

This Is Your Season Ministries



## **Building the Wall of Prayer**

in our families, churches, communities, and nations

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# **Launch into the Deep and Let Down your Nets for a Catch**

December 6, 2012-Day 1

## **Luke 5:1-11**

As we launch this time of **worship and prayer** that will cause us to go deeper in the Lord, we must let down our nets for a bountiful catch.

**Launch** means to **set in motioning by pushing out; to send something forward on its course; or to throw with great force.**

**Nets** are lengths of open **mesh** (a material that is made of a network of threads, cords, ropes, or wires intertwined together).

**To Catch** is to **intercept** (prevent something or something from continuing in the way they are headed); to **hold on to**; to **capture** (to take possession of or control by force; **seize** (to take hold suddenly or forcibly).

**Jesus is standing by the waters of life** and the disciples were despondent and had given up, because they have not caught any fish. We have given up because we do not see the great multitude of lost souls that Jesus promised would come into His Kingdom. But Jesus has brought us to this **hour of prayer so we can see the great harvest of souls for the kingdom.**

In **Luke 5: 3** - Jesus is standing before the body of Christ saying, **Pastors, leaders, and worshippers, move out into the River and preach the gospel.** Move away from your daily routines and programs, and **step out to establish the presence of God in our Churches.** **Teach, disciple and equip** the people who are with you to move forward. Then we must **launch** into the deep by putting to action and motion prayers that has authority with great force. These prayers **produce Worship that changes the atmosphere of our homes, churches, communities, and nations.**

**God has chosen to labor** with us in this hour of prayer. By faith, let's throw out our nets, which are other pastors and leaders who are called to network together, with one heart to work together as the Body of Christ. **We must join forces together because a three-fold cord is not easily broken. We are called to come together to pray, fast and worship** for this great revival that God is stirring in all of our hearts.

In **Luke 5:5** we see that we have become like Peter. We have worked and toiled in our ministries and have not seen the great harvest. We have become tired and have left reaching the lost to just spend time with our nets (other Christian leaders, Christian gatherings and conferences for us, but never reaching the lost. We as **leaders are just sitting around encouraging and strengthening each other** – cleaning our nets).

We have to be obedient in this season of prayer and move by faith and launch back out into the deep through worship and prayer that will bring radical change to our cities.

**Luke 5:6 - When we walk in prayer with faith** we will see the great number of souls the Lord desires us to gather in our nets. There will not be enough nets (churches and ministries) to contain this great multitude that is coming to the Lord.

**Luke 5:7 - We will call on our covenant partners around the world to help us** as we minister to the multitudes the Lord is sending. We cannot stand alone in what is about to happen in the world. If we stand alone in our pride, we will sink in our efforts to walk. That is why we are **sending out a message now** our partners to **join us in 52 days of prayer to build the walls of prayer that have been torn down, and see restoration come back to our cities.**

**Luke 5:8 - All of those who see this great move of God will fall to their knees and repent** for not believing Jesus in all He has promised to the Body of Christ - His Bride!

**Luke 5:9** - And all who receives the *signal* (action or sound that **conveys a message, information or instructions**) will see and be amazed at the **catch of the souls. Remember to**

**catch is to capture by force. This will require powerful spiritual warfare where our prayers will radically change the hearts of those in the great harvest of souls.**

**Luke 5:10** – When we do this, God will knit our hearts together ,as churches and ministries link together to bring souls into the Kingdom, instead of building our own churches for the sake of building churches. **The lost are waiting on the church to come into this oneness of love that separates us from all others on this earth.** Jesus assured them and us, not to be afraid of what was or is about to happen; but to be encouraged because we will be **fisherman of men.**

**Luke 5:11** - is very important, when we **get out of God's way and see Him move to bring in the harvest. This last day's movement will not be by our own efforts and methods, but solely His as we partner with Him in prayer!**

### **Prayer Focus**

- We must pray for the directions and instructions God is giving to us, and be obedient to walk them out in the fullness of His leading.
- We must launch into the deep rivers of prayer and worship.
- We must link together as the Body of Christ with oneness. Pray for unity among the Body of Christ, that there will be no racial, denominational, cultural, or generational division in our cities. Pray for unity among all Pastors and Leaders of our cities. Pray for the Churches to have unity among their leaders and with the people they are shepherding.
- We must catch this harvest with prayers of authority that will take back what has been stolen from God's people. We must take it back suddenly and by force.
- We must pray that pastors and leaders would pull back and disciple and equip the people in their churches to be ready for the harvest.
- We must walk in prayers of faith to see results of souls coming into the Kingdom.
- We must gather others around the world to partner with us as we send out a sound of prayer to partners who hear the heart of God.
- We must pray that our eyes will be open to see Jesus in what He is doing in this hour and humble ourselves.
- We must pray that we will link up together and keep each other encouraged to step out in faith and not fear.

- We must pray that as God transitions us to totally follow Him; we will cast aside all unnecessary things so that we can move forward. We will see the great multitudes of souls come into the kingdom, because we will remove ourselves from all distractions to follow Him alone.

## Positioning our Hearts with the Lord in Prayer

December 7, 2012 - Day 2

### Isaiah 6:3-5

*And one (seraphim-angel of heaven) cried to another and said, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!" And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. So I said, "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts."*

The **sound of revival has gone out from the heavens**. The angels of heaven, the fiery ones, the burning ones, have gone out. Now we must see heaven has collided with earth. God is looking for those who are ready, as it was in Isaiah's time; when He allowed Isaiah to see **Him in His position and was calling Isaiah as a prophet to come into his position**.

**Isaiah represents the prophetic call for this generation today**. As the angels of heavens proclaimed the character and glory of The Lord and His majesty, so shall we in our prayers and worship before The Lord. **The Lord of hosts will fill this entire earth with His glory**.

The word *holy* in verse 3 means **separated ONE**. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are holy as revealed by His glory. God has given us the LORD- **Yahweh, as one who comes to deliver us by the hosts of heaven with great power**. Thank God for The Lord of Hosts. He is calling out to us to **return and come into a place that is chosen for His people**. His glory is His character that emphasizes His greatness and authority.

**Psalms chapter 24 describes the heart of God so well**. It is made very clear that the earth belongs to God; the world and all those who dwell in it. It is **His desire that we reestablish what is His and what belongs to Him**. All that we are doing in prayer and worship are for the King of Glory and His kingdom. He is calling and looking for those who are willing to pay the price to partner with Him as He showed us in yesterday's message.

In Psalm 24:3, He asked a question, “*Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who may stand in His holy place? Who may stand with Him in His holy place?*”

Who has placed themselves to be positioned with the Lord?

*Ascend* means to climb up; to go up the mountain; to climb to a summit, a higher place.

**Who will go into His presence? Who is willing to pay the price to stand in a Holy position?**

We are being called today to such a **position to join Him in battle**. He is calling with the sounds of heaven for us to have:

- **Clean hands** - heart of repentance
- **Pure heart** - heart of separation
- **Soul not lifted to an idol**- heart that has been delivered and healed

There are many **benefits** to those who chose to come close. We shall **receive blessing** and a **position of righteousness from the God of our salvation**. This position allows the Holy Spirit to raise us up in a righteousness that we cannot obtain on our own; but **we have rights to such a lifestyle**.

**Psalm 24:6 - We are the Jacob generation, who will wrestle with God until He changes our hearts and walk for His Glory**. We will continue to seek Him with all of our heart that we may see His face. A face to face encounter will cause us to abide in His presence and give rest for our souls. **Shalom, the Peace of God wants to abide in us with a heart filled with His love**.

We have to be **desperate for His presence**. Now I love **Psalm 24:7** *Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you heavenly doors! And the king of glory shall come in.*

**When we lift up our heads, we are awakened, our eyes are opened. We must see and understand that the doors of heaven are open to us in the hour. The sound of God’s love has opened the doors**, but we are so distracted and asleep we don't see Him. Oh, but when we lift up our heads and heart to Him we will see that the King of glory has come into our midst.

**Let's Praise Him! Psalm 24:8** *Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.*

Again heaven is **getting our attention with the sounds of this call to see Him.** Lift up your heads, O you gates.!

**The gates of our cities are in ruins and the gatekeepers cannot see.** The gatekeepers are the leaders chosen to come into the glory of God. He then calls the ones who have His heart, to enter into the doors of God. He says, can you not lift up your hearts to Me.

The **love of God is so important** in this hour for **His New Bride Warrior.** He wants this love to be strongly in us, so He challenges us in **Revelation 3:19-22.** *As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.*

His correction to our hearts is because He loves us so much and He wants us to be zealous for Him and His heart, so we must repent. **He is standing at the door of our hearts and He is knocking asking to come in** so we may have His heart in this hour. **The door of our hearts is important to Him.**

**Listen to His heart, if anyone hears His voice and opens the door, He will come in to us and dine with us, and we with Him.** Oh how much He wants His Bride to dine with Him. If we overcome our fears, insecurities, and doubts; if we let Him heal the wounds of those who have hurt or disappointed us, then we will no longer stay stuck in our hearts and minds. **We cannot give our mind or our hearts to Him because we are stuck and asleep and cannot go forward.** He is at the doors shaking them. The King of glory has come in, The Lord of Hosts; He is the King of Glory.

**Isaiah 6:4** - *And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of Him who cried out. The sound of the trumpet has gone out* and He is ready to fill up His house, His people, His Bride with the smoke of His glory.

**Arise and be awakened because the King of Glory** is knocking and is ready for His New Bride Warrior. He is mighty and strong for battle.

### **Prayer Focus**

- Pray that we as a people hear the voice/sound of God so we can respond to His heart to repent and return.
- Pray that we allow Him to deal with our hearts so we can walk in holiness.
- Pray that we will have a desire to see Him and be willing to pay the price to be close to The Lord.
- Pray that we will repent, return, and respond to deliverance and healing for our hearts.
- Pray that we will open up the doors of our hearts to Him to come in and dine with us. We must spend intimate time listening to His plans and strategy for His return.
- Pray that we can overcome the areas that keep us from going forward and completely hearing from God's heart.

## **We Must Wait Upon The Lord for the Next Revival!!!**

December 8, 2012=Day 3

**Genesis 16:6** *So Abram said to Sarai, "Indeed your maid is in your hand; do with her as you please". And when Sarai dealt harshly with her, she fled from her presence.*

**Sarai means princess**, but she did not know who she was or the promises that were given to her as a Princess. Because of **her decision to produce the promise herself** she became **confused and distressed**. We as the Church are in the same place as Sarai, when she felt desperate and empty because she was not able to produce a child.

In my Kingdom Dynamics, he says Sarai is an illustration of the **dangers of taking God's promises into our own hands**. Her suggestion that Abraham take her handmaid as wife, in view of Sarah's barrenness, resulted in the birth of Ishmael.

**We must be careful in this hour as we wait upon the promises God has given the Church.** We know that God will return and revival must happen before His return. But we must not be like Sarai and **begin to be desperate because of the emptiness we see in our churches and among God's people**. We must be grounded in what God is speaking to us, so that we will wait upon His timing and not rush into our own plans to get His plans to work. We will **create a counterfeit revival** if we try to fulfill His promise to us and fill ourselves up with something that was not given to us.

The Lord pressed Genesis 16:6 into my heart. Sarai was complaining to Abram for her decision of **desperation** that resulted in problems for her, and now she wants Abram to deal with it. **Sarai produced flesh in her efforts to make the promise come to pass**. When we try to produce God's promises for our lives in the flesh, it will cause more problems for us to deal with once we make these rash decisions.

We must be careful to not make rash decisions out of our emotions. These decisions put us in bondage and now we try to clean them up in our flesh, and it takes us out of the will of God.

**Once flesh is produced it will not submit to authority or God. Our flesh, our sinful nature, is hostile to God. Romans 8:5-8** makes it very clear what happens when we operate under the influence of the flesh.

*For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity (hostile) against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh please God.*

**Sarai's desperation and emptiness caused her to produce flesh that was only going to cause her more bondage.** When we make quick decisions out of our pain and barrenness, we cause others to suffer. When the Church, God's people, moves quickly, **fleshly actions are produced that cause distress and not peace.** I have come to learn time and patience are our best friends. Because it **causes many to fall and walk in pain because what we as Pastors, leaders, parents, and spouses have produced out of not waiting on God.** Flesh cannot submit to the heart of God and please Him.

This is a **strong warning to the Body of Christ and God's people in this hour.** We are in a preparation season as the army of God. We all are feeling and hearing the sound of God. We are in transition and preparation, and it is hard to wait on God when you are waiting for the next instructions of God. **Please don't move to hastily, wait on Him. This instruction is so important in our next transition.** We must be patient with The Lord in this season of preparation. Every morning, first thing, seek the Lord and ask Him what is on His heart. What instructions he has for you and for the remnant that He is gathering at this time. Please email us the messages the Lord is giving to you.

**PLEASE READ Luke 21:7-19**

He is explaining that *many will come in His name, saying "I am He, and the time has drawn near."* **Do not go after them.** We are going to hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; nations against nations, earthquakes in various places; famines and pestilences; and

there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. We are going to be persecuted and hated as the Church. **Betrayal with family and friends will be greatly against us.** God is preparing us for what is coming soon upon the earth. We must learn how to wait upon Him now, so that when these things come, we will not be moved! If we so not, our rash decisions will bring many casualties.

But we must look at **Luke 21:18-19**, *"But not a hair of your head shall be lost. Because by your patience possess your soul."*

Your mind, will and emotions will be under control because God will open up your eyes with understanding of what is the hope of His calling on your life.

We must have **patience**, which means forbearance, endurance, long-suffering; the **ability to endure persecution and ill-treatment**. It describes a person who has the power to exercise revenge but instead exercises restraint. We must learn to not fight against those who come against us, we must only speak the Words God gives us for each moment and not the words of our flesh, and we must not defend ourselves.

#### **PLEASE READ Hebrews 6:9-17**

Verses 11-12, 15 *We desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end, that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises...And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.*

**We must wait patiently upon The Lord in this hour as He prepares us in this amazing transition. The sound of the trumpet has been blown but we must wait for our marching orders. We must stand still and know He is God.**

#### **PLEASE READ Galatians 4:21-31**

Today many people around us have produced a bondwoman in our midst, and she is causing us much distress. That **bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and the one of free-woman through promise**. God has made a covenant with her Bride and He will return for her, but she must be patient and understand her season of waiting in this transition. **Please church,**

**don't move, but come into an intimate place with Him.** We see the barrenness in our churches and in the body of Christ, and we will want to move out of our flesh and try **to produce a revival that is not from Him.**

**Galatians 4: 30** - *"Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the free woman. We are not children of the bondwoman but of the free."*

**We are children of the FREE woman. We must walk in the fruit of the Spirit and hear from the heart of God, and WAIT UPON HIM for His perfect timing!**

### **Prayer Focus**

- We must pray that we understand the signs of the times.
- We must pray that we are patient in our transition.
- We must pray that we don't operate in desperation and hurt.
- We must pray the flesh is put to death and we walk in the Spirit.
- We must pray that our leadership is hearing from God and wait with much patience.
- We must pray for that we have understanding in this season.
- We must pray that we cast out the fleshly things we have brought into our houses and churches; attitudes and things that do not please God.

# Open the Door When You Hear His Voice

December 9, 2012 - Day 4

Please read **John Chapter 10**

Every day the Lord has been challenging us to understand that we are His Bride. **It is time for us to understand His love, to understand the gospel must be preached, and to understand the times and season we are in.** All of these areas are on His heart as we build the wall of prayer in the next 52 days.

We must understand that the Lord has opened up doors for us in this season.

**John 10:2-4** *But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them, and the sheep will follow him, for they know his voice.*

We must enter into the doors that have been chosen by Him. The **doorkeeper** has opened the door. As we His sheep hear His voice calling us by our name; we must allow Him to lead us out.

**We are in a season where God is speaking to the Body of Christ about open and closed doors.** When The Lord opens our hearts to truth we see and hear Him alone. But do we see that the **doorkeeper must first open the door so we can hear Him?** We only hear Him if we walk into the doors that are open for us in the sheepfold. We hear Him when He calls us by our names. Many times we do not know He is there until He opens up the eyes of our heart to hear Him alone.

**John 20:15-16** *"Jesus said to her Mary! She turned and said to Him Rabboni"*

When Mary went to the tomb looking for the Master **she did not know it was Him until He called her by name.** Mary could not recognize Jesus until He called her name, and then she responded.

Do we have such an intimate relationship with Him that we can hear Him when He calls us? We must hear the heart of God in this season.

Do you know that we can work for God through ministry and not have a **personal relationship with the living God**? Mary knew Him and He knew her, they had an intimate, heart to heart relationship.

We can believe that we know God because of all the things we do for Him, and yet be **dead in our relationship with Him** because we do not spend time with Him. We must spend time with Him to **hear His voice**.

In **Revelation 3:1-6**, we are challenged as the church in Sardis. They were called a dead church, even though they thought they were alive. We can be **deceived** to think we are close to Him because we are doing the work of The Lord; and yet be far from His heart. **The Lord speaks to the church of Sardis about their works which were not pleasing to Him**. That means they were not watchful that they were in a sinful state. Many of us are deceived and we have defiled our garments. But God is coming for those who garments have not been defiled. **We are to be His separated and consecrated ones**.

**Revelation 3:5** shows us what is **important to The Lord**. *He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments; and I will not blot his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.*

It is that our **name** is in the Book of Life, and He longs to tell our name to the Father! Our name is the character of who we are in this **intimate relationship**.

**Revelation 3:6** *He who has an ear (heart), let him hear what the Spirit says to the Churches.*

**Revelation 3:7** *And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, these things says He who is holy, He who is true, **He who has the key of David**, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens.*

So many of us are deceived in this hour because we are so caught up on what is good for God and not spending this time hearing the voice of God so we can enter the door of the sheepfold.

**We must obtain the key of David!!!**

**Isaiah 9:6-7 describes Jesus, the Prince of Peace (Shalom) and His reign upon this earth after He returns.** When you look at the meanings of the word Shalom, we find that we will reign with Him in completeness, wholeness, safety, tranquility, rest, fullness, harmony, absence of discord, health, well-being, prosperity, happiness, stillness, and joy. We can get this peace through the Love of God that can only come from the King!!!

When we live this holy life in intimate fellowship with Him, we enter into the Kingdom of Shalom. We are **open to a door of Peace** that causes us to overcome and triumph over satan and his kingdom.

We must hear His voice so we can be led by Him through this door.

**Isaiah 22:22-23** *The key of the house of David I will lay on his shoulder; so he shall open and no one shall shut; and he shall shut, and no one open. I will fasten him as a peg in a secure place and he will become a glorious throne to his father's house.*

**How glorious is the promises of God. How beautiful to those who are called to those who hear the Lord's voice and walk into the doors of Shalom.**

**Revelation 3:20** *Behold I stand at the door and knock If anyone hears My voice and opens the door I will come into him and dine with him, and he with Me.*

### **Prayer Focus**

- We must pray that the Body of Christ will hear the voice of God.
- We must pray that we will all walk through the doors He has chosen for us.
- We must pray that we will not be deceived in hearing the voice of God.
- We must pray that all in the Body of Christ will have a personal intimate relationship with the Living God.

- We must pray that we will live a consecrated dedicated life before God (Holy).
- We must pray that we have the key of Shalom to open the doors of His heart.
- We must pray that the Body of Christ will be faithful and overcome!

## Instructions for Crossing Over

December 10, 2012 - Day 5

### Please read Joshua 4

Good evening, today has been an awesome day. Of course this is the ministry day of **Sabbath Rest and God was faithful**. We encourage all of you to spend time slowing down during these days of prayer and worship seeking and resting in The Lord so you may hear His voice in the small whisper. The Lord is **speaking to us in such a special way, through dreams, visions, the Word, and prophetically**. We have entered into a corporate anointing and special place in God as a people.

If you need a **teaching on Sabbath Rest** please go to: [www.thecomingmessenger.org](http://www.thecomingmessenger.org) and request this teaching and we will send it to you by email.

You who have been **called to gather together as an army by His river will hear and see amazing things from God in this hour**. Dreams and visions shall come forth and we need to share them with the Body of Christ for **instructions and directions**. Please **don't stand alone**; please lock in to what God is doing with us **corporately**. The word *corporately* means to share by all members of the group. **The Lord wants us to walk in unity so we can share this glorious love of God together**.

**The Lord is preparing the rising army to hear the voice of God and move together**. He gave Joshua and the sons of Israel instructions all through their journey to possess the land. We need His instructions as we are praying for our **families, churches, cities and nations**. God desires us to walk in unity with each of these areas, so that we ALL will hear the voice of the Lord and move together.

**Joshua 3:17** *Then the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan; and ALL Israel crossed over on dry ground, until ALL the people had crossed completely over the Jordan.*

In **Joshua 4:1-8**, Father God gave out complete instructions for their crossing over together to possess the land. He was preparing and equipping them for war.

**Joshua 4:11** *Then it came to pass, when all the people had completely crossed over, that the ark of The Lord and the priests crossed over in the presence of the people.*

- **We as the priests (worshippers) have to carry the presence of God before the people.**

In **Joshua 4:12-14**, the men of Reuben, the men of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh crossed over armed before the children of Israel, as Moses had spoken to them.

- **We as the warriors (intercessors) have to be armed with our armor on and prepared for battle.**

They were **prepared** - (equipped and make ready for use) for war as they crossed over the Jordan.

We all know that in this hour God is **raising up an army, but we all must be ready and walking together.**

God is raising up His leaders in this hour that can receive orders and be obedient to carry out the orders of The Lord of Host. God **exalted** Joshua; He made Joshua great before the people. Leaders cannot make themselves great in this hour. Only God is exalting up His chosen leaders to prepare them for greatness before The Lord, so The Lord can receive all the glory. **Joshua could not take credit for the waters of the Jordan separating as they crossed over.**

**We will begin to see some of the most amazing moves of God** that no man or leader can take the credit for. Please **READ** the rest of Joshua 4, to see where **God shows Himself great before His people.**

**He also thinks about the next generation in Joshua 4:21-22** saying: *When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, "What are these stones?" Then you shall let your children know, saying, "Israel crossed over this Jordan on dry land."*

We must leave a testimony for our children as we walk over together in the next great move of God upon the earth. I am so excited about being a part of this as the Body of Christ. We must **carry the ark of the Testimony of God** into this next place as The Lord leads us.

### **Prayer Focus**

- We must pray for a time of quietness and **Sabbath Rest as the Body of Christ.**
- We must pray that we hear the voice of God and **respond in obedience.**
- We must pray for those who are **called the remnant respond** to the sound of the great gathering, and walk in unity.
- We must pray that **ALL will cross over together in oneness.**
- We must pray that all of the **worshippers** know their position of carrying the presence of God over corporately.
- We must pray for the **intercessors** to know their position of warring in this hour corporately.
- We must pray for the **testimony** that will be left for the children will be a solid foundation for them and their **children.**

## Do not Come Off the Wall of Prayer

December 11, 2012 - Day 6

**Please read Nehemiah 4:1-7**

The Lord reminded us yesterday in Joshua that we must be ready to cross over together. We must understand we are all under a **corporate** anointing. No man can stand alone, the **priesthood, as worshippers**, has their part and the **prayer warriors** have theirs. Today God is showing us we must **stay focused and not come off the wall, we must continue building Prayer and Worship even when the enemy comes to distract us**. If you need the notes from the warning we received last week, please request the notes on the *Warnings while Rebuilding the Wall*, at [comingmessenger@yahoo.com](mailto:comingmessenger@yahoo.com).

When we look at the background of Nehemiah 4, the enemy was angry that the sons of Israel were working together to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. As the Body of Christ, **the walls have been torn down around our families, churches, cities, and nations**. God is calling us to **possess the land and restore what has been taken from us**.

We must recognize that the enemy will come to mock us when he sees us working together to rebuild and possess the land by saying:

- What are these **feeble** Christians doing?

**Feeble** means lacking strength in our physical, emotional, or spiritual state; lacking strength of character.

- Will they **fortify** themselves?

**Fortify** means to strengthen with defensive works so as to protect it against attack; to strengthen someone mentally or physically.

We must be like Nehemiah and **ignore the accusations and continue in prayer**. **Please, don't come off the wall this week, we must continue even stronger with our prayers**.

**Ephesians 6:12** *We today do not fight flesh and blood (the people), we fight against principalities, against powers, against rulers (princes) of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.*

These battles are **not with our families, church family, or the Body of Christ. We must see it is our enemy.** We are not each other's enemies. When there is an **open door from the wounds of our hearts or iniquities that ensnare us**, we are used as a weapon against each other.

**Please take notice of the warning in Nehemiah 4:5.** We must not provoke the Lord to anger by being used by the enemy to **bring accusation against our brethren.** So often It is those who are close to us that come up against us to tear us down and cause us to come off the wall of prayer.

We must walk in **unity and oneness before The Lord.** In **Nehemiah 4: 6** they built the wall, and *the entire wall was joined together up to half its height for the people had a mind to work.*

We will be like Christ in **Philippians 2:3-8.** **Let these scriptures be our prayer focus for today.**

### **Prayer Focus**

- Let nothing be done through **selfish ambition or conceit.**
- Let us do all things in **lowliness of mind.**
- Let us esteem one another better than ourselves.
- Let each of you look out not only for your **own interests**, but also for the interests of others.
- Let this **mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.**
- Let us be a **bondservant** as He was, seeking for **no reputation.**
- Let us **humble** ourselves, as our Lord Jesus became **obedient to the point of death**, even the death of the cross.

## Warnings While Rebuilding the Wall

December 6, 2012

Nehemiah 2:17 -18

Nehemiah said: “Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a reproach.” (disgrace, shame, treated with scorn or contempt) & the people said: “let us arise and build”, so they put their hand to the good work.

*Our churches today, the body of Christ, are called to be places of prayer for the nations. Unfortunately, many of our churches that started off strong have fallen and even been torn down; causing the intercessors to scatter, and prayer stopped. This happened in our city, and the enemy has treated every group that has started to pray with scorn and contempt, bringing up the shame of the past.*

*But we have come from the outside, like Nehemiah, to say no more will our city and the churches in it, be a reproach! Let us get up and build this wall!*

As soon as they said this, **OPPOSITION** came.

1. Nehemiah 2:19-20

Sanballat (Babylonian word for sin)the Horonite(cave)

Tobiah (good thing) the Amorite (worthlessness)

Geshem (to rain violently) the Arab

**These 3 men came against Nehemiah and the people building the wall with mocking and hatred. They questioned their motives for building the wall.**

*We must be careful to not let sin, Amalekites, good works, ite brothers, and distractions stop us from building the wall.*

**Nehemiah’s response:** The God of Heaven will give us success!

**People’s response:** Therefore (because God will give us success), we His servants will arise and build!

*They looked to God and not to the men opposing them.*

2. Nehemiah 4 - When the wall started to be built, serious opposition came: **Sanballat and Tobiah were furious, very angry, mocked, and ridiculed their work, working to demoralize the builders.**

*We must not be moved by what others say about us, insecurity must be destroyed in our hearts.*

*We must know what God has asked us to do and keep praying.*

**People's Response:** they prayed to God and then finished the whole wall to half its height.

3. Nehemiah 4:7-9 **Sanballat, Tobiah, Arabs, Amorites, and Ashdodites (ravagers) became very angry that so much work had been accomplished. They all conspired together to fight against Jerusalem and to cause a disturbance in it.**

*We must not be moved by any threats that come against us.*

**People's Response:** They prayed to God and set up a guard day and night.

4. Nehemiah 4:12-17 **Jews who lived nearby, but not working on the wall, came 10 times to say that the enemy was coming and would attack.**

*Discouragement might come from "brothers" who look for trouble instead of partnering to help rebuild the wall.*

**Leader's response:** stationed men with weapons to be watchmen on the walls to look for the enemy's attack. They were stationed in the lowest parts of the walls, the most vulnerable places (Amalekites).

**People's reaction:** they became afraid

**Leader's reaction:** "do not be afraid, remember the Lord who is great and awesome. Fight for your families and homes."

*We must look to God and not to what men threaten to do to us.*

**Result:** The enemy heard their plan was exposed, that God had frustrated the plan. Everyone returned to his work on the wall. **They took they load in one hand and a weapon in the other.**

**The leader went on the offensive:**

- He placed trumpeters to rally the people if an attack was coming. "At whatever place you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us."

*We must be alert to pray for one another, to watch for attacks.*

- They worked and watched from dawn in to the evening.

*We must be willing to pray night and day, along with doing whatever else needs to be done.*

- Had each man with his servant spend the night in Jerusalem so they could guard at night and labor at day.

*It is important to team up with other intercessors so we have accountability and someone to war with.*

5. Nehemiah 5 – **internal strife of rich oppressing the poor. They were confronted with truth and gave back all they took from the poor. Nehemiah was a great example of servant hood, not lording over them.**

*We must look out for any strife among the different people. We must lead as servants, not kings.*

6. Nehemiah 6:1-4 **The enemies return to frighten and discourage the workers, so they will stop. Sanballat and Geshem asked Nehemiah to come and meet with them, but they were planning to harm him. Nehemiah said, “no, I am busy working and cannot stop.” They tried this 4 times.**

*We must be alert to anything that causes us to come off the wall. We must ask God for directions in everything we do.*

7. Nehemiah 6:5-9 **On the 5<sup>th</sup> attempt, Sanballat and Geshem sent Nehemiah a letter accusing him of rebelling against the King, saying he appointed a prophet to proclaim Nehemiah was to be King of Judah. Asked him to come again and meet to talk over this letter.**

**Nehemiah’s response:** “Such things as you are saying have not been done, but you are inventing this in your mind.” He then prayed to God to strengthen his hands.

*He did not defend himself or get distracted from the work he was to do. We must rely upon God to strengthen us when we are attacked.*

8. Nehemiah 6:10-14 **This was an attempt to get Nehemiah to sin. Tobiah and Sanballat hire a Jew to prophesy to Nehemiah to get him to sin. He told him to meet him in the temple to hide from the enemy who was coming tonight to attack and kill you. Other prophets tried to frighten Nehemiah to stop building and sin.**

**Nehemiah’s response:** I will not sin and go into the temple to save my life. He knew God had not sent him. God will not contradict His Word.

*People will come at us saying they are speaking a word for us that God said. We must be careful with everything we hear and check every word against God's word!*

***We must be alert of the various schemes the enemy will use to discourage us to quit praying.***

- *Our sins*
- *The Amalekites – when we are in a low place, when we are weak, things from our past will come to attack us.*
- *Being too busy doing good works, but not necessarily God's work*
- *Its brothers must be destroyed from the land of our hearts*
- *Many distractions will come our way, we must discern with Godly wisdom when to stand firm and not be moved*
- *Ridicule and mocking*
- *Accusations of wrong motives and wrong doing*
- *Attempts to cause us to sin*
- *Wolves in sheep's clothing among us to get us to fall*
- *Fear of harm*
- *Discouraging words of coming trouble from other Christians in the city who are not helping to build the wall, said over and over again*
- *Strife among the intercessors*
- *False invitations of the enemy that get us to stop working for a moment, and are actually a trap*

***We must:***

- *Know that God is for us and He will give us success*
- *PRAY for strength to continue, strength of mind and body to not be moved by the mocking and schemes of the enemy*
- *We must keep praying, no matter what – God will reward our faithfulness*
- *Not be moved by what others say, only have our ears attentive to what the Lord is speaking.*
- *Fight offensively, not just take a defensive stance in prayers.*

- *Set up watchmen to look out of for possible attacks and to sound the alarm to rally all intercessors to pray*
- *Be in harmonious unity*
- *Be humble servants all the time, always willing to help one another*
- *Not try to defend ourselves against unjust accusations*

**Nehemiah 6:15-16 The wall was completed in 52 days!**

*We must know that when the wall is built, all our enemies and all the nations surrounding us will see it. They will lose their confidence for they will recognize that the work had been accomplished with the help of our God!*

**Message in Nehemiah 6:18**

These names were just stuck in here at the end of Chapter 6, to give us a hidden message:

Shecaniah – God has dwelt

Arah- wayfaring, to travel

Jehohanan – God has favored, grace and mercy given

Meshullam – allied, to be at peace

Berechiah – blessing of the Lord, cut covenant

*The Lord has dwelt with His people who have travelled to this place. He has shown them great mercy and grace. He has allied Himself to them and given them peace. He has made a covenant with them and granted them His blessing.*

## **Our Hearts Must be Circumcised Before We Go into Battle**

December 12, 2012 - Day 7

**Joshua 5:1** *Now it came about when all the kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan to the west, and all the kings of the Canaanites who were by the sea, **heard how the LORD had dried up the waters of the Jordan before the sons of Israel until they had crossed, that their hearts melted, and there was no spirit in them any longer because of the sons of Israel.***

God had again parted a body of water, the Jordan River at flood stage, for His people to cross through. Joshua, the Priests, the warriors, and all the people of Israel had just crossed over into the Promised Land, and the inhabitants of the land were trembling in fear.

I am sure that in the mind of every warrior, they were saying, “Hurry, let’s go into battle now and defeat every enemy in this land.” But that is NOT what the Lord asked them to do.

**Joshua 5:2** *At that time the LORD said to Joshua, "Make for yourself flint knives and circumcise again the sons of Israel the second time."*

I can just hear some of the warriors grumbling to Joshua, “What? We are in enemy territory and you want us ALL to undergo a painful procedure that will keep us incapacitated for several days, and we will be vulnerable to attack that we cannot defend ourselves from?”

**Joshua 5:3** I love the obedience of their leader Joshua, he did not entertain any of these grumbings. He immediately prepared flint knives and circumcised all the sons of Israel.

**Joshua 5:4-7** begins to show us why they had to be circumcised; their parents never had this generation circumcised during the 40 years in the wilderness.

**Joshua 5:8-9** *Now when they had finished circumcising all the nation, they remained in their places in the camp until they were healed. Then the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." So the name of that place is called Gilgal to this day.*

There was a reproach, a shame, on the sons of Israel because of their parent's disobedience in the wilderness. When the men were circumcised, this shame was cut away. God had to deal with their generational sins and their personal sins before they went into battle.

What does circumcision represent to us today and why is it so important to God?

**Genesis 17:7-11, 14** *"I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you. "I will give to you and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God." God said further to Abraham, "Now as for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations. "This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: every male among you shall be circumcised. "And you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin, and it shall be the sign of the covenant between Me and you... But an uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant."*

God made a covenant with Abraham and all his descendants to be their God, and to give them the Land of Canaan for an everlasting possession. God asked them to be circumcised as a sign of agreeing to the covenant. If they did not, they will be breaking God's covenant. We as Gentiles have been grafted into the sons of Israel by our acceptance and love of Jesus Christ.

#### **Deuteronomy 10: 12-20**

*"Now, Israel, **what does the LORD your God require from you**, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the LORD'S commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good?*

*..."Yet **on your fathers did the LORD set His affection to love them**, and He chose their descendants after them, even you above all peoples, as it is this day. "Therefore, **circumcise your heart**, and stiffen your neck no longer.*

... *"You shall fear the LORD your God; you shall serve Him and cling to Him, and you shall swear by His name.*

God spoke to Moses and confirmed His covenant with Abraham and all his descendants, the sons of Israel, and us. Moses went to the heart of circumcision in these verses. Because of the Love that the Lord has for us, and because we are to love and serve the Lord, our hearts are the main thing that needs to be circumcised. If we are to love the Lord with all of our heart, there are some things in our hearts that must be cut out!

**Deuteronomy 30:6** *"Moreover the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live.*

We must ask God to come into our hearts, to search them out, and to circumcise, cut away the things that are hindering us from loving Him completely.

**Colossians 2:11** *and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ;*

The things that need to be removed from our hearts are the things of our flesh.

Going back to **Joshua 5:2**, three times the word or a form of the word **"again"** appears. This is curious because, these men had never been circumcised, so why do they need to again be circumcised again, a second time? I feel this is to show us that the foreskins of our hearts, the fleshly covering that hinders us from loving the Lord, needs to be removed over and over again, because there are layers to our hearts. He is gracious and cuts things away little by little, but we must be faithful and diligent to allow Him to circumcise our hearts again and again.

**Jeremiah 4:4** *"Circumcise yourselves to the LORD and remove the foreskins of your heart, Men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, or else My wrath will go forth like fire and burn with none to quench it, because of the evil of your deeds."*

The times we are living in now, the time of preparation for the Lord to return, call for us to live lives apart from the flesh. We must take the time now, in these 52 days of preparation for battle, to allow God to circumcise again another layer of our heart. Then we will be ready to battle effectively and victoriously for the Lord.

### **Prayer Focus**

- Pray for yourself, that you will ask God to circumcise your heart again.
- Pray for the Body of Christ, that they will see the need to have the flesh removed from their hearts and allow God to perform the surgery.
- Pray that we will take the time before we head into the major battles ahead, to allow God to examine and purge our hearts, and not go rushing into battle.

# Instructions for the Last Day's Army

December 13, 2012 Day 8

It is beautiful what God is doing in this **gathering**. There is great power when we come together in His name to fight the battle He has put before us. He is gathering His army to come together and fight against the deep darkness that is on the earth and to cry out for justice for those in need.

Now that the wall is being built, we must get on this wall and keep praying! We must know our individual position, the position of our families, and the positions of our churches and ministries.

Now that the walls are being built, something will be built in the center – the temple. **God will do this just as He built the walls. Our task is to pray. We must see that our prayers are very powerful when we join with Him.**

What is the temple? – it is the body of Christ. It is time for the body of Christ to come into the fullness of the Lord.

**Jeremiah 4: 5-6** *Declare in Judah and proclaim in Jerusalem, and say, "Blow the trumpet in the land; Cry aloud and say, 'Assemble yourselves, and let us go Into the fortified cities.' "Lift up a standard toward Zion! Seek refuge, do not stand still, For I am bringing evil from the north, And great destruction.*

**In this passage God seven instructions for His Prayer Army that is arising in this hour.**

## **1. BLOW THE TRUMPET IN THE LAND**

“**Blow**” means a blown wind which causes a movement; to be carried, driven, or moved by the wind; creating an air current.

The Holy Spirit has blown the trumpet and His remnant intercessors have heard the sound and have begun to pray. We are to pray that the entire body of Christ, will awaken and take her rightful place as a Bride warrior of the King.

## **2. CRY ALOUD**

“**Cry**” means tears, distress, pain, to shout and scream, an expression of one's grief or pain.

