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THE NEW ERA OF GLORY

STEPPING INTO GOD'S ACCELERATED SEASON OF OUTPOURING & BREAKTHROUGH

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Within the pages of this book that you are holding, we are again rewarded with treasures of insightful and deep revelation that can only be mined from the Word of God, Holy Spirit, and an intimate relationship with God. This clearly describes Apostle Tim Sheets' most recent published work.

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Wow, wow, wow! What a book. This book I guarantee will ignite your spirit, kick your backside, inform you where we are in God's timetable and tell you what to do. It is a breaker book for the new era we are in. It was difficult for me to put it down as it so captivated both my heart and mind, this spirit shifting me into the new. This is a marker book, a must read! Tim Sheets, you've done a stellar job in laying out fresh present truth!

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FOREWORD

By Dr. Chuck D. Pierce

There are some books that are important at the change of every season. We have not just entered a new season but a new era in the Kingdom of God. Apostle Tim Sheets has written a masterpiece. This book, *The New Era of Glory: Stepping Into God's Accelerated Season of Outpouring and Breakthrough*, will excite your heart and give you a road map for the future.

When God's manifest presence invades our daily lives, things change! We cannot remain the same. Either we will harden our hearts, as the Israelites did on many occasions, or we experience new *zoe* life. If we choose to allow God's presence to soften our hearts then we may see the power of God released in greater measure. We may catch a glimpse of the very atmosphere of heaven. We experience God! He longs to pour out His glory upon His people so that we may know Him. This experience is not just for us personally but for the harvest of souls the Lord would draw in through the magnetic influence His presence has on the lost.

There is such a war over the manifest presence of God. One of my favorite verses is Second Corinthians 3:18: "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."

The question comes up: why is it necessary to move from glory to glory? Isn't one glory as good as the next? *The answer is no,* because in every season of glory we experience a new order that God brings to our lives as we mirror His image to a greater extent. But then we begin to add a new method—a settled plan or strategy of how we operate within that new order. It is our way of implementing what we have learned from God.

While in and of itself this is not a problem, we can eventually get so organized in God's last manifestation of glory that the enemy can use it to hold us back from God's next step for us. It is very easy to become legalistic or build binding doctrines around a truth that God revealed during a past season of glory. That, however, can leave us open to not moving forward when it comes time for God to change the seasons in our lives. If we do not allow God to move us from glory to glory, we will get caught up living in an old season.

As the Holy Spirit moves us toward becoming more Christlike, the methodology of an old season will not propel us into the future. We need something new and fresh. We need a new glory. This is one of the wiles of the enemy—to hold us captive in the last manifestation of God. Therefore, we live in the past rather than move into the best that is ahead for our life. This is how religious spirits operate.

When we are moving in God's glory, angelic visitation occurs. In December 2017, I was chosen by the Lord for an angelic visitation. The first place I ever shared this visitation was at a regional gathering hosted by Apostle Tim Sheets. We must co-labor with the host of heaven when we are moving in the glory realm in the earth. We are the army of earth. The host of heaven interacts with us to bring His victory into the earth realm.

The angel from my visitation was peering into the harvest throughout the earth. I entered into what he was seeing, but neither space nor time permits to share all of it here. When I asked him what his name was, he said, *"I am the Angel of War over God's Covenant Harvest Plan."* He revealed to me the harvest shift that we would enter and how this is a time for us to break out of conventional ways of thinking. We must make a "harvest shift" and be led through the "gate of harvest increase." There will be a great hardening, separation, and then a sharpening! This will draw out the army-order of the present Body—and be the *first harvest training!* This angel took me through several other steps of training that we will go through in the future.

- Grace will be sovereignly extended for wrong alignments in past covenants. This will be the *second harvest training!* (Hagars, Ishmaels, brothers and sisters who persecuted you, Esaus, Marks!)
- Saints' eyes will be opened to the carrion-scavengers that have ravished their covenant plan! This will be the *third harvest training* (Your bloodline and mission).
- New *angelic councils* would be forming and assigned to territories. These teams will meet with apostolic-prophetic councils in the earth realm to give strategies for advancement. This will be the *fourth harvest training!*

- The Desire of Nations will begin to reveal Himself! Public decrees will be heard from nations' civil leaders who will call entire territories and peoples into awakening. This will be the *fifth harvest training!*
- God's people will be sorted by their gleaning faithfulness. This will give them *reaping* access. This will be the *sixth harvest training!*The territorial threshing floors for the harvest will be revealed! New calls to harvesters will be extended. This will be the *seventh harvest training!*

God has a government. He is Lord Sabaoth, "The God of Hosts." He has an army in heaven and He aligns that host with His Kingdom army in the earth. He has angels and saints coming together to advance the Kingdom. We have entered a season of heightened angelic visitation. Already we are probably visited by more angels than we know.

This book takes us beyond our present understanding into revelation for a new era. Revelation 4:1-2 says, "*After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, 'Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.' Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne."* The door that God is opening is in the heavenly realm. He is aligning that door over us in the earth realm, which then causes angelic help to come. This opens the door to our future. This is exactly what we are experiencing in this new season. Heavenly portals are being opened and God's angelic host is flooding into our atmosphere.

In *The New Era of Glory,* Apostle Tim Sheets explains the glory war ahead. The Spirit of God is saying, "*Go forth by My Spirit with My help, with My ministering angelic host, and do the war ahead."* We have entered a season when we will need the angels to interact with us as never before. Angelic visitation is an important concept to understand, once the portal of glory has been established connecting heaven and earth. I have seen angels only a few times, but I do recognize their presence. I believe this is a type of discernment that comes through worshiping and knowing the glory of God and how His presence manifests around us. Imagine the angels showing up to announce in the fields near Bethlehem that the glory of God had come to earth! Although angels often precede God's glory, they also follow after it.

This book is a must read!

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PREFACE

Our great God has been preparing for a glorious new era for nearly 70 years. It is not just a new season of refreshing; it is much larger than that—it is a time of entering into the greatest days in church history. I wrote in my earlier book, *Angel Armies,* that the Holy Spirit had spoken to me with bold intensity, "The greatest days in church history are not in your past, they are in your present and in your future." Those days are here.

No other period of time in church history is comparable to the age we have now entered. We will see each of the anointings the Holy Spirit poured out over the past 2,000 years released again in this new era simultaneously. We will see the ages converge and all of the different streams birthed by the Holy Spirit merge together and flow in an unstoppable mighty river throughout the earth. Productivity and function will synergize, led by Holy Spirit. The church will now implement new strategies, soaked in wisdom and experience and bathed in prayer and His presence. There's never been an era like this one.

The righteous remnant will begin to function as true heirs with Christ. This era will be marked by supernatural signs, wonders, healings, and miracles that will be visibly seen, and even media outlets will report what was once thought to be impossible has now happened.

As you will encounter in the following chapters, in this new era, King Jesus will make His stand alongside His people in very clear and powerful ways. Indeed, He will fulfill the prophetic word of Micah 2:13 (paraphrased), "Messiah, the Breaker, will go before them, and they will break through." We are entering days of supernatural breakthrough. It is not off in the distance; it is here and we are seeing it unfold now.

Along with the King making His stand, we will see, as well, that a true New Testament church will make her stand. The ekklesia and genuine governing authority will be seen on the earth. The days of pretend Christianity are over. It is a new day. It's a new era. It is time for reality church!

INTRODUCTION

THE NEW ERA

By Dutch Sheets

> **Era:** A period of time marked by distinctive character or events; a point in time from which succeeding years are numbered.

We, the church, have entered a new era that will be the most exciting and fruitful season in church history. Our best days are ahead, not behind. This era, as the definition states, will, indeed, be one from which succeeding years are numbered. Why? For the first time since the days of the early church, the Body of Christ has the potential to fully reveal Jesus on earth! This new ability will result in the greatest harvest of souls in world history, and the greatest spiritual transformation of nations ever witnessed!

Such an increased fruitfulness on the part of the church is due, in large part, to the Holy Spirit's restoration of the fivefold ministry gifts the Lord gave her. The Scriptures teach that Christ, whose name means "the anointed one," apportioned the fullness of His anointing into five distinct parts: apostolic, prophetic, evangelistic, pastoral, and teaching (see Eph. 4:11). He then gave these "anointings" as gifts to the church. According to the subsequent verses, this was so that we, the church, might: 1) mature as Christ's Body; 2) do the work of ministering to individuals for Him; and 3) fully reveal His nature on earth (verses 12-13). These five gifts of Christ, the Anointed One, were NOT bestowed as positions or titles; rather, they were given as abilities and functions.

Tragically, two elements of Christ's anointing—the apostolic and prophetic gifts—were abandoned for centuries, making it literally impossible for the church to reveal Him in His fullness. Apostles govern (spiritually); they lay foundations, coordinate, and establish kingdom endeavors. Apostles oversee and strengthen the activities of the other four gifts; and they lead in spiritual warfare—apostles are generals.

Prophets see, hear, and discern spiritually. They receive what God is saying and deliver the revelation to the Body of Christ. Prophets are forerunners, discovering and preparing the correct paths for the church. They are standard-bearers, insisting on biblical ideals and methods. In many ways, prophets are the conscience of the Body of Christ. And like apostles, they, too, lead in war.

For centuries, the church has functioned only in Christ's evangelistic, shepherding, and teaching gifts, not embracing or operating in His apostolic and prophetic anointings. Within the last 40 years, however, Holy Spirit has wonderfully restored an understanding of these powerful and indispensable gifts, making it possible to now

operate in the fullness of Christ's anointings and reveal the fullness of who He is on the earth. Please, let that sink in.

A new era? Indeed!

A billion or more souls will be saved over the next few decades—more than in the previous 2000 years. The glorious Church Holy Spirit spoke of will now emerge (see Eph. 5:27). Signs and wonders performed in Christ's name will be prevalent, grabbing the attention of millions and confirming the reality of who He is. Christ's passion for lost humanity will be seen. Millennia-old strongholds will be broken over regions of the earth. Third-world nations, impoverished and oppressed, will be healed, transformed, and discipled. The Kingdom of God will manifest fully, until the knowledge of the glory of the Lord is seen around the world (see Hab. 2:14).

Get ready for radical change. Prepare your heart to become part of this transformative spiritual revolution. Determine to partner with Holy Spirit as He invades earth's atmosphere in new and unprecedented ways.

You were born for such an era as this—seize the opportunity!

CHAPTER 1

A NEW ERA

"I don't think the way you think. The way you work isn't the way I work." God's Decree. "For as the sky soars high above earth, so the way I work surpasses the way you work, and the way I think is beyond the way you think. Just as rain and snow descend from the skies and don't go back until they've watered the earth, doing their work of making things grow and blossom, producing seed for farmers and food for the hungry, so will the words that come out of my mouth not come back empty-handed. They'll do the work I sent them to do, they'll complete the assignment I gave them."

—ISAIAH 55:8-11 MSG

Something amazing and very strategic has been happening in the Body of Christ. It actually began decades ago but it is now accelerating exponentially. It's been under the radar of much of the Body of Christ, but a listening remnant is hearing it. A tremendous move of Christ's Kingdom is beginning on the earth. Something huge is taking place. Long awaited promises, cries of the heart, are beginning to happen in our times. The greatest days in church history are not in our past; they are in our present and in our future.

The prophets are describing it as a new era. The word *era* means a new period of history. New years begin that are different from past years. It is a clear new period of times on the earth. Something is beginning that is going to be unlike anything we have experienced in the past. It is not vague; it is not blurry; it is clear. A magnificent new era is now due to activate in Christ's Kingdom. It is potent with the Holy Spirit power, waiting for the saints to engage.

Our world has entered a defining moment. It is a tipping-point moment wherein we reap what we have sown. Iniquity, sin, and rebellion of a generation have begun to manifest in ways we thought would never be seen such as abortion, gender confusion, humanistic values, and immorality.

Tipping-point moments or defining moments are decided by who defines the moment. King Jesus has called His ekklesia, His ruling and reigning Body, His governing intercessors to rise up and define this moment. We have been prepared and He expects us to do it. We have been prepared by the prayers of millions of intercessors crying out to God, by the awesome Holy Spirit who is our Teacher and our Empowerer. We have been prepared by the revelation of the apostles and prophets. We have been prepared by prophetic dreams as well as the activation and assistance of angel armies under the Holy Spirit's supervision. We have been prepared by thousands of prophetic words, visions, signs, and wonders. We can do this.

Isaiah 55 is a prophetic word given by God through Isaiah the prophet. It is important to understand that this is a prophetic word. Please note the wording God uses in verse 11: "[Prophetic words will] *do the work I send them to do, they'll complete the assignment I gave them"* (MSG). Prophetic words have assignments. For example, Mary, the mother of Jesus, asked the angel Gabriel, "How can I have a son by

immaculate conception? How is that possible?" Amazingly, Gabriel actually quoted to her a prophecy that is recorded in Isaiah 7:14: "The virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel" (NKJV). Clearly, angels pay attention to prophetic words and their assignments.

Then Gabriel said to Mary, "With God nothing is impossible" (see Luke 1:37). The word *nothing* does not mean zero. He does not say, "Not one thing is impossible with God." We could make a case for that, but that isn't what He says. The angel Gabriel uses the Greek word *rhema*—no *rhema* is impossible with God.[1] It means a word that God speaks fresh to us. It's like a prophetic word to us. It's a personalized word. It is a word of promise that the Holy Spirit breathes fresh anointing on, causing that word to come alive and you know it is His Word. It is a word He is speaking directly to me.

Rhema is Holy Spirit-made-alive words that activate to produce when you stand for that word in faith. Faith is always an active ingredient within it. Gabriel says literally, "No *rhema* word is impossible." "Impossible" is *adunateo,* and that is the Greek word for impotent, weak, or unable.[2] So this great archangel says, "Mary, nothing God says or promises to you is impotent. Nothing He prophesies is weak. It will produce."

He uses *rhema* words, which are potent words. Anything He prophesies is potent and it will work. Any promise He makes you, He impregnates with His life, and any *rhema* word is possible. They are all potent with power. God's power backs it and will produce it. "Confess it, Mary," and of course, she said yes. She expressed her faith, "Be it unto me according to Your Word."

God says in this prophetic (*rhema*) word through Isaiah, "The word that I give to you will not return empty. It will do what I want it to do. It will accomplish what I determine it to accomplish. My words to you, My prophetic words to you, My promises to you will complete the assignments I gave to them."

We need to recognize that prophetic words and *rhema* words have an assignment on them. God gives them as assignments to be activated by His people, His Kingdom, an ekklesia, a nation, a New Testament church. The same is true with prophetic dreams. They have assignments and when accurately interpreted the assignment is a *rhema* word that can be activated and fulfilled. A prophetic word to us is an assignment

for us to grow to completion. We are to believe that word from conception to completion.

It does not automatically happen because it is not based on God's sovereignty. In other words, we can't say, "Well God said it so it's going to happen." No, it has to be acted on by faith. God's promises are conditional upon our response of faith. The only exception is that there are some sovereign prophecies concerning the end times—no matter what man says about them, they are going to happen. But where prophetic words to us are concerned, there must be a reaction of faith on our part. It has to be stood for, believed, fought for, and prayed for from conception to completion.

The prophetic (*rhema*) word has a God-assignment on it that simultaneously gives the ekklesia, the New Testament church, an assignment as well. When we hear a word of the Lord, it assigns something to us that we must decree, pray, and strategize with the Holy Spirit about and implement. We must engage with angel armies that are activated to assist it. It simultaneously gives the apostles, the saints, and you an assignment. When we engage with the *rhema* word, potent power of the Holy Spirit begins to activate supernaturally to do what He wants done.

Remember what the apostle Paul told his spiritual son Timothy. Prophetic words are strategies for good warfare: "This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare" (1 Tim. 1:18) *The Message* Bible reads, "I'm passing this work on to you, my son Timothy. The prophetic word that was directed to you prepared us for this. All those prayers are coming together now so you will do this well, fearless in your struggle."

All the prayers are now coming together. The prophetic words and decrees of faith from long ago are coming together like a battering ram opening doors to a new season. They have prepared us to rise up and define this moment. Strategies of good warfare are providing pathways to victory after victory after victory. We are in a different era; we are not fighting the same battles that we used to fight. We are fighting to engage in victories, not just to survive. We are not in survival mode, we are in obtaining mode and that must become our mind-set. It's time to obtain the victories. This era is going to be marked by a church that is triumphant and moving in victory. The world has never seen anything quite like the New Testament church that's going to arise.

The prayers, the all-nighters, the tears of intercession, the Lord says, are all coming together now. The identity of the New Testament church is entering a destiny change to represent Christ and His Kingdom government as intended. We are entering into a supernatural era, the most supernatural era that the Kingdom of God has ever had on the earth. We are pregnant with promises that are to be birthed. This is the era of open doors for miracles and the completion of miracles that we have been standing for.

We are moving into a miraculous movement moment. Many years ago I began to declare this will be a movement that moves. It is now intersecting its moment, and that changes everything. A new era is before us, meaning we must think, act, and engage in a different way.

Prophetic words and prophetic dreams are intersecting their moment. The great harvest, outpouring, awakening, and reformation promised have intersected their God-prepared moment. The ekklesia of King Jesus has come to its moment, which means you and I have come to our moment. We are born-again ones, sons and daughters of God, with the DNA of our Father inside of us to subdue and to have dominion on the earth, to disciple and bind or loose, to permit or forbid, to represent the mighty Kingdom of Almighty God. His seed is in us, ready to break forth and produce, ready to decree His Word, ways, life, authority, and power.

This is the supernatural, prepared-for season when the ekklesia finds her voice. We are here to give voice to the will of God on this planet. We are here to voice the governing decrees of our Kingdom to shift a region, a nation, and a world. We are here to give voice to the purpose and the strategies of Almighty God and the mighty Holy Spirit who Jesus declared was our advantage. No matter the odds we always have the advantage.

This era is an era when the glorious church recognizes her advantage and begins to declare a governing authority. The ekklesia has been prepared to raise its voice on behalf of a spiritual Kingdom that begins to affect natural kingdoms. We are here to be God’s voice to awaken the conscience of a nation and to shift it back to its covenant roots. We can do it, we are prepared to do it, we are authorized to do it, and the Holy Spirit and His angel armies are here to help us get it done.

Some of the ways you identify that it is time for a new era to begin in the Kingdom of God are:

A. Fresh anointings of the Holy Spirit begin to break out everywhere—fresh new movings and Pentecosts begin to happen.

B. Angel activity begins—angels always assist new outpourings.

C. The prophetic words of the apostles and the prophets begin to declare it.

All three are happening right now and are accelerating all over the world. In the Spirit realm, it is like heaven is amped up. All of His Kingdom is now engaged and on the assignment because a new era has begun. The greatest one!

In Mary's case, the Holy Spirit and His angels were engaged in incredible ways. Angel armies were involved around Mary's visitation. Holy Spirit, we know, overshadowed her, birthing the assignment on a prophetic word (a virgin will conceive and have a son). That word had now intersected its moment. Impossible in the natural realm but a *rhema* word potent with power would produce, even though most of the world was oblivious to it.

Obviously, it was time for a new era. It was time for a transition toward a new covenant. It was time for a new period of history. Things would be clearly changing now and wow, they did! God was coming to earth in flesh to change things.

Thirty-three years after Mary birthed the supernatural promise of God, the Holy Spirit and His angel armies were engaged again in incredible ways. Jesus was now going to the cross, and we are told that over 12 legions of angels (72,000) were available to help Him under the Holy Spirit's command. There was aggressive increase of the Holy Spirit and angels all around that occasion because prophetic words had intersected their moment. The assignment on prophetic words had come. Approximately 300 Messianic prophecies in the Old Testament had come to fullness with awesome assignments on those words. "Who has believed our report?" the prophet prophesied concerning the cross and Jesus.

> *He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces*

> *from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed* (Isaiah 53:3-5).

After the cross, the Holy Spirit and His angels continued to aggressively move to fulfill prophesies with assignments, preparing the way for supernatural fulfillment of another one. Fifty days after the cross and the resurrection of King Jesus from the dead, on the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit came into an upper room where 120 followers of Christ gathered. He came in like a rushing mighty wind, filled the room where they were sitting with power from heaven, and they all began to speak in other tongues as Holy Spirit gave the ability. We know the angels were engaged in that upper room, assisting Holy Spirit, hovering over each and every one of them like cloven tongues of fire. Just like the prophet Ezekiel prophesied, a prophetic word with a tremendous assignment intersected with its moment (see Ezek. 1:13-14 MSG).

Then on Pentecost the apostle Peter stood and declared another prophetic word with an awesome assignment—the words of the prophet Joel.

> *"In the last days," God says, "I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants—men and women alike—and they will prophesy. And I will cause wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below—blood and fire and clouds of smoke. The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red before that great and glorious day of the Lord arrives. But everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved"* (Acts 2:17-21 NLT).

> *The trees will again be filled with fruit; fig trees and grapevines will be loaded down once more.…Rejoice in the Lord your God! …The threshing floors will again be piled*

> *high with grain, and the presses will overflow with new wine and olive oil. The Lord says, "I will give you back what you lost to the swarming locusts, the hopping locusts, the stripping locusts, and the cutting locusts. It was I who sent this great destroying army against you. Once again you will have all the food you want, and you will praise the Lord your God, who does these miracles for you. Never again will my people be disgraced. Then you will know that I am among my people Israel, that I am the Lord your God, and there is no other. Never again will my people be disgraced"* (Joel 2:22-27 NLT).

It was a prophetic word with a God-assignment impregnated into it that had intersected its moment. It was time for a new era. A new era with a functioning New Testament church, reigning with Christ in governing authority. It was time for a new period in history. Now we are seeing the ages converge in our times. Prophetic words that are infused with God-assignments are intersecting their moment right now.

Fresh Holy Spirit outpouring, angel activity, and prophetic words are now identifying another new era. It tells us a new era has begun in the Kingdom of God in a totally different manner. Prophetic words are being activated by the Holy Spirit and by angels—accelerating prophetic words such as, "In this new era a billion souls will be born into the Kingdom."

I prophesied in Chicago several years ago that the greatest Exodus would not be the million souls coming out of Egypt with Moses, but rather a billion souls coming out of this new era. Prophetic words such as, "There is now coming an outpouring on millennials and coming generations. There will be prodigals coming back by the millions. Healings, miracles, and visible signs and wonders accelerating. It will be the greatest era in church history."

We have just passed through years when thousands of prophetic words have been declared. It's amazing. The God-given assignments on them are coming to pass under Holy Spirit power, angel assistance, and a functioning ekklesia. We are entering the era of the glorious church the apostle Paul prophesied. No matter what the skeptics say, it can only mean one thing. That moment will come and I believe we are entering that moment. The government of God will function as intended on the earth, not just when we get to heaven. This changes everything.

It is time for every one of us to embrace our assignments as real disciples. No more pretending Christianity. No more pretending we love God but live our own way. No more faking it. Commitment needs to deepen. Prayer needs to deepen. It is time to engage as governing intercessors as we have been commanded. Our faith needs to deepen. Our gifts and our callings need to activate at much higher levels. Our witness needs to be strong. The decrees of prophetic words and prayer concerning them need to engage at higher levels than ever before.

It's time for each one of us to participate in the new era and everyone can participate in some way, taking our Christian lives to a new level. Whatever level you may be on, you can always go to another level, and in a new era we need to. We must push into our assignments.

In one of our services here at The Oasis, prophetic words having assignments was dramatically emphasized. I began to read some of the prophetic words given to us over the past years. As I read those prophetic words, the Holy Spirit began to move in a very special way. Angel activity began that morning all around the room with three different teams of government angels appearing. I had never seen all three of them together in my ten years of study on angels. But they were here that morning. God's tangible, visible glory cloud came into the room. It was visible to many present that day. I could only see the front pews in the sanctuary. It was truly awesome, and it happened four times over the next few weeks. What was happening? Those prophetic words I was reading were intersecting their moment. As we engaged in declaring them, there was supernatural activation of God's Kingdom in our midst.

For many years we have hosted an annual Prophetic Summit where we invite proven national prophets to prophesy the word of the Lord for the coming year. As Jesus said, it is vital that we hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the church. On that week I don't study; I simply go in prayer and listen to what He is saying. Then on that night I come and prophesy the word of the Lord.

Here is the word of the Lord I gave on February 2, 2018. I believe there is activation in it.

> The Lord of Hosts declares—activate your faith to receive greater visible activated authority. Arise, stand tall, and look like who I say you are—governing heirs in My Kingdom. Do not let hell define you. I will define you. Do not let earth

government define you. I will define you. Do not let media, education systems, or demon propaganda define you. I will define you. I will set your perimeters. I will describe your powers. I will determine your mission. I will explain your identity. You are My royal priesthood. You are My holy nation. You are My special people. Identify as heirs. Identify as ruling ones. Identify as who I say you are—regulators of the culture.

For the Lord of Hosts says you are moving into converged times, seasons, anointings, and movements. You are moving into a prepared new era. The efforts of My Kingdom are now opening doors to a miraculous new era. King Breaker is rising to lead you. He is breaking the chains of limitations. He is breaking the chains of lack. He is breaking the chain of hope deferred and He is breaking open a new season, a glorious new era. Hear the sound of breakthrough. Hear the plundering march of My Kingdom. Hear the shout of liberty and the shout of freedom from blended armies in heaven and on earth. Hear the victory chant of remnant warriors girded with strength for battle. Hear the barricades splintering, says the Lord. Hear dividing walls crashing in ruin. Hear the exalted shout of grace and grace and grace and grace and more grace. Hear the shout of the King standing with His people. Your King is rising in greater glory, heavier and heavier and heavier glory. A weight of tangibly real glory that breaks off oppression and breaks open freedom doors.

From His presence He is mantling His remnant with governing apparel. He is clothing with governing authority as Mordecai and Esther. Garments of the King’s delegated authority are being passed out. New mantles representing governing authority are being placed upon you. The signet ring has been issued. Hear your charge and do Kingdom business in My Name.

The Lord of Hosts declares the world will now see a different looking ekklesia. It will walk different. It will talk different. It’s going to act different. The King’s ekklesia will now stand and identify as heirs, ruling and reigning heirs. They will stand and identify as sons and daughters of the Living God. They will identify as joint heirs. They will identify as ruling

ones. The radical, bold, remnant ekklesia will now move into its new identity. No, hell won't prevail. My church will prevail.

Miracle after miracle after miracle after miracle will now propel you into the place of miraculous promise. Miracles are activating for My people. Miracles fought for by faith will now supernaturally manifest. For I am breathing My breath of awakening on promises I made you. I am breathing My breath on dreams that I gave you. I am breathing My breath upon decreed deliverance. I'm breathing My breath upon prophetic words, thousands and thousands and thousands of prophetic words. Awaken says the Lord. Live says the Lord. Produce says the Lord. Activate.

I am breathing awakening on My words, corporate words, for My church. Individual words for My people. Words over nations. For surely you will now move into your own Pentecost. You will now enter the season of Holy Ghost and fire! Lightning strikes of My glory will flash among My people as the cloud of My presence hovers visibly over them. Pulsating power surges will now burst forth among My people and will energize My church. Surge after surge after surge will infuse My church with dominating power from My Kingdom.

For the Lord says the move of My Spirit promised has now intersected its moment. The dream I put in your heart has intersected its moment. You are moving into a movement moment. Watch the combustion of power from on high intersect with the earth realm. Watch it bust the strongholds of darkness. Combustive fire will now burn iniquity's roots. My power will bust it and it will burn it. Watch it burst forth in flaming glory.

For you will see times of instant flames, instant fire, combustive glory strikes against your enemy. My presence will bring light and heat and incubate My promise and defeat demon strategies. You are in the season when I will strike like lightning with My power.

The Lord says great favor, blessings, and fulfillment are now being released to My pioneers, My forerunners, My fire carriers who carried their own fire through wilderness, My champion trailblazers. I will now catapult you beyond the trials to trails, trails of new glory, trails of new lands, trails to new

times. Hear the shout of joy from My pioneers. Gold, we've found gold! We've found gold! We've found plenty. We've found resource. We've found the place of promise. Follow the trails to new times. Follow the trails to the new era. Follow the trails to abundance. Follow the trails to life. Follow the trails to blessing. Follow the trails to joy. Follow the trails to fulfillment. Just follow the glory trails. Follow the fire trails. Follow the glory trails.

The Lord says the "forever loser" will now feel My white hot breath through My ekklesia. The forever loser and his demons will now scatter before a mighty awakening. They will experience "the church of My presence" that disdains him and binds him. The forever loser will now feel the stamp of My signet ring, notarizing his official position beneath the feet of My heirs! Beneath their feet.

I have watched over My word and I will perform it. You are moving into supernatural times of outpourings. A movement is moving. The Holy Spirit and His angel armies are activated to assist you. We have moved battalions of angels to front line positions to enforce your advancement. Government angels are on high alert. Outpouring angels are on alert. Awakening angels are on alert. They are ready to strike like lightning!

Angels of healings and miracles are on alert. Angels of evangelism are on alert. Angels of deliverance are on alert. Angels of holiness, righteousness, and justice are on alert. Decree your authority. Loose them with My words of promise. Activate the army of the Living God. Ride, ride the war horses of heaven in thunderous assault. Do battle in My Name and plunder the kingdom of darkness. For your victory has been planned in meticulous detail.

