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Scriptures for the Biblical Month of Elul (pronounced Eluooool).

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The Month of Elul  
and Selichot

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- Significance: Time of reflection leading up to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur
- Customs: Blowing the shofar (ram's horn); asking people for forgiveness; reciting penitential prayers

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Elul stands for Repentance – Mercy – Forgiveness – War – and God's Presence

Elul is the sixth of the twelve months of the Jewish calendar. Elul is called the month of repentance, mercy, forgiveness, war and God's presence. It is the month of "the King is in the field", 2 Sam. 10:1. Everyone can approach HIM, and HE shines HIS countenance upon everyone. It is the month of preparation for the High Holy Days. Throughout the year the king lived in the palace protected by guards, walls and gates. You had to have an appointment to see the King plus it was required to learn palace protocol and procedures. But on this month the king left his palace and went out among the people and all were welcome to come before him. It is represented by the tribe Gad who were always in transition.

Elul is a type and shadow picture of our Lord JESUS coming to dwell with man on earth. John 1:14 "The WORD became flesh and made HIS dwelling among us. The word dwelling means tent or to tabernacle, live among us.

# ELUL

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## GAD

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THE 'MOTHER' MONTH - THE MONTH OF NURTURING

CONSTELLATION: VIRGO (THE VIRGIN)  
I AM MY BELOVED'S AND MY BELOVED IS MINE

2 SAMUEL 10:1



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## About the Month of Elul

It is called “the month of repentance,” “the month of mercy” and “the month of forgiveness.” Elul follows the two previous months of Tammuz and Av—months of tragedies that were brought upon us through our sins. In Tammuz, the Jews sinned with the golden calf; on Rosh Chodesh Elul, Moses ascended to Mount Sinai for a third 40-day period until Yom Kippur, when he descended with the second tablets (*luchot*) and G-d’s word of joyful, wholehearted forgiveness. (The first time Moses ascended was to receive the first tablets; the second time was after the sin, to ask for forgiveness; and this third time was to receive the second set of tablets.) These were days when G-d revealed to the Jewish people great mercy. Since then, this time has been designated as a time of mercy and forgiveness, an opportune time for *teshuvah*—repentance.

The four letters of the name *Elul* are an acronym for the phrase in “Song of Songs” (6:3): “I am to my beloved and my beloved is to me.” “I am to my beloved”—we approach G-d with a desire to return and connect. “And my beloved is to me”—G-d reciprocates with Divine expressions of mercy and forgiveness.

“I hear the cooing of doves in our land, filling the air with songs to awaken you and guide you forth. Can you not discern this new day of destiny breaking forth around you? The early signs of my purposes and plans are bursting forth. The budding vines of new life are now blooming everywhere. The fragrance of their flowers whispers, “There is change in the air.” - Song of Songs 2:12-13 (TPT)

It is the month to repent, seek GOD’S Mercy and Forgiveness as we war for HIS presence!

The month of Elul is a time of repentance in preparation for the High Holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Tradition teaches that the month of Elul is a particularly propitious time for repentance. This mood of repentance builds through the month of Elul to the period of Selichot, to Rosh Hashanah, and finally to Yom Kippur.

During the month of Elul, from the second day of Elul to the 28th day, the shofar (a hollowed out ram’s horn) is blown after morning services every weekday. The custom of blowing shofar is a wake-up call to sleepers, designed to rouse us from our complacency. It is a call to repentance. The blast of the shofar is a very piercing sound when done properly.

Elul is also a time to begin the process of asking forgiveness for wrongs done to other people. According to Jewish tradition, G-d cannot forgive us for sins committed against another person until we have first obtained forgiveness from the person we have wronged. This is not as easy a task as you might think, if you have never done it. This process of seeking forgiveness continues through the Days of Awe.

The month Elul, is the key to unlocking the inner and most potent meaning of the heart. As is well known, the Hebrew letters that make the word "Elul," are an acronym for the phrase (from the biblical Song of Songs) which means "I am to my beloved and my beloved is to me."

This beautiful and romantic phrase is that which represents our relationship with our Creator, which is often paralleled to that of a husband and wife, a bride and groom, in our individual lives.

The Zohar explains that at the beginning of Elul we are *achor el achor*, meaning "back to back," and by the end of Elul we are *panim el panim*, "face to face." But how can it be that we are back to back? Wouldn't that imply that G-d has His back turned to us as well? How can we say such a thing, when this is the month in which "the King is in the field"? Is it not the month when G-d is more accessible than ever, when He is waiting for us to greet Him, when He is there for us in the "field" of our everyday lives?

This is the month when "the King is in the field."



## Elul...An invitation. Wisdom through Understanding

A king normally lives in a palace, separated from and unapproachable by ordinary people—this is how our relationship with God seems as we become bound up in the world with its distractions, frailties and concerns. During Elul, however, the king (God) might be experienced as having left the hiddenness of the palace and having entered into the field (i.e., that place where ordinary people are) and so becoming available to his subjects. In this month of Elul, while people continue with their normal activities they are at the same time aware of the presence of God and are drawn to prayer, reflection and response.

This parable, like much of Hasidic philosophy, invites us to enter a period of personal reflection where our ultimate goal is to uncover the Divine point which is within. This is the holy point (*Yehidah*) within every person's heart—the “living soul,” which is partnered with the Divine Eternal and which, in the course of everyday life, becomes covered and hidden. During Elul we are the ones who “come into the field” seeking the King, and it is during Elul that we turn to prayer and seek to draw close to God remembering the Divine attributes of Mercy and Forgiveness. According to *The Sefat Emet*<sup>7</sup> it is in our Divine point that God has implanted eternal life in us and it is this Divine point which we must seek to uncover in order that we might be renewed; released from our sinful and imperfect selves, and “inscribed for life”—that God will inscribe “Life” on our hearts—with the coming of Rosh HaShanah.

The fact that we are described as “back to back” and then “face to face” is an incredible lesson.

Often, when we feel angry, hurt, abandoned, whatever the root of our pain may be, we turn our back. When our back is turned, we have no idea of the state of the other. And it is often easier to believe that we are not the only one with a turned back. It is easier to think the other also turned around, that the other isn't facing us at all, because if that is the case, then *even* if we turn around it won't help, so why bother. Why make that first move only to turn around and see the back of the other?

It is the month that teaches us the necessity of being willing to turn around. The King is in the field, our Creator is there, and no matter how we may feel, He has never had His back turned. All we need to do is turn ourselves around to realize that He is there and waiting for us. The “back to back” that we experience in the beginning of the month is based on our misperceptions, our fears, our assumptions. Only when we turn around do we realize the truth, the inner essence, and then we are “face to face,” which does not



only mean that we can finally look *at* each other, but more so, that we can look *in* each other—for the root of the word for face, which means “innerness.”

## ELUL: The Month of Elul According to Sefer Yetzira

*According to Sefer Yetzira, each month of the Jewish year has a letter of the Hebrew alphabet, a zodiac sign, one of the twelve tribes of Israel, a sense, and a controlling limb of the body that correspond to it.*

### Introduction

Elul is called “the month of repentance,” “the month of mercy,” and “the month of forgiveness.” *Elul* follows the two previous months of *Tamuz* and *Av*, the months of the two great sins of Israel, the sin of the Golden Calf and the sin of the spies.

The four letters of the name *Elul* are an acronym for the initial letters of the phrase in the Song of Songs (6:3): “I am to my beloved and my beloved is to me.” “I am to my beloved” in repentance and consummate desire to return to my soul-root in God. “And my beloved is to me” with Divine expression of mercy of forgiveness.

This is the month that “the King is in the field.” All can approach Him, and He shines His countenance to all.

Elul is the month of preparation for the high holy days of *Tishrei*. It is the month that Moses ascended to Mount Sinai a third time for a period of forty days from *Rosh Chodesh Elul* to *Yom Kippur*, when he descended with the second tablets of the covenant. These days were days when God revealed to the Jewish people great mercy.

In “small numbering,” *Elul* = 13, alluding to the 13 principles of Divine mercy that are revealed in the month of *Elul*.

Mazal: Virgo (betulah, the virgin)

The *betulah* symbolizes God’s beloved bride, Israel, the bride of the Song of Songs who says to her groom “I am to my beloved and my beloved is to me.”

The word *betulah* appears for the first time in the Torah (and the only time in description of a specific woman) in praise of our matriarch Rebecca, before her marriage to Isaac.

In Chassidut the verse "I am to my beloved and my beloved is to me" refers, in particular, to the service of prayer of the month of Elul.

The "virgin" of Elul (Rebecca) gives birth (retroactively, with respect to the order of the months of the year) to the "twins" of Sivan (Jacob and Esau, the sons of Rebecca, as explained above). The first tablets, given in Sivan, were broken (because of sin). The second tablets, given to Moses in Elul (the month of repentance) are whole. Repentance is identified in Kabbalah with "mother" (in general, and Rebecca in particular). "Mother" is binah = 67 = Elul.

In Kabbalah, the "mother" remains forever (on the spiritual plane) a "virgin." In a continual state of teshuvah and tefilah her "ever-new" union with "father" never ceases—"two companions that never part." With the coming of Mashiach such will be the state of the lower groom and bride. ("Father" and "mother" correspond to the first two letters of Havayah –"the higher union"; "groom" and "bride" or "son" and "daughter" **corresponds** to the second two letters of Havayah –"the lower union").

The betulah symbolizes as well the "virgin earth," the land of Israel destined to be married to the people of Israel, as the prophet declares: "As a young man marries a virgin so will your children marry you [the land of Israel]" (Isaiah 62:5). Here we see that the children marry "mother earth" who remains "virgin earth."

The earth represents the rectification of action, the sense of the month of Elul, as described above.

Tribe: Gad

Gad means "camp," as in the verse (the blessing of our father Jacob to his son Gad): "Gad shall organize [lit. camp] camps [army camps], and he shall return with all his camps" (Genesis 49:19). The special talent of Gad is to organize a "company."

The name Gad means as well "good fortune." It is truly the "good fortune" of Israel to be G-d's beloved bride, and this "good fortune" reveals itself through the means of our good deeds, especially those which are intended to rectify our blemishes and beautify ourselves, as a bride for her groom.

The "good fortune" of Gad relates, in Kabbalah, to the thirteen principles of mercy that are revealed in the month of Elul, in order to arouse the soul from its root (its "good fortune") to return to God.

Gad = 7. Gad was the 7th son to be born to Jacob. Mazal, the more common word for "good fortune" = 77. The middle letter of mazal is zayin = 7. When the two letters gimmel dalet that form the name Gad (= 7) are substituted for the zayin (= 7) of mazal, the word migdal, "tower," is formed. The verse states: "A tower [migdal = 77] of might [oz = 77] is the Name of G-d, into it shall run the tzadik and become exalted." In Kabbalah, the "tower of might" represents the bride, the betulah of Elul, the soul-root and mazal of the Jewish People. The tzadik, the groom, runs, with all of his might, to enter the "tower of might."

Sense: Action

The sense of action is the "sense" and inner "knowledge" that through devoted deeds of goodness one is always able rectify any blemished or broken state of the soul. This is the sense necessary for the spiritual service of Elul, the service of repentance and true teshuvah to G-d. The sense of action is thus the sense never to despair. This is the "point," the yud (of Elul), of Divine service. Without it one can neither begin (an act) or end.

The sense of action is the inclination to fix a broken object (to "save" a situation) rather than to throw it away.

In addition, the sense of action is the sense of organization and the sense of management of complex systems (as Gad, the tribe of Elul signifies "camps" and "company").

Of the letter yud of Elul it is said: "G-d with wisdom [the point of the yud] founded [rectified] the earth [the sense of action]."

Elul in Jewish history

- 1 Elul – Moses ascends Mount Sinai for 3rd 40 days (1313 BCE)
- 1 Elul – The Prophet Haggai commands that the rebuilding of the Second Temple continue (520 BCE)
- 5 Elul – Ezekiel the prophet has a prophecy of the destruction of Solomon's Temple
- 10 Elul – Noah dispatches raven (2105 BCE)
- 17 Elul – Noah dispatches dove (2105 BCE)
- 23 Elul – Dove brings olive Leaf to Noah (2105 BCE)
- 25 Elul – The 1st day of the world according to the Genesis creation narrative (3761 BCE)



- 25 Elul – Jerusalem Walls Rebuilt (335 BCE)

### “Elul” Spirituality

Tradition teaches that Elul was the month when Moses ascended the mountain for the second time and remained there for forty days after the incident of the Golden Calf (Ex. 32; 34:27-28). Jewish tradition recounts that Moses spent the period between the new moon of Elul (*Rosh Chodesh Elul*) and Yom Kippur (10th day of the month of *Tishrei*), i.e., 40 days, praying for God’s forgiveness for the people of Israel, only descending when the period of repentance was complete. That Moses did descend from his period of seclusion with God of the mountain and he did so with the second set of tablets is seen as testimony to God’s great mercy towards the people.

### Elul — A Month of Mercy and Forgiveness

Elul is called the “Month of Mercy” and “Month of Forgiveness” (*Hodesh haRahamin veHaSelihot*). It is a time for *teshuvah* (return) to God, to renew one’s efforts in prayer, Torah study and charity, and to seek forgiveness for transgression, especially against one’s fellows. It is the belief in Jewish tradition that God does not forgive sins committed against another person unless one first endeavors to be reconciled with those wronged. During Elul, the last month before the Days of Awe, Jews, mindful of the great sin of the Golden Calf, enter into a spiritual and practical cleansing which will culminate with Yom Kippur.

“The LORD! The LORD! A God compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and faithfulness, extending kindness to the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity, transgressions and sin” (Ex. 34:6-7).

In the Ashkenazic tradition the recitation of *Selihot* through Elul reaches a climax on the eve of Rosh HaShanah with the inclusion of a collection of *Selihot* called *Zechor Berit*, which invoke the merits of the Patriarchs and recall Divine promises.

“Remember the covenant with Abraham and the binding of Isaac...”



## Elul and the Shofar

The shofar is sounded every morning after the Shacharit services from the second morning of Elul to the twenty eighth day. This practice, related to the sounding of the horn at Sinai, calls attention to the significance of Elul as a period for reconciliation and introspection. Maimonides described the sound of the shofar in Elul as a “wake up call,” a reminder to those who are “asleep” that it is time to rise up from complacency and travel the pathways of repentance.

Elul 1, 5779: September 1, 2019

1 Elul – Moses ascends Mount Sinai for 40 days (1313 BCE) to receive the WORD of GOD, And – The Prophet Haggai commands that the rebuilding of the Second Temple continue (520 BCE). The LORD sent HIS WORD and called to rebuild the Temple. Today we are the Temple HE is rebuilding, built without hands. Chaplain Wade Butler

Exodus 19:2 When they moved out from Rephidim, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai and they camped there; Israel camped at the base of the mountain [of Sinai].

Exodus 19:11 and be ready by the third day, because on the third day the Lord will come down on Mount Sinai [in the cloud] in the sight of all the people.