This is a call to a specific type of **intercession** that is needed in this hour. These intercessors are moved with intensity for what is on God's heart, not what is on their heart. This is a call for wailing women (and men) who are skillful in intercession.

**Jeremiah 9: 17 - 22** – *Consider and call for the mourning women that they may come and send for skillful wailing women that they may come. Let them make haste and take up a wailing for us, that our eyes may run with tears, and our eyelids gush with water. For a voice of wailing is heard from Zion. For death has come through the windows.*

### 3. ASSEMBLE YOURSELVES

“**Assemble**” means to gather together in one common place for one purpose.

“**Gather together**” means to assemble, join, or connect ; to gather together in one place for a common purpose; to bring together that which is scattered; to assemble **together**, join, and **connect**.

The Lord has always gathered His people together, and in an orderly manner. He gathered the Sons of Israel according to their tribes (the 12 tribes of Israel) and family. In Numbers , God had Moses gather an army of all the men over the age of 20 who were able and skilled to go to war, according to their father's house. He set the army in place. **God is positioning people all over the world, who are able and skilled, to go to war.** We must know where we belong.

The camp was organized with three tribes on each side of the tabernacle, so that the Tabernacle, God's dwelling place was in the middle of the camp. JESUS is always in the center of the army. To the **east** were the tribes of Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun. **Judah** had the responsibility of leading this group. Judah's name means **the Lord has my praise and worship**.

To the **south** were the tribes of Reuben, Simeon, and Gad. **Reuben** was the leader of this group. His name means **the Lord has looked on my Affliction**. He was named by his mother Leah, who named him through her hurt for Jacobs's attention.

To the **west** were the tribes of Ephraim, Manasseh, and Benjamin. **Ephraim** was the leader of this group and his name means **the Lord has caused me to be fruitful in the Land of my**

**affliction.** These were sons and grandsons of Rachel, who was barren for so long, but the Lord opened her womb and made her fruitful (3 tribes).

To the **north** were the tribes of Dan, Asher, and Naphtali. **Dan** was the leader of this group and his name means the **Lord has judged my case and vindicated me.**

All of these tribes were birthed and named out of the affliction of their mothers. We all as intercessors have gone through much affliction in our lives, many trials and testings. We need to see which group we are in, which side of the tabernacle we are to be on, which part of the wall we are to occupy.

Notice the **Levites** were not mentioned. That is because they were responsible for the tabernacle and later the temple.

*Numbers 1:49 - They shall carry the tabernacle and take care of its furnishing; they shall attend to it and camp around the tabernacle.*

Some intercessors are called to be Levites, caring for the temple, carrying the Presence of the Lord. How is that done? By being intercessors for the church, the body of Christ, the temple of God.

*Deuteronomy 10:8 - The Lord separated the tribe of Levi to bear the ark of covenant of the Lord, to stand before the Lord to minister to Him and to bless in His name, to this day. The Lord was their portion, their inheritance.*

#### **4. MAKE A FORTIFIED CITY**

A fortified city is a place of refuge and protection as in being behind a wall; preparing a safe place for those in need; shelter from danger. This is why we are so driven to establish the City of Love in Rockwall, a safe place for women and their children to live for a while so they can be nourished, equipped, and sent out.

**This is why God has told us He has rebuilt the walls.** He has provided the fortified city for us to go into, a place that is safe to go for protection, a shelter for danger. He is our strength and our refuge that we can run to for love to be strengthened and equipped for battle.

## 5. SET UP THE STANDARD

We must set a standard of excellence, by the word of God being our banner, always before us in everything we do and say. We are setting the standard for those around us as we walk. His primary banner is love, His covenant love. God sets this standard for us based on His love and we must set a standard because of our love.

A “**standard**” is a level of quality, a degree of excellence, high social and moral standing, and attainment; an action or fact of achieving a goal.

God has called us to set a standard of excellence by achieving the goal He has set before us and that is His Word. We cannot set a standard without His Word being the BANNER over us.

*Isaiah 59:19* So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun; when the enemy comes like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him.

## 6. CALL MY PEOPLE TO TAKE REFUGE

God is calling His people to take refuge behind the walls that He has built for our protection when His judgments come upon the earth. Judgment will come and disasters will happen, but all who are behind the walls will be secure. These walls have been built through the prayers of God’s people who have not stopped praying.

God had places of refuge for all of His people; the trouble is we refuse to go to them.

*Isaiah 30:15* For thus the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, has said, "In repentance and rest you will be saved, In quietness and trust is your strength." But you were not willing.

**We must warn the body of Christ to take refuge,** to come under the coverings He has provided, before it is too late and we are left outside the walls of protection when the disasters come.

*Jeremiah 1:17 Therefore prepare yourselves and arise and speak to them all that I command you. Do not be dismayed before their face lest I dismay you before them. For behold, I have made you this day - A fortified city and an iron pillar and bronze walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the kings of Judah, against its princes, against its priests, and against the people of the land. They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you For I am with you says the Lord to deliver you.*

## **7. DO NOT DELAY**

To “**delay**” is to put something off for a later time, to postpone, to procrastinate. NOW IS THE TIME, NOT LATER. NOW IS THE TIME. We must not delay; we must not stand still in the things that God is sharing with His church. We must bring warning. This is very important because they have **chosen** their own places and their own ways.

In order to do this we must have a **lifestyle** of prayer, worship, and the Word.

We must repent, and we must **sacrifice**. The sound is going out, are we willing to press in?

### **Prayer Focus**

**PLEASE** read each one of these **seven instructions**, and pray, meditate, and study each one.

# Gathering of the Mighty Men and Women of God by the Spirit of the Lord

December 14, 2012 - Day 9

**I Chronicles 12:18, 38-39** *Then the Spirit came upon Amasai, chief of the captains, and he said: "We are yours, O David; we are on your side, O son of Jesse! Peace, peace to you, and peace to your helpers! For your God helps you." So David received them, and made them captains of the troop.*

*All these men of war, who could keep ranks, came to Hebron with a loyal heart, to make David king over all Israel; and the rest of Israel were of one mind to make David king. And they were there with David three days eating and drinking, for their brethren had prepared for them.*

**We are so excited about this great gathering during these 52 days.** We are seeing God is building, gathering, and restoring His Presence back in the house of God. **We see like during Nehemiah, David and Samuel's times, these men walked in divine instructions to fulfill the heart of God.**

God is raising up the Davids to take their rightful place as **leaders of this army** in the Body of Christ.

God is raising up the Nehemiahs to **mobilize His people into building the walls of prayer and worship.**

God is raising up the Samuels to lead people into **repentance**, so they can be **watchful** in this hour of **prayer.**

We must know that we are in a **spiritual battle and He is calling us to rally together.**

**Our heart's cry to the Lord must be,** "Spirit of the Lord, come upon us in this Gathering as You rally the troops that will be loyal to Jesus. Unite us with each other and with You to accomplish what You have called us to do. We all come to make You King over us, with one mind and with one heart to be loyal to You, and You alone."

**This determination requires a covenant relationship that would say, “We come to this place to give You a loyal heart, and ask to have the same mind as You Lord. We desire to make a covenant with You that will bring the gospel to Your people.” We all know it will require commitment and covenant to finish the work.**

In 1 Chronicles 12:18, *the Spirit came upon Amasai...* The word “**came upon**” is also translated “**clothed**”. The Spirit clothed Himself with Amasai, which means He took possession of Amasai. When you see the Spirit of the Lord came upon someone in the Old Testament, the Hebrew word literally says the **Spirit of the Lord clothed Himself with that person.**

**This happened to Gideon in Judges 6:34, *The Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon; then he blew the trumpet, and the Abiezrites gathered behind him.***

We must let the Spirit of the Lord clothe us, so we can speak the Heart of the Father as our hearts unite with each other and our King Jesus.

**Our prayer must be the words of Amasai to David in I Chronicles 12:18**

Pray this personally back to the Lord:

*We are yours, O Jesus; we are on your side, O Son of God*

*Peace, peace to you and peace to Your helpers*

*For Your Father helps You, Jesus*

*This is our loyalty to God who called us to partner with Jesus in this Great Army.*

**1 Chronicles 12: 21-22- *They helped David against the bands of raiders, for they were all mighty men of valor, and they were captains in the army. For at that time they came to David day by day to help him, until it was a great army, like the army of God.***

**God is gathering us all day by day to help Him, and now we are becoming a great army of God.**

The Holy Spirit will reveal everything we need in this hour. He will reveal to us how He wants the temple - His Body to be raised up in this hour. **We must totally rely on the Holy Spirit during this time of Prayer and Worship.**

**I Samuel 7:5-6** *And Samuel said, "Gather all Israel to Mizpah, and I will pray to the Lord for you." So they gathered together at Mizpah, drew water, and poured it out before the Lord. And they fasted that day and said, "we have sinned against the Lord."*

**"Mizpah"** means a place of watch. Samuel gathered together the people to pray. They drew water, from the depths of their hearts and poured it out before the Lord, with fasting and repentance.

This is where the Lord is taking us, to walk in spiritual leadership and to call times of corporate prayer, for God to restore the His Presence back into our churches and cities. We as leaders must be confident in corporate prayer to see God restore His people.

**Leaders must take charge prophetically** (hearing from God and sharing what He says) **and with tender compassion**, calling the people to renounce their sins, to return to God, to recommit themselves fully to Him, and to seek His face together.

**Leaders must initiate prayer, modeling it for others to follow, leading in fasting and in pouring out their hearts, dramatizing their heartfelt quest for God.** The fervent prayers of the leaders cause the living waters to come out from before the Lord. **John 7:37** *"If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink."* God's heart is for all to partake of these living waters. We show our heart of Love for the Lord and His people by pouring ourselves out with prayer and fasting.

**Leaders must remain unceasing in their prayers and in mobilizing the people for spiritual warfare.**

**Leaders must help people record the manifest results of God grace in answered prayer.**

**Leaders must understand their position as they have a close relationship with the Holy Spirit**, who will show them their responsibility, territory, and the mission which is on the heart of God.

**Our responsibility is to mobilize God's people to:**

**Come to a Place** of repentance, prayer, understanding intimacy with the Lord, and passion in God's love.

**Pursue the presence of God daily** with a heart of holiness - Nazarite Vows

**Position** themselves in the Word, Warring in Prayer, and Worship

**Have a Passion** for the **prophetic** insight God has given through the quieting of their souls.

**Prepare** the next generation who will also lead in these areas for His kingdom.

**Possess** the land by traveling and going to all nations, raising up disciples and teaching them. Partnering with the Holy Spirit to produce curriculum, books, tapes, and other resources for His glory.

**Pray prayers that produce justice** for the land - children, widows, women, families, poor; all those whom God places on our hearts.

Leaders, when we arise and carry out these responsibilities, God will come and give to His church:

His glory - we will carry the presence of God

His authority, as we sit and rule and reign with Him in the position that He has given us.

Our responsibilities as priests before Him in the house of the Lord.

His peace that we can impart to others, a wisdom that results in reconciliation, inner peace, and rest.

## Instructions of Praying Through Tragedy

December 15, 2012 - Day 10

**Please discern the times and the season in which we are living.** We are in a dark time and **WE NEED TO PRAY.** Our heart, as a ministry, is crying out for the families of America. We are all moved to pray with a heart of passion and mercy. Today we will **pray at 10:00 am** (Central time zone in America) **at the Jubilee House** for the families affected by the latest tragedy. **Please join us in this time of prayer.**

**ARISE GREAT ARMY, we must pray for the families who suffered a great loss yesterday.** This tragic evil will not go unseen by The Lord. He explains how the **innocents** get murdered, but we must know He is on the throne and He comes with mercy and compassion.

### **The Lord placed on my heart:**

- To pray for the families to be encouraged to **persevere** through this time of loss.
- To pray that they will **see His love** and it will cause them to come to Him. He is our Lord and He will comfort and strengthen them.
- To pray that their **hearts are turned to The Lord Jesus Christ.** Usually in these times the enemy brings **fear and anger** into the hearts of the hurting. We begin to **question** Father God and why has He allowed such tragic to happen to us. **Perfect love casts out all fear!!!**

We all know there is a darkness out there that has come to steal, kill and destroy the lives of many people. When we read **Jeremiah 9:17-21**, we hear the cry of God telling us to cry out and pray.

**Jeremiah 9:19** *"For a voice of wailing is heard from Zion. For death has come through our windows, has entered our palaces to kill off the children to no longer to be outside!"*

The voice of one crying out praying is heard. We must know that the enemy targets our children, because of their innocence. We must cover our children in this great battle.

**James 5:4** *The cries of the innocents have reach the ears of The Lord of Saboath.*

The “**Lord of Saboath**” is literally the “**Lord of Hosts**”. He is the commander of the armies of heaven.

We must continue to pray in this **great battle, and Saboath is still giving us instructions** as we walk this out day by day. He will bring to us in the midst of crisis, restoration, protection, His presence, and assurance of help. Please read and let God minister to you as He moves forward in our instructions to PRAY.

**Instructions for the army on day 10 of 52 days.**

**In order for God to set His army in place, healing and restoration must come to all warriors.** In the book of Joshua, God made promises to His people and gave them very clear instructions for the coming battles they must engage in to take the land from their enemies.

**RESTORATION -Joshua 1:13** - *remember the word which Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, saying, The Lord your God is giving you rest and is giving you this land.* He will bring us into the Promised Land and He will give us rest. Great battles are coming, but afterwards great rest.

**PROTECTION FOR FAMILIES - Joshua 2:13** - *spare my families, as we come out of a place with You.* As we are battling in prayer for the needs of others, we can rest assured that God is answering the prayers we have prayed for our own families. If we take care of God’s family, He will take care of ours.

**GOD’S PRESENCE - Joshua 3:4-13** *When you see the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord your God, we must follow it. Take up the Ark of the Covenant and cross over before the*

people. So they took up the Ark of the Covenant and went before the people. The Ark of the Covenant represented the manifest presence of God.

**REFRESHING –Joshua 3:13** *And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth shall rest in the waters of the Jordan. HE RESTED IN THE WATERS.* We must know that there will be times of great refreshing that the Holy Spirit will pour out on us even in the midst of battle.

**CIRCUMCISION – Joshua 5:2-9** Before they went in to battle, they were circumcised. Our heart must also be circumcised before we take our place on the wall of prayer, before we march into battle. Fleshly things must be cut out of our hearts that hinder our prayers and our intimacy with God. We must have nothing that keeps us from trusting Him 100%, loving Him 100%, and hearing Him clearly.

**ASSURANCE OF HELP- Joshua 5:13-14** - *And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with his sword drawn in His hand and Joshua went to Him and said to Him Are You for us or for our adversaries? I have come now as the commander of the army of the Lord.* We must know that we are not in this battle alone. God has sent His heavenly hosts to battles alongside us. Jesus dispatches them when we pray, to bring justice to the earth, to bring healing, restoration, hope...

**KNOW OUR POSITION IN THE BATTLE - Joshua 6:13** - *Then seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams horns before the Ark of the Lord went on continually and blew with the trumpets. And the armed men went before them. But the rear guard came after the Ark of the Lord, while the priests continued blowing the trumpets.*

There were **soldiers who led the way** (they are leaders, they hear God's voice and lead the people in the way He says to go), who **blew the trumpets** (these are the worshippers, and those who gather the people. Worship is a very powerful weapon in our warfare.

We must never forget this fact!), who **carried the Ark of the Covenant** (they continually carry the presence of God), and who were the **rear guard** (watchful strong warriors who were obedient to follow the leadership, and to not go their own way). Each of us have a position in God's army, and each position is very important.

# Be Strong in the Power of the Lord

December 16, 2012 - Day 11

**Ephesians 6:10** Finally, *be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.*

**The Rising Army must know to be Strong in His power and might; not by our power, not by our might, but by the Holy Spirit.**

## **Ephesians 6:1-10**

Ephesians 6 gives us great understanding that our Father in heaven is a God of order and peace. He understands **authority and rank, because He is The Lord of Hosts over His uprising army.**

In **Ephesians 6: 1-9** Jesus is dealing with **order in all our relationships** and making it very clear He is the one that establishes order. We are to respect God the Father, as well as those He has placed over us. We are called to be bondservants of Christ, not to please man, but to please Him. This is will of God for our heart, and we must obey Him.

We must understand the enemy has a **plan and strategy that comes to divide us**, because we don't understand order in the army of God.

In this season we must be **strong** in God and in the **power** of His might.

**What is it Lord that will help me be strong in You and in the power of Your might?**

**“Strong” means:**

- The **power to move heavy weights** (change one's place or position). We must understand when we are in transition, in a place of change, it will be a heavy weight or burden on us.

- The power to **perform (carry out, accomplish, fulfill a task or function)**. We must understand that we are to fulfill the tasks the Lord gives us to accomplish.
- The power to **perform physically demanding tasks**. We must understand what God is asking us to do will take discipline and training.
- The power to **perform a specific action well and powerfully**. We must understand in order to perform well; we need to complete our training.
- The power to **exert (make a mental and physical effort) great force and with influence**. We must understand the Truth of God's Word and walk in it.
- The power to **succeed (to achieve the goal aim or to overcome)** because of sound reasoning and convincing evidence. We must understand the power of our **Testimony**.
- The power to **possess (ownership) skills**, giving our gifts and abilities completely Him. We must understand the talents He gave to us, belong to Him and not us.

**All of this is the power of the Holy Spirit!!!**

**2 Peter 1:16** *For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the **power** and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were **eyewitnesses** of His majesty.*

One of the Greek words for "**Power**" is *dunamis*, which means force, miraculous power, the ability to do a mighty work. This word signifies exerted strength, or power shown effectively in a reigning authority.

**Acts 1:8** *"but you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be **witnesses** to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

We are to be His **witnesses**, to provide evidence of what Jesus has done in our lives and who we are in Him, to those who do not know Him. We are the testimony of Him overcoming sin and death by the power of His shed blood. **This gospel must be preached to all nations by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**2 Timothy 1:8** *Therefore do not be ashamed of the **testimony** of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the suffering for the gospel according to the **power** of God.*

To be strong is to understand it takes us to come into a place in the Lord that causes us to go through **transitions** which equip us to fulfill the **task** that has been given to us. With this understanding we must walk in discipline and perseverance causing us to complete the **training** that is required so we will be prepared for what is in the heart of God. This gives us the ability to walk in **truth** with authority and power, influencing others to see Him in us. This makes our **Testimony** and **Talents** come to life for others, so they may partake with Him who loves us so much.

Not by our might, or our **power**, but only by the power of the Holy Spirit are able to walk in full **power** and glory. We must be strong in the **power** of the Holy Spirit. He gives us the **power** to move forward in the heart of God.

The enemy comes to **ensnare** us and make us powerless, by **putting fear in our minds**. This hinders us from walking in the power of God to impact souls for the Kingdom of God. In this hour, God is mobilizing His people to be a great army fighting for the souls of men, new birth in the Kingdom. The strategy of the enemy is to keep us from knowing who we are so we do not walk in great power. Fear comes to ensnare us and keep us from the complete purposes of God.

**2 Timothy 1:7** *For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*

The Greek word for “**sound mind**” is *sophronisman* which means a safe mind, safe thinking, good judgment, disciplined thought pattern, and the ability to understand and make right decisions. It includes the qualities of self-control and self-discipline

The spirit of fear can find a place in our minds because of the fears we brought into the Kingdom from our past. Fear can immobilize and torment its victims, **making them feel powerless and alone. We must understand the power of His love which is the love of redemption. This love comes to set us free so we can move forward and not backwards.**

**I John 4:18** *There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.*

**We need the perfect love of God to cast out the thoughts** that make us walk out of the will and complete purpose of God. We become confused by the enemy and do not walk in a sound mind, a safe mind, to make good decisions when we go through transition and fulfilling the task. Then we don't complete the training and discipline needed to walk in the truth and the testimony God has given us for the Kingdom.

**Fear produces wrong thinking**, indecisions or wrong decisions that can lead to a place of bondage and great human suffering. This is not suffering for Christ, it is self-afflicting suffering.

**We have been called to overcome and allow our trials produce strength and power**

### **Prayer Focus**

- We must pray we have the **power of God through the Holy Spirit abiding in us**, enabling us to no longer be victims.

**2 Timothy 1:6** *For this reason I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.*

- We must pray that we have **perfect love of God**, poured into our lives through Jesus Christ and His **abiding presence**.

**1 John 4:18** *There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.*

# Weapons of the enemy & Knowing our Weapons - Part 1 Strategy and Plans for Warring with the Darkness

December 17, 2012- Day 12

## Ephesians 6:16

As the Lord **equips** us for battle, we must **understand both the weapons of the Lord** and the weapons of the enemy.

Ephesians 6:10-12 clarifies how we are to war against the enemy:

*“Finally my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, **but against principalities and against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual host of wickedness in the heavenly places.**”*

The enemy knows how to use us against each other; with the words that come from our mouths, our attitudes, anger, accusations and all kind of schemes that he uses to cause us to hurt one another. The enemy’s strategy is to play us against each other; he intends to use us to afflict pain and hurt on others through our poor actions and negative words that will cause them to hurt and shut themselves off from the body of Christ.

When we are used to bring **distress, division and discord** against one another, we fall into the **devils traps**.

**Ephesians 6:16** *“Above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.”* In another translation it reads **“flaming arrows”** (NIV).

**“Fiery”** is something containing fire, instantly hot, easily angered and provoked; highly inflamed. **Flames** are very intense emotions.

**1 Corinthians 5:11** But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he is an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler--not even to eat with such a one.

These flames of arrows come from hurt and/or anger, producing accusations, ridicule, negative and critical words (gossip, backbiting, reviling - abusive language)

**These arrows are WEAPONS of the enemy!**

The New Testament word for “revile” is *oneidizo*, which means to behave in an immature way; to ridicule; to insult; to use words angrily or sarcastically.

The darts or arrows of the enemy are to provoke us to respond to an emotion or action; and when we revile, we send out flaming arrows that come to kill and hurt people.

In **1 Peter 4:7-11**, we are warned to be serious and watchful of our words, so our prayer will not be hindered.

*The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer. (8) Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. (9) Be hospitable to one another without complaint. (10) As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. (11) Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

We must be careful not to **complain and speak against one another.**

**1 Peter 4:12** “Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trials which is to try you as though some strange thing happen to you; but rejoice to the extent that we are partakers of Christ's sufferings.”

As the Scriptures continue in **1 Peter 4:14-16**, we are encouraged that *if we are reproached, reviled, insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are we, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon us.* Likewise, we are instructed “...let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or a busybody in other people's matters.”

It's amazing how God makes these Scriptures very clear to us; yet, we still fall into the enemy's traps.

We are still **controlled by our soul** (which is our mind, will and emotions) even though Jesus said in **Matthew 11:29-29** “Come to Me all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls”.

We are still **controlled by our flesh** (which is our sinful nature) even though Paul warns us to walk in the Spirit and not in the flesh (Romans 8:1-12; Galatians 5:16-17). We must learn to have a mind filled with Christ and not the carnal mind (character of the world - evil thoughts).

We must see that the **brother of the accuser comes to keep us fighting** each other and not fight the real enemy. We must let God **strengthen** us as we walk this Word out on a daily basis because this is the enemy's number one strategy: Keep us from joining forces together. In Revelation 12:10, the enemy (satan) is called the BROTHER OF ACCUSER and he, the accuser of our brethren, accuses day and night before the Lord. This is his fulltime job!

Everyday someone is being used by the enemy to bring accusations. “**Accuse**” means to charge and find fault or offense; accusation, the act of attacking. And such works of accusation by the enemy causes us to:

- transgress - break the law, do wrong
- blame and take offense
- offend - to annoy and irritate
- be angry and cause pain to others

- cause resentful displeasure
- fall into sinful ways
- be resentful and express bitterness and anger from being treated unfairly

We must overcome the enemy with the **Word!** **We must walk out this Word in Love and Wait on God** as we die to our emotions, thoughts, and ways. Jesus fully understood the weapon of reviling that the enemy used. But Jesus knew His mission and kept His mind on the things of God.

**1 Peter 2:21** *“For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps.*

**1Peter 2:23** *Who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously.*

We must follow the example of Christ when He was reviled and not revile in return, not shoot the arrows back to the other person. This is a very hard thing for one who is standing in the gap, but such a person who follows Christ’s example will receive a great reward. I know what you are thinking: How can I walk out the Word when I feel like someone has betrayed me, lied to me, or even accused me? With God, it is possible. You and I can still stand in the gap of prayer, with love in our hearts and receive God’s great reward!

Still not convinced that this is the blessed life of a man or woman of God? Then read **Luke 6:22-23**: **“Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man's sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy!!! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, for in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.”**

### **Prayer Focus**

- We must pray for the **wounded** soldiers that they will arise to be healed.
- We must pray that we do not let our **pain** hurt others through our words (tongue).

- We must pray that the Body of Christ will be **alert, vigilant** and **sober** to watch out for the attack of the enemy.
- We must pray for those who have **open wounds** and are being used by the enemy to accuse others wrongfully.
- We must pray for the **love of God that covers** a multitude of sins.
- We must pray that the Body of Christ not only be **healed from past hurts** but **receive rest for their souls**.
- We must pray that every **open door be shut**, so that we are not deceived.
- We must **keep our mouths closed** and not come up against one another other. If our hearts are not healed, our mouths will be filled with words of hurt that will tear our Brethren down.

## **Weapons of the Enemy and Knowing our Weapons -Part 2**

December 18, 2012 - Day 13

### **2 Corinthians 10:3-6**

We don't walk in the flesh; we do not war according to the flesh. Arguments come first from the mind.

**For the weapons of our WARFARE are not carnal** but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds of the flesh.

### **Romans 8:5-9**

To be in the “**flesh or carnal**”, to have a fleshly mind is death, and it is enmity (hostile) against God, and it cannot subject itself( submit) to God. Now carnality is in the mind. The battle is in the mind.

**The enemy uses us while we are in our carnal state and not in the Spirit.** We take his **weapons of accusations, ridicule, reviling, and negative words and put them in us and use them as arrows to hit the heart of God's people.** The enemy is a master in being an accuser of the brethren; to bring an offense between the people of God.

**We shoot arrows at each other by the words that come from our mouths.**

**Jeremiah 9:8** – *Their tongue is a deadly arrow; It speaks deceit; With his mouth one speaks peace to his neighbor, But inwardly he sets an ambush for him.*

**James 3:5-6** *So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things. See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell.*

The tongue is a little part of our bodies, yet it can start a great fire that can bring destruction. It can be a world of iniquity, a negative way, crooked way. This iniquity affects the heart; our hearts need to be healed.

**Luke 6:45** *"The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart.*

Whatever is in our hearts, will be spoken from our mouths.

**Matthew 12:33** *"Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit.*

**The root of our heart will bring either good or bad fruit.** When we have a crooked way that has affected our hearts, it will speak what is in the heart.

**Matthew 12:35** *The good man brings out of his good treasure what is good; and the evil man brings out of his evil treasure what is evil.*

Jesus takes what is in our hearts and the words that we speak to one another very seriously.

**Matthew 12:36-37** *But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.*

Jesus says to us that **we will give an account of every idle word we speak**, because it affects what He came to do here on earth. We are fighting against Him and we are used by the enemy to come against each other. He knows the enemy's strategy and He fights against it.

An **"Idle word"** has no worth, it is not active, and it is useless, of no significance or value.

The **darts or arrows the enemy sends our way are to provoke us** to respond to an emotion or negative action. When we **PARTICIPATE with the enemy** we come against the work of the Kingdom.

**Jeremiah 9:3** *"They bend their tongue like their bow; Lies and not truth prevail in the land; For they proceed from evil to evil, And they do not know Me," declares the LORD.*

The Hebrew word for **"arrow"** is *chêts*. It is defined as a **piercer**, something that wounds; figuratively (of God) thunder bolt; the shaft of a spear; an archer, arrow, dart, shaft, staff, wound.

Webster's defines an "arrow" as a missile **weapon of offense**, straight, slender, pointed and barbed, to be shot with a bow.

**The word arrow is used for slanderous words and the malicious purposes of evil men.**

**Psalm 11:2** *For, behold, the wicked bend the bow, They make ready their arrow upon the string To shoot in darkness at the upright in heart.*

**Psalm 37:12-16** *The wicked plots against the righteous And gnashes at him with his teeth. (13) The Lord laughs at him, For He sees his day is coming. (14) The wicked have drawn the sword and bent their bow To cast down the afflicted and the needy, To slay those who are upright in conduct. (15) Their sword will enter their own heart, And their bows will be broken. (16) Better is the little of the righteous than the abundance of many wicked.*

**Psalm 64:2-6** *Hide me from the secret counsel of evildoers, From the tumult of those who do iniquity, (3) Who have sharpened their tongue like a sword. They aimed bitter speech as their arrow. (4) To shoot from concealment at the blameless; Suddenly they shoot at him, and do not fear. (5) They hold fast to themselves an evil purpose; They talk of laying snares secretly; They say, "Who can see them?" (6) They devise injustices, saying, "We are ready with a well-conceived plot"; For the inward thought and the heart of a man are deep.*

The tongues of the wicked are like swords, flaming swords, two-edged swords, drawn swords, drawn in anger, with which they cut, wound, and kill. Our words can be a dangerous weapon. Bitter words are the arrows and fiery darts of the wicked one, set on fire to hell. When our bitterness grows to malice, we bend our bows, sending out these arrows with much force.

The upright man is their mark; against him their anger is directed, and they cannot speak peaceably either of him or to him. The better any man is the more he is envied by those that are themselves bad, and the more ill is said of him. They manage it with a great deal of art and subtlety. They *shoot in secret*, that those they shoot at may not discover them and avoid the danger, for *in vain is the net spread in the sight of any bird*. And suddenly do they shoot, without

giving a man lawful warning or any opportunity to defend himself. There is no guard against a pass made by a false tongue.

**Jeremiah 9:3** *"They bend their tongue like their bow; Lies and not truth prevail in the land; For they proceed from evil to evil, And they do not know Me," declares the LORD.*

**Psalms 57:4** *My soul is among lions; I must lie among those who breathe forth fire, Even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows and their tongue a sharp sword.*

**The arrows (words) that come out of our mouth can either cures or bless.**

**James 3:6-18** *And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell. ... (8) But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison. (9) With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God; (10) from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way. (11) Does a fountain send out from the same opening both fresh and bitter water? (12) Can a fig tree, my brethren, produce olives, or a vine produce figs? Nor can salt water produce fresh. (13) Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom. (14) But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. (15) This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. (16) For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing. (17) But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. (18) And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.*

**There is a plant called Arrow-root that is used in the Indies as a poison for arrow tips, but it can also be used as a nutritive medicinal food.** Both life and death come from this plant, so too are the words that come out of our mouth.

**Proverbs 25:11-12** *Like apples of gold in settings of silver is a word spoken in right circumstances. (12) Like an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold is a wise reprove to a listening ear.*

**We must be mighty warriors trained to shoot the pure arrows that God has given us.**

**1Chronicles 12:1-2** *Now these are the ones who came to David at Ziklag, while he was still restricted because of Saul the son of Kish; and they were among the mighty men who helped him in war. (2) They were equipped with bows, using both the right hand and the left to sling stones and to shoot arrows from the bow; they were Saul's kinsmen from Benjamin.*

**An arrow is used to pierce a body, and our words are designed to pierce the hearts of those we speak to. We can pierce their hearts with pure arrows that bring the healing truth of God's love, hope, and faith. Or we can pierce their hearts with poison arrows that brings death.**

**2Chronicles 26:15** *In Jerusalem he made engines of war invented by skillful men to be on the towers and on the corners for the purpose of shooting arrows and great stones. Hence his fame spread afar, for he was marvelously helped until he was strong.*

We must be intentional about sending out our arrows and sending them out in greater magnitude. We must learn to be skillful in using this great weapon that God has given us to pierce the hearts of men.

Are our pure arrows sharp so they can pierce the hardened hearts of the people in the world? We must be with other mature Christians who can help us to become sharpened and to stay sharpened. Iron sharpens iron.

**What golden arrows are we to be shooting from our bow?**

**Proverbs 25:11-12** *Like apples of gold in settings of silver is a word spoken in right circumstances. Like an earring of gold and an ornament of fine gold is a wise reproof to a listening ear.*

A golden word is a word that is well-circumstanced, used in the proper time and place - instruction, advice, or comfort, given seasonably, and in apt expressions, adapted to the case of the person spoken to and agreeing with the character of the person speaking. When spoken as a reproof with discretion, it is accepted.

Golden rule: do unto others as you would want them to do to you.

**I Corinthians 13:4-13** *Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, (5) does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, (6) does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; (7) bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things... (13) But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.*

**How can we be protected from the evil arrows that come our way?**

**Psalms 7:10** *My shield is with God, Who saves the upright in heart.*

God is our shield and He has given each of us the shield of faith. We must allow Him to grow it so it is a large shield that covers us from all the flaming arrows that are shot at us, either by the enemy or by the people around us.

**Ephesians 6:11** *in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.*

**(ADD PRAYER FOCUS)**

## Power of the Logos and Rhema Word of God

December 19, 2012 - Day 14

**Isaiah 55:6** *Seek The Lord while He may be found and Call upon Him while He is near.*

We are in a season where the Lord is here and is giving out instructions to His great army. We must continue to seek Him. He is speaking to us about the importance of getting healing from the wounds in our hearts in this hour of preparation. We must forsake the crooked (iniquities) ways of our past and the negative, evil, hurt thoughts that cause us not to repent. We must return with a heart of love to The Lord.

So many times we want the Lord to think like us in our times of troubles, but He is a Holy, Almighty, and All Knowing God, and His ways are not our ways.

In the Kingdom Dynamics of my Bible, Jack Hayford says:

“God reminds us that His ways and thoughts are unfathomably beyond ours. It is good to remember that when we are interceding for the lost or the seemingly impossible situations. In that light, also remember:

- Light is more powerful than darkness
- Truth is stronger than error
- Grace is abundance in God's heart than sin in men's hearts.
- There is more power in the Holy Spirit to convict men of sin than there is power of satanic forces to tempt men to sin.
- There's more power in one drop of the shed blood of the Lord Jesus to cleanse men's heart from the stain of sin than there is in the accumulated filth of men's sin since Adam and Eve.”

**Isaiah 55:8-9** *"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."*

**Isaiah 55:10-11** tells us that as sure as the rain comes down from the sky, so will God's Word complete and accomplish what is in His heart. God's Word will prosper; the seed of His Word will multiply, because the source of all saving life is the Seed of Christ.

We must know and believe that the **Word of God will go forth and accomplish all that is in His heart for us**. He will make sure this happens as we position ourselves to receive the rain from heaven. The rain of His Word to us shall prosper in all which He has sent for us to complete. What an amazing promise God has given us, and how powerful He is in our lives. The Word of God is so great and amazing.

**The Seed of that Word will grow in us if we cultivate it through seeking Him in His abiding presence.** The Holy Spirit is waiting on us to abide with our Lord Jesus. He wants to not only accomplish His word in us; but for His Word, filled with His love, to be spread to all mankind. All increase of life within His love comes by His Word, and as we respond to His love we are blessed. When we receive God's word of promise, we will never be barren. The power in His Word will always fulfill the promise of His Word. We never need to wonder how faith is developed or how fruitfulness is realized.

**Romans 10:17** *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.*

When we hear His Word and receive it wholeheartedly and humbly, fruitfulness is the guaranteed by-product. Fruitfulness takes many forms, from the lost soul who needs salvation to a child of God who needs His provision. God's Word cannot be barren or fruitless; His own life power is within it.

**We must understand the power of the Word, it is a POWERFUL WEAPON!!!!**

**Hebrew 4:12** *For the Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

“Powerful” denotes something at work, active and effective.

There are 2 New Testament words for the Word of God. One is **Logos** which is the written Word of God, and the other is **Rhema** which is the spoken Word of God that the Holy Spirit speaks to our soul.

Nothing can replace **Logos** in the lives of the Children of God if we are to survive the battle we are in!. When God speaks to our soul by His Spirit, He is calling forth faith just as He did from Israel when He pointed them toward their inheritance. Faith's confession receives God's spoken words. When we stand firm upon His **Rhema** Words, we stand upon this Word with faith of confession. Logos and Rhema are strong because they are Words from Almighty God. They do not come to us by our human minds and power, but by the divine will revealed in the wholeness of the Scriptures - the **Logos** (completed Word) and the **Rhema** ( present word of promise) has been received.

If we can come to an understanding of how powerful God's written and spoken Words are, we would walk as over-comers and conquerors. Tomorrow we want to share with you how to become an overcomer in this battle.

### **Prayer Focus**

- We must pray that we seek Him diligently until we find Him daily.
- We must pray that we forsake the wounds of the past.
- We must pray that we know Him, His way and not our way.
- We must pray that we understand His Word and promises for our lives
- We must pray that we know the Word of God and how powerful it is in our lives.
- We must pray that we abide and live this Word daily.
- We must pray that the army will not forsake the Word of God.

## **Walking in His Authority with Wisdom and Understanding**

December 20, 2012 – Day 15

**Isaiah 60:1-3**, *"Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness will cover the earth and deep darkness the peoples; but the LORD will rise upon you and His glory will appear upon you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising."*

We can see the heart of God of the lost in these verses, and how He has given us all we need to reach the lost and deal with the deep darkness of the world. He is determined to establish His kingdom and set His people free.

**Isaiah 2:2** *"Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of The Lord's house, shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it."*

**God is calling His people and the Church to establish His Kingdom on the earth.** We are called to teach and disciple unto the Lord. God has given us His Light and Glory. When we minister to the unbeliever, the Glory of The Lord should be upon us. We have done things our way and not His way. **We have walked in our own understanding and wisdom but not with His wisdom.**

**Ephesians 1:18-19** *"I pray that the eyes of your understanding (heart) may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power."*

When we know the hope of His calling for our lives and for the Church, we will walk in His power and His authority to rule and reign with Jesus in these last days. But unfortunately, we have walked in our own power much of the time, and not His.

**Mathews 15: 8-9** *"These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."*

Jesus was quoting **Isaiah 29:13**: *"Therefore The Lord said; Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths and honor Me with their lips, but have removed their hearts far from Me, and their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men."*

**We can only walk in His authority:**

- by walking in **His love**
- when we understand **His heart**
- when we let past teachings of men go and long for **His way**
- when our heart becomes like **His heart**

That is why we have not walked in an **authority that changes the atmosphere of our churches and ministries**. God's authority dispels darkness, division, and discord; defeats despair, depression, and demons. When we understand His way and His heart and walk in it, then we can see things with His wisdom and His understanding.