You are now entering the season when dreams I put in your heart years ago intersect with its moment. Like Joshua and Caleb, the Lord says the dream will now feed you. The dream will now provide for you. The dream will now resource you. For you will leave the wilderness confession of "I have a dream, I have a dream, I have a dream" and you will enter the testimony of faith declaring, "I'm living in the dream!" My

> people will live in the dreams that I gave them. My people, My church, will live in the dream.

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CHAPTER 2

THE STANDING KING

The United States Supreme Court recently made a decision that I think was diabolical concerning same-sex marriage and I was very disappointed. I had a sense of foreboding about it. When that decision came down, I felt like someone very close to me had died. That was the kind of grieving that gripped me.

Three days after that decision, I was invited to go with some other pastors to our attorney general's office in Columbus, Ohio. The purpose of our meeting was to make an appeal to him to please appeal this decision of the Supreme Court because Ohio is a litigant named in it. He said to us, "I will not do it because it is settled law." Then he said to me and the other pastors who had been sitting in front of him, "You should have seen this coming five or six years ago." Of course I did. I have seen it coming for quite some time.

One of the pastors there said to the attorney general, "Well, sir, the church has not been awake to those kinds of issues the last few years the way that they should be." The attorney general leaned over, pointed his finger at us, and said, "Then you better go wake the church up." He was right.

A week later I was scheduled to preach in Cleveland, Ohio, and when I got to the hotel the *USA Today* newspaper headline read, "America's Cultural Issues Are Settled Issues." One of those issues was abortion and it said abortion is a settled issue, settled law. Another said that gay marriage is now a settled law and that the church's influence had now waned concerning those issues. The article talked about how the evangelicals and conservative leaders like myself just need to get over it because that train has left the depot. Governor Kasich, our governor in Ohio, was also quoted saying, "It is settled law" and the attorney general said it as well. In other words—stay in your churches, stay indoors, keep your mouth closed.

However, what gripped me even more than that was hearing statements of other well-known church leaders. They were also quoted as saying, "Well, the church just needs to get over it because it is now settled law." Some went so far as to say they didn't really care because they were going to just concentrate on spiritual matters. One famous church leader said he was just called to be an encourager. Others said they weren't called to any kind of cultural issues. I had one pastor tell

me he didn’t think we should say anything because it would make the church a target.

As I sat in that hotel, I cannot tell you how disappointed I was. How disgusted, angry, and frustrated I was. I was appalled at the lack of understanding and the cowardice because I knew that many of those church leaders were acquiescing because they were afraid of losing people, money, their influence in Hollywood, or in Washington D.C. A part of my assignment at that particular event was to give a prophetic word of what the Lord was saying in this season, so I sat there in the hotel and I began to pray, “Lord, please give me a word. Please download something. Give me a prophetic word for this nation. Give me a prophetic word for this region. Speak to me, please.”

After a couple of hours of sitting and praying, the Holy Spirit began to download a word to me and I released that word at the meeting. I want you to hear it in the context of our times. I want you to hear it in the context of cowards who are embracing cultural sin as settled law. Hear it in the context of hireling shepherds who are afraid to speak. Hear it in context of those who say let’s just move on, get over it Christian zealot, you lost, we won.

Prophetic Word, August 9, 2015

> The Lord of Hosts says to the remnant warriors, the triumphant reserve, I said it is finished, not I am finished. I am not finished. I finished Redemption for sins on the cross but I am not done. I am not done with My church; no, I will now finish building My church. It will be glorious, it will be without spot or wrinkle, it will reign in My Name, it will not be intimidated, scared, confused, bewildered, tepid, or spineless. I am not done. I am not near done. I have got much to finish and I will now finish it. I have saved the best wine for your times. I will now finish the releasing of outpouring after outpouring after outpouring after outpouring of My power and anointing revealed in My manifest presence. The world will now see My power manifestly revealed on My triumphant reserve. My glory will become demonstrably real in your times. From glory to glory to glory to glory. I’m not finished. I’m not finished, says the Lord. I’m not finished healing blind eyes. I’m not finished

> opening deaf ears. I'm not finished restoring crippled limbs. I'm not done reaping the harvest of the end of the age. I'm not finished saving the lost, setting the oppressed free, or delivering captives. I'm not done with Muslims, says the Lord. I'm not done with Hindus. I'm not done penetrating the nations with the Gospel. I'm not done with alcoholics. I'm not done with drug addicts. I'm not done delivering the bound. I'm not done removing lust and perversion from those who are wounded, broken, and lost. I'm not done setting homosexuals free. I'm not done setting lesbians free. I'm not done setting adulterers free. I'm not finished with gay marriage. I'm not finished with abortion. I am far from finished. I'm not finished with America. I'm not finished with this world. I'm not finished with My Kingdom on this earth, which means you're not finished. My church is not finished. My ekklesia will now bind hell. My ekklesia's not done binding hell. It is not done standing for My Word without compromise. It is not done confronting demon doctrine. It is not done confronting rebel government. It is not done confronting rebel kings, dictators, presidents, and evil dignitaries. My reigning church is not done prevailing over the gates of hell. It is not done promoting righteousness that will exalt a nation. It is not done preaching My Word without compromise. It is not done prevailing over principalities, powers, mights, and dominions. It is not done salting the earth, lighting up darkness, reversing evil laws, treading on demons, preaching hope, or preaching deliverance to the captives. It is not done reaping My harvest of lost men and women, boys and girls. It's not done discipling a nation. My church isn't done when the government says it's done. It's not done when the president says it's done. It's not done when the media says it's done. It's not done when professors say it's done. It's not done when the IRS says it's done. It's not done when hireling shepherds say it's done. It's not done when the Supreme Court says it's done. It's done when I say it's done and I say you're not done! Occupy till I come. Take care of My business. It is finished but I'm not finished. Focus on what I say and let that settle the issue.

We have to stay focused on what God says. We have to stay focused on what Holy Spirit is saying rather than what we see going on all

around us because His Word is going to prevail.

Ten years ago when Holy Spirit began to teach me about angel armies, I was out at a lake not far from The Oasis. I had been praying most of that week, seeking the Lord, and He stopped me in my tracks. I thought He actually spoke this word out loud. I don't think it was, but it was that bold. He said this to me: "The greatest days in church history are not in your past, they are in your present and they are in your future."

I believe we are now entering a far greater weight of glory than has ever been seen. I know that's a big statement but I believe it. A heavier, demonstrably real, manifest presence of God is about to be seen. His presence is going to enable His church to win victory after victory after victory. We are in that season now. There's an aggressive nature coming into the remnant as the harvest of the end of the age is now being pursued and is about to be reaped. There's a Kingdom surge that is about to take place with this movement. It's like the Body of Christ is now understanding the urgency as the Holy Spirit has turned up the intensity, and the promise of Second Corinthians 3:18 is beginning to accelerate. We are beginning the glory journey. From glory to glory to glory. Heavier and heavier. This promise must mean the church will become stronger and stronger and stronger not weaker and weaker. Christ is not coming for a weak church! Clearly, hell has never experienced anything like it's about to experience and the church has not done some of what it is about to do. I believe the outpouring of the end of the age that has been prophesied, prayed over, and confessed for years is now beginning and it's going to roll through America and around this world.

We need to see a prophetic picture of our times in Acts 2. It's a word that is descriptive of the new era and begins to prophesy to us what is about to take place. We say the greatest days in church history are not in our past. How do we know that from a scriptural basis? As I meditated on the great beginning of the New Testament church, the Holy Spirit revealed things to me I had never seen or heard before.

> *And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat*

> *upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance* (Acts 2:1-4 KJV).

It's important to understand the context of the day of Pentecost because this was coronation day for King Jesus. Fifty days after Passover is the day when Jesus sat down on the throne of His father David as verse 30 of Acts 2 describes. Jesus was in the royal lineage of King David, but of course He did not sit down on the natural throne of David on the earth. It was a throne at the right hand of Father God as described in Acts 2:34.

On this first New Testament Pentecost, Jesus sat down on His throne at the right hand of God. At that moment, the Holy Spirit was dispatched to the earth. Father God took a ram's horn filled with holy anointing oil, it could have been as much as a half a gallon, and poured it out over the head of Jesus, officially installing Him as King of kings and Lord of lords. Supreme Commander of heaven and earth, having the preeminence in all things.

The oil began to drip down off of His head as described in Psalm 133, which says the high priest anointing flowed down off His head, dripped down from His beard, and flowed to the outermost parts of His body. This is exactly what happened in heaven. The oil that Father poured out on the head of Jesus also ran down off His head and beard and flowed down with Holy Spirit and began to pour upon His Body, the Church. This, of course, was the first ekklesia He ever seated. So for the first time in all of history you now have the same anointing that is upon the head, now upon the body. It's not a different anointing. Why? John 14:12—the body can do the same works as the head in His Name on the earth. The King's anointing to reign is now on the body. The King's anointing to rule is now upon His ekklesia seated in the upper room. That had never happened before and that would prove to be a game changer because that would start a movement that would turn the world upside down.

On Pentecost, Holy Spirit comes with the King's anointing and He comes with angel armies to assist the church in a new move of the Kingdom of God. King Jesus had given an assignment that was to be carried out by the ekklesia: "Take My Gospel everywhere."

When Holy Spirit began to download the revelation about angel armies to me, I had been praying most of that week, a couple of nights

all night long, out by a nearby lake. I grew tired as I had been there most of the day. I went to the car to leave, and as I was preparing to leave Holy Spirit stopped me in my tracks. Again, I thought it was out loud, but I don't think it really was. He very boldly said to me, "I am now coming to supervise another move of King Jesus on the earth in your time. It will be similar to Acts 2, only this time I am bringing far more of the angel armies."

It took me ten years of study to even begin to understand a little of what that meant. *This time I am bringing far more of the angel armies*. I was stunned. I actually was afraid to move. I was afraid to say anything and I didn't. I sat down and I didn't move for quite some time. I was overwhelmed because I knew something big was on the way. The ramifications of what I began to hear were enormous, and it gave me hope through some very dark years.

Shortly after that, I gave a prophetic word at a conference that began to point me toward a prophetic picture for our times that I had never considered or heard before, though I was raised in church. This rarely happens to me, but sometimes Holy Spirit will give me a prophetic word and then lets me know I am to study that prophetic word from the Scriptures.

This particular word was like that. Here is the word.

Prophetic Word

The Holy Spirit says a fresh Pentecost will now be poured upon you. The anointing of heaven's King seated at Father's right hand is now flowing in fresh ways off of His head to you, His Body. It will indeed drip from His chin and drip down to the outermost parts of His garments. Soaking for ministry is now being poured out. The same anointing upon the head of the church will now be upon the body to do the same works as He has done. But you are also entering into the season of Acts 7 whereby the seated King becomes the standing King. You are entering into a time of the standing King. Stephen proclaimed through his persecution, "I see heaven open. I see glory of God everywhere. I see the King standing in that glory." You are now entering times when heaven's King will now rise to stand with His bride. He will

> stand with His royal priesthood. He will stand as Messiah the Breaker. He will stand with His remnant people, breaking open pathways to victory. There shall be seen great deliverance for My people. He will stand with them, breaking down barrier walls of hell. He will stand to ensure their overcoming victory. He will stand with them in awesome power and through great persecution you too will proclaim, "I see heaven open. I see glory everywhere, and I see the King coming to stand with me."

Notice, *we are moving into the season of the standing King*. That phrase captured my attention for days and I suddenly remembered something that Pastor Jack Hayford had said 25 years before. I used to get his Sunday morning cassette tapes (yes, tapes back then) and they were feeding me. I heard so clearly, "It's the season when the King makes His stand." So I studied this prophetic word. I studied it and studied it and a picture began to form that prophesies to us, and I began to see why the best days in church history are not in our past, they are in our present and our future.

Again, Psalm 133 describes it. Jesus sat down and Father poured the horn that was filled with anointing oil upon His head. Don't think this was just a little dab on His forehead. A whole lot of oil was poured over His head. This oil ran down off of His head, off of His beard, and ran down all over His body soaking clear to the outer parts of the body with the heaviest concentration of oil being in His lap. That's what I heard Dr. Hayford say 25 years ago, referring to a concentration of oil in the King's lap as referencing reproduction. In other words the anointing on the lap, womb, or loins to multiply and to produce a new generation. Now I was beginning to see something different. It puddled in His lap, of course for obvious reasons. That is naturally where it's going to flow to if you are seated—it will run to your lap.

That's the picture of what happened to Jesus on the first Pentecost in Acts 2. When the king or the high priest would stand up, there would be an extra heavy flow of puddled oil that was in his lap that would flow and splash upon his legs and upon his feet. That's why for hours after the high priest was anointed, tradition tells us his sandals squished. Anointing was all over him. It didn't drip, it splashed over his legs and feet, prophesying an anointing to run with new ministry and to move

differently. It splashed upon the rest of his body and drenched his feet and legs.

Please see the prophetic picture. On this first New Testament Pentecost, Holy Spirit flowed to the church with the anointing of King Jesus. It was poured out. It ran down and dripped on the waiting Body of Christ in the upper room. But the heaviest concentration of anointing occurs at the end of the church age, in another fullness of time, in a latter time. A latter outpouring that is prophesied when there's not 120 forming the remnant. We no longer have just 120, we have millions and millions of us in that remnant. The anointing has to be greater and greater. It occurs in the season of the standing King. It occurs when the King makes His stand. Picturing, of course, a change in His posture to move. That is why you stand. You don't stand unless you are ready to move. The King is ready to move.

This is the season when the King is going to stand and He is going to move through anointed ekklesias, ekklesias He has been seating for the past ten years. All over America and around the world He has been building apostolic hubs. He is going to make His stand through them.

In Acts 7 Jesus stands to welcome Stephen into His presence. Stephen had been stoned to death for his passionate witness for Christ. Jesus stands to welcome him into heaven, into His manifest presence, picturing what He is going to do for His people in our times. He is standing to welcome us into heavier and heavier glory, His manifest presence. This means before He takes us to heaven He is going anoint us to run the race that is before us. Not crawling, not walking, not having to be dragged along, but getting up and running. We are being anointed to run the anchor lap. The last lap of the relay race is called the anchor lap. You save your fastest runners for it. The great cloud of witnesses in Hebrews 12 is wanting to cheer us on as we run. We are being anointed to run like never before with the Gospel, and our King Jesus is rising to run before us as Messiah the Breaker to ensure our breakthrough (see Mic. 2:13). We are going to break through!

Hear the Word of the Lord:

> The Holy Spirit said we are now entering into the season which we will shift from just Acts 2 to Acts 7. We are moving from the seated King to the standing King who runs before us. In these days the King is going to make another stand, the biggest stand He has ever made upon this earth. He's going to

> do it through ekklesias He has been forming. In this season, this Third Great Awakening, this end-time surge, the King is going to stand up. The King is going to make His stand to shake the heavens and the earth. He's going to stand and deal with rebel kings. He stands up with His people, He stands to side with His church in tangible, real ways. When He stands, the anointing that is on Him, the anointing that is in His lap, begins to splash upon the Body of Christ. We aren't getting drips, we are getting splashes. It is the season of the gushing flow of the King who makes His stand. When the King stands it splashes.

We are living in the season when the heaviest concentration of the King's anointing reaches the body. Picture this—for generations oil has been accumulating in the lap of our King. Outpouring after outpouring after outpouring, century after century after century has been collecting in His lap. All of those anointings have intermingled together into the standing King's anointing. In other words, a portion of all those anointings has been collected and held in the lap of King Jesus for the season of the standing King, the anointing for the synergy of the ages into the greatest days in church history. The season when He makes His greatest stand.

A large portion of the outpouring at Pentecost in Acts 2 has remained in the King's lap, along with all other outpourings. Some of the great Azusa Street outpouring is still in the King's lap. Some of the Cane Ridge out-pouring is still in the King's Lap. The healing movement—T.L. Osborne, Oral Roberts, Gordon Lindsay, all those healing evangelists—some of that anointing is still in the King's lap. The Moravian revival, the Methodist revival with Wesley and Whitfield, the Anglican outpouring with Newton and Wilberforce were all great outpourings and some of that anointing has collected in His lap. It's still there. The great Welsh revival with Evan Roberts that spread through all of Europe—some of that anointing is still in the King's lap. Luther's reformation, still going after 500 years—some of that anointing is still in the King's lap. The charismatic movement, an outpouring that touched millions, was poured out but some of it has collected into the lap of our King. The first great awakening in the 1730s and '40s and the second great awakening in the mid-1800s with Charles Finney, Peter Cartwright, Beacher, Moodey, Booth, Spurgeon, and Taylor. Some of that outpouring collected in the lap of our King. The holiness movement, the great revivalists down through history—Finney, Billy

Graham, the Wesleys—anointing for evangelism all collecting and intermingling in His lap for today, for the Third Great Awakening, for the end-time outpouring, and for the synergy of the ages. It's there waiting for the King to make His stand and splash it all over us. It is there to drench the ekklesias.

Think about this—an ekklesia, a church, flowing in a portion of all of the other outpourings combined at the same time! Little wonder it's a glorious church. No spots, no wrinkles, and the powers of hell will not prevail against it. All of those moves in and of themselves changed history. What's going to happen when you see them all at the same time? We will be history makers. Our King can do this. His anointing is never wasted. It's just as pure as the day He poured it out. It's just as holy, clean, and pure, waiting for Him to make His stand.

When the King stands, it splashes and the church is immersed in the synergy of all the outpourings and anointings combined. He has saved a portion of all of it for when He makes His stand. For generations, oil has been accumulating in the lap of our King. Outpouring after outpouring and now the seated King will become the standing King who sides with us. Soaking us in:

- An anointing to prevail
- An anointing to overcome
- The anointing to minister on this earth like He did
- A fresh flow of ministry anointing to represent Him as prophesied
- An anointing of all the moves upon the Body of Christ in history
- An anointing to produce, to multiply, and to produce a new generation
- Fresh anointing to do signs, wonders, and miracles
- An anointing to do the same works He did

This isn't drip season; it's deluge season. It's drench season. Our legs are going to be soaked to run like never before. Our feet are going to be soaked to run with the Gospel of the Kingdom. Heavier glory. Heavier splendor. Heavier presence. Weighty presence. Heavier and

heavier anointing. There's never been a move of God on earth like this one. Our King is going to make His stand in visible, clear ways with the ekklesias. The synergy of the ages is behind this one. The power of the ageless One is behind this one. Angel armies are behind this one. Holy Spirit is rising in unprecedented ways.

It is the proper time. It's time to synergize the efforts of heaven and earth together in an on-fire move of God, one that hell can't stop. One that sees millions saved, synergizes the generations together, marches with determination, runs with some passion, stands in faith, and will not compromise. One that declares Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. One that's not vacillating, hesitating, and will not be silent. One that's not ashamed, intimidated, or passive. Not politically correct but biblically correct. One that's not reluctant, scared, double-minded, or apprehensive. One that's on fire with the presence of Almighty God. Our faith needs to declare, "Holy Spirit come. Synergize us together with the greatest move of God in history. Come, King Jesus, and stand with us."

Prophetic Word, 2012

My reigning church will now rise to rule as intended, says the Lord. My ekklesia will now step forward to lead culture-changing reforms and an awesome revival. Like Ruth, she will now own where she once gleaned. I have set a deadline to the gleaning. I'm ending hope deferred. I'm ending the task-master's rule. You will now shift into My promised provision and My promised destiny. Domination through fear, intimidation, and overreaching laws meant to oppress and muzzle the voice of My people will now be answered and reversed. My dominators will become My terminators. Their bold, authoritative decrees will release power from My Kingdom to terminate the consequences of hell's attack. They will speak with heaven's authority to terminate dark strategies. They will terminate the plans of satanic princes with superior wisdom and counsel of the Holy Spirit. Great apostolic and prophetic boldness will be revealed. Unflinching warriors are now being mantled. Mighty remnant warriors have been groomed and fitted with My armor, says the Lord, and they are volunteering willingly in this, the day

of My power. Indeed My champions are pawing the earth as warhorses in an anticipation of battle. They are thirsty to take by force what has been stolen from their heritage. I will answer hell's challenge. I will answer the world's mocking. A new breed of eager, ready champions are hearing the sound of marching. The battle will be engaged and great victories proclaimed. Dominators are running to the battle lines. Liberators to the battle lines. Terminators are running to the battle lines. Aggressive, faith-filled, Christlike ones are hearing the call of their King. A glorious, uncompromising army will now begin to move and they will break through the battle lines of hell as I lead them and multiply My signs, wonders, and miracles. Miraculous power will now reinforce them. Angel armies will reinforce them. I have determined to present Myself a glorious church, not a dominated church. My champions will now move. They will move in My power, authority, strategies, and wisdom. My church will now move as Israel under the cloud and fire of My presence. She will now move in My Holy Spirit fullness. She will now move in My purpose as My ruling body upon the earth. She will move and she will be salt and light that I have intended them to be. They will now move and become My Congress upon the earth. They will stand for My cause and I will stand alongside of them. For the Lord says, this is the spring season of supernatural breakthrough, and I will now burden hell's kingdom by multiplying My signs, wonders, and miracles. Supernatural healings will now become signs. There will be, says the Lord, an increasing rise in the healing of paralysis. This will be a sign that the paralysis in My body on the earth is being healed. I'm not coming for a paralyzed bride. No, she will be free. She will not be crippled. Her muscles will flex. They will move in rhythmic power. Her limbs will now reach. Her stride will be great. She will run, rejoice, and reclaim her rightful position upon the earth. So ekklesia, rise. Reigning church, rise. Swing the sword of My Spirit and swing your regions into alignment with your King. Run with Me, says the Lord. Run into the days I have promised.

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> For the Lord says you are now entering the season of the amplified version. I will now amplify My voice on the earth. The voice of My remnant will now be amplified. My Gospel will be amplified. My truth will be amplified. My angels are working to amplify the efforts of My Kingdom. I am amping up My power. I am amping up the miracles. I am amping up the signs. I am amping up the wonders. I am amping up the healings. The world will now see the amplified version of My Kingdom. I am amping everything up. I have issued the order, amp it up! We declare this movement, amp it up! Amp it up! Amp it up!

CHAPTER 3

THE CONVERGENCE OF THE AGES

Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what He is saying.

—REVELATION 2:7 NLT

The above statement is repeated six more times concerning the seven churches John writes about. Clearly the Holy Spirit wants His church to hear and understand what He is saying. Thankfully, He is still speaking to His church. An incredible new era is in front of us.

A worldwide revival is beginning to roll through America and the world. It will be, I believe, like the snowball getting bigger and bigger until finally it's going to roll right over the gates of hell. It's going to steamroll demon strongholds. It's going to scatter, shatter, and roll over antichrist governing systems. It's going to roll right through demonic, cultural, and societal hindrances. We are living in awesome times because we have now entered into the days of Christ's Kingdom's surge. It's going to move through this world in ways never thought possible before.

The church is now going to do some brand-new things in some new ways and hell will now face a New Testament church it has never faced before. One that is based upon the foundation of the apostles and the prophets, and it will be a church that is functioning in Kingdom of God governing authority right here and right now. There has never been a Kingdom move of God like this Third Great Awakening.

I know that is a big statement but I absolutely believe it. There has never been anything like what I am seeing in all of church history. From glory to glory to glory must somehow mean bigger and bigger and bigger; greater and greater, and greater; stronger, and stronger and stronger; more powerful, more powerful, and more powerful. It cannot mean weaker and weaker and weaker until Christ finally comes back to save us. Like the three Hebrew boys, this church isn't going to bow to its enemies.

One tremendous aspect of this new era is the converging of the ages. The Holy Spirit has been planning the supernatural convergence of the ages for years. It is coming to pass in our times. This is highly significant. I believe that is why the revelation of angel armies was given to me. We need angels for the convergence of the ages. We need them to assist this awesome move of God. We need angels to help us overcome hell's strongholds, tear down demonic thrones in regions, and help with the harvest. Jesus said angels assist His Kingdom as harvesters and reapers. You can see that in Matthew 13:39. Angels do all of this and they do so much more. the Holy Spirit knows this and He

has begun to supervise the release of millions and millions of angels upon this planet.

When the Holy Spirit began to reveal angel armies to me, it prompted years of study and a journey I am still on today. The Holy Spirit began to download revelation about how angels assist us and He showed me the convergence of the ages. He also revealed to me that King Jesus had issued an order for a new campaign upon the earth, greater than the outpouring in Acts 2. He was coming to supervise and empower a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit coming upon this earth. A new Pentecost would now be released and revival would spread everywhere on the planet. It would not be a local church revival that is only in a few places. This would be a Kingdom revival that is everywhere.

He then said something that really riveted my attention as I was not expecting it. Quite frankly, angels at that time were not on my radar as an extensive Kingdom benefit as they should have been. If you had asked me if I believed in angels I would have said yes. But I did not know how angels help apostles shift their regions and change the culture, something that I now teach and have practiced for years and know works.

I was at the lake praying and I could take you to the exact spot when Holy Spirit captured my attention as He said, “I will now lead another campaign similar to Acts 2 in your times.” But then He said, “This time I am going to be bringing far more of the angel armies.” I remember when it happened I didn’t know what to do or what to say. I sat there for probably an hour saying nothing. I was almost afraid to move because I knew something so big and significant was about to take place.

This was a “wind word” that the Holy Spirit was blowing through the church and is now speaking to the remnant. “This time I am bringing far more of the angel armies.” From that point until today angel activity began to be revealed to me and dramatically so on certain occasions. I saw how the Holy Spirit was using angels locally, regionally, and around the world. Angel activity increased in unexpected and yet very clear ways to me. I began to see their work and their ministry everywhere, even in everyday life. I knew the Holy Spirit was giving me another key to this end-time surge.

It was also during that time that He carved a phrase into my spirit that has become conscious awareness ever since. It sparked faith for me

to declare revival even when I saw absolutely nothing. It produced a boldness to face demon princes and powers and not back down. It enabled me to face hell's kingdom with enlightened eyes no matter the odds. Odds do not matter and I had to learn this. God doesn't look at numbers, He looks at the remnant. The natural number is not the Kingdom number. This enabled me to face situations and evil strategies even when the odds were incredibly against us in the natural. The phrase that was carved upon my spirit has helped us build an apostolic hub that now affects our region. It was, "The greatest days in church history are not in our past; they are in our present and they are in our future."

The ramifications of this statement are enormous. Something greater than anything ever done is now going to be released. Something greater than any move of God's Kingdom in all of history is now going to surge. Greater Kingdom power than has ever been seen in church history will now flow out of Christ's remnant warriors. Again, the world has never seen anything like this before. There is now an alignment of angel armies with the remnant warrior armies. They are coming into a divine convergence together under Holy Spirit supervision to demonstrate that the Kingdom of God is among you. It is right here, right now. The Holy Spirit is marshaling His coalition armies to change history. We are in a historic moment. History is going to be changed by this Third Great Awakening.

First Chronicles 12:32 says that the sons of Issachar understood the times to know what Israel ought to do. We too must understand the times and know what we ought to do. We need to know the best course to take. The Holy Spirit is activating angel armies at a far greater level than any other time in history for a reason. That reason must be understood by the church. A careful word study of this verse is vitally important. Pay close attention to the following words.

The word *understand* or *understood* is the Hebrew word *biynah*. It means knowledge, wisdom, insight, and intelligence.[1] *Times* is the Hebrew word *eth*, and it means proper time, the right season, the appropriate time for an event or for a happening.[2] The two words "to know" are just one word in the Hebrew language—*yada*. It means to perceive, to anoint to perceive, anoint to see, inform, reveal, or knowledge gained through the senses in that you sense something.[3] The Body of Christ, the remnant, ought to be sensing something. If they are not dead they are sensing something big is up. *Yada* also means to

distinguish between options. “Ought to know” is one Hebrew word and it is the word *asah,* meaning to execute, to work, to create, to build, or to prepare.[4] *Asah* describes God’s creative activities, not His abilities but the activity of that ability. *Asah* is a bit difficult to describe because it means to prepare for God activity that only God’s abilities can create for you.

A campaign is beginning on earth and a movement is now moving that only the abilities of God can execute. We are called to discern and participate and the Holy Spirit will release divine ability, anointing, and angel armies. The Kingdom of God, which is our kingdom, is going to demonstrate God activity on the earth, not just in heaven but right here and right now.

King Jesus has issued the command. The Holy Spirit and His angels have heard the decree, “Prepare for God activity. Prepare for My Kingdom’s activity all over the earth. Prepare My bride, My ekklesia, to move and to execute. Gabriel, Michael, and angel armies activate this. Kingdom of Heaven activate this. Holy Spirit, activate My people for God activity that My abilities, power, and delegated authority has released.”

The command of King Jesus has been issued and is now being executed by Holy Spirit. Dramatic deliverance is now in process. Supernatural recoveries, resourcing, and victories are in process. Miracles are in process. It is not possible that the Holy Spirit knew about this new move of God on the earth and has been caught flat-footed and unprepared. No way. He has been working on the plan for decades. He has been preparing for our times. There should be no doubt in anyone’s mind that He knows exactly what He is doing. He knows how to execute the orders that He has received from our King. After all, He was a participant in those plans and decisions Himself. We are not stumbling into a great awakening and revival. The Holy Spirit has planned and prepared for it very well. Our position is to pray it and decree our faith.

One of the reasons for the releasing of angels by the Holy Spirit in great number is to activate His plan through the New Testament church. They are here to assist the Holy Spirit in assisting us to understand and participate. They are here to assist us in connecting to the proper option and then execute it as the Holy Spirit leads.

