture recalls the time when Jesus miraculously fed the multitudes. As I read, I noticed similarities between the vision of the multitudes in darkness and this scene from the Gospels. Both depicted a place of desolation and both communicated the sense that the situation was beyond remedy. Yet in spite of the apparent hopelessness of each, multitudes were ministered to in both.

Of course, there was no theological connection between the two texts; not even the most imaginative Christian would ever reference Matthew 14:13-21 with Isaiah 60:1-3. Yet, the Lord was speaking something that would personally affect me for the rest of my life. In response to the disciples urging Jesus to send the multitudes away, He answered, "They do not need to go away; you give them something to eat!" And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." And He said, "Bring them here to Me."

The result was that "He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward Heaven, He blessed the food, and breaking the loaves He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave to the multitudes" (Matt. 14:16-19).

Jesus had taken bread, blessed it, and then broken it. Again, I paused. This time it was because of a peculiarity concerning my last name: in Italian, *Frangipane* actually means "*to break bread*." Was the Lord using the meaning of my name to connect the feeding of the multitudes with the conversion of the city in the vision?

Later that morning, I related the vision and the Lord's promise from Isaiah to my wife, Denise. I then told her about the feeding of the five thousand. I mentioned how I felt, that during the time of the end, when the world would seem utterly desolate and lost, the Lord would use us like He used the loaves to feed the multitudes. Then, in an effort to truly amaze her, for the first time in our young married life I explained that our last name, *Frangipane*, actually meant "*to break bread*." It was at that point my wife told me the meaning of her maiden name, *Piscitelli*. Incredibly, her name meant "*little fishes*."

### **Little Is Much With Jesus**

Long before God had called Noah, Abraham, Moses, and many others in the Bible, He had affirmed the foreknowledge of His eternal purpose in the meaning of their names. For us, He did likewise: *He revealed the DNA of our destiny in the meaning of our names!*

Between the vision, the text in Isaiah, and the meaning of our names, I am convinced that a period of great glory and harvest awaits the church. Through the account of Christ's feeding the multitudes, the Lord also warned us to expect people without a similar vision to try to dampen our spirits. In this regard, you may have read criticism of this ministry on the Internet. Every critic is angry about one primary doctrine: the teaching I present that there is one last great outpouring coming before the church is raptured. I love it that I am persecuted because of a vision from God! Hallelujah! The fact is, while the critics seek to distort and slander, the vision of God and the great harvest is continuing in nations around the world.

Thus, when Christians complain the harvest "is already past," or that society has become too "desolate," it would be an error for any of us, either by our words, doctrines or actions, to ask to "send the multitudes away." The Lord has made it plain: it will not be too late or desolate for Him. The Lord has proven many times that, as Christians, we do not need to stockpile resources before

we attempt the "impossible." As long as we remain "blessed and broken" in the hands of the Master, our few loaves and fish are enough. *What we have learned is that Jesus does not need a lot to work His miracles; He just requires we give Him all we have.*

### **Scripture Cannot Be Broken**

To my wife and me, the prophetic meanings attached to our last names tell us that the purposes of God are preordained. However, for all that these things mean to us personally, it is upon the Scriptures that faith must rest. Dreams, visions, and supernatural "coincidences" are still subjective experiences which must be confirmed and established by the written Word of God. We rest upon God's Word because Jesus said, "Scripture cannot be broken" (John 10:35).

Thus, the Lord assures us that His Word ". . . shall not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it" (Isa. 55:11). Regardless of the current spiritual condition of Christianity, every promise God has made concerning His glory in the church, His purpose with Israel, and the harvest at the end of the age -- every word will have its day of fulfillment! With the Almighty, it is never a matter of if His word will come to pass but when and with whom.