**Colossians 1:9** *"For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding."*

**Luke 2:47** *"And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers."*

The Greek word "**understanding**" used in this scripture is "**sunesis**" which means putting together, quickness of apprehension

"**Apprehend**" means to perceive, to come to an awareness, to have our senses open or our eyes open to truth, the light of something in the midst of the darkness around us, being able to put two and two together.

When we have the Lord's understanding, **the practical side of our mind senses the truth and the spiritual side discerns and analyzes the truth**, allowing us to be able to judge righteously with wisdom and understanding.

**We must follow Jesus' example in walking with knowledge and understanding. When we walk in this kind of wisdom and understanding** we will "walk worthy of the Lord fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God." (Colossians 1:10)

**We have not matured because we are not eating the solid food of God's Word.**

**Hebrews 5:13-14** *"For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil".*

**When we are in the Word of God and remain in His Word our eyes are open to know the difference between the will of God and the desires of man.** This comes when we walk in a place of wanting to please Him; and when we **exercise** our senses through the trials of life with the saints. **Exercise is allowing both sides to discern by patience, and then listening and watching for God before moving.** We must be still and listen for God, and not move so quickly; for God is faithful.

**Advanced teachings are adapted** (given to) to mature believers, whose spiritual senses are able to discriminate (to recognize the difference) between sound and unsound doctrine, and between wholesome and unwholesome conduct. They are able to see when a person's character does not add up with the Word of God, causing mixture in what he or she teaching, (**mixture**).

**2 Peter 3:15-16** – *" ... Paul, according to the wisdom given him, has written to you, as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures."*

Paul wrote the epistles to teach the people the heart of God, but man has taken these scriptures and turned them around because of where their hearts are. In this hour truth is hard to understand because it is so opposite from what man has taught us. So many men are untaught and unstable, twisting God's Word to their own destruction.

**The Lord wants to strengthen us with truth so we can walk in the power and authority He has given us.** The church must let the Word of God change her by walking in wisdom, knowledge and understanding that changes our hearts. We will not be able to strengthen others if we ourselves are not growing to be mature in the Word of God. Let us look at the definitions of some words that will give us understanding of what we need to bring God's Glory back into the House of God, and these will be our prayer focus for today.

#### PRAYER FOCUS

- **We must pray that the Body of Christ be Strengthened**

The following Greek Words (New Testament) for *strengthened*, are:

*dumamoo* To make strong, confirm, enable, to prepare

*Duna*-power

*Dunamai* - to be able

*Dunamis* - to have power, usually super natural

*dunamoo* - to be strengthen

*dunates* - sovereign or ruler

*dunateo* - be mighty

*dunatos* - powerful

We get our English word "**dynamite**" from this word

- **We must pray that we walk in power**
- The Greek word for *power* in 1Timothy 6:16 is *kratos*, which means dominion, strength, or manifested power; exerted strength; power shown effectively in a reigning authority. ***Kratos* primarily refers to God's kingdom authority, along with His dominion and majesty.**
- Power is not money, fame or position; it is **spiritual positioning so that the supernatural power of God will be manifested.**

- **We must pray that we walk in trust**

*Trust* in Greek means to expect or to hope for. We are not to hope for riches or expect them to bring us security or deliverance. Values change and earthly riches are only as good as the present value. What is valuable today might not be valuable tomorrow. The wisdom that we must have is putting our trust and hope in God alone to make provision for us.

- **We must pray that our heart is like His heart for His kingdom**
- **We must pray that we as the Body of Christ walk in His wisdom and understanding and not our own we learned through our traditions.**
- **We must pray that we do not perish from lack of knowledge, but that we will pray for God's knowledge to be exposed in our hearts through His Word.**

## **Churches of Prayer on Zion, Arise to Build**

December 21, 2012 – Day 16

**Isaiah 52:1-2** *Awake, awake! Put on your strength, O Zion, put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city! For the uncircumcised and the unclean shall no longer come to you. Shake yourself from the dust, arise; sit down, O Jerusalem! Loose yourself from the bonds of your neck, O captive daughter of Zion.*

The Lord is crying out for His prayer warriors and worshipers to arise and be awakened. We must loose ourselves from our own bondages that have kept us captive, hindering our prayers us from praying and hearing the heart of the Father. His love is crying out to us to send up passionate prayers that will touch heaven.

**Seeds of Love must be sown to those who will encounter the prayers** that must go up before The Lord from Zion. We have been chosen to serve the Lord of Hosts in carrying out His orders and bring good tidings to the lost.

The Body of Christ today is those who are **the remnant that will respond to be a servant to the Lord as a Prophetic Messenger of the Word, Prophetic Prayer Warrior, and Prophetic Worshiper.** Our destiny is to be His servant.

**Isaiah 49: 5-6** “ *and now the Lord says, who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant... It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, that You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.*”

Throughout the Word of God, the Lord has raised up men and women who know their callings and have carried them out, as He placed His instructions on their hearts.

Let's look at one of those people:

**Isaiah 45:1** - *Thus says The Lord to His anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have held, to subdue nations before him and loose the armor of kings, to open before him the double doors, so that the gates will not be shut...*

The Hebrew word for “**anointed**” is *mashach* which means to rub with oil, especially in order to consecrate someone or something. Those who are **anointed and chosen are set apart for a special task upon the earth. They will respond to the call** that is on their life and will hear clearly the Words of the Lord

When God said He **held** Cyrus’ hand, it means **to awaken one to be strengthened or sustained**. God chose and anointed and chosen him for a special mission.

**Cyrus lived during the time of Ezra and Nehemiah.** During the captivity of God’s people by Persia, God moved on this leader’s heart to allow the Jews to return from their captivity in Babylon and rebuild Jerusalem and the temple. A faithful group responded and departed in 538BC. The Temple construction began, but opposition brought discouragement and the people stopped building. **God then raised up the prophetic ministries of Haggai and Zechariah who called the people to complete the task.**

**Ezra 1:1** “...*the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia.*”

God, in this hour, is stirring up the hearts of many of His leaders who are the remnant that He has kept for Himself in these last days.

**Haggai 1: 14** “*so the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel , governor of Judah; and the spirit of Joshua, the high priest; and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the Lord of hosts, their God.*”

The word “**Stir up**” means to rouse, awaken, excite, raise up, incite, arouse to action, and open one's eyes.

**Haggai 1:12** *“Then Zerubbabel... and Joshua...with all the remnant of the people **obeyed** the voice of the Lord their God and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the Lord their God had sent him, and the people feared the presence of the Lord.”*

**There was obedience** to the voice of God, through the Lord Himself and through His prophet. The Lord now is **stirring up leaders** who will respond to the work of the house of The Lord of hosts.

**Haggai was a prophet, an encourager**, whose word was in tune with the hearts of the people and the mind of God. He was the Lord's messenger with the Lord's message, bringing instructions and encouragement to this discouraged band. He assured them of God's presence and desires.

Haggai had to address 3 problems during his time and we are having today, as we continue to build the wall with prayer and worship.

- **Disinterest** - people were more concerned about building their own homes and taking care of themselves and not the house of The Lord.
- **Discouragement** comes when we look into the past. We must look to the plans and promises of God, and know what He has asked us to do to fulfill His Heart.
- **Dissatisfaction**- We must be patient while waiting on God to restore what has been stolen and destroyed in our lives. We must allow God to work holiness in our lives without resenting the chosen call.

**This awakening and encouragement will move forward when the prophetic ministry stands up.** We must be awakened and roused into action: to repent, return, restore, rebuild, and be refreshed so we can complete what is in the Heart of The Lord for us in this hour.

**Isaiah 51:9** *Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of The Lord, Awake as in the ancient days in the generations of old.*

This awakening will **strengthen** us to subdue, conquer, bring under subjection, over-power, loose the arms of the enemy, over-power by superior force, overcome.

We must arise to conquer and subdue nations for The Lord. The word “**conquer**” means to gain victory over, to win a war, to overcome, to get better in a struggle or conflict, to defeat, to gain victory, to bring under mental and emotional control as by persuasion, to render submission, to bring land under cultivation.

We conquer hearts under the cultivation through our prayers, so they will come under the submission of The Lord. This will happen when we subdue the wilderness that they are going through in this season.

**Prayer will loosen and disarm the strong man in their lives.** We must pray that their minds and emotions will be brought under control; that the illnesses of their mind, the hurts of their soul, and the wounds of their heart will be conquered and overcome. **Darkness has entered into our families, churches and cities and only through His glory through prayer will we be set us free so we can prepare from His Return.**

**Chosen Servants of God Arise! The time and hour has come, let us move forward together. Let us make Isaiah 60 be our prayer focus for today** as we pray for God’s **Chosen** leaders to awaken and arise again to rebuild the Church of the Lord with prayer and worship that will **change the atmosphere of a city and nation.**

- *The Light has come and the glory has risen over us, because the deep darkness has entered the earth and The Lord will arise over us. His glory will be seen upon us and the lost shall come to the Light and kings to the brightness of our rising. We must lift up our eyes all around us and see the gathering that the Lord is bringing to His sons and daughters. They are coming, so rejoice, God will give us everything we need. Sons and daughters of foreigners shall build up your walls. We have found favor in Your sight.*
- We must pray that God’s people will be loosed from the bonds of their neck. Isaiah 52:2

## Harlotry in the Body of Christ

December 22, 2012 - Day 17

This is a Word that the Lord gave me a few days ago and it challenged me. I shared it with our church so we would walk in this together as a people who want to please Him in all respects. Now I see why God is dealing so strongly with us about our **idols and high places, our emotional wounds and differences**. As we mentioned yesterday, deep darkness has entered into our families, churches and cities. We are challenged to walk closely with God so we can walk with His anointing that will set free those around us. But if we have **mixture and greed in our hearts, it will cause us to go to church but not abide and walk with God**. We as a church are in trouble as like the days of Ezekiel.

The Lord challenged **Ezekiel to speak His words to the house of Israel**.

**Ezekiel 3:4-5** *“Then he said to me: ‘Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak My words to them. For you are not sent to a people of unfamiliar speech and of hard language, but to the house of Israel.’”*

He was telling Ezekiel that they, like our churches today, understand God’s Word but they are **not living His Word**.

**Ezekiel 3:7** *But the house of Israel (church today) will not listen to you, because they will not listen to Me; for all the house of Israel are impudent (they do not show respect to God or one another) and hard-hearted.*

Now the Lord is challenging me to speak to the **Churches** of today. I am sharing God’s heart with you and speaking in first person, because I **want you to hear His heart and not my heart**.

**Please read Ezekiel 16:2-30**

God said to me, **“Confront the Church with her detestable practices”** (things they are doing that I dislike; things that are very unpleasant to Me). **“Speak to them about their ways.”**

**What is on Your heart Lord?** *“Daughter I have given much mercy to My people for lack of not knowing My truth.*

We have not lain close to Your heart to hear You, My Lord. We have positioned ourselves in other places. **Forgive us please, Lord. Our hearts are not completely with YOU.**

*“No daughter, the distraction that **Ezekiel** speaks of in his time is still the same. I cleansed and purged you; dressed you and made you **beautiful, rich, and powerful.**”*

You Lord made covenant and we broke it with our **harlotry, greed and selfishness.** We went after our lovers; those things that we thought would satisfy us and make us something great.

### **Ezekiel 6:15-20**

We start putting our **trust** in our own beauty and use our **fame** to become a **prostitute** for the **Babylonian woman** (the world). For us as Christians we become harlots when we take what God has given us (gifts and talents) and trust in the gift for our worth. We sell ourselves to those who love our gifts for **our glory and not the glory of God.** We begin to sell the gift and our name (fame), and others begin to want it to make our churches famous and big. It helps bring the **crowds and capital we need to pay for whatever gathering we are hosting for the church.**

*“**Prostitute**”* is when a person **engages** in activities that please another in a **unworthy** way, usually for money; a person who willingly uses his or her talent or ability in a base (low position) and unworthy way, usually for money; **to sell or offer (oneself).**

**We have made our churches a place to prostitute Your gifts Lord, the ones the Holy Spirit has given us.** *Yes daughter.*

We are not reaching the people with what You have given us. We prostitute it to say we are reaching the lost because we want the money.

He is challenging us in our false ways of worship as He listed them in Ezekiel.

He gave us His **garment** of praise

He gave us His **adornment** of jewelry

He gave us fine **flour, oil and honey**

We took the *garments of praise* and put them on to please others by entertaining them with His gifts of worship. Now we entertain the people with our **gifts of worship** and praise and sell it to them so can enjoy it with the **Lord's name on it**. Worship is a lifestyle for The Lord and not for ourselves to be entertained. We have worshiped all wrong because of lack of teaching the truth from the Word of God.

We took the *adornment of jewelry*, the best or His best, and He put these around us. He gave us treasures of His **heart**, which are His people; the **precious stones of His heart**. We as **leaders of the Church take them and prostitute** the people to make our churches famous. They then become idols engaged in prostitution. **We have taken the worship and prayers and incense meant for the Lord and now gives it to the world.**

We took *His fine flour, olive oil and honey*, His anointed Word that he gave us to bring down **strongholds**. It is sweet in our mouths like honey. But we have given the word out as fragrant incense to the idols who are not interested in the Lord's Word, but only in what they can **receive from Him**.

We have made His **Worship, Warring Prayers, and Word** an abomination before Him. We have detestable practices that are **not pleasing** to The Lord.

**Ezekiel 16: 20** *“Moreover you took your sons and daughters whom you bore to Me, and these you sacrificed to them (idols) to be devoured...”*

We have people who have given their hearts to God and they are birthed unto Him (converts). We as their **shepherds**, have sacrificed (act of giving up something of value) them as food (something eaten to maintain life) to the idols (gods that are worshiped, things that we are consumed with). We as **leaders have not taken care of new converts**. We have allowed these babies, who are very **valuable to God to be slaughtered by the enemy, as their spiritual life is taken from them.**

The **Word of God and discipleship** are what keeps a new born babe alive; and we do not follow up with training in righteousness and keep an eye on them. We like building our churches up with new babies, but we do not take care of them.

The same thing happens with our natural children. We do not spend time with them as they grow. We do not see the value of our children and youth ministry. We keep working on our building **projects for the sake of the Kingdom and we continue in our prostitution to build** that building for the sake of **Church**. When we do this our hearts are not toward Him, but for our own gain to produce ministries. **Where is our heart? Ezekiel 16:20** says ... *“Were your acts of harlotry (prostitution) a small matter?”*

As You have raised up our ministries and churches, we forget where we came from and that we had nothing and we forgot that it was You who made us who we are; and now we have forsaken You, Lord Jesus, for our **own glory**.

But today you say Woe! Woe to us. We have built a name for ourselves and now we have **lifted up ourselves in the public Christian arena** and now we display all of our beauty to the world; degrading the beauty You gave us, by **giving** ourselves to all that come by.

We were **called to minister** to You, and not the people and the **world** with our gifts. We as the church must recognize that we have not gone the way of the Lord, and He is not pleased with where we are today. We must see that the Church today is walking in shades of darkness and not the light. Arise warriors of prayer; we are in great need in this season of preparation for restoration of the Church, our cities and our nations.

### **Prayer Focus**

- Pray that we are healed from our past hurts and delivered from our iniquities of our fathers of our past.

- Pray that the Church would listen to the voice of God that is spoken to her out of the heart of God.
- Pray that we do not sell our gifts for the sake of entertainment and not for the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will search our hearts and keep us pure for the Gospel of Jesus.
- Pray for our leaders and ourselves to get rid of our idols that so easily ensnare us daily.
- Pray for us to have clean hands and pure heart, and that we do not lift our souls to idols.

Psalms 24

## **Keeping Covenant to Partner with the Lord in Intercession**

December 23, 2012 - Day 18

**To know and see the heart of God is amazing to me.** He is crying out to us to **repent and return to our first love** and put away our **idolatry and harlotry**. He is still longing for us to come to Him in the marriage **covenant**.

**Ezekiel 16:60-63** *“Nevertheless I will remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you.”*

God is determined to bring us into this covenant relationship, because He loves us so much. He died on the cross to give us a new heart and a new spirit.

**Ezekiel 11:19-20** *“Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God.”*

Read these same covenant promises in **Ezekiel 36:25-28**.

**Our Father in heaven is a Covenant keeping God, and He knows what is needed to bring us into this covenant.** The Lord also knows we could never keep our part of the covenant because our hearts are wicked and our flesh does not want to submit to Him. We also have an enemy that had rights to continue to **keep us in bondage because of the fall of man**, and our continued sins. As we all know, God sent His **Son** because of His Father's love to redeem us for Himself. **Father God knew He would need one who would stand for us in the gap and go to battle for our souls.**

Please read **Isaiah 62:1-7**.

**Verse 1:** *“For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness and her salvation as a lamp that burns.”*

God is calling us into a position of prayer and worship for all mankind, where we will give God no rest until His Church, His people, are walking in the light of His righteousness and our testimony of His salvation will be a light to all who are in darkness, shining the way to the Lord. We must be a light to the world, and He is determined to cause us to walk in this covenant relationship with Him.

**Isaiah 62:6-7** *“I will set watchmen on your walls O Jerusalem (church), they shall never hold their peace day or night, you who make mention of The Lord, do not keep silent. And give Him (The Lord) no rest till He establishes and till He makes Jerusalem as praise in the earth.”*

This is the true **Spirit of Prayer that God** has called us to walk in during this hour. We are to pray night and day, day and night. This is **the Lord’s Watch, establishing 24 hour prayer and worship that will last until He returns**. As watchmen, we must be positioned high on the walls, focused on:

- Our families, churches, cities and nations; to know their conditions and pray
- The heart and ways of God; to be obedient to pray His heart.
- The urgency His is heart for His people, and refusing to keep silent before Him

We must **hear the voice of God through the scriptures** on how He looked for someone to **partner with Him is this kind of non-stop passionate prayers**.

**Isaiah 63:3,5** *“I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with Me... I looked, but there was no one to help, and I wondered that there was no one to uphold; therefore My own arm brought salvation for Me; and My own fury, it sustained Me.”*

The word **“trodden”** means to press down to the ground, to tread, to walk on.

Jesus battles at the place of the winepress, positioned to redeem our hearts and to release all people from the bondage of the enemy. The Lord is always looking for people to stand with Him.

**Isaiah 59:16** *“He saw that there was no man and wondered that there was no intercessor, therefore His own arm (strength) brought salvation for Him and His own righteousness, it sustained Him (to bear an extended time).”*

His own arm had to bring salvation because He could find no **human intercessor qualified to represent a fallen people. The Lord had to go into battle Himself** and arm Himself as a soldier to deal with our enemies. He brought redemption, as He was our Redeemer who came to Zion, to all who would turn from their transgressions.

**Isaiah 41:28-29** *“For I looked, and there was no man; I looked among them, but there was no counselor, who, when I asked of them, could answer a word. Indeed they are all worthless; their words are nothing; their molded images are wind and confusion.”*

God still searches today throughout the land to **see who in the place of Zion.** We as the Church are supposed to be position. God is looking for us, the body of Christ, to bring good tidings to the lost; but He is having a hard time finding them. Our words have no lasting effect on the people; our works (molded images) have no real substance (wind) and just bring confusion.

We put our trust in many things (idols) but rarely in the loving hands of God. These idols keep us from seeing the greatness of God and the goodness of God; they keep us from hearing the voice of God. Without our Lord, we are **nothing.**

**Ezekiel 22:30** *“So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one.”*

Because leadership was not in their rightful place, destruction came. As the time of His return draws closer, God desires to see us come to our rightful place of intercession and worship. **Without prayer warriors in place, invasions of darkness will occur,** and eventually destruction will come to the people.

**We must answer the Holy Spirit’s call to pray and worship as never before. Prayer is the match that lights the fuse that releases the revival of the Holy Spirit.**

**Jeremiah 27:18** *“But if they are prophets, and if the word of the Lord is with them, let them now make intercession to the Lord of hosts, that the vessels which are left in the house of the Lord (God’s people)...do not go to Babylon (the way of the world).”*

The word for “**make intercession**” is **paga** which means to reach, to meet someone; to pressure or urge someone strongly; to meet up with a person; encounter, entreat; to assail with urgent petitions; supplicant catches up with a superior, and reaches him with an urgent request.

**We must meet up with God and entreat Him for His favor.**

**PRAYER FOCUS:**

- We must **catch the fire of prayer and worship** that will change the atmosphere in our homes, churches, cities, and nations.
- We must **keep close to Him so we can keep Covenant** with the Lord, by receiving a new heart and a new Spirit.
- We must join **Him in the great battle by standing with Him in the gap for those who has strayed away from the Lord.**
- We must pray for all churches to once again **impact their cities with the love of God.**

## **Our Eyes Must be Open to the enemy's plans!**

December 24, 2012 - Day 19

The Lord is searching for the remnant that will stand in the gap in prayer for all mankind. There is so much that is happening in the Spirit as the **Spirit of the Lord of God is preparing His remnant** to walk in Holiness for His Glory. He is preparing us so that we may be **victorious in our daily walk**, and to be a **mighty army for His Kingdom**. God is gathering **Leaders**, Mighty Men and Women of God; and He is gathering **Intercessors**, for Preparation of the Presence of God.

In 1Chronicles 12 and 1 Samuel 7, the Lord gives us full directions and instructions on how He wants His army to position themselves in this hour. We must have this wisdom and understanding. He is enlightening our eyes to see truth. We need to wake up and hear His voice. **Hosea 4:6** *"My people are destroyed (perish) because of lack of knowledge."*

The enemy is gathering his army to bring division and discord.

**1 Peter 5:8** *"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."*

**Psalms 2:1-5** shows us the plans of the enemy, to divide us and to bring discord so we break covenant with God and each other.

**Isaiah 7:6** *"Let go up against Judah and trouble it, and let us make a gap in its wall for ourselves and set a king over them, the son of Tabel."*

The enemy is bringing division among us; and setting leadership in place that seems to be right, but their hearts are not for God, but for themselves. The enemy says let's make a gap, let's bring division and let's put leadership in their churches that will walk in a place that would allow the enemy to use them for his purposes. This is all to keep the church (God's army) from going forward.

We must be aware of the enemy's plan, because he is placing in our midst those who would be influenced by him in many ways. They walk in pride, self-righteousness, respectability, selfish devotion, selfish devotion, unrighteousness judgment, fault finding, jealousy, and resentment. We will break these down with definitions so we may be aware of the enemy's plan. (from *The Call* by Rick Joyner)

- **Pride** - a high or inordinate opinion of one's own dignity/worth, importance, merit, or superiority, whether as cherished in the mind or as displayed in bearing and conduct; the state or feeling of being proud; a becoming or dignified (feeling worthy of respect) sense of what is due to oneself or one's position or character; self-respect; self-esteem.
- **Self-Righteousness**-confident of one's own righteousness, especially when smugly moralistic and intolerant of the opinions and behavior of others.
- **Respectability** – desire to be socially acceptable
- **Selfish devotion** - concerned primarily with one's own interests, benefits, welfare, etc., regardless of others; characterized by or manifesting concern or care only for oneself; selfish motives.
- **Selfish Ambition** - an earnest desire for some type of achievement or distinction, as power, honor, fame, or wealth, and the willingness to strive for its attainment.
- **Unrighteous (wicked) Judgment** - a legal term describing judicial process of deciding guilt or innocence, after an investigation.
- **Faultfinding** – One's own opinion in their own mind from what they see or feel, that takes offense at other's errors or imperfections, whether true or imaginary.
- **Jealousy**- feeling resentment against someone because of that person's rivalry, success, or advantages.
- **Resentment**- to feel or show displeasure or indignation at a person from a sense of injury or insult.

The enemy tries to intimidate us with the weapons of treachery, accusation, gossip, slander, and faultfinding. Smaller demons use the weapons of rejection, bitterness, impatience, unforgiveness and lust to weaken us before the major attack.

The **primary strategy of this army** is to **cause division** on every possible level of relationship -- churches with each other, congregations with their pastors, husbands and wives and children and parents and even children with each other.

The smaller demons are sent as scouts to locate the openings in churches, families, or individuals that the spirits of rejection, bitterness, and lust could expose and enlarge. Through these openings would pour demonic influences that completely overwhelmed their victims.

The **enemy can ride on the back of Christians** who allows him to oppress us because of the things that lay low in our hearts, through sin or having a wounded heart. This is an **open door**. Even though we are Christians, we come into agreement with the powers of darkness when we allow those areas to stay open and not repent and forgive truly from the heart. **The enemy's focus in on us to stay distracted** so we cannot affect his kingdom.

**James 3:14-16** *“But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.”*

We must not be deceived; **the power of darkness is clearly rooted entirely in the power of deception**. We can be deceived to the point where the enemy could use us and we would think we are being used by God. It is apparent that the only way the *accuser could accomplish this is to use Christians to war against their own brethren*.

We are prisoners of the war because of the little demon of fear. As prisoners, the enemy keeps us under the oppression of fear and depression.

When we **judge our brothers and don't pray for them**, but only gossip about them; we are stabbing them in the back, and not helping them through the power of prayer. Sometimes there is nothing (with words of advice or deeds) we can do to help others, but pray for them. **We must not do this with the wrong attitude, but we must embrace them in prayer and trust God for the outcome**. If we judge them and wash our hands of them, and let them go and fall, saying,

“they will learn from their mistakes”, we condemn them and they condemn themselves and go in to deeper depression.

We must see our Lord Jesus has a plan and a strategy for all of our lives, and we need His wisdom and instructions in this hour.

This is the beginning of the enemy's last day army. This is satan's ultimate deception. His greatest power of destruction is released when he uses Christians to attack one another. Throughout the ages he has used this army, but never has he been able to use so many for his evil purposes as he is now.

**The Lord of hosts is raising up His army as well.** We must stand and fight because there is no longer any place to hide from this war. We must fight for His kingdom, for truth, and for those who has been deceived.

### **Prayer Focus**

- We must pray for alertness and soberness as the army of God
- We must pray that we do not let the **enemy** use us in our **wounded hearts**.
- We must pray for wisdom and knowledge from the Holy Spirit to deal with the plans of the enemy.
- We must pray that the **love of God by the Holy Spirit dwells powerfully in our hearts**.
- We must pray that the schemes of the enemy will not prevail.

# The enemy Breaks Bonds, the Lord Strengthens Bonds

December 25, 2012 - Day 20

## Covenant and Authority- Part 2 from Day 19

I pray that you have made this day a day of joy for you and your family. We are challenging our church to spend time with their families in prayer. We hope that you are encouraged to continue to pray and fellowship in a lifestyle of Worship.

We must continue to equip you in preparation for this great army that is arising in this hour. **We must not come off the wall of prayer.** The wall is being built and we are called to do this together. God is raising up a skillful army that must know and understand covenant and order.

When we read **Hebrew 5:12**, God wants to raise up Mature Christians who can handle the solid food of His Word, that causes us to use our senses to discern good and evil. Paul speaks in the same manner in **I Corinthians 3:1-3**. **If we still have envy, jealousy, and discord, then we are still carnal**, still letting our flesh control our actions. God wants us to mature, to walk in what He is saying and doing in this hour.

If we break down **Psalms 2:3** from yesterday, **we can plainly see that the enemy understands covenant and agreement. Look at this scripture again, and as we study these definitions I believe the Holy Spirit will open up our eyes to see the enemy's plans and how we so easily fall into them.**

*“Let us break their bonds in pieces and cast away their cords from us.”*

- **bond** - something use to **fasten together**, a legal agreement
- **covenant** - an agreement that brings about a **relationship of commitment between God and His people.**
- **agreement** - a harmony of oneness in one's opinion or decisions.

- **cord** – a rope from several twisted strands, typically one used to **fasten**; an umbilical cord is attached to the baby.

**Proverb 6:14, 19** “ *Perversity is in his heart, he devises evil continually, he sows discord...A false witness who speaks lies, and one who sows discord among brethren.* ”

**God hates discord.** Why? Because the enemy uses the brethren to divide the hands of God. The enemy knows if he can take a person who is wounded he can use their pain, distress, anger and lack of patience to bring discord into the body of Christ.

**We are a witness of who Jesus is in our lives.** What is our witness before The Lord? False or Truth?

“**False**” means not according with truth. “**Witness**” is one who sees the event.

A person who has seen the truth and has witnessed the word of God, but has **perversity** in their hearts and behavior that is unacceptable to the Lord; is one walking according to a lie and not the truth.

Our lives are to speak the truth to others. **2 Corinthians 3:2-3** “*You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men; clearly you are an epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Holy Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is of the heart.*”

We are to be His witnesses of truth and power.

**Acts 1:8** “*But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be **witnesses** to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*”

The enemy knows that your covenant relationship with Jesus Christ is very important, and that we are called to be witnesses of Him in TRUTH for others who do not know Him.

We must be prepared and equipped against the forces of the enemy.

**Psalms 27:12** *“Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and such as breathe out violence.”*

**We must be alert to the lies of the voice of the enemy that comes to pervert our thinking, causing us to think it is God.** Our words become the enemy’s words, arrows we shoot into the hearts of our brethren.

**Proverb 25:18** *“ A man who bears false witness against his neighbor is like a club, a sword, and a sharp arrow.”*

**Ephesians 6:12** *“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”*

**We were not called to fight each other, but to fight against principalities and rulers and evil forces.**

**Malachi 2:16** *“For the Lord God of Israel says that He hates divorce, for it covers one's garment with violence.”*

That violence is division and discord. The word **divorce** is a negative word that should not happen among us in the Lord.

**“Divorce”** is a legal decree dissolving a marriage with someone; a separation between things that were or ought to be connected; to divide, distance, cause discord, to dissociate from a person; to dissolve, disappear, to annul or put to an end.

When we **“cover one’s garment with violence”** we are actually covered with division, discord, distress, and depression.

The Lord gives us directions and wisdom in **Colossians 3:8-9** *“But now you yourselves are to put off these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, and filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds.”*

We must not lie, not be a false witness to one another. We must put the old man with his evil deeds, his works that covers us with violence.

**Colossians 3:10** *“Put on the new man who is renewed in **knowledge** according to image of Him who created him.”*

**Colossians 3:12 -13** *“Therefore as the elect of God, holy and beloved (consecrated and dedicated ones), put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, long-suffering; bearing with one another and forgiving one another one another.”*

**“Forgiving”** means to do a favor, to show kindness unconditionally, to forgive freely, and to give grace.

**Please read 1 Timothy 6:1-8**

**Hear the words of God in verses 3-5** *“If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness, he is proud, knowing nothing, but is **obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, useless wrangling of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself.**”*

**True godliness is when your heart is filled with peace and love.**

**1 Timothy 6:6** *“Now godliness with contentment is great gain.”*

**“Contentment”** is a state of satisfaction, a state of peacefulness and happiness, and it is only gained in the love and peace of Christ Jesus.

**1 Timothy 6:7-8** *“For we brought nothing in this world and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.”*

*Colossians 3:14-15* “But above all these things, **put on love**, which is the **bond of perfection**. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.”

We must endeavor (struggle, to try hard, to make the effort) to keep unity of the Spirit; and to keep it in the bonds of perfection. “**Perfection**” is something that is complete, free, and mature. In our **Covenant** relationship with the Lord, He is endeavoring to bring us to maturity, with healed and complete hearts that are set free to love God and each other. In their hearts they are **content with the love of God** that sets them free.

We started this message with the enemy’s desire to break our bonds of covenant, and have now ended it with the Lord Jesus asking us to struggle to **keep our bonds of covenant**.

### **Prayer Focus**

- We must pray that we know the **importance of Covenant**
- We must pray that we do not let the enemy use us in our **weaknesses** to cause us to bring division.
- We must pray that those who have been hurt will be **healed in their hearts** and be strengthened to love and keep the bonds of unity.
- We must pray that we will be **witnesses of Christ Jesus** for the nations.

## **Restoration that Produces Worship**

December 27, 2012 - Day 21

We felt it was important to add this teaching we received during our Fall Conference, the "**Call to Restoration**". It was a very powerful time that The Lord was speaking to us concerning where He is taking the Body of Christ. In this season of restoration for the Body of God we must know and understand Covenant in His Call.

- We are called to **Covenant** - Waiting in the Presence of God.
- We are called to with a **Responsibility** - Responding to Him with an obedient heart.
- We are called to take **Action** - Abiding in His Presence and responding to Him with **three** essentials principles of worship from our heart.

We must be **prepared to be in His Presence** as we walk out this journey preparing for **Jesus' Return**.

We were taught **three important principles about Worship** from the three items God had Moses put in the Ark of the Covenant in the Tabernacle (Manna, Aaron's Rod, and the Ten Commandments).

1. **Priority of Worship**- Knowing the **Love of God in Identification**.

This **Friendship and Intimacy with God** requires us to sit at Jesus' feet so He can feed us **Manna (His Word)**.

2. **Position of Worship** - Knowing the **Rest of God in Sanctification. Companionship and Faithfulness** – The **Rod** requires us to lay down **our** works and authority, and take up His rod and bear fruit from resting and trusting in Him.

3. **Producing Fruit in Worship**- Knowing the **Submission of God in Glorification** this is **Partnership and Obedience to God**. The **Ten Commandments** requires us to be led by the Shepherd to know His truth and walk in obedience, out of submission to His Word. To lay down our lives we must **cut the ropes that distract us from the Promises of Worship**.

We must **Worship and Pray** in our night season.

**Psalms 16:7** *“I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel; my heart also instructs me in the night seasons.”*

**Isaiah 60:1-3** *“Arise, shine, for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you and His glory will be seen in you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.”*

**This is a call to intercession.** Now it is time for us to rise up and let the light that has been given to us through identification, sanctification and glorification shine in the midst of darkness.  
**How do we walk this out?**

#### **Expose darkness in a place of intercession**

**Ephesians 5:13-14** *“But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is the light. Therefore He says; ‘Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead and Christ will give you light’.”*

The word “**manifest**” means revealed. God will bring forth darkness that will overtake the world, including His people; while at the same time bringing light through His remnant to reveal Himself.

When we walk in the light with Him, He Himself **identifies, sanctifies, and glorifies** us. **He qualifies us to walk in His authority for His glory.** That is why the enemy can recognize Christ in us, because our **identity is in Him. We are one with Him; we are in Him and He is**

**in us.** When we walk in oneness with Him we allow His Light to come forth through us. That is why He **sanctifies us**, so the light not only comes to us, but it remains in us. We are set apart to bring forth His glory. His glory shines through our lifestyle of holiness. The enemy hates when we are abiding in Christ. The Light of God exposes the enemy and dispels his handiwork (make a wrong thought, doubt, or unbelief disappear) when you walk in the light of His **authority**.

Now let's follow the process of the Lord's heart. Now the manifestation of God's presence only comes when we have arisen, when we have been awakened spiritually to truth in knowing who we are (**identification**). Then we go through the process of being set apart from the influences of the world (**sanctification**). Then we are given His authority to walk as He walked, with the ability to heal the sick, cast out demons, open up the doors of heaven and release His glory. (**authorization**)

We need His glory in this hour. His glory is to dispel the darkness that has covered the earth. The Lord will rise over the intercessors and His glory will be seen upon them. The lost shall come to the light and even the leaders of darkness shall come to the brightness of His glory. The brightness is resurrection power, when we die to our own agendas and live exclusively for Him. We must arise and defeat the enemy by taking a position of intercession.

**Philippians 3:10** *“that I may know Him (**identification**) and the power of His resurrection (**authority**) and the fellowship of His suffering, being conformed to His death (**sanctification**).”*

When I was young in The Lord I prayed this prayer all the time. I loved Him so much that nothing mattered but living for Him and dying to my own life and taking on His life.

There must be in us a love so deep for the Lord that will cause us to want to die and suffer for His name sake and take up a place of intercession just for Him. It is the grace of God that causes us to be the chosen ones who will love Him in that manner.

**Please read 2 Corinthians 1:4-7**

As followers of Christ, we will go through troubles and suffering, just as Christ did. He promises to comfort us in our afflictions, so that we can be a comfort and consolation to those

around us who are in any trouble. We are to be set apart by God to be comfort to those suffering so we can lead them in a transformation of our hearts towards God. Our suffering is for the sake and glory of Jesus, just as His suffering was for the Glory of God.

**Ezra 9:8** *“And now for a little while grace has been shown from the Lord our God, to leave us a REMNANT to escape, to give us a peg (a piece of land measured out) in His holy place, that our God may enlighten our eyes and give us a measure of REVIVAL in our bondage.”*

**Prayer Focus:**

- We must pray for an understanding of God's **covenant** with us in this season of restoration.
- We must pray that we **know the love of God** that brings restoration.
- We must pray to know who He is and who we are in Him. We must have our **identity** in Him alone.
- We must pray that we allow Him to **sanctify** us by separating us from the things of this world.
- We must pray that we are abiding in Jesus so we can be the **light to this dark world.**
- We must pray that we understand our **suffering** is for His sake
- We must pray that the gospel be preached from a pure heart of **authority.**

# Gaining a New Position is Part of Coming up the Mountain

December 27, 2012 - Day 22

## What is an Intercessor?

The Lord has made it very clear we are called to build a wall of prayer for Him in the hour and season. He told me a year ago I want you go up the mountain. I did not know what He meant by this because where I live in Texas, the land is very flat and there are no mountains. He showed me in time that **coming up the mountain is responding to His call to come up closer in prayer, to hear His heart for His people.**

**He cannot find many who will come that have a heart to hear His heart.**

**Ezekiel 22:30** *“I sought for a man among them who would make up the hedge (wall, fence, boundaries to protect) and stand in the gap (a break between a place; unfilled space; unsettled differences).”*

The question again is who will make the sacrifice to walk out His heart of love and become an **intercessor** that has been chosen by Him and not by the standard of a man. **This kind of intercession is a journey of knowing the love of God through salvation.**

What are the requirements of such an intercessor?