When you put these words together from the Hebrew text you begin to see what the Holy Spirit has been doing for decades. It starts to prophesy to us. *Biynah eth yada asah*. The Holy Spirit is anointing God's people with intelligence and wisdom that reveals the proper time, the appropriate time, for an event to come into season. He is anointing us with perception to sense and distinguish the proper option so it can be executed to work perfectly as designed by heaven. He is preparing us appropriately for the releasing of God's creative activities so we can participate in a God happening on the earth.

The Holy Spirit and His angels are here to help make that happen. They are here to fire up the saints and assist them in their natural and spiritual life. They are here to light their lips with fresh fire so that they can speak or preach the Gospel of the Kingdom. They are here to light their lips with prophetic declarations and revival fire. Angels are here to awaken the church, and the church certainly has needed to be awakened.

This awakening is extended on earth by Holy Spirit, the New Testament saints, and millions of angels. Colossians 2:10 tells us that both Jesus and Holy Spirit, who is the other self of Christ (see John 14:16), are the head of angel armies. Colossians 1:16 tells us that Christ is the head of principalities, powers, mights, and dominions. Yes, there are demon principalities, powers, mights, and dominions that try to rule nations and regions. We are supposed to fight them and wrestle them. Ephesians 6:12 tells us that we are to fight and wrestle against principalities and powers. We have been commanded to fight them, and we have also been given authority to overcome them. We can win.

We must understand that Christ has His own principalities, powers, mights, and dominions according to Colossians 1 and 2. Hell's kingdom is not organized and Christ's Kingdom disorganized. That's foolish thinking. No one is as organized as God. Christ's Kingdom has principalities, powers, mights, and dominions all over this world that have been empowered by His Kingdom to reign there and they are very organized. They are linked together in an interrelated communication system with God's people and the ekklesia, under the Holy Spirit supervision, to assist us. They are a finely tuned army waiting to partner with the saints in their region. They are waiting for someone who is in that region, someone with authority, to loose them. That's what Matthew 16:18 is about. You have to loose on earth what has been loosed in heaven. Angels are a part of what we are to be loosing on earth.

Christ has the preeminence over all principalities, powers, mights, and dominions. He has the preeminence over hell's principalities, hell's powers, and of course over His own princes and powers. The point is, our Kingdom has mighty angel princes, powers, mights, and dominions all over this world waiting for the releasing of their ministry by the decrees of the saints. They are networked together to assist us in our war against hell's kingdom. They are very, very organized. As we know only a third of them fell when lucifer fell, that means two thirds are left. So we should be seeing more angel activity in the church than demon activity. It's just that the church has been releasing more demons with their words than angels. "The devil is doing this, he's up to this, here's his strategy, look what hell is doing." No, we should look at what the King is doing. In thisThird Great Awakening you are going to see more angelic activity. We should be exceedingly confident, not just in the superior number of angels over demons, but in the fact that the preeminent One commands them. He is on our side.

There are two more words we must define to bring us to a complete understanding of what the Holy Spirit is doing—convergence and synergy. *Convergence* means movement toward a common point, destination, or goal; coordinated movement converging into a single focus; to move in unified interest toward a common function or action; the merging of several streams together into a unified flow that is far greater than what it was by itself. For example, the Mississippi River is a convergence of hundreds of streams and creeks into one mighty flow. It is a flow much greater than the merging stream ever was by itself.

Synergy means combined action for increased energy; combined operation for increased power; refers to multiplying power, not adding power; to work together to multiply production, energy, strength, action, or functions. For example, if a man can lift 100 pounds by himself and another can lift 100 pounds by himself you would think if you put them together they could lift 200 pounds. No, they can lift 300. Their strength merged together synergizes and multiplies. If we work together we can do more than just double our efforts. Production, energy, strength, function, and action are multiplied.

In this Third Great Awakening, the Holy Spirit is now leading the synergizing of the ages. It is time for divine convergence. It's time for the convergence of the ages. It's the time when the Holy Spirit brings the different streams, flows, Kingdom of God activities, functions, operations, giftings, talents, strategies, movements, and outpourings

together. He merges them all together in a unified flow of His Kingdom. This is the season when He blends them together in a divine unity of purpose, forming a flow of purpose far greater than what they were in and of themselves. Though all of them by themselves were significant, they are now far greater as He blends them together. He leads a merging together of the functions of individual streams and giftings so they work together, which will then multiply the production, energy, strength, action, function, and the operation.

You're about to see it not just be added to; it's going to be multiplied. It synergizes the purpose of movements into far greater movement. The Holy Spirit is now taking the best of the streams and merging them together into a mighty powerful river. He is taking the best of all the outpourings, anointings, and movements of the past and He is converging them into our times. That ought to blow your mind! The sum of the individual moves of God down through the ages is synergized. It multiplies and goes off the charts.

This is far greater in power and strength and will do more than ever done before. It converges together, forming the mighty unstoppable river of God that has been promised in our times. This is not a time when the world is going to see just another stream of Christ's Kingdom. No, it's going to experience the river of Almighty God flowing through the entire earth. Nothing quite like it has ever happened before.

The anointings, streams, and movements of the ages are converging and synergizing under Holy Spirit supervision to multiply them. Production, energy, and power will now multiply. Operations, actions, strength, and function are going to multiply. Far more than has ever been done in all of church history will now be done in our times.

When this revelation was downloaded to me I, again, was at the lake praying, this time about apostolic networks and what my role should be when the Holy Spirit spoke so clearly and said, "What about My angel networks?" I had never really thought about it. I don't know why, but I never had. I remember thinking at the time, "Well, yeah, God didn't make millions of angels just see what they could do." Again, they are an organized and disciplined network, linked together in an interrelated communication system with God's people—you and I. They are under Holy Spirit supervision, of course, to produce what Christ wants. They are not "do their own thing" beings. They are dedicated beings that fulfill the orders of the Holy Spirit and assist the heirs.

I began to think about the converging of the ages and the potential of all the networks partnering with an angel network under Holy Spirit supervision. This would be incredible! I began to see that the Holy Spirit had begun preparing for the convergence of the ages 70 years ago. The fivefold ministry was put into amazing networks. In the 1950s, the evangelist networks were reactivated. Billy Graham, T.L. Osborn, Kathryn Kuhlman, and so many others came on the scene. In the ’60s, you see the pastoral networks. It was all about pastoral networks and great pastors came on the scene like Jack Hayford and Tommy Barnett. Then in the 1970s you have the teaching networks and it was all teaching. Kenneth Hagin, Kenneth Copeland, Fred Price, and so many others. In the 1980s, it was all about prophetic networks. Chuck Pierce, Cindy Jacobs, Bishop Bill Hamon, and so many others. Prophetic networks springing up everywhere. Then in the 1990s it was all about apostolic networks and guys like me began to understand why we think the way we do. All of this was preparation for right now and the day of the saints. It was the preparation for this Third Great Awakening.

The Holy Spirit is going to pour fresh oil on all of them as well as give them an activated angel network to assist them. Again, the world has never seen anything even close to this before. Certainly not with the technology and the communication abilities that are now available. King Jesus and the Holy Spirit are now activating each of the fivefold networks into our times. He is converging them into apostolic and prophetic hubs for the greatest move in all of Kingdom history.

You could even say that it’s a sixfold network because He is also activating the angel network to assist. In this Third Great Awakening we will now see the sixfold network of the Kingdom of Almighty God synergizing together to produce the greatest harvest His Kingdom has ever reaped. That is what this is about. Those individual offices will now synergize and multiply with authority, power, energy, and function.

Holy Spirit, assisted by angels in far greater number than ever before, is now converging the streams, anointings, and ministries to function in a unified flow of His Kingdom. He is blending them into a divine unity of purpose. He is coordinating them into a movement single in focus. He is combining the operations and the actions to increase and synergize power—not to add power but to multiply it. He’s converging it all under Holy Spirit leadership to multiply production, energy, strength, capacity, ministry, signs, wonders, miracles, and the ability of Christ’s Kingdom to reap the greatest harvest of souls in all of history.

He is not adding harvests to His Kingdom in this season. He is multiplying them and the Holy Spirit has been preparing for it for decades.

It's time for the synergy of the ages. It's time for the divine convergence of the ages. It's time for the greatest days in church history. Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the church. Listen to the wind words the Holy Spirit is blowing through the churches. Don't be dead in your hearing. Listen, hear, understand, discern, and participate. If you will, you will participate in a historic event—the greatest move of God in all of history. I believe those who will dare rise up, grab hold of it, pray it, decree it, and participate in it are about to see what we have all been wanting to see, and it's not off in the future. We have already entered into it right now.

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CHAPTER 4

IT'S TIME TO RUMBLE

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

—ACTS 2:1-4 KJV

The four creatures looked like a blazing fire, or like fiery torches. Tongues of fire shot back and forth between the creatures, and out of the fire, bolts of lightning. The creatures flashed back and forth like strikes of lightning.

—EZEKIEL 1:13 MSG

One of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. He touched my lips with it.

—ISAIAH 6:6-7 NLT

Noted Hebrew theologian Spiros Zodhiates describes a seraphim this way, “They are a winged angel that appear as glowing flames of fire.” On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit had come to baptize the church in power from Heaven and the angels that He commands came with Him to assist. Their assignment was to set the lips of these remnant people on fire to be His witnesses. When the angels marched into the upper room with the Holy Spirit, bright fire, tongues of fire began to shoot back and forth over top of them as God’s glory began to surge through the room. Brilliant torches of fire began to hover over them; flashes of blazing light like lightning striking danced over their heads in Holy Spirit’s presence. Angels ministered fresh fire off of Heaven’s altar as the Holy Spirit breathed life into the King’s desired campaign upon the earth.

There was a tremendous sound that came forth into the upper room out of heaven and filled all the house where they were sitting. Bible scholars believe it must have sounded somewhat like two common winds we would understand today—a hurricane or a tornado. Angels are referred to in Hebrews 1:7 as wind messengers (NLT, AMPC). Holy Spirit’s moving is also described like wind. He’s like wind, fire, and rain.

Tornadoes are often described as sounding like a rumbling, like a train that is coming and you can hear it from a mile away, rumbling down the tracks. It roars and it’s thunderous. The Holy Spirit moved into the upper room like a fire, a train, a hurricane, or tornado. Cherubim’s wings are said to produce this kind of sound in Ezekiel 3. Ezekiel said when the cherubims flew, their wings brushed together and produced a swishing type of sound. Some translate it as a violent fluttering sound, others as river rapids, still others as a rhythmic drumming or marching sound. This sound echoed off spinning wheels that spun beside these angels and Ezekiel 4 says this produced a rumbling sound. So you can imagine what the people in the upper room were hearing.

Of course, the wheels that Ezekiel was seeing in the vision are a part of the chariot upon which the Lord of Hosts rides on occasion, carried by angels. The point is clearly God is moving at Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is moving, carried by mighty angels and accompanied by angel armies. The Holy Spirit moves into the upper room assisted by them

and, like Ezekiel, the 120 heard the rushing mighty wind as Holy Spirit and angel armies moved. They began to hear a swishing type of sound that filled the room. They heard the sound of a roaring river and they began to hear the drum-beat of heaven. They heard the mighty move of Holy Spirit and His angel armies. They heard the rhythm of heaven bringing that upper room into sync with the purpose of God for them.

Rhythm describes how something moves. Rhythm simply means coordinated movement like a piano or guitar strings. They vibrate. Vibrant movement produces harmony. Luke called it in Acts "one accord harmony." Flowing harmonious sound was heard filling that room. Like Ezekiel, the 120 heard a rumbling out of heaven like a great army beginning to march. In essence, the Holy Spirit was announcing to the first New Testament church, "It is time to rumble."

Wrestlemania didn't come up with it. The Holy Spirit did. *Let's get ready to rumble.* It was a call and a challenge to the first New Testament church. It's time to move. It's time for harmonious movement. It's time for the coordinated movement of the Kingdom of King Jesus with His ekklesia upon the earth.

I am beginning to hear the same message to the church today. It is resonating in me. I hear the sound in the Spirit realm like a rushing mighty river. I'm hearing the tornadic spiritual sounds bringing the Kingdom of God forth in ways that we have not seen before. I'm beginning to hear the tornadic winds, the hurricane of heaven that was described in Acts 2. I'm hearing the drumbeats of heaven that are now being sounded upon earth. I'm hearing the call of the Holy Spiritwith bold, passionate urgency saying, "It's time to rumble!" Let's go! Let's move! Let's do it! Let's march and go into the world as we are commanded.

Hear the message of King Jesus today to His church, hear the message of the Holy Spirit, listen to the wind word the Holy Spirit is blowing through the church, and let your heart catch fire, amped up in greater glory. Hear the shout of the King among us; hear the God-breathed Word that is trumpeting to His glorious remnant, saying, "Let's get ready to rumble. Let's move into the execution phase of the greatest awakening and reformation in history."

I was ministering at Christian International in Florida and was awakened about two in the morning by the Holy Spirit. He spoke this word to me, "You are now entering into a fullness of time. Everything in

the Kingdom will now accelerate. Revival will be worldwide. A new Pentecost will be poured out."

Accelerate was the word that the Holy Spirit used to describe an aspect of this fullness of time to me. *Accelerate* means to cause to move faster—that's obvious. It means to speed things up. It means to increase motion, progress, development, or occurrence(s). It means velocity in performance and actions, rapid advancement, and it means to throw the throttle forward or up. The Holy Spirit didn't use that word by accident. I am quite sure He knew exactly what He was saying and what the word *accelerate* means.

This is the day of His accelerated power, glory, and mightiness. His anointing, the synergy of the ages, the anointing of the ages, converged into our times. The releasing of companies of angels by the millions. The moving of the Holy Spirit and His increased outpouring is speeding everything up. Progress will accelerate. He is causing His Kingdom to move faster. He is pushing the throttle forward.

He is amping everything up. The velocity of Christ's Kingdom is now going to surge forward. The Breaker, who is King Jesus Himself, is rising to run with His people. Messiah the Breaker (see Mic. 2:13) is rising to run with power through the camps of His enemy. The Kingdom of Almighty God is going to rumble, possessing promises that are now full and due. It's going to rumble and receive breakthrough after breakthrough. Breakthroughs are moving faster toward us. It's going to rumble toward the harvest of lost men, women, boys, and girls. Rapid harvests are now going to be reaped.

This is not the day of His weakness. It is the day of His power. It's the day of ever-increasing glory. Lay aside all weight, sin, and passivity. Lay aside any backsliding ways or lethargy and hear the call of the Spirit of God—*it is time to rumble*. Hell hasn't seen anything yet and it will not prevail.

The Kingdom's speeding up. Performance, power, and miracles are speeding up. This world will see a New Testament church that rumbles with aggressive power and rules in the midst of her enemies. We will bring the enemies of our King and lay them at His feet as a footstool. The Holy Spirit says, "It's urgent that My people understand it is time to rumble. It's time to go for it."

Prayer

Holy Spirit, bring Your angels and, with coals of fire, touch the lips of Your remnant so that they burn with passion to be Christ's witness. Set on fire the gifts, talents, and abilities of Your people. Fire us up to do what You need us to do in ways we have never done before. Accelerate the move of Christ's Kingdom on earth. Accelerate promises, miracles, and harvest. Help us to rumble in a new outpouring upon the earth. Light our lips to be Your witness. Amen.

CHAPTER 5

GROWING MIRACLES

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man? " And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

—LUKE 1:26-38

This is a season of open doors for miracles. The people of God in this new era are going to grow miracles to fullness. This is a scriptural view that isn't explained the way it should be, and because of it people suffer hope deferred. Some people lose their faith and confidence where miracles are concerned. Let's look at growing a miracle.

There are times when miracles must be grown by faith. It happens individually and it happens corporately. Individually we can accelerate that time a bit easier with our confession of faith because others aren't so intricately involved in your personal miracles like they are corporate miracles. But the principle is still the same. Some miracles take time to grow to fullness.

God can sovereignly do miracles and He sometimes does that. He can do miracles whenever He wants but because of a fallen planet He has recused Himself from doing that very often. I'm not talking about sovereign miracles; I am talking about partnering with God to see miracles happen by faith.

One of the greatest examples of growing a miracle is seen in Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. Christ's birth certainly is a miracle, but we must admit that He was not ready to become our sacrifice for sin until many years after His birth. The miracle of who He was grew to reveal the greatest miracle ever. He was a miracle who had to grow to completion. We also see that there was miracle after miracle after miracle within the growing of the greatest miracle ever. This is what is accelerating in our time now.

Growing, by definition, requires the passage of time, which is something that we don't usually equate with miracles. Let's face it, we want our miracle now. We want instant, zapped, and done right now. If there is the passage of time between a miracle's conception and its completion, often doubt creeps in and unbelief seeks a place to pollute our thinking that nothing is happening and nothing is going to happen. If not resisted, this aborts the miracle. Because of the passage of time, millions cast away their confidence and give up on receiving a miracle. Many today are skeptics where miracles are concerned because of hope deferred, circumstances, feelings, and life on a fallen planet. This is often promoted by a nominal church that openly states, "Miracles are not for today."

In the life of Jesus, we see miracles happened instantly in some cases but in other cases miracles progressively grew by faith over time. For Mary and Joseph, the miracle that they were believing to see had to grow for three decades. Granted that is unusual, but it's not unusual for a time of sustained believing before the promise ever comes to fullness. Most of the time your faith is going to be tested.

Because of life on a fallen planet, our faith constantly finds obstacles that it's going to have to overcome. It finds disease, unfair attacks, situations, and circumstances that have to be overcome. Forget fairness; lucifer and his kingdom are never going to be fair. Ever. It's never going to happen. If you focus on the fairness of something, your emotions are going to control you. Forget it and focus your faith on what God says. Believe and keep on believing what God says. You believe until you receive.

In our text, the angel Gabriel comes to Mary and he tells her that she is now going to bear the Son of God. He tells her the Messiah is going to be supernaturally placed in her womb. She is personally visited by one of the most powerful angels that God ever created. But after that visit there was nothing. It's not like Gabriel came every year and then reinforced that. Elizabeth did confirm it when Jesus was in Mary's womb, and the wise men confirmed it when He was two years old, but there were no other words of promise that came to her that we know of. None. From then on she simply had to walk it out by faith. That is truly amazing when you think about it for this young lady. From then on she simply had to keep growing the miracle. No other words came the next year. No other promises came ten years later or twenty years later or twenty-five years later. None. She just kept believing that one word.

It was the same in Joseph's case. From the moment of the conception of God's promise, they focused on growing it to completion. They believed it and they kept on believing it and they never stopped. I believe in our walk today many of us would have allowed the passage of that much time to shipwreck our faith.

We see in this something very important that must be understood where miracles are concerned. Some delays are demonic and need to be bound in Christ's Name. Some miracles are delayed by flesh or other adversity and they also need to be bound. Still other miracles are delayed because of the corporate sins of a nation and must be overcome. But some delays are simply the passage of time and the miracle has to grow to completion. The Bible reveals that some delay is a gestation

period to grow the miracle and to get everything or everyone in its proper place.

This doesn't mean God's not working and nothing is happening. It doesn't mean God's not preparing things and there will be no miracle. Remember, the miracle of God was working just as much when Jesus was five years old as when He was born or thirty. The miracle was working the entire time and it never stopped. It's just that most of the time it could not be seen progressing.

We see this in the lives of Mary and Joseph. Most of the time what was really taking place was invisible to their natural eyes. But it didn't mean that God wasn't working, that He was not preparing for the completion of the miracle. Jesus Himself had to grow and be prepared to walk in the miracle. We don't often think of that. There were things that He had to learn. Sometimes there are things we need to learn in order to walk in the completeness of some miracles.

I have seen a few miracles in my life; some of them were instantaneous and it was absolutely incredible. I have seen instant healing and deliverance. But I have also seen miracles that took a few months of believing and believing and believing and growing my faith. I have learned along the way some things to do and not to do.

I have been a part of a few miracles that took a year or two and it was a battle of faith to get it completed. I have also been through some that took far longer. Because it's not instant, Job's comforters often will come along and say, "If God was going to do something, it would have happened by now. Obviously you missed it. You don't have much faith." Sometimes they'll say, "You're in sin or you didn't hear from God."

I wonder how many of Job's comforters would say to Mary after year eight or nine, "Obviously, Mary, you missed it. You didn't hear from God. No angel visited you. You were hallucinating. Nothing is happening. We see no miracles. We're still in bondage to the Roman Empire. Where is this Messiah?" Similarly, today we may hear: "Where's this revival you've been preaching about? Where's this great outpouring of the Holy Spirit? Where is this great reformation? Where is this great awakening? Where is this great wealth transfer?"

But we know, according to God's Word, the miracle had not stopped. It was still growing. Preparation for its completion was still moving forward. It was just happening in ways that Job's comforters

couldn’t see and Mary and Joseph couldn’t see. Some miracles are instant, but some are going to grow or be grown in the atmosphere of faith over time. In fact, a whole lot of them are. We need to discern the difference, understanding both are miracles and both are supernatural. Oftentimes the greatest miracles are those that are completed after extended times of standing and believing and fighting, as Paul said, “The good fight of faith.”

Mary and Joseph’s testimony teaches us if the miracle isn’t completed instantly then it’s in the process of being completed. Keep on believing. Keep learning—perhaps there’s a key that needs to be revealed to you. Keep listening—perhaps there’s some instructions that you need to be following. Keep following Holy Spirit—perhaps He needs to lead you to the right place, person, or situation. A counselor, an advisor, a physician, a procedure, a way you don’t know. A way you may never have heard of. Keep following and saying what God says. We are never told Mary or Joseph ever abandoned what God promised them. They never gave up on it. When doubt crept in, which happens to us all, they resisted it and they kept believing what God said.

The background of this miracle and how it grew is vital to understand. We need to see some of the preparation and learning or we don’t understand what’s taking place. We need to see some of the people, places, or situations that God moved around to bring it to pass. We need to see why the promise, while true, took some time.

While we may never know the exact details of Christ’s childhood, historians and theologians do give us some details that have been passed down through the centuries. I had a very interesting interview with Dr. Ron Charles that gives us some plausible information regarding the early childhood of Jesus. Dr. Charles is the co-founder of the Albania-American Archaeological International Foundation, served on the Board of Directors of Pacific International University, serves on the Board of Directors of Final Frontiers International Foundation, and as a member of the Board of Governors of The International Biographical Centre of Cambridge (and has recently been a recipient of Cambridge’s One Thousand Great Americans award). As well as having earned a B.S. in Civil Engineering, he also has a B.A. in Theology and pastored for 14 years. Because of his passion for history and archaeology, particularly New Testament and Roman era history, he continued his education by earning an M.A. in theology, a Ph.D. in Ancient History, a Ph.D. in

International Relations (Honorary), and a Th.D. in Historical Theology. He has also authored six books.

Because of Dr. Charles' extensive resume, as well as his 33 years of traveling over 50 countries, his numerous archaeological investigations in five different countries in pursuit of authenticating information regarding the life of Jesus, and his current work as a missionary to the people of the Middle East, his conducted historical and educational tours to Europe and the Middle East…he is able to give us a studied explanation of Christ's early life. One thing we know for sure, Jesus had a childhood, and God often uses events in our childhood to instruct us on our future. Using information passed on to us I can certainly see some interesting scenarios regarding Mary, and Joseph of Arimathea. [1]

It is revealed to us by many historians and church traditions that Mary was orphaned at the time of Gabriel's visit to her. She is a very young teenager at that point. We don't know what happened to Mary's parents for sure but we do know that Mary was of Egyptian origin. Her name is actually an Egyptian name. Historians like Count Berini Comeaux, Gamaliel, and other's as well as church traditions passed down to us, including the Roman Catholic church, Episcopalians, and churches in Great Britain, and Sanhedrin records of that time fill in some of the details of Mary's life and Christ's silent years.

Gamaliel interviewed Mary when she was about 40 years old. He interviewed her twice, once in Mecca where she lived for a while and another time in Nazareth. Those interview scrolls written by Gamaliel were rediscovered in 1652. When Mary was around twelve years old her father brought her from Egypt to Judea during the reign of Augustus. He probably came for business reasons but another reason was he was coming to find a husband for Mary. In those days, marriages were arranged and they were arranged when they were young. They left her mother in Egypt with her mom Anna and her grandmother Pennel. They were both pretty famous if you want to read the writings of Gamaliel. They were women of renown in Egypt.

Her father does arrange the engagement of Mary to Joseph, the son of a very wealthy builder of houses in Galilee. But then something very bad happens. We are not exactly sure about all of it; some say Mary's dad was put in prison where he died, others say it was an accident and he was killed. Whatever the reason, Mary, a young twelve-year-old girl, is now in another country and she is orphaned. One can only imagine

the trauma, the fear and anxiety she was experiencing. What was she going to do? What was going to happen to her? Not only that, she is pregnant just like Gabriel said she would be.

Clearly, not everything that happens to us is good, but God can turn things around for our good. He can do miracles, and so He begins to turn tragedy around for Mary. What happens is incredible and fascinating to me. He began to turn what had to be a very difficult time for this young girl, a very frightening time for her, around. Because she is orphaned, she comes under the care of a very kind uncle, her dad's younger brother who is her next of kin, known in those times as your kinsman redeemer. He legally adopts her. Mary is now legally his daughter, which would make him also legally Jesus' grandfather.

After he adopts Mary he then does what her dad began, he finishes the details of the marriage of Joseph and Mary. Her dad didn't arrange it; this adoptive father arranged it. This man is mentioned in the Scriptures and it unlocks some things for us that are important. Mary's dad's younger brother was Joseph of Arimathea. You might remember it was his tomb that Jesus was laid in after the crucifixion. He was legally now Jesus' grandfather, Mary's dad. He was naturally her uncle but because of the legality of adoption he is Christ's grandfather. That is important and vital to understand for the greatest miracle ever. Yes, God is at work.

Amazingly, Joseph of Arimathea was a part of the Roman government. History reveals he was the Roman provincial senator who represented the province of Britain. He was also the imperial minister for mines and mining for the Roman Empire as well as member of the Jewish temple's Sanhedrin, a Jewish governing body. He was a very powerful, influential, and wealthy person with homes in Rome, Corinth, Arimathea, Jerusalem, Jericho, Damascus, Caesarea Maritima, Massilia on the coast of Gaul, and of course in Britain near the town of Venta.

It is believed that he was powerful enough to have actually stopped the execution or crucifixion of Jesus had he been able to get a hold of Tiberius in time, but he was not able to do so. God was, no doubt, behind that because that's why Jesus came. It was his house that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus would stay at in Jerusalem when they came to town for the feasts. Remember when Jesus was twelve years old and was debating the scholars at the temple? They were staying at grandpa Joseph of Arimathea's house. That grandpa was the one who set this all up. When the family left town thinking Jesus was in the caravan along

with them, after traveling all day they discovered He wasn't with them and they had to turn around and go all the way back to find Him. It took them three days. Where was He? He wasn't just roaming about as a twelve-year-old through Jerusalem. He was staying with His grandfather and debating the law with the Sanhedrin. This did not occur by chance! This was God turning things for good! Joseph of Arimathea was a part of the Roman ekklesia.

Gamaliel, as well as historians and church fathers, tells us that somewhere shortly after this event, as part of His education, Jesus spent three or four years with His grandfather traveling throughout the Roman Empire as his grandfather governed mining operations for Rome, which expanded His worldview. He actually spent time living in Rome; and British church historians tell us that He could have lived as long as two years in Britain. What was going on? What was God doing? To the people in Israel it looked like God wasn't doing much of anything. Nothing was happening. But no, God was preparing for the miraculous birth of a Kingdom that would have no end. He was continuing work on the miracle of all miracles and He was planning for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon it. He was preparing to change the world. He was preparing Jesus to activate miracles.

As Jesus is with His grandfather, historians tell us He accompanied him on occasion to the actual Roman senate itself. In other words, He observed the ekklesia in process. He observed the governing ekklesia and how it operated. He must have discussed this with His grandfather for hours and hours. He observed how the greatest natural kingdom of His day actually conducted business. He listened to the messages of the apostles, the sent ones, who went into region after region and nation after nation that Rome had conquered to regulate the culture and make that culture look like Rome. He listened to the apostles make their reports. He heard at least some of them and within all of that the concepts and the principles began to develop in Jesus' young mind as He began to learn and think through how He could apply this to a spiritual Kingdom that would influence the natural kingdoms of this world.

It is not difficult to imagine ourselves in the situation Jesus found Himself in. We would begin to think through how to build an ekklesia, spiritual ones that would affect nations, the governments of this world local and national. We would wonder, "How can I release an ekklesia that will regulate the culture of the Kingdom to make it look like I want

it to look?" The first one that Jesus would ever build was in Acts 2 on Pentecost twenty years later. We would want to clearly define how to have a government that would sit upon His shoulders, functioning and expanding worldwide. One in which born-again ones could help Him rule and reign. One in which He could share His authority with all the citizens of His Kingdom. And we would want to be led completely by Holy Spirit.

Obviously, Father God arranged this valuable connection to Rome knowing Jesus would need to learn government to get this miracle to completion. He would need to understand ekklesias and apostles. Mary was the perfect young lady and her tragedy could be turned for good. God saw what no one else could see—something that could be turned around. Clearly, though no one else saw it or knew anything else about it, God was at work. God knows what we don't know. He thinks of things we don't think of. He knows what He is doing. Our part in the miracle is to trust Him even when we can't see.