Yes, the hour is late; true, our cities are desolate. Yet Jesus still speaks powerfully to my spirit. As little qualified as we may be, if we truly give our all to Christ, He will bless us and break us, and then fill us with glory to reach multitudes. Indeed, what He said to His disciples, He says to all: *The multitudes do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.*

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## **OAKS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**

**They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor. (Isaiah 61:3b)**

*That's what you are, oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendor. This is what I am doing in your lives – first and foremost. Then you are ready for Me to use to declare My purposes in the people I send you to – right now that is the people of OCF.*

*I send you in My righteousness to declare My message which is a calling to purity and cleansing, a calling to be set apart unto Me, a calling to be My own people. But first there must be cleansing, and then there must be a commitment, a setting apart unto Me. THEN they will be My people and set apart and ready for Me to use. This is what you two are called to proclaim for Me right now.*



**Pass through, pass through the gates! Prepare the way for the people. Build up, build up the highway! Remove the stones. Raise a banner for the nations. (Isaiah 62:10)**

*That's what I am doing with you two. I am using you to pass through the gates first that I want the whole church at OCF to pass through – as many as will do this and follow Me and commit themselves to Me. I'm using you two to prepare the way for the people. I'm using you two to build up the highway so the people have a clear and plain way to follow Me. I'm using you to remove the stones – the sins, the wrong attitudes, the barriers still there right now to their traveling on this "high" way.*

*You are to raise the banner of Me and My way and My righteousness for the people to see and follow. How do you do this? Just listen to Me and follow Me. I will lead the way for you. Commit to do this is if you agree with Me.*

**~ 79 ~**

## **CONSECRATE YOURSELVES**

The Lord had me notice Joshua 3:5 saying:

**Then Joshua said to the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." (Joshua 3:5)**

The article (by Francis Frangipane "Not Passed This Way Before") said "Every new dimension in God requires a new consecration of ourselves. We cannot ascend higher in Christ without shedding the limitations of our previous attainments."

New victories, greater power, greater enemies.

To consecrate oneself.....set aside all you were, along with your possessions and goals, and present yourself afresh to God. A fresh surrender.

**~ 80 ~**

## **ARISE, SHINE**

**Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. (Isaiah 60:1)**

*Arise and shine for I have now given you your light – which is My light shining forth through you and from you. This is to both of you. My glory rises upon you – it is visible more and more to those around you – like the sun coming up and lighting the way.*

**...His glory appears over you. (Isaiah 60:2b)**

*What does this mean but that My glory is seen shining above you. And what is above you but the spiritual realm where the enemy is. He is seeing this glory, especially in you, (my prayer partner) and therefore he wants to “take you out.” You are a HUGE threat to him now. He has seen the glory of your new clothes given back to you and he greatly fears you.*

He says to me:

*This is your “great adventure” – to be yoked with your prayer partner and Me.*

**...And I will adorn my glorious temple. (Isaiah 60:7b)**

*You are My glorious temple. You and your prayer partner stand before Me as My glorious temple. I see you there. I place on you all that adorns you, all that makes you beautiful and what you are. I adorn you with Myself, with My beauty, with My qualities and characteristics, with all that I am. You in Me and I in you (plural).*

**Who are these that fly along like clouds, like doves to their nests? (Isaiah 60:8)**

*You have pondered that verse and wondered what it meant for years. Here is what it means now: You and your prayer partner are doves, carriers of peace, carriers of My Spirit. You fly along in the air with your prayers to Me – [I am] your nest, your home, your place of rest and protection.*

**For the nation or kingdom that will not serve you will perish; it will be utterly ruined. (Isaiah 60:12)**

*Those nations and kingdoms right now refer to churches, cities, communities, states, countries. The time of choosing is at hand. Those who will not serve Me will be “utterly ruined.”*

**The sons of your oppressors will come bowing before you; all who despise you will bow down at your feet and will call you the City of the Lord, Zion of the Holy One of Israel. (Isaiah 60:14)**

*This will literally happen to you both. Watch and see. Wait and see. They will say you are where the Lord dwells.*