Exodus 19:18 [ *The Lord Visits Sinai* ] Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the Lord descended upon it in fire; its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked violently.

Exodus 19:20 The Lord came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain; and the Lord called Moses to the top of the mountain, and he went up.

Exodus 19:23 Moses said to the Lord, "The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai, because You warned us, saying, 'Set barriers around the mountain and consecrate it.'"

Exodus 24:16 The glory *and* brilliance of the Lord rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days. On the seventh day God called to Moses from the midst of the cloud.

Exodus 27:8 You are to make the altar hollow with planks; as you were shown on the mountain [of Sinai], so shall it be made.

Exodus 31:18 When He had finished speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses the two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.

Exodus 34:4 So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the first ones, and he got up early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took the two tablets of stone in his hand.

Exodus 34:29 [ *Moses' Face Shines* ] When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hand, he did not know that the skin of his face was shining [with a unique radiance] because he had been speaking with God.

Exodus 34:32 Afterward all the Israelites approached him, and he commanded them to do everything that the Lord had said to him on Mount Sinai.

Leviticus 7:38 which the Lord commanded Moses at Mount Sinai on the day He commanded the Israelites to present their offerings to the Lord, in the Wilderness of Sinai.

Ezra 5:1 [ *Temple Work Resumed* ] Now when the prophets, Haggai the prophet and Zechariah, the son (grandson) of Iddo, prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, *whose Spirit was over them,*

Ezra 5:2 then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel [heir to the throne of Judah] and Jeshua the son of Jozadak arose and began to rebuild the house of God in Jerusalem; and the prophets of God [Haggai and Zechariah] were with them, supporting *and* encouraging them.

Ezra 6:14 And the Jewish elders built and prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. They finished their building as

commanded by the God of Israel and in accordance with the decree of Cyrus and Darius and Artaxerxes king of Persia.

Haggai 1:1 [ *Haggai Begins Temple Building* ] In the second year of Darius the king [of Persia], on the first day of the sixth month (Aug 29, 520 b.c.), the word of the Lord came by Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, saying,

Haggai 1:3 Then the word of the Lord came by Haggai the prophet, saying,

Haggai 1:12 Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people [who had returned from exile], listened carefully *and* obeyed the voice of the Lord their God and the words of Haggai the prophet, since the Lord their God had sent him. And the people [reverently] feared the Lord.

Haggai 1:13 Then Haggai, the Lord's messenger, spoke the Lord's message to the people saying, "I am with you," declares the Lord."

Elul 2: September 2, 2019

SMALL STRAWS IN A SOFT WIND by MARSHA BURNS:

Wisdom is what you need. You are navigating a fairly narrow channel, but the depth of your challenge requires more understanding than you can access from past experience. You must rely on discernment and insight that can only come from My Spirit, says the Lord. Ask in faith and wait with anticipation to receive what I will reveal to you. *James 1:5-6 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.*

God has plans for your future

"Consider the blameless, observe the upright; there is a (prosperous) future for the man of peace." (Ps. 37:37).

You have no choice where your past is concerned, it is gone. You have no choice about your heritage, you were born without a vote in the decision. You, however, have a

choice about your future. God has given you a sure plan for a prosperous future. Your choices daily are the bridge towards your future.

Pat Francis; God has a prosperous future for His believers:

1) Be blameless. The choice is yours. It is not possible for you to be blameless by yourself but since it is a requirement, God has provided for you the gift of His righteousness. "God made him who had no sin (Jesus) to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." (2 Cor. 5:21). Believe in the LORD Jesus Christ and you will be saved, blameless.

2) Be upright in character. The choice is yours. You can create values and shape your character for a prosperous life, "Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn out her seven pillars." (Prov. 9:1). Jesus is the greatest role model for upright character and success. He grew strategically for a determined end, "Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." (Luke 2:52). Like Jesus we are intentionally growing in seven CHAYIL Pillars for a holistic prosperous life: worship, wisdom, power, honor, favor, wealth, influence. Let us each day nurture a good character by the choices we make until a good character becomes our nature.

3) Choose peace. Peace is a gift from Jesus to you, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27). Choose to live in peace, be at peace with others, and guard your heart. Let Christ rule in your heart as you create and rule your world.

Kingdom Declaration:

My heart is an altar for Jesus Christ to rule, guard, and prosper with His peace.

Elul 3: September 3, 2019

The Word Made Flesh, The KING was in the field for 33 years and the people were not ready, are you? Chaplain Wade Butler

John 1:14-19

<sup>14</sup> And the Word (Christ) became flesh, and lived among us; and we [actually] saw His glory, glory as belongs to the [One and] only begotten *Son* of the Father, [the Son who is truly unique, the only One of His kind, who is] full of grace and truth (absolutely free of deception). <sup>15</sup> John testified [repeatedly] about Him and has cried out [testifying officially for the record, with validity and relevance],

“This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me has a higher rank than I and has priority over me, for He existed before me.’”

<sup>16</sup> For out of His fullness [the superabundance of His grace and truth] we have all received grace upon grace [spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing, favor upon favor, and gift heaped upon gift]. <sup>17</sup> For the Law was given through Moses, but grace [the unearned, undeserved favor of God] and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has seen God [His essence, His divine nature] at any time; the [One and] only begotten God [that is, the unique Son] who is in the intimate presence of the Father, He has explained Him [and interpreted and revealed the awesome wonder of the Father].

### The Testimony of John

<sup>19</sup> This is the testimony of John [the Baptist] when the Jews sent priests and Levites to him from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” <sup>20</sup> And he confessed [truthfully] and did not deny [that he was only a man], but acknowledged, “I am not the Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed)!”

### The Visit of the Magi Matthew 2: 1-6, 13-14 (AMP)

2 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king (Herod the Great), magi (wise men) from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, <sup>2</sup> “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the east and have come to worship Him.” <sup>3</sup> When Herod the king heard this, he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup> So he called together all the chief priests and scribes of the people and [anxiously] asked them where the Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed) was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They replied to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what has been written by the prophet [Micah]: <sup>6</sup> ‘AND YOU, BETHLEHEM, IN THE LAND OF JUDAH, ARE NOT IN ANY WAY LEAST AMONG THE LEADERS OF JUDAH; “FOR FROM YOU SHALL COME A RULER WHO WILL SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL.’”

### The Flight to Egypt

<sup>13</sup> Now when they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod intends to search for the Child in order to destroy Him.”

<sup>14</sup> So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt. <sup>15</sup> He remained there until the death of Herod. *This was* to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet [Hosea]: “OUT OF EGYPT I CALLED MY SON.”



## The Baptism of Jesus Matthew 3:13- 17

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan [River], to be baptized by him.

<sup>14</sup> But John tried to prevent Him [vigorously protesting], saying, "It is I who need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" <sup>15</sup> But Jesus replied to him, "Permit it just now; for this is the fitting way for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then John permitted [it and baptized] Him. <sup>16</sup> After Jesus was baptized, He came up immediately out of the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he (John) saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him (Jesus), <sup>17</sup> and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased *and* delighted!"

## Jesus Begins His Ministry Matthew 4: 12-17

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John [the Baptist] had been arrested *and* put in prison, He left for Galilee. <sup>13</sup> And leaving Nazareth, He went and settled in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the country of Zebulun and Naphtali. <sup>14</sup> *This was* to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: <sup>15</sup> "THE LAND OF ZEBULUN AND THE LAND OF NAPHTALI, BY THE WAY OF THE SEA, BEYOND THE JORDAN, GALILEE [in the district] OF THE GENTILES—  
<sup>16</sup> "THE PEOPLE WHO WERE SITTING (living) IN [spiritual] DARKNESS HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT, AND FOR THOSE WHO WERE SITTING (living) IN THE LAND AND SHADOW OF [spiritual and moral] DEATH, UPON THEM A LIGHT HAS DAWNED." <sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent [change your inner self—your old way of thinking, regret past sins, live your life in a way that proves repentance; seek God's purpose for your life], for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

### Matthew 27:43

He trusts in God; let God rescue *Him* now, if He delights in Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

Elul 4: September 4, 2019

"The Generations Are Aligning! Press Through Your Narrow Place!"

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This is a time when we must aggressively press through the narrow place so we break through and go the distance! Sunday's service was an amazing example of the generations aligning. Not only did we have an on-fire group of youth returning from

camp, but my daughter (Rebekah Faubion) and I were able to minister together on how to press out to press in to our promises.

### Pressing Through!

There comes a moment when you capture the revelation that shifts you into your future. Whereas slavery confines you to a narrow place and constricts you physically, emotionally and spiritually, there comes a time to press into your new level of fullness. And, as Rebekah said, that time is NOW! We don't want to miss the signs the Lord is providing to break us out of old cycles and illuminate the revelation that will shift us into our future.

Don't rehearse your failures and mistakes. This is your time to occupy and access the vision the Lord has placed within you. This journey is about how you allow God to break through in you, and not just coming through one narrow place. If you are aligned with God and respond to His voice with thanksgiving, He will help you go through narrow place after narrow place after narrow place. Commit to go the distance – the best is yet ahead!

### Your Time to Come Out in the Sun!

Here is a key prophecy that will help encourage you to keep advancing through this month of Av:

The Lord says, "I see you in your enclosed place. I see you as you sit and attempt to heal that which needs to be healed. But this is not a time of licking and mending your wounds over and over; this is a time for you to come out into the sun. The sun will heal your wounds and burn out what is within you. Don't back up and hide again! Come out and watch Me begin to bring you into wholeness.

"You have forgotten where you have come from. Some of you have settled yourself into where you are now but forgotten that you are from a royal priesthood. Do not confine yourself to where you are nor the bloodline that you're in, for there is a higher stream of Blood that I have given to you. The same Blood that ran down Calvary's Cross is your blood.

"Do not submit to the bad things in your bloodline, for there is a higher Blood. Forget not where you come from, for you are My sheep and I still am the Good Shepherd! Watch Me shepherd you as we go into this new era; I will reveal Myself as the Good Shepherd.

"Keep your eyes on Me because I am the One that's leading you. You are afraid to come out into the sun because in the light you are exposed. You fear what others may see or say when you step into the light. However, they do not see what I see. I am not about what is exposed in the sun, but the shining that's coming from inside of you! What I have placed inside of you is going to radiate beyond what is seen and what is exposed, and is what will lead you into the new.

"Like the three Hebrews in Babylon's raging fire, this is a time when you will feel the intensity of the heat. However, this will not consume you but prepare you to hold on to My promises. The fire I have set within you will overcome the fire in the earth realm."

"My consuming fire is coming to those things the enemy set you in, to overtake you. My spotlight is on you You are to radiate and cause the light I put on you to cause the darkness around you to separate and dispel. My light is on you, and you cause the darkness around you to separate and dispel." (Prophetic words spoken by: Acijam Otxoa, Chuck D. Pierce, Keevy Phillips, Kendrick Lewis, and Robyn Vincent.)

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"I Hear Many Asking, 'Why Has This Transition Been So Long?'"  
Christy Johnston, Gold Coast, Australia

For quite some time now, I have been sensing in my spirit a significant season of transition that many across the Body of Christ are finding themselves in at this present moment. I have often mentioned this transition in months past, however, I felt the Holy Spirit impress it upon my heart to release courage and encouragement to those who are feeling dazed, wearied and confused in the middle of this almighty "crossing over."

I hear many asking, "Why has this transition been so long? Have I done something wrong? Why is there so much confusion about my next step? Did I hear God correctly? If so, why has there been so much warfare surrounding me in the midst of all this change?" I believe emphatically that this transition is more fundamental than most, for it is a transition that is moving you into inherited territory and destiny combined.

I released a word a month or two back titled "The War Has Been on Your Promise," and again, I feel lead to repeat some of its sentiments. This could also be said in another way: The war that you have been facing has been sent to prevent you from walking into new territory; the land of inheritance that God has promised you. The assaults of chaos and confusion are not a sign that you didn't hear from God correctly, but rather that you *have indeed* heard correctly.

The enemy sees you coming from a distance and the mayday alert has been sent out to his cohorts. Just as Pharaoh released his armies to stop the Israelites from crossing over, the assignments against you have been deployed to prevent your crossing over. But don't fear, we know that the battle does not belong to us, but to our God. The enemy will not prevail when you are on an assignment from the Lord of hosts, so continue to march forward unafraid.

### The Tension of Acquiring the Promise

For some of you, this transition may be requiring a physical move to a different state or even country. For others, the transition may be a promotion or a move to an entirely new job, while yet others may be led to start a new business venture or plant a church in a new region. Regardless of the natural "moves" that are taking place, it is all founded within a spiritual seizing of territories that God is moving His entire Body into.

If you look throughout history, most wars have been fought over the basis of land and territory, and right now there is contention in the spirit as the enemy sees the children of God moving into positions, as though lining up on the battlefield, to take back territory that has been long held illegally in the grips of his unworthy and unlawful hands.

When God released His covenant to Abraham in Genesis 12, it is interesting to note that the covenant of a promised nation first required an act of obedience on Abraham's behalf. "The LORD had said to Abram, 'Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you' (Genesis 12:1).

A breakdown of the Hebrew words in this verse reveals some interesting insights for us in our own season of transition. The two words, "country" and "land," are the same Hebrew word, "erets." This word has multi-dimensional meanings. On one hand, it can be defined as "common land" and on the other hand it can be defined as "the earth, the world, the nations." It refers to the whole earth under God's dominion. It also comes from an unused root word most likely meaning "to be firm."

Before I break the verse down any further, I want to highlight the Hebrew meaning for "dominion" as this plays a significant role in the deeper meaning of this verse. Many people see "dominion" as a negative connotation, as though we are to have oppressive dominion over the people of the earth, but that is not what it means at all. Dominion is the Hebrew word "radah," a primitive root that means "to tread down, to crumble off, to prevail against, to reign, to rule and to subjugate." This word, "subjugate," stands out to me. Its definition can be a little startling if you don't look at it the right way.

According to the Cambridge Dictionary, it means "to defeat a people or a country and rule them in a way that allows them no freedom." Before you think I am suggesting that we oppressively rule the earth with our dominion, let me say that these words, "subjugate" and "dominion," are not in reference to people, but to the enemy.

Allow me to highlight one other key word in this verse before I explain it all to you and how it prophetically relates to us in this season of transition. Where it says, "go to the land that I will show you," the word "show" is the Hebrew word "ra'ah," which means "to see, behold, certainly, consider, discern, enjoy, have experience, gaze, take heed, indeed, joyfully look upon, provide, regard, be near, spy, stare, think and visions." Its basic denotation is speaking of God requiring the individual He is speaking to to physically SEE outside of himself or herself, to "look beyond" the present circumstances and look with eyes of faith for what He sees.