Jesus would need to understand business, management of resources, and budgets. He needed to understand dealing with local governments, zoning commissions, and building commissions. He needed to learn how to manage employees. Joseph is perfect! He will take care of Mary and he will teach Jesus business. The point is, from the conception of the greatest miracle ever to its completion there was a growing process that occurred over time. It did not happen instantly but that doesn't mean God wasn't at work. That didn't mean the miracle had stopped. God was busy connecting people, places, situations, wisdom, and knowledge to grow the miracle. He was busy making changes.

Change is often needed if miracles are going to come to completion. A change in situations, people, locations, relationships, or even a change in an entire group of people is sometimes needed. To change things sometimes takes time. Miracles aren't always easy to "faith" our way to. There is a fight of faith. A time of standing, standing, and standing is often required while changes needed are made.

Sometimes, as in Mary's case, there has been a tragedy or some kind of major setback. There has been devastation and it looks like it's over. Mary was now an orphan and her world had been turned upside down. What do you do? You keep on believing and believing because God sees a way. He sees healing that can restore her. He sees favoring grace that can turn things around. He sees a rerouting connection. God is an awesome rerouter. He is a lot better than Siri navigation! How many

times has our God said, “Rerouting!” He sees an answer. He sees a miracle in process.

These principles are true for the ekklesia Jesus has come to build and establish on this earth. They are also true for us in our times. The church is promised miracles and, yes, some of them are instant. But others are miracles that grow over time by believing and believing and believing. Some miracles the ekklesia births must be stood for and they must be fought for by faith over time.

Here at The Oasis where I have pastored for 38 years, we have been believing to see a miracle revival. We have been standing for a transforming miracle to happen in our world, the greatest harvest of souls in history. Our prophets have prophesied a billion-soul harvest is coming. We have been believing for supernatural resources, debt retirement, and a Kingdom move of God that ushers in the greatest years in church history. We’ve been believing for big miracles. Huge miracles. Year after year after year we have continued to declare it and believe it. It has been promised by prophetic word after prophetic word time and time again. From its conception we began to pray it and declare it.

There have been setbacks to overcome. Several of them, as a matter of fact, times when the effort appeared to be dead, and I’ve felt orphaned a few times and like nothing was happening. Job’s comforters have been very vocal, saying, “It’s not going to happen, they haven’t heard from God, no great move of God is coming, they’ll never make it, they are going to go bankrupt and lose everything, no angel came and promised them about the greatest days in church history not being in the past but in the present and in the future. They are hallucinating.” But big, region-changing miracles don’t happen instantly all the time. Somebody has to keep believing and believing from conception to completion.

Thankfully, the miracle hasn’t stopped. God has been working all along. The Holy Spirit and His angels have been busy. Yes, there were things that we had to learn particularly regarding ekklesia. There were changes that had to be made. There was baggage that needed to be removed. There was unbelief that needed to be purged from the camp. There were a couple of Jezebels and Absaloms who had to be removed. But for many years we have been growing a miracle and it will be what God said it will be if we don’t become weary in well-doing and faint. Will it be different than we thought? Probably! In fact, obviously, it is

simply a part of the faith walk. Will it happen in ways we never saw coming? Probably. Will God have to turn some things for good? Obviously! Will it be done through some people we never expected? Probably. Who cares? I just want to be in the middle of it.

It will be done just as it was for Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. Though for thirty years there wasn't much evidence, they were holding on to a promise that did not look possible. For thirty years, it didn't look like much was happening. He was a carpenter. Not one miracle, healing, or deliverance. He was supposed to be the Savior of His people, yet no one was saved. But the miracle hadn't stopped. It was growing to fullness and when the fullness of time came, when it was ready and mature, suddenly there were miracles everywhere! Blind eyes could see. Deaf ears could hear. Cripples danced. Leprosy was healed. Storms were calmed. Water was walked on. Dead people got up and were raised to life. Bread was multiplied. Miracle after miracle after miracle occurred within the great miracle that grew for thirty years after Christ's birth. That is what we are heading into now.

I believe that God is opening the door to awesome miracles that His people have been believing for years. He is opening up the door for miracles that we have been standing in faith for, even while millions have declared nothing is happening. He is activating great awakening and reformation as promised. One thing is for sure—it is closer than it's ever been. God has been working to activate the greatest miracle, revival, and move of God ever seen. There are now coming miracles, healings, and awesome deliverance. Prodigals will now be coming home and new converts are coming in.

First Thessalonians 5:24 says, "Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass" (NASB). We are going to grow a miracle to completion. That is what we are going to do and this is the time when we bring it into fullness. You have to keep your eyes on what God said, not on the passage of time.

Prayer

Today, Lord, it's so much easier to look back and see the passageways or the paths You have brought us to get here. Lord, I can look back and see when we thought nothing was happening but You were preparing for an awesome miracle.

I am sure there are many today standing and it looks like nothing is happening month after month after month. Help them to see the principle of miracles. You have been working. You've been working on people who needed to be worked on. You were busy rerouting and reconnecting to places, locations, or a situation that would bring it to pass. Help us to get a hold of the revelation that is all over Your Bible. Help us to be willing, Lord, to just flow with that.

You never give a word that You will not bring to pass if we believe from conception to completion. Lord, we are stepping forward supernaturally into a time when prophetically it is a time of miracle completions so our faith has to rise and declare it. We need to understand, Lord, that we cannot be passive. We say what You say. We won't say anything else, and if we do, we repent and get right back on it.

Lord, we believe we are entering into times when miracle after miracle after miracle is beginning to roll. Whatever it takes to move us across the Jordan into it, here we are, Lord —we will do it. We are not those who put our hand on the plow and turn back. We will keep pushing.

Whatever miracle you may be declaring in your life today, set your focus on what God has promised you and keep standing. Make that commitment. I will keep standing and I am going to bring this to completion. This is my year to bring it to pass in Jesus' Name.

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CHAPTER 6

GROWING DREAMS

And Joseph dreamed a dream.

—GENESIS 37:5 KJV

In the miracle-growing story of Mary and Joseph, we see some of the deepest truths in the Bible revealed to us. Angels assisting man is first introduced. How the Holy Spirit can overshadow you and birth something inside of you that will change you for the rest of your life is explained. The process of how God can turn all things for your good is first taught in the awesome Christmas story. Even a loss such as your father passing away, as some church traditions teach happened to Mary, God can turn in your favor. Truly amazing! How miracle after miracle often occurs within the ultimate miracle we are believing for is also explained. Miracles are often spawned by another miracle. It's like a storm system—a huge tornado comes along, and all these other tornados spin off. Miracles are like that. This is a tremendous revelation we need to get through our thinking.

The first two chapters of Matthew's and Luke's Gospels should be studied like all other Scripture. They are filled with principles to live by. These amazing principles also apply to growing the dreams of our hearts. The prophetic picture is Jacob's son Joseph in Genesis 37. Joseph's dream occurred over time. The prophetic dream happened, but it didn't happen instantly. Yes, some dreams do, but many dreams happen years after conception. As we saw in the last chapter, we believe from conception to completion.

When Joseph was 17 years old he was thrown into a pit by his brothers and sold into slavery because they did not like his dream. Not everybody is going to like your dream. Joseph was sold to Potiphar's house where God anointed him with great favor and he began to learn very important management skills. That was great for a while, but it didn't look like it was moving him toward his dream. In fact it looked just the opposite. It looked like his dream was over.

Joseph was falsely accused of rape and was thrown into prison, but once again God opened a door for him. He began to learn to manage that prison, and as a result God opened a door to Pharaoh's household. Pharaoh himself had a dream and needed the dream interpreted. When no one else could interpret the dream, Joseph was remembered as one who interpreted dreams, and he was called to the palace where he interpreted the dream for Pharaoh. This began to open the door for Joseph's own dream, years before, to take place. God had told Joseph in

his dream, “You will even have authority over your own household.” God was miraculously moving him from prison to palace.

Joseph was in captivity for 13 years—nearly half of his life to that point. It looked like nothing was happening, as if the dream was never going to take place. However, we know that plenty was happening; it just wasn’t visible to Joseph. It looked to Joseph like the dream had died 13 years before, but God was working. Think about what God had do to complete Joseph’s dream. A major move had to take place in order for the dream to be realized. God had to move him to another country, in this case Egypt. Joseph needed to learn stewardship, accounting, and management skills. Because Joseph was the youngest of Jacob’s sons, he wasn’t going to have the opportunity to learn these skills at his father’s house.

It was necessary for people to be moved in and out of Joseph’s life in order for the dream to begin to unfold. The most powerful man in government of that time, Pharaoh, had to come into power and then God had to prepare him to accept Joseph who was not only from another country but was actually a slave. The way Pharaoh conducted himself and the way his government functioned had to be changed. In fact, the entire political system of the Egyptian government had to change to accommodate the miracle dream that God wanted to produce for Joseph.

Weather patterns had to be changed to bring about the seven years of plenty.

Think about that. The weather patterns of the entire earth had to be changed for Joseph’s dream to be accomplished and then they had to be shifted again for seven years so that his declaration of seven years of plenty and seven years of famine could come to pass. When Joseph interpreted the dream for Pharaoh regarding this nothing could be seen, nothing had happened, nor did it look like anything was going to happen, but it did happen. This was all necessary to move Joseph into a governing position.

The hearts of Joseph’s brothers, who despised him, had to be changed, and this would take some time. The dream didn’t happen instantly. For 13 years, it looked like the miracle would never happen. To Joseph the dream appeared dead; to God it looked like it was going to happen. Even though to Joseph it appeared to be dead, all kinds of things were happening! God was changing an entire nation, its government, and weather patterns to accommodate His dream to a man.

It grew to completion. Joseph's part in it was to believe even when he could see nothing happening.

The dreams of our churches and individual lives can now be realized because the efforts of our God over time are now converging. They are converging into this season to begin to fulfill dreams that His people have had for years. It may appear that nothing has been happening, but we keep believing. God may have had to move all kinds of things in order to get the dreams accomplished. He may have had to move mountains and turn some bad things around for good.

When Joseph was in his upper thirties and he finally met his brothers again who had sold him into slavery, he said to them, "You meant it for harm but God has meant this for good." There had been a turn around. This is true in many of our lives. He may have had to turn some bad things for good. Don't let the passage of time rob you of God's promise. In other words, don't abort. Don't let the passage of time quench your faith because dream miracles happen over time.

It was twenty years ago that I began to study the apostolic and the prophetic at a different level. It was also then that I began to study the ekklesia. At that time I really only knew that *ekklesia* was the word for church. But God began to train and fine-tune us, shifting our focus toward being a true New Testament church. One that reigns with Him affecting culture and natural government. We began to decree that a Third Great Awakening is going to happen in America and the world, the greatest move of God in church history.

The corporate decrees of a remnant throughout America began about twenty years ago. We began to hear prophets prophesying the Third Great Awakening and great revival is coming. Although we didn't see anything we began to decree it. While there are those who still try to say satan has aborted it, we must understand satan always works on the basis of appearance and logic. God never does. He works on the basis of His Word and what He tells us if we will believe it.

While it may appear to some like nothing's happening, we have to understand and pursue what God is saying regardless of what we see. This is why it is vital to understand how miracles sometimes work. God has been moving in ways we couldn't see.

Like the days of Joseph, our times are converging prophetically into a "divine suddenly," and a door to the palace is opening so that the dream God gave years ago can now be accomplished. This is a season

when you live resourced by the dream. God has not forgotten His promises to us and He is watching over His Word to perform it.

When the people of God left Egyptian bondage under the great leader Moses, they were pursuing a promise, a dream, a miracle over 400 years old. The journey to that actual promise was forty years. Four decades. We see over time as they pursued that ultimate dream, the Promised Land, miracle after miracle after miracle was spawned. The Red Sea opened. Manna fell on the ground and fed over a million people every day. Quails were flown in to feed them all. An entire river flowed from a granite mountainside to quench their thirst. Plagues of disease were stopped and thousands were healed. These were genuine miracles experienced on their way to the gigantic miracle that had been promised years before.

One of the things that amazes me, as I have studied and thought about this great Exodus, is how most of that generation of people abandoned God's promise and died in the wilderness. They never obtained the promise because of unbelief. These were people who had experienced the miracles I just listed and many more. They saw them with their own eyes. It wasn't a report that somebody gave to them about a miracle they saw; they had lived it themselves. Yet, because of the passage of time, because it wasn't instant, they gave up. I have said to the Lord many times, "I don't want to die in the wilderness with the murmurers and complainers. I want to be a part of Joshua and Caleb's remnant that crossed over and possessed their promise." I want to finish the journey from conception to completion.

Thankfully, we have a choice. We can believe and keep on believing, stand and can keep on standing until one day we receive and keep on receiving. There was a day when the Israelites lived resourced by the promise. They entered the Promised Land. It did happen.

In the previous chapter, one of the principles Luke gave us in describing Christ's birth is the importance of believing God's Word—both His written word and His prophetic word. Both are words from God, breathed by God, and inspired by God. We have to act on them. We must declare it from conception to completion. To see miracles and dreams grow to completion, we must believe and decree the word of God's promise.

Prophetic words must be taken very seriously. At The Oasis we reread them, pray them, and decree them over and over. There are very

few times when we meet for prayer that I don't read a prophetic word that we are to pray and decree, reemphasizing the importance of the prophetic words of God. I remember as a child, growing up in church, when a prophetic word was given and we didn't remember what was said by the next week. Nobody paid any attention. It was just something that made us feel good. Many received personal prophetic words and they forget all about them a short time later. Nothing came to fruition because it wasn't grown to completion. We have to take them seriously.

God's Word doesn't return void if somebody believes it. Twenty years ago I remember I was sitting at the end of the church parking lot when I said, "What You said I will believe, and I will never back down from it." I have fought a lot of wars over that but I still believe today what God said.

Somebody has to stand for God's prophetic word until we experience completion of that word. Someone has to act on them; they don't sovereignly happen. We have to understand if God said it He wants us to live in it and be resourced by it.

The following are some prophetic words we have been given and continue to pray over and decree:

> The Lord says the ekklesia can't be stopped. I say the ekklesia can't be stopped. Step up to another level. This is about My Kingdom, says the Lord, coming into this state and the government shall be upon the shoulders of My Son. And He will administer the authority of His reign here and you will watch a nation turn. Pass the torch. Share the torch. Fan the flame. It will be so awesome that there will be no remembrance of the difficulty, challenge, trial, opposition, and betrayal that you have experienced. —Apostle Jim Hodges, Federation of Churches/Ministries International
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> You are entering an apostolic accelerating season. I will send you into places where My government does not exist. Be willing to go to places you have never gone before. This is the beginning of preparing the way into miracle acts for the future. Know this, I am now activating you and you will be those who target what you were afraid to target in the last season. I will show you how to shoot that arrow that is rising up from within the depths of your belly. The arrow will come from your mouth and will penetrate what you could not previously penetrate. Get

ready; you have been activated into the season called lightning. Deliverance will now explode throughout your earth realm. —Prophet Chuck Pierce

Your cries have come up before Me and the Lord says because you have pursued Me, because you have pursued My presence, your worship has become sweet savor. And the head of the church, King Jesus, decrees over you—you will now begin reality, church. No more acting, no more actors, no more pretending. Real church, real disciples, real Christians, real worship, real power, real glory, real miracles, real healings. It is ordained, reality church. —Apostle Tim Sheets

There is a great Jesus people movement coming. The millennials will be visited. The teenagers, twenty year olds, thirty year olds will be visited with an outpouring of Holy Spirit that will be greater than anything that has happened in the past. It will shake this nation, says the Lord. There will be times people will be terrified by what is happening in the spirit realm because they will become so drunk in the Spirit of God and so radicalized toward the Scriptures, toward Jesus, toward Holy Spirit. It will be the greatest outpouring the earth has ever seen. —Apostle Dutch Sheets

I am raising up a new concept of church and it shall be a church that moves from place to place. For there shall be a mobile moving church that shall fuel a revival spirit. Keep going, press all the way through. I will break out with a revival spirit upon you. When that revival spirit breaks out and spreads it will create great light and many will run to it. Don’t stop. Don’t give up. I am on the verge of pouring out a miraculous revival spirit upon you. When that happens every vice will release. Every stronghold will break. Every flooded river will part. No obstacles nor hindrance. Nothing will be able to deter you nor hold you back. —Prophet Barbara Yoder

The Lord says I am going to use you at the tip of the spear to engage recovery for this nation. I am going to cause you to begin to recover losses from past seasons, says the Lord. Because you have created an atmosphere over this region that is ripe for advancement and is ripe for the glory of God to descend. Put your running shoes on because the pace is

> accelerating and in the midst of the acceleration there's going to come multiplication. The Lord says, I have been in the shifting. Now you have your Gideon's 300. Now watch and see that the acceleration brings the multiplication. I have heard your cries and I am beginning to blow by the wind of My Spirit so arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord is risen on you. Rise up, my people. Rise up and pray. Rise up and decree. Rise up and press in. Rise up and look in the Spirit for I am opening up the realm of revelation. I am opening new dimensions. Get ready, you're coming to a new level. Enter into a new season, says the Lord, and My blessings will overtake you. —Prophet Jane Hamon

God has given us these words and so many more like them. He has given us these words so that we could live in them, not just know them. He has called us to steward them, to grow them with our faith, to believe them from the time we receive them until the time they are completed. To believe them all and everything He said and not back off. To believe them all from conception to completion.

Prayer/Decree

Lord, we declare the ekklesia is rising and governing authority is rising. We align ourselves with Lord Sabaoth, the Lord of angel armies. We welcome the acceleration into a season called lightning. We welcome Holy Spirit winds that blow across the nations. We choose to face giants and become giant killers. We choose and we desire reality church. Reality church, accelerate.

We embrace revival that is different and moves from place to place. We embrace a revival spirit that You are soaking us in. We declare supernatural recoveries for past losses, finding us and resourcing us. We will live in the resources of the dream. We will be provided for by the dream's promises. We invite you to take us to a new level and a new season spawning miracle after miracle after miracle.

CHAPTER 7

ANGELS AND THE NEW ERA

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."

—ISAIAH 55:8-11

"I don't think the way you think. The way you work isn't the way I work." God's Decree. "For as the sky soars high above earth, so the way I work surpasses the way you work, and the way I think is beyond the way you think. Just as rain and snow descend from the skies and don't go back until they've watered the earth, doing their work of making things grow and blossom, producing seed for farmers and food for the hungry, so will the words that come out of my mouth not come back empty-handed. They'll do the work I sent them to do, they'll complete the assignment I gave them."

—ISAIAH 55:8-11 MSG

Recently I ended a service by reading some prophetic words that had been spoken over the Oasis, where I am based. Reading those prophetic words sparked a release of the Holy Spirit in the room, which activated angel armies. Kingdom activity was all over the room.

At the end of that service the cloud of God's presence came into the room heavier and heavier until it got so thick I couldn't see the back of the sanctuary. I could barely see the front two rows. I couldn't see the sides at all. The Holy Spirit began to move around the room, and there was so much angel activity. I have rarely, except in conferences, been in that kind of atmosphere with that much angel activity. I saw flashes of light that God's glory causes and angels reflect. I saw this in the spirit realm not the natural. There is a gift of the Holy Spirit called discerning of spirits, and when that gift is functioning you can see into the spirit realm. It's as clear as it is in the natural. Some people think that's a bit weird, but it's normal Christianity. The early church functioned in it and we need to get back to it.

Acts 2 talks about the cloven tongues of fire that sat upon the 120 remnant during the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We know that those cloven tongues of fire were angels of God's glory that were flashing about as angels often do. Ezekiel 1 describes angelic beings that appear as flashes of light, pillars of fire, tongues of fire, or as lightning. Angels are carriers of God's glory, Holy Spirit fire, and they minister that fire. They are reflectors of the glory of God.

One of the prophetic words that I had just read the week before was from Prophet Chuck Pierce, and it was this: "We will now accelerate into a season called lightning." When I read that I began to see flashes of light, like lightning all over the room. It reminded me of when God first began to teach me about angels. I would see them all the time, flashes of light.

Then, my wife, Carol, sitting on the front row, saw those same flashes of light up on the platform where one of our sound technicians was running the sound for the stage. We prayed over him, that the dreams of his heart would activate. We then began to pray for the dreams in people's lives that were present to activate and began to pray over the dreams of our corporate house. It was an unusual morning.

I then saw three groups or companies of angels, which was a bit unusual in that setting. I didn't mention it at the time because I knew there was a message that I needed to understand and pray in to. "What are You saying, Holy Spirit? What is Your word to us? What are You showing us?" Something needed to be interpreted.

I saw one group of angels that had purple sashes over to my right. I saw angels with blue sashes on that were in the center and then to my left a group of bright white light angels. Three companies of angels. This began confirming some things to me because the Holy Spirit has taught me some of the meanings of angels and colors. These three together got my attention. A supernatural confirmation was being given by the Holy Spirit that we are moving into supernatural doors of miracle after miracle and the completion of long-standing miracles we've been believing for. That confirmation is what this was about.

I have studied the Holy Spirit and the meaning of colors for years. There is fresh insight now for our times because the Holy Spirit is sending His angels to assist something—it's what they do. The colors white, purple, and blue speak to us prophetically, which is where we need to focus.

White, blue, and purple represent, in combined definition, ruling and reigning with the King's delegated authority, which is the King's mandate to us. You see this in the Book of Esther. They are colors of delegated governing authority. They are the garment colors of those who carry the King's authority and anointing on their lives, and they are colors of the law makers of the Kingdom. These colors picture the ekklesia's governing authority to rule and reign.

The picture prophetically comes to us in the story of Esther and her uncle, Mordecai. It's one of the greatest acts of intercession for a nation recorded in the Scriptures. Here is a very quick summary: A wicked man named Haman tricked King Ahasuerus into signing a horrible law stating you could murder any Jew in the Persian Empire and confiscate their property as your own. Unknown to the king was the fact that Queen Esther and her uncle Mordecai were Jews. Esther had won a beauty contest to become the queen but they had kept the fact that they were Jewish from the king.

Long story short, Esther went to the king and revealed Haman's wicked scheme to kill the Jews. King Ahasuerus was furious. He was embarrassed and when he found out that Haman had gone so far as to

actually build a gallows to hang Mordecai, he issued an order to have Haman hanged on the gallows he built for Mordecai.

Now hang in there, I am going somewhere with this! Just read and you won't get hurt! Esther's request was for the king to reverse the evil decree, but the king didn't do that. The king delegated his authority to Esther and Mordecai. That had to have seemed quite unusual to everyone who was there. Kings don't usually do that, but he's prophesying something into the future. This pictures something our King Jesus has done for us.

King Ahasuerus gave authority to Mordecai and Esther to rewrite the evil law. He even went so far as to give Mordecai his signet ring, which symbolizes the king's name. Signet rings mean "in the name of." It is the official stamp or seal of a kingdom meaning official business could now be conducted in his name as needed, whenever needed. What they would do is take the signet ring and smear wax or ink on it and it would get into the engravings and then they would stamp it into a document, making it official. It's notarized in the name of whoever the king of the kingdom is. I have a signet ring that I wear all the time that has the seal of the Kingdom of Almighty God. It is engraved in Hebrew. I have even used it symbolically on official church business, striking important documents with the seal of our Kingdom. Discreetly, of course.

The king said, "Do business in my name whenever you need to." Our King Jesus has said the same thing: "In My name do business for My Kingdom. Bind whatever you want; loose whatever you want. What transpires is conditional to your response. The keys to My Kingdom are yours" (see Matt. 16:18-19). He said that to His ekklesia, His reigning church. Open whatever door you want to, close whatever door you want to.

On the day that Haman was hanged, the following happened and most in the church have overlooked it. Please look closely at the wording in the following Scriptures:

> *On that day King Ahasuerus gave Queen Esther the house of Haman, the enemy of the Jews. And Mordecai came before the king, for Esther had told how he was related to her. So the king took off his signet ring, which he had taken from Haman [Haman had been stripped of his authority just like Jesus stripped lucifer of his authority], and gave it*

to Mordecai; and Esther appointed Mordecai over the house of Haman (Esther 8:1-2).

"You yourselves write a decree concerning the Jews, as you please, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's signet ring; for whatever is written in the king's name and sealed with the king's signet ring no one can revoke."

So the king's scribes were called at that time, in the third month, which is the month of Sivan [June], on the twenty-third day; and it was written, according to all that Mordecai commanded, to the Jews, the satraps, the governors, and the princes of the provinces from India to Ethiopia, one hundred and twenty-seven provinces in all, to every province in its own script, to every people in their own language, and to the Jews in their own script and language. And he wrote in the name of King Ahasuerus, sealed it with the king's signet ring, and sent letters by couriers on horseback, riding on royal horses bred from swift steeds.

By these letters the king permitted the Jews who were in every city to gather together and protect their lives—to destroy, kill, and annihilate all the forces of any people or province that would assault them, both little children and women, and to plunder their possessions, on one day in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar. A copy of the document was to be issued as a decree in every province and published for all people, so that the Jews would be ready on that day to avenge themselves on their enemies. The couriers who rode on royal horses went out, hastened and pressed on by the king's command. And the decree was issued in Shushan the citadel.

So Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white, with a great crown of gold and a garment of fine linen and purple; and the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad. The Jews had light and gladness, joy and honor (Esther 8:8-16).

Notice Mordecai left the king's presence clothed differently. From the presence of the king he was given royal apparel (blue, white, and purple), and again they represent ruling and reigning with the King's delegated authority. That is the definition of verse 15—that's what it was about. Also, a crown of gold symbolizes governing authority. A gold crown is a universal sign of governing power.

Several years ago when preparing to preach on Sunday morning I looked in the upper balcony of The Oasis and there were two very tall angels (ten or twelve feet). One of them had a purple sash and the other had a blue sash. Purple in the Scriptures references or symbolizes a king's anointing, royalty, royal heirs, the king's authority, governing authority. Scripture says kings wear purple and fine linen. It is a government and governing color. There are many references to this, and if you need more you can go to my book *Angel Armies* for them.

Over the years, I have come to know when I see these government angels that the Holy Spirit is present with His company of angels to assist the ekklesia to rule and reign. He is emphasizing, or assisting, in the activating of Kingdom government in some way.

I have seen these government angels quite a bit. There was a flurry of these government angels in the year when we were choosing new government for our nation. During that time, I was in Pontiac, Michigan with Chuck Pierce and Barbara Yoder and Chuck felt that we needed to deal with the curse of Pontiac. As Chuck was sharing I began to see these government angels with the purple sashes lined up behind him. I knew Kingdom government was there to bind and break this curse. Mighty government angels were present to assist us.

Not long after that in Tuscan, Arizona I was speaking at my brother's Appeal to Heaven Conference. It was a big sanctuary and purple-sashed angels lined both side walls and the back wall. I said to Holy Spirit, "What is this?" He said, "There are 51 of them if you want to count, one for each state capital and Washington, D.C.; they are here to get their assignments." As we decreed the word of the Lord for each state these angels left and we knew they were on assignment. The government of the Kingdom of God is being implemented through the decrees of the saints and through government angels.

It wasn't long after that I got up to preach one Sunday morning and I saw the government angels. Just as I was preparing to read the text, I paused and said, "Something needs to be governed. The Kingdom of

God is here and He wants to do something so pray in the Spirit." Earlier that year the Holy Spirit had given us an assignment to release angels of chaos and commotion to uncover iniquity. The prophetic word from Chuck Pierce said that this would reconnect us to our covenant roots. At this point we had been doing it for months. We began to pray, "Lord, whatever You need to expose, expose it, but reconnect us to our covenant roots, God." Those angels left.

The next week a certain candidate's emails were exposed. I don't know what those angels did but I knew we completed our assignment. When I see these angels I know the government of God is activated and heightened in some way. Something needs to be governed, bound, loosed, and decreed. Something for our Kingdom's government needs to be acted upon. Government angels assist that. It's their assignment, always under Holy Spirit supervision.

The second group of angels that I saw were the blue-sashed angels. Blue references Holy Spirit action or activity. It references outpourings, anointings, gifts, and fruits of the Holy Spirit. These angels assist the movement of Holy Spirit upon the earth. They help prepare and release a fresh new type of Pentecost.

There are no angel graveyards. Those angels didn't die. They have assisted outpouring after outpouring. We are told in the Scriptures that the angels gain knowledge and understanding. The angels that assisted the Holy Spirit in Acts 2 are some of the same angels that are assisting us to this day. They assist the saints in helping minister a fresh move of God upon this earth. It just makes spiritual sense. They are activated and are here to assist us, only they are more experienced now than they ever were before.

I also saw on that day a company of white light beings. Angels often appear in Scriptures as white light beings. In fact, I have seen them more that way than any other way. These white light beings are like the worker bees of the Holy Spirit. They are always present when the saints gather, whether we see them or not.

The color white is also a part of government apparel. The color white has many Scriptural meanings or references and here are a few. White symbolizes holiness, purity, righteousness, and justice. The Holy Spirit descends as a white dove. Pure, gentle, kind, always just. The glory cloud over the camp of Israel for forty years was white. Every day

they saw the white cloud of God's glory. It was not dark, ominous, or foreboding. It was a white cloud.

Lightning from God's glory is also described as being white. On Mount Sinai when the presence of God came down, there was thunder and flashes of white lightning. White also symbolizes resurrection or awakening. Resurrection is a new future. New days are given to you. Doors to a new future are now open.

White also symbolizes the breath of God. Our breath on a cold winter's morning doesn't come out black; it's white. The white-hot breath of God, we are told, is breathed into His Word, which makes His Word alive. It comes alive, whether written word or prophetic word. We are also told His breath can awaken His people. They are awakened as the breath and wind of God comes.

