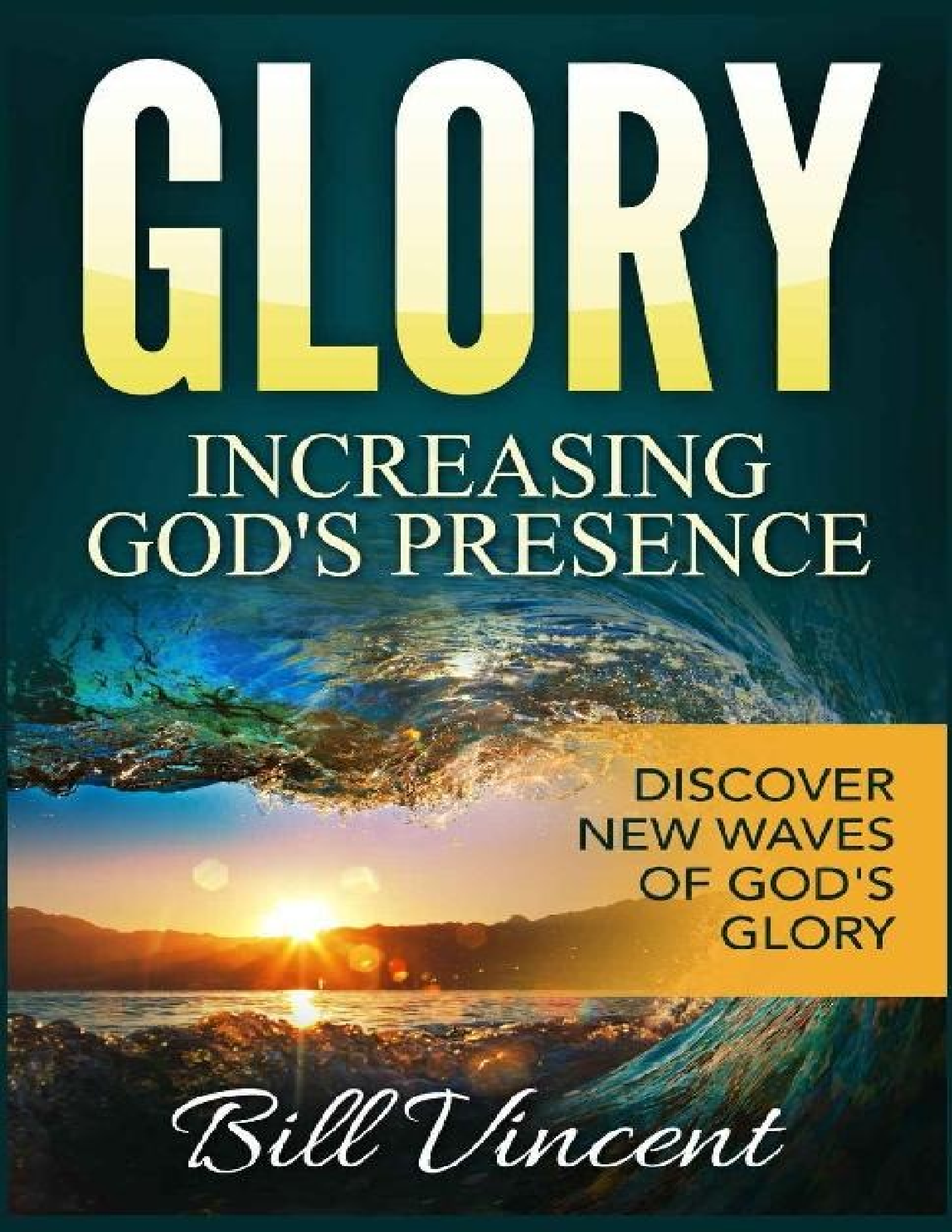
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Here are tips on reading Bill Vincent’s books. Bill writes prophetically as God speaks. The grammar may be pushed but the message is spoken from the heart of God. Bill didn’t want to lose the depth of revelation through extensive editing. God repeats Himself and says things many different ways. If you want to hear prophetically then Bill’s the Author for you.

Restoring Spiritual Principles

I want to start this book by sharing some things that God is restoring in this hour. We are about to see some great things.

Job 29:4 As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God *was* upon my tabernacle;

This is by no means a full study on the Person of the Holy Spirit. It is just an appetizer to wet your appetite for intimacy with Him. The Word of God is time spent with Him, and time spent with God chasers who know and love Him will grow you in the knowledge of our Precious Spirit of God.

I have prepared this especially for those who have already asked Jesus into their hearts as personal Lord and Savior, believing that God so loved the world that He gave us His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him would not perish, but have everlasting life. But my heart is that you do know Jesus if you haven't yet surrendered your life to Him, because once you do, Jesus has a gift waiting for you the precious Holy Spirit!

He will teach, counsel, lead, guide and love on you as no other and He will draw you into His radical fiery love. As you grow in intimacy, mature in the Word, you will come to experience Him and the Holy Spirit will reveal Jesus to your heart, the heart of the Father for the Son and the Son for the Father and their affection for you.

You do know that God loves you, right?

Now, more than ever before Jesus said in Luke chapter 12 that it is the Father's desire to give His children the Kingdom. If that was true then, how could it be different today?

Actually, we should probably be moving in even greater levels of intimacy with the Father as we see the urgent need for demonstrations of the power of God so much more.

I have designed this Chapter to encourage you to intimacy, and to encourage you to seek to deepen your own personal relationship with God's Radiant Glory. As you pursue friendship and spend time with Him, you will be able to recognize His presence, His voice, His instruction and will experience an increase in the release of Holy Spirit power and boldness in testifying of God's love and in ministering the gift and grace of salvation and healing to others.

John 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

I believe that the Holy Spirit is urging us to believe and trust God for a deeper relationship than ever before that will see us pressing in and ahead in love with God to release the power of the Kingdom in the earth!

Growing in love with God by His Spirit is the most precious, exciting, refreshing and exhilarating experience that I have ever known apart from the first blush love experience of salvation. Whoa, thank You Precious Lord!

If this Chapter compels you to dive deeper into the waters of grace through relationship and communion with the very Spirit of God and experience all that, praise God! If because of that intimacy, you do experience a greater release of the power of God in your life and in ministry to others, Praise God and Amen!

He is my Best Friend and the Love of My Life and it is an honor to introduce Him to you as an intimate friend. Your friendship with Him may look a little different from mine, but trust that He will meet your heart's yearnings in ways you cannot imagine and He will never disappoint you. Treat Him well; be kind and gentle and generous with your time. He is so precious.

How would you describe your Christian life? Are you satisfied with it, or do you hunger for more in your relationship with God?

Chances are if you have experienced the Person of the Holy Spirit, you will want more because each encounter only scrapes the surface of what we can encounter in the glory of God, no matter how much the Holy Spirit saturates us with His presence. Even more than you desire His presence, His heart yearns to commune with you and cries out, "Don't go away, don't be satisfied without My presence!"

2 Corinthians 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, *be* with you all. Amen. The second epistle to the Corinthians was written from Philippi, a city of Macedonia, by Titus and Lucas.

That's precisely the key to an increasingly satisfying Spirit-filled life, a life hungry and desperate for encounters with an intimate knowledge of the Holy Spirit.

1 John 5:8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

The three that bear record in heaven are not three Gods, but three in One, and each are an expression of God: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. To know God is to know there are three Persons in the Godhead. To know God is to know the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Ghost. To know God is to understand that God is three Personalities and in order to grasp His fullness, we have to have intimacy and communion and relate to each one. Though they are the same in unity and purpose and do everything in oneness, they are still three Persons. As Christians, we seek to know God the Father and God the Son, but in seeking the Holy Spirit, we tend to seek only the power and infilling He offers and provides and not the relationship.

Through our time getting to know the Father, we learn through the Son, that He is not a God in heaven with a gavel hammering down judgment.

Instead, we learn more of His character and come to know Him as Abba Daddy Father. We can come to know the Father even more intimately by coming to know the character and Person of the Holy Spirit as well.

The Holy Spirit is no less significant than the Father or Jesus, He is equal to them and we must know the fullness of the Holy Spirit as fully as we know the Father and Jesus. One does nothing apart from the other.

All three Persons of the Godhead were involved in our creation.

Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let **us** make man in **our** image, after **our** likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

This infers that it wasn't just the Father. If "God" said, then the Holy Spirit, the Father and Jesus all decided at the same time, in effect, "Hey! Let's make man in Our image."

Genesis 3:22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of **us**, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

Again, it is one God, but three Persons. It's "Us."

Genesis 11:7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

It is teamwork. They were a team from the very beginning and they are a team in our salvation.

To explain, let me paraphrase what happened. The Father demanded payment for sin and Jesus said, "I'll pay for it" and the Holy Ghost said, "Not without me."

In effect, the Father said, "I miss the fellowship that I had with Adam and Eve. I miss being able to go down and walk in the cool of the day with them. I miss the intimacy and the glory that we shared. Do you know what? Now I am angry and My holy wrath demands justice on sin because the wages of sin is death. I need

something to take the payment and the atonement for these people that I so desire to commune with. I have to have justice even at the same time I desire fellowship. But if I were to go to fellowship with them now, My fire would consume them."

Then Jesus all of a sudden stands and says, "Father, I'll go. Because I love You, Father and because I see the aching of Your heart for Your people. Father, I will go to the earth. I will suffer, die and become the atonement for all those so that they can be restored into the likeness and the image of Us and have that intimacy with You that You miss."

But the Holy Spirit interjects and says, "You're not going Jesus, unless I go too."

So the "Us" team have a conference and make the decision together to restore fellowship and bring us back to the place where we could taste of their glory. And this same Person of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit who worked alongside the Father and Jesus in creating you, invites you to know Him beyond knowing His power. I will ask the Father and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever, the Spirit of Truth. You know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you.

Life is so full and busy for all of us, but the call of God toward intimacy also increases. Nothing trumps an intimate love relationship with God! He is jealous, yes, jealous for your affection and does not want contenders for your heart!

I challenge you to identify the contenders that fight for your affection, those little foxes that busy you away from God and think of, even list on a piece of paper so that you won't forget, ways to construct your life to accommodate a passionate pursuit of fellowship with Him!

Those who know His name will lean on and confidently put their trust in Him. The Lord will not forsake those who seek Him!

Psalms 42:1 To the chief Musician, Maschil, for the sons of Korah. As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

Job 29:4 As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God *was* upon my tabernacle;

The Spirit speaks (Acts 8:29; 10:19; 11:12; 21:11; 1 Tim. 4:1; Heb. 3:7).

The Spirit may be spoken to, tested, grieved, insulted, or blasphemed (Acts 5:3, 9; Eph. 4:30; Heb. 10:29;

Matt. 12:31).

The Spirit sometimes uses the personal pronoun “I”,

Acts 10:20 Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.

Acts 13:2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

The Spirit lives,

Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in

you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

1 Corinthians 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

The Spirit guides, calls, commissions, and intercedes,

Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Acts 13:2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

Acts 20:8 And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together.

Do you desire more of the satisfying life?

John 7:37, 38 In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

John explains Jesus' words further in verse 39 and tells us that by this (rivers of living water), Jesus meant "the Spirit."

The Holy Spirit is the source of our deepest satisfaction. He quenches our thirst. The Spirit lives!

God gave us His Spirit so that we can experience intimacy with Him now.

John 16:13-15 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you.

John 14:26 But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

How wonderful it would be to walk with the Savior in the flesh as the disciples did.

Imagine three and a half years of close friendship with Jesus. They ate, slept, traveled, studied and ministered with the Man Jesus.

Side-by-side with the Redeemer, they witnessed Him feed the five thousand, raise the dead, and with sometimes just a word, heal the sick and cast out demons.

John 16:5-7 But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow

hath filled your heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

What is an advantage?

It is plus and gain, improvement, help, benefit.

What was that advantage?

It was the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit.

John 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, *even* the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

The disciples, as they walked with Jesus did not have the “advantage” that we have.

They did not yet have the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit. They walked with this Man of flesh, as they walked with their brothers, sisters, or friends. Their hearts were not yet made the spiritual temples God created to enter into. The Holy Spirit had not yet come to fill them. They likely could not feel the glory (with the exception of the Mount of Transfiguration experience), as we do.

It is clear that Jesus says the Holy Spirit is inside of Him, but that He is also in addition to Him. The Holy Spirit is One just like Jesus and will do in Jesus’

absence what Jesus would do if He were physically with us.

The Holy Ghost is the Greatest Evangelist. He is a helper. He is One who is called alongside. He is Intercessor, Comforter, Helper, Advocate, and Counselor.

He is the One who counsels what to do, when to do it, how to do it, whom to pray for, how to pray for and He provides words of knowledge and accurate details.

2 Corinthians 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, *be* with you all. Amen. The second epistle to the Corinthians was written from Philippi, a city of Macedonia, by Titus and Lucas.

In the final words of Second Corinthians chapter 13, Paul wants us to know three things:

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion (fellowship) of the Spirit.”

Grace, love, communion!

What Paul was saying was “May you have a revelation of the grace of Jesus, the love of God (talking about the Father) and not just revelation of the Holy Spirit, but communion and fellowship with the Holy Spirit.”

For Paul to say what he said, he had to have known the fellowship of the Holy

Spirit.

He was talking about something beyond operating in the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

The passage did not say the communion of the Father, or of Jesus, but of the Holy Spirit “May the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

The word “communion” here is referred to in the Greek text as koininia. Communion in this context means unity, a close association, fellowship, close bond, or a partnership.

The underlying message is sharing.

Therefore, Paul was saying then, “May you experience and share the intimate bond, the closeness, the unity, the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.”

Paul infers there is something a whole lot deeper to the Holy Ghost and to the anointing and the gifts of the Spirit.

He is saying that we can know koininia with Him and alongside of Him.

Koinonia is the anglicisation of a Greek word (κοινωνία) that means communion by intimate participation.

(Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

I have koininia relationship with the Holy Spirit. I chat with Him constantly.

We have a bond so close, I cannot even describe it. We share, talk, ask questions of each other and communicate openly.

I ask Him questions and He gives me answers and vice-versa.

There is freedom in our fellowship.

He is like a close buddy and confidante and accompanies me everywhere.

I keep in step with Him.

Galatians 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

I do not have to wait for Him to come upon me, or manifest in some way, I just know He is there.

In the beginning of the revival in Litchfield I began to understand that there was something that I did not have and that was deeper intimacy with the Lord.

I did not know the Holy Spirit beyond the gifting or teachings I had received.

I knew His work and His presence, but I did not know His character.

I spent months diving into every Scripture verse I could find and studied Him in depth.

It created a hunger in me to know Him as close as a brother knows a brother, as a husband knows a wife and I pursued Him with every ounce of strength I possessed.

There, I would lift my hands and cry out to Him, “Holy Spirit come please, I want to know You. I am not satisfied only with Your power. I want to know You more than to operate in the gifts.”

Wham, I would be under the power vibrating as though somebody had plugged me into an electrical circuit.

I would weep, vibrate, shake and the charged atmosphere afterward lingered.

I could not wait to get home every day because the Holy Spirit would be there waiting for me.

I was so excited about this relationship, new intimacy and closeness.

Relationship with the Holy Spirit was beyond anything I had encountered, beyond the anointing and the moving in the gifts.

As soon as I would open the door to my room, it was as though the Holy Spirit was sitting there like a kid at Christmas waiting for me to get home from work so we could spend time together in His presence.

Ecclesiastes 5:1 Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil.

Knowing who He is requires spending time in His presence and getting to know Him on an intimate level.

It is not at all unlike living with a person, such as a wife, husband, or sibling.

It is a partnership and a fellowship; we confide, make decisions, encourage, and champion each other!

We eat, sleep, talk and have fun together; such is my relationship with the Holy Spirit, my precious Friend.

He does not have to tell me when He’s grieved, or touched, I feel and sense it.

I encourage Him and champion Him, “I love You, and honor You, Holy Spirit, I love the way Your Presence feels, I love to hear Your voice, I love to wake up in the morning and feel You flow through my body like electricity, I love that!”

I would talk to the Holy Spirit and say, “We’re going to have another revival meeting, Holy Spirit, isn’t that awesome? I cannot wait to present the Gospel with You. It’s You and I, Holy Ghost and we’re going to bring signs and wonders to the people!”

I often include the Holy Spirit in my Bible time.

I just say, “Holy Spirit, look at this verse, look what Jesus did and You were right there! The blind man’s eyes opened, wow.” This was koininia time.

Yes, God is with us always, but the manifest presence of God is Whom we seek in intimacy.

Fellowship and partnership with the Holy Spirit is heaven touching earth in the natural plain of our lives.

A “With You” Presence,

John 14:17 *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

The Holy Spirit is with us and in us.

This “with us” presence is the communion, the koininia. We already know that the Holy Spirit is within us, but do we really understand that He is with us?

One day, I opened the door of my bedroom to leave and I felt His presence with me. His presence followed me down the hall and out of the building.

Sometimes as I drive, I will sense someone has joined me and discover He is sitting sidesaddle with me and I will suddenly become overwhelmed with joy.

It is amazing how everything in the Bible revolves around the Person of the Holy Ghost.

Creation did not even happen without Him. God sent forth His Spirit and created.

The Holy Spirit was involved in creating and sustaining all life,

Genesis 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Job 33:4 The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

Job 34:14 If he set his heart upon man, *if* he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath;

He was involved throughout Jesus' life, too. Jesus did not do anything without Him.

The Spirit caused His conception (Matthew 1:2), descended on Him at His Baptism (Matthew 3:16), led Him into the desert (Luke 4:1) and anointed and gave Him power to preach the Gospel (Luke 4:18).

Jesus drove out demons by the Spirit (Matthew 12:28) and even died on the Cross with Him (Hebrews 9:14). That same Holy Spirit raised him raised from the dead (Romans 8:11).

Not one thing in Jesus' life took place without the Holy Spirit.

Not one miracle. Not His birth, not His ministry, not His death. The Holy Spirit was with Him always. Jesus was completely dependent on Him. Jesus was a Man as totally dependant upon God as we are.