Notice one of the meanings is "be near." We can only see as He sees when we draw close to Him. It's like a father holding binoculars, looking through the lens to see beyond the horizon, and as his child draws close, he holds the binoculars steady for the child to see what he was able to see. The connotation here is this: *When you are in transition, draw CLOSER to Him, don't distance yourself in fear.*

### Leaving the Familiar for the Increase

Given the Hebrew meanings of the words from this verse, we could summarize that God was essentially saying to Abraham, "Leave all of that which has been common, familiar and comfortable to you and go to the nations of the earth that you may reign and rule. Tread down over the enemy who has inhabited the earth, crumble him and subjugate his rule. Come near to Me and I will cause you to look and see what I am going to give you; consider and discern it with eyes of faith and wonder...gaze upon it joyfully. I want you to enjoy this and see that I will not only provide for you, but give you visions and all that you require to possess it."

So what does all of this mean for you and me in the here and now?

God is calling you to leave the land of commonality, and sometimes that means to leave what is momentarily comfortable. There is an evident separation between the "old" and the "new" land, where He is calling you out from a place of common familiarity and comfort. This portion of the transition can often be the most uncomfortable and it is usually where we are the most vulnerable. Leaving something that has become common to us can be a struggle as we leave the old behind. However, there is a warning here: *Do not look back*. Don't do as Lot's wife did when she looked back at the burning cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, for her heart was not set on the Promised Land ahead of her, but the land of commonality behind her.

The Israelites were much the same. Their transition into seizing new territory and leaving the borders of slavery was delayed by forty years, with many not even setting foot in the land they should have inherited. Why? Because their hearts were set on what was behind them, rather than the blazing fire in front of them. Though their hands were bound in slavery in Egypt, they had grown strangely comfortable with it. I believe that this transition is not only a physical transition of sorts for many, but also a call of transition and upgrade into heavenly-minded thinking. God is calling your thinking out of Egypt and into a "Kingly" mindset to SEE the vision of His promises awaiting you.

What many so easily forget in the midst of transition is that transition is not just about you or me. In fact, this particular season of transition is specifically about nations. Just as the Father called Abram out of the land of commonality and into a promised territory of nations, He is calling you and I to subjugate the nations from the enemy's control. We are to crumble his plans, tread down upon his oppression, to prevail over him, to rule and reign. This is a seizing of territory where we will tread down upon the enemy's grasp over the earth and crumble his plans. We are being called to defeat and rule, where we allow him NO freedom to reign.

This taking back of territories and seizing lands that are rightfully ours will be seen in every mountain of influence as we subjugate the enemy's control over regions, nations and the entire earth. This crossing-over transition is one where we'll see the great harvest of the earth unfold, all because of our simple obedience to keep walking forward.



## You Are Being Given New Eyes to See

There is a key that God gave Abraham in this promise of covenant. His first direction was to leave the land of commonality, and then it was to "see" with His eyes. The Father never asks you to leave all that is familiar to you without already having provided the way. If you have been subjected to surrounding chaos, I want to prophetically release over you right now that it is time to SEE with NEW eyes, with the eyes of the Spirit, to GAZE upon and BEHOLD with awe and wonder where He is leading you.

It is time to dream again, dream with Him and consider with certainty that He is leading you into a land of promise, a land of abundance. Look beyond what your circumstances are speaking and look into the territory He is giving you.

I love that one of the definitions for the word "see," or "show" ("ra'ah") is "spy." Whether in visions, dreams or by simply sitting in His presence, I believe the Father is going to release strategies to your heart, where He will cause you to be like a spy on the wall of the enemy's plans; both those against you, and against nations. You will SEE what his plans are and be able to subjugate those plans before they have a chance to move into effect.

This is an hour of upgraded vision, both prophetically and physically. I believe many of you will have an increase in dreams and visions as God "guides" you into the promised dominion of territory. Look upon the dreams of your heart and the dreams of His heart for you with JOYFUL expectation, and SEE that He is guiding you into a territory that will affect the nations.

Going back to the Hebrew word for land, "erets," I love that one of the definitions means "to be firm." There is an anointing being released to every son and daughter to stand firm in the midst of the assaults that have been warring against them. As you stand firm, choosing to SEE the goodness of God and trust His leading, you will see the hand of His deliverance, just as the Israelites saw the hand of God crash down the waters of the Red Sea upon their enemy. You too will see the waters of God turn the tide of the battle as you continue to be faithful in crossing over, one step in front of the other.

## It's Time for Your Upgrade!

In Joshua 24:13, we read about the fulfillment of promise when the Israelites had finally conquered the land and seized their land of Jerusalem. God says, "I gave you a land you did not labor for, and cities you did not build, though you

live in them; you are eating from vineyards and olive groves you did not plant."

I believe God is saying to you today that the provision is on the other side of your obedience to take one step at a time. As you cross over by faith, taking the simple steps in front of you, despite the fears and not having all the answers, you will find provision awaiting you on the other side; provision for debt free homes and cars, for jobs, for friends and community, for all that you require. All of this is awaiting you on the other side of obedience and trust in order that you might fulfill the assignment that God has set aside for you in the land of promise.

If you don't know the next step, ask Him, for this covenantal promise of territory you will be given is not just for your life, but for generations to come, for it is time to TAKE BACK what rightfully belongs to the Kingdom of Heaven.

So hold fast, stand firm, look and see that the Lord is GOOD and that He has prepared the way for you. Now SEIZE what belongs to you with your eyes of faith, and you will SEE it manifest in the natural. Stop wondering and wandering and start looking upon your territory in WONDER. Your glorious King is leading you into your promised land.

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Praising God Seven Times a Day for Seven Days, to Remove all Offenses!  
Chuck Pierce

I have been meditating for two weeks on Psalm 119:163-165. "I hate and detest falsehood, but I love Your law. Seven times a day and all day long do I praise You because of Your righteous decrees. Great peace have they who love Your law. Nothing shall offend them or make them stumble." *Offense* is usually the emotional issue of our life that stops us from advancing. So many people live with offense. In King David's life, he not only stayed one step ahead of death, but found the key to moving forward in his life by staying beyond offense.

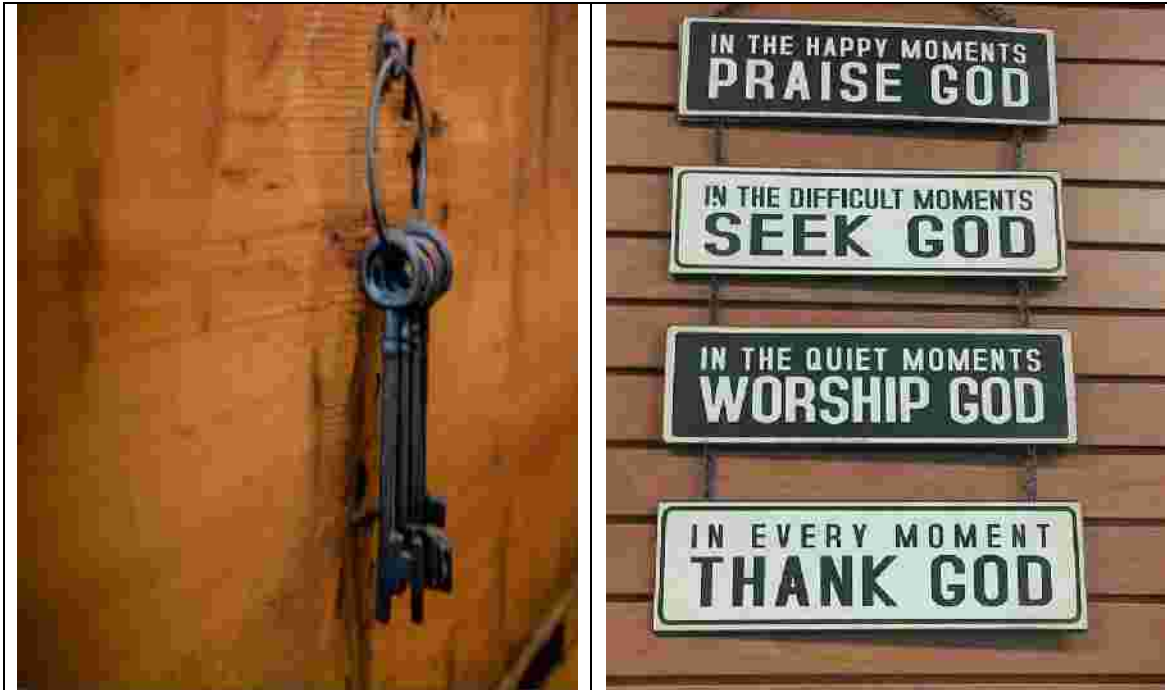
Once Yeshua began to advance the Kingdom through His ministry on earth, we find the same issue in His life. John the Baptist kept sending his disciples, along with various Pharisees, to question His ministry. They wanted an

explanation of both His works and actions. In Matthew 11:1-6, He said, "Now it came to pass, when Jesus finished commanding His twelve disciples, that He departed from there to teach and to preach in their cities. And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples and said to Him, 'Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?' Jesus answered and said to them, 'Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: the blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.'" In other words, He was saying to John, "Everything you prophesied, I am doing. But let Me add one more word from Heaven -- don't get offended and stumble and quit advancing in Father's plan for your life and the Kingdom."

The word offended in the Greek is *skandalizo*, which means to put a snare or stumbling block in the way. The noun to which it is related refers to the bait-stick of a trap. In the New Testament, *skandalizo* is always used metaphorically as that which hinders right conduct or thought, hence, "to cause to stumble." In Merriam-Webster Dictionary we find this definition of offend, "To transgress the moral or divine law; to sin, violate a law or rule or do wrong; to cause difficulty, discomfort, or injury; to cause dislike, anger, or vexation; violate, transgress a contract; to cause pain or to hurt; or to cause (a person or group) to feel hurt, angry, or upset by something said or done." The Lord knew that stumbling blocks would come into each of our lives. However, He encouraged us to always keep going.

**The Key to Advancement is Through Praise! Praise and Worship Produce Glory!**

All throughout God's Word, we see that God is enthroned in praise. We glorify Him through our worship. That is why praise and worship are essential to experiencing God's glory. Praise is that element of celebration that can transport us into the throne room of God. Once we are in the throne room at His feet, we need to worship and adore Him. As we worship Him in that intimate place, He begins to reveal His glory to us. God is looking for true worshipers who will worship "*in spirit and truth*" (John 4:24). And as He finds those worshipers, they are able to experience the reality of heaven, which is God's glory.



### Time to Go Forth in Praise!

Worship causes us to move thankfully with our body toward our creator. Praise (or *yadah* in Hebrew) is to worship God with extended hands. With hands lifted up, we declare the merit of God, and we thank Him for everything He has put in our hands. We find this concept first mentioned in the Bible when Leah conceived her fourth son and named him Judah, meaning praise. When Jacob acknowledged Judah, he extended his highest blessing upon him and declared that even his brothers would praise him. He also declared that Judah (praise) would triumph over all of his enemies with royal authority (the scepter) and legal authority (the lawgiver). The word "Judah" also means to hold out your hand and throw or shoot a stone or an arrow at your enemy. Therefore, we find that praise will be a key weapon of the Spirit of God in our lives in days ahead.

### Praise is a Response to God's Revelation of Himself!

Every child of God should express praise. Human praise of a holy God is a major theme throughout God's Word. Praise is expressing to God our appreciation and understanding of His worth. Praise says "thank you" for each aspect of God's nature. Praise expands our awareness of God's character. "Praise" comes from a Latin word meaning "value" or "prize." When we praise God, we proclaim His merit or worth and His value to us here on earth. We find other words related to praise

in the Bible, including “glory,” “blessing,” “thanksgiving” and “hallelujah.” These should all be ways we express our love for God. The order of the Lord’s Prayer in Luke 11:2 is important, “Father . . . hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come.” First, Jesus praised God, and then He made His request. Praising God puts us in the right frame of mind to begin to declare our needs to a holy Father. With our hands outstretched we can worship God in such a way that our daily provision can be released. Through worship, we can be assured that our supply will always come to us in a timely manner. Praise and thanksgiving are the opposite of worry. One of our greatest worries is over our needs being met. This is a time to be thankful for all that God is doing in our lives. Be like the one leper who went back and thanked Jesus for his healing. This thankfulness produced not just healing, but wholeness. Be whole!

There is also a price to pay to enter into praise and worship. There is a cost to this process, and we are faced with a fundamental issue: Will we choose to just enjoy the efforts of others, or will we enter into the sacrifice of praise in a personal way? Furthermore, will we choose to offer this sacrifice in the good times as well as the trials? We must be willing to embrace these costs to experience the real fruit of our praise.

There is, perhaps, no stronger weapon of warfare than praise and worship to the Lord. Satan hates our worship to God for many reasons. For one, he is jealous of our worship. He longs to obtain it for himself through whatever means he can. For another, he knows that the weapon of worship is strong and effective. Consider the words of Psalm 149:5-9: “Let the saints be joyful in glory; let them sing aloud on their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand, to execute vengeance on the nations, and punishments on the peoples; to bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; to execute on them the written judgment—this honor have all His saints. Praise the LORD!”

Another important reason is explained by Cindy Jacobs: “When we praise God, He inhabits or enters our praises, and His power overwhelms the power of the enemy. He is a mighty God, and Satan cannot match His strength. Light will dispel the darkness through God’s entering into our praise.” (*Possessing the Gates of the Enemy*, p. 178) Through praise, the Lord Himself begins to do warfare on our behalf, to silence our enemy.

## How to Praise for Seven Days

- DAY 1 (AM): Read Psalm 130; Rev. 2:10. Praise God for removing your past and extending abundant grace and forgiveness to you. Stand in His Presence and receive an outpouring of His grace. Let Hope arise new and fresh. Let assurance of redemption rest upon you, and command all fear to leave you.
- DAY 1 (PM): Read Psalms 131 – 134. Praise God and let perfect peace manifest in you. Stop striving and leaning on your own understanding concerning your circumstances and allow trust to arise. Embrace the faithful love of God. As a weaned child rests against his mother's breast, declare that your soul is a weaned child within you. A weaned child has come to a new place of maturity. There is no peace until all our enemies are under our feet. Ascend above your enemies and reach the goal of the throne room. Sing, praise, and worship in the presence of the LORD. Receive a new anointing, like the oil poured on Aaron's head and flowing down the hem of his robe.
- DAY 2: Read Joshua 5 & 6. Praise God! Ask the Lord for the strategy of worship that will dethrone what has seemed invincible and prevented you from moving forward in your promise.
- DAY 3 (AM): Read Psalm 34. Praise God for the angels that are encamping around you.
- DAY 3 (PM): Read Psalm 85. Praise God for restoring favor to your land.
- DAY 4: Read Philippians 4. Thank God for establishing your mind on Him and making you think His thoughts. Realign your thoughts. Declare that you will capture each thought you have that is contrary to God's judgment.
- DAY 5: Read Acts 16:16-34. Praise God and watch your prison doors let go. Watch salvation come to those around you who are imprisoned.
- DAY 6: Read Psalm 9. Be willing to declare to others how the Lord has touched and manifested Himself to you. Break out of insecurity and into boldness.
- DAY 7 (AM): Read Isaiah 12. Numbers 21:10-18. Praise breaks open your wells of salvation. Praise is the cure for dryness. Receive a renewed spirit!