White also symbolizes any part of the Godhead—the holy presence of God, the weighty presence of the Holy Spirit, or the presence of King Jesus. The King's army rides white warhorses symbolizing power, justice, and conquering might. They carry the King's royal heirs, the mantled ones, into battle on the earth and those bearing delegated authority. They are carrying those who rule and reign with Him in His Name. White light angels help minister these areas and so much more. It's some of what they do under Holy Spirit supervision.

When I saw these three groups of angels, I knew this would be strategic for our times. There is a message that the Holy Spirit is prophetically wanting to impart. There are things we need to discern, interpret, decree, and pray to take our faith to great new levels. Indeed, we are now moving into a miraculous new era, one the church has been believing for for decades.

Let's discern our times. We are moving into a converged season whereby the efforts of our God over the years are now opening doors to a miraculous new era. The word *era* is the right word. It's not a new day. The King is rising in His glory and the presence of the Holy Spirit is becoming heavier and heavier. The white cloud of His glory is going to be experienced hovering over the people of God.

The ekklesia will now rise, rule, and reign with King Jesus as never before. From His presence, He is now mantling His people with governing apparel. It is visible. You'll see a difference in the church now. He is clothing us with His governing authority and He is reemphasizing the powerful gift of His signet ring to now do business

that is needed. The ekklesia is not only going to look different but it's going to do long-awaited business for the King. There are laws that are going to change. The ekklesia is going to see to it. There are some Hamans who are going to be hanged (spiritually speaking). The adversaries of the Kingdom of Almighty God who have risen to mock and to hinder are going to be punished. The ekklesia is going to rise and govern.

With all of this as our foundation, activate your faith and make this decree:

> *Lord, we ask that the governing angels You've provided to assist us be activated at levels never seen before. May they engage under Holy Spirit supervision to bring our decrees of faith to pass. May they engage to bring the dreams of our hearts and worldwide revival to pass. May they engage and bring prophetic words to pass. In Jesus' Name we declare doors to miracles, be open. We declare doors to the completion of long-awaited miracles, be open. Accelerate the convergence of the ages. Accelerate the anointings of the ages to be poured upon us. Accelerate the harvest of the ages to be reaped by Your church. Activate Your Kingdom government on the earth as You promised, enabling us to rewrite evil laws. Lord, synergize the armies of heaven and earth together in a unified flow of Your authority and power that enables us to rule for You, in the midst of our enemies.*

CHAPTER 8

ANGELS ASSIST PRAYER AND PROPHECY

Prophetic words are keys to what the Holy Spirit is doing, going to do, or wants to do if His people believe and act in faith. They are keys to Christ's Kingdom activity upon the earth and they are keys to angels being released into a region or individuals' lives. Angels really pay close attention to prophetic words. This is why the Prophetic Summit is one of the most important meetings that we do at the beginning of each new year. It's vital to the success of this apostolate, but it's also vital to this region, nation, and our world in some ways. It is amazing to me how many Christians miss the relevance of prophetic words in light of all the Bible says about hearing the prophets and the prophet's reward. Some even dismiss their relevance, when in fact God uses prophetic words to breathe His life in fresh new ways into us. In fact, I don't think you can be a true ekklesia without prophetic words being breathed by the Lord in fresh new ways. They are words that change our lives, and we are responsible to pay attention to them and, of course, activate them. Remember, Isaiah 55:8-11 tells us prophetic words have an assignment.

It is very clear prophetic words have an assignment. God gives them as assignments to be activated by His people individually and his corporate ekklesia, meaning the prophetic words we've received are mandates from heaven. It is imperative that they are properly discerned and governed by His written Word. They are assignments for us to grow to completion. It's not going to just automatically happen. It's not based on God's sovereignty. We cannot say, "Well, if God said it, then He is going to do it." No, it has to be acted on by faith just like every other promise that is given in the Scriptures. We have an active part to play. We need to pray, believe, and contend from conception to completion.

God prophesies through Isaiah the prophet, "My words will not come back empty. They will do what I sent them to do. They will complete the assignment I gave them." What's the condition? My people must engage their faith. It is time for us to do exactly that. When we stand in faith for God's word (prophetic word or dreams) to come to pass, though it may take some time and it usually does, the Holy Spirit will lead the ekklesia to a moment where He can release angels to assist in completing them. He will release favor, power, and strategies. He will supernaturally orchestrate their moment.

Two important areas in which angels assist us are prayer and prophecy. The principle of Scripture is the Holy Spirit sends angels to assist Him in bringing the prayers that we have prayed, the prophetic words we have heard, and prophetic dreams we have received to pass. It's important we see Scripture as a foundation for this. Let's first look at the Holy Spirit and how He sends angels to answer prayers. In Daniel 9 and 10 we see the angel Gabriel was sent to answer Daniel's prayer. Daniel was praying for his nation, about their future, and for wisdom. God heard his prayer as soon as he prayed it and sent Gabriel with the answer. But there was spiritual warfare in the atmospheric heavens by a demon prince, the spirit prince of Persia. This would have been a fallen angel that sided with lucifer when he rebelled and tried to take over heaven. Lucifer assigned him to govern diabolically, demonically over the area of Persia. This demon prince tried to stop Gabriel, who is not a fallen angel—he is an angel that is still on our side and he's a participant in the Kingdom of God. He is one of God's princes. The spirit prince of Persia tried to stop Gabriel from getting through to answer the prayer, and this battle lasted 21 days. Here's what the Scripture says.

> *Listen, God, to this determined prayer of your servant. Have mercy on your ruined Sanctuary. Act out of who you are, not out of what we are. Turn your ears our way, God, and listen. Open your eyes and take a long look at our ruined city, this city named after you. We know that we don't deserve a hearing from you. Our appeal is to your compassion. This prayer is our last and only hope: "Master, listen to us! Master, forgive us! Master, look at us and do something! Master, don't put us off! Your city and your people are named after you: You have a stake in us!" While I was pouring out my heart, baring my sins and the sins of my people Israel, praying my life out before my God, interceding for the holy mountain of my God—while I was absorbed in this praying, the humanlike Gabriel, the one I had seen in an earlier vision, approached me, flying in like a bird about the time of evening worship. He stood before me and said, "Daniel, I have come to make things plain to you"* (Daniel 9:17-22 MSG).

Can you imagine this? You have been fasting and praying for 21 days and Gabriel flies in like a human bird and says, "I have come to

answer your prayers."

> *"Relax, Daniel," he continued, "don't be afraid. From the moment you decided to humble yourself to receive understanding, your prayer was heard, and I set out to come to you. But I was waylaid by the angel-prince of the kingdom of Persia and was delayed for a good three weeks. But then Michael, one of the chief angel-princes, intervened to help me. I left him there with the prince of the kingdom of Persia. And now I'm here to help you understand what will eventually happen to your people. The vision has to do with what's ahead"* (Daniel 10:12-14 MSG).

"I'm here to help you understand," Gabriel says, "the strategies that the King has decided upon. I'm here to help you understand the future. Yes, it's good. You have a good future. I'm here to help you, assist you, and answer your prayer."

Angels are sent to answer prayers. God assigns them to bring prayers to pass so there is little wonder that if there is a New Testament church that is actively praying the will of God, believing His prophetic words, and declaring them, He is going to send angels to assist. Angels organize around the prayers of the saints to bring them to pass, especially the ekklesia's prayers for a region or for a nation. I personally think that's why hell fights prayer so hard, especially corporate prayer of the Body of Christ. That is the kind of prayer that mobilizes angel armies and the forever loser doesn't want that. To change regions or a nation often requires angelic assistance. Over and over throughout the Word of God we see angels getting involved with nations, people groups, and cities, getting them out of trouble as a result of their prayers and calling out to God. Angels bring answers to prayers.

In Acts 12:7-10, Peter was in prison. The ekklesia gathered to pray at John Mark's mother's house for Peter's deliverance. As they prayed an angel was sent to the prison to get Peter out. This angel actually opened the locked jail door. We don't know how he did it, but he did. Not only did the angel open the prison door but the angel opened the gates in the city to lead Peter around the city to where the prayer meeting was taking place. Peter was unaware of the prayer meeting, but the angel came from the meeting on assignment to answer the prayer. An angel became an answer to the prayer and brought the church's

prayers to pass as they cried out for Peter's deliverance. An angel was attending the prayer meeting.

In Genesis 18, Abraham's intercession released angels to bring an answer that's incredible. God came to Abraham and said, "Abraham, I am going to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah because of their perversion." Abraham's nephew and his family lived in Sodom, so obviously Abraham started to pray. He interceded. It's one of the greatest examples of intercession that we have in all of the Scriptures. Abraham said to God, "You won't destroy the righteous with the wicked. That's far from You to do that kind of a thing. No, You only do what's good." Of course God didn't want to destroy the righteous with the wicked. That's why He brought it up to Abraham—because He knew Abraham was going to pray and ask Him not to do it. That is the principle of prayer. God has delegated authority to born-again ones to ask Him on earth so that He can intervene. "I'm going to destroy this city unless somebody intervenes," and He knew if He told Abraham he would intercede and pray.

Abraham did. He said back to God, "Well, if there's fifty righteous in the city, will you destroy it or will you spare it for the fifty righteous' sake?"

God said, "If I can find fifty righteous in this city, I will spare it. I won't destroy it."

Abraham kept praying and interceding. He said, "God, what if there are forty-five in the city?"

God said, "Okay, if we find forty-five I won't do it."

Abraham kept going. "What about forty? If we just find forty will you?"

God said, "I won't destroy it for forty's sake."

"What about thirty, God?"

God said, "Okay, I won't destroy it for thirty."

Abraham just kept pressing in intercession, and he said, "What about twenty, God? If we find twenty."

God said, "Okay, if we find twenty I won't destroy it."

Abraham got down to ten. "If there's ten, God, will you destroy it if we find ten?"

God said, “No, if we find ten I will not do it.”

Immediately after communing with the Lord in prayer, Genesis 19:1 says two angels were sent to Sodom and Gomorrah. These two angels led Lot and his family to safety before the city was destroyed. Angels provided escape and deliverance for a family member simply because Abraham asked and prayed. Angels assisted and brought deliverance. In the same way, angels help answer our prayers and bring us deliverance.

Revelation 5:8 describes an angel that collects prayers from the people of God and puts them in golden bowls in heaven. Incense and coals of fire off the altar are mixed in with those prayers causing the prayers to rise as incense in the throne room. It’s a sweet-smelling offering before God. What does God do with this sweet offering of prayer before Him? With angelic assistance, He grants answers to the intercession of His people and releases answers to come onto earth. The point is, angels minister, assist, and God uses them to answer our prayers. The same is true with promises, prophetic words, or prophetic dreams that we are believing for. The Holy Spirit activates angels to help bring them to pass.

First Timothy 1:18 tells us that prophetic words are strategies for good warfare.

> *This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare* (1 Timothy 1:18).

> *I’m passing this work on to you, my son Timothy. The prophetic word that was directed to you prepared us for this. All those prayers are coming together now so you will do this well, fearless in your struggle* (1 Timothy 1:18 MSG).

Paul, possibly the greatest apostle in history, said the prayers were coming together now. It was time. It had intersected its moment. The prophetic words from long ago and all the prayers, all the decrees, had come together and prepared them for this.

In our times, the prophetic words are coming together. It’s scriptural pattern. Strategies of good warfare will provide victory after victory. It will be well. The prophetic words have prepared us for the new era. That’s what they were about. God is saying this to us; hear it with your

spiritual ears. Prophetic words are coming together now. Prayers are coming together now. We will do well. Strategies will be activated through prophetic understanding. Good warfare will be engaged. Prophetic words have prepared the way for a divine shift. What we could not do, God has done through assignments given by prophetic words and the assistance of angels, preparing us for the days ahead.

In Judges 13:3, we are told that an angel appeared to Samson's mother. At the time she was unable to have children. The angel of the Lord came to Samson's father, Manoah, and his mother and prophesied a word from God to them saying, "You are going to have a son." He even went so far as to tell Samson's mother what she was to eat and drink. We know it happened because Samson was born. The prophetic promise took place like the angel said. It was angel assisted—miraculously, supernaturally.

Something similar happened to Mary the mother of Jesus. In Matthew 1, and in Luke 2, we are told the angel Gabriel, the same one that was sent to Daniel, came to Mary with a prophetic promise. This is the same angel we already talked about; angels don't die. That means Gabriel and Michael are alive and well today. When we study the Scripture, it's important to see the context of it; don't read over it. The prophetic word from the angel was, "You will have a son and He's going to be named Jesus. He's going to be the Messiah." In fact, Gabriel actually quoted to her the prophet Isaiah's prophesy from Isaiah 7:14: "The virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel."

Clearly, an angel was paying attention to a prophetic word. He could quote it! He was involved in bringing the word to pass. Many of us have been given prophetic words. I have more prophetic words that have not come to pass than have come to pass. I have a lot of them due right now. Our responsibility is to believe them from conception to completion. Our responsibility is to decree them, pray them, and stand in faith for them and not allow the world or religion to rob us of them. Much of the church says that is foolishness. No, it's New Testament Christianity and we need to live it. If we will, the Holy Spirit will lead us to their time of fulfillment. If we will, angels that are paying attention will help bring them to pass.

We are starting to live New Testament Christianity. The Holy Spirit and His angels are paying attention to the prophetic words that we are decreeing. They are paying attention to the prayers we have been

praying for years. They are all coming together now. When the New Testament church does church God's way it intersects a moment. A moment when He can release angels. Our assignment is to keep mobilizing angels with our words.

There's never been a time like this one. There's never been a time when prophetic words could be released to the Body of Christ like they are now. There was no way to put it out around the world. The communication of the prophetic word has come to a level that is now synergizing faith and power to be released by the Kingdom of God like it has never been seen before. It is preparing us for a moment in time. Let's not miss our moment. Don't miss this moment.

Prayer

Lord, we say yes to the assignments of the prophetic words You have given to us. Do whatever it takes to get them done. Help us to individually and corporately focus on what You say. Let the ekklesia rise to governing levels in this world like has never been seen before. Activate in Jesus' Name.

Let supernatural governing of the Kingdom of God go to a different level. Release angel armies to assist. That is Your prophetic word to us, and we are listening. Align us individually and corporately. Accelerate us into a new season of greater glory.

You have prepared us for this moment. Help us to focus and activate the assignment upon the prophetic words You have given to us and understand they are strategies to be implemented now. They have intersected their moment. Amen.

CHAPTER 9

WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man? " And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

—LUKE 1:26-38

Luke, who also wrote the Book of Acts, was not simply telling what we today call "The Christmas Story." There is very deep truth to be mined out in this passage of Scripture, but it often gets overshadowed by the familiarity of the story. Luke wrote about supernatural events that could, and did, take place upon the earth. He introduced doctrines that today's church needs to understand and teach. This passage is absolutely filled with principles that describe real Christianity. I don't know about you, but I am tired of the phonies. I want real Christianity.

This passage in Luke 1 is about growing miracles to completion. It's about the Holy Spirit and His angels implementing divine strategy. It's about the birth of a brand-new Kingdom, the start of a brand-new era. A new Kingdom was being born, similar to how a new era is now beginning in the Body of Christ, which is going to change how we view things. It's about what happens when God's Word is believed and put into practice rather than just being mentally assented to. It's about seemingly impossible things actually happening and being visible on the earth. What's impossible to man isn't necessarily impossible, not when you bring God into the equation.

Luke is describing one of the most fascinating scenes in all of history. There is so much that is supernatural in this story. Two things initially stand out. First of all, a plan millions of years old was being activated on earth. As we have seen, God's plans are not always instant. They have to be contended for, by faith, over time. Clearly, this mighty angel, Gabriel, knew what God's plan was. In fact, he had been assigned to implement certain aspects of its development. Where God's plans are concerned, we may not even know them yet, but angels are involved in developing the plans. Gabriel was assigned to help cause conditions to become favorable so God's plan could happen.

On the day Mary was born in Galilee, Gabriel had been assigned to oversee the life of this young girl. Let's look behind the scenes. This angel prince took his assignment very seriously, as serious as any assignment that he had ever received, by commissioning two other angels and a company of angels to guard her constantly. Gabriel had seen to it that all the protocols were being honored. Angels always honor Godhead protocols, and we must honor protocol as well. If this girl ever had a need or if a demon of hell ever approached her or got in the vicinity of where she was, Gabriel told his other angel compatriots

that he wanted to know about it immediately. He also, at the command of the Godhead, Lord Sabaoth—that is, Holy Spirit, the Lord of angel armies—had commanded principalities, powers, mights, and dominions of the mighty Kingdom of God to be on high alert. God's mother has been born; guard her!

Second, it is clear that Mary knew absolutely nothing about this. Angels were well aware of God's plan for Mary's destiny, but she was not. The Scripture is clear she had no idea of what was going to happen and she certainly was not expecting a message to be given to her personally by the number-one angelic messenger in all of the Kingdom of God. Mary was completely surprised by Gabriel, this archangel that stands in the presence of God Himself and moves from the presence of God Himself. He had stepped into her dimensions of length, breadth, and height and was now visibly seen standing before her. The only thing more dramatic would be if a member of the Godhead Himself had appeared.

When Mary got up that morning, she never dreamed this was going to happen. Obviously, there are things about the plan of God for us individually or corporately that we don't know anything about but that angels do know about and have been working on to engage with us and to assist us in bringing things to pass. God knew we were going to need that assistance, and He does supply it.

We need to understand that our angel princes are far more powerful and exceedingly more intelligent than demon princes. Fallen angels give the impression that they are intelligent and have more power than God's angels but, remember, they are all liars. Every single one of them. Gabriel's intelligence is far superior to lucifer's, who was once able to go in and out of the throne room but was too dumb to stay put. The forever loser was not intelligent enough to stay in alignment and went into rebellion.

Gabriel, whose intelligence is second only to a member of the Godhead, introduced himself to Mary, saying, "First of all, don't be afraid, Mary. Don't be scared." He didn't say it, but he could have said, "You've never been more safe in your life. There are powerful angel warriors stationed all around you. You are completely safe." Then he spoke the familiar words that we have heard often, "You are highly favored. You are greatly treasured by Almighty God and you have been chosen to conceive His Son in your womb. You have been chosen to

give birth to Jesus, the Word that is to be made flesh. He will be great, and He will be called the Son of the Highest."

I have no doubt that the boldness and the timbres in this great angel prince's voice went up a notch when he began to say, "He will be great, Mary, and He will be the Son of the Highest." Books could be written as a result of that one sentence alone. "Highest" is the Greek Word *hupsistos*, and it means *the supreme, no higher elevated, authority, power, rule, and reign.*[1] It means no higher authority in heaven or on earth. Jesus is the highest. He is above all principalities, powers, mights, dominions, and thrones in heaven or on earth, in the Kingdom of God or the kingdom of darkness. It makes no difference. He is the highest. He is the Son of the Highest and God is going to now give Him the throne of His father David. All power, the highest, will be given to Him in heaven and earth. No one will have more authority or even equal authority to what He has.

Gabriel said, "This is great joy to the world," because finally there will be authority and rule that is above (exalted power, authority) all life circumstance, suffering, heartache, demon activity, sickness, disease, fear, all power, demonic princes, all sin and its bondage. "Mary, you are going to give birth to the one who has the highest authority and power in the entire universe." Wow. I wonder what young Mary had to have thought upon hearing these words.

We don't know how long Mary had to ponder this. Can you imagine this happening to you, a supernatural powerful angel prince appearing and giving you a message like that? We do know that Mary cast about in her mind what this meant, so she did have a little while to think about it. Gabriel evidently just stood by, giving her time to process this a moment, to think about it and let it register in her mind. Finally, Mary asked the question of millions: "How can this be? I've never slept with a man. How can this be possible?"

How often in this world do we hear this same question? How often have you asked it? "How, God? How can this become possible?" I don't know how many times I have asked how. "How can this be done? How are we going to do this, God? How? How? How?" Sometimes He tells me, but oftentimes He doesn't because, on this side of heaven, I am in a position of trust and faith. I must realize and be confident that He knows how.

Gabriel, one of the most intelligent beings that exists, a throne room messenger, answered Mary's question. He gave her a magnificent answer that is so deep, few have ever really understood it. I will show you that in a moment, but first we must understand Gabriel's most qualifying credential to answer the question.

Just a few verses prior to the verses that we read, in Luke 1:11, Gabriel appeared to a priest whose name was Zechariah. His wife's name was Elizabeth, who happened to be Mary's cousin. Zechariah and Elizabeth had not been able to have children and were now very elderly. They were past the age when they could have children, similar to Abraham and Sarah. Gabriel, this intelligent prince, knew that John the Baptist, Christ's forerunner, had to be born before Jesus. John was to be the one to present Jesus and to baptize Him. Six months prior to appearing to Mary, Gabriel appeared to the priest, Zechariah, and told him as he was ministering in the temple, "You and Elizabeth are going to have a son in your old age. Call him John."

You may remember, if you have read that portion of Scripture, that Zechariah also asked, "How?" But he didn't ask it like Mary asked it. She had asked, "How is this possible?" But Zechariah asked, "How do I know whether what you say is true or not?" There's a big difference. We have to be very careful to not stop angels and their assignments through our negativity, our disbelieving of their prophetic words to us, or through complacency. Any of that can hinder supernatural assistance.

We must be very careful to speak our faith, not our doubts. Zechariah asked, "How do I know if you're telling the truth or not?" Well, Gabriel, this awesome prince, did not like the veracity of his statement being questioned by someone who should know better. A priest should know better. Be careful what you say when you should know better.

There was quite a contrast between the gentleness Gabriel showed Mary and his reaction to this priest who had questioned whether what he had said was true or not. Gabriel simply gave Zechariah his credentials and said, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of Almighty God. I come and go from His presence. I am an ambassador for Lord Sabaoth." There was no haughtiness in his statement. He was just giving the facts. "You want a sign that what I am saying is true? Here's one for you: Be quiet for nine months. Be quiet until you get your attitude right. Be quiet until you stop your rebellion and your negativity."

Throughout the Scriptures, you find that angels disdain negativity or unbelief. They don't like it at all. Of course, we know that Zechariah couldn't speak for nine months. Can angels close people's mouths? Yes, especially in *kairos*, or "now" moments. When you are in a kairos moment, you need to pay attention and be in right alignment. If it's a *chronos* moment—that's just general time, time is marching on—you can get by with a lot of things because you are learning, things are being prepared, angels are doing things. But when it's a kairos moment and God says "now," everything in the Kingdom gets very sober and angels take it very seriously. They are not going to let anything stop the plan of God. Be careful in kairos moments that you are in right alignment with what God wants to do.

Zechariah couldn't speak for nine months and then, after the baby was born, people were asking, "Well, what do we call this baby?" That's when Zechariah's tongue was loosed and he answered, "John." It must have been a great feeling to finally talk again. God and His angels do not mind questions; it is good to ask questions. Just don't question whether the answers they give you are true or not.

Gabriel, this brilliant, powerful throne-room messenger, who stands in God's presence, now stood before Mary. To say the least, this had been a very busy year for Gabriel: busy with Zechariah and Elizabeth; busy with 15 years or so of guarding Mary; busy steering Joseph to finally meet Mary; busy with a thousand behind-the-scenes affairs that we can only imagine; and he had done all these tasks without revealing his sacred trust. There were no leaks. Lucifer never found out and that, also, is informative. Lucifer doesn't know everything. He is a loud mouth who often acts like he does know it all. He wants us to think he knows, but he doesn't. He's often in the dark about God's plans. He has limited knowledge. Why would we allow a limited foe to defeat us? Why would we even listen?

Lucifer's understanding and intelligence is infinitesimal compared to our great God. Lucifer is not divine. He is not omnipresent, everywhere at once. He is not omnipotent, all-powerful. He is not omniscient, all-knowing. Our God is all those things, but lucifer is not. He is just a created fallen angel. Don't deify him. Bind him. Disdain him. Rebuke him in the Name of the superior, highest authority—God!

Mary asked, "How can this be?" A legitimate and good question. Although we talked about this in Chapter 1, it is important to review and bring out further aspects of this fascinating word. Gabriel answers the

question in Luke 1:37, stating, “With God nothing is impossible.” Now, please hear what this brilliant angel is saying under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, whom he personally represents. The word *nothing* does not mean what most people think it means. We read that and think, “Okay, we got it,” but it doesn’t mean what we think; it doesn’t mean zero. Gabriel does not say, “Not one thing is impossible with God.” We could make a good case for that, but it’s not what he said. Gabriel used the word Greek word *rhema* for “nothing,” which gives us incredible understanding. It changes things. It is so informative and so instructive and right now, in this new era, we need to hear it.

Rhema means a word that God speaks “fresh” to us. *Rhema* is a personalized word, anointed and spoken to us personally. It’s a word of promise that the Holy Spirit breathes fresh anointing on, causing it to come alive to us. It’s not just a general word out of the Scriptures that we have read. *Rhema* is Holy Spirit-made-alive words given to you personally by God and anointed to speak to you. In other words, you have a knowing on the inside of you that this is your word and you know it. God is saying this to *you*. This word is alive in *you*. This word has God’s breath on it. It has been breathed into *you* and it’s living inside of *you*. It’s almost as if you hear the word out loud. When God gives me a *rhema* word, that is how it seems sometimes. It’s as if it was spoken out loud and activated and I have a sense that God is speaking this to *me*.

If you have ever been reading the Bible and, all of a sudden, a certain phrase or a certain sentence just comes alive, that is *rhema*. Sometimes it’s like you are reading along and the Scripture is highlighted; it just jumps off the page. That is *rhema*. The Holy Spirit has activated a thought or a principle or a promise to you. It’s no longer general knowledge that you have been reading. It’s God speaking it directly to *you*.

What Gabriel is saying in this passage changes everything. It takes things to another level because if it is God’s Word to *me*, then I must take ownership of that word and grow it to completion. I need to take heed of it and engage my confession of faith, because whatever that word is requires relationship with the Lord to see it fulfilled. It’s a word given through my personal relationship and pursuit of the Lord, from Him to me. It’s not a general word. It’s not just a formula or a method. It’s not what God said to somebody else. What He spoke to someone

else may build hope or spark some faith in me, but what is He saying to *me?* What is He saying to *you,* personally? Seek Him. Pursue Him.

When you are reading the Bible, you are reading what is called the *logos,* meaning the general information God wants you to know. We are to read the Bible for that information, but it's not *rhema* until the Holy Spirit makes what we are reading come alive to us. Logos is just information; *rhema* is revelation. It's not *rhema* until He breathes fresh life in it and you know this is for *me*, this is *mine*. That's why it is important to meditate on God's Word. You have to ponder it and cast it about in your mind what it means. Think on it, pray about its meaning to you. We have to spend time in His presence allowing time for Him to quicken or make alive His promise and His Word to us. Spend time in communion with the Holy Spirit, giving Him the opportunity to breathe upon that word inside.

Gabriel said, "Nothing God says, prophesies, or promises to you is impossible." No *rhema* word is impossible. Sometimes people try to claim a promise that they've read and they wonder why it's not working so well. One of the reasons could be they haven't spent time with the Holy Spirit, allowing Him to incubate into their spirit and "life" it into their hearts. They just grab a pertinent promise and claim it, without really seeking the Lord. You need to press into the presence of the Lord and seek Him and pursue Him. Here is the principle—it's relational. You don't seek promises. You seek *Him* until He gives you a promise. You seek Him until He breathes on that promise. You have to take ownership of that word in your heart and grow it to completion.

There are millions of Christians who have not had their prayers answered because they are believing promises that they have not allowed Him to breathe life into and make *rhema* to them. So what happens? The enemy challenges our minds. Instead of activating *rhema* confessions, the mind thinks, "This is not working. It works for everybody else, but it doesn't work for me." You have to get to where God says, "I'm breathing this word to you. I'm breathing this inside of you. Pursue Me and let Me activate My word inside of you and no word I activate in you is impossible."

Again, it's relationship and activated faith is required. You have to meditate on a promise from the Word of God or a prophecy until you know that you know the Holy Spirit is breathing life into that inside of you. Just like He breathed life into man in the beginning, His breath

does the same thing to His Word, to the *logos* that you have been studying. It's made alive—this is *your* promise, *your* word.

Whenever I am in a difficult situation, I quiet myself before the Lord and listen.

I tell Him, "I'm hearing a lot. I know what the Bible says. I've studied a lot of the *logos*, but what are You saying? I am pursuing You. Breathe a word inside of me that causes my faith to activate, for I know nothing You say to me is impossible." He wants to talk to you and He will talk to you. He wants you to pursue relationship with Him and out of that relationship He will breathe His promises alive inside of you. Soak the promise into your heart and into your mind until you know it's not just a general word that you've read; it's *your* promise.

Gabriel said, "No *rhema* word is impossible." Isn't that amazing? He used a fascinating word for "impossible," the Greek word *adunateo*, which means impotent, weak, or unable.[2] Mary asked, "How can I become pregnant?" Quick-thinking, smart Gabriel used *adunateo* to answer her. He said, "Mary, nothing God says to you is impotent. Nothing He promises is impotent or weak. Anything God says is potent. Anything He promises will work and is impregnated with His life and His creative abilities are in it."

No word God has ever spoken to you, no promise He has ever made to you, is impotent. It's all powerful. It's possible. No matter what it looks like, no matter the situation, no matter what is confronting you, whatever He says, it's potent with His life. He never gives you a promise without "life-ing"" it. Never. What He says to you is full of power, full of His breath, full of life.