He was tempted in every way as we are.

The only thing different that Jesus had that we do not have is total dependence, faithful, brokenness, obedience and yield to the Holy Ghost.

That same Spirit that raised Jesus Christ from the dead lives in and with us and we are invited to know Him intimately. How sweet is that?

John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

The answer is in the very next verse, and it is because:

John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Jesus is about to pray for the Holy Ghost to come, but the first thing He says before the Holy Ghost comes is to keep His commandments, because the key to more of the Holy Spirit manifesting in your life is obedience.

In order for this other Helper to help, we have to keep God's commandments.

Isaiah 30:21 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.

The more yielded, emptier, broken and obedient we can become, the more the power of the Holy Spirit can flow in our lives.

His power is the same for all of us. My Holy Ghost is not different from Jesus'. I do not have a smaller Holy Ghost than He did.

Children's Holy Ghost is not a junior Holy Ghost. What junior levels of dependence, obedience and how we yield.

Our shortcomings in those areas are a form of godliness that denies the power. The Holy Spirit cannot penetrate our lives in power if we deny it.

The Holy Spirit is twenty-four-hours-a-day God consciousness.

He brings back what was lost in the Garden with Adam because of sin. He does what Jesus would have done in His place.

But the Holy Spirit multiplies it, that's why Jesus said that it is to our advantage that the Holy Spirit comes.

The Holy Spirit has feelings and emotions.

There are things that grieve Him, wound Him and hurt Him. Likewise, there are things that cause Him to laugh and bring Him great pleasure.

The Holy Spirit is the sensitive communicator of the emotion of God. He is sensitive, emotional (in a wonderful way!), expressive, passionate, responsive, open and quick to respond.

He loves to be "romanced," loves intimacy and loves to be loved and told that He is loved often.

Even though He knows we love Him, He yearns to hear it over and over again.

The Holy Spirit knows that you know that He is there and He knows that you are there, but He still wants you to acknowledge Him, think of Him, honor Him, cherish Him, woo Him and be attentive to Him.

Not only when you need Him for something; but simply because you want to be in His company; with Him, near Him.

He deserves special treatment your intimate, undivided attention.

He desires koininia with you and asks, “How much do you love Me?”

Most married men I know are protective of their wives. If someone says or does something wrong toward their wives; that protectiveness kicks in faster than you can say “peter piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.”

God the Father and Jesus are protective of the Holy Spirit in much the same way, because the Holy Spirit is the one who gets hurt, wounded, or grieved, they watch out for Him all of the time.

Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

The Bible says in Ephesians 4:30, not to grieve the Holy Spirit.

It means, do not wound Him, do not hurt Him and do not cause Him pain.

Only someone with feelings can be wounded or hurt and experience pain.

One way not to grieve Him is to realize who or what He is not.

The Holy Spirit is not an “it.” He is not a power and He is not an anointing.

He is not “the gift” of the Holy Spirit, He is not revival, He is not the shaking and He is not the falling over. He is a person whom you can hurt, wound and grieve. He is the ‘with you’ presence.

Isaiah 63:10 But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, *and* he fought against them.

God as an enemy is a serious ramification and we are not to take this lightly.

The word vexed means tormented.

The Israelites grieved Him; caused Him hurt, pain, wounded and tormented Him. To understand the importance of the Holy Spirit to the Father, imagine the Holy Spirit as the emotions of the Godhead.

He is the one Who expresses feeling. He is the mushy gushy.

You cannot feel the love of God without Him, nor can you feel His presence without the Holy Ghost.

You cannot even say that Jesus is Lord without Him.

He is the one who enables us to feel God's presence and hear His voice,

Revelations 2:7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

Everything comes through the Spirit.

The Spirit is the communicator of the voice of God and the emotion of God.

That is why God and Jesus are so protective.

There is something so precious, dear and wonderful about Him.

They do not want Him wounded or grieved.

The word grieves means to cause pain, torment and wounding. Do not do that to the Holy Ghost. Do not wound Him. Bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor and evil speaking grieve Him.

Ephesians 4:31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

Kindness toward one another, tender-heartedness, forgiving one another even as God in Christ forgave you pleases Him immensely.

Ephesians 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

The Father and Jesus are so protective of the Holy Ghost, that the Bible tells us that the one unpardonable sin is to blaspheme against Him.

Mark 3:28, 29 Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme: But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation:

It is the one and only sin without forgiveness.

It is not blasphemy against the Father, or the Son, but against the Holy Ghost.

What sets Him apart? Why Him? Why so protective over His emotions?

The Holy Spirit is a revelator. He is the revealer. He reveals to you the love of God.

1 Corinthians 12:3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and *that* no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

The Spirit comes and manifests to you the love that Jesus has for you.

He manifests to you the love and the forgiveness that is in the Father because Jesus satisfied the holy wrath that was in the Father demanding that sins be paid for.

That is why the Holy Spirit is so precious that God tells us not to grieve Him. That is why the Father is so protective of the Holy Ghost.

And that is why Jesus said that blaspheme against the Father, blaspheme against the Son shall be forgiven, but not against the Holy Ghost.

It is sad, but some of us use the Holy Spirit. We just want the Holy Ghost and His anointing because of what those things can do for us or our ministries, the miracles, the gifting and the prophecies that are going to open doors and opportunities for us.

We are using the Holy Spirit. Stop! This grieves Him. We need to become His resting place.

Genesis 8:8-11 Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground; But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters *were* on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark. And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark; And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth *was* an olive leaf pluckt off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.

Think of the nature of the dove. They are gentle and peaceful in the natural and then, whoosh they fly away when something disturbs or startles them.

If we want the Holy Spirit to rest on us with the olive leaf, then we have to stop sinning, stop grieving and stop hurting the Holy Spirit.

Every time we sin or fall subject to unbelief, whoosh, the Holy Spirit lifts.

He does not depart from us, but the manifest presence does.

The “with you” presence flies away, figuratively speaking.

If we want the Holy Spirit to rest, we have to avoid quick movements, those quick movements that fulfill our flesh.

Do you want to be a resting place for the Holy Spirit?

Do you want the Holy Spirit, the dove of God to rest on you with that olive leaf in His mouth?

Fall in love with Jesus and have an encounter with the Holy Spirit, because if you truly know the Holy Spirit, you will become quickly convicted and aware of those things that startle, wound, or hurt Him.

Ignoring the Holy Spirit, grieves Him. Let's say I come over to your house and you lead me to the couch and say that you love me and that we are friends.

I sit there all day long and you know I am there, but you run around and do all the things that you need to do in your house, with barely a glance my way.

You do not acknowledge I am there, even though you know in your busyness that I am.

How would you feel if I invited you over to my house and did the same thing?

This is the tendency of the Church with the Holy Spirit.

We say, "Come Holy Spirit, come into my church and sit in that pew right there.

When I need the anointing, a prophetic word, power or blessing, I'll call on you, but until then, just sit."

The Holy Spirit loves romance and loves to hear that you love Him.

It is not enough to acknowledge that He is inside of you, but that He is with you.

He wants that eye-to-eye and heart-to-heart close contact. He wants the intimacy.

He knows that you love Him but wants to hear it.

Psalms 115:1 Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, *and* for thy truth's sake.

He wants to hear you say, “Holy Spirit, I love You, Come on over, sit with me!”

1 Corinthians 1:9 God *is* faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

John 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Matthew 7:7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

Job 29:4 As I was in the days of my youth, when the secret of God *was* upon my tabernacle;

Deep, raw, hunger for intimacy with the Holy Spirit is only satisfied through expression.

However, many find it difficult to express this desire or any other things of the heart.

The psalmists did this very well and I believe this is why the psalms are so popular.

They not only provide us with models to follow, but they also inspire us to voice our own deepest feelings and aspirations.

Psalms express heart cries, wonderings, praise longings, thanksgiving and satisfy the innermost yearnings to do what we were created for…worship the King.

They take us from the heights to the depths and we can feel God Himself cry with us.

It is as if the Psalms give us a “kick start” because they help our emotions come to the surface as we identify with the cry of the Psalmists.

With this in mind, let us examine two particular verses composed with great sensitivity by the psalmist.

Psalms 42:1, 2 To the chief Musician, Maschil, for the sons of Korah. As the

hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

The word pant means more than just breathing rapidly and heavily. It also means to yearn eagerly. Do you yearn eagerly for God? Are you thirsty for the Living God?

The second verse found in Psalm 84:2 also describes an intense longing for God's presence.

Psalms 84:2 My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

It is time to know Him and be known by Him! God is issuing a personal invitation to you.

Revelations 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

He is looking for a response.

His Spirit is welcoming you to come into His presence to spend time with Him, alone, so that your love and passion for Him will reach new heights.

If you are willing to say “Yes,” He will fan the flames of desire for intimacy with Him.

The Holy Spirit revealed to me that when we really desire His presence, He will cause awesome things to happen and will release even those things we are not expecting. Isaiah the prophet said:

Isaiah 64:1 Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence,

Yes! Oh God, tear open the heavens and come down! Isn’t that what we all want?

Today, I want to carry my open heaven with me; I live and minister under an open heaven and God continues to surprise me day-to-day.

I believe God’s favor came upon me because I pursued His presence and nothing more.

I desired Him alone, above all else.

I sought His presence, not the blessings His presence brought.

Today, people often pursue Him for increased benefits and sometimes that is their motivation for time in their secret place.

However, that is not a hunger for God but a hunger for the fruit. Yes, there are

many blessings in that place, but when we desire Him and Him alone, when we seek His face; He gives us His kiss of love, which in my opinion, is so much better than any other blessing!

Perhaps the Holy Spirit is revealing that your love relationship with Him is alive, spontaneous and passionate. Great! You might even be thinking, how can I take that fire that I already have in my heart and make it an inferno?

Alternatively, He may be revealing that your level of desire and passion for Him is weakening.

If so, He wants to arouse and awaken your love for Him. He wants your passion to strengthen.

Understanding God's Love for You,

Ezekiel 16:8 Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time *was* the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness: yea, I sware unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord GOD, and thou becamest mine.

Although this message from God was spoken to the inhabitants of Jerusalem through Ezekiel (the prophet), it is still a significant "now word" for us today.

It reveals so well God's heart of compassion and love toward us.

He wants you to know that He sees your vulnerability and He is covering you

with His love and protection.

That is the bottom line. You are loved! You are covered! And His love for you is whole-hearted.

By that, I mean His love isn't just talk.

He doesn't just whisper empty words into our ear! God is good!

He backs up His words with actions, confirmations and evidences of His love that we can see or perceive.

He wants the same from us He doesn't want us to love on Him with just lip service with no action, passion, or emotion.

God wants us fervent in spirit.

The definition for fervent paints a picture of an erupting, boiling volcano.

He wants us to be fiery hot! Are you an erupting, burning volcano fiery hot? Boiling over is the word! Kindle the Flame!

The Father has created a holy and intimate place in the spirit called the Secret Place.

Psalms 31:20 Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

Psalms 91:1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Reserved for true believers in Jesus Christ; this is a place of freedom where our love for Jesus can intensify our intimacy with the Holy Spirit and cause overflowing life-giving joy!

I am continually in this place of intimacy and my cry is “Holy Spirit, make me fiery hot!”

I want to be like John the Baptist.

John 5:35 He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light.

God not only wants to brand many believers with His fiery touch, He also wants to impact lives deeper than we ever thought possible.

He wants to fan the flame in your heart! So it is time to ask Him for new passion, new fire and the gift of holy hunger.

In my life, this holy hunger caused such a passion in my heart for the one thing that is far above anything else and that is the precious presence of God.

Psalms 51:11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

I weep when I pray this and I have prayed it often. “God, please, I have received such an outpouring of Your grace if that were gone if Your Spirit lifted from my life, it would all be over.

Please take not thy Holy Spirit from me.” And He hasn’t.

We can choose to stir up our love!

To stir up our love means to raise up, to excite, rouse or arouse to action.

Like warming up a musical instrument, we have to warm up our love and passion, stir it, warm it, awaken it.

The question is, “How do you warm up your love or arouse your heart for Him even more?”

Song of Solomon 3:5 I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake *my* love, till he please.

In other words, “Don’t let love come alive in your heart until you are ready for it

because it will cost you. If you are not ready to abandon yourself to Him, then don't even awaken it." Are you ready to be a lover of God?

It is a choice to be passionate, to be hungry and to arouse your love for God. The bottom line is you got it. We choose. Love is a choice.

What are you going to do with all of that hunger and desire for the presence of the Holy Spirit that you have asked Him to stir up in you?

How will you care for the love and passion that you have asked for?

Let me tell you, it is a commitment; it takes time, passion and sacrifice!

God does not want dull lovers or insensitive stewards of His blessings.

For the most part, the Church wants the passion but it remains lukewarm.

And we know what lukewarmness does to God. It makes Him throw up!

Revelations 3:16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

You either want it or you don't.

If you want it, you had better keep fanning that flame and keep the love exchange fiery hot!

The sad thing about those who are lukewarm is that they very well know that they are not hungry or desperate enough for God's presence in their lives and barely realize that it is only by His grace that His love can come upon their hearts and supernaturally empower them to love the way that He wants them to.

The only way we can love passionately is to be intoxicated with the influence of His affection.

Did you get that?

With the influence of His affection and how to get influence? It's Koininia, Communion and Relationship. The Word, Prayer, Worship and Hanging around lovers of God.

Wilderness into Pools

Have you ever been in the wilderness? If you live and breathe the answer must be yes. Would you like to have a pool of Glory in the midst of your wilderness? Let's find pools of Glory in your wilderness.

Matthew 5:6 Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

That's what we all want, to be filled and filled more than we have ever been filled. How hungry are you? Maybe you are dry, in a desert or valley and you want to see the power and Glory of God.

There are two things you do in the wilderness murmur and grumble or bless and praise God.

Psalms 63:1-5 A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah. O God, thou *art* my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; To see thy power and thy glory, so *as* I have seen thee in the sanctuary. Because thy lovingkindness *is* better than life, my lips shall praise thee. Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name. My soul shall be satisfied as *with* marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise *thee* with joyful lips:

David like you longed for the manifestation of the power and Glory. Where was he in the wilderness?

There are keys in this passage of the bible that reveal how to be filled and really satisfied. You think your valley is hard, David when he wrote this, was in the desert running for his life like a dog, being chased down by the man he loved and served King Saul.

Talk about a trial and to top that he longed for Gods presence, but he was in a land where there was no water. In the bible water speaks of the Holy Spirit.

Maybe God seems to be deaf to your cries and it feels like he is a million miles away from you, the bible is dead and there is no revelation. How hungry are you? What are you doing in your wilderness? Praising or grumbling?

David knew the key to having his desert turn into the place of the power and glory of God, be filled and satisfied, was in holy desperation. He was longing, thirsting and desperate for God, though God seemed to be hiding himself. He knew it was time to seek the Lord until he rained down his righteousness.

The desert is where you meet with God like Jesus and Moses, its rivers in the desert, wilderness into the pools, dry land into water springs, coming out of the desert in the power.

If you want the manifestation of the blessings of the desert, its in that valley understanding why God brings you there, its because He’s just wanting to bring you to another level. He puts you in that desert to test your hunger and make you desperate so you can go deeper.

Psalms 107:35 He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into watersprings.

Why the hungry? God knows that those that are desperate though they're in a dry and thirsty land, where there is no water they are so hungry for the power and glory of Jesus that they won't let up or shut up on running after God till they have a visitation.

Within their heart they say I'll turn my desert into a river, I'll dig up a well and turn my wilderness into a pool. I will seek you Lord, bless you and lift up my hand in your name and like David I know I will be satisfied. Are you that hungry and desperate for God that you will stir yourself up to take hold of him, not sleep or eat for 24 hours and lock yourself in your room and cry out to the Lord till He touches you. Will you seek Him and seek Him, meditate in His word though it seems He's hiding himself from you that He's deaf to you, the Word of the Lord is rare and there is no revelation until you have your encounter. Those who thirst like this will be filled beyond measure. There is always more!

God of Glory Thunders

Manna! It's the Heavenly food that God left behind supernaturally for His people after the dew in the morning, the glory dew, lifted.

Just like that Heavenly manna, both divine healing and the righteousness that are in Heaven can be left behind in this world! The purity of Heaven can be left behind even the gold that's in Heaven that paves the streets! That's because when the glory of the Lord lifts, sometimes there is a little substance left behind. It's the substance of "as it is in Heaven," the way it is in Heaven right now, every spiritual and supernatural blessing. It's a token of what is in the realm that we call eternal. Wow!

So today make this your expectation when the Father of glory comes: Anything is possible! Creative miracles, healing, financial blessing, goodness, favor, promotion!

We've even seen a gold substance show up all over someone's body and then disappear as quickly as it came. In fact, like some of you, we are seeing different kinds of manifestations of the glory realm such as; stunning diamonds, precious gem stones and rainbow-colored particles like gold dust, to name just a few.

Sometimes, an outward manifestation of God's glory will show up as lightning! On a few occasions over the years, I've seen lightning when I was worshipping with small groups of believers while we were singing about God's glory. The first time it happened, we suddenly saw a lightning bolt right after a few brilliant white flashes of light. The bolt actually hit me in my belly before I could scream!

To my surprise, when that happened to me, I actually received an impartation, some "substance" and what was left behind for me was a greater gift of prophetic revelation a new realm of having visions and dreams.

Later, I realized that I had experienced the "lightning of God" like a lightning bolt right out of the nature of the presence of God.

Actually the prophet Habakkuk speaks about this:

Habakkuk 3:3-5 God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. And *his* brightness was as the light; he had horns *coming* out of his hand: and there *was* the hiding of his power. Before him went the pestilence, and burning coals went forth at his feet.

That's revelatory light, that's truth, that's power! That's authority, that's healing and dominion!

Revelations 4:5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and *there were* seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

God wants to leave behind that substance for you too!