- DAY 7 (PM): Read Jeremiah 42:7. "And it came to pass after ten days that the word of the Lord came unto Jeremiah." Declare that new revelation, strategy and plans for your future are being released from the throne room. Praise God in advance for these manifestations.

May the God of all Peace inhabit you and make you whole. May all offenses you have accumulated through the years be removed, and may you guard yourself against any offenses in the future.

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Pat Francis: Worship The Lord Your God

"Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 'All this I will give You,' he said, 'if you will bow down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away from me Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.'" Matt. 4:8-10.

There is always the temptation to obtain wealth, promotion, relationships, and to get ahead in life by 'bowing down' (compromising and disregarding good values or God's principles). We seek riches at the risk of respect; wealth at the risk of wisdom; promotion at the risk of peace.

The name of the game is, 'What ever feels good, do it'. We say there is no God so that we can worship ourselves without competition. We sacrifice and serve the unknown God - 'the god of this world' who blinds and leads the world astray. We are under his control without even knowing it, because by resisting the One and only true God, we serve the enemy by default

Satan has power but his power is limited. He took Jesus to the edge of the mountain but he could not to push Him off. He showed Jesus all the kingdoms and wealth of this world but could not bribe Him. He tempted Jesus with bread but could not control Him. Satan's power is limited in your life. "I have told you these things, so that in me

you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33. Jesus with you is greater than the enemy.

Kingdom Declaration:

God has given me the strength to rule my world for unlimited favor from God.

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"Victory Keys to Break Demonic Powers Off of Your Soul"

By: Katie Souza

We are made for worship! True worship. From the beginning, the enemy has worked to pollute pure worship with idolatry, and his tactics really haven't changed much, have they? Satan knows that if our hearts are divided then we will be powerless, fruitless, and vulnerable to his kill shot. But that is not your destiny, my friend! So, today let's expose demonic craftiness and gain more victory for life!

How to Break Demonic Powers Off of Your Soul

There is a really great example of how we throw off the enemy's grip in the Old Testament story of King Hezekiah. In 2 Chronicles 32, Assyria was after God's people's money. Listen, money is one of the biggest idols in this world.

"He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves abundance with its gain. This too is vanity (emptiness)." (Ecclesiastes 5:10 AMP)

Guess what! Money idols drive you to spend your money on them! This is how the enemy robs people blind, effectively doing what demons always do—stealing, killing, and destroying your life. "The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows]" (John 10:10 AMP).

No Satisfaction

Hezekiah had already given his personal money and God's money (from the temple) to appease the Assyrians...but they still wanted more. This is the nature of idols! They always want more, more, more, more. When we have idols in our hearts (souls), we

can never find satisfaction, can we? We crave the next new thing (iPhone, car, trinket, romance). We want more pleasure, more comfort, more fame, more, more, more. It's a bottomless pit, isn't it? It promises so much, but delivers only more emptiness to our souls. What liars idols are! "...there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks what is natural to him, for he is a liar and the father of lies and half-truths." (John 8:44 AMP) "Let them no longer fool themselves by trusting in empty riches, for emptiness will be their only reward." (Job 15:31 NLT)

### Satisfaction Guaranteed!

God delivered Hezekiah from the hand of the Assyrians. In the end, Hezekiah had health and great, abundant wealth and blessing. What was his key to victory? How did he get this cosmic level of blessing? The answer is found in the preceding chapter—He cleansed Jerusalem of all the idols! Take a look:

"Now when all of this was finished, all Israel who were present went out to the cities of Judah, and smashed the [pagan] pillars (obelisks, memorial stones) in pieces, cut down the Asherim (wooden symbols of a female deity), and tore down the high places and the altars [of idolatry] throughout all Judah and Benjamin, as well as in Ephraim and Manasseh, until they had destroyed them all. Then all the sons (descendants) of Israel returned to their own cities, each to his own property." (2 Chronicles 31:1 AMP)

They removed the idols and effectively removed the legal right the enemy had to steal from them and keep them tormented. Great boldness and confidence filled Hezekiah and His people because of their right-standing with God:

"'Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be dismayed because of the king of Assyria, nor because of all the army that is with him; for the One with us is greater than the one with him. With him there is only an arm of flesh, but with us is the LORD our God to help us and to fight our battles.' And the people relied on the words of Hezekiah king of Judah." (2 Chronicles 32:7-8 AMP)

Great blessing and true prosperity were poured upon them from the Lord:

"And many brought gifts to the LORD at Jerusalem and valuable presents to Hezekiah king of Judah; so from then on he was exalted in the sight of all nations." (2 Chronicles 32:23 AMP)

Remember this: All the power of Heaven is ready to back up your walk of faith, love and obedience to God! Grace and mercy will meet your impossibilities and do the impossible in your life when you choose to remove the idols from your heart. "All who worship worthless idols turn from the God who offers them mercy." (Jonah 2:8 CEV)

### Pick Up Your Victory Keys!

Hezekiah's story teaches us powerful *Victory Keys*. When we remove idols:

- True worship is restored.
- Satan's grip is broken.
- The blessings of healing and prosperity flow freely.

In short, victory moves from being a "hope so, someday" dream to a REALITY. Oh, my friend, you are destined for great victories! I see you moving up higher with the Lord. As you let go of every worthless thing, great and mighty things will open up before you. Keep moving onward and upward in Jesus! I'm praying for your breakthrough and your blessing!

Elul 9: September 9, 2019

"Don't Throw Away That Prophecy Just Yet!"  
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The gift of prophecy is one of the most exciting spiritual gifts. Also, it is one of the most misunderstood.

I remember one of the first times I received a prophetic word. Emotionally, it felt like an overwhelming and celebratory experience. The only problem was that I didn't remember any of what was spoken over me.

I was so excited, praising God and praying while the prophecy was being released, that I missed 90% of the content of the prophetic message! This was a novice blunder that would teach me an easy lesson – LISTEN when God is speaking!

Other times I have received prophetic words and they seemed to bring more questions, uncertainty, and confusion to my life than answers. Years later, after having received hundreds of prophetic words and given thousands of prophetic words globally, God has taught me a lot about stewarding prophetic words.

I felt compelled to share some practical keys and spiritual insights to help those individuals who have unfulfilled prophetic words over their lives or words that have left a question mark in their minds.

### Understanding Prophecy

One must first understand that prophecy, on the individual level, operates a bit differently than Biblical prophecy. Prophetic words found in the books of the Bible are concrete and absolute. They pertain to the plans and purposes of God for the Body of Christ and humanity. The fulfillment of these prophetic promises does not rest in the hands or actions of one individual or group of individuals.

Individual prophecies, or rather personal prophecies, are conditional – meaning they are subject to requirements or conditions being met before they can be fulfilled.

I have met individuals who have received prophetic words and complained that the person who gave them the word was inaccurate or that God did not keep His promises. Oftentimes these individuals received these prophetic words and took no action to partner with the prophetic word to see it come to pass in their lives. Figuratively, they lay back on their hammocks with their arms crossed and wait for the prophecies to come to pass with no application of faith or obedience on their part. They dismiss the conditionality of personal prophecy.

### Seek God for Clarity

Have you ever received a prophetic word and didn't understand exactly what God was trying to say to you? I'm sure many of us have had a similar experience. Don't throw away these prophetic words. Put them in your proverbial "prayer box" and seek God for clarity. Prayer will help to fill in the blanks of what God is really trying to communicate.

God spoke to the prophet Samuel (Samuel 16:1), *"...I have provided Me a king..."* Samuel heard the prophecy correctly, but it was interpreted through his own soulish filter. In his mind, a king should have a certain stately and noble appearance, impressive to the eyes of the beholders.

Samuel received clarity by keeping his heart open to God. 1 Samuel 16:6-7, *"And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is before Him.' But the Lord said unto Samuel, 'Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.'"*

Samuel made the right choice by staying internally prayerful and allowing his heart to be tuned to the voice of God. The spiritual clarity he received resulted in David being anointed and later appointed as king of Israel. When we receive personal prophecy or prophetic instructions, it is important to ask for further clarity about what we have already received from God. Prophecy may give direction but we must ask God for details and specifics.

### Seek God for Wisdom

The proper stewardship of a personal prophecy not only involves seeking God for clarity, but also for wisdom. Wisdom involves the proper usage of knowledge or the clarity that you have received from God. Joseph is a prime example of a prophetic dreamer who could have exercised more wisdom before sharing some of his revelations.

Genesis 37:5, "Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more."

Joseph may have prematurely shared his revelation with his siblings who were not spiritually mature. It may have caused unnecessary backlash. Nevertheless, God caused it to work together for the mutual good of all parties involved.

Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."

Every prophetic promise requires an appropriate response. The wisdom of God helps us to respond properly to personal prophecy.

Some words may require you to take action. Other prophetic words may require that you rest in God and trust that He will bring the word to pass. Taking action could actually be counterproductive to God's divine providence in the matter. Other prophetic words may require that you make amends with people from the past or walk in a greater level of humility, faith, or love. Ask God for the appropriate wisdom as it relates to your personal prophetic promises.

### Geography Plays a Part

Some prophetic words are geographically related. For instance, God's promise to settle, prosper, and multiply the children of Israel was directly related to them being planted in the Promise Land. The children of Israel wandered throughout the Arabian Peninsula and the land of Canaan for many years.



Many times we read where the people of Israel questioned the provision and prophetic promises of God. Prophetic promises began to be fulfilled in succession once they were successfully planted in the Promised Land. Also, the conditionality of prophetic fulfillment was revealed.

Numbers 14:8, "If the LORD delights in us, He will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey."

One great man of God, John G. Lake, received a prophetic word that God was going to use him greatly and powerfully to share the Gospel. God could have very well blessed and used him greatly in his hometown in Canada, but his prophetic manifestation was predestined for another territory. God used John G. Lake moderately in ministry in the USA.

When he obeyed God and relocated to South Africa, his ministry began to explode. Over a 5-year period his apostolic ministry efforts led to the salvation of thousands of souls and the establishment of several hundred churches. It was deemed as the most successful Pentecostal effort in southern Africa's history. Had John G. Lake remained in the USA, undoubtedly his prophetic promise would have remained unfulfilled.

### The Timing of God

The prophet Daniel is noted for the ability he had to interpret visions, dreams and understand divine revelations. Daniel understood the importance of seeking God for the timing of prophetic fulfillment.

Daniel 9:2, "In the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem."

While seeking God concerning an unfulfilled promise to free the children of Israel from bondage from Babylon, Daniel reads Jeremiah's prior prophecy of emancipation after seventy years.

Jeremiah 25: 11-12, "And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the Lord, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations."

Daniel read the prophecy of Jeremiah that had a two-fold implication. Firstly, the children of Israel would be freed from bondage. Secondly, the nation of Babylon would be judged for their iniquities. The Israelites would have felt that God had neglected them and forgot His promises to them. Daniel comes to understand that the prophecy had a time stamp on it – seventy years.

Oftentimes our own personal prophecies being unfulfilled can make us feel discouraged or that God has forgotten us. The truth is, many prophecies have a time stamp on them! Our job is to walk with God daily and grow in the knowledge of Him until He brings His words over our lives to pass.

Many prophecies come to pass when you least expect them to do so because they are in God's perfect timing!

Ecclesiastes 3:1, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."

### Prayer

*Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for Your great love. I repent if I have doubted Your voice or Word. I thank You for every prophetic promise that has been released into my life – whether by dream, vision, or prophecy. Please grant me wisdom and clarity to understand the things that You have already revealed to me and the things that You are revealing to me.*

*Father, help me to not miss the pieces of my own prophetic puzzle. I ask that the Holy Spirit would give me both strength and patience to walk with perseverance and endurance until I see every promise that You have made me come to pass in my life.*

*In the midst of waiting upon Heaven's perfect timing in my life, draw me closer to You and Your heart. In Jesus name I pray. Amen!*

Elul 10: September 10, 2019

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I HEARD A CRY OF FRUSTRATION COMING FROM THE HEARTS OF MANY  
"JESUS, I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO TO STEP INTO THE  
BREAKTHROUGH AND PROMISES YOU HAVE FOR ME" AND I HEARD THE

LORD REPLY "YOU ARE NOW ENTERING THE MIDNIGHT ZONE WHERE I THE GOD OF WONDERS WILL MEET YOU" by Lana Vawser Ministries

Recently I heard a strong and loud cry coming from the hearts of many of God's people in their secret place with the Lord. They were crying out "Jesus, I don't know what else to do to step into the breakthrough and promises you have for me."

There was such an intense frustration, despair and disappointment bubbling up in the hearts of God's people. The sense surrounded me so strongly that they have "tried everything". They have done "they know all to do". Every "avenue" has been tried and a deep frustration has entered their hearts, leaving despair and a feeling of hopelessness that they didn't think their promise manifested could feel any further away, and suddenly it has.

That's when I heard the Lord reply "You are now entering the midnight zone where I, the God of wonders will meet you."

The sense was so strong around me of the place where we face impossibility "head on" and the Lord spoke again "I have brought you to the place where I am your only option. I am going to be your hero! You have entered the midnight zone where I am your only option. You have come to the point of desperation where things need to change. Don't despise the frustration you are feeling, because that place of frustration is the place of UPGRADE. It is the place of miracles. It's the place where you are going to see Me move in power and leave you in wonder of who I am. Put your hope in Me! I will NOT fail you! I am about to do what only I can do. In this process I am dealing with more than just the area of breakthrough that you need, I am dealing with your heart. I am dealing with the strongholds within. I am healing the heart. I am healing the soul. I am healing the mind. Open up your hearts, this is your moment of your greatest transformational encounters in Me."

Joshua 3:5 then resounded loudly around me:

Then Joshua said to the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you."

He whispered again:

"I have brought you to the end of yourself. I have brought you to the place of the deepest rest of faith that you have ever experienced. In the brokenness before Me you are transitioning into the greatest upgrade and impartation

and manifestation of faith in your life that you have walked in. It's the place of REST. I am bringing you deeper into the faith rested life. The place of deeper trust in who I am. There is nothing you can do to "EARN" the breakthrough and "EARN" the miracle. I am breaking off these orphan mentalities. In the wrestle, in the pushing, in the struggle, I am purifying your heart from the wrong beliefs and removing the roots that are hindering you from walking in My truth. I am changing your perspective."

I AM BRINGING YOU MY PEOPLE, INTO A SEASON OF THE GREATEST MIRACLES YOU HAVE EVER SEEN

I had a vision and I saw many of God's people weeping in such a "dry and arid land". These lands represented these areas where there has just not been ANY breakthrough but the continued culmination of things that shout "Breakthrough will never come. The weeping was SO loud and I heard the Lord speak again "I have collected every tear, I have cherished every cry and continue to bring comfort to My people and release hope to them that I am the God that has prepared for them, things that are greater than they have imagined. (1 Corinthians 2:9) These dry and arid lands are SUDDENLY shifting. (Psalm 84:6-8) Watch what I will do. Suddenly, I saw the breath of the Spirit begin to breathe over these dry and arid lands. It was the breath of REVIVAL. I heard Him speak again "I am bringing you My people, into a season of the greatest miracles you have ever seen"

I watched as God moved in power in so many different ways in the lives of His people, restoring hope and turning things around, MAJOR MIRACLES and His heart resounded, "THIS IS NOT THE END, THIS IS YOUR GREATEST NEW BEGINNING."