### 1. Intercessors seek for wisdom and understanding through their suffering:

- **salvation** - lifestyle of **seeking** to walk His way in our suffering
- **identification** - sensitivity of His **suffering** to understand our suffering
- **sanctification** - intensity and agony in **sacrificing** required in our suffering
- **glorification** - authority given to **see** what is necessary in our suffering

### Note from Reece Howell Book the intercessor

*“He tasted death for every man, in the fullest possible sense. He sat where we sit. By taking our nature upon Himself, learning obedience through the things which He suffered, by being tempted in all points like as we are, by becoming poor for our sakes, and finally by being made*

*sin for us, He gained the position of in intercession by which, with the fullest authority as the captain of our salvation made perfect through sufferings, and the fullest understanding of all we go through, He can even live to make intercession for us, and by effective pleadings with the Father is able to save to the uttermost them that come unto God the Father by Him.”*

**Identification** is the first law of the intercessor. To be an effective intercessor, we must have suffered so we can identify with the needs of others. Then we can genuinely be a representative for that person before the Father. We can plead effectively because we can passionately identify with their suffering.

What is it that you know you have suffered for His sake? Do not despise your sufferings, because they are needful in intercession. Jesus, the great intercessor, who has suffered on this earth as we have, is at the right hand of the Father, to bring us comfort in this kind of intercession.

**Sanctification** is necessary for an intercessor. We must be set apart for the Lord, fully given to the Holy Spirit. He wants to give us the intensity needed in intercession.

**Romans 8:28** *“for He, the Holy Spirit, make intercession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered.”*

The Holy Spirit lives in us. He is looking for a body He can lay the burdens and pains of Christ in our hearts. He looking for a body He can dwell in to do the work of the Father and the Son through us. The Holy Spirit takes a chosen vessel through the sanctification process so we can have a sincere love for the Father and the Lord Jesus, so our intercession will be pure before Them.

When the **Holy Spirit really lives His life in a chosen vessel** there is no limit to what the Holy Spirit will do in this vessel, and He will take him to places in God that are beyond him. The Lord will put His passion for the lost and backslider in the hearts of His intercessors.

**2. When intercessors walk in identification and sanctification, they will also walk in authority.**

**John 12:23-26** *“If the seed falls on good ground it brings forth the good fruit. If it dies it will bring forth much fruit.”*

Intercession so identifies the intercessor with the sufferer which gives him a prevailing place with God. **He moves God, and causes Him to change His mind.**

**3. The gained position of intercession brings a fulfillment of God’s desires,** when we pay a price to be obedient. We must learn to work in obedience with the Holy Spirit which causes our inner man to take its place in the heart of the Lord. Then the Word of the Lord comes to bring forth authority which breaks the yokes of bondage. We as intercessors, even though we are weak channels for His glory, are now clothed with His authority by the Holy Spirit and deliverance comes forth for those we are praying for. Not only this, but a new position in grace is gained and maintained, although, even then, that grace can only be appropriated and applied in each instance under the direct guidance of the Spirit. We have entered the grace of faith and receiving the gift of faith. This level of faith helps us walk in His authority and not our own. This puts us in a position of the supernatural hand of God. We all want to walk in a place of faith that produces immediate results. There is an expectation and **desire** that God will answer.

**4. Prayer of intercession is a prayer of faith.** There is an expectation and a **knowing** that the prayer is answered. There will be NO doubt in our minds, because we have taken a position of faith. Now because of His grace, the favor on our lives as a suffering intercessor, we have been activated by the hands of God.

We all have a **special place of intercession that the Lord has given us.** Where is your place of intercession? The presence of God is produced when we pray and ask for it. Miracles of hope and healing are produced; darkness must flee from the nations when we pray; grounds are taken when we pray for the lost and backslider. That is where the Lord has given us authority. That is why we must come up the mountain; we must see from the Lord's position and not on our low level. The battle is won on the ground; but when we take a higher position so we can see our

enemy when from the mountain, and effectively intercede. **The lost are taken by force when we come up the mountain.**

We must now take on the **intercession for what is in Jesus heart** and remove ourselves from our distractions. We allow our minds to distract us because we still have a fleshly nature inside of us, and not a wholly divine nature. It entices us to move in carnality, but our spirit wants the order and position of the Holy Spirit to reign on our mortal bodies.

**Isaiah 59:16,19, 21** *“He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor; therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; and His own righteousness, it sustained Him. ...When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him... this is My covenant with them...”*

Again, God is wondering why He could not find an intercessor. But then He steps in and says what He will do to bring salvation to His people. He says when the enemy comes to attack, He will raise up a standard before His people and make covenant with them. When a banner is lifted in the midst of the war, it signifies whose army is there. The name of God used here is **Yahweh Nissi**, the Lord is our Banner. He is over us, as the Commander of the Army. We must see His position and ours in this army. When we do, we will be able to see God from His position and pray His heart.

### **Prayer focus**

- We must pray for prayer warriors who will understand who they are in Christ Jesus.
- We must pray for intercessors to know the requirement that comes with a chosen vessel.
- We must pray for intercessors to know the God as the Holy Spirit, and His abiding purpose in our lives.
- We must pray that we understand the prayer of faith, so we may operate in it more effectively.
- We must pray that we know our position of prayer.

## **Jesus, our Consuming Fire, is Coming to Shake the Nations!**

December 28, 2012 - Day 23

**The Lord is speaking to us to hear His voice and His heart in**

**Haggai 2:5** *“According to the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt (world), so My Spirit remains among you; do not fear.”*

**Jesus is returning and He will shake up the nations so they can hear His heart and know that He is The Lord of host.**

**Haggai 2:7** *“I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of all Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory, says the Lord of Hosts.”*

The word “*desire*” means a strong feeling or wanting something to happen. The **Desire is the Heart of Jesus to bring the nations** into a place with Him. The **Desire** is that His Bride will come to a place where He will fill them with His glory. The Lord of Hosts will be there to support us in our prayers as we join in oneness together to fulfill His desire for His Bride.

**Haggai 2:9** *“The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of Hosts...”*

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20** *“Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”*

**We are those temples and God desires the wealth of the Gentiles to come to it. (Isaiah 60:5,9,11) The wealth is a treasure to Him; it is people all over the world whom He is calling to Himself. We are chosen by God to set a standard for those who do not know Him.**

In every place there will be a shaking in this hour.

**Haggai 2:21-22** “...I will shake heaven and earth. I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms; I will destroy the strength of the Gentile kingdoms. I will overthrow the chariots and those who ride in them; the horses and their riders shall come down, everyone by the sword of his brother.”

In this coming shaking, God is also bringing a great battle. The Lord of Hosts is standing in command and His desire is all the nations. He is coming to battle with the great army of the Lord here on earth.

**Please read Hebrews 12:25-28**

We must not refuse Him who comes to speak to us here on earth, whose voice shakes the earth and also heaven. Everyone will participate in this last battle. What side will you be on?

This coming shaking is a **removal of those things that can be shaken (as of things that are made), so that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.** We should rejoice since we have received a kingdom which cannot be shaken. Our reaction to His grace is that we serve Him with reverence and godly fear. Do you really know that our God is a **consuming fire**?

**The enemy cannot remain, for all things that do not serve and worship Him will be removed in this hour. He has a Desire for us to come into the fullness of Him and serve Him with an eternal love. This fire will be filled with judgment and love. Which side of that fire will we be on in this last day battle?**

**Zechariah 6:15** “Even those from afar shall come and build the temple of the Lord. Then you shall know that the Lord of hosts has sent Me to you. And this shall come to pass if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God.”

The Lord will bring restoration to His people and build His temple as He promised in Ezekiel.

How do we join Him in this great journey of His return? We must see His passion for us and what He is calling us to do.

**Please read all of Isaiah 63.** As we read each scripture we see the Lord's heart.

**Isaiah 63:5** *“He looked but there was no one to uphold; Therefore My own arm brought salvation for Me. And My own fury, it sustained Me.”*

**But it was not His will to do it on His own; Jesus always wanted us to participate with Him in this great battle for souls.**

**The Lord came with His love to redeem His people.**

**Isaiah 63:9** *“ In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the Angel of His Presence saved them; In His love and in His pity He redeemed them; and He bore them and carried them all the days of old.”*

**The Lord’s heart is to restore and redeem us. Even though we will see His judgment, we will also see His love.**

## **RESTORATION**

### **Please Read Isaiah 63:1-4**

Christ’s garments are dyed with blood from the enemies He defeated who came against Him and His armies. He went and gathered the grapes that had been trampled on. Jesus and the Holy Spirit fought for those whom belong to Him. Edom represents wicked nations who come into conflict with Judah (Prayer and Worship). Bozrah is a city of Edom whose name means “**Grape Gathering**”. The enemy comes to gather those whose hearts have chosen to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Christ comes in His strength and He comes to save. “Why is Your apparel red and Your garments like the one who treads in the wine press?”

“**Tread**” means to step or walk on or over; to walk or proceed along; follow; to beat or press with the feet; to trample; to subdue or repress as if by trampling; to crush.

**Christ comes to walk on His enemies to bring salvation to the lost.** The enemy keeps those who are called out of darkness to remain in a place of darkness, and comes up against the very thing that will **set them free.**

**Isaiah 63:3** *“I have trodden the winepress alone and from the people no one was with Me”.* A winepress is to a press for grapes to become wine.

Are we willing to suffer and go after the ones who need salvation and separation? Are we willing to follow Him into the wine press?

The Day of Judgment is coming against the enemy; it is in the Lord's heart. The enemy knows Him as the treacher of the winepress because he recognized Him as one who will defeat and conquer the souls of many. **The Lord swore He would rid the Amalekites from the land, our hearts. Please see teaching on the Amalekites on [www.thecomingmessenger.org](http://www.thecomingmessenger.org).**

**The Lord is after the enemy that keeps us stuck and causes us from going forward in our walk with Him.**

**Christ Himself is going after His people. He will bring unity and harmony to us as the Body of Christ, and as the great army that is called to restore His heart back on the earth. We as the prayer warriors for Jesus must pray for His return. The Spirit and the Bride says come!**

**Revelation 22:17** *“And the Spirit and the bride say Come! And let him who hears say, Come! And let him who thirst come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.”*

**Is this the acceptable year? The words of the Lord to His people, yes this is the acceptable season. I am calling My army together to start preparing for battle. The consuming fire is for My people.**

### **Prayer Focus**

*I pray that all the warriors are back on the wall after Christmas. Please go back to the Coming Messenger and read any daily devotions you may have missed. We must wake up; there is no time to sleep. We must pray, pray, pray.*

## **The Year of Jubilee**

December 29, 2012 - Day 24

**Isaiah 61:1-2** *"The Spirit of The Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn."*

**I asked the Lord, "Is this the acceptable year?"**

He answers us, *"This is the acceptable season. I am calling My army together to start preparing for battle. The fire I am sending is for My people. Catch the Fire of Prayer for Freedom for yourselves, your families, your cities, your nation, and all the nations!"*

**The Acceptable Year is the year of Jubilee.**

**Leviticus 25:10** *"We must cause the trumpet of Jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement you shall make the trumpet to sound throughout all your land."*

We must blow the trumpet, sound it in the land, and proclaim throughout all the land to all its inhabitants, that this is the year of Jubilee. **"Jubilee"** means liberty, freedom, release from bondage, to be set free; a designated time when slaves would be released and property returned. This is why this scripture says the Year of Jubilee is to **"proclaim liberty to the captives, and opening of the prison to those who are bound "**.

The Acceptable Year is also called **the day of vengeance which belongs to Christ's Second Coming!!**

**Isaiah 52:7-10** *"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaim salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns'! Your watchmen shall lift up their voices, with their voices they shall sing together; for they shall see eye to eye **when the Lord brings back Zion.** Break forth into*

*joy, sing together, you waste places of Jerusalem! For the Lord has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem.”*

**The Lord will restore and redeem Zion and Judah to her rightful place.**

This is the **year of fresh fire that will bring revival to the nations, as He shakes the nations and as He is preparing the Bride for Christ’s return.** The Bride must take His love and gospel to those who have been oppressed. He has causing us to pray and worship with songs that He is bringing to the earth that will set all mankind free.

Jesus comes to **restore prayer and worship that will redeem His Bride.** Yes, He has already done this on Calvary, but there are many who are His bride that are held captive. We, as the remnant of His army, must go forward and follow Christ in this hour to rescue them so they too can join Him in this great battle. We must not forget what He has done to open the door for the Church, **the gospel must be preached; it is the good news of His heart.**

**Christ will redeem Jerusalem,** this being the Jewish Nation and the Gentile church, both will join together to be His Bride! The call is going out across the nations, a Call to Restoration to the Bride of Christ.

The word “*redeem*” means to ransom, redeem, repurchase, to set free by avenging or repaying. This refers to the custom of buying back something or someone a person has lost through helplessness, poverty, or violence. **Christ is redeeming His bride today by buying her back from oppression and bondage.**

**Please read Romans 8:18-39.**

This passage of scripture brings us great hope, that **nothing can separate us from His love. It is so hard to embrace this kind of love when we have made so many mistakes** and have not done everything according to His way and His heart. We must ask God in this season of restoration and revival to forgive us a 1000 times again. **Our repentance restores us back into His arms,** and we will see this great salvation to the lost like never before.

**Romans 8:37** *“Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”*

**Isaiah 52: 7-8** tell us as watchmen, the remnant prayer army, that **Jesus will bring salvation to the earth and we will see.** As I read this I am so excited to be a part of this great move of God and I will wait patiently for this time. It is so worth dying for and we have a **cause not give up in the midst of the battle.** We will see with our own eyes when the Lord brings restoration to the Body of Christ, and see that our prayers and worship have impacted the heavens and earth.

Listen to the word of God in **Isaiah 52:9** as they come off the pages: *“Break forth into joy, sing together, you waste places of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem.”*

What joy enters into my heart when I see God’s love for His people, and that they will be redeemed. Today my heart is for the Church, and this scripture gives me hope and love for His Bride. These Words cause my heart to swell of with tears of hope for the Body of Christ. **How faithful God’s love is for us!**

We can also see why this season and year is a time of separation.

**Zechariah 2:5-13** *“For I, says the Lord, will be a wall of fire all around her, and I will be the glory in her midst. Up, up! Flee from the north... (the world).”* This is God’s warning to us to depart from the things of this world and touch nothing unclean. We who are to be vessels of the Lord **must be separated.**

**Zechariah 2:9** *“For surely I will shake My hand against them, and they shall become spoil for their servants. Then you will know that The Lord of hosts has sent Me.”*

The Lord comes to fight the battle with us. He will shake the evil of the nations and we shall see this come to pass. So sing and rejoice, **sons and daughters of Zion, for Jesus is coming** and He will dwell in our midst!

**This is the song of hope, joy and love that is coming from His Heart.** We must know this song; we must let this song go deep into our souls. This song is the sound of the trumpet of freedom and liberty being blown for the release of the captives.

We must pray that the nations will be joined to Him, as we pray for those who will arise and join Him in this next great move of His heart. **He will be in our midst and we will know it is Jesus; and the entire host is on our side in this season, especially in this up-coming year. This is year of Jubilee!**

**Prayer Focus:**

- We must pray Isaiah chapter 61 for the Body of Christ, **we are anointed to set the captives free.**
- We must understand and pray that this is the **year of Jubilee, a prophetic year for us as His people.**
- **We must pray that the Body of Christ operates in the gospel of Christ by** proclaiming peace and bringing the good news to the lost.
- We must pray for the song on His heart to be heard by all the Church; the **sound of the trumpet of freedom and liberty for the captives.**

## Suffering Servants Produce Rivers of Living Waters

December 30, 2012 - Day 25

**Isaiah 43:1-2** “*But now thus says The Lord, who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel; Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you.*”

The word “*waters*” is plural. The *waters* speak of life, sustenance, fertility, blessings, and refreshing.

**Isaiah 43:18-19** “*Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it.*”

There are **sounds like rushing waterfalls coming from the throne room of heaven**. Do we hear this sound as it comes from heaven? We belong to Him and He will bring us through in this season. We need the sound of the rushing waters of heaven as it brings life, healing and deliverance to His people. **We must be ready for the new thing that is in the Father heart.**

**As we are entering into the year 2013**, God is preparing His Bride. We must be ready because we will need His rain, and His river to flow in our sanctuaries. This coming year we will be facing **apostasy, depravity, and rebellion** as never before. **We can see this right now in our families, churches, and nations.**

The number “*thirteen*” (13) means apostasy, depravity, and rebellion.

*apostasy*- Renunciation or abandonment of God and His truths

*depravity* - Moral corruption and wickedness

*rebellion* - acts of violent and open resistance to all authority

We know Jesus came as a Servant to bring reconciliation to our relationship with the Father. Please read **Isaiah 52:13-15 and Isaiah 53:1-12.**

**In my commentary it speaks of Jesus suffering as a Servant in His final song.** The song speaks of the enemies who came against Jesus, the sufferings He endured, His death, and then His astonishing resurrection. **All His suffering and death were for our sins.**

This year, 2013, we will see many turn from God. They will **resist His love; and continue in their sins**, feeling no guilt or conviction. We must be like Jesus, when even in the midst of His suffering, He remained on the path that the Father had given Him to walk. **Jesus knew that that mankind needed the living waters that He offered.**

**John 7:37-39** “...*Jesus stood and cried out saying, ‘If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water’. But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive...*”

**Are we crying out? Are we suffering for Jesus’ sake so mankind may know Him?**

**Suffering is necessary for redemption, as seen in Isaiah 53. Jesus fulfilled this prophecy of the Suffering Servant and He will fulfill it again in His Return.**

- He will be **exalted (52:13)**
- He will be **disfigured by suffering (52:14; 53:2)**
- He will be **widely rejected (53:1, 3)**
- He will **bear our sins and sorrows (53:4)**
- He will make a **blood atonement (53:5)**
- He will be our **substitute (53:6, 8)**
- He will **voluntarily accept our guilt and punishment (53:7)**
- He will be **buried in a rich man’s tomb (53:9)**
- He will die **with transgressors (53:12)**

There will be **suffering and sorrow, but God will reign and bring vengeance** upon the enemy for the oppression he has afflicted on the children of God. The Holy Spirit is with us as we **tread** over the enemy who has come against God’s people. We must remember who **our enemies are our sinful flesh and the world**. Jesus told us our flesh must die and we must come out of the world. These two things will cause us to compromise, and **hinder us from Catching**

**the Fire of Prayer!** The Holy Spirit is the One who bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. We cannot let the flesh rule when we have the Spirit of God dwelling in us.

**Please read and study Romans 8:15-30**

Do not be caught unawares, we will **suffer** as Christians, and more so as the time of His returning nears.

**Romans 8:18-19** *“I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.”*

**Romans 8:25** *“But if we hope for what we do not see we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.”*

**In this hour we will be faced with the trials of the enemy who comes to weakened us, but the Holy Spirit of fire will come to help us pray.**

**Romans 8:26-27** *“Likewise the Spirit also helps us in our weaknesses, for we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.”*

The fire of the Holy Spirit comes upon us when we exercise humility and faith to wait on God and let the Holy Spirit direct us. **WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY to walk in humility as a servant, to trust God in and for all things, and to exercise patience as we wait upon the Lord’s perfect timing and perfect directions.**

### **Prayer Focus**

- We must pray we do **not walk in presumption** in this kind of prayers; but only in His truth and insight.
- We must pray we do **not walk in pride**; but put on His Humility

- We must pray we do **not walk in our own power**; but only in the might and power of the Holy Spirit
- We must pray we do **not walk in pity**, regret, disappointments, or sorrow; but walk in His Power
- We must pray we do **not walk in our own purposes**; but in His Guidance and Direction

When we pray prayers sent by the **Fire of the Holy Spirit, and when we know how to walk in His love, those we pray for will be touched by that same love.** A passion for Him will cause a fire to consume us, as we seek His face with Prayers of the Holy Spirit. **Love is the Door!**

## Halfway Point

December 31, 2012 – Day 26

This is day 26, and we are **halfway through our 52 days of prayer and worship** to rebuild the walls around ourselves, our families, our churches, our cities, our nations, and nations all over the world.

**Nehemiah 4:6** *So we built the wall and **the whole wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to work.***

The trumpet has sounded and you have all heard and responded to the sound the Lord has sent out. You have responded to His call and have willingly given of your time to come before Him in prayer for the things that are on His heart. You have studied the daily messages and prayed in one accord with our brothers and sisters all over the world; praying day and night, night and day.

At this halfway point, we can rejoice like Solomon when the temple was built because of the willingness of the people to participate in what the Lord was doing.

**1 Chronicles 29:16-18** *"O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided to build You a house for Your holy name, it is from Your hand, and all is Yours. Since I know, O my God, that You try the heart and delight in uprightness, I, in the integrity of my heart, have **willingly offered all these things; so now with joy I have seen Your people, who are present here, make their offerings willingly to You.** O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, our fathers, **preserve this forever in the intentions of the heart of Your people, and direct their heart to You.**"*

Be encouraged that you just like the men and women in Nehemiah have accomplished much, because you have had a heart to work, a heart to pray and worship for the wall to be rebuilt. Your heart is engaged in this task, and you are going about it cheerfully and vigorously. Thank you for your faithfulness!

**2 Corinthians 8:16-17** *“But thanks be to God who puts the same earnestness on your behalf in the heart of Titus. For he not only accepted our appeal, but being himself very earnest, he has gone to you of his own accord.”*

We are at the halfway point and we need to be wise and strong to finish the assigned task. God has been faithful to give us wisdom and instructions every day. This is a very busy time of year and if you have missed any of these messages, please go back and study them. There is so much in these daily messages, that I encourage you to go back and read over any of them that the Lord puts on your heart to study anew. All of these messages are archived on [www.thecomingmessenger.org](http://www.thecomingmessenger.org).

The enemy has come against us strong in the last 26 days, and he will in the next. Do you remember all the opposition that came to Nehemiah and all the people as they were rebuilding the wall? We must be wise and strong and **we will succeed in all that the Lord has asked us to do**. What did Nehemiah do after the wall was halfway completed and opposition came?

**Nehemiah 4:13** *then I stationed men in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, the exposed places, and I stationed the people in families with their swords, spears, and bows.*

**We must be alert and stationed on the walls for our brothers and sisters who are in a low place**, who are struggling in the task the Lord has set before us. We must have our weapons with us at all times, ready to be used. These are the weapons the Lord has given us: prayer, worship, and His Word! He has given us these things and they are mighty for tearing down the strongholds of the enemy. **God is with us and we will succeed.**

**Philippians 2:13** *For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.*

Let us finish the task the Lord has set before us, with strength and confidence, assured that God finishes every good work He starts!

**Philippians 1:6** *"For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus."*

Let us look forward to the day, 26 days from now, when the wall of prayer and worship will be rebuilt!

**Nehemiah 6:15-16** *So the wall was completed...in fifty-two days. When all our enemies heard of it, and all the nations surrounding us saw it, they lost their confidence; for they recognized that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God.*

**Let Hebrews 13:20 -21 be our prayer focus for today:**

*Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, **equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.***

- May we Know His peace
- May we be equipped to do His will
- May we allow the Lord to work in and through us all that is please to him
- May God be glorified forever and ever

## Appointed Hours of Prayer

January 1, 2013 – Day 27

I heard the Lord say to pray in the 9<sup>th</sup> hour. As I studied this, the Lord led me to a message for today that is very necessary for us.

**Acts 3:1** *“Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth hour, the hour of prayer.”*

It was at the ninth hour that Peter and John entered the temple to pray. Perhaps you have never considered it, but there are specific hours of the day ordained of God which can be particularly meaningful to the Christian's prayer life. When God gave the plans for His Tabernacle, He also gave Moses very specific instructions for times of gathering and times for worship, prayer, and sacrifice.

**Exodus 23:14** *“Three times a year you shall celebrate a feast to Me.”*

These were not Christmas, Easter, and Halloween; but **Passover, Pentecost, and the Fall Feasts**

God also ordained special hours of the day for prayer to bring particular honor to Himself. **There were three times of public worship and prayer commonly appointed and observed among God's People:** the 3<sup>rd</sup> hour which is 9:00 in the morning; the 6<sup>th</sup> hour which is noon; and the 9<sup>th</sup> hour which is 3:00 in the afternoon. These were important prayer disciplines faithfully observed by the Old Testament saints, the New Testament Church and by our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Exodus 29:38-39, 42** *“Now this is what you shall offer on the altar each day continuously; one lamb offered in the **morning** and the other at **twilight**...It shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the doorway of the tent of meeting before the Lord, where I will meet with you, to speak to you there.”*

**Exodus 30:7-8** *“Aaron shall burn fragrant incense on it; he shall burn it every morning when he trims the lamps. “When Aaron trims the lamps at twilight, he shall burn incense. There shall be perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations.”*

The Hebrew word used here for “*meet*” means an agreement or appointment to meet at a stated time.

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**1 Chronicles 6:49** *"But Aaron and his sons offered on the altar of burnt offering and on the altar of incense, for all the work of the most holy place, and to make atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded."*

The Priests were to meet the Lord at these appointed times every morning and every evening (late afternoon) to give a sacrifice before they went into the Holy Place, the Tent of Meeting, to attend to the Golden Lampstand and the Altar of Incense. These tasks were always accompanied with much prayer and worship on the part of the priests inside and the people outside.

**Numbers 28: 2-4** *"Command the sons of Israel and say to them, 'You shall **be careful to present My offering**, My food for My offerings by fire, of a soothing aroma to Me, **at their appointed time.**' "You shall say to them, 'This is the offering by fire which you shall offer to the LORD: two male lambs one year old without defect as **a continual burnt offering every day.** 'You shall offer the one lamb in the **morning** and the other lamb you shall offer at **twilight;**'"*

Other offerings were usually presented during the day, but these two were required to always be made for the benefit and comfort of all of God’s people, to **make atonement for their daily sins, and to praise God for His daily mercies.** We as Christians need to offer up to God spiritual sacrifices of prayer and praise every day, morning and evening, in humble acknowledgement of our dependence upon him and our obligations to him. **These times of prayer and worship must be looked upon as the most important of our daily works and the most pleasant thing we do.** Whatever we have to do in our day, prayer and worship must never be omitted. Prayer and worship is just as necessary to our bodies as food. We starve our souls when we do not keep our daily appointments with Almighty God.

God lavishes promises on us if we keep our appointments with Him.

- He will meet us there and speak to us, just as He did with Moses. (Exodus 29:42) God will not fail to meet with those who diligently and conscientiously wait upon him in the ordinances of his own appointment.
- He will accept the daily sacrifices we offered up, He will hear our prayers and answer them.
- Where we meet with him will be consecrated with His glory, along with us. (Exodus 29:43-44) If we do our part, God will do His, and set us apart as a special people for himself.
- He will dwell among us as God in covenant with us, and we will know that He is with us by the miraculous acts He will do in our presence. (Exodus 29:45-46)

**Please read 1 Kings 18:19- 6** Notice what miraculous thing God did when Elijah prayed to God in the time of the evening sacrifice (9th hour).

**Please read Daniel 9:1-23** Notice how God miraculously answered his prayer.

The priests were commanded to come before God at least twice a day to pray and to worship God. But King David and Daniel are two men that made a habit of coming before the Lord three times a day, every day.

**Psalm 55:16- 17** *“As for me, I shall call upon God, And the LORD will save me. **Evening and morning and at noon, I will complain and murmur, And He will hear my voice.**”*

**Daniel 6:10** *“Now when Daniel knew that the document was signed, he entered his house (now in his roof chamber he had windows open toward Jerusalem); and he continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks before his God, as he had been doing previously.”*

They were both very serious about keeping their appointment with the Lord, even though they both had very busy and difficult lives. Their consistency on good times kept them seeking the

Lord steadfastly in their times of distress. They were able to boldly come before the Lord with confidence in their impossible situations because they had established such an intimate relationship with the Lord their entire lives. They knew that if they were faithful to come before Him; He would be faithful to hear and answer their prayers. Let us not be weary of praying often, for God is not weary of hearing.

As it is fit that in the morning we should begin the day with God, and in the evening close it with him, so it is fit that in the midst of the day we should retire awhile to converse with him.

**Psalm 5:2-3** *“Heed the sound of my cry for help, my King and my God, For to You I pray. In the morning, O LORD, You will hear my voice; In the morning I will order my prayer to You and eagerly watch.”*

**Psalm 141:2** *“May my prayer be counted as incense before You, the lifting up of my hands as the evening offering.”*

**Ezra 9** Ezra offered up a prayer of repentance for his people who had seriously sinned against the Lord, at the evening offering; and miraculously the people wept for their sins and repented (**Ezra 10:1**)

These hours of sacrifice, or Hours of Prayer were prophetic in nature. Jesus, the Lamb of God, our supreme sacrifice was **crucified in the 3<sup>rd</sup> hour, darkness fell upon the earth in the 6<sup>th</sup> hour, and He died in the 9<sup>th</sup> hour**, at the time of the evening sacrifice, and the veil in the Temple was torn, removing the barrier between man and God.

**(Mark 15:25 and Luke 23:44-46)** These hours of prayer are "Memorials" of Him who made it possible for us to enter the Holiest of Holies coming boldly before the throne of God in prayer. What greater motive would the Church need for recognizing and giving honor to these Hours of Prayer than bringing honor to Jesus?

The New Testament is filled with glorious accounts of how God has honored these special hours by responding to prayer in a significant way. **When we are faithful to meet with the Lord, He will meet with us in miraculous ways. Please read the following passages and be amazed.**

**Luke 1:5-23** Zacharias went into the Temple to offer incense and was met by an angel of the Lord...the whole multitude were gathered outside at this time of prayer.

**Acts 2: 1-15** the Holy Spirit fell on the gathered disciples at the 3rd hour

**Acts 9: 1-8, 30 -32 Cornelius** (an Italian believer) was a devout man who feared God and prayed to God continuously. About the 9th hour he clearly saw a vision of an angel of God. He was told that his prayers and alms have ascended as a memorial before God. He was then told to send men to bring Peter to him.

**Acts 10:9-17** ...Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray. He became hungry...but while they were making preparations, he fell into a trance... God was preparing him for ministry among the Gentiles.

- God has shown me that I should not call any man unclean because they are not a Jew. (28-29)
- I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality, but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him. (34-35)
- the Holy Spirit fell on the gentiles, uncircumcised believers (44-48)

**When do we need to pray?** The priests prayed at least twice at 9am and 3pm, King David, Daniel, and the Apostles in the New Testament prayed three times a day at 9am, noon, and 3pm. Yet, there are many other times mentioned in the Scriptures recording prayer at other times of the night and day. But they can all be summarized by

**1 Thessalonians 5:17** *“pray without ceasing”.*

**Ephesians 6:18** *“with all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints”*

**Psalms 119:62** *“At **midnight** will I rise to give thanks unto thee. “*

**Psalm 119:147-148** *“I rise **before dawn** and cry for help; I wait for Your words. My eyes anticipate the **night watches**, that I may meditate on Your word.”*

**Mark 1:35** *“In the **early morning**, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place and was praying there.”*

**Luke 18:1** *“Now He was telling them a parable to show that **at all times they ought to pray** and not to lose heart.”*

**Acts 16:25-34** Paul and Silas had been imprisoned, and at **midnight**, when they should have been trying to get a little rest, or even been in too much distress, they prayed and sang praises to God.

**The apostles of Jesus, knowing the vital role that prayer plays in the believer's spiritual life, were willing students requesting of Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray". Since we are living in the TIME OF RESTORATION and renewal of the Church, the practice of honoring the Biblical "Hours of Prayer" can be another enriching element of restoration in the Body of Christ to bring new life. These memorial hours of prayer are elements of perfected worship for reasons that we shall explore.**

Needless to say, prayer is an essential element to the God-man relationship. For this reason God said that His house (the Church) "shall be called a House of Prayer" (Isaiah 56:7). These specific hours of prayer are an integral part of "God's Divine Prayer System". Considering our modern day propensity for "random-religion" or extemporaneous spirituality, cloaked with such pious phrases as "when I feel inspired", some tend to shy away from anything that smacks of discipline, order and regulation fearing the ravages of ritualism and / or legalism. While it is true that we should "pray without ceasing", the fact is that most of us do not. God knows the human spirit and its intrinsic need for discipline. It is this condition that accounts for His need to introduce some systematic or regulating elements into the worship order and prayer life of His

people. The spiritual life is very similar to the natural life, in that if it is not given some guidance and programming it will soon fall into negligence and disarray.

The hours of Prayer were continually honored because they were divinely appointed. The practice of observing them needs to be restored to the prayer life of the Body of Christ.

**Prayer Focus:**

- Please seek the Lord and ask Him what are His appointed times for you to pray.
- Ask the Lord to help all believers to embrace the discipline we need to meet with the Lord every day.
- Please pray for strength and discipline for all who are participating in a corporate fast January 2 – January 22.
- Pray for God to manifest His presence in powerful ways of love, peace, hope, guidance, deliverance, and healing.

**Please take these appointed times very seriously, because God is!**

**For the remainder of the 52 Days of Prayer and Worship, we will be praying at the following times at Church of Prayer Christian Fellowship in Rockwall, Texas.** If you are in the area, please join us. If you are not, please pray about what appointed hours the Lord is asking you to pray.

**Monday – Friday 9:00am, noon, 3:00pm, 6:00pm**

**Saturday 9:00am, noon, 3:00pm**

**Sunday 9:00am, 3:00pm**

## Warning to the Army

January 2, 2013 - Day 28

**God is calling His army to come and partner with Him to come against the enemy.**

**Isaiah 13:2-3** *“Lift up a banner on the high mountain, raise your voice to them, wave your hand, that they may enter the gates of the nobles. I have commanded My sanctified ones; I have also called My mighty ones for My anger, those who rejoice in my exaltation.”*

**We must lift up Yahweh Nissi, the Lord is our Banner.**

**We must lift up our voices in prayer!**

God is commanding His sanctified ones to come up to Him in prayer and He is calling His mighty ones for His anger.

**Isaiah 13:4** *“The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like that of many people! A tumultuous noise of the kingdoms gathered together! The Lord of Hosts musters the army for battle.”*

A *“tumultuous uproar”* means to make a loud noise.

I believe the troops here are the sanctified ones, the remnant intercessors, and the mighty ones are the heavenly armies. **There will be earthy judgments that will reflect the spiritual battle that God is waging.** In this time of preparation, the **Lord of hosts is mustering His army.** The word *“muster”* means to assemble an army for inspection in preparation for battle.

God is preparing us to be pure and holy vessels for His Spirit to dwell. Pure and holy vessels who will be able to clearly hear the instructions of the Lord in this season. He has much to say and much for us to pray about. **This message is a warning to us to be careful of a Moab spirit that is prevalent in the body of Christ in this age.**

**Warning #1 Pride**

**Isaiah 16:6** *“We have heard of the pride of Moab- he is very proud-of his haughtiness and his pride and his wrath; but his lies shall not be so.”*

Moab was a son of Lot by an incestuous relationship with his daughter (Genesis 19:37) The Moabites have been a constant thorn in the side of Israel. **God called for their destruction because of their pride and false worship.**

**Jeremiah 48:29** *“We have heard the pride of Moab (he is exceedingly proud) of his loftiness and arrogance and pride, and of the haughtiness of his heart.”*

### **Warning #2 Not trusting God, but seeking our own way**

**Isaiah 28:15** *“Because you have said, ‘We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol we are in agreement. When the overflowing scourge passes through, it will not come to us, for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood we have hidden ourselves’.”*

We need to see the example of Israel when they lacked faith in Yahweh. They sought their own deliverance by making alliances with Egypt, thinking they would be protected from death, but all they got was a refuge of lies.

### **Warning #3 Hypocrisy**

Moab was not only prideful; but they were full of vain empty words, talk that did not mean anything. We must be careful of those who speak a lot of empty words that don't add up to anything. Many will come with empty words, but their lifestyles don't add up with their words. We must aware of when we ourselves walk in hypocrisy, when our walk does not add up to our talk.

**I asked the Lord, “Is this a warning to us concerning Moab? Is this a type of people to be aware of or a spirit that will cause us to walk away from Him?”**

***“Yes this is a spirit that comes to settle in My people and the land. You must deal with the Moab spirit that comes to put pride and vain words in the Body of Christ, to cause My people to walk in hypocrisy.”***

The name “**Lot**” means seed of his father. Moabites were the children of Lot, brought about by the deception of their mother. Some of our fathers before us set seeds of the world and not a lifestyle of holiness.

When parents choose a lifestyle that influences their children to walk in pride and serve false gods of this world, this brings death to the children. God wants to deal with this spirit. We must ask our Heavenly Father to deal with the seeds in our past that have ensnared us and caused us to live a lie.

**Hebrew 12:1** *“...Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.”*

**This message is a warning to the Body of Christ.** The spirit of Moabites comes to ensnare us in this hour. We must **not walk in pride and the lies of deception.** God will judge us when we follow a lie. **We must walk in purity and sincerity of the heart.** The unrighteous seeds of our fathers are in us, and God is purging the church from the world (false religion) of her forefathers. We must see God as the Father whose seed is incorruptible.

**I Peter 1:22-23** *“Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been born again, **not of a corruptible seed but incorruptible**, through the word of God which live and abides forever.”*

**Sincere** means without hypocrisy, not putting on an act.

**Corruptible** means to act **dishonestly** in return for money or personal gain

When we have an incorruptible seed in us, a new seed, we will not perish.

The **Moab** spirit will cause us to act like we are right in our own eye sight, causing us to walk in pride. Those who walk in pride and hypocrisy will not make themselves accountable because they prefer to take things into their own hands and not to the Lord.

**John 1:11-14** *“He came to His own but they did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name; who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor the will of man, but of God.”*

**We are God’s children. We must know that the seed of Father God will produce good fruit and not perish!!!!**

### **PRAYER FOCUS**

- Pray that we will hear the trumpet call of muster, to come to the Lord and allow Him to inspect, prepare and equip us for battle.
- Pray that all pride will be purged from the body of Christ.
- Pray that the body of Christ will trust in the Lord for everything.
- Pray that all hypocrisy will be purged from the body of Christ.
- Pray that we take these warnings seriously, and pray for ourselves and the entire body of Christ to not walk in the Moab spirit.

## **We are the Dwelling Place for The Lord**

January 3, 2013 – Day 29

*This is a teaching, I have taught many times as I travel. This is the heart of God and He refreshed me this morning by speaking it back into my life. Now He wants it to go to our partners. Please be a dwelling place for Him so you can come close to Him and minister to Him ALONE.*

**Ezekiel's vision of the future temple refers to a restored purity and spiritual vitality to the ideal place of worship and to those who will worship there.** It is not intended to be an earthly, physical fulfillment, but a place within the hearts of the Lord's people. **THE LORD IS THERE. GOD WILL DWELL IN THE NEW TEMPLE AND AMONG HIS PEOPLE.**

**Hebrews 8:10** “For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord. I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.”