Truly, the lightning's of God announce His presence and glory. I've come to understand that when He releases that phenomenon, it's "of the glory of God," remembering it's about magnifying Jesus Christ. It's all about You, Jesus for the glory of Your name! What's more, it's in that place of glorifying the name of Jesus that God moves Heaven and earth, so that His fame and His name are spread far and wide. Man, things shake, because people need Him!

Yes! Jesus is the only One, the all in all, and He said,

John 4:24 God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

Definitely, David's psalm says it all,

Psalms 29:1, 2 A Psalm of David. Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength. Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

How do you give the Lord the glory and strength due to His name and what does it mean? It means to actually declare His victories boldly and as you begin to proclaim His mighty deeds, His goodness and His testimony in your life, that's

how you give Him the glory due to His name. There is something of an atmosphere that's even prophetic and revelatory that comes as we simply speak the testimony of the victories of God. In fact there is a call in this hour to the mighty ones (the Godly ones) who possess a militant spirit of the Lion of the tribe of Judah to give God the glory due to His name.

Furthermore, David says that the mighty ones will worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness in the realm in which they know and see the beauty of how holy God is.

To be in the beauty of His holiness is to be in an atmospheric glory realm. That's where the prophetic is born. While you pray, sing and decree in that realm, you actually get more done in the spirit than when you pray, sing, and decree at any other time.

It's the realm in which the glory comes, and out of that glory realm, for instance, creative miracles and physical healings take place, because you are in the holy manifest splendor of God. Sickness can't exist in that realm. That's why there is such power in letting the glory come and just soaking in it. It will make you whole, it will bring you healing. Sickness has to flee!

Equally, in the midst of the beauty of His holiness, there is a power of the voice of the Lord that is released. David goes on to say:

Psalms 29:3 The voice of the LORD *is* upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD *is* upon many waters.

That power of the voice of the Lord is first described in the story of creation in the Book of Genesis Chapter One:

Genesis 1:1, 2 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

In that awesome atmosphere of His holy presence, God spoke. What took place? It was creation; something came out of nothing. There was a power of the voice of the Lord that was released in the midst of the presence of the Holy Spirit, and that's when God spoke in that realm and said, "Let there be light." And light

came forth!!

We need to understand that there is a power in the voice of the Lord that is released in the midst of the beauty of His holiness. Now I want to suggest that you meditate on that revelation before the Lord as well as:

Psalms 29:3 The voice of the LORD *is* upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD *is* upon many waters.

True worship releases the voice of the Lord over our lives powerfully just like thunder.

Face to Face

What did Jesus say when Lazarus lay dead four days in the tomb? He said did I not tell you that if you would believe you would see the Glory of God. What is the Glory of God? It is people being raised from the dead. It is resurrection power coming out of the Glory. Do you believe the Bible from beginning to end? Do you believe that Jesus is the same today as He was yesterday and that He is going to be the same forever? What a great promise we have for healing. What about the supernatural? If He is the same today, then why can't He visit me like He visited Abraham, Daniel, Isaiah, John and Ezekiel? Jesus is the same today as He was yesterday and He will be the same forever and that makes what is available in the Bible, available today. Not just healing and laying hands on the sick and miracles, but also supernatural encounters.

Jesus was raised from the dead and spent forty days in His resurrected body. If He is alive today then supernatural things can take place.

Jesus can appear to someone in a visitation.

We are ok with Paul being taken into heaven, which he called the "third heaven". Paul and Elijah were men like us. God has to interact with somebody supernaturally. He is the same today. Why should Christianity and people's experiences with Christianity be any different today than they were in the Bible?

There was an all night prayer meeting and Peter showed up at the door and they said, "It is his angel". They did not want to believe that Peter was there, but they would believe that it was his angel. They were praying for Peter to be released from prison, but when he showed up at the door they would not believe it was

actually him. As God pours out His greater glory, we are going to hear about greater encounters and greater experiences.

They will be based on the model of how God visited them in the Bible.

I have had some unusual experiences. I am now feeling a bit of a release to share some of those things. Jesus appeared to me this year two times. Why do we need to have biblical encounters when we have the Bible? It is about intimacy. Why wait for your inheritance? What do you expect when you get to heaven? The kingdom of God is at hand; it is within you. I am hungry now. I am a joint heir. Thank God that one day the fullness will come and I will be in heaven, but I do not have to wait until then for my inheritance.

We need to have greater faith and expectation that He is going to speak to and visit us. Heaven is real, tangible. The glory of heaven is real and it changes everything that it touches.

In Revelation 2:7 we are given a promise:

Revelations 2:7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

The second heaven is the invisible realm where spiritual warfare takes place.

I share this because I want to bring heaven close. Anything can happen when the Lord appears. We want higher realms of Glory than we presently have. The Lord promised that we would eat the fruit of the Tree of Life. I pray that you will

make yourself available for a new realm of Glory. Let the windows of heaven open!

Kingdom Is Here

Everyday we answer two questions in our lives,

1. Who am I?
2. Where am I going?

We answer these questions based on upon preexisting images deep inside of us. How we answer the question also determines the way we respond to God's plan for our lives.

The first question, "Who am I" pertains to our Identity. This pertains to perception of us.

Identity is dealing with "Value".

What am I worth?

The second question, "Where am I going?" This pertains to our "Destiny" This has to do with our perception of our function in life.

Destiny is dealing with our "Purpose."

What am I supposed to do?

The course of our adult lives is set when we are children…. Both natural and spiritual children.

Ephesians 6:10-12 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places.*

Another word for wiles is schemes. We are always taught to stand against the devil…but looking at this scripture we see we are to stand against the wiles and schemes of the devil.

The schemes of the devil are to keep us from becoming what we are supposed to do.

God spoke something so clear to me about us coming into the Kingdom of God mentality and understanding the kingdom principles will break the schemes of the enemy.

Matthew 4:7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

From the very beginning, Jesus preached the Kingdom.

Jesus stated repent,

Repent means, change your mind or to adopt a new way of thinking.

Talking about the Kingdom is at hand is in effect that it has arrived. The kingdom has arrived.

Galatians 4:4, 5 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

We are not just servants of God…..but sons and daughters of God. To be a son or daughter of King Jesus gives you legal rights.

Exodus 19:5, 6 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth *is* mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

Matthew 4:23, 24 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

Mark 9:35 And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, *the same* shall be last of all, and servant of all.

Matthew 5:3 Blessed *are* the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 6:31-33 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 12:25-29 And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast *them* out? therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.

Matthew 13:11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

Matthew 13:19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth *it* not, then cometh the wicked *one,* and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

Think about this…. When we plant grass seed and birds come and carry it away does the grass still grow? ….NO

Matthew 16:19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

John 20:21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace *be* unto you: as *my* Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

Luke 9:1, 2 Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.

Psalms 24:1 A Psalm of David. The earth *is* the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

The fullness thereof = “All its creatures.” It’s every tree, plant and shrub; the silver and the gold and the cattle on a thousand hills, they that dwell therein and all human beings.

Isaiah 40:8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is

given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

Jesus was all power in bringing Kingdom here but that is a small amount compared to after He was resurrected Power of eternity still does not compare to that power we are to have here and now.

By repeating the idea of any length of duration, with the endless addition of number, we come by the idea of eternity.

Restoring God's Presence

God's plan for each one of us does not change.

The One who calls us is faithful and He will do it!

1 Thessalonians 5:24 Faithful *is* he that calleth you, who also will do *it.*

I have discovered that when God births His plans and purposes in our heart, they do not go poof when we fail, if circumstances are bleak, or as the enemy challenges our call or attacks us on our journey.

We may let go of a vision, but God does not.

Often we become too discouraged and doubt what we know to be true and sometimes we pitch figurative tents in our own (or another's) backyard of failure, in our sin, or in hard circumstances.

But what we have…man what we have is worth fighting for; it is worth building on, it is worth nurturing.

Your destiny, my destiny, the relationship, the anointing, the souls, the harvest, the gifts, the talents-it is worth the fight, it is worth rescue, it is worth restoration, it is worth repentance, it is worth forgiveness, it is worth cultivating,

it is worth lingering with God and moving on and moving with God into the manifestation of His promises, for His Own sake.

2 Timothy 1:12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

Lingering…I love hanging out in the Secret Place of the Most High God!

I recently re-read a message I had wrote some time ago that He gave me concerning the Secret Place, which was my foundation for my life and ministry of revival, and still is.

God has me share messages with you certainly as much for my own growth, building truths in my heart precept upon precept.

The teaching was that within that Pavilion of His Presence is safety, refuge and shelter.

The Most High God is Most High, far above all power and all might, far above all principalities and all dominions and far above every name given in this age and in every age to come.

The very Name of God and His very presence is far above every sin and all oppression, every sickness and all disease, above all lack and all poverty.

Thank You Jesus for the reminder.

I was thankful then and I am still thankful that He is Most High because all things…all things are under His feet.

I know this positional and this I know by experience.

Particularly with recent personal challenges and "fall from grace" it has been good to remember this place of "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength," the "more than a conqueror" place of victory.

It is a place of overcoming, rising up, far above, not defeated; a place of subjecting those things that bind and trip me up to the rule of the Lordship of King Jesus.

The Secret Place ….this is where I can completely trust His ability and love and lay down my own ability and failures at His feet, which is where I first met Him many years ago as a lost young person with a past and where He first birthed His destiny for me in my heart.

It is in this High Place of rescue and restoration that I have revisited His plans and purposes for my life and where He has resurrected the hope of my calling.

The restorative dividends of God's precious presence are priceless. I am seeing and loving the results as I grow and increase in mature stature in Christ Jesus with firm resolve to lay down my will completely for His. In addition, I have a

greater sensitivity to His will, to the need for accountability, and to the needs and feelings of others. Most of all, I am even more determined to glorify His name and lift it ever higher as His subject and as a walking testimony of His continual transforming grace.

I am well aware that the journey from our past mistakes can be weighed down with fear, doubt, trepidation, condemnation and regret, for starters.

However, in this divine watershed, this "Secret Place of His Presence," I have lingered with the Word Face-to-face and receive power moment-by-moment to live a holy and acceptable life today thus gaining the courage to flow and traverse with God and within His will into the places of tomorrow. Pressures, temptations, oppressive forces, sin and sickness abound but we all have the privilege of resting in the Secret Place of His presence where we can completely trust God's ability and love for us and lay our ability, will, failures, circumstances and battles completely at His feet.

I will never know joy unless I am on this journey within His will, in the outflow and overflow of His love, glorifying Him at every juncture, lifting High His banner into the harvest fields. I have learned a lot and I am growing in the knowledge of His grace. I thank God for those faithful sent ones full of grace, those who have found it within their hearts to forgive, who have not lowered the boom on His hope and desire for me, for deeming the hope of my calling worthy of rescue and restoration for His Name's sake.

Isaiah 43:25 I, *even* I, *am* he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

God is restoring His people and I amongst them, hallelujah, I believe to prepare us for the greater to come. How I hunger for more of Him and the more of Him the more His love manifests in signs, wonders and miracles.

More than ever now, I see people hungry for the miraculous; but what they are saying is, “I want/need/have to have more of You, Jesus!” Many believers are operating in a greater anointing for deliverance and healing than we have seen in decades and with significant breakthrough, as we saw in Lakeland, which, was only the beginning.

We all desperately need His touch in every aspect of our lives.

I am encouraged to hope that though justly corrected, He has not forsaken me and has saved me for His own Name’s sake, to the praises of His power and grace. You are breaking through, I am breaking through, the Church is breaking through, heaven is breaking through, hell is not prevailing and things are about to change big time.

I think back on people our own ministry was involved with “rescuing,” through the love of Christ and His healing, delivering, saving power, the souls we fed with spiritual manna from the Word, many of those ones are rescuing others today.

Our own rescue and restoration positions us to become actively involved in setting others free. However, sin, addiction, sickness, infirmity and other areas of bondage not only afflict the lost, but also many believers today. More than ever, I hear their heart’s cry to be free but many are perishing for lack of knowledge.

It is time now for us to share the knowledge of our restoration, to rise up as a healing and deliverance army to expose demonic powers and deal with them and to seek the Father because He desires to teach His people about walking in the authority. He wants to see His children free.

Discouragement, especially in these difficult times can be a major hindrance to this restoration of Jesus' deliverance and healing ministry within the Church. Sadly, multitudes in the Body of Christ today suffer all kinds of bondages and sicknesses because of the unbelief in God's power for today and remain in Egypt. Nevertheless, it is time for all of us to enter the Promised Land, a kingdom demonstrated not just in word but also in power.

If we are to set America ablaze, we need the cutting-edge power of God to capture its attention; we need to preach the Gospel of power with signs, wonders and miracles following.

In a world so immersed in secular humanism and influenced by the media and entertainment industry, we need the power and love of God radically demonstrated in our lives and in our works.

I have made it my resolve and my life work to know Jesus and the reality of the supernatural power of God on earth as it is in heaven so that my life would become a supernaturally empowered and charged walking, living, breathing testimony that introduces the world to the Supernatural God of Love and Power, the Creator of the Universe who restores people, who desires people whole, delivered and healed.

Jesus came to set captives free from their past to their purpose. More than ever, I am a testimony of this! I'm a work in progress testimony as we all are.

Together, we will journey and meet every challenge with the Promises of God, which are? Yes and Amen! And there was power in their testimony.

The more we have to testify of and the more people testifying, the more the world will realize how deep and wide His love, that miracles happen and prayer works.

Thank You God and thank you friends, partners, prayer warriors and supporters for your grace and forgiveness throughout this time and for standing with us as we re-establish, regroup, grow and go for massive harvest! I am committed to the work of the Holy Spirit in my life and in yours, to the original vision, to fresh vision and to His plans and purposes and look forward to moving with God into His call and going forth in an overflow of miracles with you, for His Name's sake.

Filled With His Glory

A careful study and examination of both biblical and natural history will support the conclusion that God creates men and women to meet the challenges and needs of the generation to which they are born.

This can readily be recognized in Scripture with the emergence of prominent prophets, judges and leaders who led Israel during times of apostasy, adversity, prosperity and war.

Likewise, the Lord is also creating and preparing a body of spiritual warriors to emerge in our generation to meet the spiritual challenges and prophetic destiny ordained for our age and foretold in Scripture.

One of the greatest mandates of all time is to cooperate with the Holy Spirit and see the biblical directive in Numbers 14:21 fulfilled... to be the instruments by which He fills the whole Earth with His glory.

Numbers 14:20, 21 And the LORD said, I have pardoned according to thy word: But *as* truly *as* I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.

Like Abraham, it is the cry of our hearts, Genesis 18:3 And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant:

It should be our earnest desire and aspiration to be the chosen generation through

which the Lord will give revelation and expression of His nature, character and power that we may begin to fill the entire Earth with the Glory of God.

That would be the fulfillment of the awesome prayer outlined by the Lord Himself, "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

We have the incredible privilege of living in the generation that will witness the unveiling of great mysteries and hidden secrets reserved for the end-time generation.

Daniel 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even* to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

Thankfully, the Holy Spirit is beginning to unleash "great and mighty things" related to our prophetic mandate from the Scriptures and imparting to us insight with understanding concerning the revelation of His Glory.

There are three passages I believe have been given heightened attention by the Holy Spirit in this hour.

They are Esther 5, Revelations 4 and Isaiah 6.

Each of these passages points to a King sitting on His throne.

Isaiah 6 has always been a significant passage of Scripture and saturated with the

revelation of the Lord as King and the design of heaven creating the atmosphere in which He dwells.

If there is a King and a throne, then there must be a kingdom and dominion over which He rules.

That is one of the great revelations for our generation.

The Lord Jesus Christ the overcoming King with ultimate authority and dominion revealing to an overcoming people on the earth the Kingdom of Heaven.

Throughout the ministry of the Lord He made it clear that His commission was to convey the understanding and demonstration of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Throughout the Gospels we witness the Lord continually teaching and manifesting His Kingdom and the attributes inherited in the Heavenly Father.

That is also our great commission.

The Lord Jesus gave the analogy of Himself as a grain of wheat.

He taught that if this grain of wheat falls into the earth and perishes it is for the purpose of bringing forth multiplied grains of wheat like the original seed.

John 12:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

It is our high calling to emerge as one of the grains of wheat, like the original seed, who will begin to demonstrate and teach the Kingdom design in the Earth.

There is a present move of the Holy Spirit to prepare a company of "overcomers" to EXPERIENCE the revelation of His Kingship and give expression to that unveiling to the body of Christ, ushering in and birthing the Kingdom of God in the earth.

We often times define the Kingdom as, the Lord Jesus Christ living and abiding in His people, doing through His people the same works that He did while on the earth while in human form.

It will be the promised fulfillment of,

John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

Without controversy, part of our great commission is the harvest of souls and the demonstration of the Spirit and His power in our generation.

There is the ministry of salvation and deliverance to set the captives free and liberate prisoners from spiritual dungeons.

There is also the ministry of healing that must be carried to the people to restore the eyes of the blind, unstop deaf ears and heal lame limbs.

These are all great and lofty purposes for which we devote ourselves in preparation and equipping.

Nevertheless, in the process of pursuing the Holy Spirit's power and anointing, we also discover an even higher purpose for which we are created.

It is to have intimate relationship and communion with Him.

Far too often we have ascertained throughout history many devoted saints who gave themselves to the work of the ministry but somehow lost the intimacy and communion that brought them to the place of anointing and power.

Consequently, we must invest ourselves to find the place of intimate exchange and sacred fellowship with the Lord and be completely unwilling to compromise that relationship for any purpose.

Notice the heart's cry of the apostle Paul.

Even after many years of powerful ministry, his passionate desire was to, Philippians 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

Further, combined with the commission to carry the gospel of salvation and power and even the more lofty purpose of having intimate relationship and exchange with the Lord, we discover a third mandate that perhaps is equally as important, as honorable as they are.

It is to be the agency through which the entire earth is to be filled with His Glory.

The Lord descended upon Mount Sinai in all of His Glory and Power and desired to use Israel to begin to fill the earth with His Glory. Unfortunately they missed the mark.