Of course, it was easier for Gabriel to understand because he lived in the spirit realm, while Mary lived in flesh. The flesh does war against the spirit and the spirit wars against the flesh; these are contrary one to the other. Have you ever noticed that your flesh is contrary? Have you ever noticed your mind is sometimes contrary? Our thinking does have the flesh to deal with. That's why we have questions. That's why we have to renew our minds to what God says by meditating on that word until He breathes it and we know, "This is *my* word."

How many times have we asked, "How?" Everyone asks that question at some time or another. Mary was not rebuked for her question. One of the biggest reasons why Jesus came was to give us an answer, and through the angel, Gabriel, He gave Mary a great answer.

Jesus came to give answers to life's difficult times and questions. Yes, we go through difficult, mind-boggling times where our faith is challenged. Everybody does, at some point. You may be in a challenging situation right now, but there is an answer. Gabriel reminds us of an answer that our flesh fights against every day. It's an answer that God's people can latch on to and live by. It's an answer that is absolutely trustworthy. It is, in fact, an answer that's absolutely life changing: No word God ever says to you is impotent. None. Every word is potent. His promises produce and will work in your life. The more time we spend in His presence the fewer questions we struggle with.

God wants to breathe His word into His people so that it's alive. He doesn't want us living in this era in just the general knowledge of the Word. It's time that we pursue Him and hear what He is saying to *us*. It changes everything. From the presence of God, Gabriel reveals a truth all of mankind needs to hear. It's so simple, yet liberating. It's so hope-filled.

God knows how. Untangling perplexities—He knows how. Untangling mysteries—He knows how. Need a miracle? He knows how. Need healing? He knows how. With man it may be impossible, but with God all things are possible.

Prayer

Lord, I know You want to breathe life, principles, and promise into people who need answers. Holy Spirit, breathe life into the hearts of Your people that will cause miracles to begin to grow to fullness, miracles that have been grabbed hold of that will become potent. Let Your breath breathe on promises inside their hearts, Lord. Let them know that it's Your word to them.

"By Your stripes we are healed" is a general word, a logos word. May we pursue You to the point where we hear You breathe a rhema word, "By My stripes, you're healed!" Your words are potent, Lord. Activate them now and let them take root in the hearts of Your people. We activate our faith, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

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CHAPTER 10

SPIRIT LANGUAGE, PART 1

The following verses reveal one of the most important truths in the New Testament. A careful reading of them is crucial. Focus in on the Word of the Lord as we dive into one of the most exciting, life-changing principles in this new era.

> *On the last day, the climax of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, "Anyone who is thirsty may come to me! Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, 'Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.'" (When he said "living water," he was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in him. But the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet entered into his glory)* (John 7:37-39 NLT).
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> *And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you* (John 14:16-17).
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> *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* (John 14:26 KJV).
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> *Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you* (John 16:7).
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> *"Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high." And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy* (Luke 24:49-52).

> *When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance* (Acts 2:1-4).

Until recently, I had never connected the Dominion Mandate in Genesis 1:26 to the ekklesia in Matthew 16:18-19. The Holy Spirit told me, very specifically, to study that connection. I knew He was telling me that I was to study the meaning of a fresh, new Pentecost and to gain further insight on the baptism of the Holy Spirit. This surprised me because I was raised in full Gospel churches; I thought I already knew everything there was to know on that subject, but the Holy Spirit said it in a way that let me know I was wrong about that! This teaching has revolutionized my apostolic calling.

I began to see very clearly how the baptism of the Holy Spirit and speaking in other tongues was vital to God's plan for man. It was crucial to His plan in the early days of the church and it is crucial today. It didn't just happen that there was a fresh outpouring from heaven and everybody started speaking in other tongues. No, something so important happened that an equal person of the Godhead personally came to earth to oversee it. The Holy Spirit Himself came and filled the 120 in that upper room. Whether this event fits into someone's doctrinal position or not, they spoke in other tongues as the Holy Spirit gave them the ability.

We can't say speaking in other tongues is crazy, foolish, or childish. Some religious organizations take that position, but we cannot and be biblically accurate. You can say you don't understand the practice, but we have to acknowledge that it occurred and was from God. We have to say He planned it. We must say it was brilliant because everything He does is brilliant. We must say that God had a very good reason for speaking in other tongues because He never does anything without a very good reason.

The event in Acts 2 happened the way it did because God wanted it to happen that way and sent the Holy Spirit to make sure it did. He had His reasons and the Holy Spirit began to reveal them to me. He began to

explain the Dominion Mandate of Genesis 1:26, the original intent for man from the very beginning. He also showed me the baptism of the Holy Spirit and speaking in a heavenly language was designed to help born-again sons and daughters of God implement the Dominion Mandate.

> *Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth"* (Genesis 1:26).

Because Jesus paid the price for our sins upon the cross, the Dominion Mandate has been restored for those who receive Him as Lord. We are here to rule and reign on the earth in Christ's Name. Romans 5:17 says we are to rule and reign with Him not only in the next life, but in *this* life. When it came to man's redemption, God did not leave that to anyone but Himself; Jesus personally came to see to it. Where the Dominion Mandate being restored to man and where reborn man implementing Kingdom of God government on the earth is concerned, God again came in the person of the Holy Spirit to lead it. He came to anoint and gift us supernaturally with nine very distinct gifts that help implement that mandate.

Acts 2 tells us that the first thing the Holy Spirit does for those He fills with His presence and power is to reactivate their ability to pray a heavenly language. Man had lost that ability at Babel when heaven's language was taken away from them. Up until then, everyone spoke God's Spirit language of creative, governing power. Father God, Jesus, Holy Spirit, and angels spoke that Spirit language, which had a unity of purpose in it that was impregnated with the essence of life and power (*dunamis*)[1] of the Living God Himself. It was an "all things are possible" language that had spoken a universe into being.

When Adam and Eve were created, it was God who had to teach them how to speak. Of course, He taught them His Spirit language, a language that was infused with power and His government. They then taught that same Spirit language to their children on down through the generations until the tower of Babel we read about in Genesis 11. The people had decided that they were going to build an occultic tower with the signs of the zodiac built into it. They would be worshipers of the

astrological heavens, the sun, the moon, and the stars. This building was going to promote demon thinking even further after the fall. Adam and Eve had fallen, but now the people were going to take this to another level. Their goal was for people to come from everywhere to their center of worship, resulting in great fame and wealth for them.

To this endeavor, God in essence said, "We are going to have to go down to earth and confuse their language, because if they use My Spirit language they can actually succeed at getting this done because My language is creative and powerful. It's a 'nothing is impossible' language. Just as Our triunity in the Godhead is blended together into a supernatural oneness of purpose, so we have blended unity of purpose and creative governing power into Our Spirit language. Our Spirit language has Our breath in it. It's infused with supernatural abilities. It's far different from the natural languages of earth."

Somehow, Spirit language has the life and essence of Jesus Himself in it. That is a mystery to us. There are going to be some things we have to be told or taught in heaven (such as how the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit are one). Jesus is often called the Word of God. There's a oneness of Jesus and the Word or Spirit language. *His governing ability is somehow breathed into that language*. *His Kingdom authority and creative ability is in it.* He spoke and it was done. That's power. He and His Word are one, and when voiced it produces after its kind and will create what He says. I believe that's what the apostle John was describing concerning Jesus in John 1:

> *In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it* (John 1:1-5 NLT).

The word for "word" in this passage is *logos,* which means divine expression through communication or words, speech, or language. It is the Greek word for utterance. Jesus is the expressed utterance of God, and His Word is the expressed utterance of Himself with power. Jesus is the Word made flesh. He is identified as the Word that was God. His governing authority is infused into Spirit language.

When God confused the language at Babel, the natural flesh languages of man remained that way until Acts 2, when God reversed Babel for the born-again ones and returns to His sons and daughters His "nothing's impossible" Spirit language. The Holy Spirit came and reactivated believers to pray in the Spirit. It's the first thing He did when the first ekklesia was birthed in the upper room in Acts 2.

The ekklesias in our time must learn to partner with the Holy Spirit and, using Spirit language, begin to pray governing prayers. Jesus was the expression, the communication, the speech, or utterance of it at the beginning, and now we who are His joint heirs are to communicate God's Word and His creative decrees.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit that Jesus commanded believers to receive is far more than most have ever even thought about. Praying in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance is authority language that is loosed upon earth once again through sons and daughters. It's God's wisdom or often His strategies being prayed upon the earth. Sometimes, praying in the Spirit could concern God's judgment or His forbidding or releasing of things on earth, using His heirs as the Dominion Mandate originally intended. Sometimes, Holy Spirit, through us, comes against a throne of iniquity or darkness or some activity of hell's kingdom.

There are times, when I'm praying in the Spirit, that revelation surges and an awareness dawns in my spirit, and I find myself decreeing things, such as, "Power of darkness, you're coming down. Throne of iniquity, you will not stand. You're bound and forbidden. The power of heaven is coming against you today and you're going to be scattered and shattered. Your stronghold is broken. Angels are being released to battle and you're going to lose. This battle is the Lord's. The Kingdom of God is going to occupy the throne." Those types of decrees rise up out of my spirit quite often when I begin to govern in Spirit language.

I know that sounds foreign to much of the church today, but it is New Testament Christianity. There are times when praying in my spirit language that I have known I am partnering with the Holy Spirit to pull down strongholds. He's praying through me to assist the binding of some kind of work of darkness. Actually, I have probably been praying with hundreds of other intercessors, agreeing together against the enemy. My weapon isn't a natural flesh weapon, it is a spiritual, supernatural, Kingdom of God weapon of governing intercession.

Paul said to the Corinthian ekklesia in Second Corinthians:

> *For though we walk (live) in the flesh, we are not carrying on our warfare according to the flesh and using mere human weapons. For the weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood], but they are mighty before God for the overthrow and destruction of strongholds* (2 Corinthians 10:3-4 AMPC).
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> *The world is unprincipled. It's dog-eat-dog out there! The world doesn't fight fair. But we don't live or fight our battles that way—never have and never will. The tools of our trade aren't for marketing or manipulation, but they are for demolishing that entire massively corrupt culture. We use our powerful God-tools for smashing warped philosophies, tearing down barriers erected against the truth of God, fitting every loose thought and emotion and impulse into the structure of life shaped by Christ. Our tools are ready at hand for clearing the ground of every obstruction and building lives of obedience into maturity* (2 Corinthians 10:3-6 MSG).

There are times when Christ instructs an ekklesia to come against enemy strongholds in the region, or in a nation, and sometimes He leads that ekklesia to demolish cultural strongholds. Sadly, this has not been happening in much of the Body of Christ today. The church doesn't want to deal with cultural issues; it just wants to be quiet. But you can't be an ekklesia and stay quiet. We have been taught we don't need to confront today's societal issues or governing that opposes God. We can't find scriptural reference for that kind of stance because the King said to occupy until He comes. He does expect His ekklesia to make a stand against cultural and societal issues in the world, and one of the keys, tools, or weapons we are to use is praying in the Spirit. Speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance is one of my best weapons. I intend to use the smashing power of releasing Spirit language. According to Jesus, in John 16:7, it gives me the advantage in spiritual warfare. Being filled with the Spirit and praying in the language of the Spirit gives the saints the advantage and we prevail. It is implied that if we don't use our spiritual language, we lose our advantage.

In 2017, I was ministering at a conference at Christian International in Santa Rosa Beach, Bishop Bill Hamon's place. I was releasing the message of "The Standing King." That evening, I crashed in bed, and at

2 a.m. the Holy Spirit woke me up. He spoke to me very clearly, saying, “You are now entering a fullness of time. A fresh new Pentecost will be poured out and everything in My Kingdom will now accelerate.” He said this at the end, “Tomorrow, pray and decree a change in the Supreme Court.” I knew He was saying I needed to start prophesying and speaking to a new Pentecost and acceleration of times. A part of the acceleration of times in America is going to follow along with changes at the Supreme Court.

That next morning I told them what the Holy Spirit said to me and we began to pray in Spirit language and make governing decrees against rulings that are biased concerning our Christian faith. We began to decree a change at the Supreme Court.

Shortly after this, amazing things began to happen as acceleration began to mount across the United States in significant ways. Our church, The Oasis, had been using prayer torches, a strategy that goes back to a prophetic word that Jane Hamon had given to us years ago, which said that other churches would come and dip their torches in our fire. Chuck Pierce had then said for us to build a firewall around the state of Ohio. I am not a prophet, I’m an apostle, so I do like some things in order. We chuckle sometimes that the prophets often have no order. They give you these things you’re supposed to do and leave you to figure it out. How do you build a firewall around a state? With the Holy Spirit’s help we did figure it out—prayer torches! After prayer and strategizing how to accomplish this, we began the Prayer Torch mobilization that is now going around much of the nation. God helped us put it together and we did it. We started with one torch, scheduled 24/7 prayer around the clock for an entire week, then passed the torch on to another church and got another one, then another one, and so on. It just kept going, until eight years later, we had over 600 churches in Ohio that had prayed 24/7 for revival and awakening.

Not long after the Holy Spirit told me everything was going to accelerate, I got a call from Lou Engle asking if we would host a pre-Azusa rally at The Oasis for an event he was going to be hosting in Cleveland, Ohio. At the rally, he heard about the prayer torch strategy, got excited, and asked if we would share the strategy at Azusa Now. I admit, at first dollar signs went off in my head because how in the world were we going to afford torches for an arena? We just started buying torches and God did provide. We took the torches to the arena and I got up and shared about them and said, “If you want one, come and get it.”

In one hour's time, we went from 600 torches to 5,150 torches being given out. That is the number of churches actually praying. That certainly sounds like acceleration to me! It took me eight hard years to reach 600, but it was easy to go over 5,000 because it was an anointing of acceleration.

I have studied the subject of the ekklesia for years, but about a week after the Holy Spirit awakened me at Christian International, He began giving me fresh insight about the ekklesias that He is now raising up. *Ekklesia* is the term Christ used for what He would build upon the earth. Here's a brief summary:

> *And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven* (Matthew 16:18-19).

The word "church" in this passage is the Greek word *ekklesia*. Amazingly, it's not a religious word. You would think if anyone would use a religious word to describe what He is building on earth, it would be Jesus, but He doesn't do that. He didn't say, "I am going to build My temple or synagogue." He said ekklesia, which is a government word, used to define a ruling body like a parliament or congress. Jesus said, "I will build My congress on the earth."

Ekklesia is a governing body that establishes rule in a territory. The ekklesia in Christ's day was a ruling body that voted on and decided all laws for a region by an upraised hand. The ekklesia was called out to do governing. The ekklesia voted on and decided who the judges of a territory or nation would be. The Supreme Court in Christ's day, which was called the Areopagus, was chosen by the ekklesia. Jesus most certainly knew that.

The ekklesia sets the societal codes of conduct for a region. It has dominion. Wow. Jesus is restating the Dominion Mandate in Matthew 16. That's the word Jesus uses that is translated "church" in the New Testament. Every time you see the word "church" in the New Testament it is *ekklesia,* a governing body. It's actually used 113 times in the Bible. Jesus didn't use the word "church" like we do today. When the disciples wrote letters to the churches, they literally said, "To the ekklesia in

Galatia, to the ekklesia in Philippi, to the ekklesia in Corinth." So, Jesus actually said in Matthew, "The gates of hell will not prevail over My ekklesias."

"Gates" also references government or a ruling body. The gate in Bible days is where government leaders sat to do business. The capital of the United States is Washington, D.C. We call it a capital, but in Bible days it would have been called the gate to the United States. The gate to Ohio is Columbus, but we refer to it as the capital. Jesus was saying, "Hell's government on earth will not prevail over My Kingdom's government on the earth. My church, My ekklesia, My people exercising My authority in My Name, will prevail."

The Holy Spirit began to speak to me about Christ building His ekklesias and about the keys to those ekklesias functioning properly. One afternoon, as I was praying and meditating this through, the Holy Spirit spoke to me, and I will never forget it because it was so clear. He said, "The baptism of the Holy Spirit and the gift of speaking in other tongues is about building Christ's ekklesias." That had my attention. He said, "It's about empowering My ekklesias. It's about their governing intercession."

I had never before thought about it like this. Little wonder this gift is fought and debated about so much. I had never heard anyone talk about speaking in other tongues and ekklesias, as far as governing authority was concerned. I had never heard anything about praying in the Spirit and ekklesias governing a region. But that is what He said, and it didn't seem strange to me. In fact, as soon as I heard Him say it, it made sense.

The Holy Spirit began to show me the Dominion Mandate, the ekklesia, government intercession, and praying in the Spirit as a transformative plan He uses to extend Christ's Kingdom in a region, to establish His principles, to reap His harvest, and establish His rule. I began to see that for ekklesias to function properly on the earth, it is going to take praying in the Spirit, because the Holy Spirit said it's governing intercession.

I began to think over and over—governing intercession, governing intercession, governing intercession. In the power of the Holy Spirit, governing intercession. In the language of the Spirit, governing intercession. In heavenly language, governing intercession. He's the Helper and the Assister. In the utterance from Holy Spirit language, the Dominion Mandate goes to another level in any region. In Spirit

language, the Holy Spirit empowers and enforces, often with angel armies because they speak that language.

Can we really speak the tongues of men and angels? Yes, we can. Can angels receive assignments to enforce our decrees? Yes, they can. The Holy Spirit empowers and enforces Christ's Kingdom government on the earth through His sons and daughters. When praying in the Spirit, we become governing intercessors. What would happen if we formed ekklesias and made decrees in the Spirit, along with our prayers and decrees in English? Our faith decrees are vital; I wrote a book on it (*Planting the Heavens*)! We must engage our faith with authority and prayers and faith decrees. The remnant has understood this. But, it is also vital that we yield to the Holy Spirit, allowing Him to pray through us in supernatural Spirit language.

We need to allow Him to pray prayers of governing intercession. It's an advantage, He says. It's a tremendous advantage. He knows plenty that we don't know, such as timing and the positioning of angel armies and big-picture strategies. Let Him pray, engage, and decree, using our Spirit language.

I decided I was going to implement this at The Oasis, so I called for a nightly prayer meeting for one week. I explained that there would not be any praise and worship or teaching on those evenings. When they came through the doors, they were not to pray in English. They were to pray in other tongues, allowing the Holy Spirit to give the utterance, for one hour. At the end of the hour, we were going to start making decrees in English.

During these prayer times of praying in Spirit language, great boldness came to make governing decrees and rulings in the region. As we made decrees out of our spirit and began to speak them forth in English, I began to see a vital aspect the early church and apostles used activating governing authority. In that same way, the Holy Spirit has been sent to partner with our governing intercession.

Praying in Spirit language activates Kingdom keys that the Holy Spirit gives to us in the form of gifts. We call them "gifts of the Spirit" that are given to us, the ekklesia, so we can function properly.

A word of wisdom can be given to the ekklesia, and something in the future is revealed.

A word of knowledge can be given. Facts are revealed. To make proper decrees, we must know the facts.

Prophecies can be given, which give us strategies from heaven that we can decree.

The gift of supernatural faith can be activated, a faith that is available at a different level. Doubt is removed.

Discerning of spirits can activate, which helps us to know if we are dealing with demon spirits, angel spirits, or flesh.

The gift of workings of miracles can activate and is a part of the function of the ekklesia when it gathers.

Gifts of healings can be activated—spiritual, emotional, physical.

Tongues and interpretation of tongues provide revelation and enlightenment, enabling the ekklesia to rule properly.

These are gifts, or keys, and they are not just for the individual and his benefit, like the Charismatic movement taught us. They do benefit us individually, but all of them are here to help the ekklesia supernaturally function in the power of the Holy Spirit. They are keys given to assist the ekklesia's governing intercession.

On the day of Pentecost the first church was born. We all know that; it's common knowledge. But we have to think of it not as the first *church* being born, but as the first *ekklesia* to ever be born. The first governing body was formed and the Holy Spirit filled it. What's the first thing the ekklesia did? They began to speak heavenly Spirit authority language. "Anything is possible" language was restored. It had to have been of utmost importance and something God purposed or the Holy Spirit wouldn't have personally come to activate it.

It wasn't just about *receiving* power from on high. It was about *releasing* power from on high. Activate it with Spirit language from your spirit by faith. You declare it in your natural language, yes, but also in your Spirit language so that there is an agreement between your mind, your emotions, and your spirit.

Praying in the Spirit is one of the keys of reigning with Christ. Clearly, without the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the gift of speaking in other tongues, there would have been no ekklesias. Without it, the Book of Acts would not have happened. Ekklesias would not have been built in Galatia, Ephesus, Philippi, Thessalonica, or Rome. Without the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the reactivating of heavenly language, there would have been no miracles. There wouldn't have been any signs and wonders. There would have been no New Testament church.

Everything revolves around the cross and born-again ones being baptized in the Holy Spirit and praying in a heavenly language as was mandated from the beginning. The Dominion Mandate was not possible without Spirit language. There is no one more important to the success of the church in this new era than Holy Spirit.

The following prophetic word was released through me at the 2016 Prophetic Summit:

> The Holy Spirit says to His remnant warriors, it's time for the unveiling. The great season has now come, the curtain is being drawn, and the world will now see the scintillating Kingdom of King Jesus rising from the ashes of a beguiled world. See it, says the Lord. See its radiant glory intensifying and accelerating and revealing your King as Supreme Commander of heaven and earth. It's time for the reveal, says the Lord, of the supernatural in the natural realms.
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> There will now be seen a spiritual Kingdom that visibly affects the world. It will visibly affect the earthly kingdoms. It will visibly affect world leaders and government. It will visibly affect the marketplace. It will visibly affect the education system and the media. Like leaven, the Kingdom of God and His Christ, the mighty ekklesia will penetrate the earth as never before. Darkness will be penetrated and dispelled by glorious light. Deception will be dispelled by glorious truth. Iniquity will be uprooted by glorious power. Demon thrones will be toppled by glorious authority. Bondage will be broken by glorious liberty. Curses will be reversed by glorious blessings.
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> Principalities, powers, mights, and dominions of hell will be toppled by the superior forces of My ekklesia, says the Lord of Hosts. My Kingdom is rising. It will now be revealed in new ways and displays. It cannot be stopped. It will not be detoured or compromised. My spiritual Kingdom will visibly affect the world. It will rise and it will reign in awesome splendor, wisdom, and power. It has been, and it is, and it will be increasing upon the earth with jealous aggression and striking flashes of My power, says the Lord.
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> My Kingdom that has no end, and no equal will be revealed just like I promised. A surge of heaven is now beginning. The

world has never seen the like. A functioning, reigning, spiritual Kingdom that is at hand. Yes, you can touch it and you will see it, says the Lord.

You are entering into the season of a mighty King who prevails, a King who makes His stand. A King and His spiritual government upon the earth. His Kingdom is growing and it will prevail. The prevailing anointing of King Jesus will now be seen upon His remnant. As the first ekklesia so mightily grew the Word and prevailed, so it will be in your time, says the Lord.

The anointing to prevail is being poured upon you. The King's Word on your lips will prevail mightily. As you speak, you will grow and you will prevail. Increase is increasing. Bounty is abounding. Power is compounding, says the Lord. Promises believed for will grow and prevail to fullness. Prophetic words will prevail to fullness. Supernatural deliverance will prevail to fullness. Healings and miracles will prevail to fullness. Dreams and visions and goals will prevail to fullness. Decrees of faith will prevail to fullness, and cries of your heart will prevail to fullness. It is "yes'd" and "amen'd" by Me in heaven.

My church will prevail. The gates of hell will not prevail. The authority of hell cannot prevail. It is written and it cannot be reversed. It is the immutable decree of your God. So, act in accordant confidence. Lucifer is not omnipresent, but I Am. Lucifer is not omniscient, but I Am. Lucifer is not omnipotent, but I Am. Lucifer's kingdom is not unshakable, but Mine is. Act in accordant confidence!

I will now lead the greatest move of My Kingdom in earth's history. The Holy Spirit is now activating My coalition. I will have My harvest. I will have, in allied partnership with Me, remnant champions who will know I am God with them. They will know I have allied Myself and My Kingdom with them. It will be seen. I am God with them everywhere. I am wisdom and knowledge with them everywhere. I am the all-powerful one with them everywhere. I am the prevailing one with them everywhere. They will prevail.

> The Spirit of the Lord declares, the coalition forces of My Kingdom have now been called to the battle lines. The multiplied strength of My allies, joined together for My Kingdom's cause, has never been stronger. My angel armies, remnant warrior armies, the Holy Spirit, Father, and all of heaven have allied with Me and My Kingdom. Fight one of us, you will fight us all.
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> Covenants are established. Treaties have been signed with My blood. Alignments have initiated assignments. The strength of My allied coalition is strong and enduring. Hell cannot prevail. My church will prevail. My remnant will prevail.
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> Yes, My Kingdom has been attacked and, yes, My remnant has been pressed in great battle. Know that a mighty Kingdom is allied with you. Know that the King of kings is allied with you. Know the Holy Spirit and His angel armies are allied with you. Know that Almighty God and all of heaven is allied with you. You will not fight this battle alone. Allies are at hand. Allies are among you. Allies are rushing to the battle fronts.
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> My Kingdom, My power, My anointing will be on you to prevail. You will win against all opposition forces, says the Lord. Hell cannot stop you, so arise with My Kingdom and with great confidence rule and reign with Me, says the Lord. With great boldness, understanding My coalition is backing you, understand you have My authority. Go and influence the earth as ambassadors. Go and stand for My truth. Go and declare My Word without compromise. Go and make a determined stand for My cause. Go, and as part of My coalition, rule in the midst of your enemies. Go in My Name and prevail.

NOTE

1. Spiros Zodhiates, *The Complete Word Study New Testament*, (Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers, 1991), ref. no. 1411.

CHAPTER 11

SPIRIT LANGUAGE, PART 2

Zephaniah 3:9 says that God will restore a pure language again to His people so they can call upon the name of the Lord and pray and serve Him in humility. Let's see this verse in the various translations:

> *In the end I will turn things around for the people. I'll give them a language undistorted, unpolluted, words to address God in worship and, united, to serve me with their shoulders to the wheel* (MSG).
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> *For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent* (KJV).
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> *For then [changing their impure language] I will give to the people a clear and pure speech from pure lips, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve Him with one unanimous consent and one united shoulder [bearing the yoke of the Lord]* (AMPC).
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> *For then I will give the people a clean language, so that they may all make prayer to the Lord and be his servants with one mind* (BBE).

All translations and all Hebrew scholars doing the translating define this pure language that is going to be given back to God's people as a prayer language, a language that brings those who use it into unity and one mind, one consent. Praying in other tongues or praying in the Spirit has got to be one of the ways that Christ's prayer in John 17:26 is answered. Jesus prayed that we would become one, and one of the definitions of praying in the pure heavenly language that the Holy Spirit gifts us with is it draws us into unity. It's pure, supernatural language, intercession that can bring a remnant into one mind and one accord, which God says is a "nothing is impossible" position. Coming together and praying, whether in our native tongue of English or making decrees in English, is vital to our confession of faith; but beyond that, praying in Spirit prayer language puts all our shoulders to the wheel. We, supernaturally led by the Holy Spirit, start pushing together. There's a divine agreement.

Jesus said in Matthew 18:19, “Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.” Praying in the Spirit certainly brings that kind of agreement. A while back, I asked the Holy Spirit to define that for me. He instantly answered me, saying matter-of-factly, “Okay, I always agree with Myself.” I actually laughed out loud at receiving this answer. No matter how many are praying in the Spirit, there can be unity of agreement. He can use us all to shoulder the yoke. We can push together in the Spirit of unity, releasing or activating governing authority.

We start to see a working definition of praying in the Spirit. It’s a pure, clean, uncontaminated Spirit prayer language. It draws the remnant into unified purpose and it gets that remnant pushing the same wheel in agreement. It brings us into a unity of faith to activate governing intercession.

Remember, the Holy Spirit said that the baptism and praying in other tongues is about building Christ’s ekklesia and governing intercession. That would mean Acts 2 must connect to Matthew 16:18-19, when Jesus talks about ekklesias, because the Godhead always agrees with Himself.

> *Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 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* (Matthew 16:18-19 KJV).

Jesus the King says, “I am giving My ekklesia the keys of our Kingdom.” Keys, we know in Scripture, represent authority. If you have the keys to a lock, you have authority over that lock. You are in control; you have dominion over it. You can open it or close it; you can bind it or you can loose it. We already know that one of those keys is being filled with the Holy Spirit and praying in Spirit language. One of the keys to a functioning ekklesia is praying in Spirit power language. It’s praying in the supernatural governing power and purpose language of the Godhead and of angels. The two verses marry together perfectly, which means you cannot be the effective, functioning, governing ekklesia on earth that you could be without maintaining Holy Spirit-filledness and without praying in supernatural Spirit prayer language.

You see a very distinct difference that Christ was making. Complete function requires it. You pray with your understanding, which in our case would be English, but you also pray in the Spirit. We would not have been told to do that to be a functioning ekklesia if it wasn't important.