**I will make peace your governor and righteousness your ruler. (Isaiah 60:17b)**

*This is for you two – Peace and righteousness will govern and rule you both.*

**...for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. (Isaiah 60:19b)**

*I will be your light and your glory – all of your days this will be so.*

**...and your days of sorrow will end. (Isaiah 60:20b)**

*This will come, My children. Your days of sorrow/difficulty are on you now – but they will end! You can praise Me for this and look forward to this.*

**Then will all your people be righteous and they will possess the land forever. They are the shoot I have planted, the work of my hands, for the display of my splendor. The least of you will become a thousand, and the smallest a mighty nation. I am the Lord; in its time I will do this swiftly. (Isaiah 60:21-22)**

*This is what it will be like in the future and you can dwell among a righteous people (without hits and attacks and stabs and pain)!*

*I am doing this swiftly right now, and I will do this swiftly in the days to come!*

It's time for His glory to shine. It's time for battle. We are to use the scriptures He gives us as our sword.

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## **HOW TO BE RENEWED**

I've noticed I've been getting more tired and needing more rest times. My prayer partner also. The Lord wants us to be renewed often these days by:

Rest

Praise

Listen to worship music

Just sit in His Presence and let Him pour Himself into us

He will remind us to do this...especially when we are needing it.

He says that we can, and we will, make it through this time of battle, and we will be victorious. He will see to that.

Keep saying, "We will not give up."

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## SONG OF PRAISE

Reading Isaiah 65 and 66. I was lamenting the fact that I don't seem to praise the Lord freely and with beauty of thoughts and words to Him like I would like to do. He instructed me to write a song of praise to Him and pull praises from the Scriptures to put in it. Then I can use that as my song of praise to Him. So that is my project for now and continuing on until it is finished....maybe never. There may always be new things He reveals to me to praise Him for.

(A song)

### MY SONG OF PRAISE TO MY LORD

- You are a God who reveals yourself to us
- Heaven is Your throne and earth is Your footstool
- You act on behalf of those who wait for You
- You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember Your ways
- You are our Father
- We are the work of Your hands
- You speak in righteousness
- You are mighty to save
- You are God
- You made us and we are Yours
- We are your people, the sheep of Your pasture
- We enter Your gates with thanksgiving and Your courts with praise
- We give thanks to You and praise Your name
- You are good and Your love endures forever
- Your faithfulness continues through all generations

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## DISCONNECT

Father, what were my prayer partner and I experiencing yesterday during worship service?

We talked this morning and shared that each of us (independently of the other) was feeling a lack of being connected into the worship and the rest of the service. It seemed to be a very good worship

service, and Larry's sermon was such a wonderful answer to our prayers to show us how to get our lives cleansed and in right relationship with You, Lord.

And yet, during the worship time, I didn't get into it in a deep way where I'm almost lost in your Presence and so refreshed by being right in front of your throne.

And during that good sermon I had a hard time because I kept fighting feeling sleepy. I kept wondering if someone was praying ungodly prayers over me, and causing this, and who might be doing that. I sat there and prayed against ungodly prayers to try to break it.

Now this morning it turns out my prayer partner was having a very similar experience. We weren't even quite able to communicate what we were each experiencing at that time.

He said it well when he used the word "disconnect" with how he felt this morning.

I'm wondering if prayers are still coming against us (*He says, Oh, yes! Lots of prayers!*) calling for lethargy, and trying to cut us off from the Presence of Jesus – placing somehow a barrier between us and Him. Is that what it is, Lord? Can the enemy do that?

*Yes, he can and is! He is placing a barrier called STUPOR (drugs) between Me and you and your prayer partner to keep you from coming close to Me and hearing Me and following Me. This spirit leaves you partially cognizant and partially drugged to what is going on spiritually.*

*It's just against you two as you are the ones praying forth My will in this church. Satan thinks if he cuts you two off from Me, he will win the battle to keep the church from being cleansed and revived. But he is wrong! Cut off that barrier of stupor. Cut it off in Jesus' name, and it will be gone. Satan can do NOTHING to keep you from Me. I belong to you and you belong to Me. We are one; and we will keep on being one.*