The Lord was so grieved with the unbelief and disobedience of the people that he was prepared to destroy the entire nation with the exception of Moses.

Because of the intercession of Moses, the Lord held His hand of judgment but made a profound declaration, "So the LORD said,

Numbers 14:20, 21 And the LORD said, I have pardoned according to thy word: But *as* truly *as* I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.

There must be a generation who cooperates with the Lord to fulfill this solemn oath given so many centuries ago.

It was the desire of the Lord to reveal Himself to the entire nation of Israel.

The sovereign desire remains in His heart to reveal Himself to a Holy nation and

a royal priesthood and use them to fill the earth with His Glory.

Thus, we have a prominent mandate along with the noble purpose of winning the lost and healing the sick.

It is to participate with the Holy Spirit in fulfilling this directive to fill the earth with the Glory of God.

In understanding this great mandate, we can glean key insights from Isaiah 6 beginning with the first verse.

In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple.

Isaiah 6:1 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

King Uzziah was wonderfully blessed by the Lord until his heart was lifted up in pride.

When this occurred, this notable King entered the Holy Place and attempted to presumptuously offer incense at the altar of incense without the proper anointing and consecration essential for this duty.

With this fatal error, the King was stricken with leprosy as observed on his

forehead by the priests.

According to Leviticus law, when the priests identified leprosy on the forehead of a person, that person has been recognized to be unclean and required to cover his lips and declare "unclean, unclean."

Leviticus 13:43-45 Then the priest shall look upon it: and, behold, *if* the rising of the sore *be* white reddish in his bald head, or in his bald forehead, as the leprosy appeareth in the skin of the flesh; He is a leprous man, he *is* unclean: the priest shall pronounce him utterly unclean; his plague *is* in his head. And the leper in whom the plague *is*, his clothes shall be rent, and his head bare, and he shall put a covering upon his upper lip, and shall cry, Unclean, unclean.

In comprehending the significance of King Uzziah's death we begin with the statement given by the great prophet Isaiah as he stood before the very throne of God witnessing the exchange of the Seraphim giving Glory to God.

And one called out to another and said, Isaiah 6:3-5 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, *is* the LORD of hosts: the whole earth *is* full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, Woe *is* me! for I am undone; because I *am* a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

When Isaiah discovered himself, not in the type of shadow on the earth, but the literal Holy Place in heaven and before the throne of God, he clearly must have remembered the grotesque and distorted appearance of King Uzziah before his death.

With that image in mind he in essence stated, I am like Uzziah who died of

leprosy, an unclean disease, I am likewise unclean and unworthy to stand in this Holy Place.

Interestingly and angel flew to the very place in which Uzziah was stricken, the altar of incense and extracted a coal and applied it to the lips of Isaiah.

There was an atoning provision for Isaiah.

The Lord had made a redemptive provision providing atonement and cleansing for the condition in which Isaiah found himself.

There was no correction to the statement made by Isaiah that he was unclean.

Rather, the Lord’s atoning attribute altered the condition of Isaiah and made him to be cleansed and worthy to participate in the exchange of Glory taking place before the throne of heaven.

Uzziah entered the Holy place on earth with pride and presumption while Isaiah appeared with lowliness and contrition.

The prophet Isaiah was given the great privilege of seeing heaven's design before the throne of God as Seraphim spoke one to another declaring "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts."

They were allowed to see with their eyes demonstrations of His majesty and authority and give expression to it.

Their words began to fill the temple with smoke and Glory by witnessing with their eyes and expressing with their lips the revelation of God sitting upon His throne in absolute and perfect supremacy and sovereignty.

As the Seraphim gave Glory to Him and He received the Glory due Him, more of his Divine attributes began to be revealed causing an even greater expression of praise and Glory.

This Kingdom exchange and heavenly design continued filling the atmosphere with the Glory and illumination of God until the entire temple was saturated with the appearance and revelation of His Glory.

That is the fashion of heaven that is to be transferred to the earth and our mandate to create an atmosphere on the earth that is consistent with His nature and character in which He can dwell.

If we can fulfill this mandate, all the other purposes and desires for which we long will naturally be established and achieved by His Presence and anointing resting in us.

How desirous Isaiah must have felt to likewise participate in this exchange of Glory, yet he recognized the unworthiness and impurity of his own lips to give glory to God in such a holy surrounding.

Thankfully, the provision of heaven purified him and removed his unclean condition paving the way for him to likewise give Glory to God.

This commissioning of Isaiah was not one as a prophet.

The scriptures plainly report that he was already functioning in the office of a prophet long before the experience of Isaiah 6.

Perhaps, Isaiah was being asked "Who will go for Us" and begin to fill the earth with the His Glory as witnessed in heaven before the throne of God.

Isaiah observed the atmosphere surrounding the throne of heaven.

He saw the design of heaven created around the kingship and dominion of the Lord and the unveiling of His Glory as seen by those witnessing the nature and character of His kingly authority.

This same atmosphere must likewise be created on the earth in and through His people for the Lord's dominion and Presence to be fully manifested in our generation.

That is the will of heaven being done on the earth.

It is the creation of the environment in which the Lord is able to dwell because it provides a surrounding consistent with His divine nature and character.

We can only participate in this exchange by virtue of the true revelation and comprehension of our hearts.

It cannot be the mechanical articulation of words with only an intellectual perception of His dominion and glory.

It must be through overcoming saints anointed with the spirit of wisdom and revelation being allowed to see comprehend and experience the unveiling of His great Kingly authority, Dominion, Glory and giving expression to it. And another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer; and much incense was given to him, that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand.

And the angel took the censer; and he filled it with the fire of the altar and threw it to the earth; and there followed peals of thunder, sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

Revelations 8:3-5 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer *it* with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, *which came* with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand. And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast *it* into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

In this passage the Bible portrays the prayers and intercession of the saints being like smoke or incense captured and mingled with the incense of heaven. This illustrates our words having a tangible substance that can be seen and captured in the spiritual realm when coming from honest and sincere hearts anointed with the spirit of revelation.

It is our privilege to GIVE Him Glory and His desire to RECEIVE Glory and honor for who He is.

And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; day and night they do not cease to say,

Revelations 4:8-11 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him;* and *they were* full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

According to the scriptures, David was a man after God's own heart.

He also recognized this high mandate and even prayed that the entire earth would be filled with the Glory of God.

Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone works wonders.

And blessed be His glorious name forever; and may the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen.

Psalms 72:18, 19 Blessed *be* the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things. And blessed *be* his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled *with* his glory; Amen, and Amen.

With his prophetic eye, David was able to recognize the desire of God's heart to fill the earth with His glory.

Like David our earnest prayer should be to not only live in a generation that witnesses the return of God's Glory but also participate in the communication and release of His glory in the earth.

That is one of the highest purposes for our redemption and one for which we are presently being prepared and groomed.

From among the four living creatures, the attributes of the Eagle seems to be the most predominant that characterizes this entire generation of "overcomers."

The apostle Paul made it clear that we each have the privilege and admonition to be anointed with the spirit of wisdom and revelation.

Ephesians 1:17-19 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the

hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

Part of this great endowment is to allow the eyes of our hearts to be illumined to see with comprehension the revelation of His Person and His Kingship and give expression to it.

Without clear illumination, we cannot fully participate in the articulation and release of His glory.

Presently, the Holy Spirit is seeking to enlist a company of people who will yield themselves fully to Him and submit their will to the will of the Father.

In so doing, we will open the door of opportunity to be cleansed with the provision of Heaven, as was Isaiah, thus permitting our participation.

This great mandate is not for those in an unclean condition as Uzziah.

It is for those who have fully embraced the blood of redemption and the fire of God from the altar that consumes everything within us contrary to His nature.

We will not be able to meet the challenges of our generation resting upon someone else's faith.

The apostle Paul once made the statement concerning the message of Truth he lived and taught,

Galatians 1:12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught *it*, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

For us to maintain the faith of God, we must likewise experience the revelation of Jesus Christ for ourselves and become the instruments through which His glory is given pronunciation and substance.

It is an interesting observation in the scriptures that the disease of leprosy is generally not healed but cleansed.

It was a condition of defilement and uncleanness that reflected a greater meaning and became a visible portrayal of deterioration and corruption that reflected an inner condition.

There is a company of people who will answer the invitation to be cleansed by the coals from the altar and proceed to this high place of revelation and comprehension from which we can begin to give Glory to God.

Going Behind the Veil

The Lord gave me a wonderful experience that I believe is the calling of several within the Church being prepared to go behind the veil and begin to understand great and mighty things which we presently do not know.

There is some being groomed to experience,

Jeremiah 33:3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

This prophetic Scripture declares:

Call to Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things, fenced in and hidden, which you do not know (do not distinguish and recognize, have knowledge of and understand). –Amplified Version

I had an encounter that was amazing.

The Lord allowed the loving embrace for a few moments and then pointed to a wall directly in front of me.

I noticed at the base of the wall an area that seemed to have been opened once before but was now sealed and “hidden” with small stones.

It was as though the wall was there the entire time but it took the Lord

pointing it out to open my eyes to it.

I began to remove the stones and discovered that it was an access to a chamber behind the wall.

As I continued to dig, the tile and stone material could be easily removed.

Once the hole was large enough for me to pass through I discovered a room filled with thousands of ancient scrolls, parchments, journals and books.

I knew this library of priceless materials had been primarily preserved for our day and contained key secrets in walking closely and intimately with the Lord.

It will be a fulfillment of Isaiah 48:6-7 saying:

Isaiah 48:6, 7 Thou hast heard, see all this; and will not ye declare *it?* I have shewed thee new things from this time, even hidden things, and thou didst not know them. They are created now, and not from the beginning; even before the day when thou heardest them not; lest thou shouldest say, Behold, I knew them.

Great forerunners like the Patriarch Enoch were allowed to go behind the veil and read the writings of Heaven contained in these books.

Not only do they portray an intimate walk with the Lord, but also hidden secrets involving creation, time, space, matter and tremendous insights into the Scripture that we must contend for and give ourselves wholeheartedly to

apprehend.

Three Key Scriptures

Jude, Psalms 68 and 1 Kings 3.

Each of these passages could have a variety of meanings on multiple levels inherented with each individual.

However, I believe there is a clear warning being issued, highlighting the characteristics of both true and false forms of leadership that can be identified through the Book of Jude.

There are three counterfeit spirits pinpointed in this vital book that we must understand and identify.

The spirits of Cain, Balaam and Korah have been highlighted as New Testament adversaries having the following characteristics:

Cain= sincere form of religious activity with an absence of spiritual revelation as to what God truly desires.

Balaam= attempting to curse what God has blessed and utilizing spiritual gifts for personal gain.

Korah= a rebellious form of self-promotion.

The Lord has given us and many prophetic people clear warnings about solely relying upon human ideas and gifting as a substitute for the true and legitimate apostolic ministry illustrated in the book of Acts.

Very often a false spirit will preempt the release of the genuine with some very convincing qualities and attempt to sway many to its following.

We are admonished in Scripture to judge fruit and the signs of the true apostolic ministry based in humility and a Christ-like nature.

Authentic apostolic ministry will promote the revelation of Jesus Christ and build His kingdom with the undiluted gospel of the Kingdom confirmed with miracles, signs and wonders.

The early apostles were vindicated by the Holy Spirit saying:

Acts 4:29, 30 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

I believe there are many who will also begin to be commissioned in a manner similar to the way Solomon was set apart and endowed with significant spiritual insight and understanding.

Solomon’s wise prayer was for more than just natural human wisdom and intelligence.

Careful examination reveals that he asked God for the ability to perpetually here the Spirit’s Voice.

He prayed:

1 Kings 3:9 Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?

The Scripture expresses that he received a "hearing heart" allowing him to walk with wisdom and supernatural comprehension during his days of leadership.

We desperately need a similar impartation.

There are numerous significant truths illustrated in Psalms 68.

Primarily it is pointing to God’s justice beginning to be exemplified in the earth rendering blessings for those walking in righteousness and judgment on unrighteousness.

It also prophetically highlights the glorious consummation of the ages with

the promised "latter rain" outpouring to fully appropriate God's inheritance.

It speaks of people coming out of slavery and bondage to be set free with the purity and freedom of the “dove company.”

Psalms 68:8-10 The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: *even* Sinai itself *was moved* at the presence of God, the God of Israel. Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary. Thy congregation hath dwelt therein: thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor.

Psalms 68:13 Though ye have lien among the pots, *yet shall ye be as* the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.

It also points to the “spirit of the fathers” being released and restoring us to a place of intimacy and fellowship previously known by our apostolic fathers.

We have been largely known as a "fatherless" generation.

However true and genuine spiritual fathers are soon to emerge with a heart of compassion and humility preparing a generation for intimate relationship with the Lord.

These fathers will have the ability to impart spiritual gifts and awaken the seeds of desire and hunger for the Lord and the things of His Spirit.

The Latter Glory

Sometimes the greatest prophecies come in the midst of the most unlikely circumstances.

Following Israel's Babylonian captivity, the remnant that saw the majesty and splendor of Solomon's Temple likely found it difficult to believe Haggai's prophecy when he said:

Haggai 2:2-9 Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and to the residue of the people, saying, Who *is* left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? *is it* not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing? Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I *am* with you, saith the LORD of hosts: *According to* the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not. For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it *is* a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry *land;* And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts. The silver *is* mine, and the gold *is* mine, saith the LORD of hosts. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

Nothing before or since has ever compared to the wonder of Solomon's Temple. Even so, this incredible prophecy points to a time of extraordinary restoration and promise.

Today many still find it difficult to believe that the glory of this latter-day house will exceed the glory of the early apostolic church. Nevertheless, God has

promised it and His Spirit will see it fulfilled.

God WILL Tabernacle (dwelling place) in a body of people in these last days to exhibit His holy character and do exploits that will exceed any previously demonstrated in human history. We must begin to gear up for this reality.

Through the prophecies of Haggai and Zechariah a small band of people were determined to fulfill God's Word. One of those great promises is found in Zechariah 4 stating:

Zechariah 4:10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel *with* those seven; they *are* the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

The plumb line of truth is now in the hands of our "Zerubbabel."

This great leader is a spiritual type of Christ. The "hands of Zerubbabel" laid the foundation of the Church and now the same "hands" will bring the capstone with shouts of "grace, grace."

These points to the anointing, power and authority demonstrated by the Lord Jesus Himself to establish the Church's foundation being once again demonstrated at the end of the age to bring the capstone or closing out of church history and the introduction of the Kingdom realm.

How can this be achieved?

Only, through amazing and exceptional favor with shouts of grace-grace.

The feast of Tabernacle's is a spiritual prototype of this reality illustrating God's manifest presence functioning through a sold out radical group of people called the Bride of Christ.

This season will see tremendous demonstrations of the Spirit of Truth as the leaven of tradition and man-made teaching is extracted.

There is an angelic host working closely with the Spirit of Truth to establish revelatory truth in the hearts of believers and in the nations of the earth.

Our resolution must be to continually follow the Word that perpetually proceeds from the Father's heart.

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

This is an expression of God's manifest presence.

It is not a place in which we give lip service that is not consistent with the desires of our hearts.

We saw a token portrayal of this reality in the last generation when anointed vessels stood before God's people and revealed secrets of the heart known only to them and God.

This was not merely a nice spiritual gift but a token of the end-time scenario when God takes up residence in a body of people to do the greater works.

Our council is to cooperate with Heaven and do only what we see the Father doing and say only what we hear Him saying.

The Lord is opening our eyes and ears with the spirit of understanding so that our discernment is taken to greater levels to accomplish this purpose.

There will be righteous leaders emerging today who will be shepherds of love and truth.

It will not be their intent to harm or abuse the sheep.

Many of these leaders will have known failure and profound restoration through which they discovered divine love.

They will have been healed of their brokenness but in the process, contrition will have become their standard.

The righteous shepherds will lead the sheep to calm waters so that the body of

Christ can discover God in personal ways.

Many of the shepherds will be emerging from obscure and isolated places.

They will bring an anointing to calm troubled waters presently in the Church and will carry authority to speak into people's hearts.

The preparation process has been long and difficult but God has given us new life at different times to encourage us to continue to press in to Him.

Now the Lord of the Harvest has arisen.

Everyone is called to have a role in the harvest; the harvest of souls and the harvest of promises begin with the humble and contrite and those who tremble at His Word.

Isaiah 66:1, 2 Thus saith the LORD, The heaven *is* my throne, and the earth *is* my footstool: where *is* the house that ye build unto me? and where *is* the place of my rest? For all those *things* hath mine hand made, and all those *things* have been, saith the LORD: but to this *man* will I look, *even* to *him that is* poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

The eyes of the Lord are roaming to and fro looking for a righteous agency on the earth to stand in the gap.

The Lord is asking, "is there no man when I call? Is there anyone to answer? I am speaking is there anyone listening? Is my hand shortened at all that it cannot redeem? Or have I no power to deliver? Don't you know who I am?"

There will be a remnant of people on the earth who hear and respond to this call.

According to Isaiah 50:2 the Lord asked:

Isaiah 50:2 Wherefore, when I came, *was there* no man? when I called, *was there* none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no power to deliver? behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stinketh, because *there is* no water, and dieth for thirst.

God's Spirit can change things quickly.

He is giving His people an instructed tongue that we may sustain the weary with a word from Him.

He is presently awakening many saints morning by morning that He may give to them eyes to see and ears to hear instruction like His disciples.

The righteous prayer of Job intervened for those around him despite their folly.

It is time the fortune of God's people be restored as well.

The Lord turned the captivity of Job and restored double when he prayed for his friends.

We are entering the season of the double-portion.

Job 42:8 Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you: for him will I accept: lest I deal with you *after your* folly, in that ye have not spoken of me *the thing which is* right, like my servant Job.

Job 42:10 And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

Many in the Church are coming to the end of a time of pruning and judgment as it is beginning in the world.

God's desire is for our light to shine brightly as many people head our way in this dark season.

It is time for those who overcome to arise with a measure of His glory resting upon them.