> *And on this rock [Greek, petra—a huge rock like Gibraltar] I will build My church, and the gates of Hades (the powers of the infernal region) shall not overpower it [or be strong to its detriment or hold out against it]. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind (declare to be improper and unlawful) on earth must be what is already bound in heaven; and whatever you loose (declare lawful) on earth must be what is already loosed in heaven (Matthew 16:18-19 AMPC).*

There must be agreement with heaven. What the ekklesia binds or declares unlawful must agree with what heaven declares is unlawful. What it declares to be lawful must agree with what heaven says is lawful. No one would pray a prayer of that kind of agreement better than Holy Spirit. Prayers in the Spirit are prayers in agreement with heaven. The Godhead always agrees with Himself.

When we pray in Spirit language, we can declare things to be unlawful or lawful, either one. We can bind what is improper on earth with Spirit power prayer language that aligns in agreement with heaven. We can do it in English or we can do it in Spirit language. The Holy Spirit would want things bound that we know nothing about. He may want something loosed we don't know anything about. In fact, sometimes He wants to bind something or loose something and He doesn't even want us to know about it yet! Our responsibility is to yield to the Spirit of God and allow Him to do what He wants to do. Allow Him to decree and govern how He wants to govern. It's a powerful key to exercising our delegated Kingdom authority.

> *I will build my church: and the gates of death shall not triumph over it. To thee will I give the keys to the kingdom of heaven: and whatever thou shalt bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven: and whatever thou shalt unbind on earth, shall be unbound in heaven* (Matthew 16:18-19 MUR).

If things are bound up and you need them to be unbound, in Jesus' Name, use a key Christ gives to unbind. Pray in the Spirit. The Holy Spirit knows how to pray prayers that unbind things. We may not know how, but He does. Jesus said in John 14:16 that He is your helper. John 16:7 says He is our advantage. You have an advantage and it's Holy Spirit. You have been given an awesome advantage as governing intercessors. The Holy Spirit helps unbind it.

I have been in some warfare, binding-type situations, but I have said, "Holy Spirit, in the name of King Jesus, pray through me unbinding prayers." Then I begin to pray in Spirit language. Often, after doing this, the Holy Spirit will start teaching me about this. It's amazing. I could go back through the years and tell you time after time. He will start teaching me about it and I will start to discern the prayers or the decrees that I have made in my prayer language. The Holy Spirit does give us understanding and insight. Then I can use my understanding to make proper decrees in English. I can use appropriate Scripture as foundation to declare upon. I can pray it more effectively with my understanding and align my confession of faith. Boldness and confidence surges.

I have no doubt that many of the prayers that I have prayed, decrees that I have made, strategies that I have implemented over the years, directions that I have taken, and revelations that I have written about in books were first of all prayed and declared in my Spirit language—something I have unlocked through the power of supernatural prayer in other tongues and then the Holy Spirit taught me and gave me discernment and interpretation. It's normal Christianity. It's how we should function. If it's bound up, decree your faith and declare God's Word. Pray in the Spirit and move into supernatural prayer. The Holy Spirit knows things you don't. Let Him help you pray. Praying in other tongues is a key to unbinding things in Jesus' Name. Use it!

> *This is the rock on which I will put together my church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out. And that's not all. You will have complete and free access to God's kingdom, keys to open any and every door: no more barriers between heaven and earth, earth and heaven. A yes on earth is yes in heaven. A no on earth is no in heaven* (Matthew 16:18-19 MSG).

That is an incredible statement. The ekklesia is going to be given the keys to open any and every door. It's important to remember that the King Himself makes the statement. It wasn't an apostle or somebody else's opinion.

There have been a few times in my life when doors of opportunity were absolutely closed. Doors of blessings, closed; even doors of ministry, closed. I went through one season when I was blacklisted by some major influential leaders. There have been a couple of times when the problem wasn't finding a key to unlock the door. The problem was I couldn't even find the door. But I have a helper and a comforter as John 14:16 declares. Jesus called the Holy Spirit my helper. If you have a helper, especially a divine one, why wouldn't you use it?

The word for "comforter" is the Greek word *parakletos*, and it means one who comes alongside to give aid and support, one who stands beside to strengthen, a defender, an intercessor, a pleader, a supernatural helper equal to Jesus Himself.[1] The Holy Spirit is not an inferior part of the Godhead. I have a supernatural advantage. I have the Holy Spirit with me and in me. I can be filled with His presence and power. I can be baptized in His presence. I have a supernatural defender and intercessor supporting me and He knows where the door is and He knows how to open it.

In Jesus' Name, I can say, "Holy Spirit, pray through me and open this door." I can pray, in my heavenly language, door-opening prayers. When I can't open the door, I know He knows how. The odds don't matter because I have a divine advantage. No matter the situation you are in, you always have the advantage.

A key to us finding open doors individually or corporately is praying in our prayer language as the Holy Spirit gives the utterance. There are times when the ekklesia, the New Testament church, finds doors closed to her—doors closed in a region, city, nation, or our message. Jesus says, "I am giving you the keys to open them." One of them is praying in Spirit language. In Jesus' Name, I can engage with the Holy Spirit and pray as He gives utterance.

There have been times in Ohio, in the ekklesia or the Kingdom hub, when doors just absolutely slammed closed. I have been based in Ohio for 38 years. The doors were locked up tight and when you are in those kinds of situations you just feel restricted or constricted. It looked impossible on more than one occasion in the natural realm. In fact, we

could say it was impossible in the natural realm. But we have a supernatural helper and a supernatural advantage. Doors have opened that only the Holy Spirit could open. Victories have come that only He could have provided. Praying in the Spirit is governing intercession that can open doors for the ekklesia. It helps ekklesia open doors into its territory, and without it sometimes the doors will stay closed. If you are coming up to closed doors, ask the Holy Spirit to help you pray a door-opening prayer. Allow Him to engage with you.

This key symbolizing government authority is first mentioned in Isaiah 22:22. We have already seen it is connected to Genesis 1:26, the Dominion Mandate, so right from the beginning Jesus restates it. It is connected to Acts 2 at the birth of the first ekklesia. Now we see that Jesus also connects His ekklesia in Matthew 16:18-19 to Isaiah 22:22. We need to understand the significance of this.

The following passage is a prophetic word concerning Jesus, the Messiah:

> *"Yes [Shebna], I will drive you out of office," says the Lord. "I will pull you down from your high position. And then I will call my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah to replace you. I will dress him in your royal robes and will give him your title and your authority. And he will be a father to the people of Jerusalem and Judah. I will give him the key to the house of David—the highest position in the royal court. When he opens doors, no one will be able to close them; when he closes doors, no one will be able to open them. He will bring honor to his family name, for I will drive him firmly in place like a nail in the wall"* (Isaiah 22:19-23 NLT).

In Isaiah 22, two chamberlains are mentioned. Shebna is a type (example) of satan and Eliakim is a type (example) of Christ. Why would Jesus be tying His statement concerning an ekklesia to a 700-year-old prophecy? A chamberlain was the chief operating officer of the king and his kingdom. He was the CEO for a king and his kingdom. He was also the highest-ranking executive in a kingdom except for the king himself. He was the manager of everything.

The chamberlain carried the keys of the kingdom. There was a hook or ring that was sewn into the shoulder area of his robe of authority. The

chamberlain wore a different uniform. His mantle was different and he was clothed differently. Keys were quite large in those days—sometimes they would be a foot long and would hang from this circle ring on the chamberlain's shoulder. They wore them like a general wears stars or bars. Sometimes they hung the keys from gold chains around their necks and would then sling them back over their shoulders.

The keys were symbols of authority. The government was said to be on their shoulders. That is why the Holy Spirit prophesied through Isaiah in Isaiah 9:6, concerning Jesus, that our Kingdom's government was upon His shoulders. He is like a chamberlain and has the chamberlain anointing all over Him.

Among the keys the chamberlain carried—and he was the only one carrying them—were the keys to the king's house, bedroom, royal court, judge's chambers, and the king's treasury. He decided who got in and who didn't. He was the doorkeeper and he had the keys to all the doors. He could open them or he could close them.

Shebna was the chamberlain, but he had misused his authority. He had abused it and was a polluted, vile individual. He was rebellious and is a type of satan. Satan abused his authority and was polluted, vile, and rebellious. The prophecy was that the authority Shebna had stolen, polluted, and abused would be stripped from him and given to Eliakim, who is a type of Christ. He would receive all the keys and governing authority would be carried on his shoulders. He would be able to open all doors or close them.

Jesus connects Isaiah's prophecy to His declaration that He will build His own Kingdom's ekklesias, and He even includes it in the definition of the ekklesia. Jesus, of course, is in the royal lineage of David but He did not sit on the natural throne of David on the earth. He sat on a throne at the right hand of God in heaven as King of kings and Lord of lords, but not before He stripped lucifer of his authority and took back all the keys, even the keys of death, hell, and the grave.

The government of the Kingdom of God is now on His shoulders. All authority has been given to Him in heaven and on earth. He has the keys to every door. He can open the doors or close them. Now, amazingly, heaven's King and the King of our Kingdom, Jesus, says in Matthew 16:19, "I'm giving My ekklesia access to all the keys." That is incredible. "In My Name, My ekklesia can now bind. It can loose. It can open. It can close. It can forbid or permit. In My Name I am giving My

joint heirs access to all the keys. They can declare doors to open. They can declare them to close. I'm putting the keys of governing authority in their hands."

Hear what He is saying. Listen with spiritual ears. Let the truth of this take root, and dare to believe the One who cannot lie. That is who is talking—the Word made flesh. The One who speaks and what He speaks is infused with His authority. In other words, He has the right to say this. If He wants to give you the keys, He has the right to do it. There is no issue. If He wants to give you the keys to everything, He can.

> *This is the rock on which I will put together my church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out. And that's not all. You will have complete and free access to God's kingdom, keys to open any and every door: no more barriers between heaven and earth, earth and heaven. A yes on earth is yes in heaven. A no on earth is no in heaven* (Matthew 16:18-19 MSG).

One of the most vital of those keys is the baptism of the Holy Spirit and His gift of praying in Spirit language. It's so vital that this King, who made this promise, also says, "Don't even try it until the Holy Spirit fills you and reactivates government language. Don't even attempt it without Him. You won't get it done without Holy Spirit." For over 2,000 years, the church, for the most part, didn't even think about it. But something is happening. A remnant is rising and implementing Spirit governing language and loosing governing intercession in the Spirit.

If you need access to the Judge, you have a key. Pray it in the Spirit. If you need access to the King's treasury, you have an access key. Let the Holy Spirit fill you and use your Spirit language. Need to petition the court of heaven for a ruling in your favor? One vital key is praying in other tongues as Spirit gives the utterance. Need a door opened? Need one closed? You have a key. Pray it in the Spirit.

There is no such thing as a real ekklesia that doesn't exercise governing authority. It is the very definition of ekklesia. What the world has defined as church isn't church. Shouldn't we let the King Himself define what He means by that? Don't let the media or society set the

standards for the church. It's not rebellion to be like the King says we are to be. Under His covering, His supervision, use your prayer language and govern as He intends.

The call to advance the Kingdom of heaven, and the promise of the Father to send the Holy Spirit and reactivate His heavenly language of governing authority, was taught by Jesus to His disciples for the 40 days after His resurrection and preceding Pentecost in Acts 2. It's why all the founding apostles of the church were baptized in the Holy Spirit and spoke Spirit language. It's why the 120 charter members spoke Spirit power, governing prayer language.

Apostle Paul in First Corinthians 14:18 said, "I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all." The Bible in Basic English reads, "I give praise to God that I am able to make use of tongues more than you all." He understood it was vital. He did it all the time. Paul, who started more ekklesias than any other apostle in the New Testament, said, "I make use of tongues. I use my prayer language. I build these ekklesias using governing Spirit language. How did I birth Ephesus? I birthed it with governing intercession in the Spirit. I do it all the time," he said. "I do it more than all of you."

We must make use of our Spirit prayer language. The church has lost its advantage today because we set it aside. It really is not all that hard; we just have to do it. There are some things that God has provided for us that are so simple and so plain in the Scriptures that they are very easy to understand. It's not complicated, but obedience is required to engage it.

There is no one I speak to more than Holy Spirit. For the last 25 years, I have spent at least three hours a day, on average, just with Him. There is no one more important than He is. I don't know if I can say I speak in tongues more than you all, but I can tell you this—I live it. You are not going to get anything done in the flesh. You're not going to break open your city. You're not going to topple demon thrones. You're not going to win. You're going to be bound instead of unbound if you don't use this key of authority. You have to. My point is, why wouldn't you? Why complain when the King gives you the answer?

The first weekend in February every year, I have the prophets in and we convene our Prophetic Summit. There is no teaching. The praise team gets up and goes for the next three hours. The prophets prophesy. That's all there is to it. We don't do anything else. I bring in nationally

recognized prophets. At our most recent summit, Chuck Pierce, Jane Hamon, and my brother, Dutch, were there. The comfort level in the room was high with me and with the people, and we were going to hear from the Lord. Whoever was there knew they didn't come to preach. I wanted them to prophesy the word of the Lord. They started with the worship and we continued for three hours, interjecting the prophetic word of the Lord.

Hear this word of the Lord:

> The Lord says, I have determined and will now cause a new season to spring forth. What you have prayed for, fought for, and stood for is now being released. I have decreed it and will not relent.
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> The greatest push of My Kingdom will now begin. The Third Great Awakening shall now advance in tidal waves of My power. It is the season of My surge, says the Lord.
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> You will now see the new breed of remnant warriors whom I have reserved for this new day. Those who have not and will not bow to baal, Muhammad, or religious impotence.
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> They will have the set countenance of Daniel and will not flinch in the face of evil decrees. Rather, as Esther they will rewrite them by Jehovah's statutes. Governors of the culture will now come forth.
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> Remnant warriors will now emerge who will have the heart of David, the wisdom of Solomon, and the tenacity of Paul. This new breed standing forth in this season cannot be bought and will not compromise. Their ear has been tuned to My voice as Samuel's. I will speak and they will follow. In humility, they will dominate in My Name. They will decree and see it established.
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> For I have not called My church to submit to culture. But rather, as My ekklesia, determine culture's path and regulate it in My Name and by My Word. Regulators are coming to their posts. This shall be done.
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> I will arise in this new season with My remnant. My glory, authority, power, and My fiery angel hosts will be evident support. The call to My remnant is to arise now and destroy

defilement in your regions. Resist and reign. Resist and stand. Become My governing intercessors.

For I will arise in this season, says the Lord of Hosts. I will not stand down. I will not be indifferent. I will not be a bystander. I will arise and thunder against iniquitous roots and abominations that mock me. I will rise against idolatry. I will rise against anti-christ government that disdains and mocks me.

I will not close my eyes. I will look, I see, I know, and I will judge in fairness. I will not relent. I will not be mocked. I will answer passivity with bold, aggressive warriors of purpose. I will now reveal places emanating Holy Spirit fire.

I will now answer baal's prophets by fire. The fire of My glory will be fanned by Holy Spirit winds. Hell will not stop it. No, hell's obstacles will become its fuel. I will flame, burn, and consume with Holy Ghost fire. I am sending fire, fresh fire, heaven's fire.

My remnant warriors will burn with My message. They will burn with My passion. They will burn with My presence. They shall be Holy Ghost-possessed reformers. I will answer weak forms of godliness with those who will not deny My power.

Rather, they will release it in My Name. Demonstrations of My mightiness will confirm their witness and creative miracles will be seen and reported. For it is time for the greatest campaign of My Kingdom since Pentecost in My first church. Indeed I am breathing forth a new Pentecost. You will inhale the essence of My Kingdom, the sweetness of My anointing, and exude a confident power as has not been seen before to your generations. Everything in My Kingdom will now accelerate.

You will war different. Breathe deeper and dominate hell's kingdom as intended. Step forward and push with My Spirit. Push with the angel hosts. Push in My great campaign. It is time for my ekklesia to bear down and push. Push the gates of hell. It will not prevail. No, I will prevail. My remnant will prevail. You shall more than conquer.

So shift, now shift, into the new season I have ordained. Shift now into relevance and purpose I have ordained. It is the

> season of My awakening. It is the season of My harvest. It is the day of My power. Arise with Me and run into a new era.

NOTE

1. Spiros Zodhiates, *The Complete Word Study New Testament*, (Chattanooga, TN: AMG Publishers, 1991), ref. no. 3875.

CHAPTER 12

NO MORE DELAY

I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire. He had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars. When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices. Now when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them." The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer.

—REVELATION 10:1-6

Clearly, God has angels that can assist us in ending delay tactics of hell's kingdom. There can come a time, a season, whereby grace is given by the Lord to end delays. Revelation 10 teaches there are seasons when God says, "I'm ending something and I'm now beginning something different." God was announcing through an angel, "I'm going to stop something and I'm going to start something that is different. One season is ending and another season is now beginning." A mighty angel raised his hand and swore in the name of King Jesus that there should be delay no longer. No more delay.

At the beginning of 2018, our church began 21 days of fasting and praying. During that time, I began to hear "no more delay" over and over and over again in my spirit. The King James Version is very informative. It reads, "Time no longer." The word for "time" is the Greek word *chronos* and it means a space of time, a succession or measurements of moments.[1] "No" is the Greek word *ouk* and it means no, not, nothing, or none.[2] "Longer" is the Greek word *eti* and it means still, yet, further, or it is the word hereafter.[3] The angel swore in Jesus' name that from here on no more time would be allotted for what God said was to be done. The time for delay was over. That would make this a *kairos* moment, which is another Greek word for "time," and it means a now time, present time, or a new season.[4]

For example, as I'm writing this it is winter season. It's the space of time we are in, but soon it's going to be spring. When the *chronos* time of winter ends and spring begins, at that moment it is *kairos* time. It's a new season. While you may not see spring in its fullness, it is going to unfold and there's no more time for winter. It is now a new season in the Kingdom of God. The angel declared the space of time in which God's plan should happen is now. God had already ruled on it. The succession or measurement of moments in which God's promise was to be accomplished would not be extended any further. It was now time. It was now in season.

The Holy Spirit spoke to me and said that a new surge of God's glory, His manifest presence, would begin to increase in weight in His church among His people. It would be evidentially closer and demonstrably real. It would be increased glory. I believe that that is the present word of the Lord to His church. I believe that is exactly where we are on the time-line of Christ's church. We have now entered a far

greater weight of glory season. I began to prophesy that, “The presence of King Jesus is going to become heavier and heavier and heavier in evident ways. The weight of His presence is now going to increase in fuller measure than has ever been seen in all of history.”

While it is impossible for God to become more glorious than He already is, it is possible for Him to reveal more of that glory to us than He has ever revealed before. We are going to see the fullness of His glory in heaven, but we can see even more of His glory—His manifest presence, splendor, and power, the essence of who He is—now on the earth. This is promised to us throughout the Scriptures. We are entering times when the days we have prophesied, longed for, and prayed for are going to be fulfilled.

In order to properly understand this word, we must understand that there is no Scripture that ever says the glory of the Lord will decrease on the earth. It speaks of increase every time. Yes, darkness increases on the earth, but when it does God’s glory increases upon His people. Darkness, even gross darkness, is prophesied and the church has done a great job of declaring that. In fact, the church has had no problem believing and stating it’s going to get worse and worse. The implication is Jesus is going to have to come and save us. That’s not where my focus is because as that happens, a far more exceeding weight of glory comes upon God’s people. That’s not been emphasized. Surges of Christ’s glory are promised as darkness thickens. The weightiness of who He is will increase.

Glory is often described in Hebrew and Greek as the weight of something or someone. Weight is the total of who you are when you present yourself, the essence of your being. Glory will grow heavier and heavier, overwhelming darkness with light, overwhelming hell’s tactics with greater glory. Those who say Christ’s glory will diminish on an exasperated church should consider Second Corinthians 3:18 where Paul said it’s from glory to glory to glory. It increases as by the Spirit of the Lord. Greater glory is going to be seen on the New Testament church like it has never been seen before. It does not diminish.

The prophet Isaiah prophesies it to God’s people in Isaiah 60. Hear it as a fresh *rhema* word of the Lord. Hear it as one who is destined to flow in a more exceeding weight of glory because that is your destiny.

> *Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the*

> *earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee* (Isaiah 60:1-2 KJV).
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> *Arise [from the depression and prostration in which circumstances have kept you—rise to a new life]! Shine (be radiant with the glory of the Lord), for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and dense darkness [all] peoples, but the Lord shall arise upon you [O Jerusalem], and His glory shall be seen on you* (Isaiah 60:1-2 AMPC).

There are circumstances that may have held you down, but in greater glory they are broken by increased weight. You can even break concrete, or cause a hole in a roof, if you have enough weight. In this new era yokes are going to be broken. Circumstances that have held us are going to be broken.

> *Get out of bed, Jerusalem! Wake up. Put your face in the sunlight. God's bright glory has risen for you. The whole earth is wrapped in darkness, all people sunk in deep darkness, but God rises on you, his sunrise glory breaks over you* (Isaiah 60:1-2 MSG).

This is the word of the Lord for this new era. It is a word to believers in Christ who have served Him through some very dark times. He is saying it's time for another surge of His glory and it's going to change the seasons. Christ will now present His presence at greater and greater levels, heavier and heavier, and it's going to change history.

Isaiah says, "Get out of bed. Wake up. Rise from depression. Rise from discouragement. Quit lying down under circumstances that have kept you bound and rise above them in the greater glory. Get up and get going. Put your face toward the sunlight of God's glory and begin to move into it. His glory will be seen upon you. His glorious presence will break over you. Arise and shine, your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you." *It is time for a glory surge.*

There are many examples of this all throughout the Scriptures. When iniquity was found in the reprobate cherub, lucifer, God's glory surged through all the heavens and demonstrably real power was revealed, branding lucifer and his fallen ones as forever losers. Forever

lost. Forever ruined. His glory and power will now surge at greater and greater levels through His remnant church and once again the forever loser and his kingdom will be defeated by the glorious power of God, this time through a New Testament ekklesia assisted by angels.

In His Name, Christ's champions will now demonstrate power delegated to them at levels and in numbers that have never been seen before. The world has never seen anything quite like what it's about to see. A fullness of time has come. Grace and glory will now be multiplied *exponentially* and will be seen and felt *experientially* as the prevailing truth of Christ is taught and declared upon the earth.

When it was time for God's people to leave the bondage of Egypt and shift into the land of great promise, again we see God's glory surge. His glory was presented in fire and clouds, visibly seen leading the way to promised inheritance. A shift is now decreed from the Spirit of the Lord. The Holy Spirit is saying to the church, "Leave bondage and enter inheritance promised. Step into a season of greater glory and receive promise after promise."

When it was time to shift from a nomadic, tent sanctuary to a magnificent sanctuary that was built by King Solomon, as Solomon knelt before the Lord and prayed the prayer of dedication, God's glory surged in demonstrably, visibly, tangibly real ways. God came close. His presence surged in their midst and they were overcome by the greater weight of His presence filling the sanctuary.

When it was time to shift from law to grace at Pentecost, once again we see the glory of God surged in their midst. His glory became demonstrably real. His presence was presented with fire, wind, and sounds from heaven. The surge of His presence among them, the increased weight of who He really is, released anointing on them to be who they really were—anointed heirs, flowing in ever-increasing grace and glory. Heirs anointed to release the purposes of God on the earth in His name.

The Lord is saying to His church, "You are now entering a season when the presence of God will surge among you." His glory will fill your sanctuaries. The weight of His presence is going to overwhelm hope deferred with wave after wave of His glorious presence. "I will change things," says the Lord. "I will change you from glory to glory to glory as My Holy Spirit fills you with outpourings of power, refreshing,

giftings, and anointings, to enable and release you to be who you really are—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ with ordained destiny."

Remember, the angel swore that the enemies of God's people could not cause further delay. In other words, it was time, it was now the season for the accomplishment. It was a "finish it" season. It was a "now do it" season. The angel announced a stop to the waiting. A stop to the limbo. He swore in the King's name, "No more delay."

> *And swore in the name of (by) Him Who lives forever and ever, Who created the heavens (sky) and all they contain, and the earth and all that it contains, and the sea and all that it contains. [He swore] that no more time should intervene and there should be no more waiting or delay* (Revelation 10:6 AMPC).
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> *He made a promise in the name of God who lives forever and who created heaven, earth, the sea, and every living creature. The angel said, "You won't have to wait any longer"* (Revelation 10:6 CEV).
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> *[The angel] took a vow in the name of God, who lives forever and ever, who created heaven, earth, and the sea, and everything in them. The angel said, "There will be no more delay!"* (Revelation 10:6 GNT)
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> *Then the angel that I had seen…raised his right hand to heaven, and swore by him who lives for ever and ever, …"The time of waiting is over"* (Revelation 10:6 NJB).

In this new era promises are being fulfilled. You are entering a season when promises will be fully filled by the weight of God's presence that comes upon you.

The fullness anointing that is on Jesus will be revealed at greater levels. John 1:16 says, "And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace." Grace that increases and multiplies to fully fill things. It doesn't decrease, it never has; grace only multiplies.

When the Holy Spirit emphasized this to me I spent hours walking and decreeing, "No more delays. I bind delay in Jesus' Name. I hate delay. I resist you in the Name of King Jesus. No more delays to the promises of God. No more delays by the kingdom of darkness. No more

delays to you hindering spirits. No more delays. I am stepping into a new time. I'm stepping into a new season of greater glory. I refuse to allow delay to hold me."

We can miss a new move of God and greater glory through unbelief. Many probably will. The generation in the wilderness was the first generation that missed it. They did not enter their Promised Land because of unbelief. Unbelief will keep you hindered by delay tactics of the enemy.

When God comes with greater presence and glory it is a game changer. Not only are we changed, but everything changes. He knows how to change things. He knows how to change America. He knows how to change the lunacy going on in Washington, D.C. He knows how to change the nations of this world. He is not stumped. He knows how to shift us into a fuller measure of His promise and His glory—a fuller measure of His power and miracles experienced on the earth.

God is saying, "There are certain plans that I have in mind that I'm not going to wait on anymore. I'm done waiting. Certain delays against My church, no longer. I'm going to increase My weight and presence. Delays of My promises made to individual believers are being dealt with. Agree with My Word and step into greater glory. Don't miss it with unbelief. Don't miss the greatest days in church history. Ekklesia, rule against delays. Loose the angels that have been assigned to assist you with decrees of faith."

Let expectancy rise and decree your faith. Bind delay and enter a new era.

> *We welcome our King at greater levels than have ever been experienced. We welcome the weight of Your presence to increase and grow among us. We welcome it. We welcome Your presence, Lord, at levels the world has never seen before. We welcome You, God of glory. We cry out to You, Lord, come. Become demonstrably and experientially real in our lives. Show us the greater levels. We set our faith toward You, and we decree the word of the Holy Spirit—no more delay!*
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> *Loose the angels in Jesus' Name. We bind the spirits of hell that have delayed and yoked the people of God to bondage. Increase Your weight upon Your people, Lord, to where yokes are snapped and they are broken free. Break us free, God.*

Come today. Loose the angels of heaven. We come against the forever losers and we bind them with superior authority. Let the weight of Your glory come. We agree with the message of heaven—no more delay.

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CHAPTER 13

THE CHURCH MAKES HER STAND

It is time for the true New Testament church to make a stand for awakening, reformation, and the cause of Christ as never before. It is time to stake our Kingdom's claim to this nation again, realigning it to its covenant roots. In this season of the Standing King, as we saw in Chapter 2, the Holy Spirit is issuing a call to the Body of Christ to be bold as lions and to stop hell's intrusion of our heritage.

To see great victories, deliverance, signs, wonders, and miracles, to see revival roll through the land, to see awakening and great reformation like Martin Luther and thousands of others down through history, a stand must be made for our cause. It is not going to just happen. If it happens, some warriors are going to have to make a stand. I feel a boldness beginning to rise up in me, in my very bones. I suppose I have always been pretty bold throughout the ministry God has allowed me to do, but there's something intense starting to rise inside of me. I've never felt quite as aggressive as I feel right now. I've never before felt the intensity in the Spirit to make a stand like I do right now.

Of course, no one ever understood and represented a cause-driven life quite like Jesus Himself. His tenacious commitment has spoken to me most of my life, time and time again. All I have to do to be inspired is to take a look at the energy and focus of Jesus. No matter what was thrown His way—storms, Pharisees, religious leaders, the government rising against Him—He was not fazed. Something about the energy of King Jesus and what He is about on this earth and in His rule as King is starting to resonate in a different way inside of me, and it is going to start resonating inside of believers all across the land.

Jesus' mind-set represents the heart of world changers and history makers down through the centuries. Some are famous, but most are not. Most are common, ordinary people who simply make a contribution to the cause, knowing that without their stand the cause will suffer. They simply do their part, even if that part seems minuscule. It may be a behind-the-scene part, but small as it may be they are willing to push forward for the cause. It is an amazing fact of history that it's the millions of contributed efforts in concert together that make a difference. In other words, what you do matters. *How* you pray matters. *If* you pray matters. You, and what you do, are so significant. We must understand the power of one and the synergy of millions.

Edward Hale made this statement: “I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do.”

Edmond Burke said, “Nobody makes a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little bit.”

Mother Theresa stated, “If you can’t feed a hundred people, then feed just one.”

It’s the concerted effort of remnant believers united together for the cause of Christ that can change the world. The New Testament church in our time must hear this message again because millions are thinking, “What can I do?” Much of the Body of Christ has been in a state of despair and helplessness for years. They have been asking, “How can we see America change? How can we see the world change? What can I possibly do about it?” The hopelessness has been palpable in the Body of Christ.