**No, in all these things, we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:37-39)**

*Bind it off and away, and contact your prayer partner, and have him call you when convenient, and you can read this to him and you two can bind it off of you. I am greater than Satan is, and therefore, you have the authority to take over this spirit of stupor (feeling like you are partially drugged or out of it).*

*Whenever you feel the lethargy, or disconnect, or confusion, or undue sleepiness, then pray against those prayers of the enemy – as many times a day as you need to. This battle isn't over after just one time of battling. That is just one portion or skirmish.*

*There are many such prayers against you and many such skirmishes. Just be alert and ready to call out to Me EVERY TIME you need to. I AM your answer! ALWAYS look to Me for your answers. I have them. And I use this opportunity to draw you both even closer to Me and into greater dependence on Me. This part of the battle is good.*

*Always come to Me and I will always give you the answer. I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. I also am the Light that shows you the way. Follow Me. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness...and all these things will be added unto you. This includes answers to your needs.*

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## **THE SHINING ANOINTING AND THE RESURRECTION ANOINTING**

I just listened to David Martin being interviewed on Sid Roth show. David told about a “shining anointing” which he was given. When this anointing comes it brings conviction to people and they confess the tiniest sins.

He says He is now giving me that anointing. He says that when He leads me to, He will have me go and stand beside someone, and/or put my right hand on someone, and that shining anointing will bring conviction to that person.

David also told about the “resurrection anointing” which God gave him. This anointing makes you dead to self. It manifests itself as supernatural peace no matter what happens.

The Lord said He gives that anointing to me right now, and that I will notice a difference in how I respond to things. This also can be transferred to a person I stand beside, without touching them.

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## **KEYS TO SPEAKING PURE WORDS FROM THE LORD**

**If I have found favor in your sight, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. (Ex. 33:13)**

I learned there are several keys to speaking pure words from the Lord...

- Keep pure, and keep purifying myself daily and moment by moment as led. Pure words from the Lord come through a pure vessel.
- Every day submit myself to the Lord. Commit my mind, will, and emotions under His authority
- Ask the Lord if words given me are from Him, or if any of the words are of my soul or some other source.
- Pray only from the Secret Place.
- Abide there continuously.
- Deny myself, take up my cross daily, and follow Him. (Luke 9:23)
- Ask Him to sprinkle me with His blood
- Draw near to the Lord and ask Him to draw near to me.

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## LEARNING HOW TO LIVE IN THE SPIRIT

Quote from Graham Cooke, p 17 *Towards a Powerful Inner Life*

Left unconquered, the soul keeps us open and vulnerable to external pressures and attacks. Learning how to live in the spirit gives us the opportunity, because of our devotion and submission to God, to reverse all of the activity of the enemy and render his schemes useless. With the soul in control, the enemy is free to buffet us and leave us in the grip of the very pain we were called to put on him. If we can learn to submit our outer man to our inner man, nothing from the outside world will be able to shake who you are in Christ.

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## 11: NUMBER OF TRANSITION

11:55 p.m.

The Lord awoke me and had me look at the clock. I asked Him what it means. His answer:

*It means grace (5), a double grace, to My people whenever an "11" destruction event comes.*

Earlier in the day Bob Yeo was here, and he said some people were noting the sequence of 11's and thought it was significant: 9-11 for the USA, \_\_-11 for the Haiti earthquake, and 3-11 for the Japan earthquake.

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A quote from Jon Hamill on ElijahList from March 18, 2011

#### 11: Number of Transition

This night season for Japan, beginning on March 11, has been devastating. The number 11 denotes *transition*. This can best be seen in Jesus' words about Lazarus:

**"Lazarus our friend has fallen asleep, but I go that I may awaken him from slumber." –John 11:11**

Note that Lazarus was dead at the time. But there was an intention in Jesus' heart that not even His disciples knew. He was going to bring His friend back to life!