This will literally be the fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy when he wrote:

Daniel 12:3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

It is time for the accomplishment of divine purposes and a wave of harvest.

The Lord is laying claim to this generation of young people as well as the seasoned and mature.

It will be both the Joshua's and the Caleb's. The Lord is healing the fracture He has created in a third day harvest of the wounded and persecuted.

His will is being accomplished in a mighty way so that a harvest can be achieved.

Trials in the earth will increase while at the same time end-time truths from the book of Revelations become increasingly clear.

Great understanding will be delegated to the Church concerning these mysteries.

The book of Revelations is a love letter to the Lord's bride and prepares her to be joined to Him.

The Lord has already triumphed over the adversary and made a public spectacle of him. Many in a First-Fruits harvest will comprehend that reality more fully and appropriate it.

The Lord delegates His victory to us when we are joined to Him.

One of our greatest callings in this hour is to no longer be considered the Lord's servants, but His friends.

We have a Friend who is eternally positioned on His throne of victory and authority and we need a more complete vision of this to fully activate our faith.

Commissioning from the Throne Room can be a living reality as promised through God's word. He is saying "come up here!"

The Lord's Church is required to discern the times and seasons and possesses the mind of Christ for this day.

It isn't His desire to hide it from us but reveal great understanding so that the worldly may see God's blessing and wisdom upon His people.

That is what the grooming of the last decade has been intended to accomplish.

The pain of our past is the preparation for our future. Brokenness without the spirit of understanding breeds despair and hopelessness; but brokenness with understanding imparts the hope of our calling in God.

The Lord's Spirit has been pruning and uprooting our fallen nature and carnal plans in order to inject His own pure nature.

His ultimate purpose is to reveal the Fatherhood of God and make us His mature sons and daughters.

Though it seems we have failed in many ways, these years have actually cultivated humility in many.

The arm of the flesh and our own strength cannot accomplish the end-time mandate.

It will not be by the might of man nor the power of our own ingenuity; but by His Spirit alone.

Our job is to yield and learn to co-operate with Him.

Like Jacob, the Lord has destroyed our dependence upon human strength and changed our nature.

A new name is being given according to Revelations 2:17 to those who overcome in this fashion.

Isaiah 59:20, 21 And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD. As for me, this *is* my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that *is* upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from

henceforth and for ever.

Kingdom Invasion

The following Chapter is entitled Kingdom Invasion. I will discuss the Lord's desire that Christians become carriers of His presence so that the earth will be filled with His presence. Then we will examine how the kingdom of God advances in the earth through a demonstration of signs and wonders, intimacy with God, binding and loosing and welcoming the kingdom of God. As well, I have defined six signs that reveal that the kingdom of God is in our midst. We will examine signs for Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.

The message of the hour is the King and His kingdom! There is an unfolding revelation concerning Jesus Christ as the King of Kings and the King of Glory and His kingdom coming to invade our world.

We need a deeper understanding concerning this revelation and so in this week's teaching I want to talk about the gospel of the kingdom and the demonstration of the kingdom of God.

As the presence of the Holy Spirit continues to intensify day after day, we will begin to receive a revelation from God. Here's what God told me. You know Bill; I'm graduating from the Church ministry to the room and tent ministry. He went on to say that we had enough faith to believe that as He continued to develop an intimate relationship with us, the presence of God would increase and grow, even geographically. He then declared that His presence would broaden to the point that his whole house would be filled. He explained that as more and more believers carried God's presence, cities and whole nations would be filled with the glory of God because of Christ Jesus in them, the hope of glory. I believe this will happen!

Colossians 1:27 To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

God said be faithful in little. Begin with a small tent! The Bible tells us that when we're faithful in the little things that God gives us to do then He will bring increased blessings and responsibility into our lives. We see this principle concerning increase described in the story of the slave who was faithful with the money his master gave him to invest. The servant made his master a ten-fold profit and his master gave him a ten-fold reward.

Luke 19:16, 17 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.

It's time for Christians to be faithful carriers of His presence not only in their homes, but in their churches, their cities and their nations.

Our faith will become so strong that we will have a revelation about God's presence being carried not only by me, but also by other believers to the extent that cities and nations would be filled with God's presence. You know, when Christians are carriers of God's presence (Christ in us, the hope of glory), they become a living reflection of Jesus Christ in the earth!

And as I was thinking about the implications of God's presence impacting the whole earth, the Holy Spirit began to reveal to me that the kingdom of God is like yeast; it will expand and rise. Then I discovered a passage of scripture that related to this in the Book of Daniel:

Daniel 2:44, 45 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a

kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, *but* it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream *is* certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

What was the stone that was cut out of the mountain without hands (v. 45) It's Jesus Christ. The picture is a small stone, but look at the power of the stone. In Daniel 2:35 it says and the stone which struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. The stone that struck the image and consumed all the kingdoms started as one small stone cut out of the mountain without hands. It's a picture of Jesus Christ, the King of the kingdom. And that one stone struck the image of all the other kingdoms and grew to the size of the mountain until the kingdom kept growing to fill the entire earth.

And we'll know when God's kingdom is filling the entire earth because we'll see a demonstration of what Jesus Christ was like 2000 years ago manifested through the body of Christ. The lost won't just see miracles happen, they'll actually experience miracles.

Many of their hearts will be softened and they will come to realize that God loves them and He sent His Son Jesus Christ to earth to rescue them. Remember, Jesus never brought the message of the kingdom without the demonstration of the kingdom: preaching and healing all kinds of sicknesses and diseases.

Matthew 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

Matthew 9:35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

Mark 1:15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Wherever we go, the kingdom of God is at hand. It's that close!

And when we have a revelation that the kingdom of God is near, that it's at hand, we'll realize that His kingdom is at work, to bring salvation, healing and deliverance everywhere we go. It's at hand in the work place and in the supermarket. So wherever we go carrying God's presence, we bring the kingdom of God into the earth.

I want to bring a deeper revelation concerning the kingdom of God because so often we have a limited understanding about this. Some believers think that the kingdom of God is all about their mansion in heaven. Others think that one day there's going to be a new heaven and a new earth and that's the kingdom of God! The kingdom of God is much more than this. It's not just a future destination. It's a living demonstration of what Jesus was like 2000 years ago, full of kingdom activity, like healing the sick and delivering the demonized.

John 5:19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

John 6:9, 10 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many? And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number

about five thousand.

As Jesus accomplished the will of the Father and only did what he saw his Father doing, He modeled the vision of what He saw in heaven and He brought the kingdom of God to earth. Also when Jesus taught his disciples how to pray, He gave them an important key to release the kingdom of God in the earth. He said in this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed is Your name. Your kingdom come Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven? He didn't say, Father, let your kingdom come. Rather, Jesus honored the Father and out of worship and intimacy He said, Your kingdom come.

That's the key. He welcomed God's kingdom to come because He knew that in order for God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven, that His kingdom needed to be welcomed and invited to come.

Now we know that the kingdom of God is not on the earth right now as it is in heaven. But, we want it to be! So it's important for the body of Christ to honor the Father just like Jesus did and then invite and welcome His kingdom to come. God, we welcome Your kingdom to come. Please come into our world so that the earth begins to take on the image and the atmosphere as it is in heaven. Having said that, it's one thing to invite and welcome the rule of God to come as it is in heaven, but we need to always remember that the kingdom of God comes when we walk in the center of God's will.

As well, the kingdom of God can't come in power or in its fullness until we can truly say, Your will be done, I surrender. Until there is surrender and death to self, we'll never experience another measure of Your kingdom come in our lives.

Worship and praise creates an atmosphere for relationship and intimacy. And

when we surrender ourselves to the Lord and die to ourselves then the kingdom of God comes. It begins to manifest on the earth as it is in heaven. Miracles happen! Poverty turns into riches, sin turns into holiness, defeat turns into victory and sickness turns into healing. So let's welcome the kingdom of God to come in our lives, in our churches, in our cities and nations so that God's will can be done here on earth as it is in heaven.

Acts 7:49 Heaven *is* my throne, and earth *is* my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what *is* the place of my rest?

Revelations 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

The Lord is on the throne in heaven and the earth is His footstool. We, the body of Christ, connect the throne and the footstool.

The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and Christ. We are the ones that establish the rule of God and we are the ones that establish the kingdom, the dominion and the authority of God so that what is already in heaven begins to line up with earth again.

I've briefly wrote on the phrase as it is in heaven. This phrase describes what it looks like in heaven right now. Everything that is within the atmosphere of the kingdom of heaven needs to take on the image and the nature of what it looks like in heaven right now as it is in heaven concerning our churches, our cities and our nations. So let's examine another significant key that Jesus gave to help us bring the kingdom of heaven to earth; establishing on earth what it looks like in heaven right now. He said:

Matthew 18:18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

This key concerns our authority in binding and loosing.

Did you know that we have authority to loose (open and bring in) and to bind (close and shut out)? We can only loose what has already been loosed in heaven and we can only bind what has already been bound in heaven. So we need to see and discern what the Father is doing because then we'll have a revelation concerning what needs to be bound and loosed in order for the kingdom of God on earth to synchronize with the kingdom of God in heaven.

In every city and nation that we enter the Father will give us the keys concerning what needs to be bound and what needs to be loosed. And until we loose what has been loosed in heaven, we won't have it on earth even though it's already loosed in the eternal destiny of God. And until we bind what has already been bound in heaven (concerning our church, our city and our nation because we see that it's already bound in the eternal destiny of God), we won't experience the manifestation of it bound on earth.

When we discern the Father's will concerning binding and loosing we will actually be calling forth those things that be not as though they were. Then we'll bring the realm of as it is in heaven into the earth and we'll see the kingdom of God in our midst.

Romans 4:17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, *even* God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

Luke 17:21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

We'll examine signs of the kingdom of God in our midst.

Most of the Pharisees never realized that the kingdom of God was in their midst; Jesus Christ Himself was the embodiment of the kingdom of God.

He had invaded their world and they didn't even know it! Ignorantly they asked Jesus when the kingdom of God was coming! He didn't ridicule them with his answer.

Luke 17:20, 21 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

He was telling them that the kingdom of God wasn't something to gawk at, rather it was in their midst, among them.

A few Bible translations finish off v. 21 by saying that the kingdom of God is within you. And so I want to make it clear that the kingdom of God wouldn't be within the Pharisees in a personal way until they were born again. Remember Jesus' conversation with the Pharisee, Nicodemus. Jesus told him that unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God and unless one is born of the water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

John 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and *of* the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Jesus' world is within us only when we're born again! Then we are temples of the Holy Spirit and Jesus Himself lives in us.

1 Corinthians 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

Colossians 1:27 To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

It's too bad that the church in North America, by and large, stops after preaching, without giving a demonstration of God's power concerning healing and deliverance.

Everybody's preaching! How many sermons do we preach in North America on a Sunday? Yes, we preach and that is good, but we rarely see any demonstration of the power of God. The apostle Paul said that his speech and preaching wasn't with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God?

1 Corinthians 2:4, 5 And my speech and my preaching *was* not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

Bottom line: we're really not living in the realm of the kingdom of God if there isn't any demonstration of God's power in our lives.

People tell me all the time: Bill, we're preaching the gospel of the kingdom. But when there isn't any demonstration of the power of God I'll answer them by saying, I don't know just what you're preaching because I don't see any power and I don't see any demonstration. One of the reasons we don't see any demonstration of the power of God is because we're too concerned about human wisdom; being politically correct. We're too focused on giving persuasive words and wanting to look and sound good. We've got our five-point sermon ready to give in 40 minutes! We've laid out enough sermons for the next six months already!

So many of the preachers teach the kingdom and they bring people to a place where they have faith to receive, but they don't go on to the stage where they demonstrate the power of God. Instead they say, Let's wait until the evangelist gets here. Bill has the gift of healing, so let's have him pray for the sick. I am just a pastor (or a teacher, or a prophet). I don't do signs and wonders. But they preach and teach!

The gospel is preaching, teaching and healing. The gospel was never presented by Jesus without signs and wonders and so I think every person that preaches or teaches needs to heal every sickness and every disease just like Jesus did! Jesus said that whoever believes in Him would not only do the same works that He did, they would do even greater works than He accomplished.

John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

Also I've noticed that many times when there is a demonstration of God's power it often causes controversy. People get skeptical and try to figure it out. When someone says, I saw an angel the response is often, Aw, come on! We go into unbelief. But from the beginning of the Bible until the end of the Bible many people had a visitation of an angel and they weren't even apostles.

Jesus is the same today, yesterday and forever (Heb. 13:8) and yet so many believers struggle when someone says, I saw an angel!

Listen! You will know that we're getting close to the kingdom when someone can stand in the pulpit and testify, hey guys; I was in the third heaven. I saw the four living creatures. One of the four living creatures walked up to me and I felt his breath breathing on my neck. (The four living creatures are in the Bible: Ezekiel 1, Ezekiel 10 and Revelations 4.)

If supernatural encounters could happen to Paul and Peter then they can happen to us. But we don't tend to have a faith grid or an expectation for supernatural encounters unless they're solely initiated by God and He sovereignly takes us into a supernatural encounter. We never consider ourselves worthy enough to even say to God, I'm ready and waiting for a supernatural encounter to happen.

But I believe it's time to rise to the occasion! So in our ministry I teach my disciples like this. Guys power first and then word. Now that's not the way we usually do it in church.

It's word first and then power. But because so many people say they've heard the same message before (been there, done that and got the T-shirt) without seeing any demonstration of God's power, it's like they're already closed before the preacher opens their mouth! I've had so many experiences where the minute I get into a church (I've never been to before) and I begin to speak about what God is doing in Africa, it's like I can just hear the thoughts of the people: Yep, it's always in Africa. How come it doesn't happen here? And then when I speak about miracles, they're thinking, oh here we go again. Somebody else talking about everything that's going on everywhere else, but we won't see anything here.

A strategy that the Holy Spirit has given me concerning our upcoming crusades is that before I preach the Word of God I should begin each crusade with a demonstration of God's power. Then the people will listen to the message of the gospel.

We can see that it's God's desire that we demonstrate His power first and then preach the word because afterwards the people will listen to the message of the gospel with much expectation. The apostle Paul modeled this approach concerning fully preaching the gospel. He said, in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ? What Paul is really saying here is that we haven't fully preached the gospel of Christ if we haven't done it in power, miracles, signs and wonders by the power of the Spirit of God. That's how we know we're preaching the gospel!

Romans 15:19 Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

We know the kingdom of God is in our midst when we're casting out devils. Jesus told the Pharisees:

Luke 11:20 But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.

The kingdom of God demonstrates healing the sick and setting the captives free. When the kingdom of God comes breaking in, poverty is turned into prosperity and sickness turns into health. Redemption happens and sinful areas in our lives are cleansed and we begin to walk in holiness. When the kingdom of God invades our world, it becomes as it is in heaven here on earth. Miracles happen!

When the apostle Paul spoke about signs, wonders and various miracles he was describing what the kingdom of God looks like. He said:

Hebrews 2:4 God also bearing *them* witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

2 Corinthians 12:12 Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.

Visible miracles are evidence of the kingdom of God at work. When John the Baptist was in prison he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if He was the Coming One or if there was someone else coming. Jesus answered John's disciples: Go and tell John the things which you hear and see. The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them? (Mt. 11:4, 5). What Jesus was saying is that the kingdom of God is at hand and it's in our midst when we see the evidence. The signs and wonders of the manifestation of the kingdom of God are: the lame walk; the blind see; the dead are raised; the poor have the gospel preached to them and the deaf hear.

Concerning the deaf hearing, we saw God move in great power in Ethiopia,

Africa when two little deaf orphan boys were miraculously healed.

They came to the crusade in the care of the orphanage caretaker. Both boys had been abandoned after their parents contracted aids. After I prayed for both young boys they were instantly healed and able to both hear and speak! Their caretaker began to weep profusely and shouted out high praises to God in her native tongue, Jesus is alive!? Jesus is alive!?

We know the kingdom of God is in our midst when people hear the message of the gospel and they experience the new birth; they're born again. Jesus said that unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God? Also he said that unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God?

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

John 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and *of* the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

The Kingdom of God is in our midst when the harvest is reaped because we get filled up with the passion of Christ Jesus and then we go into the world to preach the gospel! Christ in you, the hope of glory (Col. 1:27). We want to be radical believers who reflect Jesus in our good character as we release the power of God in the world. We know that Jesus wasn't subject to the laws of science, medicine, man-made laws and orders, poverty and the restrictions or limitations of the world system. Though He lived on earth, His kingdom was not of the earth realm. Likewise, we who are born again of the Spirit of the living God and have Christ Jesus in us, also live in a higher realm.

John 18:36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

Like Jesus, we realize that our kingdom is not of this world and that our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20). But while we're here on earth, God wants us, the body of Christ, to demonstrate His power to the lost so that they would be saved. He wants us to accomplish exciting exploits in Jesus' name and often these adventures happen on two levels.

The kingdom of God advances in the earth when we live with the awareness that we are the expression of Jesus Christ to lost humanity. His hands are our hands, His message is our message and His burning love for the unsaved becomes our passion. His Kingdom invades our world because He is the master strategist! It's all because of Jesus Christ and He is in us!

Thank you Heavenly Father for using us and allowing us to be a part of your plans and purposes in the earth today. We give you GLORY!

The Goodness of God

In this Chapter called, The Goodness of God, My love for the Lord will shine through, brilliantly, as I explain God's heart of goodness and how He wants to extend His mercy and compassion not only to you, but through you so that His goodness reaches those who need it most. You'll come to understand why being a child of God is about relating to God being in relationship with Him. As I share about how the Father loves you just as much as He loves Jesus, any nagging thoughts about His love are sure to melt away. So get ready to taste and see that the Lord is good!

He can't be anything else but good and His goodness is directly connected to His mercy and love.

Once we have a revelation of the mercy and love of God we'll really begin to picture His goodness and when we do we'll be the picture of health, ourselves, because we'll be reflecting His goodness!