**In order for this to happen, we must separate ourselves from the world and from our flesh to enter into such a love affair.**

**2 Corinthians 6:16** “...For you are the temple of the living God; as God has said: I will dwell in them and walk among them, I will be their God and they shall be My people.”

We must know that we are a temple, a dwelling place prepared for Him. Our heart is to be His sanctuary. But in order for this, there must be a continual communion. We must separate ourselves to not touch what is unclean. **We must allow God and discipline ourselves to cleanse ourselves** from ALL FILTHINESS OF THE FLESH AND SPIRIT, PERFECTING HOLINESS IN THE FEAR OF GOD.

**Ezekiel 37:26-27** “Moreover, I will make a covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My

*sanctuary in their midst forevermore. My tabernacle also shall be with them, indeed I will be their God and they shall be My people.”*

**We are in covenant with Him for His sanctuary. As we build the wall of Prayer, we will see that the temple is being built.**

**Please read Revelation 21:1-22.**

This is a description of our future dwelling place. Jesus is the tabernacle and He will dwell with us and among us. Before that day, we can enter into His heart, the temple.

In order to understand being this temple, Ezekiel gave us a description of a vision that the Lord gave him that the temple was not built with the hands of man; but by God's sacrifice. This sacrifice was Him **sending His only Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**

**And by sending His Son, He set up a new covenant and a new order that made all believers priests unto Him.**

**1 Peter 2:9** *“but you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”*

**Ezekiel 43:19** *“... the Levites, who are the seed of Zadok, who **approach Me to minister to Me...**”*

We also see in **Deuteronomy 10:8**, Levi was set apart to Minister to God.

**Zadok** - the chief priest under David was a descendant of Aaron.

In **Ezekiel 44:7- 14** This temple is only to be administrated by covenant priests.

God showed Ezekiel how He wanted His temple to be administrated. He said He wanted the chamber which faces the north to be for the priests who have charge of the altar. These are the sons of Zadok, from the sons of Levi, who **come near the Lord to minister to Him**. The sons of Zadok were the remnant of priests who remained faithful to God when others were strayed away from Him.

**1 Kings 1:8** these priests were commended for their faithfulness and they are distinguished from the Levites who went astray. Because of their **faithfulness** they were elevated, and they participated in the offering the fat and the blood, sacrifices that were dear to the Lord. They were the only ones allowed to enter His sanctuary and come near to God's table to **minister** to Him and to keep His charge (to hear from Him and do what He asked).

**Ezekiel 44:5** *“And the Lord said to me, mark well, see with your eyes and hear with your ears, all that I say to you concerning all the ordinances of the house of the Lord and all its laws. Mark well all who may enter the house and all who go out from the sanctuary.”*

**This is the same as the warning to the Church in Revelation - those who have an ear let them hear what the Spirit is saying. The Lord is sending out great warnings to the Church in this hour and we must take heed to them.**

God is a Covenant keeping God and when He saw that His people brought mixture into His temple, He was not pleased.

**Ezekiel 44:7** *“When you brought in foreigners, uncircumcised in heart and in flesh, to be in My sanctuary to profane it; and offered My food and fat and blood, then they broke My covenant because of all your abominations.”*

This is what we are doing today in our **Churches**. **We are bringing foreign worship and the activities of the world into His temple**. Our hearts are not cleansed from the sins and hurts of our past, causing us to stray away. This has made the Lord very angry, seeing that we have not kept His covenant and to make matters worse, we have brought abominations into His sanctuary. We have not kept charge of His holy things, but have set foreigners to keep charge of His sanctuary. *“No foreigner uncircumcised in heart or flesh shall enter My sanctuary!”*

There are many who are ministering in the Body of Christ, doing the works of the ministry but not having an intimate relationship with Holy God. They do not get to see Him face to face as a friend. They only do the works, which alone are not pleasing to Him. **The Lord loves us and wants a close intimate relationship with each one of us.**

**Mathew 7:21-23** “Many will say to Me in that day; Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name? And then I will declare to them, I never knew you, depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.”

The word *knew* means to be intimate and close to Him. We must be careful not to think we are doing good by spending our time working for Him. He desires for us to spend time with Him on a daily basis, ministering to Him and His heart’s desires. **This is a warning:** we must be careful that we don’t confuse working in the ministry as our time being in His presence. **He wants our HEART.**

The Lord set a standard for His people, and separated those who stayed faithful and those who are in the ministry that was not faithful. **Please read Ezekiel 44:10-16**

The Levites who went far from God when Israel went astray after their idols, bore the punishment for their iniquity. **He let the unfaithful priests remain as priests, but they were not allowed to minister to God in His sanctuary, but they were to minister to the people.** They ministered in His tabernacle by having oversight of gates, slaughtering the *burnt offerings*, and ministering to the people. But they were not to come near to the Lord to be a priest to Him. They were to bear the shame of the abominations which they had committed.

**The faithful priests were the ones the Lord chose to come close to Him and to minister to Him in the sanctuary.**

**This is to be our ultimate priority in Worship;** leading people to and through revival as we worship God in the innermost sanctuary of His presence. All ministry must become the natural outflow of an intimate relationship with our Loving Heavenly Father.

**Simply stated Ezekiel sees the temple as inner court ministry to God and outer court ministry to the people. The priests who neglected the inner court were called an abomination to God.** The faithful priests who ministered to the Lord with worship and

adoration in the inner court received God's enablement to minister to the needs of the people in the outer court.

**Romans 12:1** *I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service."*

## **PRAYER FOCUS**

That the entire body of Christ will be **covered with humility and holiness** in their heart, to **know Him in Love and obedience.**

That we take the **Nazarite Vow** (Numbers 6, Judges 13, Ezekiel 44:20-23) and live a lifestyle of holiness so we can **know Him and his holiness.**

That we will **teach God's people the difference** between the holy and the unholy and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean, to **know Him in truth and wisdom**

That we will **judge Your people in righteousness, to know your heart** that will bring justice through our prayers.

That we will **keep the Word in all Righteousness**, that we **know the Word**

That we will **stay away that which is dead**, so that we **know Him in Purity and Separation**

That we will **remember Him as our inheritance**, that we **know Him in Faithfulness.**

That we will know that our faithfulness brings His **blessing; we must know Him for His Provision.**

## **Practicing the Love of God, That Keeps us from the hand of the enemy**

January 4, 2013 – Day 30

### **Prayer Partners of the Nations:**

*I cannot believe it is day 30 of the 52 days of prayer and day 3 of the fast. As we continue to build the wall of prayer, we must practice the presence of God in this hour so we can hear His voice and not the voice of the enemy. Please don't come off the wall, stay there and remain in His presence. We are seeing God move like never before! Nehemiah 4:17 gives us a great example. Those who built the wall, and those who carried burdens, loaded themselves so that with one hand they worked at the construction, and with the other held a weapon. We are called to carry the load by praying and worshipping every day, and then we are called to battle with our weapons in our hands by fasting. I have seen the power of this twofold mandate in this season of hearing God's voice. Thank you for fasting and praying for the Kingdom.*

The word **practicing** means to carry out, to exercise, to be disciplined.

**Psalm 109:4** *"In return for my love they are my accusers, but I give myself to prayer."*

David knew He was chosen by God, yet the enemy kept coming against him, so **He stayed focus on prayer**. This is practicing the presence of God, and it is what He has asked us to do in this season of prayer.

*"In return for my love ..."* When we have been chosen by the Lord, we must understand that many accusers will come in our time of being in His presence. When our accusers come we must give ourselves to prayer! **The Lord knows that when we make this great commitment to follow Him, the accuser comes; which is why the Lord is encouraging us to pray.**

Please read **Job 1:6-7**

This passage it speaks of satan, our adversary who is also called the accuser. He walks to and fro over the earth looking to accuse God's people. He looks for those he can devour that are righteous before the Lord. The adversary, the accuser, hates those who love God. **When we**

**give out the love of God, the hater comes to accuse us.** When he sees your love for God, it makes him hate you more.

The Hebrew word for satan is *sah-than*, which means opponent, the hater; the accuser; adversary, enemy; one who resists, obstructs, and hinders whatever is good, one who withstand. All these describe his nature. We must understand his nature. If we don't have understanding in this hour, we will be deceived and not know how to deal with our opponent. Our opponent **will keep us from the presence of God because he hates to see that we are getting closer to God. Especially those who make the commitment to come into the presence of God and serve Him.**

**Zechariah 3:1** *“Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the Lord, and satan standing at His right hand to oppose him.”*

The Lord shows us how the accuser lurks to oppose us. **Oppose** means to disapprove, argue against, attempt to prevent, actively resist and refuse.

**The accuser is actively standing before the Lord finding fault with us to argue against us, and prevent us from coming to the Lord.** Joshua is a priest, a child of God; and satan is finding accusations against him. **Can you hear his arguments** against us, reminding God what we have done in our past? How we have not been faithful and how can Jesus accept us when we still have things in our hearts.

**Zechariah 3:2** *“The Lord said to satan, the Lord rebuke you, satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not the brand plucked from the fire?”*

**The Lord stands up against the enemy on our behalf, because he has plans for us.** **Brand** means an identifying mark that is burned on something or someone belonging to his master or owner.

**The Lord is saying this one is mine, you cannot not touch him, because My named is branded on them.**

Oh hear the Lord as He rebukes satan. He is saying **this is my child that I marked before they were born; I branded this one. I pulled them out of the fire of your hands, and now they are in My Hands.** MY NAME IS BRANDED ON THEM. We all should be shouting and praising the Lord!

***Zechariah 3:3** “Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments and was standing before the Angel.”*

Then the Lord speaks to His angel that stood before Him and asked him to take away the filthy garments from Joshua, removing his iniquity. **Then the Love of God begins to clothe him in rich robes from the throne room, and puts a clean turban on his head. The Lord cleanses us and changes the way we think, renewing our minds.**

Jesus comes to fight for us when the accuser comes. He cleans us up and changes our hearts completely. **He stands for us because of His love.** We do not have to worry about the battle, we just have to understand **His love and walk in it as He stands against our adversary.**

When we practice staying in His presence and receive His love, we are then filled with His love which we are to give out to others. It is not easy on this journey to love, because when we give out His love to others we must understand it will **not always be received.** Even when Jesus gave His love out, **His accusers came against Him.** We are following Him in this love. We are practicing His love as we stay in His presence, so we can walk as He walked.

***1 John 3:10** “In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest; Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother”.*

***God is love, He is the opposite the satan which is hate.** We are **opposite from the enemy because now our nature is love.** Now our hearts are filled with the Love of God and we **cannot** hate like satan’s nature; because our nature is of the Holy Spirit that stays in the presence of God.*

***1 John 3:14** “We know that we have passed from death (the hands of the enemy) to life because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother still abides in death.”*

**The Love of God causes us to lay down our lives for Him and each other.**

**1 John 4:7-11** *“Beloved, let us love one another for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.. ”*

***“Beloved if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”***

**We must prepare our hearts to understand the discipline of being in the Presence of God is glorious, but we will be faced with our accusers.** The enemy hates us so much he does not want to see love in the child of God. **The accuser will use those who are the closest to you to come against you.** You must pray for the nature of God and not satan to be your reaction to any attacks.

**I have so much more, but we need to stop and pray like David in Psalm 109!**

**Today, let’s make our prayer focus personal:**

- God help me see that those whom I love have become my accusers, because they do not know Your Love. **Give me patience and fill me with Your love.**
- Teach me Lord how to love those who are **still angry and still have hurt and hate in them.** I understand that **hurting people hurt people**, but it is still hard for me to show love to those who hurt me.
- God help me when I am trying to stay in Your presence and **my heart is still hurt. It is hard to forgive those who allow satan to use them to bring down my soul.**
- God help me to **see the enemy and not my brother** when he comes up against me.
- God help me to **love the unlovable**, those who do not know Your love. **Let me be LOVE.**
- God help me when I allow the **voices** of the enemy to remind me of my sins and past failings, which keep me from my future. I am like Joshua in Zechariah. I know You are cleaning me up. Give me *endurance* to wait on you to **complete** what You have started in me.

- God help me to **go to the lost and see Your unconditional love for them** even when they do not know why they hate You and not understand who You are.
- God help me to **stay in Your presence so I can follow You in this love.**

## **Gathering and Uniting of God's New Bride Warrior**

January 5, 2013 - Day 31

*Sorry this message is so late today; it has been an amazing day with The Lord. He had me all over the place in His Word, revealing Himself greatly today. I just finished this message, but I have also been working on a message that is taking some time to prepare and bake. I was trying to get it our first, but it is so deep. Please pray for me as I coordinate prayer and write these messages each day. I am in a river and it is getting deeper and deeper. (smile) Jump in the river and He will speak to you like never before. Wow I am so excited about The Lord!!!!*

This is the cry of Jesus for the heart of His people to position ourselves in Covenant as a New Bride Warrior. We must follow His heart as a Bride to be intimate with Him daily. Every day is an opportunity to win souls. The Love of the Father will be declared before His children. Jesus is calling us to battle, but He waits for us to come closer to Him to hear the sounds of His heart and His trumpet sounds. The Bride should be in His chambers, and He is waiting. He has searched for her in the garden, as He comes to gather His beloved.

Please read Song of Solomon 6:1-3

A Bride is a woman about to be married. He refers to us, the Body of Christ, as one He is making covenant with. He is binding His heart to us in order to fulfill His purpose on the earth, all for His Glory.

A Warrior is a person engaged and experienced in warfare; someone called as a soldier to conquer territory.

We must position ourselves for covenant to lead others into the Kingdom of God. We are the new bride warrior that has been chosen to conquer territory and see souls come into the kingdom

Revelation 19:11 *“And I saw heaven opened; and behold a white horse, and He who sat upon it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war.*

Jesus is returning to not just wage a war, but to win victory for His people. We are in a season where there no peace. This is a time of preparation of our hearts to completely come back to Him. He is positioning and preparing us for battle; for the fight for the lives, for those who will be affected by this season of darkness and conflict.

We can see just as in the times of David, Jesus is conquering and gathering. God is Gathering (allying) His People in this hour.

*Ally* means to place in a friendly association or to unite or connect in a personal relationship as in friendship or marriage. Another definition is a state of formally cooperating for the military. That word means to unite and connect personally and to cooperate for the military or armed forces.

*Gathering* means to bring together into one group or place, to assemble from various places, sources or people.

This is a Word from the Lord, the Commander of the Army Joshua 5:13-15:

*I am raising up an army and am calling this ministry to mobilize My people. Now I am bringing them to this ministry to raise them up. Mighty men and women, helpers in the war, armed with bows. These are men and women who has been equipped; but their weapons were misplaced, or they are wounded and hurt from previous wars. Now gather them unto Me. I will lead them to conquer and to have victory.*

Joshua 5:15 *“Then the Commander of the Lord’s army said to Joshua, Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy. And Joshua did so.”*

When we are with the Commander of the Army, the Lord of Hosts, we are on Holy ground. We must have a position of understanding that He is in charge, as we come to Him in humility and respect seeking His Wisdom.

God is gathering Mighty Men and Women of God by the Spirit of the Lord our God, who are coming to bring us help.

Please read 1 Chronicles 12:18-22 and pray it personally as a member of this great army of God.

*We are yours, O Jesus; We are on your side, O Son of God. Peace, peace to you and peace to your helpers, For Our Father helps Us. This is our loyalty to You, Jesus. Thank you for calling us to partner with You in this Great Army.*

This needs to be the cry of our heart to the Lord:

*Spirit of the Lord, come upon us in this Gathering to ally with the troops that will be loyal to Jesus alone, and unite us to accomplish what You have called us all to do. We all come to make Jesus King over us with one mind and with one heart to be loyal to Him alone.*

Covenant is the key in this time of Conquering. This requires a covenant with Jesus that causes us to say we come to this place to give Jesus a loyal heart. We desire to have the same mind as our Lord, to bring the gospel to all who do not know Him. This will require commitment and covenant to finish the work. We must let the Spirit of the Lord clothe us to speak the Heart of the Father through our hearts which are united with our King Jesus.

We see in 1 Chronicles 12:18 that “*the Spirit came upon Amasai*” to come to David and ally himself with him. In the Old Testament, when you see the Spirit coming upon someone, it is also translated the Spirit clothed Himself with that person. The Spirit clothed Himself with Amasai, which means He took possession of Amasai, and directed his steps to come and help David.

Just as David received the mighty men of valor in peace, we must come in peace and rest so we can be a help, and so we can be united with one heart.

Read 1 Chronicles 12: 33-38

This passage of Scripture speaks of us of the importance of discipline and training in battle. We must know how to keep rank, how to gather together in battle and stay in battle formation, and become skilled with the weapons of our warfare.

*Rank* is an assigned position or official place or standing in the military.

God has placed authority over mankind our whole lives. Mature Christians must understand spiritual authority! Please read Romans 13:1-5

All authority is given to us and set in place by God. If we resist authority, we bring judgment on ourselves.

The Lord is gathering His people, and we must just stay faithful to what He has called us to as a ministry. There will be many who will defect and leave the ministry, but many will remain faithful out of their trust in Him. God will show us through discernment who is with us and who will be against us; because He is with us!

*1 Chronicles 28:9 -10 "...Know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the Lord searches all hearts and understands all the intents of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever. Consider now, for the Lord has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong and do it!"*

We must serve God with all our heart!

#### PRAYER Focus

We must pray we will have a loyal heart and a willing mind.

We must pray we will be faithful to seek Him.

We must pray we will not forsake Him in the hard times.

We must pray that we will know that The Lord has chosen us to build a sanctuary for Him.

We must pray we will have strength to finish building the wall of prayer.

We must pray we will understand His plans and strategies.

## **Exhortations and Encouragements to Strengthen the Fire of Prayer**

January 6, 2013 – Day 32

**Please read 1Thessalonians 5:1-11**

We need these scriptures to **make it through the fast, as the Lord prepares us** on this journey. He is giving us direction and encouragement throughout this chapter. We have been called to be a **24/7 Prayer Tower for our city, nation, and world**. We must continue on the journey with Him. The prayers must continue with intensity as we build the House of God.

**1Thessalonians 5:1** *“But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you.”*

**First of all, the Lord starts out warning us to know that the Day of the Lord is at hand.** We must **discern the times** we are living in. This is a **warning**; do we not see **deep darkness is all around us?** It will affect every one of us one way or another. **Jesus will return and He will come like a thief in the night.**

**Second,** we must be **Watchful** as He gives us **warning** of His return.

**1Thessalonians 5:5-6** *“You are all sons of the **light** and sons of the day. We are **not of the night or of darkness**, therefore let us **not sleep**, as other do, but let us **watch** and be **sober**”(serious, alert, aware).*

**Third,** we must be **awakened**; we **cannot close our eyes** to what is happening around us. We must put on our **battle clothes** and **pray for salvation for lost souls**.

**1Thessalonians 5: 9-10** *“For God did not appoint us to **wrath** (His anger, judgment), but to **obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ**, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should **live together with Him**.”*

The Lord wants our **eyes to be open to the harvest and to His heart for them**. Jesus has given us **instructions and His battle plans** for His people. It is time for us to carry them out. He did not choose us for **His anger and judgment** that He has stored up for our enemies; but we were **chosen for Greatness and Goodness to carry God's Glory**. He is returning and He desires us to live **together with Him for eternity**.

There is such passion and love for us in His heart as He **Warns** us to be **Watchful** and to **Wake up** to what **He is about to do in this HOUR**. **Are you Awakened?**

The Lord knows this end time battle will not be easy and the first to **go under great attack will be the leaders**.

**Please read the Encouragements and Exhortations in 1 Thessalonians 5:12-14**

He **encourages** us to **esteem** (respect and admire) those who are laboring in the ministry and those who are over (leading) you. To **admonish** (instruct and warn) those who are on the battlefield with you daily. There are days when the leaders and warriors are worn out from of the great battle. **Please keep each other encouraged**.

We must **esteem** them with love for all they do and keep peace among each other. Fight and pursue the peace that will keep unity in the body of Christ. **Ephesians 4** speaks so well on this subject as **God establishes the leaders of the Church**.

We must **exhort** (strongly encourage or urge someone) our brethren, and **warn** those who are **unruly** (insubordinate - defiant to authority/disobedient or idle-not working, active or being useful). We must **bring strong warning to them and let God deal with their hearts**.

We must **encourage** one another by bringing comfort to those who are **fainthearted** (lack courage), **uphold the weak**, take care of those who are **sick, orphans, widows**, all of those **who cannot help themselves**.

Most of all we must **encourage all of those who are on the battlefield to be patient with each other.**

**Please read 1Thessalonians 5: 15-28**

These scriptures speak very clearly on our responsibility as warriors on the Battlefield in this season.

**1Thessalonians 5: 15** *“See that no one **renders** (submit, give over) **evil for evil to anyone, but always **pursue** what is good both for yourselves and for all.”***

**1Thessalonians 5: 16** *“Rejoice always.”*

No matter how hard it gets, we must have **joy**.

**1Thessalonians 5: 17** *“Pray without ceasing.”*

**Pray for 24/7, twenty four hours a day and seven days a week.** Don't stop praying in this season, it is so important. Times are dark and the devil is on the run. **Please don't stop praying.**

**1Thessalonians 5: 18** *“In everything **give thanks**; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”*

Worship, Worship, Worship! We must **Praise and Worship Him** so much more, in this time' so we can see the **Glory of His coming with thanksgiving in our hearts.**

**1Thessalonians 5: 19** *“Do not quench the Spirit.”*

**Do not put out** (extinguish or cool off) the **FIRE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

**God has given us the Fire, and we must guard against dwindling fires.** Revival fires wane for various reasons.

**Prayer focus on how not to put out the fire of God:**

- **Pray we must not Compromise.** We must not allow the excitement of crowds and miracles to dull our ears to hearing the truth of the Holy Spirit. He is leading us God's way, and not by our own **agendas.**

- Pray we must **not have Religious Ways**. This is when we **stop allowing the Holy Spirit to move His way**, and we try to control things with our own ideas or religious backgrounds.
- Pray we must **not bring Division**. When we **fear** man, or when man does not understand the **heart** of the **Leader** that God is speaking to in that season; **division and discord** comes in their midst, because of **fear**.
- Pray we must **not have Pride**. What is our **attitude** toward what God is doing in our midst? We must not use Him for our own good to be famous and rich, but to glorify Him in all regards.
- Pray that we **do not Neglect to make disciples**. **They are needed so** the effectiveness of revival can be multiplied.
- Pray we do **not allow Breakdown** of authority and unity in the leadership team through prayerlessness, weariness, or functioning outside the boundaries of individual's giftings.
- **Pray we do not have Busyness**. This is when we allow busyness and the excitement of revival to take priority over vigilance in humble prayer and intercession
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Please study today's scriptures, as you can see there is so much we can **TEACH** from **HIS directions and instructions**.

**We must discern the time and season that we are living in NOW.**

# Preparing to Walk in Power Standing for our Families, Churches, and Communities

January 7, 2013 - Day 33

**1 Samuel 17:29** *“And David said, What have I done now? Is there not a cause?”*

The Lord gave this to us before and it is worth repeating. We see David chosen to make a stand before Goliath, and he sees the **purposes and the heart of God**. We are **chosen**, and we must be prepared. As we read a story that has been taught to us even from our youth, we must **receive fresh understanding and instructions**. David was willing to **STAND and fight the champion of the enemy**, but the brethren did not receive his walk of faith.

**Is there not a cause?** The word *cause* means a person or thing that acts or exists in such a way that some specific thing happens as a result; a reason or motive for some action; **good reason for movement to which a person or group is dedicated; a person that gives rise to an action; reasonable grounds for tacking action; movement that cause a deep commitment for one who is prepared to defend.**

**When we gather together with a common cause we are united in the joint effort and work together until the end.**

So David had to ask the question to those who **walked in fear**, that we should ask ourselves when **fear** takes over our hearts. God is looking for us to **STAND up against** the enemy that is **defiling our families, churches, communities, and nations**; as we walk into his territory

There are **seven D's of defilement from the devil: division/discord, drugs, depression, distress, deep debt, and deep darkness**. We must bring them down, and we must be **driven with faith to STAND up**. We must not let people around us who walk in fear dictate what we need to do. If we do, we will be stopped from what we have been **chosen** to do for the Lord.

## **IS THERE NOT A CAUSE?**

Discouragement can come from the very ones who are supposed to be with us, the brethren of the army.

**1 Samuel 17:33** “Saul said to David, You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are a youth, and he is man of war from his youth.”

**Thank God David had a testimony of fighting impossible foes, as he was trained by the Lord of Hosts.**

We must see we were chosen to **STAND this past week, and be trained by the Lord of Hosts and not man.** This past week we learned we must **STAND and not falter between two opinions.** We cannot live a double life before God. In 1 Kings 18, God told Elijah to take 12 stones and build an altar. He made a **STAND**, and he said before the people, "*The Lord He is God*". **He is God alone!** We cannot trust in ourselves and others, only in the Lord!

We must **STAND** and continue the work at what the Lord has Chosen for us to do, and that is to **fight day and night until we finish the work;** building and encouraging **24/7 prayer meetings** around the world until He returns. Even when our enemies come to put **fear** in us, and mock us we must continue to **STAND in the gap for the House of Prayer.** As we build the wall of prayer, we will be using living stones which are His precious stones (God's people).

When we begin to think we are too small, too insignificant, too young, too old... we must see the **faith** of a **young heart**, who trusted God because of His faithfulness in his trials, which equipped him to **stand** and fight in this battle God chose and prepared for him. **1 Samuel 17:34-37**

## **IS THERE NOT A CAUSE?**

We must **STAND** and go into battle against the enemy. We must bring with us the weapons God has chosen for us in this battle, not the weapons and testimonies of others. The Lord of Hosts is **preparing us with power.**

David's testimony was, **I killed both lion and bear**; and this uncircumcised Philistine **will be one of them**, seeing he has **defiled** the armies of the **LIVING** God.

**How long will we allow the defilement of the devil to mock God's people?** The Lord is a **living God and we are His living stones.**

**1 Samuel 17:40** *"Then he took his staff in his hand; and he chose for himself five smooth stones for the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag, in a pouch which he had, and his sling was in his hand. And he drew near to the Philistine."*

This is faith produced from testing and trials that equipped him for this big trial. Have you allowed your faith to grow during your testings and trials, or have you just endured them until they were over?

The Lord has chosen **living stones to fight His battle**. But not all will **pay the price to be a sacrifice for the Lord**. Out of 5 **stones** David chose one smooth stone, just as he and his tribe were selected out of the 12 tribes to rule over the land. **God chose David as one of those living stones** from His heart to fight against the enemy. **He wants us to see the power of the ONE that God chooses**. I hope you see what God is speaking.

**1 Samuel 17: 45-46** *"Then David said to the Philistine, you come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand..., that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel."*

Does this not sound like what Elijah said before those false prophets?

### **IS THERE NOT A CAUSE?**

David walked in **faith and confidence**. He was chosen to fight in **oneness** with the **Lord of hosts**. **The Lord of hosts is Jesus** and His warring angels in the spirit realm of the heavens.

**1 Samuel 17:47** “*Then all this assembly shall know that the Lord does not save with sword and spear, for **the battle is the Lord's, and He will give you into our hands.***”

This is the heart of God for those who have a **special task** on the earth, to **STAND** and **fight** against the deep darkness of the world. We will not back off, because we are **STANDING** with the **Lord of hosts. He will battle for us as we make this STAND.**

*Oh please read the story, there so much for us here in I Samuel chapter 17, but you know we must stay focused.*

**1 Samuel 17:50** “*So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a **STONE**, and struck the Philistine and killed him. But there was no sword in the hand of David.*”

When God shows **Himself** great, He takes the battles that looks **impossible** and then shows Himself great just as He did for Elijah, Nehemiah and now David. **They were chosen precious stones that God used for His glory.**

We must see we are **precious living stones in the hands of God.** We are very **valuable** to God. Man cannot see our value; but God does, and He loves finding a **vessel that will willingly lay down their lives** to deal with those 7 D's that look **impossible** to defeat. But we know that *with God all things are possible.*

**Prayer focus:**

- We must hear the call to come and **STAND IN THE GAP.** *Is there not a cause?*
- We must let Him **work His faith in our lives** to see truth as we **STAND!** *Is there not a cause?*
- We must arise and **STAND** for what we believe in, even when it looks its worst! *Is there not a cause?*
- We must trust Him, and when we have done all we **know to do, we must STAND!** *Is there not a cause?*

- We must stand and cry out to the Lord to deal with us as we stand against the seven D's in our **lives, families, churches, communities, and nations**. Are we ready to take back what belongs to us and God? IS THERE NOT A CAUSE?

## Spiritual Blindness

January 8, 2013 – Day 34

### A Man Born Blind Receives Sight

**John 9:1-5** *“Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup> I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”*

*“Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth.”*

Every man’s spiritual condition is blind from birth until he encounters Jesus. However, we are not to remain in that spiritual condition. Unfortunately, too many, now full grown adults, have settled in and have settled for that blind condition. We need to understand that we cannot continue to excuse our spiritual ignorance, especially when Jesus passes by us and takes notice of us.

Whenever Jesus passes by, it is with great intentions; He sees our spiritual condition and longs to give sight to our blindness for His purposes to be fulfilled in the earth.

Paul recounts his conversion to King Agrippa. In this passage below, are the words spoken by God to Paul:

**Acts 26:16-18** *“But rise and stand on your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you. I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.”*

God wants our eyes to be opened so that we can open the eyes of others! But if we do not have such an encounter with Jesus, how then can we help someone who is blind see Truth if we are also blind?

*“And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” (verse 2)*

The disciples did not merely ask Jesus why this man was born blind, but presumed (*to take for granted as being true in the absence of proof to the contrary*) that no other reason existed for his blindness but sin. They suggested two variables as to why this man suffered from a visual impairment:

A sinful decision that he (the blind man) made which resulted in his blindness; or

A sin through his bloodline; a sin that his parents had committed.

Again, their question was asked matter of fact: “Who sinned, this man or his parents?” We can so easily judge a man for the same weakness that lies within us. Here the disciples were judging his physical blindness when they were spiritual blind.

*“Jesus answered, ‘Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.’ “(verse 3)*

Jesus had spiritual sight, the ability to see what was true beyond the “circumstantial evidence” presented by His own disciples. He was able to see that this man was born blind because He was willing to look beyond the flesh of the man into the Spirit of God; this man’s blindness would be a testimony for God. There He stood, eyes fixed into the spiritual realm, beholding the glory that was about to take place for the fame of God. Jesus knew that this man who was born blind would now see and testify to the miraculous work of Christ Jesus:

**John 9:30-33** *“The man answered and said to them, “Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! <sup>31</sup> Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. <sup>32</sup> Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing.”*

We, likewise, must have the mind of Christ to see that whatever affliction befalls us is first spiritual, stretching far beyond this cape of flesh that we wear, even though the manifestation of it is apparent in the flesh. And that when Jesus anoints our eyes (**John 9:11**), we will see.

*“...but that the works of God should be revealed in him.” (verse 3)*

The works of God are spiritual and may manifest within us. Whenever God gets involved with delivering our souls out of spiritual darkness, there is a guaranteed inward change that *will* take place. For who can overtake God on His throne and win? Do not all souls belong to Him? (**Ezekiel 18:4**) His Holy Spirit works behind the scenes in our hearts, often without our ever “seeing” even the slightest fingerprint left behind by His gracious hands. The inner workings of the Holy Spirit eventually become outward confessions of our faith in Christ Jesus as Lord and through our expressions of love for God.

*“I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.” (verse 4)*

Here, Jesus was referring to a spiritual darkness that was going to take place when He was no longer in the world. Hence His urgency in which He moved about in the earth- Kingdom minded and never wasting one second of time. Are we equally keen on and responsive to God’s Presence? His will? His way? His instructions?

We must understand that we have been sent in the world by Jesus, just as God sent Him in the world (**John 17:18**); and we must work while it is day- that is to say, while we have life in us. The night is coming when no one can work might well be the appointed time of death, whereby every man shall cease all of his labor.

One might ask, “What work am I to do while it is day?” Read on, for the Words of our Lord that follow are key to dispelling (make disappear; drive away; scatter) darkness.

*“As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” (verse 5)*

Now again Jesus was referring to His Presence on the earth as being the Light- the Light that can penetrate darkness. For David says,

**Psalms 139:12** *“Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to You.”*

Now, let’s turn our attention to the following declaration: *“As long as I am in the world.”* (verse 5) May I interject a question? How is Jesus in the world today? Would you agree that because we, who belong to Him, have Him living in us and we, ourselves, live in the world, He is therefore in the world?

**Matthew 5:14-16** *“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. <sup>16</sup> Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”*

**1 John 4:17** *“Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.”*

We can’t cease our spiritual existence in Christ Jesus. If we do, then there would be no light in this world. Imagine for a moment if every Christian who was tired and weary from their spiritual dryness, unceasing work to be done, or the requirements of holiness commanded of their lives; were to sit down. We must take hold of the Word of God and discipline our bodies for the work that must be done:

**Romans 12:1-2** *“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”*

What if we all put our lights under a basket? What do you suppose would happen? There would be utter darkness that no human eye could pierce through or peer into. Yet many of God’s

soldiers, yes, even His mighty warriors, have let their lights grow dim. We mustn't forget the call of God on our lives to:

**Isaiah 60:1-3** *“Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. <sup>2</sup> For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. <sup>3</sup> The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.”*

If we do not arise, the darkness will be consuming. We will hear of it, know of it, but if we are unwilling to do anything about it, it will overtake us. That was Eli's problem. He knew about the sins of his sons, Hophni and Phinehas. He had even heard about what they were doing, but he did not restrain them (**1 Samuel 2:22-23; 3:13**). As a result of the sins of the house of Eli, the events to follow would certainly be a dark time for Israel as they would encounter defeat and the loss of the Ark of God.

We must be determined to be effective in pushing the darkness back with the light of Christ shining in us! This means living a lifestyle of holiness. We can't afford to be in Eli's position, lying down with little to no vision. We must keep our lights ablaze with the oil of the Holy Spirit filled in our lamps!

**1 Samuel 3:2-4** *“And it came to pass at that time, while Eli was lying down in his place, and when his eyes had begun to grow so dim that he could not see, <sup>3</sup> and before the lamp of God went out in the tabernacle of the LORD where the ark of God was, and while Samuel was lying down, <sup>4</sup> that the LORD called Samuel.”*

By God's edict, Eli would be both removed and replaced. His successor, Samuel, would become the priest to bring light to Israel.

**1 Samuel 2:35** *“Then I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest who shall do according to what is in My heart and in My mind. I will build him a sure house, and he shall walk before My anointed forever.”*

God preserves a remnant for Himself, and Samuel was a part of God's remnant. Bible Gateway had this to say about *remnant*: "A remnant is a small group of people who remain faithful to God, despite widespread unbelief or faithlessness around them. God preserves a remnant in order to ensure a renewed and restored people in the future."

Samuel was born for the very reason of being a light in a time of darkness. In the day of Samuel as a boy ministering before Eli, "*the word of the Lord was rare in those days, there was no widespread revelation.*" (1 Samuel 3:1)

And so it is true for us; we were born to be a light in this present darkness. Jesus purposefully prayed to the Father:

**John 17:14-19** "*I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup> I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.*"

Our call is sure in heaven and the time is NOW in the earth to answer that call! The English commentator on the Bible, Matthew Henry, put it this way: "When our Master tied us to duty, he tied us to time too." (Matthew Henry Commentary)

#### **PRAYER FOCUS:**

- Pray for the Body of Christ to no longer be spiritually blind.
- Pray that our eyes will be open to the truth so we can help open the eyes of others.
- Pray that we will sense the coming darkness and be determined to be a light shining in the darkness.
- Pray that we will not let our light grow dim.
- Pray that we will live a lifestyle of holiness so Christ's light can shine in us.

## Walking in His Power, Purity, and Purpose

January 9, 2013 – Day 35

This is a conversation I had lately with the Lord:

O Lord, please settle me to not be anxious, to be patient for Your perfect timing, Your perfect will. Lord, I cannot see a way for what I am feeling You are leading me to do. I need you to settle me with patience and acceptance of Your leading, Your timing. Your ways are perfect. Your power is unquenchable. Your heart is moved by our prayers, and You will do all to bring about Your great purposes!

*“Precious, I hear your words and I am pleased. Please wait a little longer, patiently wait under the weight you are feeling. I am preparing the grounds on so many fronts, and I am preparing you. Daughter, here is **My Patience**. Here is **My Peace**. Here is My Promise. I am depositing them inside of you in greater measure than ever before. With them, now **walk in My Power, walk in My Purity, and walk in My Purpose!**”*

As the Lord gave me this message of hope and encouragement, I studied each word to gain greater understanding of what He was saying to me and to you.

The word *patience* means the ability to endure waiting, delay, or provocation without becoming annoyed or upset; to persevere calmly when faced with difficulties; the act of waiting long for justice or expected good, without discontent.

This is a difficult word to live out, but when I see it all through the word of God, I know it is an important character trait we must all have. It is **intricately linked to our trust in God!**

**Hebrews 6:12** “...be imitators of those who through faith and *patience* inherit the promises.”

**Colossians 1:11** “(be) strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and *patience*.”

**James 1:2-4** *“Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces **endurance (patience)**. And let **endurance (patience)** have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”*

We must have patience to wait for the Lord’s direction and fulfilled promises; for the Lord to move, to heal...; and to remain in trials and testings with joyful hearts. We must call upon the Lord to strengthen us with His power so we can endure and wait for his perfect timing and His perfect plans.

The word **peace** means tranquility; a calm and quiet state, free from disturbances or noise; a state of mental calm and serenity with no anxiety; freedom from conflict; harmony with others.

This sounds so good, and so different from what we see around us, or even in ourselves. But God, in His sovereignty and grace wants to fill us full of His peace.