It's in the place of rested trust in Him, ceasing from the striving, entering into this midnight zone, the greatest miracles you have ever seen will suddenly manifest. Someone needs to hear the truth today that He will not fail you. Hope will NOT disappoint you. (Romans 5:5)

THE LANDSCAPE CHANGED FROM DRY AND ARID TO A BURNING BRANDING THAT DECLARED "THE ALMIGHTY GOD OF WONDERS WAS HERE"

I watched as the landscape changed. Miracles and the power of God manifested SO significantly the land was now branded with "THE ALMIGHTY GOD OF WONDERS WAS HERE"

The Lord whispered again: "These places of the greatest pain, the greatest despair, trauma and hopelessness, are becoming some of the greatest pillars of "stones of remembrance" in the lives of My people." (Joshua 4)

These places of the deepest struggle, pain and heartache are the places of the greatest encounter with Jesus. Jesus is stepping in. The Holy Spirit is doing what only He can do. You coming to the "end of yourself" is actually one of your greatest gifts of this season, because you are going to see Him do what only He can do.

These places are becoming your pillars of remembrance where you will forever look back with thankfulness and gratitude of mighty deliverance and demonstrations of His power that you have ever seen testifying to His goodness and nature and releasing hope and strength, not only to you but the generations to come.

Elul 11: September 11, 2019

Pat Francis: The God of Jacob

"Hear my prayer, O LORD God Almighty; listen to me, O God of Jacob. Look upon our shield, O God; look with favor on your anointed one." (Ps 84:8-9).

We mentioned yesterday that the name Jacob meant, 'trickster and con artist.. Jacob's name, however, was changed to Israel (Prince of God) describing a nation, a people group, and a religion. It is never too late for change and a new beginning with God. We can learn from Jacob how to obtain mercy and favor from God:

1) Prayer and confession. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9).

2) Tithe and offerings. Jacob made a covenant with God to give back to God a tithe of everything he was blessed with. Jacob vowed to God: "And this stone that I have set up as a pillar will be God's house, and of all that you give me I will give you a tenth." (Gen. 28:22).

3) Repentance. After a night of prayer, he went back and faced his brother Esau with gifts of repentance and his brother forgave him. "When a man's ways are pleasing to the LORD, he makes even his enemies live at peace with him." (Prov.16:7).

4) He did what was necessary to change his life. "So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak." (Gen. 32:24). Jacob wrestled all night in prayer; God heard and granted him his request.

The name Jacob stands forever as a reminder that God is more powerful than our mistakes and failures. The God of Jacob looks down with favor upon you today.

Kingdom Declaration:

I am forgiven, blessed, and favored by Jesus Christ, my LORD and Savior.

Elul 12: September 12, 2019

"Angelic Activity Is Increasing! What Roll Do You Play?"

Danielle Dixon, Queensland, Australia

I felt a nudge from the Lord over the past week to write about the activity of angels and how we have been given the authority to release angels into our circumstances. This is a clear reminder of the important ministry the angelic forces are playing in this hour.

There has been such an increase of angelic activity between Heaven and Earth in the past few years. I have been honored to be an onlooker to this activity many times, and have personally experienced different encounters and visions with angels. This activity is not just taking place in our individual lives, it's also happening in people groups, ministries, and regions of countries and nations.

God's Faithful Messengers

Angels are God's faithful messengers between Heaven and Earth. "He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to Heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it" (Genesis 28:12).

Even though angels are constantly ascending and descending on assignment from God, we still have a part to play. It is our job to release them into situations. You are the voice of God's Word on the earth, and angels are sent to do God's Word, obeying the voice of His Word.

"Praise the LORD, you His angels, you mighty ones who do His bidding, who obey His Word." (Psalm 103:20)

We are the heirs of salvation, and the angels have been assigned to minister on our behalf, but again, we have a part to play. "Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?" (Hebrews 1:14).

We are the ones giving voice to God's Word, just as we see in Daniel 10:12 when Gabriel, the archangel, said to Daniel, "...I have come because of your words." Angels are activated when we give voice to God's Word.

Angels wage warfare in the spirit realm on our behalf. With the Word of God, they pursue and drive away our enemy. We need this kind of supernatural counter-attack in our daily lives, and we have it available to us, right on the tips of our tongues.

Elul 13: September 13, 2019

Prophetic Word from the Robinsons

Something big is coming up. You have been wondering if it is going to be overwhelming. You have never been right here before. You have been in similar situations, but not exactly right here. What you do know, deep in your spirit, is that in your life, I have always handled events better than you have yourself. It is no different with this upcoming event. Yes, it is big, but not bigger than Me. Do the same with what is coming up that you've always done. Simply trust me.

*Proverbs 3:5-8 (NASB) "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your body and refreshment to your bones."* Bev Robinson

In this day and age, people most definitely don't want to have their privacy infringed upon. People, in general, are very reticent. They keep to themselves and do not interfere with the personal domain of other people. Be one who changes the norm and get out beyond yourself. Be unselfish with your time, space and energy. Be sensitive to the feelings of others, yet be one who breaks the ice. Within you lies My power to

transform. Move with My vitality.

*Acts 4:31 (AMPC) "And when they had prayed, the place in which they were assembled was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they continued to speak the Word of God with freedom and boldness and courage." Kevin Robinson*

I know you have wondered why the attacks from the enemy continue. There will always be an enemy; there will always be circumstances that seem to be unfair. I Am the God who protects you. I have been a protection for you in the middle of the battle. Many times, you were not even aware that I was there, but I was fighting for you and defending you from attacks the enemy meant as harm.

*Psalm 121:1-4 (NASB) "I will lift up my eyes to the mountains; From where shall my help come? My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth. He will not allow your foot to slip; He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel Will neither slumber nor sleep." Jonas Bohlin*

Elul 14: September 14, 2019

"God Is Resurrecting Hope for Promises Fulfilled"

Seth Dahl and Rene Parsons

We receive God's precious and magnificent promises so that we will be partakers in His divine nature (2 Peter 1:4).

God wants your life to look like His. God is Spirit. God is love. God is peace. God is light. God is perfect. God is a concealer of matters and a revealer of truths. His gifts and His fruit are unmatched and He wants you to partake of them. He wants you to partner with all of it. The promises for your life have a fuller purpose than simply your hopes and wants in this world. God uses them to bring forth Christ-likeness within you.

Fulfilled promises are a part of restoring you to your original design. You were designed to be in direct fellowship with God, face-to-face with God, made in His image, co-reigning on Earth in the seen and unseen. You being restored in this way is so important that Jesus was tortured on the Cross so you could receive this restoration. If you are ever wondering if God is invested in His promises to you



coming to pass, you need to only look to the Cross. They are both a part of you returning to your original design, the divine nature.

As we prayed and prepared this article God spoke loudly to encourage many to believe again!

He is more than just the Promiser. He is the PROMISE KEEPER. He is invested in bringing His promises over your life to pass.

2 Corinthians 1:20, "For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore also through Him is our amen to the glory of God through us."

He has already said YES to all His promises over your life! As you see them fulfilled, you bring Him glory.

### Purpose in the Promise

In 2 Samuel, we see where the promises of God to David are delivered via a prophetic word through the prophet Nathan. It was a personal, corporate, and generational word. God promised to give David peace and prosperity, which would then create a safe place for His people to settle after so many years of instability. God promised that David's son would build the temple. What a beautiful picture of God's nature. He blesses and prospers you not only for your benefit, but for the benefit of the entire Kingdom, as well as the next generation.

With every promise over your life, you should be asking God how it benefits the Kingdom and the next generation. God will work to protect these promises because He has a personal love for you, His Kingdom, and those who will come after you.

Many have become sick in their hearts and God is about to make them well. Proverbs 13:12, "Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but desire fulfilled is a tree of life."

So, what do you do when hope deferred begins to set in, when the promise you have been longing for, because of un-fulfillment, becomes the very thing that begins to torment you?

Whenever you are in a dark place, God will meet you there and remind you of His promises. When Abraham was in a difficult place, he could look up into the night and ponder the stars, reminding himself of the promise over his life. God promised that Abraham's descendants would be like the stars, unmeasurable. God will give you

clues, and like He did with Abraham, will speak to you in a special way that makes sense for your promises.

Many of you have grieved without seeing some of the fulfillment promised to you. It's time to believe again! Reflect on the journey and know, without a doubt, that time for fulfillment is not yet over. God is telling you to stir up your faith once more, because it will take great faith to act and partner with the Word once again.

24 years after God originally promised descendants to Abraham, God came again and promised to touch Sarah's body, blessing her and Abraham with a child. Can you imagine being Sarah and thinking of breastfeeding and running after a toddler? Sometimes we think the season has passed and we don't even know if we want it anymore, but then God comes along and speaks again to reignite the hope and desire once more.

In the 25th year after the promise was originally spoken, Isaac was born! If you are wondering if a promise is still for you, ask God to speak again.

### Changing Perspective Changes Everything

So often people look to God to function like a manufacturer's guarantee and warranty. It's a mindset that if you buy this product and it doesn't work as described, you have a written guarantee so you can get your money back. It comforts us and gives us confidence in the product because there is a black and white formula for what happens if things go wrong. But you know what?

The reason we need those warranties is because there is no trust between us. We are purchasing a product from a company, not receiving a promise from our Father. With companies, we need guarantees to feel like we can trust their product. With God, we are not dealing with warranties or guarantees, we are dealing with promises.

If you treat promises from God as though they are guarantees from a company, you are already set up to become disappointed if they don't happen the way you thought they would, or in the timing you expected. If you do this, you also rob yourself of the bigger purposes of the promises He has for you. God wants you to share in His divine nature. He wants you to look more like Him. You are uniquely made so this will look completely different for every individual.

When you truly believe that God is working everything for your good, believing He is fully committed to seeing His promises through for you, it shields you from hope deferred setting in.

When your perspective shifts, you will delight in the journey. The journey is the great unknown part of the promise. It's this unknown piece that is the adventure! It is what makes us look like God, sharing in His divine nature. It is what creates deep and intimate relationship between you and Jesus. This is the entire reason He brings you these promises.

### What Is Required of You?

What is God requiring of you to receive the fulfillment? The Word is full of conditional and unconditional promises. There is nothing required, of any human, to receive the promise God made us in Genesis 9:11, the promise that never again will all life and the earth be destroyed by a flood. He just won't do it. However, many of you, like Abraham and Sarah, have personal promises from God that require something from you to see their fulfillment. Sarah and Abraham had to call themselves the names God gave them, not the names they'd had their entire lives.

It is important for you to know what is required of you to receive the promise. Often it is simply moving forward and trying, changing how you see yourself and making sure it's the same way God sees you; And above all, trusting Him before you see the promise.

Abraham and Sarah trusted the promise enough to put their faith into action. They moved forward the best way they knew how by having Abraham lay with Hagar. They did experience consequences because of this but it did NOT disqualify them from the promise. God helped steer them in the right direction. They were willing to partner even though they made a mistake, and God still brought the promise.

Are you dealing with distrusting God or unbelief, and allowing fear to freeze you? When you are frozen, you cannot take the action steps required of you to receive the promise. This is exactly what we see in the generation of Israelites who were too afraid, refusing to enter their promised land. They allowed their fear to break trust in God. God was angry and made an oath that none of them, except Caleb and Joshua, would receive the promise.

### Be a Joshua

God was enraged at the Israelites who, after experiencing all of God's faithfulness towards them, still did not believe. This kind of short memory and disaster-based thinking frustrates God.

Reckless faith to partner with what God is saying is beautiful to God. Deuteronomy 1:38, "Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall enter there;

encourage him, for he will cause Israel to inherit it." God can do anything with someone who allows Him to. Joshua's *yes* caused all of Israel to inherit their promise. You, too, have the power to determine if you and others will inherit God's promises.

God promises many things for those who love and follow Him. He also has custom promises just for you, just like He customized work for you to do (Ephesians 2:10). These promises uniquely align with how He skillfully wove you together in the depths of the earth (Psalms 139:15). You are indeed His handiwork.

If there has been disappointment in the process, bring it to God. Don't just embrace what God has promised to give you or do for you. Embrace where He is taking you—into Christ-likeness. Ask God what that next step should look like and take the dive into the deep with your God

Elul 15: September 15, 2019

Isaiah 54:8-17 Amplified Bible (AMP) Chaplain Wade Butler

<sup>8</sup> "In an outburst of wrath I hid My face from you for a moment, But with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you," Says the LORD your Redeemer.

<sup>9</sup> "For this is like the waters of Noah to Me, As I swore [an oath] that the waters of Noah Would not flood the earth again; In the same way I have sworn that I will not be angry with you Nor will I rebuke you. <sup>10</sup> "For the mountains may be removed and the hills may shake, But My lovingkindness will not be removed from you, Nor will My covenant of peace be shaken," Says the LORD who has compassion on you.

<sup>11</sup> "O you afflicted [city], storm-tossed, and not comforted, Listen carefully, I will set your [precious] stones in mortar, And lay your foundations with sapphires. <sup>12</sup> "And I will make your battlements of rubies, And your gates of [shining] beryl stones, And all your [barrier] <sup>[a]</sup>walls of precious stones. <sup>13</sup> "And all your [spiritual] sons will be disciples [of the LORD], And great will be the <sup>[b]</sup>well-being of your sons.

<sup>14</sup> "You will be firmly established in righteousness: You will be far from [even the thought of] oppression, for you will not fear, And from terror, for it will not come near you. <sup>15</sup> "If anyone fiercely attacks you it will not be from Me. Whoever attacks you will fall because of you. <sup>16</sup> "Listen carefully, I have created the smith who blows on the fire of coals And who produces a weapon for its purpose; And I have created the destroyer to inflict ruin.

<sup>17</sup> "No weapon that is formed against you will succeed; And every tongue that rises against you in judgment you will condemn. This [peace, righteousness, security, and triumph over opposition] is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, And this is their vindication from Me," says the LORD.

Robin Robinson Bohlin

There is rapid change coming. Just as waters seem to flow faster as they approach a waterfall, so will your life speed up? At first it will feel like you are out of control, but calm your heart and ride the fast flowing river. These are days of acceleration and change. Prepare yourself now so you are not caught off guard. The difference in Jesus' life before and after resurrection is your example. Acceleration brings enormous manifestation.

1 Peter 1:13 (TPT) So then, prepare your hearts and minds for action! Stay alert and fix your hope firmly on the marvelous grace that is coming to you. For when Jesus Christ is unveiled, a greater measure of grace will be released to you."