If there is one thing I know about my Father in heaven it's that He gives good gifts to His children. Not only good gifts, but abundantly above what we can ask or think (Ephesians 3:20). God delights in mercy. He delights in releasing what I call "big stuff." He has always asked the body of Christ to dream big, because the destiny of God has always been above what we can ask or think. That's what the Bible declares—those who know their God shall carry out great exploits.

Daniel 11:32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do *exploits.*

That’s the kind of God He does great exploits! He releases not only what we will have need of, but He does it in abundance 12 baskets left over, 7 baskets left over.

John 6:13 Therefore they gathered *them* together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.

Mark 8:8 So they did eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken *meat* that was left seven baskets.

In God it’s always abundance! So let that truth resonate within you as we get into this Chapter. My hope and prayer is that as you go through The Goodness of God you will freely receive everything that Abba Father wants to give you through His Holy Spirit. I believe that God is going to set some of you free and bring you into the Father’s love. You’re going to experience freedom from rejection and that all-too-familiar feeling of being distant from God. Some of you are going to receive your healing freely because you will know that God delights in mercy for you.

Exodus 34:6 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,

Psalms 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Psalms 103:5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good *things; so that* thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

You see, we are talking about God's mercy and loving kindness all the days of our lives. It's about how He satisfies the mouth of the righteous with good things. And He always does this abundantly above what you can ask or even think. He is so willing and so eager; yearning to be good to you and to release His kindness in every need in your life, especially in the area of healing. See the willingness of Jesus, and know that just as he said "I am willing" to the leper, He is saying "I am willing" to you.

Matthew 8:2, 3 And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth *his* hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

Many people struggle with the idea of having enough faith or trying to find more principles of healing, or they just simply accept an attitude that says, "I'd like to be healed, but whatever! I know you are God and I'm not, so I'll settle for this (not being healed)." So often we seem to have that: I'll settle for this mentality.

Some even feel guilty because their sickness isn't as bad as Sue's over there; they feel guilty about even wanting the healing that they need. "How can You even want to bless and heal me when Sue is over there struggling with cancer? Lord, forgive me! I'm okay with whatever You have for me. God, You are sovereign; if You wanted me healed I'd be healed by now anyway. I'd like to be healed, but I'll settle for this." That's like having a "crumb mentality." "I'll take the crumbs from the table."

Listen! You and I are children of God sons and daughters! We need to relate to

God as His beloved! And I call that way of relating, that kind of relationship with God: sonship.

Romans 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

I want to emphasize “Abba Father” and the Father’s love. We need to be able to relate to God as Daddy. The most intimate term. It’s the most intimate word you can find for God in the Bible Abba Father Daddy. I remember that I began to get a revelation of this when I realized that I could come boldly before the throne of grace based on the intimate love of my Father in heaven. His love began to set me free.

I began to see that what kept the prodigal son and his older brother from receiving the goodness and the treasure of the kingdom of heaven was their lack of a revelation of their father’s love.

Here’s an illustration of His love and goodness. When He sees you pressing into Him with all your might He’s going to show Himself strong on your behalf.

2 Chronicles 16:9 For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of *them* whose heart *is* perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.

It’s because of His goodness! His goodness causes Him to look for someone, anyone who loves Him, so that He can bless them. That someone might as well be you! His eyes are running to and fro throughout the whole earth looking! Talk about the eagerness of God! Right now, He is looking over the “balcony of heaven” saying, “I want to bless somebody! I want to give somebody mercy! I

want to be moved to compassion!

I want to begin to release My love right now! I want to release the Father's love!"

Is your heart completely and utterly His? I sure hope so because He delights in mercy, He delights in blessing you, He is eager, yearning, filled with kindness above what you can ask or think. You're His child and He gives good gifts to His children. He is merciful. The Father sent us His Son, Jesus Christ and because of His mercy, He forgives our sin. And His mercy is about His compassion for us. In Strong's Exhaustive Concordance [#1653 and #1656] the word mercy, it is translated from Greek as compassion. Mercy and compassion are interchangeable.

He is always moved by mercy and compassion to heal. In Bible days, the sick people knew this. Some of them would come to Jesus, asking for mercy in terms of their healing.

When two blind men came to Him, they cried out:

Matthew 9:27 And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, *Thou* Son of David, have mercy on us.

Matthew 9:29 Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.

When Jesus saw their faith, He also saw their hearts acknowledging Him not only as the Son of David, the One who forgives their sins, but also as the One

who is mercy and compassion personified, always willing to release healing. Ponder that, because so often Christians only think of Jesus in terms of forgiveness of sins. As born-again believers we know our sins are forgiven, but so often many of us have difficulty understanding Him as the Healer.

The fact is, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb. 13:8) and just as He was willing to heal in Bible days, He is willing today. I've said this before, but it is well worth repeating: "The Lord is willing!"

All we have to do is look at the story in Matthew Chapter 8 about the leper,

Matthew 8:2, 3 And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth *his* hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

You're a beloved child of a loving heavenly Father. Did you know that the Father loves you with the exact same love that He loved Jesus? "I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one and that the world may know that You have sent Me and have loved them as You have loved Me.

On top of that, He made you a joint heir, Joint equal. And He made you to sit in heavenly places with Him.

Romans 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath

blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ:

Ephesians 1:20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places,*

Ephesians 2:6 And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:

Think about that as a son or a daughter. Do you think there was ever a time when our heavenly Father didn't listen to Jesus? Think about that when you pray. Is your heavenly Father going to turn a deaf ear to you? No! So we need to behave like sons and daughters.

I want you to begin to ask, seek and knock. The Father in heaven loves you and He wants to do abundantly above anything you can ask or think. He wants to satisfy your mouth with good things; and so just say to Him: "God you delight in mercy." Begin to receive it "God, I begin to receive your love; I begin to receive your mercy and your goodness."

Just allow this truth the Father loves you as He loves Jesus to bring rest to your soul. Look at how David postured himself before the Lord and like David, place all your hope in the Lord:

Psalms 131:2, 3 Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of his mother: my soul *is* even as a weaned child. Let Israel hope in the LORD from henceforth and for ever.

For you are never forgotten by the Lord. He has a picture of you in full view all

the time, and He knows where you live!

Isaiah 49:15, 16 Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of *my* hands; thy walls *are* continually before me.

Let the revelation of how special you are to the Lord join with truth about the goodness of God as you prepare your heart.

Have you ever thought about this question? “If I only had one more opportunity left, what would I say to the people I love?”

I ask this because I believe if God only had one more opportunity to speak to you He would tell you just how much you mean to Him because He wants you to understand just how much He loves you. He is good and His love endures forever! Praise Him!

On a different note, there is another very important thing to remember when it comes to God’s goodness: It’s because of His goodness that He always does His utmost to convict us of our sins. God always wants us to be in the right position for receiving the Holy Spirit’s work of conviction. It’s because of His goodness that we receive the grace to repent!

So let me explain why healing and deliverance is key by taking a look at the woman described in the book of Matthew, a Gentile from Canaan, who came to Jesus crying out for help because her daughter was severely demon possessed.

Matthew 15:22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, *thou* Son of David; my

daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

The Bible says that Jesus didn't answer her at first and the disciples, being fed up with her cries, advised Him to just send her away. But! He said to her,

Matthew 15:24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

When Jesus said that I believe that He was trying to break it to her gently, "Woman, you're not really one of us because we are partakers of God's covenant promises. We're Jewish and you're Gentile."

Now, what He said did not discourage her one bit; in fact, she humbled herself and worshipped Him. Why? What did she know?

Look. Her first words to Jesus were: "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David!" (v. 21).

This lowly woman knew that the "Son of David" was full of mercy and compassion! That revelation gave her the confidence to press in after He had just told her that He could not give her the children's bread.

Matthew 9:26 And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.

Don't forget that bread symbolizes healing and deliverance. What else did she know? She knew that Jesus could be reasoned with,

Matthew 9:27 And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, *Thou* Son of David, have mercy on us.

Her daughter was healed from that very hour. Wow! Her faith touched His heart!

Matthew 9:28 And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord.

She received the children's bread healing and deliverance for her daughter! On top of that, look at this. Because she was a Gentile, the Jews who saw it happen must have been amazed! How could she, who was considered by them to be a dog, receive mercy and compassion from Jesus? Just think about the impact of that healing in the eyes of the people who were there!

God's goodness wasn't limited to only certain people back then and it isn't limited today either!

It's true! He lets the sun shine on the just and the unjust alike. The goodness of God is for the stranger!

Numbers 15:15, 16 One ordinance *shall be both* for you of the congregation, and also for the stranger that sojourneth *with you,* an ordinance for ever in your generations: as ye *are,* so shall the stranger be before the LORD. One law and one manner shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth with you.

Since God's goodness is about healing the sick unbeliever and those that are not

part of any covenant with Him, then how much more is His goodness and healing available for His own suffering children? God wants us to know for certain that we, as believers, absolutely have a right to the children's bread the bread of healing and deliverance. We have been brought to the table of the Lord, by the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ! Would we dare insult the Son of God and the goodness of God by having an "I'll just settle for this sickness" mentality?

The children's bread is in the Father's house. Friends, come boldly to the throne of grace. See the eagerness of God and the yearning of God.

He wants you to relate to Him in love; to get a revelation of His goodness and mercy, for it's for everyone. The rain falls on the just and the unjust!

Matthew 5:45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

God wants to make use of you as His ambassador! In the natural, an ambassador is a diplomatic official of the highest rank sent by one sovereign or state to another as its resident representative.

Obviously that representative is an expert on his authority and influence.

Likewise, we need to know God's goodness. We must have a revelation of His true character if we're going to represent Him to the lost. His mercy and goodness are not confined to only a select few and we need to take God's mercy and begin to give it away!

It’s possible that you, like most of us are a “case in point” because it’s quite normal to need some healing. Just think about this. You become an authority with influence when you’ve been on the receiving end of the mercy and goodness of God.

Who better than you with your own miracle as a testimony alive in your heart to share about God’s goodness and mercy, for the sake of the lost. Your miracle and your breakthrough are connected to evangelism.

When you begin to respond to the heart of God and you begin to love the lost and the harvest, you are a living example of:

Matthew 5:7 Blessed *are* the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

It’s a promise of healing; your own healing. In the book of Isaiah, Chapter 58 is a whole discourse about loving justice and mercy and extending yourself to others who are hurting.

And I believe, ultimately, the highest call of every ministry is described in verse 10:

Isaiah 58:10-12 And *if* thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness *be* And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. And *they that shall be* of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.

Listen! The Lord gives you a promise of revival.

You'll find more of the release of the benevolence of God and the goodness of God as you begin to give yourself to the ministry of mercy. You will see a release from heaven. Everywhere I go I experience the favor of God; and I am convinced that he who refreshes others, he himself will be refreshed.

Do you want to come into a release of His River? Then don't just wait for a release of His river; do what He wants you to do. Be an ambassador for Jesus Christ and begin to give yourself to His ministry and watch how God will begin to open the heavens. The Holy Spirit will begin to come and rest upon you. Just watch how God will refresh you!

You will become like a well watered garden. Your healing will release the healing of others.

God will begin to strengthen your bones as you purpose in your heart in the midst of where you are at and in the midst of whatever your need is today when you make a decision to rise above that place and say, "My God, I will give mercy. My God, I will give healing. I'll win souls for You."

Tell somebody about Jesus. Yes, there is a cost in doing this, but it's worth it because Jesus Christ is worthy. Friends, the fiercest opposition I ever experience is when I begin to see the church mobilized and excited about the harvest. The devil doesn't like that. But blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Today, I want to invite you to lift up your hands and freely let the love of God wash over you right now. For some of you, perhaps you feel that you've failed. Right now you just need to feel the acceptance of the Father; you need to receive His love.

Think about His great mercy and His goodness for you, His love and His yearning and His eagerness to answer the cries in your heart. The love of God will do it right now.

Yes, He is holy, He is mighty, He's majestic, but the Father Himself loves you. Receive His love right now. Be like a little child, the simplicity of when you were a young child and receive the kingdom heaven (Matt. 19:14).

Allow God to speak to you like that. Be sons and daughters, not preachers, not ministers, not pastors, evangelists, prophets, teachers; forget about that for a moment and begin to receive the Father's love. Begin to receive His goodness; that the mercy of God would begin to wash you in those areas in your life where there has been condemnation, guilt and shame, sorrow and grief. Let the love of God come. Thank Him and begin to open up. The Son of Righteousness is going to rise with healing in His wings right now. Believe that God wants you to relate to Him as His precious son or daughter.

I believe that as the Holy Spirit ministers to you, any religious spirit that has stopped you from a revelation of Abba Father is going to be broken. So let the religious spirit begin to loose you in the name of Jesus.

Wells of God

I just want to share something with you right now.

I'm going to talk to you about the "wells" Christian vs. the "fountain" Christian.

You can either be a well for God or you can drink from the fountain. I know a lot of fountain Christians.

But God has said, "I want to make you a well." God has all sorts of wells. And I'm going to talk about the wells of God. God wants you to be a well.

I had a vision, a prophetic word that was given to me. As I was preaching, I was so filled with the wine of the Holy Spirit and I was talking about dignity.

I said we should lose our dignity for the presence of God, and right in the middle of my message, I made this statement, which came out of nowhere, but it was prophetic.

And what I said was this; "I don't want to just put my face in the well of God. I don't just want to drink from the well of God, in fact I'm getting so hungry and desperate for Jesus, I want to fall in the well. Then when I fall in the well, I want to swim down to the bottom of the well and that's where I want to live. I want to be like Gideon in the winepress. I want to be at the bottom of the winepress."

I said, “There are too many Christians that are drinking from the top of the winepress and there are too many Christians that are fountain Christians. They’re drinking from the fountain or they’re sipping from the well. But I want to fall right into the well. I want to swim right down to the bottom.”

And that’s what I said in my meeting.

I was so full of the Holy Spirit; I didn’t even know what I was doing that night. (IN MY VISION)

Imagine,

“You were bent over a well and God pushed you into the well.” And he said, “Then you swam down to the bottom of the well and at the bottom of the well, there were all these treasures and God took you into His treasure room.”

The treasure room would speak of wisdom, truth and revelation, that is what he told me in this vision.

He said, “That’s at the bottom of the well.”

You can’t really get into deep revelations and operate in the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation and get “heavy Revelation” (revelations) from God by just sipping out of the fountain or sipping out of a well.

You’ve got to live in the well. You’ve got to fall right into the well and that’s what I did in this vision.

And, I said that in my message and he saw it right before I said that. Then I said it.

And then I swam down to the bottom and I was down at the bottom where all the treasure was.

That's what I want to share with you here because God is calling His people deeper.

God is calling His people to become wells of the Holy Ghost.

Do you know what a "fountain" Christian is? A fountain Christian is one that sips out of the water and gets some renewal. They get some refreshing. They get filled. And they run to another fountain to have another drink. And they get some of the water that is springing up out of the fountain that splashes on their face.

But do you know what the difference is between the fountain Christian and the "well" Christian? Do you know what a well is, friend? A well is the source. Do you know what else there is about the well? The well is deep. And God is looking for some deep wells.

I don't just want to drink from the fountain and have somebody splash me with a little bit of the Holy Ghost or drink from the fountain and have some rest and renewal and refreshing.

I want to be a well myself.

I want to be a source.

I want to be a deep well.

I want to be a fire starter.

I want to be the one of which people say, “You’re a well.”

There’s water within you to drink. I need that of which God has given you. I need to freely receive of all that you’ve received.

So, I want to be a well, because do you know what there is about a well?

People know that when they are thirsty that they can come to the well and they can drink.

If you’re a well Christian, if you’re a deep well, people will know that there is substance.

They will know that there is something that you have to give them and that it’s more than just words, you have Spirit.

You have depth to you.

You’re the source.

You’re the fire starter.

You're not just going to settle for the fountain.

"Let me drink of the river in your life. Let me taste of the anointing. Wave your hand over me and call on the Name of the Lord your God and bless me." …I do that.

I just serve them drink. I just draw from the water of the well that's inside of me. With joy, draw from the water of the well of salvation. And when you're a well Christian, it doesn't matter where you are. You know how to tap into the anointing.

You don't need another man.

You don't need a meeting.

You don't need anything, you know how to dig and draw on what God has put inside of you.

You can draw the water.

You can tap into the anointing.

You can release the anointing.

You can heal the sick.

You can cleanse the leper.

You can raise the dead.

You can win souls.

You can preach the gospel of Jesus and manifest the glory of God.

Why? You're a well. You're a source. And you're deep; God wants deep wells,

fire starters.

Do you know what kind of well I want to be? I want to be an oil well. And I want to be an oil well that explodes into a ball of fire. Because when an oil well is burning, it's not easy to put it out. You need dynamite to put out an oil well that's a burning inferno. You don't just beat that thing out. Why? What's feeding the fire? It's the underground pressure that's springing up.

But do you know what?

So many Christians don't live by the underground river. So many Christians don't live in the bottom of the well.

So many Christians don't live in a deep well. They just sip from the fountain, the stuff that's just springing up. It's the refreshing of the river. They don't know how to draw from the depths of what's inside of them.

But I'll tell you, what feeds those oil wells, what feeds that fire when an oil well bursts into a big flame, is the pressure that's shooting up from the underground, just in small holes. Just, "whoosh", it's feeding it.

That's what I want to talk about. I want to talk about the wells of God and then I want to talk about going deeper. God is calling us to go deeper. I want to tell you what's in the deep place. I want to talk about the deep things of God. I want to talk about the underground stream.

I want to talk about tapping into more anointing and more glory on your life than you can imagine. I want to talk about drawing the anointing out of you. I want to

talk about drawing God's healing power out of you and drawing God's glory out of you, rather than you just running to a fountain saying, "Spray me with You, God".

I'm going to be a source. I'm going to be a well. I'm not satisfied with just a fountain. Man, I want to be a geyser. I want to be an oil well that bursts into the flame of the Holy Ghost so that it's going to be hard for the devil to put me out. I'm going to be a raging fire, an unstoppable force for God.

I'm going to tell you that the key for burning, the key to being that burning oil well is to make sure that you've tapped into the underground pressure.