**2 John 1:3** *“Grace, mercy, and **peace** will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the son of the Father, in truth and love.”*

**2 Peter 1:2** *“Grace and **peace** be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

**1 Peter 1:2** *“...according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood, May grace and **peace** by yours in fullest measure.”*

**Philippians 4:7** *“and the **peace** of God, which surpasses all understanding (comprehension), will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”*

Even in the midst of whatever we are going through, we as believers in Jesus Christ can have peace. As this world gets more dark, as the enemy gets more riled, as creation groans more and more for Christ’s return, and as the nations rage more and more against the Lord and His people;

we can have peace! His peace guards our hearts and minds so we do not have to panic or be afraid. **His peace is so different from that of the world; we cannot comprehend it, but we can apprehend it!**

The word *promise* means to assure someone that something will certainly be done or happen; to pledge to someone to provide or do something; an assurance that something will be done; an indication that something or somebody will turn out well; an indication that something is likely to happen.

**1 Kings 8:56** *“Blessed be the Lord, who has given rest to his people Israel, according to all that he **promised**; not one word has failed of all His good **promise**, which He promised through Moses, his servant.”*

**Luke 24:49** *“And behold, I am sending forth the **promise** of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”*

**Acts 2:39** *“For the **promise** is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself.”*

**Romans 4:20** *“yet, with respect to the **promise** of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God.”*

God has made many promises to us corporately and personally. We must take the time to diligently seek and study them in His Word, and to write down the promise He speaks to us. **His promises are to assure us of His care and His plans in the midst of not yet seeing them come to pass.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:24** *“Faithful is he who called you and He also will bring it to pass.”*

**Philippians 1:6** *“For I am confident of this very thing that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.”*

God does not lie, and **what He says He will do, He will do it!** We put trust His promises and rest in them!

The word **power** means capacity, ability, and strength to do something; control or influence over people and their actions.

**1 Peter 1:15** *“(we) are protected by the **power** of God through faith, for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last times.”*

**2 Peter 1:3** *“seeing that His divine **power** has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.”*

**Hebrews 1:3** *“...He upholds all thing by the word of His **power**...”*

**2 Timothy 1:7** *“For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of **power** and love and discipline.”*

As the Lord has deposited and as He perfects His patience, peace, and promises in us; we are to **now walk in His power**. His power is limitless. We must know and trust the God whom we love and serve so we can boldly and confidently walk what he Lord is asking of each one of us in this season. We must know the power that is available to us in our prayers, and in our words to others in everyday speech, in the written word, and in teaching and peaching.

The word **purity** means absence of anything harmful, inferior, or unwanted; virtue and innocence; clarity of tone or sound.

**Titus 2:7-8** *“in all things show yourselves to be an example of good deeds, with **purity** in doctrine, dignified, sound in speech which is beyond reproach...”*

**Philippians 4:8** *“Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is **pure**, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.”*

Purity is something we must decide to put on, and it is not easy. **We have 2 enemies who are constantly battling to keep us impure: our flesh and the world.** But as we get closer to the Lord and allow Him to purge us and cleanse us, we will begin to walk in purity. Please fight to be pure in mind and deeds.

The word **purpose** means the reason for which something exists or for which it has been made; the goal or intended outcome of something; determination (the desire or the resolve necessary to accomplish a goal).

**Job 42:2** *“I know that You can do all things, and that no **purpose** of Yours can be thwarted.”*

**Romans 8:28** *“and we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.”*

**Philippians 2:22** *“Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in Spirit, intent on one **purpose**.”*

**Colossians 1:29** *“for this **purpose** also I labor, striving according to His **purpose** which works mightily within me.”*

**1 Peter 4:7** *“The end of all things is near; therefore be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the **purpose** of prayer.”*

It is important to know the Lord’s will and purposes for our lives. If not, we will just walk around in circles. God has put in mankind the desire to have purpose in our lives; what is His revealed purpose for your life?

*“Sons and Daughters, when you walk in My patience, My peace, My promises, My power, My purity, and My purpose; there is nothing for you to strive to do, no need for anxiety. It is all Me! Nothing is to burden you down. Let go of all burdens, all anxiety, all cares, and walk with Me!”*

**Prayer Focus:**

- Pray that we will joyfully allow God to work His patience in us through our trials and testings.
- Pray that we will allow God’s peace to guard our hearts and minds.
- Pray that we will know and walk in the promises of God for the Body of Christ and for us personally.
- Pray that we will walk in God’s power in our prayers.
- Pray that we will fight to be pure in thought, word, and deed.
- Pray that we will know God’s purposes for our lives and for this time we are living in, and walk hand in hand with the Lord to accomplish His good purposes.

## **Warning to the Warriors of Christ: Satan comes to sift you as wheat**

**January 10, 2013 – Day 36**

Today we were inspired by a teaching that came by a great man of God, David Wilkerson who understood the voice of God during his time. Today, the Word of God is still **power** for us today. **I pray as you eat this Word, your heart will be changed. Your faith is being tried and God wants to let you know that He has already prayed for you; now stand strong in your faith in Him.**

**In Luke 22:31 He said, "And The Lord said, Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."**

This is Peter's response and the response of all of us who have crossed the point of no return to our old way of life. We have fallen in love with Jesus, and we love Him so much.

**"But he said to Him, Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death."**

Jesus knows all about the power of Satan's weapons to sift Christ's devoted disciples. He knows those who have made the commitment to Him and have said, "I will follow you wherever You go."

**Jeremiah 17:9** *"The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?"*

When we sit in an atmosphere like this and walk close with Jesus, Satan will come to sift us to turn us from our faith.

**Sift** - to put through a sieve <sift flour> : **to separate or separate out by or as if by putting through a sieve : to go through especially to sort out what is useful or valuable:** the evidence often used with through: to scatter by or as if by sifting : to use a sieve to pass or fall as if

through a **sieve** - to remove unwanted items, **sieve** - a device with meshes or perforations through which finer particles of a mixture (as of ashes, flour, or sand) of various sizes may be passed to separate them from coarser ones, For example -**I'm sorry, I have a memory like a sieve. What was your name again?**

Now, what was the plan of Satan? To take Peter and separate his heart from **Jesus at the moment he had made a commitment to follow Christ whole heartedly (his Faith)**. There was a time when you did not have this strong commitment and love that you have today. In the beginning, you were just a churchgoer that every now and then was touched in your heart by the message.

During that time, the enemy keeps you **self-consumed with the small ranking spirits that keep you focused on you, on SELF**. **That was the season when your life** belonged to you and your career, your dreams, your social life, your ministry and your desires were your priority. **You did not** see yourself as being consumed because you wanted to achieve your goals in life, whether it was for self, family or ministry. You were doing what was socially the norm for anyone who wanted to be “something” in life. The enemy is fully aware that he can keep us consumed with those things and that he **doesn't have to send the higher ranking spirits to distract us**. But when you **make a commitment like Peter did, you become a threat to Satan's kingdom**. **Crossing over from being a churchgoer to a committed follower of Christ will bring you into the realm where spiritual warfare is fought with great force on the battleground.**

**Our love and commitment to Christ have made us prime targets for the enemy**. The adversary, the devil, will start **sending out assignments against you** that will try to shake your faith to commitment. The enemy begins to speak, saying, **“let us deal with their minds and sift them; let us separate them from Christ through fear and their past sins. Let's separate them from what is useful and valuable to Christ**. Let us deal with their minds and memories in the midst of the hot fire of trials and testing. Let us send arrows to their mind so they can forget what they have received and forsake their commitment to their Lord, Jesus Christ.”

Look at **Psalms 2:3** "Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us." This is his strategy and his plans for those who are whole heartedly following Christ in all of their ways to inherit the nations and ends of the earth for His possession- for the Kingdom of God.

In David Wilkerson's teaching, Sifted Saints, he said, "in Christ day, grain workers used a sieve just before they sacked the harvested the grain. First, they shoveled wheat into a square box covered with netting. Then they turned the box upside down and **shook it violently**. The grit and dirt would fall through the netting until only the wheat kernels remained." **(52 days of prayer and worship teaching on Shaking)**

The enemy wants to tempt us and to mock God in our commitment by saying, "Are they really in love you? Are they truly committed in their hearts to you or is this lip service? Do they really have this kind of radical faith?" For some he says, "**As soon as this fast is over, I will see how committed they are.**" But for others, he says, "**Let's get them now while they are praying and fasting so that they can give up on their commitment.**" The enemy also knows that commitment produces covenant, and he does not want us to have covenant with God. **Church, Satan comes to sift us! He does not think our faith is real.**

We know that this is the very tactic he used on Job when Satan **stood before God mocking His people and accusing them**. God knows each one of us intimately and He knows where we are in our hearts concerning Him. He **knew that Peter was not ready for such a challenge, while Job, on the other hand, was going to stand and not curse God**. We need to remember that **Satan cannot sift a believer unless he gets permission from God**.

**Job 1:6-8** "Now there was a day when the sons of god came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also come among them. And The Lord said to Satan, 'from where do you come?' So Satan answered The Lord and said, 'from *going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.*' Then The Lord said to Satan, 'have you considered My servant Job, there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns (turns away from) evil?'"

Let's go to verse 11 **“But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face.”**

Here God knew that Job was strong to receive the challenges of enemy. Job had those who were close to him to turn away from God.

**Job 2:9-10 “Then his wife said to him, ‘Do you still hold fast to your integrity? Curse God and die’, but he said, ‘you speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity? In all this Job did not sin with his lips.’”**

Now let's look at Peter's test. Christ knew that he was not strong, so He told Peter, **“ I am praying for you”**. Christ Jesus knows where we are in our walk with Him. **He is standing for those who are weak in their faith towards Him**. That is the hope we have in Him today, **He is praying for us**. Even though **we have seen demons flee from people, and we have done great things in God**, He still knows our weaknesses. We think our gifts and many words to Him are going to keep us, but it is only in abiding with Him faithfully everyday of our lives. **We must learn to separate the strengths in our gifts and in self from our walk of commitment to Jesus from our heart; such a commitment requires a discipline of remaining with Him alone.**

**The adversary always goes after those who will be a threat to the kingdom**. He knows we have been set apart for great things for the kingdom of God and that we walk in great authority over the kingdom of darkness. That is why we are being sieved or shaken by the enemy. Everything that can happen to us in this hour is coming to shake our faith in The Lord Jesus Christ and our commitment to Him. **We must be aware of our weaknesses and strengths. Peter did not know his weakness of pride or the fears that were laying low within him. The sifting caused Peter to forget all that he vowed and it came after he spoke bold words of loyalty to the Lord.**

**In the hour of darkness when Christ was about to go through His season of suffering, Peter learned something about himself that Jesus was fully aware of: Peter's fears, in the hour of desperation, dwelt so deep in him, that he would curse and deny Christ. But the Lord knew what was in Peter; he told him that He had prayed for him. Christ is standing in the heavens at the right hand of the Father interceding for us in our weakness because a darkness is coming and we must be ready to stand in the trials of darkness that test of our faith.**

We must love God for placing this Scripture in His Word for us today. In **Luke 22:32** Jesus said, **"But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."** Jesus is now prophesying to Peter that he had prayed for him concerning something that Peter was about to go through. Yet, the words of our Savior to Peter are encouraging. He says, "Peter, I know your weaknesses and I have **prayed for you**, that you will not lose your **faith in Me and your purpose**. Because **Peter you will return to Me because the love is very strong in you for Me**. And Peter you are still **chosen to lead My people. Father God has not changed His mind to use you greatly to strengthen your brothers in this hour.**"

**The enemy's main target is our FAITH in Christ Jesus. He comes to shake our faith.**

Jesus wants the love of God to remain in us. He knew Peter had to be sifted by Satan because the Father had given him permission. So Jesus prayed for him so that his faith would remain. He knew that the ruler of this world **would come after those who are called by Father God for a special mission on earth. Therefore, we must abide in Him through every trial and test that is placed before us. We are called to the Kingdom of God to serve Him and Him alone, and we come to sit at His table to dine with Him.** We are called to perfect communion with The Lord Jesus who knows what we need for this journey.

**Please go back and read Luke 22:27-30 because the Lord is speaking to us in a powerful way in this hour. He has made promises to us to be fruitful and multiply in His Kingdom.**

I like how it was said in the teaching of David Wilkerson, *“Beloved, you don't have to fail as Peter did. As we read his story, we are to be warned by it. But if you've failed. If you've grieved the Lord, run into the arms of Jesus and remember that he is praying for you. Repent, return and share your experiences with others who are being sifted. Jesus didn't say to Peter, If you are converted.” He said, “When you are converted (strengthen).”*

*Be strengthened in your faith today! You MUST READ John 17:9-26, this will be our prayer focus!*

**Prayer Focus is to be in agreement with Christ in our walk with Him.**

- Pray for those who have been given to Christ for the purpose of the kingdom.
- Pray that we know that we belong to Him and we are to glorify Him in our trials.
- Pray that we are no longer of the world and that He will keep us through His name.
- Pray that He will not lose one in the battle against our faith toward Him alone.
- Pray we endure the hatred of the enemy against us because we are not of this world.
- Pray that we will be sanctified by the truth of the Word that He has given us.
- Pray that we are one with Jesus as He is one with the Father!
- Pray that the love that is in Jesus for us will also be in us for Him and others.

## A Pure River Producing Trees of Righteousness

January 11, 2013 - Day 37

In my time of prayer The Lord said, "*Come up the mountain, there is a beautiful garden beyond the clouds of this great mountain and river flows from this garden and feeds the nations.*" He has said this to me many times, but I always pondered how to get up the mountain. He has revealed to me going up the mountain is coming into a place as we seek Him to come closer. We must go up to Him as Moses and many of the prophets did. Jesus Himself knew the importance of getting away and going up the mountain. **We must pull away from all distractions and position ourselves in prayer and worship to the Lord in a safe resting place. He is looking for such a one who will draw near to His heart and be a dwelling place.**

**Isaiah 66:1-2** "Thus says the Lord: Heaven is My throne and earth is My footstool, where is the house you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest? For all those things My hand has made and all those things exist, says the Lord. But on this one will I look; on him who is poor and of contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word."

From the beginning, God was always looking for a resting place; not in the things and buildings of the earth, but in us, in our hearts. He looks throughout the earth seeking for one that is poor and of contrite spirit; one who is broken with humility and that honors His word by being obedient to each word spoken.

**Genesis 2:8** "The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed."

God placed Adam in a garden, a place where He could walk with him and share the majesty of His creation. A garden has always been a special and intimate place to the Lord.

**Song of Solomon 6:2-3** "My beloved has gone to his garden to the beds of spices, to feed His flock in the gardens and to gather lilies. I am my beloveds and my beloved is mind. He feeds His flock among the lilies."

How beautiful is the picture of Christ, in His garden tending His sheep, and gathering the beauty of His garden to share with us.

God placed man in the garden because He longed to dwell with man in this beautiful place. God placed two important things in the garden that I must mention in this message. The first were two **trees** and the second is a **great river**.

**Genesis 2: 9** "And out of the ground the Lord God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The **tree of life** was also in the midst of the garden, and the **tree of the knowledge of good and evil**."

In this lush garden were found two trees that are key to everything that follows in all of human history. They were the physical means God used to transact (to carry out) spiritual realities. (Commentary-Spirit-filled life) This statement is so true as you closely read throughout the Word of God. We will look at the importance of those trees for us today.

But let's go to the second important thing in the garden that is used as well to illustrate spiritual realities.

**Genesis 2:10** "Now a **river** went out of Eden to **water the garden**, and from there it parted and became four river heads."

We must see each scripture in the context God gave it to us:

He planted the garden to be an intimate resting place.

He placed man in His garden to be His dwelling place.

He placed trees in the garden that were pleasant to the sight and good for food, providing for their needs in this safe place.

He placed a river to water the garden which divided and became four rivers that would be a healing place.

**The garden was God's resting place. He placed man there to share it and His creation with Him.** He placed every tree there that looked and tasted good. This was the heart of God from the beginning. Let's journey through the word to see how this applies to us today as we long to fulfill His heart in this resting place. There is so much you can pull from this message, so feel free to let God speak to you on this journey.

**2 Corinthians 6:16** *"And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? **For you are the temple of the living God.** As God has said, I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people."*

This foundational scripture tells us who we are and what Father God always intended for us in His creation. He always wanted us to be close and intimate with Him, by living in us. How much more intimate can we be with Him than sharing oneness of heart?

We are His temple and He will dwell in us and walk among us. We must have a lifestyle of prayer and worship that produces a consecrated life, so the Lord can dwell in us. He made covenant with us and told us in **2 Corinthians 6: 18**, *"I will be a Father to you and you shall be My sons and daughters."* This is the longing heart of a Father telling us He wants to fulfill His promises to us in this covenant relationship.

Now if we are the temple of God, we must look at the temple that was made in the Old Testament. It will be our guideline for us today, because the ministry of the tabernacle and temple was only a type and symbol of the realities accomplished by Christ. In **Hebrews 8:5**, the priest *"served the copy and shadow of the heavenly things as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, 'See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain'."*

**Hebrews 8:6** *"But now Christ has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as he is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises."*

When Christ died and was resurrected, He did not die for salvation only, He died so He could fulfill the heart of Father God in His covenant promises; which is to give us a new spirit and a new heart. Now we can be one with Him.

Now let's look at how He took the temple that Solomon built and see how it applies to our lives.  
**Please read I Kings 6:12-19**

**1 Kings 6:13-15** *" And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and not forsake My people Israel. So Solomon built the temple and finished it. And he built the inside walls of the temple with cedar boards; from the floor of the temple to the ceiling he paneled the inside with wood; and covered the floor of the temple with planks of cypress."*

The temple was constructed using the wood of **cedar trees**. These are strong evergreen trees which grow to a great size, and are known for their durability and ability to withstand pressure and damage.

**The Lord is a very detailed God in all that He does. He knew what we needed in the building of His temple, and He chose the best trees to build His temple. We are those trees today as we look at the Word of God. We will list many scriptures that Father God placed in the Word to see the importance of the various trees He placed in the garden from the beginning.**

**Psalm 52:8** *"But I am like a **green olive tree** in the house of God; I trust in the mercy of God forever and ever."*

*Not* any kind of tree was planted within the temple's boundaries; but a green olive tree which is known for its long life. Being planted in the court area, it would experience many years of God's presence.

**Jeremiah 11:16**, *"The Lord called your name, a **green olive tree**, beautiful in fruit and form."* In His eyes, He sees us beautiful and fruitful.

**Isaiah 60:13** *"The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the **cypress**, the **pine**, and the **box tree** together, to beautify the place of My sanctuary; and I will make the place of My feet glorious."*

**The glory of the best trees (His people) shall come to you to beautify the place of My sanctuary** (a sacred and holy place, a place of worship, part of a church around the altar). As I look at these definitions from Webster, I can see that He wants those trees to be **trees of righteousness to dwell and remain in a place of worship that surrounds the altar and throne room of God.**

**Isaiah 61:3b** *"That they may be called **trees of righteousness**, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified."*

The Spirit of the living God is upon us and we will be called trees of righteousness.

**Psalms 92:12-14** *"The righteous shall flourish like a **palm tree**; He shall grow like in a **cedar** in Lebanon. Those who are planted in the house of The Lord shall flourish in the courts of our*

God. *They shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be fresh and flourishing*” (literally full of oil and sap). Every time I share each scripture my heart pounds with excitement. My Lord so loves us that He had us in His heart and mind from the beginning with each tree He created.

We are not through we this awesome journey in His Word that reveals His truths and heart. Now we must look at the **trees and the river that we saw in the gardens.**

**Jeremiah 17:7-8** *"Blessed is the man who trusts in The Lord, and whose hope is the Lord. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; but its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease from yielding."*

We are planted as trees by the river in our trust relationship with Father God. The word trust also means to rest in Him. **He wants us to rest in Him as He rests in us.**

**Psalms 1:3** *"But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper."*

We have been chosen to remain in His Word and meditate on it. **Meditate** means to ponder to get understanding and wisdom. When we meditate on His Word day and night, we will be that tree that He has planted to prosper us for His Kingdom.

**Please read Ezekiel 31:3-9.**

He speaks about a nation that He allowed to be great, comparing them to the great and beautiful trees that grew there around the water. He warned them if they become full of pride, they would be cut down. In verse 4 He speaks of its growth:

*"The waters made it grow; underground waters gave it height; with their rivers running around the place where it was planted, and sent out rivulets (a channel, stream) to all the trees of the field."*

Some of us have been called to be a great tree for others, yet we have become prideful. If we do not repent, we will be cut down by Him. Remember the one God is looking to dwell with has a broken, humble and contrite spirit.

**Ezekiel 19:10** *"Your mother was like a vine in your bloodline, planted by the waters, fruitful and full of branches because of many waters."*

He is speaking of **Israel** as a nation and how He made her a great tree. She was a strong tree with strong branches that reached high, because **He has chosen her to stand above all other trees.**

We must know who we are in our relationship with Father God and our Lord Jesus. We were chosen for His glory alone, to show His heart to the nations by flowing with them.

**Isaiah 41:17-20** *"The poor and needy seek water, but there is none, their tongues fail for thirst. I, The Lord, will hear them; I will God of Israel, will not forsake them. I will open rivers in desolate heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water and the dry land springs of water. I will plant in the wilderness the **cedar** and the **acacia tree**, the **myrtle** and the **olive tree**; I will set the desert the **cypress tree** and the **pine** and the **box tree** together. That they may see and know, and consider and understand together, that the hand of the Lord has done this, and the Holy One of Israel has created it."*

This is the most beautiful message in the bible to me. I hear His heart for those who are poor and needy; He desires to give them water in their wilderness place. He will cause them to grow into great trees, and then gather all the various trees together. Only He can do this in this hour. He will bring all kind of denominations, races, economic backgrounds... in one place for His glory. Yes Lord, **You will open up the rivers in our desert places.**

In we heard many sermons on **Ezekiel 47:1**, now we can see this scripture differently. The water was flowing from under the threshold of the temple toward the east. The water was flowing from under the right side of the temple south of the altar. *"Then he brought me back to the door of the temple; and **there was water, flowing from under the threshold of the temple toward the east**, for the front of the temple faced east; the water was flowing from under the right side of the temple, south of the altar."* Now do you see in the garden was also facing the east. I am amazed with the connection with the river in Genesis chapter 2 in the garden. Our God is a very detailed God.

The Hebrew word for **altar** (mizbeach) means a place of sacrifice, where an animal is offered as a sacrifice. **Altars are of great importance to God.** In Solomon's temple, the altar was the center of daily activity, without which the rest of Israel's worship could not take place. The altar of sacrifice was also crucial in God's revelation of true worship in joyful times, such as His

feasts. We must let God deal with our hearts at His altar and allow the rivers of living waters to flow through us.

**John 7:37-39** *"On the last day, that great day of the fest, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rives of living waters."*

We must see how important it is to position ourselves as worshippers at the altar. We will find ourselves in deep waters if we position ourselves before Him with a pure heart.

**Matthew 13:23** *"But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understand it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty".*

God is raising up worship and intercession that will be measured by its fruit This is like the rising of the river to our ankle, second the waist and then the deep water over takes us.

**Ezekiel 47: 5** *"Again he measured one thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross; for the water was too deep, water in which one must swim, a river that could not be crossed."*

We want to be in that place where we are overtaken by the Holy Spirit in our lives.

**Ezekiel 47:7** *"When I returned, there, along the bank of the river, were many trees on one side and the other."*

**Genesis 2:15-16** *"Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend (cultivate, take care) and keep (retain possession) it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying "of every tree of the garden you may freely eat."*

We can see in **Genesis 2: 8-17** that the trees of life were also placed on both sides of the river. Just as God instructed Adam to cultivate the garden, He has called us to cultivate and possess the hearts of men by praying for their salvation and healing. He knows that **the tree of life was for us to eat from**, not the tree of good and evil. When Adam and Eve ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, their eyes were opened to evil, the desires of their sinful flesh, and the lust of the world. We have been called to be by the river, and to be those many trees on one side and the other.

**This water flows toward the east.** Now when it reaches the sea, its waters of the sea are healed. **Ezekiel 47:9** *"And it shall be that every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish (souls for the kingdom) because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river goes."*

Wherever we go, we are to bring life to reach the lost and heal His people. This is what pure worship and prayer does, when we remain in the garden and eat of the tree of life from His hands.

**Ezekiel 47:12** *"Along the bank of the river, on this side and that, will grow all kinds of trees used for food; their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear fruit every month, because their water flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for medicine."*

Now the river must be there so that all kinds of evergreen trees will grow that always bear fruit. This river that flows from the sanctuary will support the trees so their fruit will be food and their leaves will be medicine, to bring healing and deliverance to all.

**Now we must go up the mountain and position ourselves in the garden.** The Lord is calling to us to partner with Him to tend and keep it so others can come and find our Beloved in His garden feeding his flocks in the gardens and the gather lilies (the chosen ones).

We have gone from the beginning of God's Word in Genesis, and now let us look to the end.

**Revelation 22:1-5** *"And he showed me a **pure river of water of life**, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and the Lamb. In middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the **healing** of the nations. And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. **They shall see His face**, and His name shall be on their foreheads. There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for The Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever"*

### **Prayer Focus**

**Revelation 22:17** "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come!" And let him who hears say Come! And let him who thirst come whoever desires, let him take **the water of life freely.**"

Pray that all will see they are precious trees of righteousness planted by God, and we are all to come back to the Lord's garden.

Pray that we will provide the necessary atmosphere of prayer and worship to produce the rising rivers in our sanctuaries, so all can drink freely and be healed.

## Waterfall

January 12, 2013 – Day 38

As I was looking at the Spiritual Awakening poster last night, looking at the beautiful waterfall flowing down from a high mountain, I noticed something that went deep within me. Why is the water in the waterfall white? The water started out blue, green, or brown; but now it was white. What caused it to change colors? For that matter, why is some moving water white at times (crest of waves, in rapids) and other moving water is not white (river, waves)?

I knew this was not just a **scientific curiosity**, but I started there.

When water moves rapidly and is pushed into the air (waterfall, rapids, the top of a wave that is falling over), the water mixes with the air and bubbles are created. These bubbles are light and very thin. When sunlight hits the bubbles, all the light rays are reflected back into our eyes and they appear white. When we look at still water we see color, because some of the light rays from the sun are absorbed by the water and we see the color of the light spectrum that is absorbed.

The Lord then led me to this **analogy**.

I think of our lives as Christians, when we come to a worship service. We are in the river, but are we flowing with the Holy Spirit? We all come to the Lord with different colors on our souls, sins and wounds that distract us and cause us to bring mixture into the presence of the Lord. The water has color because we have absorbed the dark light of the sins of our flesh and the world. When we truly enter into worship of the Lord, the river becomes swifter. As we die to our flesh and surrender control of our lives to the Lord, we go over the waterfall. This is where the Holy Spirit breathes life into us and fills us with great joy, like bubbles of life filling our soul. As worship increases and as the bubbles continue to fill our soul and spirit, the Lord shines His pure light into our hearts and we are cleansed. No longer are we colored, but now we are pure white. Only His pure light will cleanse us, because during this transformation we get our minds off of ourselves (absorbing the light of the world and flesh) and onto the Lord (reflecting His pure light). We must have nothing in common with the world and our flesh so we can be transformed in to pure reflection of Almighty God. All glory belongs to Him!

This is a **poem** the Lord gave me to further illustrate this message.

*We come to You when we are blue, filled with sadness and grief  
We come to You when we are red, filled with anger and frustration  
We come to You when we are green, filled with jealousy and resentment  
We come to You when we are yellow, filled with fear and uncertainty  
We come to You when we are brown, filled with the filth of the world and sin  
We come to You when we are black and blue, filled with wounds and unforgiveness  
We come to You when we are clothed in purple, filled with pride and arrogance  
We come to You with all the colors of the rainbow.*

*But when we bow in pure worship to You  
You lift us to a high place, sweeping us into the river  
Joy of the Holy Spirit is bubbling up inside of us  
As we cascade down the waterfall  
Our colored water is transformed into bubbles of joy  
As You shine Your pure light into our hearts  
We are transformed by Your Spirit and now we are white  
Great power is found in worshiping You  
Transforming us from darkness to light  
Now we come to You shining with Your glory  
Now we come to You shining for Your glory*

**Revelation 22:1** *“Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb,”*

The river of life that flows from the Throne of God is crystal clear, there is no mixture in it, and it is pure. There is no color to it. On the other hand, we are in a colored river, with the impurities of the world and our flesh. Only when we go up on the mountain of God, to commune

with Him and to be filled by Him, can we be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit working inside of us.

As we cascade down the mountain in a beautiful white waterfall, we reflect God's glory and righteousness. We must be careful when we reach the pool of water at the bottom of the waterfall. Will we continue to be stirred up with the Holy Spirit and be white, or will we revert back to the color we were before?

Of course we want to continue to be stirred up, full of righteousness and joy. But how do we do that? We live in a fallen world among fallen people, with an enemy that is sifting us and seeking to destroy us at any wrong turn we take. Let's go to the Word of God and seek His council.

**Isaiah 30:18-21** *"Therefore the LORD longs to be gracious to you, And therefore **He waits on high** to have compassion on you ... He, your Teacher will no longer hide Himself, but your eyes will behold your Teacher. Your ears will hear a word behind you, **"This is the way, walk in it,"** whenever you turn to the right or to the left."*

Do you hear His heart for us? He longs for us to come up the mountain and commune with Him in His garden, as we saw in yesterday's message. And while we are communing with Him, sharing our triumphs and struggles, He is listening and moved by compassion to work on our behalf. But not only that, He is always with us, whispering in our ear for every step we take of every minute of the day. You may say, he's not that concerned about everything I do in my day, just the big and important things. But no, that is not what His Word says. It says he will tell us with each step if we are to go to the right or the left. He wants to lead us in every step.

It is not just that he wants to lead us, but He also need to lead us. So often we do not know the right thing to do, or we think we do and find out we didn't! Really we are blind in most of our decisions and we need Almighty God to lead us in each step.

**Isaiah 42:16** *"I will lead the blind by a way they do not know, **in paths they do not know I will guide them.** I will make darkness into light before them and rugged places into plains. **These are the things I will do and I will not leave them undone.**"*

I love that last part, “*these are the things I will do*”! This next scripture is just as reassuring.

**Psalm 32:8** “*I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with **My eye upon you.***”

If you ever wanted to know the name of your path you are travelling on, it is called the Highway of Holiness and it is for all who desire and are disciplined to walk in holiness. Let the joy of the Holy Spirit bubble up in you as He cleanses you from all our unholy way, all our unrighteousness. This is not a path for fools; it is for all who **see the value in following wholeheartedly after the Lord!**

**Isaiah 35:8** “*A highway will be there, a roadway, and it will be called the **Highway of Holiness.** The unclean will not travel on it, but it will be for him who walks that way, and fools will not wander on it.*”

**Prayer Focus:**

- Pray that we will go up the mountain and jump in the river.
- Pray that we will allow the joy of the Holy Spirit to fill our souls with bubble of life.
- Pray that we will seek after holiness and righteousness so the water will stay pure.
- Pray that we will trust the Lord in all things and let Him lead us in everything we do, say, and even think.

## **The Rain and Fire are HERE**

January 13, 2013 - Day 39

This past week has been wonderful, filled with the Word, worshiping, warring, washing; as well as warnings about our enemy, the accuser (also known as the tempter and the devil). As we enter this second week of fasting and prayer, how much more can we take? This week, we must carry the winds of fire and wait for the rain. The Lord spoke to us this past week, saying that the walls are being built and the walls are made of fire and water. **The fire is prayer and the water is worship. We must not give up now we are creating an atmosphere in these 52 days of prayer and worship. Please don't let voices of the enemy bring you down from the wall of prayer and worship. We must be like Elijah, it is time for rain and we must face our enemies.**

As we prayed last week, God met us every day with His wonders. Whether it was by conviction or through repentance in our heart, we have a new awareness of where we are; and through the infilling of the Holy Spirit we have received **prophetic words of wisdom and prayers of insight. God was faithful. Now that He has been faithful to us, we must be faithful to Him by carrying out His Word, the message of the Gospel.** Why do we need rain and the winds of fire for this coming year? Because both the lost and wandering, backsliding saints await us!

Please get your Bible and follow me in the Word as we walk through this study together. **Please read 1 Kings 18.**

This is an account of Elijah challenging those who had come into the hands of the jezebel spirit. This chapter begins with the Lord speaking to Elijah to arise and present himself to the enemy, and that He (God) would send rain on the earth. Then in verse 4, Jezebel massacred (cut off) the prophets. Today, the spirit of Jezebel massacres, or cuts off those who prophetically hear the voice of God to build the house of God with His Word.

In **verse 21**, Elijah goes before his enemies and challenges both them and God's people to not waver between God and false gods. *"How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him. But the people answered him not a word."*

**We are in a time when we must arise as the voice of God to show the world that the true God lives.** We must not sit down in this season. God has raised up Elijah voices that will challenge the spiritual darkness that has entered our homes, churches, and communities. Those who worship baal (baal means master or husband) as their master because of the influence from Jezebel's table, were deceived and lost. Today, the deceived are those who believe in Jesus Christ but do not eat from the Lord's table. Instead, they eat from the table of those who serve a different kind of spiritual food that is not of the Lord.

In **verse 22**, Elijah said to the people, *"I alone am left a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men."* We must remember that the Lord looks at the hearts of those who will stand with him rather than the number of people who stand against him. **One person, whose heart is pure for God, can make a difference if he or she will take his or her rightful place in God's heart.** But there are not many without mixture in their hearts, and not many who are seeking the heart of God for His sake and not for their own personal gain.

**Verse 24** is a confession and declaration that should come from our mouth:

*"I will call on the name of the LORD; and the God who answers by fire, He is God."*

Elijah was not afraid to make a declaration of who God was; yet, **those present did not answer when Elijah challenged them to choose whether they would follow Baal or God (verse 21).** Sometimes, when we are not right in our actions, we have very little, if anything at all to say.

**Verse 29:** *"And when midday was past, they prophesied until the time of offering of the evening sacrifice. But there was no voice; no one answered, no one paid attention."*

**The people paid no attention to the false prophets who were crying out and cutting themselves.** Take the time to read how they cried out to their false god but there was no answer and no fire that was going to prove to the people that their god was a living god because their god was dead (verses 25-28). Today, **our gods** are fashioned from **material things, drugs, finances, and all kinds of lusts; although they are dead gods, we give make them alive to us by setting our affections on them.** If we fail to see these dead gods for what they truly are, we, too, will be deceived and guilty of idol worship.

By **verse 30**, the people have become so interested in what was about to happen next, that they drew near to Elijah. *“Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come near to me.” So all the people came near to him.”* The people gathered and witnessed how Elijah followed the Lord’s instructions in preparation all that was needed for the fire that was coming.

**Verses 31-32** we are going to dig into Elijah's preparations for sacrifice. Let this also be our **Prayer Focus**.

**FIRST**, the **12 stones** signify that **He, the LORD**, established the heavens and the earth, and the government in which it stands. And this government is on the shoulders of Jesus. He established the 12 tribes that would represent **His name**. The number 12 represents government - complete *spiritual authority*.

**Isaiah 9:6** *“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.”*

When Elijah set those 12 stones up, he **FIRST** had to **establish the NAME of Jesus as Lord. I AM. I AM Almighty God had to be represented first**. Why? Because **Elijah's declaration was not going to stand on any other NAME or FOUNDATION, but Christ Jesus**. Even **Elijah could not get credit for what God was about to do before His people**. Peter quoted in **Matthew 16**, *“You are Christ, the Son of the Living God.”* Please read **Matthew 16:13-19** and remember how Jesus established the church upon the **ROCK**.

**SECOND**, we must **display the NAME OF JESUS**. It had to be built on the **altar**. The word *Altar* means **sacrifice and death**. **Jesus died on that altar** so we could see that there is no other name for **salvation for His people**. He had to **die to receive all authority over the darkness**. If we are going to challenge darkness, we must walk as He walked with **His spiritual authority**.

**Please read Colossians 1:10-20**, there is much to read here, but it is worth it for you bible scholars who will find much revelation from the word.

*"For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth."*

**THIRD, we must build a trench.** A trench is a ditch built for the army to provide shelter from enemy fire. Today, the trench we must build for the army must be dug into the earth, into the land, and the land is the heart of the people. **We built trenches last week when we allowed God to dig deeper into our hearts** in order to pour the water (**the river of the Holy Spirit**) over us **as a sacrifice**. We have been called to be slaughtered and die to bring life to those who are lost and deceived.

**What is sacrifice?** *Sacrifice* is the surrender or destruction of something prized or desirable, for the sake of something considered as having a higher or more pressing claim; it is to permit injury or disadvantage for the sake of something or someone else.

We are reserved for God and His service through this sacrifice of death made for us. We must likewise be a living sacrifice, as Jesus was for us. **We are called to lay down our lives (emotions, opinions, hurts and agendas) in order that others may see only HIM.**

We must **dig into the hearts of the people through prayer**, and because the pieces of **wood that Elijah laid were to ensure the sacrifice would catch fire easier**, we have to grasp **He is cutting us into pieces, little by little, to lay us on the wood pile.**

**FOURTH, He prepares us for death by filling up the water pots, before the fire comes.** The **infilling water represents the Holy Spirit in another form.** Read **John 7:37-39**. We must ask the Lord to pour the first, second and third time until the water is all **around the altar, filling the trench.** Connect **John 2:6-7** where in verse 7 Jesus says, *"Fill the water pots with water. And they filled them to the brim."* The water represents the time of **purification and preparation** for us as we wait for the change. **We want to be filled.**

**FIFTH, we must wait upon the God's timing for the sacrifice.** We cannot kill ourselves and produce God's fire. **Death comes with time as He takes us through each trial, to produce His Character and His Glory.** **We must know Him and His timing.**

**SIXTH, we must do everything according to the WORD OF GOD. Verses 36-37** *"And it come to pass, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, 'LORD God of Abraham...I AM YOUR SERVANT, AND THAT I HAVE DONE ALL THESE THINGS AT YOUR WORD'."*

**We must cry out to the Lord so that the people will know Him and turn their hearts toward Him.**

**Seventh, we must wait and let the fire come so that the people may see it and fall on their faces and worship the only true GOD. HE IS GOD.** When the fire comes, we must **seize the enemy/enemies and execute them through intense prayer. (Verses 38-41)** When we have dealt with the enemy, then God will tell us to eat and drink; for there is the sound of abundance of rain.