Elul 16: September 16, 2019

Pat Francis: You are heavily protected

"Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people both now and forevermore." (Ps. 125:1-2).

God promised His children guaranteed protection. He surrounds us, guards us, defends us, and shields us from danger. With His care and protection we are safe and secure. In department stores when shipping 'fragile items' they use items such as shrink and

bubble wraps, special boxes, cartons, poly bags, Styrofoam and containers made of wood or steel depending on the product. You are heavily protected and secure in God.

God protects you with:

- 1) His Angels. "Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?" (Heb 1:14).
- 2) His Armor. "Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." (Eph. 6:11).
- 3) His Blood. The blood of Jesus protects you from evil.
- 4) His seal. "... you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit." (Eph. 1:13).
- 5) His Word. He has given you His promises and guarantees your outcome.
- 6) His Power. "I know that the LORD is great, that our Lord is greater than all gods." Ps 135:5.

You are protected from the inside out, God is in you. No wonder the Psalmist says, "... you are like Mount Zion which cannot be shaken but endures forever."

Kingdom Declaration:

I am like Mount Zion which cannot be shaken but endures forever.

Elul 17: September 17, 2019  
17 Elul – Noah dispatches dove (2105 BCE)



## Storms

*Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.* – James 1:12 NASB

Images of nature fill many paintings by Joseph Turner. In 1842 at the age of sixty-seven, he decided to focus on storms in a fresh way. Instead of watching from afar, Turner felt compelled to experience the fury of a storm for himself.

He had himself tied to the mainmast of a ship, which sailed into the heart of a gale. It was an intense experience. Afterward, filled with personal insight, he painted "Snow Storm: Steam-Boat off a Harbour's Mouth." The painting puzzled some but amazed others with its intensity.

Observers felt what it meant to go through a storm. As one critic summarized, this painting "is the essence of all that Turner had discovered...during forty years of practice"

In our spiritual lives, God may allow us to go through storms. As we do, we need to trust in Him and realize that storms have a purpose. They deepen our faith and change our character. And persevering through trials results in blessings and "the crown of life."

In a similar way, Paul described how God wants us to "*exult in our tribulations.*" Why? Because they bring about perseverance, proven character, and hope (Romans 5:3-5).

Today, remember that God has an eternal plan for you. When you go through storms, have faith. Trust Him. Let Him perfect you and teach you. Let Him give you a more powerful testimony, change you, and prove Himself mighty!

Prayer

Father, help me to persevere in every situation. I will not give up, but trust in You. I believe You for victory. In Jesus' name, amen.

Elul 18: September 18, 2019

YOU MAY HAVE FELT LIKE YOU HAVE BEEN TRAINED HARDER THAN EVER, BUT NOW YOU SHALL WALK INTO NEW ASSIGNMENTS OPPORTUNITIES THE LORD HAS FOR YOU WITH GREATER STRENGTH, PURITY AND EMPOWERMENT. by Lana Vawser Ministries

There has been a scene from the latest Wonder Woman (2017) movie that has been playing over and over in my mind the past few weeks. In one of the scenes when Wonder Woman is being 'trained' there is an instruction given to train her harder than any other, five, ten times harder.

As this scene has continued to play over and over in my mind the last few weeks, I asked the Holy Spirit what He was saying. The Lord spoke to me that there are many in the body of Christ that feel like they have been trained harder than ever before. They feel like the 'training' was intense previously but then it increased, five, ten times harder than before. The Lord showed me that many in the body of Christ have been walking through intense times right now, trials, opposition and transition and all of it has one common denominator It is requiring a new level of faith. It's requiring the people of God to "come up higher" than they ever have before. In a dream a few



months ago the Lord spoke clearly to me that the body of Christ need to be like eagles, soaring high above the noise and the natural realm and living FROM the realm of the Spirit and their seated place in Christ. (Ephesians 2:6)

There has been an increase in the training of faith, an increase in the Lord training His people how to war from the heavenly's using the Word of God. Unshaken, and not moved by natural circumstances. There has been a deep, deep training of faith that's been taking place where you have no other option but to root and ground yourself deeply in the Word of God and what He says.

The Lord is raising up a strong army who's eyes are fixed upon Jesus and knows where their help comes from (Psalm 121). The Church that walks on the water because their eyes are focused on Jesus and not on the waves. The Church that sees the impossibilities in the natural bow to the name of Jesus Christ. The Church that carries heavenly wisdom and blueprints to see the Kingdom of God established in the earth in greater ways than ever, going forth with their mouths filled with the answers from heaven to the world's problems to bring redemptive solutions to see nations impacted by the Gospel and the reality of Jesus Christ and His goodness.

**YOUR TRAINING HAS NOT BEEN FOR NOTHING, IT'S PREPARING YOU FOR THE NEW ASSIGNMENTS AND FRESH COMMISSIONING UPON YOU**

This training by the Holy Spirit has been necessary for what you are going to walk in. What the enemy meant for harm, what circumstances scream in the opposite to your promise, in the midst of it all, God is building your faith muscles. He is awakening you to your identity in Christ. In the wrestle a DEEP PRUNING has been taking place and you are moving into greater supernatural freedom than you have ever known. Many of you have felt like in the Holy Spirit boot camp training you weren't going to survive, but the Lord is actually delivering you of things that have HELD YOU BACK and is strengthening your faith muscles, your character and a deep purification taking place so you can move into new assignments and a fresh commissioning.

Many of you have been chased into a corner by fear and other levels of intimidation by the enemy and how he has used circumstances to keep you caged, but you are now rising up and awakening to living from the heavenly reality of your seat in Christ and now you will go forth and destroy the works of darkness like never before as the Kingdom of God is extended through your life.

There is a MIGHTY SHIFT that's taking place and a fresh commissioning is happening upon many. God is opening NEW SCROLLS before you which have new assignments on them and you will step into them with greater strength, purity of heart, empowerment of the Spirit and demonstrations of His power like never before.

#### A DEEP FORTIFYING INTO HIS TRUTH AND MATURING OF THE SAINTS IS TAKING PLACE

The Lord spoke to me that in the deep training of how to live a life of faith that is taking place there is a deep fortifying into His truth and maturing that is taking place. God is fortifying His people in the TRUTH of the Word of God like never before. He is exposing lies, roots, wrong foundations and cracks in the lives of His people where there has not been an accurate revelation of His truth that has taken root. God is uprooting things that are opposing the truth of His Word and the revelation of His truth is blossoming forth. The Lord is maturing the saints in many ways. God is separating His people from the carnal; He is establishing the revelation of His truth of who He is, His Word and the identity of His people like never before. God is training His people how to live as overcomers and walk in great faith which attracts His power.

The intense training that has been and is taking place in the spirit is for your good and so you can go forth into a manifestation of your destiny that you have not walked in before. God is having you eat scrolls of His truth that is changing the story of your life thus far and birthing and catapulting you into new assignments you have never dreamed of.

#### NEW ASSIGNMENTS TO GO INTO NATIONS AND REVEAL AND MEND CRACKS IN FOUNDATIONS

The Lord kept highlighting "NEW ASSIGNMENTS TO GO INTO NATIONS". When I asked the Lord about it I saw avenues and doors opening up into nations with significant acceleration. These new assignments took on different forms, for some it looked like "feet on the ground" in nations, for others it was entering into nations through social media, the internet and the media realm (television etc) and for others it looked like manuscripts/books being written, songs being written and sung, for others it looked like connecting with people from other nations ministering to them, praying for them and as they then go back to that nation, they carry an impartation received from the Holy Spirit as you prayed and ministered to them that releases a shift into that nation. I heard the Holy Spirit say "I am increasing nations upon the heart of man"

"Only ask, and I will give you the nations as your inheritance, the whole earth as your possession." - (Psalm 2:8 NLT)

"Ask me to give you the nations and I will do it, and they shall become your legacy. Your domain will stretch to the ends of the earth. (Psalm 2:8 TPT)

God is preparing the body of Christ and the earth for the greatest harvest we have ever seen and in the MATURING and TRAINING of faith He is raising up His people to GOVERN. To govern through their prayers, through their decrees, through walking in obedience to Him through the assignments He is releasing to see the Kingdom of God and the Glory of God revealed in the nations.

The Lord showed me that in these new assignments to "go into nations" the Spirit of God is revealing and mending cracks in foundations of nations. Through these new assignments God is doing an even deeper work in revealing what is in foundations of nations, where the cracks are and releasing His people to move with His Spirit in so many different ways to bring shift and healing to those cracks in explosive demonstrations like we have never seen before. The Holy Spirit whispered again "EXPECT TO SEE THESE CRACKS REVEALED MORE AND MORE AND HAVE AN EVEN GREATER EXPECTATION TO SEE THEM HEALED AND MY GLORY REVEALED"

Things will shake and tremble in the revealing of the cracks in nations, but greater shall be the shaking that will take place as My Glory is revealed and the demonstration of My power and the power of My Gospel in the earth.

Can you hear the sound of the cooing of doves? It's harvest time for you and for the nations.

### Decrees to Manifest Heaven's Authority on Earth

When we decree God's word we are causing Heaven to manifest in the natural realm, becoming our reality. Decrees are powerful, establishing God's will and manifesting Heaven's authority on Earth. "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven" (Matthew 6:10 KJV).

The English definition of decree is "a statement of truth that carries the authority of a court order." This is one of the best examples: When a criminal is convicted of a crime

and sentenced to prison, he cannot ignore that sentence because the authority of the court order is such that once convicted, he has no further say in the matter. The same is true with our decrees being released into the atmosphere.

When we decree God's provision and blessings over our lives, then anything coming against our provision and blessing can have no further say in the matter. The angelic are the army that enforce God's Word. Decreeing God's Word into situations is the authority angels need to do our bidding and to pursue our enemy.

"May those who seek my life be disgraced and put to shame; may those who plot my ruin be turned back in dismay. May they be like chaff before the wind, with the angel of the Lord driving them away; may their path be dark and slippery, with the angel of the Lord pursuing them." (Psalm 35:4-6)

Instead of complaining about the battle, release the army of God into the battle. You will see the enemy fleeing seven different ways.

The angelic army is awaiting our instructions. Angels are already commissioned by God; they are waiting to be activated by man. You have authority, right now, on Earth. Harvesting angels and provision angels have been released to accelerate and advance the Kingdom of God. Make sure you release them daily in your life to bring in your harvest and provision. Amen!

Elul 19, 5779: September 19, 2019

"How to Enter a New Time Gate and Era" Ray and Renaid Almgren,  
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At Passover the Lord began to speak some things to me. Passover is one of the three God feasts (the other two are Pentecost and Tabernacles), where God tells the men they are to appear before Him (Exodus 34:23, Deuteronomy 16:16) God doesn't call you before Him unless He has something to say, so many consider these three feasts import times to listen for revelation from God.

A New Era

What I heard was that God's people are entering a New Era, or as I call it, a New Time Gate. What is an era? An era is a long and distinct period of history with a particular feature or characteristic. The Lord pointed out to me examples of one era ending and another beginning. He showed me that most of the World War II veterans

have died, ending an era. Another example is NASA. It's been 50 years since men first walked on the moon, and now in this new era of space travel, they are talking about going to Mars and a space militia.

### A New Time Gate

When Peter and John were going up to the temple to pray in Acts 3, they met the lame man at the Beautiful Gate. The adjective "beautiful" does not just mean pretty in appearance, in Greek it means *happening at the right time*, or as I call it, happening at the "right time gate." The lame man was in this condition for 40 years and was probably at this same place when Jesus walked to the temple. But Jesus did not heal him because it was not the right time. He was healed when he met Peter and John.

This is what happened after the lame man was healed:

"However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand" (Acts 4:4 NKJV). You see, it was the right time for the miracle to happen with Peter and John because 5,000 men believed; this may not include the women!

### Another Time Gate

Below is another example where it wasn't time, then it was the right time. Read the Scripture below about the wedding feast at Cana, where Jesus performed His first miracle. At first, He tells His mother it wasn't His time, then it was His time. It wasn't time to reveal His glory and then it was time.

John 2:1-11 (NIV), "On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and His disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to Him, 'They have no more wine.' 'Woman, why do you involve Me?' Jesus replied. 'My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever He tells you.'

"Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water'; so they filled them to the brim. Then He told them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.' They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. "Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, 'Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.' What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first

of the signs through which He revealed His glory; and His disciples believed in Him."

### Sight Precedes Expression

Tied into the New Era and Time Gate is the fact that we are entering a new Hebrew year beginning on the evening of September 29th. The year 5779 will end and we will move into 5780, which is significant because it will begin a new decade or a 10-year portal. Numbers are very significant in Hebrew because each Hebrew letter has a numerical value connected to it. The number 80 is the numerical value for the Hebrew letter "Pey" which means "mouth." It is the 17th letter and follows "Ayin" which means "to see," and carries a value of 70. I believe this emphasizes that sight precedes expression.

So, we are entering a New Era where we will see at another level and speak what we see into existence (see Romans 4:17), establishing new foundations, new order, and new developments.

What does entering into a New Era or Time Gate mean for us personally? God is about to accelerate things in the Kingdom. We are going to see the miraculous operate right before our eyes. The prayers we have prayed for years will suddenly begin to be answered in incredible ways. Many will see their destinies being fulfilled and opportunities open up effortlessly. We will be able to hear and know what God is saying and doing at a much higher level, not only for ourselves but for cities and regions. Why? Because we are at the right time gate where God is moving.

### How to Enter Your Time Gate

Most importantly, to come into this New Era and Time Gate in God, we must let go of all that offended us, hurt us and hindered us in the last season to fully step into this next season in God. *We will miss our destinies at this time if we don't forgive.*

"Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13-14 NASB)

Take a moment and ask God, "Is there anyone I am to forgive? What is hindering me?" Tell God you are letting go of people and offenses because you want to fully enter into your new place at this new time.

Elul 20, 5779: September 20, 2019

THERE IS A RESOUNDING SOUND FROM HEAVEN  
"WILL YOU TRUST ME AND MY DIRECTION?" - Lana Vawser

There is a resounding sound from heaven being thundered "WILL YOU TRUST ME AND MY DIRECTION?"

There is a MASSIVE change taking place right now, there is HUGE momentum and acceleration happening and some of the greatest alignments by the hand of God happening RIGHT NOW.

Recently in a dream the Lord spoke to me "Lana, the things My people thought would never be aligned, I am now aligning".

There is a MAJOR divine alignment taking place. There is a major move of His hand happening to rewrite cycles. Cycles that have continued that are not of the Lord, He is breaking and He is beginning new cycles. A divine reset. A divine activation of new cycles for the new era. There are new pathways that God is leading the body of Christ into but we cannot enter into all the new thing God is doing if we are not yielded to His ways.

The Lord is asking the body of Christ a question "Will you trust Me and My direction?" not "Will you rely on your own direction or the direction of yesterday." It is imperative right now as God's people that we are ACTIVELY and INTENTIONALLY asking for the wisdom of God and the directions that He is leading.