Make sure that you're deep. Make sure that you're rooted. Make sure that you know intimacy with God in passion and being close to God. That's the key to making sure that your well is deep and you're feeding that thing. And the devil is not going to put you out. You're just going to burn.

Do you know what the Bible says?

Psalms 42:7 Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

Now you want to notice something, deep calls unto deep.

But what happens when you're in the deep place, in the deep calls unto deep place? What's there, friend? The waterfall is in the deep. Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfall. If you want to be in a waterfall, if you want to be in the flood of God's Spirit being poured out on your life. If you want to manifest floods on the dry ground, if you want to be a flood of God, an unstoppable force against the devil, the key is in the deep.

The key is in “deep calls unto deep”. When you’re in the deep place, when you learn to go deep with God, you tap into the waterfall. You tap into the flood. But the key to tapping into the waterfall, the key to being a deep well for God is in deep.

Here it is, friends, let me show it to you again.

Genesis 7:11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

It says when the fountains of the deep were broken up, the heavens opened up, then the rain came down.

What was the rain, friends? It was flood rain. And the rain that came down in the days of Noah was abnormal rainfall.

And the word, “And the rain came down” in,

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How did the flood get released?

When did the heavens get open?

The rains come down and when the fountains of the deep were broken up.

Do you know what? There are fountains that God has for you to break. But do you know where those fountains are?

They're in the deep. They're called the fountains of the deep. For when the fountains of the deep were broken, heaven opened. And then the rains came down.

And I'm calling the church to tap into going deep and breaking up.

Deep calls unto deep, breaking up the fountains of the deep and having the heavens opened up over your lives.

To have God pour out His Spirit on you like a flood on a dry ground.

And that you're so filled with God, you overflow everywhere you go.

I'll tell you something about the flood of the Spirit of God. When you're in the flood of the Spirit of God, you've learned how to go deep with Jesus in prayer, and deep with God in His Word.

When you've learned how to break open the fountains of the deep and you're living in the deep calls unto deep place, and you're in holy desperation and all you want is God, you tap into something that other people don't have.

They're just drinking from the fountain and then you've tapped into that and then the heavens open up for you.

And then God sends His flood rain down on you. And then you are so full you are overflowing and a flood affects everything, man.

A flood affects everything in its path.

That's what I want to be.

I want to be; they call these meetings Tidal Waves?

I want to be a tidal wave.

I want to be a tidal wave!

I want to be a tidal wave against the kingdom of darkness. But, there are fountains and they are in the deep.

The waterfall, God's Spirit pouring on your life like a waterfall, if you want to live in the flood, the heavens open and the rain coming, it's in the deep calls unto deep.

It's in, when you get into the fountains of the deep. It's when you go deep in God.

Do you know what else is in the deep?

Look in Jeremiah 17. I'm going to tell you why you need to be deep.

Jeremiah 17:7, 8 Blessed *is* the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and *that* spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

Now what I want to mention about this is that this is a tree, but where are this tree's roots?

They're by the river and because this tree has roots, because it's a rooted Christian and because those roots are deep…do you know where the river is?

It's under the ground. You can be in the desert where everything is dry. You can be in the hardest of all ground and if you'll dig deep enough, there is water. If you'll dig deep enough, there is underground water that you can tap into.

And the Bible says that the roots were by the river. Do you know how you can tap into the river? Roots tap into the river. And the deeper your roots, the more you're tapped into the river. And when you're tapped into the river, your leaf doesn't wither and you don't cease from bearing fruit. And when you're tapped into the river, you're a large tree and you don't have to worry about the heat because you'll be so big spiritually that you'll be the one that gives shade to those people that need shade.

You'll be one that bears much fruit. And people will see the fruit on your branches and they will see that fruit is ripe. And they'll say, "Man, I want to taste of what you've got. Your fruit, you've brought things forth in your life and I see the evidence of it. Let me taste of that fruit. Let me eat, let me receive of that of which God has put inside of you."

And you get all of that because you've got roots and the roots are down by the river. Do you know what it means to have roots? Roots means: You're going deeper in God seeking His face.

God is calling His church into becoming ones that are chasing down His presence.

God is saying, "I'm looking for ones who will say, My soul follows close behind You."

God is looking for clingers. God is looking for ones like the disciples on the road to Emmaus who will say "No!" and restrain Jesus saying, "Abide with us."

To restrain Jesus means to literally aggressively lay hold of Him and say, "Abide with us. Stay with me Jesus. Let me tell you something. Do you know when the revelation came to the disciples on the road to Emmaus? Do you know when their eyes were opened, when they had a revelation when they saw Jesus? It was when they constrained Him. If you want to see God and know Jesus more you need to constrain Him to stay. If you want to go deeper and have a greater revelation of Jesus, it's going to come in constraining Him. Abide with me. It's going to come in holy desperation.

It’s going to come in chasing Him. It’s going to come in being a God clinger.” And saying, “I’m not letting You go! Not until You bless me. I’m aggressively getting a hold of You. Abide with me.”

It says after they did that, their eyes were opened and they realized it was Jesus raised from the dead.

If you want to see Jesus, you’ve got to be willing to say, “Man, I’m going to run after You. And I’m going to lay hold of You and I’m not going to let You go. And I’m going to see You and You’re going to open up my eyes.”

God is calling the church back into passion. He’s calling the church back to being filled with fire. He’s calling the church back to “God, I’ve got to be filled with You. I’m hungry and I’m thirsty, Jesus, just for You.”

That’s the deep I’m talking about. That’s the root I’m talking about. Seek God’s face. “Early”, David said. “Early will I seek You.”

We need to become like that. We need to say, “I’m just going to seek God’s face. I’m just going to walk continually in deep communion with God. And I’m going to get into His well. I’m going to swim down to the bottom. That’s where the treasure is. I’m going to live at the bottom of the winepress. I’m going to live in seeking God’s face. I’m going to live in the deep place. I’m going to break open the fountains of the deep. I want the rain of God in my life. I want to manifest the flood of the Spirit of God against the kingdom of darkness.”

Do you know what else the roots are? Roots are maintaining in God’s Word.

Do you know what? You can't draw water out of the well without the bucket. And the bucket is the Word of God.

And you have nothing to draw forth. You've got a ministry in the prophetic? You've got a call of God on your life to prophesy?

Are you going to move in the Prophetic ministry? How can you manifest something that's not there? You've got to have something to draw on.

If you want to speak and proclaim the Word of God over people's lives and release the destiny of God and the heart and mind of God into people, especially young people, let me tell you, you've got to have something to draw from.

How can you be empty and void of the Word of God?

It's because you don't read the Word of God. You don't meditate in the Word of God day and night. You don't have a relationship with God and His Word. Do you know what that means? You don't have anything to draw on. There's nothing there to draw on.

I find greater releases of the well of the prophetic springing out of my life, bubbling forth, that's what prophecy means, when I've been meditating in the Word.

Soaking in God's Word, I've been meditating in it all day. I've been seeking the

face of God for revelation.

And when I've been crying out for God to open my understanding and to open His truth and open up the treasures of His Word to me and allow me to dig out golden nuggets.

I've been in that place, then the prophetic flows through me with a greater gush.

There's a greater bubbling forth. Why? I have something to draw from. The Word and the Spirit are one. You've got to have something to draw from. God is saying, "Go deep. Go deep into My Word."

Do you know what else the roots are? Here's the other thing that the root is. It's called the roots of Christianity. God wants to bring the church back to the basic. God wants to bring the church back to the foundation of Christianity.

Here's Christianity.

Here's the power of God.

The message of the cross.

The preaching of Christ crucified is the power of God. Preach the gospel, heal the sick.

Preach the gospel, heal the sick. Preach the gospel, heal the sick. Christ crucified. The message of the cross is powerful. Take the power of God.

God is calling the church back. We've made camps and we've made focuses and we've gone to the extreme with all the different, which they are truths of God, we've forgotten the greatest truth of God.

And some of the truths of God are way bigger, and I'll tell you the greatest truth of God is something you don't even hear about very often in the church. Christ and His Blood.

The message of the cross,

Preach the gospel and heal the sick.

You hear everything on prosperity, everything on end times. Why I think this is the time that Jesus is coming back, everything on intercession, everything on all these other truths, but they're so big, we've neglected the greatest truth which is the power of God.

And if we're coming back, if we're going deep, if we're going to be a world, it's that.

Back to that foundation, back to the roots of Christianity.

Why am I saved?

Why am I filled with the Holy Ghost?

Because He wants to move on me with power so I can be a witness and testify not just with word only that Jesus is raised from the dead. That's the reason for Christianity. Love the Lord your God, be radical and be hardcore, sold out for Jesus.

Run after God, but then, love your neighbor with that. Testify, preach the cross, preach the gospel, heal the sick, manifest God's kingdom with more than just word only.

Be concerned about casting souls out of the fire. Preach Christ everywhere you go. That's the whole reason for Christianity and that's being filled with the Spirit. First is to love and God is calling us back to that place. He wants us to go deeper in commitment. He wants our commitment to be deeper.

My commitment is deep but it needs to even be deeper.

I will be going deeper in my commitment to God until I am with Jesus.

Some of you have gone deep but you need to keep on going deeper. You're not radical enough. You're not hard core enough. You're not full grown enough. You're not wild and a lean mean bold preaching machine for Jesus enough.

If you're not casting souls out of the fire every day, preaching the gospel and

healing the sick, seeking the face of God, manifesting the glory of the Lord every where you go and if every moment you've got in spare time in your life is not consumed in prayer and loving your neighbor as yourself, you're not deep enough.

Let me tell you what deep Christianity is.

Deep Christianity is when you turn cities upside down for Jesus.

The Bible says, speaking of the disciples in the Book of Acts, the same ones who come here, the ones who turn the city upside down, they have also come here.

There is such a deep commitment in the disciples of the beginning of the church that do you know what?

The Romans were the ones that first called Christians, Christians at Antioch.

To be a Christian means to be Christ like. How many people call you a Christian?

Everybody runs around and says, "Oh, yes, Bill, I'm a Christian." But will the world call you a Christian? Is there something about you that the Romans or the world of today were to look at you, they could say, "I can call you a Christian because you're so like Jesus."

That's why they called them Christians in Antioch. Not because they said, "I've prayed the sinners prayer and I pray and I go to church and I read the Word."

They said, “There is something about you people. You’ve been with Jesus. There’s something more than just words. There’s radical commitment. You’re serious. There’s no hypocrisy or pretence in you. Everywhere you go you preach Christ.

You get scattered all over Jerusalem and Judea preaching Christ.

And they said, my goodness, you are a Christian.

You’re little Christ’s running around talking like Him and doing things like He did before we crucified Him.

How many today would be Christians by the world’s standards?

God is saying, “Let’s go deeper. Let’s go deeper in our commitment. Let’s go deep in seeking God’s face. Let’s go deep in being radical and on fire. Let’s go deep in evangelism. Let’s go deep into the Word of God. Let’s break open the fountains of the deep. Let’s rip heaven open over our lives. Let’s have the flood of God come down on us. Let’s live in the deep calls unto deep place. Let’s live in the place where we’re calling out for deep. Where we’re calling out for the deep things of God. Where we’re calling out for the depth of God; where we’re crying out to live in the wells and to be at the bottom of the well. Where we’re crying out for the treasure rooms of heaven to be open unto us and us be filled with the Spirit and revelation and bringing forth the truth of God. Let’s cry out. Let’s be deep calls unto deep. I’m calling out for the deep things of God. I’m pulling things out of the invisible.

I’m hungering I’m thirsting I want to be filled. I’m not satisfied.

The measure of God on me today isn't good enough. I want more. I'm looking forward to tomorrow. The new day of the deep things of God are coming. Oh, God. God I want to be deep.

I know people that won't even live like Jonathan Wesley. I said it, I want to say it again, He said this "and I'm setting myself on fire. The world will come and watch me burn." Do you know what he used to do?

We're talking four hours a day, he would pray before he would do anything. Four hours a day, before he would do anything, he was in God's presence. I've been reading stories of great men and women of God. One man prayed from the moment he woke up to the moment he went to bed, for days straight under the spirit of prayer and supplication.

Today, we've got to kick our butt to get into church. We've got to kick our butt to pray five minutes. We can't even get through devotion. We can't even read one chapter of the Bible.

We can't even witness once a week. I'm not talking for hours, not even once.

Some of have never even shared the gospel.

God's saying deep roots! Let's dig. Let's tap into the river. Let's tap into the glory. Let's tap in; let's break open the fountains of the deep. There's a river friend, there's an underground river, but you're going to have to dig in prayer to get to it. And then you set your roots into it. And then you won't cease to bear fruit.

Then you'll be a tree bigger than you can imagine. And people will come to sit under the shade that you let off under your branches. And the birds in the air will come and rest in your branches. And you'll be the source; you'll be a well.

Rather than drinking from the fountain, you'll be the source of what God is doing; you'll be the fire starter. You'll be the fuel. You'll be the flame.

I tell you I'm hungry. I'm hungry. I don't know how hungry you are, but I'm hungry to be consumed with the glory of God.

I'm hungry to manifest the glory and power of God. And I'm hungry to seek God's face and go deeper and deeper.

I want to get away and not even touch the things of the world. That of what thou would call worldliness. I flee from youthful lusts. Do you know what flee from youthful lusts means? When you flee from youthful lusts, it's this. You run away from it as fast as you can. You flee it.

You run away from it. You say, "Get away from me!" Worldly music, drugs, sex, addictions, Satanism, psychics, the things of the world, apathy, no passion, I flee, "Get away from me!" You run away and you run for God.

You run to God. You flee youthful lusts and your run to Jesus. And you run to Him as fast as you can. And if you fall on your face, you get up and you run to God to get away. You don't live in condemnation. You get up and you run to Jesus. But you've got to flee youthful lusts.

Don’t even let it talk to you.

Don’t even let it come near your house.

Don’t entertain yourself.

Don’t have tea with the devil.

You’ve got to do this.

Do you know why?

Because there’s going to be a famine. There’s always a famine in the land. There’s always going to be a drought.

There’s always going to be times where God withholds the dew. There’s always going to be times where God withholds the rain.

There’s always going to be droughts. And what are you going to do in the drought? What are you going to do when there is no fountain just springing up for you to just splash your face in and have a drink? What are you going to do when there is no dew? What are you going to do when there is no rain? What are you going to do when there is famine? What are you going to do if you’re in a church that is not in revival? What are you going to do?

You’ve got to learn how to break open the fountains of the deep. You’ve got to dig. And you’ve got to dig in prayer. And you’ve got to learn how to have the heavens open over your life.

What are you going to do when all the wells are stopped up? What are you going to do when all the wells run dry?

It’s your well, it’s your source and it’s your deep well. You don’t have to worry about it. I don’t have to run and say pour out your anointing on me. I know how to tap into the anointing. I know how to go buy oil for myself. I don’t have to be one of the foolish virgins that say, “Give me some of your oil”. No!

You go yourself and buy. Christians have got to learn how to buy for themselves.

How to lay a hold of the Anointed One, and how to manifest the river of God.

And you’ve got to be able to be deep enough that when the wells dry up, when there is no dew, when there is no rain, when there is no fountain, when there is famine in the land, when there is drought, you’ve got to learn how to be close enough to God.

Because, I’ll tell you, God always, for those ones who are close to Him, even in the time of famine, He’s got a brook.

He’s got oil. People say, “Bill, you can’t live on the mountain.” I say, “Just because you’re not on the mountain, don’t pull me off.”

Don’t tell me I can’t live on the mountain. Because I’ve learned to be keeping up with God, that if there’s no mountain, I dig up my own. If there is no well, I dig up my own.

If there is no fountain to drink from, no renewal and refreshing, I dig up my own…in prayer. I seek the face of God until God falls on me. When I'm in the desert, I know how to cause rivers to come forth in the desert. It's rivers in the desert, friends. It's in the wilderness that God brings forth the pools.

But sometimes you've got to learn how to dig to the underground geyser to release that river and to release that pool. I tell you, I live on the mountain. And I live on the mountain because the mountain strengthens me enough that when I am in the valley, or when I am in the desert, I just dig. I just dig up my own well. If God runs away from me, and I feel like God is hiding His face from me, I chase Him down. I do! I do! I mean it!

I'll lock myself in my room for hours and close the door until I find God. Seek Me and search with all your heart for Me and you'll find Me.

Have you been desperate enough for a visitation, a manifestation, an outpouring of God in your life that you've said I'm not going to eat, drink and I'm going to shut my bedroom door and I'm going to stay in there? Until I get a revival in me.

Because do you know what? If you're not burning, don't worry about waiting for your church, your city, or your friends to burn; you need to get to burning. You become an oil well. Red hot!

But the oil well is fed from the underground pressure. Too many Christians don't know how to get fed.

They're not deep. Look at Elijah.

1 Kings 17:1-6 And Elijah the Tishbite, *who was* of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, *As* the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word. And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that *is* before Jordan. And it shall be, *that* thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there. So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that *is* before Jordan. And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

I tell you, in the midst of a famine, if you're close enough to God and you know how to be deep with God, He'll bring you to your own brook.

And He'll feed you. You can be eating bread and meat while everyone else is lost and dying and wanting to give up on Jesus because their church is getting boring and it seems like there is nothing happening.

It's easy to walk with God when everyone else in the zoo is walking with God. It's easy to walk with God when there is a whole lot of stuff going on. But what do you do when there is famine? What do you do when there is drought?

Are you close enough to God that even in the time of famine and everybody else turns their back on God and there is no renewal and no refreshing and all the wells are stopped up?

Are you close enough to God that even in the midst of famine you're eating bread? You're eating meat? You're drinking all you want from your own brook? That is what God gave Elijah.

Then people say, “Yeah, but Bill, the brook dried up.” Do you know what else it said Elijah had in the midst of famine? He had oil. There was a famine and yet he managed to have bread, meat, his own river and he managed to have oil.

If you go over and read the rest of I Kings 17, it talks about Elijah and the widow with the little bag of flour and the little jar of oil. And she came to Elijah and she and Elijah and her son lived off that oil in the midst of that famine.