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### **A PSALM OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING**

FOR WHAT THE LORD IS DOING NOW

Lord, today You have shown Yourself mighty in battle. This has been a day of heavy warfare as we've battled against spirits coming against us. And even in the midst of the battle, as we've sought your Presence, You have come to us with comfort, instruction, revelation, and wisdom.

You have a way for each thing we face and You show us Your way as we seek You with all our hearts. You have given us the strategy for facing and overcoming the battles we've dealt with today.



That's the kind of God You are – a God who loves us and leads us to know You better. And in that process You show us the way to walk in purity, love, humility, and patience.

You take us higher in Your Presence, and place in us a new level of intimacy with You. You train us in war and lead us into a new level of worship, thanksgiving, and praise.

Lord, we are so grateful to You for Your love and faithfulness to us. Thank You, Lord, for loving us with your everlasting love, and placing on us Your rest and peace in relationship with You.

Lead us, Lord, in abiding in You every moment of every day of our lives here on earth. Use us as a display of Your marvelous deeds and Your glory. Keep us pure and clean and humble before You and keep us in holy and pure worship before Your throne.

To Your glory and praise, we lift this prayer to You. In Jesus' Name we pray...amen.

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## **WHAT IT MEANS TO WORSHIP HIM IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH**

This morning the Lord was explaining to me what it means to “worship him in spirit and truth” – something I’ve sought an answer to for many years. He said I wasn’t ready to receive the revelation during those times when I sought it previously because I hadn’t yet learned about “he who dwells in the Secret Place of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.”

He taught me that this Secret Place (shelter) is in the place where my spirit and His Spirit dwell together within me. This is the place He has me go to every day and all the time to communicate with Him and listen to Him. When I worship Him from this place, then I am worshiping Him *in spirit*.

I worship Him *in truth* when I worship Him as who He truly is, as revealed in the Bible. This comes from reading His Word and letting Him teach me who He is from that. When I worship Him in both these ways, then I am worshiping Him in spirit and truth.

*You are covered with My blood, so the enemy can't come in and steal your words or even hear your words. You are set apart unto Me when you come like this to pray with your*

*prayer partner. I set you both apart for this special time when I meet with you two together. It is a time arranged by Me and anointed by Me. Count on that and know that.*

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## FOUR THINGS

Four things mentioned in the book *God's Generals* by Roberts Liardon in the section about Evan Roberts (pg. 86)

"The Wales revival was founded on these four points: (1) Confess all known sin. (2) Search out all secret and doubtful things. (3) Confess the Lord Jesus openly. (4) Pledge your word that you will fully obey the Spirit."

~ 91 ~

## ACCORDING TO THE LORD'S OWN WORD

**I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." (1 Corinthians 15:50-54)**

**According to the Lord's own word... (1 Thessalonians 4:15-18)**

The Lord stopped me here after I wrote "According to the Lord's own word" and started speaking to me about this. I believe He is emphasizing that this truly is "according to the Lord's own word." Here is what He said:

It's soon, isn't it, Lord?

*Much sooner than you think. You think you have a lot of time, maybe years, but you don't. I won't be long in coming. I am coming soon. Soon means sooner than you think.*

*There is not much time before the harvest is finished. I have been pulling in the harvest sheaths of wheat in giant bundles recently – all over the world. And I will be continuing to do this in much greater numbers from now on. From now on, there is no delaying and no turning back for those who are in Me and are My harvesters.*

*You are one of those with your prayers of intercession. Your prayer partner is one of those with His going forth in My name and authority to minister to individuals (as you have watched him do in altar ministry) and to groups. Here he will apply My gospel, My salvation, My call to the lost, and My healing power and authority to all to whom I send him.*

*It will not be long until he starts going out on trips around to places I want him to go. I will bring about exactly the right events in his life to have these take place. You watch and see what I am about to do. Today is a day to get him ready to go out when I make the arrangements for this.*

*It is a commitment day for him (and for you to commit to intercede for him for this). I want him to now know the time is here, and he is to go forth from now on with Me on his end-time travels and exploits with Me. He will get the first invitation soon. Pray for this and wait for this. When it comes, ask Me if this is from Me. And, if it is, then he is to go and you are to pray for him the whole time.*

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## **COME, LORD JESUS, COME**

**According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words. (1 Thess. 5:15-18)**

Here I was led to stop writing and sing the song to the Lord from Terry MacAlmon's album (called "Live Worship") called "Even So." I have many favorite songs, and this is one of them.