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him." (James 1:5)

Recently I had a vision and the Lord showed me that some of the directions that He was leading His people into in this new era were completely unexpected. Many were shocked, stunned and slightly perplexed in the direction of the Lord because it is SO unexpected.

As this was happening I saw the invitation from the Lord to RADICALLY TRUST. As God's people abandoned themselves completely to the Lord His direction in obedience, that ONE MOMENT of radical obedience in the direction He was leading CHANGED EVERYTHING. I watched in this vision as a whole new world opened up before them. I

watched the divine RIPPLE EFFECT that took place from that ONE DECISION to follow Jesus and the leading of the Holy Spirit in His direction, not only opened up NUMEROUS NEW DIRECTIONS but also a level of INCREASE that was one that had never been experienced before.

## THE GREATEST TEST OF TRUST

The Lord showed me that these directions He is leading His people in for many is the place of the greatest TEST OF TRUST. These directions of the Lord are going straight to the heart. It is the test of trust where EVERYTHING is being "put on the line in faith" before the Lord. It is the kind of trust that throws EVERYTHING upon the Lord, the deepest yieldedness that many have ever experienced. Many in the body of Christ are feeling their soul react to this place of deep yielding. There's been fear, there's been anxiety, there's been stress, but IN that place where the Lord is asking FOR EVERYTHING, the resounding of the Lord's heart "COME FOLLOW ME" meeting with the resounding "YES LORD" from His people is dealing with ROOTS of fear, anxiety, stress, fear of man, intimidation, doubt, unbelief "ONCE AND FOR ALL".

This is the greatest test of trust for many of you, but can I encourage you, in this place of the greatest test of trust, you are about to encounter the deepest level of the revelation of who He is and His faithfulness of your life. In the 'new directions' that He is leading, in this place of "come follow Me" even if you're scared, even if you don't understand and it looks different to what you expect" you are going to receive the greatest gift of all - seeing Me like you have never seen Me before."

The enemy and fear is screaming "what if this happens...." or "this is going to happen if you step out... " all of these whispers being negative... where I hear the Lord's whisper "I've gone before you, I've got you covered and you are stepping into a realm of grace and demonstration of My power unlike anything you have ever seen."

## HARVEST IS COMING IN UNEXPECTED PACKAGES

I then heard the words "Harvest is coming in unexpected packages". These directions the Lord is leading His people in are actually the "pinnacle of harvest" thus far. What God is about to do, how He is going to increase you, the flourishing of the seeds that is going to explode, the promises of God that are going to manifest, it is going to take place in EVERY DIRECTION. This explosion of harvest in your life is going to be the greatest manifestation of harvest in your life thus far.



"The season has changed; the bondage of your barren winter has ended, and the season of hiding is over and gone. The rains have soaked the earth and left it bright with blossoming flowers. The season for singing and pruning the vines has arrived. I hear the cooing of doves in our land, filling the air with songs to awaken you and guide you forth. Can you not discern this new day of destiny breaking forth around you? The early signs of my purposes and plans are bursting forth. The budding vines of new life are now blooming everywhere. The fragrance of their flowers whispers, "There is change in the air." - Song of Songs 2:11-13 (TPT)

Not only is the Lord bursting harvest IN your life in unexpected packages through these new directions of His hand, He is preparing you in the radical place of TRUSTING HIM for the MIGHTY HARVEST OF SOULS upon the earth. God is uprooting things in the heart through this great test of trust and exploding His truth within you to PREPARE YOU to move into the next level of your destiny and divine positioning that will take place to see MANY SOULS come into the Kingdom. The "next level" of your destiny for many is in the AWAKENING of who you are and who He is and going forth no longer held back by fear, fear of man, people pleasing, doubt and unbelief and in the recognition and awakening of who you are, you shift atmospheres and extend the Kingdom wherever you go.

## SETTING YOU UP FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE

The Lord spoke to me "Lana, these unexpected directions and greatest tests of trust" is bigger than My people realize. The ONE DECISION to obey Me and follow Me wholeheartedly in My direction is setting My people up for a bright future. This one act of radical obedience and yielding is opening up the "BRIGHT FUTURE" of greater manifested freedom, victory, healing and wholeness, opportunity, increase and positioning of My hand because I am building an army, a victorious bride who follow My voice at all costs and do not bow to the voice of man-made expectations, pressures and ways, but follow Me wherever I lead and however "out of the box" or "unexpected" it looks.

Some of you have been feeling anxiety, fear etc about a pathway the Lord is leading, but He wants you to know to not fear for He is with you, there is nothing to fear. This is a point of major encounter with Him, a great test of trust where the revelation of His truth and faithfulness will change your life and the "domino effect" of His acceleration that will take place through your obedience will be like nothing you have ever seen. He's got you covered!

I saw many feeling anxious "if I go this way, it's so against what I expected or against the grain, it's seems like a backwards step" and I heard the Lord say "This step is actually your greatest step into divine acceleration that you have ever experienced."

God is shifting! God is changing! God is reshaping! Follow His voice, follow His direction, He's with you and will not leave you and you will see great miracles explode in your obedience to Him. It may be the greatest test of trust and at times super painful, but you're actually being positioned for the greatest encounters and breakthroughs of your life, but be INTENTIONAL to continue to ask for His wisdom and to know His ways and then follow Him and that is the place of tremendous peace and joy!

Elul 21, 5779: September 21, 2019

Prophetic Word: 'It's Time to Take a Risk' By: Cindy Jacobs

I was praying for my friends and people in the body of Christ, and the Lord quickly gave me this word: It's time to take a risk.

The Holy Spirit says that there are many occasions that you have in your life where you are playing it safe. Sometimes it is good to play it safe, but the Lord says, "I'm calling you to launch out into the deep. I'm calling you to start that business. I'm calling you to boldly speak to people about Jesus. This isn't a time to be quiet. This isn't a time to hold back. This is a time for a major release to come. This is a time when I want to change things in your life."

Father, I pray for boldness. I pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to come upon your people right now.

The Lord also spoke this to me: "You would say, 'But I'm shy.' But I tell you, I am never shy, so don't you be in control. You get out of your comfort zone and let Me control you. You're going to see that I'm going to help you press forward and endeavor in areas you never had."

So the Lord says, "No more comfort zone. No more staying in the same place. The living water of the Scripture and the life of the Christian are never stagnant. They're always free-flowing. Some of you used to be more

evangelistic; some of you used to be bolder in sharing a prophetic word. Some of you have settled back, and you're into the mediocrity zone. I don't want you to be mediocre. I want you to be red-hot fiery for Me. So, risk yourself. Be willing to launch out. Take that risk."

The Lord says, "If you will follow and heed My voice and jump when I say jump and launch out when I say launch out, you will see I'm going to open doors that cannot be shut. This is the season of open doors. This is the season of new beginnings. This is the season when I'm doing new, new things, like a double portion of new, but I need your involvement. So, jump when I say jump."

Your Time to Press into the NEW!

Plus Connect Center Open this Wednesday for Those Blocked from Entering the New Season!

Elul 22: September 22, 2019

"On the Threshold of 2020 - Clarity Is Coming to Your Vision" Madeline James, Lexington, KY

On the Threshold

As I was preparing to minister at my church last week, the Lord began to speak to me about vision and how many have become weary carrying the vision. In the beginning of the year, the Lord told me to guard the vision, because the enemy would come to attack what the Lord was unfolding. 2019 has been marked by many things. It has been a year of war for the vision over our lives and where God is taking us as we step into 2020. The war has been so great over the past 3-4 years because many in the Body of Christ have been in a massive transition. We have been exiting one era and entering a new era. How we leave one season will determine how we enter the next season.

The Lord told me, "2019 has been a war over the vision of your life. I'm releasing glimpses of your next. As you step over the threshold into 2020,

clarity is coming to the vision." Many of you are on the threshold of stepping into the vision God has purposed for your lives, but the enemy has unleashed great warfare to push you back. A threshold is a place of entering or crossing over. Paul declares in 1 Corinthians 16:9 (TPT), "There's an amazing door of opportunity standing wide open for me to minister here, even though there are many who oppose and stand against me." Don't back down or bow to the intimidation of the enemy. It's time to cross over into the vision God has placed in your heart.

### The "Valley of Dead Dreams" and the Breath That Brings Life

The Lord showed me many have become weary carrying the vision. Some have even laid down the vision and have been asking the Lord, "Why has it not come forth yet?" I want to encourage you to pick it back up again and continue to run with the vision. The Lord is releasing a fresh wind, a second wind, to breathe upon the vision again. I prophesy that the vision shall not die but it shall come forth.

The Lord showed me that many of you have a valley of dead dreams and visions, like the valley of dry bones in Ezekiel 37. It's time to prophesy the breath of God once again over your dreams and visions and watch them come back to life. Ezekiel 37:9-10 says, "Then He said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, son of man, and say to the breath, "Thus says the Lord God, 'Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.'"" So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they came to life and stood up on their feet, an exceedingly great army."

Dead dreams and visions are coming alive once again!

### How to Steward the Vision Well

We must steward the vision well. In Habakkuk 2:1-3 we can learn how to manage and steward the vision. In the first verse he says, "I will climb my watchtower and wait to see what the Lord will tell me..." I want to encourage you to ascend with the Lord to have Him reveal, once again, what the vision is for your life. When we ascend with the Lord we can see from His vantage point, and see further than we can on the ground.

In verse two the Lord told Habakkuk to, "...Write the vision and engrave it plainly on [clay] tablets..." Allow the Lord to write the vision, once again, upon your heart. The Lord showed me that many dreams and vision were waiting to be pulled down and established as people would write the vision. When the vision is written and

engraved upon your heart, no one can take it from you. The word "write" in this passage is the Hebrew word for decree.

In Job 22:28 it declares, "You will also declare a thing, and it will be established for you..." The word "decree" in this passage in the Hebrew means to cut down or cut off. When you begin to write down and decree the vision, the Lord will remove every vision that's not of Him and establish what has been declared over you!

In Habakkuk 2:3 (AMP) it says, "For the vision is yet for the appointed [future] time. It hurries toward the goal [of fulfillment]; it will not fail. Even though it delays, wait [patiently] for it, because it will certainly come; it will not delay."

A lot of times we struggle and get hung up on the appointed time. Every word and vision God has given you for your life and ministry has an assignment and angelic help attached to it to see the fulfillment of it. Don't get caught in the tension of the "now" and where you're going. Remain present in the now. If there has been delay, discern what the delay is to break it. Sometimes the delay is us, demonic interference or the vision needs to marinate a little longer as you discern the delay don't give up hope. The Lord will give you a strategy to break the delay. In Jeremiah 1:12 the Lord declares that He watches over His word to perform it.

Pick up the vision again because you are on the threshold of crossing over. The vision hurries toward the goal of fulfillment. The Lord is releasing a fresh wind and a mantle of grace to see the vision come forth. I prophesy the vision shall come to pass and not die. New life is coming upon your dreams and visions in Jesus name!

Elul 23: September 23, 2019

23 Elul – Dove brings olive Leaf to Noah (2105 BCE). Literally when Noah opened the Door or Gate of the Ark a new time or Era for all mankind began. We are at a new Era this year. Get ready. Chaplain Wade Butler

I HEARD THE LORD SAY "IT IS SO IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW TO NOT BE IN A HURRY! I AM RELEASING CRYSTAL CLEAR REVELATION FOR 2020 AND BEYOND" by Lana Vawser

Over the last few months, but especially this last week, I have felt a strong urgency in the Spirit to not be "rushing ahead" right now. There is an invitation from the Lord right now to rest, be still, linger with Him and not be in a hurry because He is releasing crystal clear revelation for 2020 and beyond

There are many in the body of Christ that are feeling like they are living in the place of constant transition and trying to find the "missing piece".

The Lord showed me right now in the place of lingering with Him, being quiet before Him, resting in Him and waiting on Him, that He is releasing strategy and insight into 2020 and beyond that is actually greater than has even been asked for.

There is a deeper positioning in Jeremiah 33:3 that the Lord is inviting us into.

'Call to Me and I will answer you, and tell you [and even show you] great and mighty things, [things which have been confined and hidden], which you do not know and understand and cannot distinguish.' (AMP Version)

I heard the Holy Spirit say "Things will not be as they have been" - this was not a negative statement - this was a declaration of UPGRADE. This was a statement of PROMOTION. This was a statement of the NEW that He is leading His people into. This was an invitation into taking "NEW LANDS" that were on completely different maps to what you have "walked on and in" previously. This was an invitation into a new adventure with the Lord and pioneering new pathways. It was an invitation into allowing the Holy Spirit to prepare you to carry what He is releasing.

"IN MY PRESENCE ALL OTHER VOICES ARE SILENCED AND MY VOICE BECOMES LOUD"

I heard the Holy Spirit whisper "In My presence all other voices are silenced and My voice becomes LOUD"

The sense surrounded me that any are surrounded with many "options", others are surrounded by "many voices" and there is so much "noise".

In the place of "not rushing ahead" and specifically waiting upon Him, the other voices are going to be silenced and the Lord's voice is going to become LOUDER than ever. There will such 'high definition' dreams, visions and encounters from the Lord that you will have crystal clear clarity of what He is speaking and releasing to you regarding

2020 and beyond. Do not fear that you will "miss it". The key is to "WAIT ON HIM" and He is going to MAKE IT CLEAR. The loving warning from His heart is to not rush ahead in what you have done before or "think" is the way He is moving, because things will not be as they have been before.

The words then surrounded me "I WILL MAKE THE PATHWAY FOR THE NEW DAY AS PLAIN AS DAY!"

"Trust in the Lord completely, and do not rely on your own opinions. With all your heart rely on him to guide you, and he will lead you in every decision you make. Become intimate with him in whatever you do, and he will lead you wherever you go." (Proverbs 3:5-6 TPT)

Some of the pathways that the Lord leads you down and releases you into will feel like you're going "off the beaten track" but that is the place of the greatest encounter with Jesus, provision, favor and move of His Spirit you have experienced thus far, will be found. It's time to PIONEER NEW PATHWAYS with Jesus to see His Kingdom established and Glory revealed.

Some of the revelation the Lord is releasing for 2020 and beyond is going to seem completely "opposite" to what is being told to you that you "should do". Can I encourage you to follow the Lord's voice at all costs. Follow Him and obey completely. The Lord will demonstrate His favor and vindication as you walk in obedience. The time we are in now in this new era and what God is going to do and entrust us with is SO precious we must be people that bow to His voice alone and not the expectations of man. It's time to come out of "ungodly expectations and pressures" and walk wholeheartedly in the counsel of the Lord. As you step out in obedience to His voice you will see the voices of the wise drawn to you by the Lord to confirm your way. The Lord is strengthening you in the wrestle, He is strengthening you in the tension, He is fortifying you in the opposition and the transition, so you move forward walking in purity, obeying His voice and His strategy alone and swayed not by man and man's opinions.