Do you know how to tap oil, bread and meat in your own river when there is no dew?

When there is no rain?

When the fountains are closed up?

When there is no well?

When there is no renewal?

When there is no refreshing?

When everyone else has given up on God? When it looks like there is nothing happening?

When it’s hard and when it’s bleak do you have the fountains of the deep?

Can you break them up?

Can you dig up in prayer?

When God is hiding on you, can you chase God down and get a hold of Him? Can you bring Him out of heaven? Can you stir yourself up to take hold of God?

Can you be a well? Can you be the source of revival in a land where there is no revival? Can you be the fire within a place that is dry without fire? Can you live within that plane? Elijah did.

I tell you, I'm going to have oil. I'm going to have bread; I'm going to have meat. And I'm going to have my own river and I'm going to drink as much as I want, even when there is famine.

And if I fall off of the mountain into the valley, I'm just going to bring forth the river in the desert. I'm just going to break open the fountains in the deep. I'm going to dig and break it open. And the heavens will be opened up over me and I'll have rain.

You can dry out, but I'm going to lock myself in my room for hours.

And I won't come out and I won't eat, and I won't drink and I'll seek God's face, because, Man, I want to burn. God always has something when it looks bleak. God always has a well.

Look at the Welsh revival.

God raised up John Evan Roberts. He was a powerful instrument in the hand of God for revival. For two years, thousands would flock to his meetings and line up hours before the service.

Then there would be stirring of the Holy Ghost and they wouldn't do anything in the meeting for hours. They would be struck down in their seats in the Spirit of prayer, getting overcome by God's presence leaving or coming to the prayer meeting.

Bars were shutting down. People would go, "I'll tell you, it was the power of God." Do you know why? Evan Roberts was a well. He said, "I'm not going to wait for any other fountain.

I'm not going to wait for any other well, I'm going to be a well."

And everyone knew that Evan Roberts was a well. And they knew that they could come and they knew that they could drink. And they knew that he was deep and they knew that he was a source and they knew that he was a fire starter.

Then there was the famous Jonathan Wesley. Do you know what? In the forties and the fifties, God raised up many wells. Do you know what they were? They were the wells of healing.

And God rose up people like Jack Coe, and God rose up Oral Roberts and God rose up many of these ones that God was using in the forties and the fifties in the healing revival.

And do you know what they were? They were healing wells. And people would come by the thousands and pack into those tents and be healed by the power of

Jesus. Why, because Oral Roberts and Jack Coe and many of the people of that day learned how to be the source. They said, “I’m not satisfied with drinking of the fountains. I don’t want to be splashed with the waters from the fountains.

I’m going to dig up my own well. I’m going to be the source. I’m going to cause people to know that there is something within that well to drink and they are going to come because they are thirsty right now.

There are always those wells. There is a big well in Argentina. There’s a big well in Pensacola, there’s a well in Toronto. You can dig a big well. You can deepen the well that has been opened right where you are. Let’s make it bigger. Let’s deepen the well. Let’s break open the fountains of the deep.

Let’s get the heavens open and let the flood rains come down. Jesus! I tell you that when you live in the well, you can drink anytime you want to. I can drink and tap into the wine of the Holy Spirit whenever I’m thirsty. I can take freely. I’ve learned to come to the water. I’ve learned to be the source. I’ve learned to be a well in the driest of the land.

You go, “Wow”. It doesn’t matter if there is no other source there. Oh, well. You’re the well! You’re the source! You’re the fire! And you’re tapped into something.

You’re tapped into the river. That is your supply. God is fueling your flame. You’re just going to burn and be a torch. Set things on fire. Ha, ha, ha, let’s be torches for Jesus. He’ll fill you with the oil and you just blow. Fire everywhere you go.

Jeremiah 2:2 Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD; I remember thee, the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land *that was* not sown.

I remember the kindness of thy youth. I remember the love of your betrothal. I remember when you went after me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown.

I remember when Israel was holiness to the Lord. “First fruits of His increase.”

All that devour him will offend. Disaster will come upon them, says the Lord.

What was happening? God was saying to His children; God was saying to His church, “I remember you. I remember the kindness of your youth. I remember when you had passion.

I remember when you loved me and you were lovesick for me. I remember your covenant. I remember your loyalty. I remember when you were faithful to me.

I remember when you were holiness unto me.

Jeremiah 2:13 For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, *and* hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

What was God saying? God said you've allowed yourself to be broken. You've allowed yourself to become a leaky vessel. You've allowed yourself to no longer be a source. You've allowed yourself to no longer be a well. Because, you're now broken, you're now a leaky vessel because of your sin. And your second evil was you've forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters. How did they forsake the fountain of living waters? They lost their passion. They lost their fire. They lost the kindness of their youth. They lost being loyal to God.

They lost being faithful. God said, "I remember when you went after Me. You went after Me even in the wilderness". That's what He said.

It's easy to go after God when you've got the fountain. It's easy to go after God when there is dew and rain. It's easy to go after God when the heavens are open. But can you still go after God when you're in the wilderness?

Can you still be faithful and love your God and be passionate and lovesick for Jesus even when you're in the wilderness when there is no dew, when there is not rain, when there is just drought? That's what He was saying.

And He said because you lost that passion, you lost that fire, people that was inside of you. You went after Me in the wilderness. You chased Me down. And now you've forsaken the living waters. You lost that passion, you lost that loyalty, you lost that faithfulness, and you lost that fire. And now because of your sin, you're nothing but a broken vessel. Do you know what the children of Israel were known for? The children of Israel were known for being able to make water cisterns with plaster so water tight that they could carry water into the driest place where there was no natural supply and still drink in abundance.

That's what they were known for. They were known for being able to make watertight wells and take them wherever they went so they could be in the

wilderness and they could be in the driest of all places, but yet they could still have drink in abundance. But now, you're not a source anymore. Now you're leaky. Now you're spilling it out of your life. Now you're forsaking the fountains of the water. You used to go after Him. You've lost that fire. You've lost that faithfulness. You've lost that loyalty. But for those that are close, our loins are going to be filled with passion.

You'll live as a fountain. You won't have broken cisterns. You'll be a well. And while everyone else is leaking and everyone else is in the wilderness, you'll be drinking. You'll be revived. You'll be in refreshing. And you'll have to give to a lost and dying and thirsty world. That's what He was saying. Don't be a broken cistern. What happened? You lost that going after Me. You lost that passion.

And you lost that deep, deep commitment. There is a prophetic word on right now.

And it's called digging up the well. The Holy Spirit spoke to me about memorial stones. And do you know what? In the Bible, every time somebody had a mighty manifestation and visitation of God, or God did something big, they were to set up stones. They were called markers and memorial stones. So that the children in the generations to come would see those stones and they would remember the visitation of their fathers.

Do you know what? There are still spiritual memorial markers and spiritual memorial stones in the heavens.

And that well that Katherine Kuhlman opened up, there is a marker there. The well that John G. Lake opened up, there is a marker there. The well that Smith Wigglesworth opened up, there is a spiritual memorial and marker still in the Heavenlies for the well that they were. And God poured out memorial stones.

Why? So the people in the Bible wouldn't forget the visitations of God.

And know that you can revisit those memorial stones and that you can re-dig up the wells of our fathers.

That you can re-dig up the anointing that was on the lives of those that have gone on before us. But you're going to have to dig in prayer. And you're going to have to dig in the area of intercession. You're going to have to dig it up. Those wells are still out there. And there are still spiritual stones and markers saying, "Remember!" "Remember DL Moody" DL Moody said, "It's amazing what God can do with one man or one woman who'll be fully committed to Him."

Remember that memorial stone. Remember what God can do with you.

You'll become hard core.

You'll become radical.

You'll become crazy.

You'll become sold out.

You'll live on the edge for Jesus and it will be amazing. God will change nations through just you. You alone can put a city upside down…with God. Working with God, being a partner with God. I want to see cities and nations shaken with the power of God. But God's calling us to dig up better than the wells of our fathers.

I want to tell you something, especially the young generation; you need to dig up the well of the destiny of God for your life. You need to realize God wants you to be a well. You are to be a source. You are to be an influence within your day.

And you're to be an influence within your time, but you've got to start digging in prayer right now. You've got to start digging in the Word right now. You better start in intercession right now. You've got to start seeking the face of God right now. You've got to start laying a hold of Jesus right now for your destiny; for the well that God wants you to be.

The source and the influence you're going to be for the glory of God. Do you know why? I don't just want to call you to dig up the wells of our fathers. I want to call you to dig up your well. I have a well to dig. And I am digging up my well.

Bill's (that's me) digging up the well of revival.

I'm digging up revival in nations.

I'm digging up crusades.

I'm digging up souls.

I'm digging up manifestations of God's glory, in fasting, in intercession, in prayer, in the Word of God.

And you've got to dig up wells so the generations to come can see the spiritual markers in the Heavenlies and remember the well that you were and re-dig up your well. We've got to be able to pass on to generations to come.

It's time for us to dig up revival and dig up the wells of our fathers and have revival, but what wells are you digging for the next generation? What are you leaving? What kind of wells are there to dig? Do you know what kind of wells there are? I was in the well. The well that I had in Mission, where I swam to the

bottom of the well and there was treasure there, its called the well of revelation. Dig it up. There is a well of the prophetic. Where God will cause the water from the well to bubble forth from your life and you'll prophesy. Dig it up.

Go deep and worship God and he'll give you the Spirit of Prophesy. God has a healing ministry for your life. What are you doing? If God has called you to heal the sick, how many sick people have you laid hands on this year? How many trips have you had to the hospital?

If God has called you to win souls, when is the last time you evangelized? Dig up your well. Dig up your well. Set up your mark. Set up your stone. Set up your remembrance. Set up your influence. Go for God. Dig up wells of healing, dig up wells of revelation. Dig up wells of the prophetic, dig up wells of salvation. Some of you are wells of salvation, people are going to come and get saved in your life. Dig it up.

Seek the face of God for the anointing of evangelism. Dig it up with fasting. Pray with fasting for souls to get saved. Dig up your well. Be a well of salvation.

Be a well of deliverance.

Be a well of revival.

Be a well of prayer.

Some of you have been called to be the source and some are called to be fire starter behind major prayer movements. Dig it up. Get on your face. Call a sacred assembly. Have the prayer meeting. Dig up wells of healing. Start taking trips to the hospital. Start laying hands on the sick every time you can.

Dig up wells for the prophetic. Meditate in the Word, start praying in tongues and worshipping God and cry out for the Spirit of Prophesy. Just dig it up. Dig up the wells even of our fathers.

Remember their souls. Remember the anointing upon the lives of John G Lake, Smith Wigglesworth, Kathryn Kuhlman, and other greats that have gone on before us. Know that their mantle is on the ground. Even when the mantle of Elijah died, he was not dead; he just got sucked right into heaven. Do you know what? His mantle fell on the ground. And do you know what? Elisha picked it up. Guess what? What if Elisha didn't pick it up? There are mantles lying down right now in the Heavenlies. There are mantles for you, where men of God have gone on. Pick it up. Dig it up. Let's go deep for God. Let's be a source. Let's be an instrument of revival.

The Bible says that Gideon camped by the well. If you read the story in the Book of Judges, every time you hear about Gideon he was camping by the well. But his enemies, the Amalekites (work of the flesh) and Midianites (strife and contention) lived in the valley.

They lived in the desert. And every time you read, you'll see…they were down in the Valley of Jezreel. Gideon camped by the well. Gideon camped near the winepress. God's raising up a church called the Gideon Church in the winepress, camped by the well. The Bible also says that the Children of Israel camped in a place called Elim.

Do you know what that place was? The place called twelve wells. God has called us to camp at the well. Climb inside of it.

And dig up those wells.

Dig up the promise of God.

Dig up prophetic words in your life that have not yet been fulfilled.

Dig up our dreams.

Seek God's face with fasting & prayer. Dig it up! Dig up the oil wells that are here.

Be a prophetic oil well for God.

Get on fire and you cannot be stopped.

And burn right across the prairies.

Be wildfire right across the prairie.

The only way you will be able to do that is to tap into that underground pressure as you learn to go deep.

As you learn to have an intimate walk with God and you learn to be close with Jesus. Oh, God, I'm close, but I'm not close enough. I'm not deep enough. I'm not radical enough. I don't know Jesus. I'm not satisfied. I'm not hungry. I haven't eaten all that there is to eat at the table of God. I haven't drunk all that I have to drink. I haven't manifest all that God's going to manifest. I haven't walked in the full capacity that I have to receive and manifest the glory of Jesus. And I'm not satisfied, friend. I'm on a mission. I'm on a rampage. I'm on a holy run for God. I'm running and I'm sprinting and I'm running after Jesus. I'm running to the next mark. I'm running to the next glory. I'm running from glory to glory. And I'm going to keep on going.

New levels! New heights! I'm going to keep on going, I'm not going to stop, I'm

not going to pass out, I'm not going to be satisfied. I want more souls, more miracles, greater manifestations of God's power, greater visitations of the Holy Ghost impacting and overcoming peoples lives, greater influence over cities and greater influence in my nation. I want to dig up deeper wells of revival.

If you catch anything, catch this passion.

Catch this hunger, catch this desperateness. If that is all I can impart to you, I want you to get a hold of that place. I want you to get a hold of that fire so that you'll begin to go after God. And you'll begin to dig and you won't be satisfied. God wants to put fire inside of you. You chase the devil out the door. You run him out of your city. You chase him out of your life and don't give place to the devil. You slam the door on his head.

You violently take heaven.

You aggressively destroy the works of the devil.

You fight against sickness, you fight against disease and you fight against death as if it was a demon itself, which most of the time it is. And you cast out devils. You cast out devils! You just lay hold of their necks and bring them out into the dry places. Don't play around with demons. Just cast out devils, cast out demons, cast out sickness, cast out disease, cast out death. Run the devil out of your church.

You take a stand against him. You take a stand against sin within your life. You say "No!" there's no reason for me to have to be in apathy. There's no reason for me to be "in" for Jesus and then "out". No Way!

You make the stand for revival. You say, “I will arise and I will stand and I will be revived! I will be a well! I will be a well of revival.” I’m telling you friends; all I care about is being on fire. All I care about is being an oil well on fire. That’s it! And then I just go into a city and it catches. You don’t have to worry about making the whole place get revival; you do some meetings with hot oil. That’s good enough.

There is another word in II Kings 3. Do you know what that word was? The word to the Children of Israel when they were in war, they said, “God, there is no water.

How are we going to drink?

How are our cattle going to drink?

How are we going to be refreshed to fight this war? Do you know what the Word of the Lord was? “Dig! Dig! Dig!”

Make this valley full of ditches.

Dig water canals. Get yourself aroused and dig water canals. Make the valley full of ditches.

I don’t care, just dig, dig, dig, pray, intercede, run after God. Just make a valley full of ditches. Make if full of water canals. That’s what He said. Then He said, guess what?

All of a sudden out of nowhere there is going to be no sign of wind. There is going to be no sign of rain, but I'm going to fill those water canals.

And supernaturally, boom it came by the way of the East. And all those water canals were filled.

Do you know what? How are you ever going to have a ministry of healing if you haven't dug up your healing well yet? How are you going to have a ministry of the prophetic if you haven't dug up your water canal of the prophetic yet? God filled the ditches!

God filled the water canals! God filled only the places that had been dug. How much have you dug? How much have you sowed into the call of God on your life?

How much have you dug? How much have you prayed and sowed in prayer and intercession into your destiny, because He only fills the places that are full of ditches. He only fills water canals. But if you haven't dug, then what is there to fill? Do you want to be filled with the water of healing? You've got to go to the well. You've got to get up. You've got a call to the prophetic? You've been filled with God's Word. "I want to prophesy, but I never read the Bible."

Make the valley full of ditches. Dig! Dig as many water canals as you can. Pray and pray and pray as much as you can. I tell you, from the moment I got saved, I was already praying and doing crusades even before I was in the full time ministry. I've already prayed into doing things for God four years ago. I've already prayed and done miracles in the spirit realm and I've already prayed into doing the things I'm doing today. I was digging.

I was having visions.

I was having dreams.

I was in prayer and I was in intercession.

And dug all those ditches and dug all those water canals and then God filled them…supernaturally. You never know when God is about to fill you up. You never know when God is about to release you into your call. You never know when it's time for your ministry but you better make sure that you're digging now and that you've dug up the canals that you're going to need to hold and flow that water. Make the valley full of ditches. I'm going to pray for God to put a shovel in your hand. I've got a shovel in my hand and I'm going to help you dig. I want to help you dig up your well; I want to help you dig up your destiny. I want to help you make the valley full of ditches and dig up water canals. I want to loose the well of God into your being. I want to spring up that water inside of you, loose things in heaven with you. Tap heaven with the power of agreement and loose your destiny, loose the call of God. Get everything that's a hindrance and an opposition in the Spirit out of the way. God I want to be a well.

I want to be a well of revival. I want to be a deep well. I want to have roots. I want to go deeper.

God, I want the fountains of the deep broken up within me. I want the flood of Your Spirit. I want to release floods of Your Spirit. It devastates and touches everything. God, make me a well tonight. I want to be a source. I'm tired of just drinking of the fountains and the wells of others. You called me to be a well. I've got a destiny. I'm to be an influence. Spring up old well. Wells of God, be loosed! Wells of God, spring up! Lord, I release healing water, wells of salvation, wells of revelation; I loose the wells of God! I break open the fountains of the deep! Wells of the prophetic! Oil wells! Bring them into a deeper place.

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Overcoming Obstacles

Glory: Pursuing God's Presence

Defeating the Demonic Realm

Increasing Your Prophetic Gift

Increasing Your Anointing

Keys to Receiving Your Miracle

The Supernatural Realm

Waves of Revival

Increase of Revelation and Restoration

The Resurrection Power of God

Discerning Your Call of God

Apostolic Breakthrough

Glory: Increasing God's Presence

Love is Waiting – Don't Let Love Pass You By

The Healing Power of God

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