(A song)  
Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come.  
Even so, take Your Bride away.  
How my heart longs to be with You, my Lord.  
Even so, even so, come, Lord Jesus, come.

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## SEEK ME AHEAD OF TIME TO KNOW WHAT IS COMING

I am seeking the Lord for instruction about what are the greater weapons we need.

*The greater weapons you need, are the ones I used when I was on the earth. What were those?*

- 1. I retreated from others to spend time with My Father so He could tell Me what was coming and how He wanted Me to deal with it. Remember I said I do only what My Father shows Me and speak only what He tells Me?*
- 2. Then all day and all night I watched to see what He had told Me to watch for, and responded as He had instructed Me to deal with it.*
- 3. You get caught off guard because you don't seek Me ahead of time to know what is coming and how to deal with it.*

When should we do that, Lord?

*In your early morning quiet time is the best. Remember I got up early and went apart to spend time with My Father. If you seek Me this way, then I won't need to alert you to pray through signals to his body so much. I use those signals to keep you alert and seeking Me. But if you do this early each morning, then you won't need those signals. They are for your protection and safety.*

*I want you to know what's coming and how to deal with it ahead of time. Try this idea out and see how it works. Seek Me early each morning for a few days and see what I show you. Ask Me to show you during those times what is coming for that day and night, and ask Me then how to deal with it when it comes.*

*My Father always instructed Me because He loved Me. Do you think I would do any less for you? NO! I love you and I will instruct you also, like He did for Me.*

*Remember that I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go. I will counsel you and watch over you. (Psalm 32:8)*

Anything else, Lord?

*Try this out for a while first. Then, as you learn this lesson, I can give you the next lesson in the greater weapons you can use. There are many.*

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## THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD

I am seeking Him about what is the upgrade in our armor. I'll take each part of the armor prayer in Ephesians 6:10-18 and ask Him what else we need to know to put it on and stand in it.

**Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.**

Our strength is in Him and His power, not in anything we are or do without Him...even in getting adequate sleep, although that is certainly helpful.

**Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.**

Have we been putting on the FULL armor? Have we been stating that we are taking our stand against the devil's schemes? Do we need to state this out loud? Does that help somehow in the heavenly realm?

**For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.**

Rulers, authorities, powers, spiritual forces of evil. Do we need to learn about these different forces of evil and how to battle against them? Is there something we can read or listen to, to learn from? Do we need discernment as to which level we are confronting as we battle?

**Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.**

It doesn't say IF the day of evil comes, but WHEN it comes. So we must be ready all the time. This needs to be done each morning in our quiet times also.

What does “after you have done everything” mean? Perhaps we are not doing “everything.”

**Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist,**

What truth do we need to know and apply that we aren’t doing right now? Do we need to state these truths as we buckle the belt of truth on? Like a declaration?

**With the breastplate of righteousness in place,**

Do we need to declare who we are in Christ as far as being righteous?

**And with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.**

We place peace upon ourselves. Is there a sense of “readiness” that we need also?

**In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.**

Do we need to declare this ahead of time, each morning, that we declare that all flaming arrows of the evil one are already extinguished by our shield of faith, Jesus.

**Take the helmet of salvation**

Declare things salvation means? Salvation from: infirmities, sorrows, transgressions, iniquities, punishment for our peace, wounds. Salvation to: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Salvation to: serve the Living God, Jesus.

**And the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.**

Ask for a scripture for this day, which is the sword He wants us to use during the day.

**And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.**

This might need to be our first response to each situation we see, sense, feel, or hear around us – start praying in the Spirit.

**With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.**

We are to continuously be alert to all that is going on around us. We are also to pray for all the saints.