Many Christians have thought, “What can I do? I’m not rich. I’m not famous. I don’t have a lot of influence. I’m just one.” We must begin to see again the synergy and the power of millions who raise their voices together for a cause. Yes, we are a remnant, but we are a larger remnant than we’ve ever been before. Millions of us do speak in tongues, move in gifts of the Spirit, and are beginning to pray. We have to become, like the early church, people who stand together with a unified purpose, calling on the name of the Lord and making an appeal to heaven. We simply must understand the power of a people who are united in agreement.

Yes, we can change the world and this nation and see the reversal of evil laws. Our Kingdom coalition forces are stronger than hell’s opposition. We can see righteousness that exalts a nation. We can see revival roll throughout this world. We can see the greatest harvest in all of history and, yes, our land can be healed. But it takes a people who will make a stand for God, His Word, His cause, His purpose, His Son, the Holy Spirit, and the prevailing angel armies to help them overcome and finally do what’s been prepared for us to do—rule in the midst of our enemies.

Queen Esther had this mind-set. When Mordecai, Esther’s uncle, told her about the new law that had been put into place, which would affect her and her people—their goods could be confiscated, their wealth could be transferred to their enemies, they could be jailed or

even killed—he said to her, “Perhaps you were born for such a time as this.” Mordecai was saying, in essence, “Esther, this is why you were born! This is what you were made to do. This is why you were put upon this earth.” We know that Esther embraced that mind-set and did what she could.

Mordecai’s statement is being said by the Holy Spirit to you and me today. He is saying, “This is the time for which you were born. You were born for right now.” God could have had you born anytime He wanted. He could have had you born in the dark ages, but He has you here now because He wants you here now. You were born for this time. I feel like I am born for this time. God wanted me here for right now. I’m not here by accident. This is my time. I was born to make a difference right now. I was born to see revival and reformation. This has to become the mind-set of today’s ekklesia. It must become the New Testament church’s mind-set and it ought to be the remnant mind-set everywhere. No more meandering around in hopelessness; it is time to get focused on our purpose.

Ralph Waldo Emerson said, “Shallow people believe in luck. Strong people believe in cause and effect.” It is time to believe in our cause and to affect this world as never before. It’s time to affect our region. It’s time to affect Washington, DC. It’s time to affect our government. It’s time to affect our education system.

Perhaps the message of Dr. Seuss in the book *The Lorax* can get through to our hearts. He said, “Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.” It’s time we care a whole awful lot! No more hopeless meandering. It’s time to focus on our King’s call.

Listen and you can hear the collective groan of a world around you today. In the history of our world, there have been more than 4,900 wars fought. Since the fall of man in Genesis, man and this world have never known peace. Since the start of the United Nations in 1945, whose purpose was to end global striving, over 31 million have now died in war. Peace has been an elusive dream. Man has been left to only imagine what it could be if there was real peace.

This imagination was put into lyric form by the atheist, former-Beatles member, John Lennon. He summed it up for humanity in his song titled “Imagine.” It received hours of airplay when I was in high school and has been whimsically sung by many for years, with the

questioning content of there being no heaven, no hell, no wars, no religion. He ends the song with the hope that the world will live as one.

But as Lennon's life testifies, his imagination, like millions of others, has never taken place; it was an empty dream. Lennon never lived in oneness with his fellow man. His money wasn't left to feed the hungry. Instead, his $250 million estate was left to his Japanese widow, Yoko Ono, because this world produced a killer who shot Lennon in the back in front of his own home. Indeed we hear, "Peace, peace," when there is no peace.

This world has been rocked and it is tired from 4,900 wars. What a price our defiance of God has cost humanity. Listen to the sounds of 20 centuries of war today. Hear the ominous thunder of armed legions marching down through the pages of history. Hear the relentless clatter of chariots over ancient cobblestone. The clash of steel upon steel and the roar of fires that are ravaging entire cities. Hear the sounds of buildings crashing to the ground today as bombs are exploding. Hear the panic of animals trapped in battle. Hear the despair and degradation of ethnic cleansing. Hear the whip crack across the back of slaves. Hear the screams of women and children and the moans of the dying. See the grief and the tears of a million refugees who have no place to go.

Year after year, century after century, the legacy of man's rage and his jealousy and greed has spilled across the pages of history. But beyond the noise of history today and beyond the cluttering mess of this present time, hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. Hear the call that Isaiah and David heard: "Who will go for us? Who will make a stand? Who will speak for the purpose of God? Who will bear witness to the truth? Who will face down some giants? Who will run at adversity rather than from it, slinging some rocks at it and trusting God? Who is going to rise up and make a difference? Who is going to answer the God deniers? Who is going to make some radical changes with some passion on this planet? Where are those who will dare use the superior authority that we have been given by our great King in His Name to rule in the midst of our enemies? Where are those remnant warriors who are tired of being challenged by uncircumcised Philistines all around this planet and are willing to answer that challenge saying, 'I'm in covenant with God and you're not. I am allied with the Kingdom of God Almighty. I am allied with my King and you are not. The greater one is on my side, and because He is, you're coming down. I'm not flinching. I'm not running. I will make my stand.'"

The simple fact of history plainly reveals there has never been an awakening or a reformation that succeeded without a sense of duty in its populous. It's never happened. It is the grassroots effort of people passionate for the cause that fires the flames of reformation. Without it, apathy wins. Without it, ambiguity stifles ambition. It is a remnant passionate for their cause that wields spiritual, political, and nation-changing power.

In First Samuel 17, we find the story of David and Goliath. When challenged as to why he would fight Goliath, David references this in verse 29, "What have I done now? Is there not a cause?" *Cause* is the Hebrew word *dabar*. It also means history, inheritance, cause, or question. And that points us to this—a willingness to stand for the cause, or an inheritance, or for covenant history was being called into question. Whether or not defiance would be answered was the question. Whether or not the abuse was going to stop was the question. Whether or not the covenant was going to be stood for was the question. Whether or not God would be honored or God would be ridiculed was the question. Whether or not a nation would continue in their God-ordained purpose was called into question.

The word *cause* (*dabar*) is also translated often as *because*. It's from two obvious words—*be* and *cause.* It sounds like poor English, but it can mean "the cause that bes" or "the action that causes something." Hebrew scholar Spiros Zodhiates describes *dabar* as a report on what is done or an account of actions. *Be,* as seen in Genesis 1, meaning exist or become.[1] It's an exclamation or it's a declarative. In the beginning, we know that God said *be* and it was. God said, "light, be" and light illuminated the darkness. The revelation of Scripture in these two principles blended together came to mean the illumined or the fired cause, as in the case of the sun. The sun was lit with its cause by the Word of God. It is vital in our lives that God's cause in us be set on fire with His Word.

President Theodore Roosevelt once made this statement: "The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly…who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly."[2]

President Roosevelt understood the importance of spending oneself on a worthy cause. Whether one likes Roosevelt's cause or not is not the question; the fact is he had a cause and he stood for it. Roosevelt was asked in a press conference later in life, "Mr. President, why would you run for President again? Why run for another term? Why don't you just relax and just enjoy life?" He answered the question this way: "No man is worth his salt who is not ready at all times to risk his well-being, to risk his body, to risk his life, in a great cause."

The cause for which America stood caused Roosevelt to be sold out, to be committed, ambitious, and fired up. Indeed, how many thousands of our world's young men and women have laid down their lives for the cause? In Afghanistan and Iraq, 3,500, and hundreds of thousands went down through history. The cause is something considered so worthwhile that it's worthy of our time, our efforts, our money, and, if need be, it is worthy of our lives.

Noted theologian William P. Merrill writes, "Respectable men and women content with good and easy living are missing some of the most important things in life. Unless you give yourself to some great cause, you haven't even begun to live."

There is something in the way that God has made us that finds fulfillment in striving for something bigger than we are—a cause. It's not some Christian thing. Both Christians and non-Christians are often found passionately devoted to a cause. It's been true as long as man has walked this planet. The dizziness of life becomes focused when you begin to push for a cause or purpose. It provides purposeful living rather than passive existence and, without it, Roosevelt said you are not worth your salt.

Helen Keller was born blind, but we know she was educated by a teacher who taught her well. She became a motivational speaker and traveled our colleges, giving speeches to college students. Later in her life, in a question and answer session, she was asked by a young man, "Miss Keller, is there anything worse than being born blind?" She thought about it and then said, "Yes, being born with sight, but having no vision."

Back to David and Goliath: David arrived at the battle lines where his brothers were fighting. His father Jesse had sent David with some food for his brothers, and he arrived just at the time when Goliath came out to defy the armies of God, saying, "Your God is not God. Baal is

god and you're all a bunch of sissy wimps, scared little babies. One of you come out here and fight me. No reason for all of us to fight. Just me and one of you. Winner takes all. Send somebody out."

To David's shock, no one went out to answer the challenge. To his greater surprise, he learned that this had been going on for forty days, morning and night. So, eighty times Goliath said, "Your God's not God. Baal is god. You bunch of sissies." Goliath bullied and taunted them, and they reacted as if by ignoring him he would just go away. If we ignore some of the Supreme Court's decisions, such as Roe V. Wade, which has allowed the murder of 56 million babies in their mothers' wombs, maybe it will just go away. If we turn our eyes from human trafficking, maybe it will go away. How many more could we list and hope they'll just go away?

Back in David's day, battles often took place in a valley, with one army up on one hill and one up on the other. Goliath, of course, is a type of the kingdom of darkness; David, a type of the Kingdom of God. As far back as 1063 B.C., you find the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of darkness in battle against each other and nothing has changed. The kingdom of hell is still trying to defy the Church. The kingdom of hell still offers an open challenge to the church of Jesus Christ and His Kingdom.

Today, that challenge of hell is thrown in our faces. I hear it every single day. I hear the defiance come against the people of God, against our King Jesus. I hear the defiance on mainstream media, newspapers, and various media platforms: Your God can't fix this.

That defiance comes to us in the form of humanism that says, "Your God's not God; man is god himself." That is the dominant teaching now of humanist temples in the United States. That's what I call colleges—humanist temples that teach the humanist religion. Do you know that in many colleges today, the church is labeled as the Christian Taliban? The defiance comes at us every single day in the form of immorality: "Your God's not God; sex is god. Lust is god now; serve pleasure." It comes to us in the form of idolatry: "Your God's not God, Maharaji is god. Muhammad, he's the same as Jesus. Buddha's god. Muhammad's god. Satan is god." A few years ago, some nominal churches (nominal meaning "in name only") even began putting the koran in the back of the pew alongside the Bible, calling it Chris-lam.

We are defied every single day. It comes to us in the form of drugs. Drugs are worshiped religiously. That defiance comes to us in the form of government laws that are anti-Bible, which makes government assume the role of god, purging the culture of all Christianity. “We don’t care what your God said; we say that homosexual marriage is fine. We say Roe V. Wade is fine.” It comes to us in the form of activist judges who say, “Take the prayer out of schools, and by the way, don’t mention Jesus. Don’t mention Him at Christmastime. In fact, don’t even mention Christmas. You have to call it a winter holiday. Take those ten commandments down off of your walls.” Lee Greenwood cannot even sing in some of our schools, “God Bless the USA.”

Yes, the church is defied daily by various forces of sin that say, “Your God’s not God; we know who god is. Our god is the real god. Humanism is the real god. Narcissism is really what you ought to serve.” Defilement comes at all levels. It was mouthed by our own former President, Barack Obama, who said, “America, you are not a Christian nation.” Where are those warriors who will stand up and say, “Oh, yes, we are! We always have been. It’s our history. It’s our inheritance. Our roots say differently.” It’s past time to make our stand. Little wonder God has been building all this up, converging the ages and synergizing all the past outpourings and saying to us, “Here they are; make your stand.”

David arrives just as Goliath challenges Israel’s army. He bullies them and David thinks, “Which one of you warriors is going to get up and answer this challenge?” No one was willing to make a stand for the cause. No one was willing to stand for the covenant. So David, a young 16-year-old boy, declares, “If nobody else will fight him, then I will fight him.” In verse 32, he says to King Saul, “Let no man’s heart fail because of him.” In other words, “Don’t be scared to death. I will fight him for you.”

David prepared to do exactly that, but his elder brother, Eliab, came to him and challenged David’s integrity. Probably to mask his own lack of courage, Eliab was the nominal (in name only) Christian of his time. Scared and passive, Eliab said, “Who do you think you are? Why don’t you just go serve those few sheep Dad gave to you? I know your pride and the naughtiness of your heart. You just want to see a battle.” To which David replied, “What have I done? Isn’t there a cause? Don’t get mad at me, Eliab. I’m asking a question one of you warriors should have answered a long time ago.” David was asked why he would fight

this giant, and his reply resounded with sterling quality as he stared into the hollow eyes of fear-filled soldiers and said, “Is there not a cause? Isn’t there something worth fighting for? Isn’t our God worth fighting for? Isn’t our nation worth fighting for? Aren’t our children worth fighting for? Aren’t our grandkids worth fighting for? Isn’t our heritage worth fighting for?” In light of the cause, David figured it was worth it.

The word for “cause” (*dabar*), along with meaning “cause, question, or history,” is translated in the Old Testament as “a work, a name, a matter, a decree, a purpose, a reason, or a destiny.”[3] The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines it as “that which brings a man to action.” David said, “I will fight and the reason is because my God is worth it. There is a reason worth fighting for. There’s a work worth fighting for. There are decrees worth fighting for. There’s a Name worth fighting for. There’s a destiny worth fighting for. There’s a history and an inheritance worth fighting for.”

Down through history, a characteristic of greatness has been the willingness to fight for a cause. Prime Minister of England Winston Churchill led England to freedom from Hitler’s Nazi Germany, and he pictures so clearly a man who relentlessly pursued his cause. Churchill said this, “It was the nation and the race dwelling all around the globe that had the lion’s heart: I had the luck to be called upon to give the roar.”

What was that roar? Freedom, liberty, virtue! God and his life principles would live freely. Churchill also said this of appeasers: “Each one hopes that if he feeds the crocodile enough, the crocodile will eat him last. Without courage, all other virtues lose their meaning.” We have to find the courage to stop feeding the crocodiles. It’s time to shatter the teeth of the crocodiles. Crying crocodile tears is only going to get us eaten. It’s time to answer the defilement and make our stand.

George Washington, our first President, stood for a cause—freedom from England’s tyranny and high taxation. It had to be answered. Washington and his men endured torturous conditions at Valley Forge. By the time they arrived, half of his army were without shoes. Their feet were frostbitten from walking in the snow. It was said you could follow Washington’s army simply by looking at the blood smears in the snow.

Washington said, “If to please the people, we offer what we ourselves disapprove, how can we afterwards defend our work? Let us raise a standard to which the wise and the honest can repair.” How can

we be silent in a societal culture that we disapprove of? How can we defend ourselves from such negligent lethargy? Of course, we cannot! We must raise a standard wise men and women can live by. It's our mandate and our calling.

Golda Meir, founder of the state of Israel and its Prime Minister from 1969 until 1974, stood for the cause of giving the Jews back their home-land. She said this: "I can honestly say that I was never affected by the question of the success of an undertaking. If I felt it was the right thing to do, I was for it, regardless of the outcome." Don't take a poll to see how many are for it or against. Is it right or is it wrong? Is it a lie or is it the truth? To be sure, not everything is that easy, but it's embarrassing how much really is that easy. Hang the consequences; is it right or wrong? I can live with the outcome if I believe I am doing the right thing. Do we really need to say doing the opposite of God's Word is madness? Yes, unfortunately in our world today it needs to be said because madness is prevalent. Craziness is being promoted. Mind-numbing insanity is becoming our law. It's time for the church to make her stand. This is the season. This is the era we make our stand.

Abraham Lincoln led our country for the cause of freedom from slavery. Pacing back and forth in his office, he signed the Emancipation Proclamation in 1862, declaring that "all persons held as slaves…are, and henceforward shall be free." His second inaugural address in 1865 included these words: "With malice toward none, with charity for all."

John Philpot Curran said, "The condition upon which God hath given liberty to man is eternal vigilance." We, today, have to wake up. We have to be vigilant. We have to make our stand because freedom and liberty are still at stake. Christian values are at stake and millions of souls, who are being taught a lie that will damn them to hell, are at stake. You have to boil this down—lives will be lost, millions will spend eternity in hell, if we don't make a stand.

Benjamin Franklin, a framer of our Constitution and laws, said this, "If passion drives you, let reason hold the reins." It's time for some wise passion concerning the cause of Christ in our land today.

Albert Schweitzer, philosopher, musician, theologian, and physician, became a great missionary statesman in Africa building hospitals and leper colonies there. He is recognized as one of the most brilliant Christian minds ever and wrote, "One truth stands firm. All that

happens in world history rests on something spiritual. If the spiritual is strong, it creates world history. If it is weak, it suffers world history."

This world will suffer the fate that history teaches time after time if the spiritual principles and values we were founded on get weak. We must make a stand for biblical values. We have to make a stand for what the Bible says.

Schweitzer also wrote, "Man must cease attributing his problems to his environment, and learn again to exercise his will—his personal responsibility." Responsibility is from two obvious words—*response* and *ability*. You have response-ability. You have an ability to respond. We are responsible to steward this world in accordance with the Word of God. We are responsible to serve the cause of our great God. We are responsible to disciple our nations. We are responsible to stand for our King in an aggressive manner.

Also from Schweitzer are these words, "I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve." It's time to serve the cause. It's time to activate our gifts, talents, and abilities. It's time to get involved and lift our voices again.

Martin Luther King, Jr. fought for the cause of equal rights regardless of race or skin color. He, too, gave his life for his cause. Dr. King said this, "If a man has not discovered something that he will die for, he isn't fit to live." Dr. King also said, "Nothing pains some people more than having to think."

It's time to do some thinking. It's time to ponder some things about life—our involvement in it, why we are here, and what we are to do. It's time to use our brains and think on ways to fan the flames of reformation in the land. It's time to stand wisely for our King. It's time to shake off the fog of ambiguity and raise our voices in America again. The church must become the conscience of this nation. This is the era, the Holy Spirit is saying to the church, to begin the movement, make the stand, and become the conscience of your nation again.

Men and women have died for trivial causes and they have done it unashamedly. Many have died for illegal and immoral causes and they have done that unashamedly. Some have died for the cause of sin and its bondage. How much more should we, who serve the highest cause in all of time and eternity, look this world in the eye and say, "We stand and we back a cause." How much more should we stand up in front of a

godless society and say, “We stand for the cause of Christ.” How much more should we, the people of the living God, say in the face of hell itself, “We stand for the cause of Christ and we will no longer ignore your challenge.”

It is time we say we are not going to be defied and ignore this any longer. We will not be intimidated into silence. We will come alongside our Standing King and with His fresh outpouring we are going to make a stand with the power of the Holy Spirit activating all the previous outpourings and anointings of history into our present time. We are going to make a prayer stand like has never been made before on this planet. Yes, we are going to appeal to heaven. We will declare and we will stand for truth no matter who likes it. We will declare what God says regardless of whether the Supreme Court, media, government, or anybody else likes it. We will not be ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We will not be reticent. We will not just stay out of things. We are going to get into everything. We’re not going to stay out of the elections, government, or education. It’s time we showed this world we do not take our orders from it. We take our orders from King Jesus.

It is time we say we will not be politically correct, but we will be biblically correct. We will not be passive. We will not be vacillating. We will not be scared, sissy Christian warriors. We will not be ceremonial warriors. We will make our stand, releasing the power of God that we’ve been given. It’s time to radically, boldly stand, knowing we are backed by the coalition forces of heaven, that the King of kings stands beside us, and that we can do all things through Christ.

There’s a story I read that challenges me concerning a young man who took his daughter to the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. He was worried about taking her, thinking she might be too young to deal with the emotions that she would be confronted with. If you have ever been to the museum or have seen a documentary on television about it, you know the scenes depicted are very descriptive, troubling, and graphic. The concentration camps are shown, as well as the gas chambers and the ovens that the Jews were burned in. One large room in the museum brings everyone to tears. It’s a room filled with piles of shoes—men’s work boots, women’s shoes, high heels, kids’ shoes, baby shoes—just a pile of shoes. There is always weeping going on somewhere in that museum, as the horrendous Holocaust inspired by Hitler, who was inspired by demons to kill six million Jews, is displayed.

As this man walked through the museum with his little girl, he wondered what effect this was having on her. She was very quiet during the entire visit and even when they left, she didn't say a word. She simply appeared somber, very thoughtful, sad, and downcast. Her quietness caused him to be even more alarmed and he thought he should never have brought her there. Later on in the evening, when she did finally talk, her response was a *debar*—a question. She simply looked up at him and said, "Daddy, why didn't somebody do something?"

Truly, that is the question of the ages. We are at another time in history that is calling for a stand to be made. Cultural infrastructures on which we have built good sound lives are being removed. We are now building on the shifting sands of humanism. Fifty-six million infants sacrificed on the abortion center altar is another holocaust. Their blood is crying out from the land. The family unit is under extreme attack by homosexual agendas. Forty percent of our children are now born out of wedlock. In our inner cities, seventy percent of the children live in a home without a father.

America, because of godless ideas, apathetic living, and a slumbering church, is now a mess. It's a malaise of godless confusion, with another dark age staring us in the face. The question of the ages is now ours to answer. It's mine and it's yours to answer. I cannot and I will not be silent. I must push as hard as I can for reformation. I must push as hard as I can for revival. I must pray. I cannot shrug and ignore the question. I can't bear the thought of your children or grandchildren or my seven little grandbabies coming to me one day and asking, "Papa, why didn't you do something? Why didn't you pray, Papa? Why didn't you scream and wake everyone up?"

Indeed, why don't we pray? Why should our prayer services be the least attended services? Why shouldn't our prayer rooms be full? Why don't we send letters? Why don't we march? Why don't we insist on the Gospel of Jesus Christ being the standard? Why don't we refuse to compromise? It is time for the true church of Jesus Christ that He is now activating, with all previous outpourings and the converging of the ages, to synergize together and make their stand like never before.

There's a sign posted at the Holocaust Memorial Museum that I think should resonate in every believer. It challenges me and I hope it challenges you. As you leave the museum, you will see this sign that says, "Thou shalt not be a victim. Thou shalt not be a perpetrator. Above all, thou shalt not be a bystander."

Our Kingdom and our nation does not need more bystanders. We need unintimidated warriors standing for the cause. When the King of kings returns and I have to stand before Him, as all of us will, and give an account for what I did in this life, I do not want to hear Him say, "I gave you authority. I gave you power. I gave you angel armies. I gave you all the coalition forces of heaven to back you up. Why didn't you do something?" It's time to make our stand.

During the Battle of Balaclava in 1854, during the Crimean War of England and France against Russia, the English general in command could see from his vantage point high up on a hill that the Russians had captured and were carrying away English cannons down in the valley below. He sent an order to recapture those cannons, but the orders were misunderstood by those who had a poor vantage point and the wrong orders were given for the light brigade of cavalry consisting of only 673 men to charge a Russian battery at the end of a long valley. It was in a position that, even if the cannons were recaptured, they couldn't hold them. But the brave soldiers, obeying orders, took off. They rode through a valley one and a half miles long, subjected to enemy fire from both sides. They rode up to those enemy fortifications, got what they could, and then they rode back, losing 247 men in just a few moments.

Though the orders given to them were misunderstood, those men were sold out to the cause and gave it their all. They were dedicated to the cause of English freedom. Some of you will remember hearing about this battle, perhaps while you were in high school or college, which was made famous by Alfred Tennyson:

Charge of the Light Brigade

Half a league, half a league, (a league is three miles)
Half a league onward,
All in the valley of Death
Rode the six hundred.
"Forward, the Light Brigade!
Charge for the guns!" he said.
Into the valley of Death
Rode the six hundred.
"Forward, the Light Brigade!"

Was there a man dismayed?
Not though the soldier knew
Someone had blundered.
Theirs not to make reply,
Theirs not to reason why,
Theirs but to do and die.
Into the valley of Death
Rode the six hundred.
Cannon to right of them,
Cannon to left of them,
Cannon in front of them
Volleyed and thundered;
Stormed at with shot and shell,
Boldly they rode and well,
Into the jaws of Death,
Into the mouth of hell
Rode the six hundred.
Flashed all their sabres bare,
Flashed as they turned in air
Sabring the gunners there,
Charging an army, while
All the world wondered.
Plunged in the battery-smoke
Right through the line they broke;
Cossack and Russian
Reeled from the sabre stroke
Shattered and sundered.
Then they rode back, but not
Not the six hundred.
Cannon to right of them,
Cannon to left of them,
Cannon behind them
Volleyed and thundered;

Stormed at with shot and shell,
While horse and hero fell.
They that had fought so well
Came through the jaws of Death,
Back from the mouth of hell,
All that was left of them,
Left of six hundred.
When can their glory fade?
O the wild charge they made!
All the world wondered.
Honour the charge they made!
Honour the Light Brigade,
Noble six hundred!"[4]

Tennyson wrote, "O the wild charge they made." While their orders were misunderstood, ours are not. They've been abundantly confirmed by God. Our commission is not unclear. We know exactly what our King has ordered. The light of the world has stepped into darkness to illuminate it with the glory of God's radiant redemption, to light it with God's good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The King is looking for another Light Brigade. The King is looking for those who will shine His light, those who will reign in this life and reign with His authority, those who will ride in the Name of Jesus. Those who, empowered by our Kingdom, filled with the mightiness of Holy Spirit, will ride into the jaws of hell and they won't back up. They will ride into the jaws of lucifer himself. They will ride and take back the spoils. They will ride and take back the inheritance and bring back what the enemy has stolen.

Our commission is not unclear and it's not to sit. It's not to lie around somewhere; it's to go. Go, cast out a few devils. Go, lay hands on the sick and they'll recover. Go, declare My good news. Go, disciple the nations. Go, release signs and wonders. Go, the synergy of My outpourings will be upon you. Go and make your stand.

May the testimony of those who are watching from the balconies of heaven be like the testimony of a world that watched during the Crimean War, and may we get that balcony of heaven on their feet saying, "O the wild charge they made."

God is calling us to ride the wild ride of destiny into the end times. He's calling forth a brigade that will ride into the jaws of hell and not back up because the cause is worth it. We have to press the mark for the prize of the high calling of Jesus Christ (see Phil. 3:14). It's time to do something that matters. What do you do that matters?

I have gone all over most of the counties of Ohio for the cause. I don't get paid to do it. I just do it for the cause. I went through a very intense battle a few years ago, which sums this up pretty well. I had gone to deal with the first place in Ohio where free masonry happened and while I was there I was attacked with Bell's palsy. While I was up in the pulpit, one side of my face went paralyzed and I just reached up and held on to it with my hand and kept speaking. Then I went through six weeks of vertigo. I would sit in the front row of the church and they would tape my sagging cheek up, with a small microphone taped to it, because I refused to let this stop me from speaking. I couldn't walk around because of the vertigo, so I just clung to the podium while I spoke because the cause is worth it. My King is worth it. Everything about Him is worth it to me. You can't let satan win!

I kept on with my assignment, which became six weeks long. One day, we had gone way up by Lake Erie. It was a four-hour ride after church on Sunday morning and a four-hour ride back that evening. I had our praise team on the bus and we were going to arrive back home at three or four in the morning. My face hurt, I was dizzy, and I was lying on a seat in the back of the bus around 2:00 a.m. I began to think, "Is this worth it? What can I do? I believe one guy can do something, but am I fooling myself? Is what I am doing meaningful?" I just laid back there, feeling awful, when an old story came to mind. I knew it was the Holy Spirit prompting. I remembered the story of a kid who was out on the beach in Florida early in the morning and a rogue wave had pushed in all kinds of crabs, washing thousands of them onto the shore. This little kid is out there grabbing the crabs and throwing them back in the water. Along comes an old guy—you know how they are, with their silly hats and forty-year-old shorts—and he stops and watches the kid. Finally he asks, "Son, what are you doing?" The boy answers, "The waves pushed all the crabs up here on the shore and I'm throwing them back." The old guy looks around at all the thousands of crabs up and down the beach and he says, "Well, son, you think what you're doing matters?" The little kid picks up another crab, throws it into the sea, and says, "It matters to that one."

Who can you touch? It just matters. The King can synergize that together. Do something that matters. Answer His call. It's time to make a stand. I'm not talking about something grandiose. You may not be able to throw them all back, but make your stand. Do something that matters for King Jesus. Do it. Do it. Do it.

I feel there are those reading this who need to stand up again for the cause. I feel there are callings that are going to be activated to a different level. The Lord has prepared you and now He is calling you to be one of those who will make your stand and you will do what you can. Don't hesitate. Do it now.

Prayer

I pray, Lord, for those who have read these words and who are being called to a different level of purpose and cause. There is a way, Lord, that they can make a difference; pull it from deep inside of them. Let them hear the voice of the King saying, "Who will go for us?"

I pray for those, Lord, who may have been idle. I pray that there would come a wooing of the Holy Spirit and that those who have been sitting on the sidelines would rise up and make their stand. Thank You, Lord, for all who have made a stand for You, but let the greatest stand now be made by warriors, some who are reading this right now. Deep calls to deep inside, Lord. Who will stand for His cause? Who will make a difference?

I ask that You speak deep inside of this reader. What can they do to make a difference? How can they take this to a different level? How can they make a wild charge for You? Activate or relight their calling, Lord. Relight the call on apostles, pastors, and teachers, on evangelists, prophets, and intercessors. Relight the cause again in everyone who is willing to stand up for the cause. Light it, Lord, in such a way that the world will see a Kingdom rising up that will make a difference. Thank You, Lord.

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