**PRAISE THE LORD! FIRE AND RAIN HAS COME.**

**The river is being produced by faithful prayer warriors and worshippers. Please don't stop praying and worshipping before our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Pray for fire and rain to fall in this Hour!!!!!!!!!!**

## **The Fire and the Light of the Lord**

January 14, 2013 – Day 40

**Hear the Cry of Jesus in Luke 12:49:** *“I came to send fire on the earth; how I wish it were already kindled!”*

**I cannot believe it is the 40th day of Prayer and Worship.** We have produced the fire and the river of God; and He is coming back, as the Light of the world, **to battle for souls in the last days.** We must see that God is **calling us in the end time darkness, to arise and challenge** the people of God and the ones who do not know Him. He is **equipping and preparing** His remnant to dig the trenches and **prepare** them to be the sacrifice, and to **follow every Word He is speaking.** Then fire will come down from heaven to either to **consume** our heart **with His love** or to **consume** those who will not turn to Him **with judgment.**

**How do we carry the fire in the midst of such darkness?** The Lord wants to give us instructions today on how to carry the light. His Light must connect with the light in your heart. I sense a strong presence of God as **He speaks to us for direction and instruction.** **I am writing them down with the fear of God and with much love. As you read this, let us be mindful to make this our prayer focus as well.**

Before we receive the instructions, let's look at His heart in **Luke 12:49.**

*“I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!”*

**The fire He came to set is a strong emotion to arouse us.** This is the same definition as compassionate. His heart so longs to send the fire that **will baptize us in His love and cause us to come very close to Him.**

He expresses His passion in **Luke 12:50:** *“But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished!”*

Jesus was **distressed until the cross was accomplished**. He is **not talking about the fire of judgment** that comes from the cross, but the **fire of His love for our hearts to see the glory of the Lord in His return**.

**Please read Luke 12:51-53**

Jesus is saying that **when we receive this love it will bring division**, because those who are **close to us will not receive this love** and they will **not understand your heart for them**. They will **judge and reject you** because of **His love that burns in your heart**. **NO!!! I MEAN REALLY BURNS IN YOUR HEART**.

**Mark 3:21** *“But when His own people (his family) heard about this, they went out to lay hold of Him, for they said, ‘He is out of His mind’.”*

Jesus’ own brothers did not understand the love He had for God and for God’s people. They did not accept that He was Messiah until his death and resurrection. They thought He was crazy. He explains to us in the scriptures His family is those who do the will of the Father

**Mark 3:35** *“For whoever does the will of God is My brother and My sister and mother.”*

He made a decision not to let those who are close, our families, to put out the fire in His heart for the Father.

The **Lord has taught us how to love the unlovable**, and that we must pray and pray and **pray for them until Christ is formed in them**. **Don't cease praying and loving those who judge and reject the love of God**. But likewise, **do not let the enemy use them to keep you from His passion to draw you closer**. I keep hearing the voice of God saying, **come and stay close**.

When the fire comes upon you, believe me, **because of your faithfulness it will touch their hearts**. Do not stop praying and loving them where they are. **The Lord is faithful, and you must stay faithful on the journey of love**; as we carry this end time fire for Him in our hearts.

**Luke 12:56** *"Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it you do not discern this time?"*

Why is it that technology can give us all we need to function in the world, but we have nothing that can help us discern the times we are living in, just as Jesus speaks to the people then? **The only way you will be able to discern the time is through spending time with Him alone.**

<b>We Have Heard His Heart, Now Let's Receive His Instructions as we Pray</b>
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- The Lord will start this fire and **we must keep the fire going. Cultivate your heart by staying in the presence of God, and close to His heart.**
- **Do not drift from the purpose** and the light of His Presence. **Stay close!** If you drift from the Presence of God, the weight of the ministry and your life will become heavy. Then the fire will become a burden and not a delight. If you drift into sin far from the presence of God, you cannot carry the light/fire at all. He will give the fire to someone else to carry.
- As a carrier of the light/fire, you must know **it is moved by heaven** and not earth. Don't think your works will keep the fire going. No power on earth can put the fire out that is given to you. **Stay close.**
- **Do not touch the world and be seduced to drift away.** The pleasure of this world will cause you to drift away and you will not know you have drifted. **Do not touch that which is unclean.**
- There are others who will carry this same fire, **you must connect and gather together to help each other.** In this hour we cannot stand-alone. This is very important because each one of us will be **connected to cause a greater light** for the deep, deep darkness. His Light and fire will overcome the darkness of the earth.
- **This fire/light you have now will set people, cities and nations FREE!**
- This **fire/light is alive; it lives in you to see His love.** He lives in you. Don't bring dead things in that will dim out the light.

- **You must touch the fire of God, so the surge of its power will flow through you daily. Stay Close by seeking Him daily.** Touch His heart with prayer and worship that pleases Him.
- **Your vision will increase, as you get closer.** Your mind will be sharper; you will be able to **discern good and evil much more quickly than before. Your spirit will be strengthened,** you will feel it, and it will help you know the love of God.
- **There will also be pain in carrying the fire/light.** The fire we carry can distract us to **follow the fire and not Him.** We can **begin to follow the move of God** and not who He is in the Light. The **fire will give you influence and people will** want to be around the fire, they will want it for themselves. This can distract you from Him and cause you to look to the fire and to the people. Stay focused on Him.
- The Light and the fire of His presence are **upheld by the Word of God.** This **truth** continues to move with life. Life moves through the fire. Truth and life continue to move. It does not stop with Jesus in our midst. He lives and is always moving.
- We **must move with the fire and the Holy Spirit,** He will give us visions of creativity. You will feel and breathe the atmosphere of His heart with vision.
- The fire we are to carry has been the source of every true movement of the Spirit. He is moving and **you must not stop moving. The harvest is waiting for us.**
- **You must abide in His presence and take what you see and what He gives you.** In abiding and remaining with Him, there is so much He wants to tell and show you.

We are last day **Messengers of Christ, forerunners for His return.** The fire is for all who have **consecrated** themselves for **THE COMING MESSENGER.** But only **few** will carry it. We must know the message and share it to the nations through our writings, songs, and creativity. He is pouring so much of Himself in us, now bring it before the Lord and let Him light the fire in your hearts.

Again and again, I keep hearing in my heart, *“The deep darkness has entered into the earth and we must stay close to Him and His presence; stay in the secret place of His heart.”*

## Persevering and Paying a Price

January 15, 2013 – Day 41

In our persevering and waiting on God, we must know who we are, and our responsibilities in PRAYER. Why is it so important for us to know who we are in this season of building prayer?

I believe the Lord wants to anchor **us in HIS LOVE, and commit us to prayer that will build His house as Priest.** Jesus knew who He was and was perfectly clear about His mission on this earth. Today, we are to follow Him in **this battle of dying to ourselves. We are called to pay a price, a sacrifice leading us to battle for our covenant relationship with Him. As we do so, we build His temple with living STONES.**

**I Peter 2:4-5** *“Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”*

**I Peter 2:9** *“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”*

We examine the scriptures to discern our purpose and our responsibility to carry the Light and Fire of God on a solid foundation. His consuming Fire must burn continually, and the enemy cannot be permitted to extinguish it. We must work **together** as we persevere in this endeavor.

**Let’s go back to verse 4** - *“Coming to Him as to a living stone.”* The Lord is the cornerstone, a hard solid rock that everything rests on. He is maturing us as living stones of sacrifice, solid in the Word of God. Remember in I Kings 18, Elijah had to put 12 stones in position on the sacrifice as representation of **Christ's solid foundation of spiritual authority.**

**I Corinthians 3:11** *“For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”*

Our foundation is in Him; but the exciting thing is **we are living stones**, not dead stones. **We are solid like Jesus when we live as He lives.**

**Again in verse 4** - "*Rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious*". We likewise are truly rejected by men once they see Him in us, as living stones, standing strong in our relationship with Jesus. Men do not see the value that you are in Him, but God sees you as precious; *something of GREAT value, not to be wasted, but greatly loved and treasured by someone*. This definition so fits the heart of God for us.

**Nehemiah 4:1-4** "*But it so happened, when Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, that he was furious and very indignant, and mocked the Jews. And he spoke before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they fortify themselves? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they complete it in a day? Will they revive the stones from the heaps of rubbish—stones that are burned?" Now Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, "Whatever they build, if even a fox goes up on it, he will break down their stone wall." Hear, O our God, for we are despised; turn their reproach on their own heads, and give them as plunder to a land of captivity!"*

Our enemies come to tear down what God has done in our lives. Sanballat's name means **sin**. He is furious about God building you up, positioning you for Himself; **so the enemy speaks against you as "the accuser" saying (verse 2):**

*What are these feeble (lacking physical strength) Christians doing?*

*Will they fortify (strengthen a place with defense works so as to protect against attack) themselves?*

*Will they offer sacrifices (will they die and surrender themselves up totally) to their Lord Jesus?*

*Will they complete (run the full course and finish) it in a day?*

**Hebrew 12:1-2** *“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin, which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.”*

*Will they revive (restore life and consciousness, give new strength and energy) these stones from the rubbish heaps (something that is worthless, useless waste), stones that are burned?*

Now we see how the **accuser** comes to speak against us and mock us while we are laboring before the Lord in prayer. But God has spoken to us about our **wealth and value and how precious we are to Him and we must know how great is the Love He has for us. We are His precious jewels.**

**Nehemiah 4:3** *“Now Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said: Whatever they build, if even a fox goes up on it, he will break down their stone wall.”*

The **enemy is now mocking us by challenging our commitments.** Are we able to persevere in building the wall of prayer? Will the wall **stay up?** Foxes are the little problems will cause us give up. The enemy, "the accuser", is still talking and saying, "They are not going to keep this up. All we have to do is send foxes to distract them, and the wall (building prayer) won't hold up.”

The enemy is saying as soon as this fast is over, they will go back to "normal". Let's wait them out, and see how strong they are going to be in a couple of months. They will stop praying with such intensity. SEND THE FOXES!

**We must be like Nehemiah in verse 4; Pray, Pray, Pray!**

*“Hear, O our God, for we are despised; turn their reproach on their own heads and give them as plunder to a land of captivity.”*

All we have to do is pray, pray, and pray some more! **The Lord will fight our battle**; if we stay on the wall with the saints in **ONENESS**. Then we will see His glory.

Nehemiah was a man of prayer and faith; he refused to give the enemy his attention, and stayed focused on the mission. We must do exactly the same.

**Nehemiah 4:6** *"So we built the wall, and the entire wall was joined together up to half its height, for the people had a mind to work."*

**Nehemiah 4:9** *"Nevertheless we made our prayer to our God, and because of them we set a watch against them day and night."*

**We have been praying for 7 years for God to raise up His Prayer Army. We must see His heart for us. Let us ARISE AND SHINE WITH THE FIRE OF GOD!**

**PRAYER FOCUS:**

- Pray for the 24/7 Prayer Army of worshippers, warriors, and watchmen; those who are building the wall of prayer all over the world.
- Pray that we will understand and know that we are living stones, who are precious and valuable to the Lord.
- Pray that we will be strengthened in body and soul, to persevere in the task before us.
- Pray that we will be fortified by coming together in unity.
- Pray that we will die to our flesh and sinful ways, and totally surrender to our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Pray that we as living stones can now bring life to others who have gotten weak and hopeless.

## Position Yourself to Produce Power WE ARE CHOSEN

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Please read **Zechariah 4: 1-6** before we break it down.

**Zechariah 4:1** *“Now the angel who talked with me came back and wakened me, as a man who is wakened out of his sleep.”*

We are being **awakened from our slumber by the Lord**. The Lord is calling us to **ARISE**. He has risen to conquer and bring His people to Him. Believe it or not, He is waiting on you. You have been **CHOSEN** and you are **LIVING STONES**.

**Zechariah 4:2-3** *“And he said to me, ‘What do you see?’ So I said, ‘I am looking, and there is a lampstand of solid gold with a bowl on top of it, and on the stand seven lamps with seven pipes to the seven lamps. Two olive trees are by it, one at the right of the bowl and the other at its left’.”*

**What do we see?** The fire has come! The **lampstands of separation hold bowls at the top**, and on the stand, seven lamps with seven channels or pipes to feed oil (fuel) to the lamps. **The two olive trees represent the anointing oil**. The bowls are holding the pure oil that is produced when the olives are crushed. **We must be crushed** to produce the **oil** that is consumed by His fire, a fire that must **burn day and night, night and day**. We learn in **Nehemiah** to vigilantly stand watch day and night, searching for the **stones coming to life to build the church and the great army the Lord of hosts is gathering**.

**We need to position ourselves in the presence of God, between the two olive trees**, so we can **receive the oil**. Remember the olives are **CRUSHED**. Our calling as Jesus' followers is to **pay the price and lay down our lives**, to **see the fire** and produce it for the **Kingdom**. God is filling our bowls as we **position ourselves to produce the oil**.

**Please don't leave the secret place of the Lord.** This is where the Lord comes to meet us, minister to us, and speak of **our responsibility as living stones, chosen priests.** As His **chosen ones,** we will build **His spiritual house** and our prayers will help others to be **cleansed as His precious stones.** These are for His Glory. It is vital we see the value God places on all mankind; they are His precious stones.

**1 Peter 2:5** *“you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”*

We will all be positioned by Him in His Temple. Every detail of the Word is significant to the Lord.

Now grasp your importance. We must rise to His call to be effective. Without **POSITIONING OURSELVES WITH HIS POWER,** we are unable to help the hurting, backsliding, and blinded Christians; much less help the lost who are prepared for the Great Harvest. The rubbish and darkness weighing on His people is very great! **We must know this will be done by His power alone, and not our own.**

**Zechariah 4:6** *“So he answered and said to me: This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ says the LORD of hosts.”*

He was not going to rebuild the temple and bring revival by His position or might, but only through the Spirit of God.

The word **might** in Hebrew (chayil) means strength, power, force, might (especially an army) valor, substance, or wealth; the **force of military strength.**

**We must see that it will not come from our power or wealth or force.** We cannot produce such **power,** no matter how **gifted** we are, **who** we are, how **much** we have, or how **great** our position is here on earth.

<b><i>This POWER cannot be produced by man.</i></b>
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The Lord is supplying to **His army POWER from on high, the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will be our strength, power, force, and might; He will supply all that we need to make war as His army.** But He is looking to see if we will **position** ourselves to receive the **oil** so He can light the fire of the Holy Spirit. Then **He will manifest Himself to us as we cry out to Him.**

**Our Lord Jesus**, seated at the right hand of the Father, is **always interceding** for us; and He longs **to lead us in victory.** Will we be awakened to walk in this great power?

The Lord has given scripture and definitions to illuminate what He is doing as we **position** ourselves before the Holy Spirit in this hour. **He is the only one that will help us gather in the harvest and secure them in the presence of Jesus. He alone will help us keep the river flowing and the fire falling. The Holy Spirit, often undervalued and misunderstood as the third member of the Godhead, is key to our usefulness to God in this hour.** He is invaluable to us as living stones.

**Acts 1:5** *“For John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”*

**Baptism** means to dip or immerse. We need to be completely immersed in the consuming fire, and the oil of the Holy Spirit in order to produce fire.

**Matthew 3:11-12** *“I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is MIGHTIER than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry, He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in His hand and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with the unquenchable fire.”*

**THERE WILL BE A GREAT SEPARATION COMING TO THE CHURCH. SHE CANNOT OPERATE THE SAME AT HIS COMING.**

**Luke 12:49** *“I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled.”*

He wants us to be **immersed, dipped, and covered** with His **oil** to **produce** the **fire**.

**Acts 1:8** *“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

Jesus was telling His disciples to **just wait on Him and pray**, ensuring the **Holy Spirit would come** as the Father willed Him to show up. We likewise must continue to pray for His outpouring. **We must be positioned in a place of hearing, seeking, and being with the Lord Jesus daily. When the Father finds us faithful**, positioned between the crushing olive trees, **He will show up with the oil**. We must see the TRUTH OF THE LORD IN HIS WORD as we wait on Him. We must do all that He tells us to do according to HIS WORD.

<b>WE MUST RECEIVE THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE HARVEST</b>
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**Acts 4:33** *“And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.”*

**After receiving great POWER, the apostles gave witness with grace upon them.** There is so much to teach in this verse alone, please dig deeper for understanding of what a witness means to you.

We need a better understanding of the word, POWER. There are four great power words used in God’s Word:

***Eousia*** - delegated authority

***Isschros*** - great strength (especially physical)

***Kratos*** - dominion authority

***Dunamis*** - energy, power, might, great force, great ability, strength

It is sometimes used to describe the powers of the world to come at work upon the earth and divine power overcoming resistance. We get the word dynamite from this word for power.

**The dunamis in Jesus resulted in dramatic transformations.** This should be the norm for the Spirit-filled and Spirit-led church. Not for a denomination or certain culture, but for His Bride, the CHURCH, the **Body of Christ**. **This will be the norm for those who will wait on God and let Him work through them as they walk in the power of the Lord Jesus for the HARVEST.** We must see this is the heart of God.

**He is raising the Church His Bride to understand His power by the Holy Spirit.** She must know He has sent us on a mission just as Christ was sent, and we must complete His mission.

**The Lord Jesus is looking for those who will cry out. Seek the ONE, the Holy Spirit,** who was sent to equip us for His work upon the earth at this time. We must continue to **seek** the face of Jesus as He is at the right hand of the Father crying out for us.

**CRY OUT FOR THE OVERFLOWING OF THE FATHER'S GREAT LOVE FOR YOU!**

**PRAYER FOCUS:**

- Pray that the Church, the body of Christ, will awaken to all the Lord is speaking in this hour.
- Pray that we will see the surpassing value in the crushing we are all going through, as it produces pure oil of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
- Pray that we will position ourselves in the secret place with the Lord every day to receive His instructions straight from his heart.
- Pray to receive His power to minister to the needs of those around us who are hurting and lost.

## Resting in His Truth

January 17, 2013 - Day 43

The Lord and I had a conversation this morning.

*"I want you to know My TRUTH".*

What is Your truth?

*"Truth is like My love; it has no end or beginning. My truth is everything that was created from My Word. But My truth is also my love; it is what gives you the rest you need.*

*Everything you need is in Matthew 11:28; **come to Me**".*

Brothers and Sisters, **truth is the key element to your soul. Truth comes from Jesus, from who He Is in our lives!!!**

One of the Hebrew words for **truth** is *emet*, which means dependability and reliability.

**Psalm 25:4-5** *"Show me Your ways, O Lord, Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day."*

**One of the Greek words for truth** is *aletheia*, which means reality, accuracy, or integrity.

**John 4:24** *"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."*

**Truth** is certainty, stability, and rightness, trustworthiness. The Hebrew word *emet* derives from the verb *aman* meaning to be firm, permanent, and established. Emet conveys a sense of dependability, firmness and reliability. **Truth is therefore something upon which a person may confidently stake his life.** Truth is the **STRENGTH** of our walk with God; we must be **lead ONLY by His Word, the truth.**

The word *emet* is spelled with the first, middle, and last letters of the Hebrew alphabet; thus the rabbis concluded that **truth upholds the first and the last of God's creation, and everything in between.**

**Truth stabilizes our lives** as we grow with Him. *Stabilize* means to make or become unlikely to give way, fail, decline or overturn. God wants to stabilize us, so we can become overcomers and

**not turn around in the midst of waiting. We must let Him give us the truth to keep and preserve us. We must pray that God's truth would continually preserve us.**

**Psalm 40:11** *“Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O LORD; let Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve me.”*

**To know God's truth requires the discipline of waiting upon Him.**

*One of the meanings of wait* is to bind together through a process of intertwining, clearly suggesting the **complete submitting of our soul to Him**. We must come to Him so **He can give us rest/peace for our souls**.

**Matthew 11:28** *“Come to Me all you who labor (work hard) and are heavy laden (heavy load/weighed down), and I will give you rest. Take My yoke (bonded together) upon you and learn from Me.”*

*Learn* means to be taught and to acquire knowledge. What He is saying is, **come to Me all of you who are weighed down, let Us bond together so I can teach you My truths that will set you free from the yoke of the enemy**.

We must come to **Jesus to learn all we need in His truth to be stabilized in Him**. Then we must wait upon the Lord, so He will give us the **sensitivity to His presence and His prompting**. Through our seeking of Him, our hearts become quieter and our minds become more focused. **During this time of waiting He wants to reveal to us why we are not completely at rest with Him**. The waiting and seeking of **truth** will allow the Holy Spirit to reveal any **subtle attitudes or forgotten sins** that would **dull our sensitivity to His voice**.

**Psalm 66:18** *“If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.”*

If we have something in our heart and do not know it is there, we will continue to act and respond to people under the influence of our hurt and wounds. We must allow **truth** to come

into our heart to set us free. **We all have areas that are covered, wounds and burdens of our pasts that we have buried over the years, things forgotten or unfaced.** We are also affected by our iniquities; so refusing to allow the **Light of Truth** to shine on our past sins and those of our families holds us in **bondage. If we remain unaware of the truth, we walk in deception.**

**John 8:32** *“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”*

In this freedom, we get to know Christ Jesus in an intimate way, and truth works deep into our hearts and draws us close to Him. **He will set us free through our getting to know Him.**

**With our unstable lives we must come to Him to learn how to receive His truth, so He can lead and guide us in our daily lives.** The Lord never wanted to only "get us saved" and then leave us in daily bondage to the past. **He wants us to be free, to live free daily, and to be free indeed (completely).**

The Lord wants us to be students of the Word, to remain in His presence, and there to see and KNOW His love for us. We must remain and endure, so we can receive everything Jesus has for us. **We must become teachable students, positioned before Him, so He may teach us everything we need to overcome.**

**John 8:31** *“Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.”*

The word, **truth**, is the same in Hebrew, as the word **believes**. Jehoshaphat was crying out to God to save him from his enemies, and God told him He was going to fight Jehoshaphat's battle.

**Do we believe God when He speaks into our lives? Do we then walk in the faith of His Love, which is His truth?**

That day when Jehoshaphat was downcast, he received strength from his own fears, **because God had spoken truth in his heart, but he had to believe that God was speaking to him that**

**day.** He could have turned the other way and chosen not to believe, **but truth touched his heart, and caused him to lead the people in the same truth.**

**2 Chronicles 20: 20** (Jehoshaphat says) *"Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: believe in the Lord your God and you shall be established; believe His prophets and you shall prosper."*

**John 6:67-69** *"Then Jesus said to the twelve, 'Do you also want to go away?' But Simon Peter answered Him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God'."*

Many of Jesus' disciples left the ministry and discipleship because they **could not handle the truth.** They only wanted what benefited them. When Jesus looked to the disciples who were close to Him and spent time with Him, He asked them, "...are you going to leave as well?" Peter responded for them asking "...to whom shall we go? **You have the words of eternal life. Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**"

**Do we likewise trust Him in His Word?**

**We must learn to recognize and trust His voice by abiding with Him daily, getting to know His Heart.**

**Do we really Know JESUS as the TRUTH, the one who makes us stable and whole?**

**Where else can we go?**

**PRAYER FOCUS:**

- Pray that the body of Christ will hear God's voice, and obey it.
- Pray that the body of Christ will know His truths and be set free as they wait upon Him.
- Pray that the body of Christ will yoke up with Christ and truly find rest.

## **Suffering for the Sake of the Gospel**

January 18, 2013 – Day 44

God has plans for those who are called to share the Gospel; **are we willing to suffer for the Gospel to be preached in all nations?**

**Please read 1Thessalonians 2.**

Paul was so glad and thankful for the growth of the Church even though he was forced out from among them. He remembers when he was among them. As I read this passage, I could feel and see the passion Paul had for them as he saw them persevere in their faith for God.

There is much we can **learn from Paul in His commitment and passion to preach the Gospel of Christ**, in the midst of opposition.

**1 Thessalonians 2:2** *“But even after we had suffered before and were spitefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we were bold in our God to speak to you the gospel of God in much conflict.”*

We see that when we **commit to God to preach the Gospel**, it will cause much **conflict**, struggle, serious disagreement, and argument. Most of us are not ready or willing for such rejection by men. We will discover when we make bold stands for Christ Jesus it will cost us something in our comfortable lives. **There is a price that we must pay.**

**I love the passion of Paul's heart.**

**1 Thessalonians 1:6** *“And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction (something that causes pain and suffering), with joy of the Holy Spirit.”*

Paul rejoices in the **Work of the Holy Spirit**, that the Word was accepted by them as they opened their hearts to the gospel. But at the same time, he also recognizes **much affliction comes as believers minister the Gospel of Jesus.**

It is time for us to **arise, spread the word of God and stop hiding in our offices, homes, neighborhoods, and communities.** We must take aggressive actions and move forward in sharing the gospel of God with the lost. I believe God wants to **equip** us and **warn** us what it will take to **stand strong in our beliefs and convictions of our hearts.**

**Paul received the word in much affliction.**

**1 Thessalonians 2:14** *“For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God, which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. For you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they did from the Judeans.”*

**Please read more of his journey in Acts 17:1-13.**

Paul preaches to Thessalonica where there was a synagogue of the Jews, and pleaded the Gospel to them. **Many Greeks were persuaded, but the Jews were not persuaded,** and became **envious and sent evil men to come against them.**

**In Acts 17:10-13,** Paul and Silas left Thessalonica and went to Berea where the Jews there *“received the word with all readiness and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so”*. Many **believed;** and still the **enemy did not want to see the kingdom of God grow.** The enemy followed them to Berea and caused the **crowds up there to bring more conflict.**

Do we understand?

**When revival really comes to the Church, much conflict will come from those who are close to you.** We cannot be moved by our desire to **please men, nor can we afford to be distracted by the enemy who will stir the crowds up against the Gospel of God.** We must keep going as Paul and Silas did, **we cannot stop preaching the Gospel.**

**Do we think that we can pray this way and not see that the enemy come up against us with accusations and criticize what the Lord is doing in our midst?** We have had it too easy in our

walks because we, as the **Church**, have **only thought about numbers when assessing Church growth, and not genuine transformation of life** that produces the **Holy Spirit to move mightily in our midst**.

We will **suffer** the same things that **Christ suffered** because we became **imitators** of Him. We will be **witnesses** (giving evidence, seeing truth) of Him and will suffer to go to Jerusalem, Samara, Judea and the outer parts of the world.

The word *suffer* is *pascho*, and it means to experience ill treatment, roughness, violence, or outrage, to endure suffering and undergo evils from without.

An *imitator* is a person who copies the behavior and actions of another.

We join Christ in suffering for the sake of the Kingdom of God. We ask the question, "What is happening to me?" **Well, brothers and sisters, if we have become imitators of Christ, our obedience will result in like treatment. We will witness, and it comes with a price.**

**Ephesians 5:2** *"And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for an offering, a sacrifice and us to God for a sweet-smelling aroma."*

***Let's continue to look at word definitions to better understand scripture:***

***Given*** (*paradidomi*) means to give over or deliver, to hand over or commit.

***Offering*** (*prosphora*) means bringing to, setting before; a gift or something offered up.

***Offer*** is a readiness or intention to do something.

***Sacrifice*** (*zabach*) is to slay, slaughter; to kill. The Hebrew word for altar, *mizbeach*, comes from this word. An altar is literally a place of sacrificing.

- **We have positioned ourselves to die to the old self and embrace the life that is like Christ.**
- We are **killing the flesh** so our spirit man can be **strong** in what God has **entrusted** us to do by the leading of the **Holy Spirit**.
- We are becoming more like Christ, walking in such **love** that we willingly **give ourselves up to Him as an offering and sacrifice that will please Him alone!**
- **We die daily for the Cause. Is there not a Cause?**

**2 Thessalonians 2:4** *“But as we have been approved by God (proven by God through grace and testing) to be entrusted (assigned the responsibility for something or someone) with the Gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts.”*

We must know that **God has tested and will test our hearts** because He has **assigned to us a special task or responsibility in the Kingdom of God** to preach the gospel **with purity of heart, not to please the heart of man. Are we hearing the call and the passion of God?**

We must be moved by compassion and pray for laborers for the sake of the gospel.

**Matthew 9:35-38** *“Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest’.”*

#### **PRAYER FOCUS**

- Please pray for laborers to be passionate and committed to share the Gospel all over the world.
- Please pray that when we encounter suffering for His sake, we will continue to pray and preach the Good News.

## Purpose of Unity and Preparation

January 19, 2013 – Day 45

**Psalm 107** provides a template for preparing for a fast. The following study was birthed out of a corporate 21 day consecration and fast. Consecration is a specific time set aside for the Body of Christ to come together in prayer and fasting. This is also a time for us individually to abstain from those things of the world that so easily ensnare us and keep us preoccupied. We hope you will be blessed as you walk through these verses in His Word. Our prayer is that you allow the Holy Spirit to prepare your heart and mind to draw you closer to Him.

Please begin by reading **Psalm 107**.

There is a repeated PRAYER all throughout **Psalm 107** in verses **6, 13, 19,** and **28**: *"Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them out of their distresses."*

We see WORSHIP repeated as well, in verses **1, 8, 15, 21,** and **31**: *"Oh, that man would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men."*

The Psalmist identifies three specific groups that we need to focus on in our prayers: the LOST, the REBELLIOUS BELIEVER, and the TESTED FAITHFUL.

This Psalm also takes us on a journey into intimacy with God showing us His desire for us to be fruitful for His purposes.

<b>THE LOST come through Salvation and the Goodness of God Psalm107:2-9</b>
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**Psalm 107:2-4** "... He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy, and gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south. They wandered in the wilderness, in a desert by the way; they found no city to dwell in."

We must become a city of love. This city of love is not just a physical location to be established in a geographical place, but more importantly it is what the Lord wants to establish in each of us by His Love. We must be a dwelling place of Almighty God, where others will sense His presence, His peace, and His love! We must see that His love first dwells in us spiritually, and then it will dwell in us naturally.

**Psalm 107: 6** “Then they cried to God in their distress, and He delivered them out of their troubles.”

We must cry out to God and pray for the lost to cry out to the Lord that salvation may be found by them.

**Psalm 107: 7** “*And He guided them by the right way, so as to go to a city to live in.*” The Lost must be able to go to a city for a dwelling place. God will lead you if you let Him, but you must trust Him to lead.

**Psalm 107:8** “Oh that men would praise God for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the sons of man!”

Oh, if we can see His wonderful works to the children of men. We should see the goodness and mercy of God and WORSHIP Him.

**Psalm 107: 9** “*For He satisfies the thirsty soul, and fills the hungry soul with good.*”

He really does satisfy the longing soul and fills the hungry soul with goodness. THE LOST will be FULFILLED.

<b>REBELLIOUS BELIEVERS need Deliverance and Healing Psalm107:10-22</b>
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**Psalm 107:10-14** “Those who sit in the darkness and in the shadow of death, being chained in affliction and iron; because they rebelled against the Words of God, and despised the advice of the Most High and He humbled their heart with labor; they fell down, and none was helping.

Then they cried to God in their distress, and He saved them out of their troubles. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and broke their bands in two.”

Many sit in the darkness and shadow of death because they are bound in affliction and irons because of their rebellion against the Word of God. **When we are rebellious towards God because of our sin and our iniquity, God will allow tests and trials to cause us to cry out to Him, in order to bring us back to Him.**

**Psalm 107:15** *“Oh that man would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men.”*

**Psalm 107:19** “Then they cried to Jehovah in their distress, and He saved them out of their troubles.”

We must not try to rescue rebellious believers. **They must struggle with God for themselves and repent.** Instead, **we must pray** that they will cry out to the Lord for healing, deliverance, and restoration.

**Psalm 107:20** “He sent His Word and heals them, and delivers them from their pitfalls.”

He sent His Word to heal them, to deliver them from all their destructions.

**Psalm 107:21** “Let them praise Jehovah for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the sons of man!”

We should see the goodness and mercy of God and **WORSHIP HIM.**

<b>THE FAITHFUL must be Tested</b>	<b>Psalm107:23-40</b>
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Please read Psalm 107:23-32

God's faithful ones must be tested. **Our biggest hurdle in obeying God is that we do not put our entire trust in God.** We do not really believe God in all areas of our lives. When God allows the storms in our lives, we must see that He is allowing the discomfort of the storm to test us and make us stronger and immovable in Him, to be anchored in Him. Now those who are close to us will see the works of the Lord and the wonders He is doing on our midst.

**Psalm 107:25** — *“He commands the storm and waves to rise up in our lives.”*

This verse is very **IMPORTANT**. **These storms cause us to cry out to God when we are at the depths of despair.** Just as the waves at sea rise and go back down again, our prayers rise up to heaven and come back to earth to accomplish the Lord's will in our lives and in the lives of others.

**Psalm 107:26** “... their soul is melted because of trouble.”

Our souls melt when we lose courage and faith. We waiver back and forth in our faith like a drunk man who are unstable. When these storms come, we want to give up; we are moved and distracted, and at our wits end!

**Psalm 107: 28-29** “And they cry to God in their trouble, and He brings them out of their troubles. He makes the storm a calm, so that its waves are still.”

God brings us out and calms the storm when we cry out to Him for help. Over and over in **Psalm 107**, the people did not try to fix the situation, but **asked God for help**.

**Psalm 107:30** “And they are glad because they are quiet; so He brings them to their desired haven.”

He brings deliverance and healing when we are where we need to be both physically, mentally and spiritually. **We are then at rest, this rest is in Him, even if the situation or circumstance does not change!** We must praise Him, thank Him, and extol Him.

God will bring us into great fruitfulness after He has taken us into a season of barrenness.

**Psalm 107:33** *“He sets rivers to a wilderness and water-springs to thirsty ground;”*

He is able to make the rivers in our life, those things that look fruitful, and turn them into a wilderness and the water springs in our lives into dry ground. At times He takes what is fruitful and **makes it barren to teach us where we truly are in Him and draw us closer to Him.**

**Psalm 107:35-37** *“He turns the wilderness into water-ponds, and dry ground into water-springs. And He makes the hungry dwell there, so that they may prepare a city to live in; and sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase.”*

**He is able to take those things that look barren and make them fruitful.** Those who hunger for Him, He will make them to be a dwelling place for Himself. God allows those seasons of wilderness experiences so He can establish us. That we may establish a city for a dwelling place, and sow fields and plant vineyards that they may yield a fruitful harvest. God wants a place for the harvest.

**Psalm 107:38-40** *“He also blesses them, so that they are multiplied greatly; and does not allow their cattle to become few. Again, they have become few, and humbled through harshness, affliction, and sorrow. He pours scorn on nobles, and causes them to wander in the wilderness, where there is no path.”*

**This is a powerful truth for the tested.** God comes to bless the faithful and to multiply them greatly. He does not let their cattle decrease. **God keeps those that suffer,** and when they are diminishing and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow the Lord pours out His contempt upon the princes and causes them to wander in the wilderness. **He deals with our enemies.**

<b>GOD'S HEART AND MISSION</b>	<b>Psalm107:41-43</b>
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**Psalm 107:41-42** *“But He raises up the poor from affliction and sets families like a flock. The upright shall see and rejoice; and all iniquity shall stop its mouth. Whoever is wise, and will observe these things, they shall understand the mercies of God.”*

**When the faithful persevere, fruit is produced and they are FULFILLED.**

The Lord takes care of the poor and removes them from their affliction. He makes them draw towards Him like a flock and He becomes their covering. The righteous see it and rejoice. **The faithful and the righteous, through persistent prayers can stop iniquities from passing from generation to generation.** That which has cursed His people stops because of the goodness of God that has brought them in by His Hand.

We must give heed to what God is speaking to us. If we do, we will understand God’s heart and the mercy He has for His people. **God gives us windows of opportunity, and we must take the time to accomplish what He desires us to accomplish.**

#### **PRAYER FOCUS**

- We must pray as never before for the lost, for the rebellious believers, for the faithful to stand strong in increasing storms, and for those in need all over the world.
- We must pray that we will all see the goodness of God in our times of prayer and worship.

## Passionate with Him

January 20, 2013 – Day 46

**Song of Solomon 2:7** *“I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles or by the does of the field, do not stir up nor awaken love until it pleases.”*

Are we ready for the Love that Jesus has for us? When we awaken Him to this Love, we must be ready to please Him, in His way. This kind of love we have not encountered in our relationship with man. It is a love requiring death that produces life; a love that sacrifices all to enter into His chambers, not the chambers of men. **This love is filled with passion and devotion that makes us faithful to Him to the end.**

Are we ready to go deeper into this Love? Not very many want this kind of love from Him, because we want Him to do all the work in the relationship and receive the benefits of His love. But this is our season of growing in our relationship with Him. Now He is asking us to arise. He wants us to begin to be ONE with Him in a passionate love affair.

Let's look at the some definitions that will help us understand our prayers for today.

**Passionate** means an intense emotion of an intimate love; intense strong emotions; compelled by the strong and intense desire; easily aroused. So, **passion** is an intense, strong emotion or desire that is easily awakened.

Once we think we are in love with a person in the natural, we are awakened to strong emotions that consume our thoughts, time, and decisions. Our lives become focused on that person as we passionately pursue that person with these emotions. Something has awakened in you. Many of us are driven by our fleshly desires not knowing we are producing lust and not love.

**Lust** is a strong desire for sex; a strong desire that is passionate (longing, craving) for something. Is this not very interesting that they share such close meanings?

These words passion and lust can be used by our spirit man for God (passion) or by our fleshly man for the world or the enemy (lust). Ask, where are your desires? What births them? Love or lust?

I was provoked by this definition of *passionate* - which means jealousy. For me, this makes perfect sense because of the Word. Again and again, God says to us **He is a jealous God**. He is zealous and passionate toward me. **He has a strong desire for true and pure intimacy with me**. Remember, intimacy is not sex. But when we have never known what true, PURE love is in our lives, we replace it with false love. False love has only caused me emptiness; it has never given me fulfillment. How about you?

We must see Christ's Love! He was driven by this love to die so we can live. Are we ready to PLEASE HIM? We will not be driven to please him if we are moved by our own hurts and disappointments in life. We really want someone else to die for us again and again, yet the pain does not stop. **We must be willing to die to the desires of our flesh. We must get the healing we need.**

We must admit our own pain and the iniquities (wicked acts or things, sin) in our life that keep us from growing in this love. Our own actions and passed down iniquities hold us in bondage to ourselves. We must recognize this.

Read from **2 Corinthians 5** the explanation of why Jesus had to die so we may receive our healing, deliverance and restoration. He understood the love of the Father and what He had to sacrifice to bring forth life.

**2 Corinthians 5:14** *“For the Love of Christ compels us because we judge thus; that if One died for all; then all died.”*

His love for us, which motivated Him to die for us is the Love of Christ. It is a compelling love. Christ died as the substitute for all; He died as the representative for all, and all died in Him.

*Compel* means to hold together, to grip tightly, constrain, confine, leave no option.

**The love of Christ causes us to be totally dedicated to Him**, as He was to the Father. He gave Himself wholly and completely. He was devoted to a task or purpose with a single mind and loyalty. This loyalty in your heart now says, "I must die that He may live in me so others may see the new creation, and glorify the Father."

He has developed in us, according to His love, a person (woman, man, child) that will PLEASE HIM. We must understand we have been called to the same love of Christ, so others may see this love through the ministry of reconciliation.

NOW LETS EVALUATE WHAT WAS SAID TODAY, AND BEGIN TO PRAY.

**Please look up the Word reconciliation/reconciled.** What does that mean to you? It is time to see that God has called you truly beyond yourself.

What are you still dealing with that is causing you to see yourself and not Him? Are you operating in lust and not love? Remember, lust is not just about sex, it is any strong desire or longing. How do you expect these desires to be fulfilled by man? **Do you have dysfunctional relationships with others because you want them to fulfill your needs and desires, and not God?**

**Our relationships are dysfunctional because we, and others, do not know the fullness of God's Love.** For some, they do not know the love of God at all. We desire and pursue a false love because of our emptiness and lack of the love of Christ. **We must passionately cry out to God to fill us with HIS LOVE.** This is so important, for without it; we will be stuck and unable to move on to the next place that the Lord has for us.

If the people in your life have not encountered this love, then we will have a false love relationship. It is an inadequate substitute for a truly fulfilling love. Without the same love of God, the individual can only give you what they have learned growing up. Let the Holy Spirit

search your heart. **What false expectations do you have of others that cause you to lose focus on Him?**

Expectation of a **father/mother** to see your needs and fill them

Expectation of a **husband/wife** to see your needs and fill them

Expectation of a **brother/sister** to see your needs and fill them

Expectation of a **friend** to see your needs and fill them

Expectation of a **pastor/leader** to see your needs and fill them

These kinds of false expectations cause us to lose sight of who He is and begin to fill these areas with false hope and not the hope, faith and love that can fill us. We must see that He is telling us, "DO NOT AWAKEN MY LOVE UNTIL IT IS READY TO PLEASE". How can we please Him when we are expecting someone else to fill those areas that will stay empty until we encounter His love?

## **PRAYER FOCUS**

- Please pray that the Lord will open your heart to truth and receive it. Don't say, "I'm okay" when you still have resentment. **Here are markers of resentment:**
  - You don't do well in relationships or a relationship.
  - You don't know how to control your anger.
  - You still compete and compare yourself with others.
  - You don't know how to cut off those strong emotions.
  - You find yourself in dysfunctional relationships
  - You find yourself trying to be the hero for everyone (co-dependency)
  - You find your worth in your gifts and expect people to see and appreciate them.
  - You find yourself giving up, not enduring and breaking covenant.
  - You indulge in self-pity, saying "poor me, why don't they see me, why don't they understand me, why do they treat me that way?" The WHY GOES ON FOREVER?

- Please pray that God will speak to you first. Then when the timing of the Lord is right that you can share with someone you see who is bound in their heart, about this false love, so they can have freedom by His Love.
- Please pray that you will have a passion to be faithful, loyal, and dedicated to Him, focusing on His Love and not yourself.

## Christ is Positioning His Bride in the Battle

January 21, 2013 – Day 47

During this time of prayer and fasting, God gave our church a couple of books to read: "**Hosting the Presence**", by Bill Johnson and "**The Prayer Ministry of the Church**" by Watchmen Nee. The Lord spoke to us as a ministry about Abiding in His Presence and preparation of the Bride, and it is amazing how these books tie in with what we are hearing from God in this hour of prayer. Let's look at a couple of inserts from these books.

*"We all are hearing the heart of God corporately if we are tapped into the river of God. This picture is quite profound. The Church is the eternal dwelling place of God, and at this moment in time it is a building built on the edge of two worlds. **We are dual citizens of both Heaven and earth.** As such, we are not only those who are to pray for God's Kingdom to come, we are the tools who are often used by God to release that reality into this one. I'm not sure that we are to always know the magnitude of what we're doing or the impact we are having. But it's helpful to understand that our obedience always releases His world into this one in a way that is more substantial than we ever thought possible."*

**Genesis 28:17,19** "And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven...He called the name of that place Bethel..."

*"This is the first mention of the house of God in the Bible. One of the more meaningful principles of Bible interpretation is that the first mention of something in Scripture carries extra weight. It sets a standard for a subject that the rest of Scripture will support and add to. The rather strange part of this example of the house of God is that there is no building there. It's not a tabernacle or tent that is movable, neither is it a temple that is permanent."*

*"It is God with man on the side of a hill. It's a great picture of reality from God's perspective. It's the house of God. The elements of this story are simple— open Heaven, Father's voice, angels ascending and descending, and the abstract nature of the story that draws me to it. I'm not sure, but I know there is a promise of something so significant here that it will take a very*

*special generation to draw it out completely.” (Hosting the Presence: Unveiling Heaven's Agenda by Bill Johnson)*

I truly believe that there is a promise of something so significant here that it will take a very special generation to draw it out completely. I also believe it is **this generation that will be released to hear the voice of God and know the mysteries of His heart.** We are being raised up with Him to reach the top of heaven, through dreams, visions and the prophetic voice of God.

**What does it mean to be raised up?**

**Colossians 3:1-3** *“If then you were raised with Christ seek those things which are above, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.”*

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

Since we have risen with Christ, we benefit from His resurrection by virtue of our union and communion with Him; being justified, sanctified, and glorified. This privilege infers that we must seek to be like Him; with our mind on His kingdom and not on the concerns of world. *“We must make heaven our scope and aim, seek the favor of God above, keep up our communion with the heavens by faith, and hope, and holy love, and make it our constant care and business to secure our title to and qualifications for the heavenly bliss. And the reason is because Christ sits at the right hand of God.” (The Prayer Ministry of the Church by Watchmen Nee)*

The word *raise* means to cause or **help to rise to a standing position; awaken, arouse, stir up;** to lift up; **to place higher in rank** or dignity; elevate; to bring to maturity; ascending to higher levels, values, or degrees.

*Ascension* is defined as rising to an important position or to a higher level.

I like the definition of raise, because it describes what God is doing now. He has awakened and roused us to be stirred up in our spirits to go to a higher position in the Kingdom of God, by

growing and maturing us for His upward calling. Now we must get ready and prepared for battle, understanding our position.

**Ephesians 6:12-13** " *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*"

**Where does He want us to stand?** We spend so much of our time and energies battling each other, instead of effectively battling the true enemies. We must make our warfare spiritual, and stand in the heavenlies with the Lord of Hosts.

**Ephesians 6:18-19** " *praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel.*"

This is the prayer of spiritual warfare. This kind is different from the ordinary kind. That kind is praying from earth to heaven, but we must stand in the heavenly realm and pray from heaven down to earth. Authoritative prayer begins in heaven and ends on earth. For too long we have prayed upward, asking God to supply our needs... But in this hour we must learn to pray with authority, praying downward.

**What is praying downward?** It is standing in the heavenly position Christ has given us and using His authority to resist all the works of satan by commanding that which God has commanded must be done. Please study the book of Ephesians. Chapter 1 shows us our position in Christ, chapter 2 explains the position of the Church in Christ, and chapter 6 authorizes the Church to stand and walk in her position in Christ. God is looking for His sons and daughters to stand and rule with Him in His kingdom.

**Please read 1 Chronicles 12.**

This passage teaches us a lot about standing in a position of authority when it is time to go to battle. Through his many years of testings and trials, mostly at the hand of Saul, David was transformed from a youth to a mature leader who knew how to rule and reign in the right position. David is put into a unique position as a leader; he is receiving the mighty men and helpers of war that had **left Saul's army to join him in battle**. David represents Christ in his action to battle against the enemy. Those who once were enemies are now coming to join Him to fight David's enemy. David tells those who are coming to battle,

*"If you have come peaceably to me to help me, my heart will be united with you; but if to betray me to my enemies, since there is no wrong in my hands, may the God of our fathers look and bring judgment."*

As a leader who knew who He was and He knew His position. He was called to be king of all of Israel, and that meant reconciling with his former enemies. His focus was unity to establish the kingdom of God.

Those who were to rule and reign with David in battle and in the kingdom, they understood position and rank. **They were skilled and they kept rank** (position).

**1 Chronicles 12:38** " *All these men of war, who could keep ranks, came to Hebron with a loyal heart, to make David king over all Israel; and all the rest of Israel were of one mind to make David (JESUS) King.* "

Jesus Christ has positioned us to stand together with Him in the heavenly places and to have one heart and mind to conquer for His Kingdom.

David had an open heaven of favor on his life to fulfill the heart of God. He was skilled and mature as a leader to establish the kingdom as God released the army into his hands. As he built his kingdom, his godly character influenced the character, development and behavior of those around him.

Today the Lord is doing the same as He is teaching us His way in this great battle. **We must carry the presence of God in our lives as He matures us as children of God.** Please read

**Romans 8:7-14.** There is a battle between the flesh and Spirit; and if we do not conquer our flesh, it will cause us to position ourselves to fight each other rather than our real enemy. God is raising up mature sons and daughters who have the character of the Father that is led by the Holy Spirit. We are to come into **rulership with Him, exercising dominion over our own bodies and over this earth** (just as we were told to in the Garden of Eden). **As we do this, we must position ourselves in the heavenly places for battle**, understanding who we are in Christ Jesus.

**We are so wounded and hurt from the influences of our enemies: our flesh, the world, and the devil. They keep us from moving forward because we are not mature (skilled) to hear the voice of God over the cries of our flesh.**

**1 Corinthians 3:1-3** *"And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men"*

**Mere** means small or being nothing more than; as one who has no power or rule in the kingdom of God. We are more than mere men in Christ Jesus, we are **sons and daughters who rule and reign with Him in the heavenly places**. He wants us to be mature and skilled for the upcoming battle. We cannot let our fleshly carnal nature produce discord, division, and strife among us. We will be fighting the wrong enemy. We are not each other's enemy; we are brothers and sisters in Christ.

## **PRAYER FOCUS**

- Please pray that we will be mature and eat the solid food of the Word of God so we will be able to discern good and evil.
- Please pray that we will stop battling each other and battle our true enemies.
- Please pray for God to show you the areas of your heart that are immature and that are still battling with others. Repent and ask God to cleanse you of these things.
- Please pray that we will pray authoritative prayers from the Father's heart.

## Conquering to Conquer

January 22, 2013 – Day 48

Yesterday we saw that on the battlefield we must be **positioned as warriors** to know who our enemy is and how to use the weapons God has given us for battle. If we do not know these things, we will kill each other and not the true enemy behind the scenes.

A **warrior** is a person who engages and is experienced in warfare, who understands military struggles with their enemies. Our enemies comes to separate us from each other and God. We are called into oneness with God to see the kingdom advance and to conquer territory our enemies have taken from us.

**Please read Romans 8:35- 39.** There is great encouragement for us in these verses.

First of all, He reassures us that **NOTHING can separate us from His love!** Then He tells us that for His sake we will be **killed all day long**. Paul talked of dying for the sake of Christ often. In **1 Corinthians 15:31**, he says *“I die daily”*.

**2 Corinthians 4:11** *“For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.”*

When we daily say no to our fleshly lusts, when we forsake the lure of the world, our old nature is dying and our new nature shines of Christ to God and all who are around us.

Why can we talk about dying daily with such joy? When we encounter God's love, it is worth a thousand deaths. We can surely say, in His love we are **more than conquerors!** **More than conquerors** means we are victorious over and above the norm, having achieved more than an ordinary victory. We have obviously overpowered our enemies in achieving an abundant victory. **Christ's love makes us more than conquerors who will win abundantly.**

**Revelation 2:7** *“He who has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes...”*

In chapters 2 and 3 of Revelation, we find messages given to the seven churches in Asia Minor that are so applicable to us today. These messages are full of instructions **to prepare us** for Christ's return; encouraging us to allow Him to bring us to a deeper **spiritual maturity, a stronger faith, and faithful level of obedience.** **We encourage you to study these messages deeper on your own** to be encouraged by the exhortations, challenged by the rebukes, and strengthened by the promised rewards given to us when we overcome.

**Revelation 12: 11** *“And they overcame him (the enemy) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.”*

In these last days, there will be many challenges for the people of God, but He promises us we will overcome if we are washed in His blood, if we have and share our living testimony of how Jesus has changed our lives, and when we demonstrate that we are willing to die for His sake.

**Jesus is the One coming to lead us in this great battle, and He is victorious!**

**Revelation 19:11** - *“Now I saw heaven opened and He who sat on the white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.”*

**Jesus is returning seated on a white horse.** When a leader was on a white horse, it meant He was coming to conquer. If he was coming in peace, he would be on a donkey. Jesus came to earth the first time to bring peace, so He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, but now He is coming to conquer, so He will be riding a white horse.

A white horse also stands for purity, and the One sitting on the white horse is the standard of a pure heart. We cannot overcome if we do not look to that standard in pure obedience to the One riding the white horse.

**The Lord's sword is drawn (pulling or moving) and ready for battle.** Over and over the Lord has been speaking to us about His drawn sword. In May of 2012, this is what the Lord spoke to us in prayer:

*I stand with a SWORD in My hand. I have told you about My sword, but you were not ready for battle. Now you are ready, because you have purified hearts and you are prepared. I will give out shiny swords to those who are ready, whose hearts are open. I will show you who I will give swords to.*

*Do not look at the darkness any longer. Stay Focused on Me alone. Follow My judgments and My statutes.*

*Stay close to My sword and to Me! Carry the sword, and I will fight the battle. I am waving My sword over you. I am turning all around you. I am cutting through the darkness in every way. I shall do this in this hour.*

*Arise, I place the sword in your hand. It is a silver sword with a tip of pure gold. This gold tip will bring fire and pierce the darkness in the hearts of My people. I will cut off the darkness.*

*I have chosen you and trusted you to carry this sword. Do not use it for your own glory. I must take you through the fire.*

*This sword shall cut through the darkness in the hearts of My people.*

As I searched the scriptures, I heard the sound of His heart.

**Ezekiel 21:28** *"A sword, a sword is drawn, polished for slaughter for consuming, for flashing (shine in bright).*

The Lord has pulled out His sword and is ready to battle our enemies with a great slaughter as He brings forth the great Light of His coming.

**Isaiah 34:5** *"For My sword shall be bathed in heaven." A great battle has come and we must be ready.*

We are in **a season of preparation as an army**, so we must start praying all kinds of prayers.

**Ephesians 6:18** *"praying always with all prayer & supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints."*

We have been called by God participate with Him in battle, we must know that He wants to **teach us His way of praying for this battle.**

**Matthew 6:5-8** *"And when you pray you shall no shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing to the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by*

*men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. And when you pray do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.”*

Many times we think it is what we do and say that moves the heart of God. But we must know it is not our many words or emotions. **He just wants us to seek Him in the secret place.**

**Matthew 6:33-34** “ *But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.*” **He wants us to stay focused on Him alone and trust Him.**

Please read the Lord’s Prayer with a new perspective in **Luke 11:1-5.**

This prayer shows us to **trust totally in Him** and not in people, circumstances or situations. The Father already knows what we need. He has us focused on Him. **This prayer is to take us into the secret place of His presence.** We must hear His voice in the dwelling place of God and pray in the manner He desires. Jesus, the chief Commander of The Lord of hosts, knows how we should pray.

Let’s go back to the Lord’s Prayer in **Matthew 6:9-13.**

*“In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts (sins), as we forgive our debtors. And to not lead us into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”*

Jesus starts this prayer with "Our Father", showing us that we can share in the intimacy He has with our Heavenly Father; we too are His sons and daughters. When we understand who we are

in Him, we have access to Him and can boldly approach His throne assured of the pureness of His love and His commitment to us and our prayers. In this time of intimacy, He will share His heart with us and we will respond out of love for Him to pray that His heart be fulfilled in our lives.

We are asking Him to let His will be done and not our own. When He does it His way and not our way, we must accept what He has placed before us in this season. **Remember we are in a battle and we must do it His way.** The Lord will manifest Himself to us in special ways that we may not understand. He has mysteries in heaven we have not yet tapped into as a Body of Christ. Daily we must stay in our Word and eat from it, so we can be nourished and anchored in His voice that He speaks to us through His Word.

**Revelation 3:20** *“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and **dine with him**, and he with Me.”*

**We must position ourselves in the banquet room so we can eat from His table and not the table of the enemy.** Please do not be deceived, satan is crafty and a liar in all his ways. In order to have bold access to the throne room, our hearts must be pure and cleansed. We must forgive one another; for it is the heart of Our Father for us to walk in the complete love He has given us.

When we forgive others, the Father releases a grace over us when we walk in humility and not pride. We know our Father is merciful and forgiving toward us in our weakness, so we should have the same heart. If we ask, He will help us to forgive those who have hurt and wounded us, or who have spoken harshly and sinned against us. We must ask the Father to cover us in His love and keep us from temptation that will cause us to come against Him and our brethren. This will also keep us from the evil one who will try to come in through a gap that is inside of us. Our hearts must be right and pure before the Lord. We must pray and give Him honor for who He is in all His authority and dominion in the kingdom and the power He has over all principalities and powers. May the Glory be totally given to Him.

**PRAYER FOCUS**

Please pray for the body of Christ to overcome our enemies: our flesh, the world, and the lies of satan.

Please pray we will all daily come to the secret place to be with the Lord, to dine on His Word, and hear from His heart.

Please pray that we will allow the Lord to prepare us for the upcoming battles, and keep each other encourages in the process.

## Devoted to be One with the Lord Jesus

January 23, 2013 – Day 49

**What spirit do we want to fall on us?**

**Please read 2 Kings 2:2-14**

As we study this passage of scripture, we see that Elijah was preparing to go home with the Lord. We also see that Elisha and all of the prophets knew it. During Elijah's time as a prophet, he had the responsibility to give God's **message to the people. He was a shadow of the coming King.** Just as Jesus came with the **Gospel, His Message**, He had to test His disciples before He left to see if they would follow Him on the journey. Would they **follow Him to end**, until they could not go any further? Jesus told His disciples that He had to go (**John 14:28**), but they were to wait and remain.

**Acts 1:4-8** *“And being assembled together with [them], He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, which, He said, you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now... for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”*

**We must follow Jesus until we can go no further.** His Holy Spirit is ready to fall on us with **power and authority if we will follow Him to the end.** We must be servants, remaining faithful and enduring to the end; just like Elisha, who was determined and devoted to follow his mentor and teacher, whom he even called father.

**Are we equally committed to follow Jesus, no matter what is set before us?** On our journey, God will ask us the same question and will test our heart to see if we will walk with Him.

Will we be like Elisha and say to the Lord, *“As the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!”* Just as Elisha, we can follow Him to the next place, no matter where He leads, **as**

**long as we are together.** This is devotion and determination before the Lord, to stay with HIM, because we are ONE.

The word *devoted* means very loving, filled with love and loyalty, giving and showing firm and constant support and allegiance to someone.

The word *allegiance* means loyalty and commitment, dedicated to the cause.

*Determination* is a firmness of the purpose, resolution in decisions.

As Elisha made a resolution in his heart, **God is calling us** to do the same thing. Now when God sees our hearts in a similar position, prepared for Covenant with Him, we can be assured **He will ask us the same question Elijah asked Elisha, "What may I do for You?"**

Elisha was simply a **faithful servant**, yet now he was going to be the **successor** of Elijah. The responsibility would fall upon him to **carry through the work God required on Israel's behalf.** We must understand the Lord wants us to continue His work, given to us as **we bear His mantle on earth as sons and daughters, standing in His place** as an intercessor, and to do so until He returns.

Will our response be selfish? Will we, by asking for the **double portion of God's Spirit** to be upon us, nurse our own selfishness in seeking approval? Will we ask so people will call us anointed? Will we seek recognition from our spouses, children, churches, or require them to change for our comfort, or so we can become famous and wealthy from God's anointing?

**This anointing does not belong to a man.** Elijah's response to Elisha was to say, "You have asked a hard thing." But Elijah knew the heart of **God had chosen Elisha**, and that with God all things were possible. Therefore, while Elijah **could not promise Elisha his request**, he said, "Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so."

He was instructing Elisha to remain focused on the Lord and watch for His choice, whether Elijah would be taken up in Elisha's presence indicating the LORD's favor in allowing Elisha to witness the event, or not, in which case the favor was not given. Just as the disciples waited in the upper room, and had no control **over the coming of the Holy Spirit, neither Elijah nor Elisha controlled the favor and presence of God.**

We must **focus on God and not on a man.** Man cannot give us anything God has not chosen to give us, and man cannot take away anything God has chosen to give us. **God will have us be loyal to our leaders, mentors, teachers, or pastors; but He will not let us think they are God.** We must stay focused on what God is doing and wait to receive instructions from **His Holy Spirit in every situation.**

When we are focused and determined like Elisha, we will see amazing things from God.

**2 Kings 2:12-13** *"And Elisha saw it, and he cried out, 'My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen.' So he saw him no more. And he took hold of his own clothes and tore them into two pieces. He also took up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan.*

Elisha saw that Elijah was taken away and He mourned for the one he loved, the one to whom he was devoted and committed to in covenant. Elisha positioned himself for the mantle, the symbol of spiritual authority that had been given.

**The Lord longs for a relationship like this, where we can walk closely with Him in His authority.** He is standing with us as we walk out this level of faith. Right now, we must walk in the same level of **faith** Jesus had when was on the earth. Here is Elisha using the mantle and saying, ***"Where is the Lord God of Elijah?"***

**2 Kings 2:14** *"Then he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, and said, 'Where is the LORD God of Elijah?' And when he also had struck the water, it was divided this way and that; and Elisha crossed over."*

We should be asking as we wear the **mantle of Jesus**, "**Where is the Father God of Jesus?**" We must have the same **authority** that was given to our **Lord by the Father**, so we can **follow Him and finish what He started before He ascended.**

**Please hear the heart of Jesus in this prayer He prayed to His Father.**

**John 17:1-4,11, 21** *“Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work, which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory, which I had with You before the world was...*

*Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are...*

*That they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.*

I pray with all my **heart you hear the voice of God.** He is calling us into **ONENESS** as we **commit** to follow Him. Will we make a commitment, a resolution, which will enter us into covenant with Christ for eternity?

**We must be focused on Him, not distracted by other issues or listen to other voices.** We must hear only **ONE voice, and that is the voice of Christ Jesus.** Be glad, He has **given us men and women of God who will keep us focused on Him.**

**Please read Ephesians 4:11-16.**

This scripture tells us leaders are called to help us in our relationship with the Lord, to grow and mature in all His ways.

We must wisely recognize the things that come to cause us to separate from one another; **we must resist division. The Lord is calling believers to ONENESS in this season.** We must be **ONE** with Him and with one another.

#### **PRAYER FOCUS**

- Please pray that we will be devoted to follow Jesus, no matter what is before us.
- Please pray that we will be committed to follow the leaders God has put over us.
- Please pray that we will be ONE, as Christ and His Father are One.

## Feed My Sheep, so They May Be Filled

January 24, 2013 – Day 50

**John 6:26** *“Jesus answered them and said, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.’”*

Beloved, just as Jesus instructed the crowds who followed Him about their real motivations to seek after Him; we also do not know the true motivation of our hearts. Only God knows what is really in our hearts.

**Jeremiah 17:9-10** *“The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings”.*

Jesus’ twelve disciples were not following Him because of the **provision of earthly bread. He gave them more than food** for a day. He gave them the **Bread** of eternal life. When God takes hold on our hearts, we will seek Him for the **true Bread and not for what we get for the moment.**

We must stay focused on this one thing as we go forward in what God has called us to do on this journey. Jesus is not trying to draw His people in with signs and miracles. He knows signs and wonders are not enough to keep our hearts in covenant with Him. He wants us to know it is the Word of God, the fresh baked bread from heaven that will keep us filled.

The word **filled** in Greek is *chortazo* which means to be fulfilled; to **feed** or **fatten**. In the Lord's day, the common people transferred *chortazo* from the agricultural **field** to the **dinner table**. The word came to signify being satisfied (content and pleased) with food in abundance. In other words, **Jesus wants us to be filled with an abundance of God's Word that brings genuine satisfaction and fulfillment** (satisfaction and happiness) in our lives.

**Matthew 15:32-34** *“Now Jesus called His disciples to Himself and said, ‘I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. And*

*I do not want to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way.’ Then His disciples said to Him, ‘Where could we get enough bread in the wilderness to fill such a great multitude?’ Jesus said to them, ‘How many loaves do you have?’ And they said, "Seven, and a few little fish."*

Jesus is expressing His **compassion** for the multitude that followed to hear His teaching because they had stayed listening for three days and had nothing left to eat. He did not want to send them away weak and hungry. Jesus was always moved with compassion when he saw the state of the people. He saw they had been following Him but they needed food that would sustain them. **Jesus knows we need to be strengthened on the journey with eternal food.**

Today, I believe God sees us in the same state. He is saying, My people are hungry, please give them food, so they can continue in what I am doing in their midst. The signs and wonders will not keep them in this season of seeking Me. They need My food that will fill them up as they travel in their wilderness.

I love what His disciples said to Him.

**Matthew 15:33** *"Where could we get enough bread in the wilderness to fill such a great multitude?"*

How do we feed them the abundance and take it to their dinner table? How can we bring fulfillment to so many people? Here is Jesus' response... Please don't look at the crowd. Surrender what little you have, and I will give it to My Father and we will bless it and it will be more than enough.

We must see that God wants to **fill us in our wilderness (neglected, abandoned, uncultivated, position of disfavor) not with natural bread**, but with **Bread from Heaven**. This Bread is the Lord Jesus Christ, His Word and truth that lasts forever. We must not be moved by the multitude of people, the Harvest is God's. **We must start feeding them with what we have.**

**Jesus is asking us, He is asking you...what do you have? How much Word have I given you?** Do not make excuses and say we only have this much. What you do have, He can take and

multiply whatever we have to feed the multitudes stranded in the wilderness. He longs to feed the ones who are neglected, abandoned, uncultivated (land not used to produce crops) and lacking favor in their lives. Their hearts need to be **cultivated** so that the seed of God can get into their hearts.

That is what God called us to, to pray for those who are hungry for the truths of God's Word.  
**How many loaves do we have?**

Are you not **ONE of those LOAVES** that God wants to use to get the Word to His people?  
Are you not **ONE of those FISH** that God considers to be the fisher of men?

**Matthew 4:19-20** *"Then He said to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.' They immediately left their nets and followed Him."*

The word **follow** is *akoloutheo* which means to accompany, to go along with, to go the same way with, follow one who precedes. *Akoloutheo* is being on the same road together with someone. This word is used for soldiers, servants, and pupils; it can easily be transferred to the life of the Christian in our pursuit to walk with the Lord.

When we **follow Christ to feed His people** and bring them to the **kingdom**, there is a great reward in **heaven and our hearts are pure toward Him.**

**Matthew 19:27** *"Then Peter answered and said to Him, 'See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?'"*

The Lord was assuring them that when they **leave all to follow Him**, they will sit with Him in heaven with much **honor**. And everyone who has **left everything for Him** and His name's sake shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.

If only we can wrap our minds around that truth and promise. If we could see that life with Him is more than anything we can obtain on earth. He continues to challenge us to seek Him and not the sign. He is the eternal bread.

**Please read John 21:3-19.**

Jesus visits the disciples after His resurrection. They had **gone back to fishing**; they went back to their old way. But in the midst of their journey to go back fishing, they **could not catch any fish until Jesus came on the scene.**

**John 21:5-6** *“Then Jesus said to them, ‘Children, have you any food?’ They answered Him, ‘No.’ And He said to them, ‘Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.’ So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.”*

**Then their eyes were opened to see that it was Jesus.** They were laboring for food that perishes, **BUT THEY FOUND THE ONE WHO WAS THE FOOD that will not perish.** Jesus came to put them back on track, to remind them their real purpose was to remain His disciples.

**John 21:10** *“Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish which you have just caught.”*

Peter dragged the net to land, full of large fish, yet the net did not break. The Lord wants to **fill our nets if we will open our eyes to see that we cannot do this without Him.**

**John 21:15** *“So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?”*

**As Jesus dines with them, He challenges Peter.**

He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You."

He said to him, "Feed My lambs."

The Lord challenged Peter three times in His love for Him to feed His lambs and sheep.

**John 21:18** *"Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish." This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me."*

It is time for us to grow up and move in the directions God has called us to, and that is to pray that the hearts of the people will be open to the Word.

We must not complain about what we do not know or have. What we have is enough for God to take and feed the multitude.

He will show us where the fish and loaves are located, but **continue to Serve Him**. Let's meet Him at the dining room table and share the gospel of Christ Jesus. **We must FOLLOW HIM**.

## **PRAYER FOCUS**

- Please pray that God's people will take the Word that is in us and share it with those who do not know Jesus.
- Please pray that our insecurities will not stop us from sharing the good news of Christ's message to the lost and dying.
- Please pray for the land of the hearts of the lost to be cultivated to receive the Word of God.

## **Devoted Partnership to Walk in Oneness with the Beloved**

January 25, 2013 – Day 51

The word *partnership* means two people sharing a common cause; joining and uniting together; two dancing together. When we are *Beloved*, we are separated and dedicated to the one we love one. **This one has much Love in His Heart for us!**

He loves us so much He looks for those who **will become ONE with Him to produce life.**

**Song of Solomon 7:7** *“This stature of yours is like a palm tree, and your breasts like its clusters.”*

"This stature (importance/reputation/position) of yours is like a palm tree..." implies life and giving water. God has given us a position here on earth, that is one He values, and it is important to Him. **Jesus is giving us everything we need, His power, authority and influence to touch the nations. We must be life givers to those who do not know this life.**

### **Exodus 15:22-27**

*“So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea; then they went out into the Wilderness of Shur. And they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. Now when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter. Therefore the name of it was called Marah. And the people complained against Moses, saying, 'What shall we drink?' So he cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a tree. When he cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet.*

*There He made a statute and an ordinance for them, and there He tested them, and said, 'If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD who heals you.'*

*Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve wells of water and seventy palm trees; so they camped there by the waters."*

**The nations are asking for life-giving Water.** God led Israel to a bitter water until they cried out to Moses saying, "**What shall we drink?**" Moses cried out to the LORD, and He instructed Moses in how to sweeten the water. **The Water we have is sweet to the Nations; the Word of God is sweet like honey.**

**Psalm 119:103** *"How sweet are Your Words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth."*

As Moses cast the tree into the waters, and they were made sweet, God made a wonderful promise.

**Exodus 15:26** *"If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD who heals you."*

I would love to speak on healing, because this is a **wonderful message of a promise** to keep us from the **diseases** of the world. The Lord, who heals, Yahweh-Rapha, is one of the compound names by which God **revealed His attributes to Israel**. Here, His very name declares **His nature to be that of Healer to those who obey His Word**.

He is also a **life-giver to those who are thirsty for healing within their soul**. **Exodus 15:27** shows the Israelites camped at Elim, beside ample water wells and palm trees, and He offers to us the same invitation. **He desires us to camp by those palm trees for the nations, and bring life from His abundance to those in need**. The cry is there, but can we hear it?

He has given us what we need to bring forth **healing and deliverance**. He looks for us to arise and take our rightful places, just as He spoke to the Shulamite woman in Song of Solomon, "This stature of yours is like a palm tree." **He wants us to camp at Elim where the abundance of water is flowing, so we can receive the wells filled with water**.

**We must partner with Him** on the journey He has called us to, so we may reach the **lost in the Church and in the world**. Jesus Himself went to the **wilderness and found dry places, so He could bring living waters**. Let's look at a couple of places where He found water, but not the living water needed for LIFE.

**John 4:4-10** *“But He needed to go through Samaria. So He came to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, 'Give Me a drink.' For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, 'How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?' For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and whom it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.'”*

Jesus had to go through **Samaria, where Jacob's well was located**. He chose that place to rest; and while He was there a woman of Samaria said to Him, **"How is it that you, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?"**

Jesus knew in order to reach the lost and give living water to the thirsty, He had to get outside the Jewish comfort zone of not interacting with Samaritans or women. He requires the same of us; that we forego what is familiar and acceptable to us and to others.

**Jesus was carrying the living water that she needed; He did not need what she had to give.** He was the ONE who carried the **living water for eternity, and likewise, the world today does not need water that fills our thirst for a moment, but living water that fills us for a lifetime.**

**John 7:37-38** *“On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, 'If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'”*

**When we are ONE with God, our hearts will flow with rivers of living water.** In John 7:39, He made it clear the **ONENESS** we seek comes through the **infilling of the Holy Spirit**. The Lord wants us to carry this life giving water of the Holy Spirit so eternal life and fruit for the Kingdom are produced.

**John 5:4** *“For an angel went down at a certain time into the pool and stirred up the water; then whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.”*

**When Jesus shows up, He does not have to stir the water. He carries it in Himself.**

**John 5:7-8** *“The sick man answered Him, 'Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me.' Jesus said to him, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk.' And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked.”*

**Are we walking in Oneness with Him allowing the world to see us bearing the living water He desires us to carry, the water that produces eternal life? We must take this water to those who are thirsty.**

**Let's look at the Shulamite's response to her love.**

**Songs of Solomon 7:10-12** *“I am my beloved's, and his desire is toward me. Come, my beloved, let us go forth to the field; let us lodge in the villages. Let us get up early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine has budded, whether the grape blossoms are open, and the pomegranates are in bloom. There I will give you my love.”*

**This is true intimacy of Love for the Beloved (Jesus).** She recognizes her beloved's desire toward her, and in response, her desire is now for Him. Look at her heart as says, 'Come, my beloved.' She wants to please Him, so she shows Him all that she does because she knows His HEART. She takes Him on a journey of what she has done.

**First, 'Let us go forth to the field':** She invites Him to come and see the **Harvest**, it is ready and she wants Him to see what the BRIDE has prepared for Him.

**Second, 'Let us lodge in the villages':** She takes Him to see the ones who cannot defend themselves. She is telling Him she has done justice in the villages, in the places where the orphans, widows and poor need His love.

**Third, 'Let us get up early to the vineyards':** Her next destination is the Church, the body of Christ. She says come and see **Your vineyard, Your Church, and how the Holy Spirit** has given me what I need to prepare Your Bride.

And **'Let us see if the vine has budded':** She takes Him to observe the growth of the vine, the leaves and flowers that represent the new growth. These are the **Leaders of His church whom He establishes, those who are chosen and mature, to lead His Army.**

**She laid all this up for HIM; so she may please Him through their intimacy!!**

**Where are we Church? Are we ready to stir up the love of God and awaken it? Are we ready to please Him in this next place He taking us?**

**Arise Church. Our Beloved is calling us.**

#### **PRAYER FOCUS**

- Please pray that we will partner with Jesus' heart to share His love to all people.
- Please pray that we will position ourselves beside the sweet waters of his Word so we can impart this life-giving water to others.

## Let's Fix our Eyes on Him As We Move Into our Next Direction

January 26, 2013 – Day 52

**2 Corinthians 8:21** *"...providing honorable things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men."*

With the **directions** that God has given us for our next journey we **must carry out His instructions in an honorable way before God and before men.** We must walk in **integrity and holiness**, pleasing God, as we represent Him in all we do.

We must see that **God has plans for us**, and we must be in **His presence continually to hear His voice.** **Our Pastor Duncan**, my husband, has instructed us to **continue to pray.** This is the kind of godly leader I want to follow, a minister of God's word who I see honoring God in his daily walk. As I watch him make godly commitments before men, **I can follow and imitate my pastor as he follows Christ.**

The 2013 twenty-one day corporate fast is over, and this is the end of our 52 days of prayer and worship; **but the journey of prayer has just begun.** We need to arise with **prayer and worship as we cry out to God.** King Jehoshaphat led the people to **believe** in God. The LORD is the same yesterday and today, and He will **fight our battles.**

**2 Chronicles 7:14-15** *"if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place."*

We must believe **Jesus has so much more for us** as we **humble** ourselves, **seek His Face, and Pray!**

**1 Corinthians 2:9-10** *"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared (made ready for us) for those who love Him. But God has*

*revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, and the deep things of God.*

**What is God saying to us?** We do not know all that He has **prepared** for us in this season; therefore, we absolutely must spend time with Him in order to know all He has for us.

The word *prepare* means to make ready, prepare, and make arrangements. Our Lord Jesus has **prepared and made things ready** for us to **move forward**, but we must **seek His face**. The Holy Spirit must **search the depths of our hearts, as He reveals the depth of God's heart**.

**Psalm 42:1** "As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God."

**Our soul** (mind, will, emotions) **must long for Him** as He calls us to the deeper places.

**Psalm 42:7** *"Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls; all Your waves and billows have gone over me."*

**Are we hearing the call of going deeper?** Can we fix (fasten securely to a place) our hearts toward His direction and path as He calls?

**Do we stop now the intense prayer because the fast is over?**

**Are we going to open our eyes and ears to hear and see God?**

**Isaiah 64:4** *"For since the beginning of the world men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, nor has the eye seen any God besides You, who acts for the one who waits for Him."*

**We must hear and see as we take action to wait on Him. Listen for God speaking to you about PRAYER.**

## PRAYER FOCUS

- We must continue to gather with one another and pray, in our families, churches, and communities. We must have consistent prayers going up before the Lord.
- Please pray how and when you will continue in individual and corporate prayer. Below is a schedule that This Is Your Season Ministries and Church of Prayer will follow. If you are close to our location, please join us; but if you are far, please see this as a suggestion of how groups can come together and pray at your church.

Monday - Sabbath rest

Tuesday – Women of TIYS

Wednesday - Called out intercessors

Thursday - Singles / Worshippers

Friday - Children/ Youth/ Young Adults

Saturday - Men / Married Couples

Sunday - Families

The altar is open during the week, so you are welcome to come and pray at whatever time fits your schedule. Remember, you are a beloved child of God. This is not mandatory for anyone. Prayer is never forced and demanded; it is a heart that responds.

Thank you for your faithfulness to God in building the wall of Prayer and Worship these last 52 days; now let's get on the wall and Pray! As the Body of Christ, we are looking forward to seeing you at the **altar of prayer and worship**.