Discernment is going to MAJORLY increase in the place of "waiting" upon the Lord for 2020 and beyond especially in "sniffing out" the lies of the enemy and the python spirit that has twisted what God has said and lies and fears of old and they will be uprooted once and for all. You will "smell" the stench of these lies and recognize them for what they are and uproot them with your authority and the power of the Word of God. They won't have the affect they have had on you before as the volume of the Lord's voice

MAJORLY increases raising your discernment like never before, so 2020 will not be infected by these lies but you will walk in a whole new level of freedom from these things and a deeper place of access of His heart and His revelation and wisdom for 2020 and beyond and move accordingly without fear.

"2020, THE YEAR OF THE SPRINGBOARD INTO THE GREATEST UNLOCKING OF THE NEXT 10 YEARS"

As I sat with the Lord seeking His heart regarding this word, the words surrounded me "2020, THE YEAR OF THE SPRINGBOARD INTO THE GREATEST UNLOCKING OF THE NEXT 10 YEARS"

I then had a vision and as God's people were sitting with Him, refusing to "run ahead" because things "looked good" or "sounded good" but waited on His direction, I saw keys raining down upon them from heaven and these keys were on fire. I then heard the words "2020, THE YEAR OF THE SPRINGBOARD INTO THE GREATEST UNLOCKING OF THE NEXT 10 YEARS".

What God is releasing now for 2020 is going to UNLOCK foundational strategy, wisdom and revelation for the next 10 years in INCREASE. God is rebuilding foundations and laying new foundations with the revelation He is releasing for 2020 which is going to unlock significant strategy and wisdom to BUILD WITH HIM. God spoke to me for this year(2019) that what He is doing this year is setting us up for LONGEVITY. 2020 is going to see a MAJOR increase of that, but especially regarding VISION. Ministries are going to rapidly and radically change going into 2020. There is a divine makeover God is doing and in 2020 and beyond MANY ministries will look completely different along with the FIVE FOLD being raised up and positioned to operate in the church from 2020 and beyond in unity in ways we have not yet seen. The shifting, shaping, changing of the guards, and rearranging God is doing is to make room for the new wine and for the King of Glory to step in. (Psalm 24:7-9)

CHILDREN WILL PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN WHAT GOD IS DOING IN 2020 and BEYOND

Last year I had a dream and the Lord spoke to me about this new era and the mighty outpouring of His Spirit and He whispered "It won't begin until it begins with the children".



God is restoring the family unit. He is restoring the ministry and family balance and teaching His people in greater ways how to do family (as a household and the body of Christ) well. God is going to restore the awe and wonder to the Church like we have never seen and some of the greatest demonstrations of His Spirit that are going to leave people both who know Jesus and those who do not yet know Him in awe and wonder as He moves through "The least of these" - THE CHILDREN. We are already seeing God do wonderful things through children but I heard the Holy Spirit say "You ain't seen nothing yet. Children will play a MAJOR role in what I am doing in 2020 and BEYOND"

The Lord went on to share with me that there will be a MAJOR increase of divine insight, wisdom and strategy for doing life as family, well. A major increase of His heart and revelation for parenting and sowing into the next generation that we have not yet increased.

I also saw many children and their hearts were broken. There was trauma and hurt and the Holy Spirit spoke to me to encourage Mothers, Fathers, Grandparents, aunties, uncles, anyone who has a child on their heart and believing for healing for their broken heart and traumas, the Lord has heard and seen. Your prayers avaieth much. Keep interceding because God is restoring and healing and you will see the Holy Spirit not only restore and heal them but they will begin to walk in encounter with Jesus and the gifts of the Spirit in 2020 like you have never seen.

With a joy in His heart I heard Him whisper to the adults "Pay attention to the children for they are going to teach you a lot more about Me and My Word and prophesy My way and strategy to you for 2020 and beyond. The children with their childlike faith and trust in Me will release impartation to the adults and teach those who have been walking with Me for years , MUCH, going into 2020 and beyond, so make sure you are watching and listening."

Friends, don't be in a hurry. What God is revealing, releasing and positioning you into for 2020 and beyond will leave you in nothing but awe and wonder of our beautiful Jesus and your heart burning for Him stronger than ever.

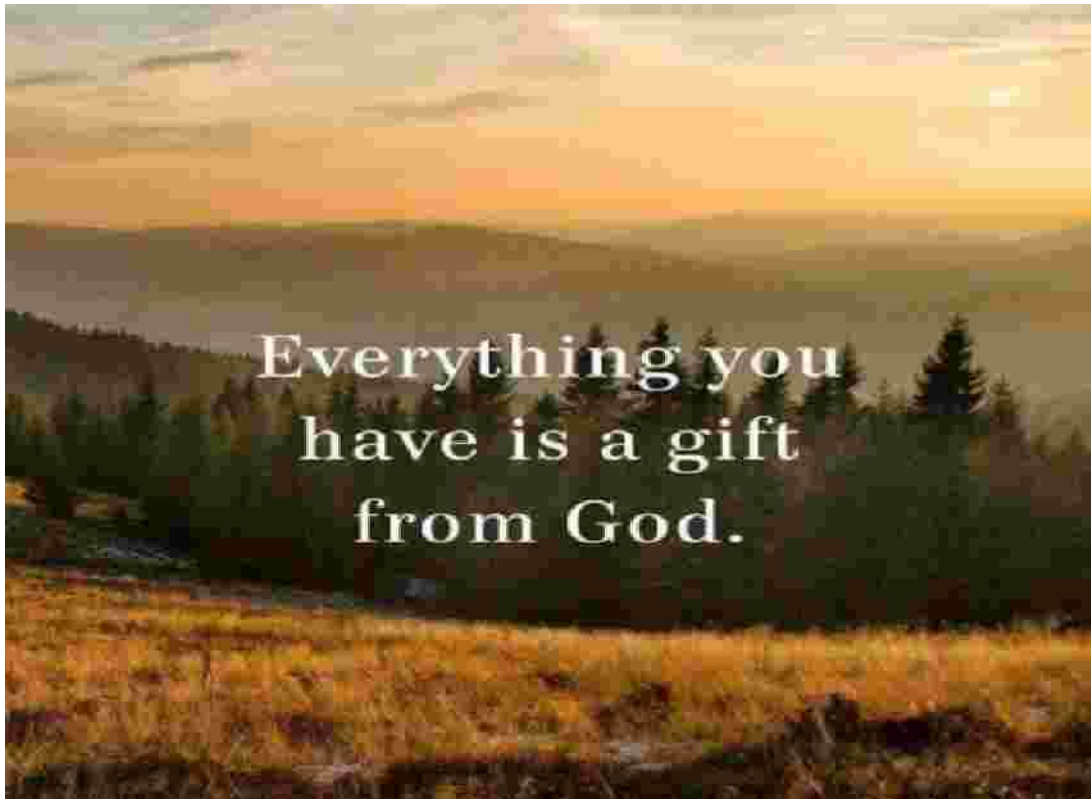
Elul 24: September 24, 2019

Pat Francis: Nurture a spirit of excellence

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." (Col. 3:23,24).

God is encouraging us to nurture a spirit of excellence in all that we do - at home, work, ministry, serving, and volunteering. Our work is important to God. God Himself worked and created the universe: "By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work." (Gen. 2:2).

The ability to work and the opportunity to work and feel satisfaction is a blessing from God. "A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work. This too, I see, is from the hand of God. (Eccl. 2:24). Be thankful for your work, the ability to work, and work with a spirit of excellence. A grateful spirit is a spirit of excellence that creates a healthy atmosphere everywhere.



As you work remember:

- 1) Work with a spirit of excellence. Do your best, not just to please others, but because of your value with the spirit of excellence.
- 2) Grow in the spirit of excellence. The spirit of excellence is a growth process that involves continuous learning and determination for greater achievements.
- 3) God will reward your spirit of excellence. Yes, unfortunately we do not always get the praise of men but remember that God will praise you and reward you.
- 4) Take care of yourself with excellence. Value yourself as God values you. God made you excellent: "You are fearfully and wonderfully made." (Ps. 139:14).

Let us work not only for the reward of a paycheck but to nurture a spirit of excellence that is both self-rewarding and God-rewarding. Love excellence - nurture it, work it, live by it, and experience it.

Kingdom Declaration:

God is wonderful in counsel and excellent in guidance as I work with excellence today.

Elul 25: September 25, 2019

25 Elul – The 1st day of the world according to the Genesis creation narrative (3761 BCE) 25 Elul – Jerusalem Walls Rebuilt (335 BCE)

25 Faith Essentials Every Christian Needs to Know: Gloria Copeland

Faith is a powerful force. Everything that happens to us supernaturally happens by faith. Somewhere, somehow, someone has to release faith for the supernatural to happen in our lives.

Faith, as powerful as it is, won't accomplish anything as long as it's just sitting inside us. So, whether it's getting us born again or getting us healed, whether it's avoiding a financial disaster or avoiding a fatal car wreck, faith must be released.

You can develop the faith you need to do the impossible! No matter what God has called you to do or what godly desires He has placed in you, strong and active faith is what you need to accomplish them. Build your faith, then release it to see BIG results in your life!

Understanding the depth and power of faith will give you confidence to operate in it every single day.

Here are 25 faith essentials every Christian needs to know:

1. The just shall live by faith. (Hebrews 10:38)
2. We walk by faith and not by sight. (2 Corinthians 5:7)
3. It is impossible to please God without faith. (Hebrews 11:6)
4. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. (Romans 10:17)
5. Faith is of the heart and not the head. (Romans 10:10)
6. Faith is both a creative and a destructive force. (Genesis 1:3; Mark 11:23)
7. Faith is released by words. We must speak the Word only. (2 Corinthians 4:13; Matthew 8:5-10)
8. Faith begins where the will of God is known. (1 John 5:14-15)
9. Faith stops at the question mark. (James 1:5-8) 10. Your faith will never rise above the level of your confession. The stronger your confession, the stronger your faith will become. (Proverbs 18:7, 21)
11. Faith focuses on the desired result—not the dreaded outcome. (Isaiah 46:9-10)
12. Every born-again believer has the God kind of faith. (Romans 12:1-3)
13. Every born-again believer has the right to use his or her faith. (Mark 11:23)
14. Faith must be developed by exercise, use and action. (Hebrews 12:2; James 1:22-25, 2:17)
15. Meditation in the Word builds a capacity for greater faith. (Psalm 1; Joshua 1:8)
16. You can use your faith like a mechanic uses a wrench—on purpose. (Mark 4:35-41)



17. Your faith can grow exceedingly. (2 Thessalonians 1:3)
18. Our faith is the victory that overcomes and conquers the world. (1 John 5:4)
19. Faith works by love. (Galatians 5:6)
20. Faith calls things which be not as though they were. (Romans 4:17)
21. Faith says, "I see it now." If you can see it, you can have it. (Joshua 1:8)
22. Faith says, "I take it now." What God provides by His grace, we lay hold of and take with our faith. (Mark 11:24)
23. Faith says, "I have it now." (2 Peter 1:2-4)
24. The greatest faith is faith in God's Word and its authority alone, not demanding any physical evidence of proof. (Matthew 8:5-13)
25. Faith gives praise and thanksgiving while waiting for the manifestation of the desired result. (Philippians 4:4-7; Psalm 34:1)

Now declare out loud, "My faith is awake, alive, activated, working, vibrant, strong, stirred up and growing exceedingly; and is producing victorious results. I release my faith for the overflow in every area of my life."

When you understand and meditate on the power of faith through these 25 essentials about faith every Christian needs to know, you will stir up a faith inside you that will bring results. Remember—no Word, no faith. Ten percent WORD, 10 percent faith, 10 percent results. One hundred percent WORD, 100 percent results. That's the definition of walking by faith. Now take your faith and put it to work!

Elul 26: September 26, 2019

A fresh move of God's Spirit is taking place now. In this fresh move He will release to you and the Body of Christ a deep refreshment and an energy boost that will renew your strength as in your youth and cause you to rise in anticipation of all that God is about to do in your sphere of influence, in cities, and the nations!

And friends, as the Spirit of the Lord moves in your life, you will awaken to possibility so incredible as He reveals His very best for you. Yes, this is that day, and now is the time to awaken to the Glory of the Lord upon you. As the rays of His Glory break forth in new ways for you He will also awaken your heart to His divine plan and resources for you. Get ready for the Joy that will bring fresh expectation and greater levels of the zeal of the Lord deep within!

Oh yes, this is a different day; In this current Move of God there is an awakening in the souls to the fragrance of His life, opening our eyes to the fullness of His majesty, presence, power and glory, reviving hearts to truly behold the reality of His life and with the expectancy of hope, and triumphs of faith, for His Name's sake, His glory, His renown.

As eyewitnesses to the Brightness of the Rising, we will testify of the knowledge of Him as Victory and Resurrection. Victory and Resurrection as a Person we can

know now.

Yes because of the Fresh Move of the Spirit of the Lord you will run and not grow weary, you will move ahead with a great sense of direction and purpose, with wide vision, passion, purpose, and zeal; faces glowing with the glory, full of strength. You will hear God's heart, His purposes, His plans, and with great zeal testify to the fact that Jesus is alive and speaking to His people today. "...the secret of the Lord belongs with those who fear Him" (Psalm 25:14); "the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy" (Revelation 19:10).

EVERYTHING is shifting, changing, and rearranging. Expect the Lord to take you far above and beyond your expectations, and right into your hopes and dreams in Him. This is the very hour of a transforming move of His Spirit corporately and individually and across the land never yet before beheld or experienced.

We are in a fantastic day as believers and collectively as the Body of Christ. A fresh Move of God is moving across the spiritual landscape of our time all over the world and awakening many to a deeper and greater place to behold His glory. The Voice of the Lord is crying out across the nations, all over the world to those awaking, waiting, and are ready to hear their call, their destiny. Things are about to intensify; God is about to move in the most incredible way, with His presence filling our lives in unusually strong ways, never experienced.

Resolve to Arise! God commands it! It is an act of obedience to arise! Why? We are all called to rise to a new life, to shine and radiate with the glory of the Lord. Practice rising in the natural. Set your alarm clock for a time in the middle of the night where you can arise for a few moments to spend some time with the Lord. Or, arise at your usual time every morning, but welcome Him into your day, verbally or through worship or song or through the reading or contemplation of the Word as your first thought and/or action. This will help your spirit awake at the sound of the His voice and prepare you for immediate action and breakthrough!

Ask God to give you a heart for harvest. Our busyness in our day-to-day, and our anxieties, can cause us at times to lose focus, or even forget the millions and millions of lost souls out there who need Jesus.

Take stock of every promise, dream, vision, word of knowledge, prophetic word

given to you, and ask God to rekindle the flame of desire for those things in you. If you don't know your assignment, ask Him for it, and to cement within your heart, that nothing—nothing—nothing will stop you, not your reasoning, someone else's reasoning, not your circumstances, nothing, nothing will deter you from fulfilling your God-given assignment and destiny in Him.

This is a powerful time of preparation, positioning, and alignment. Ask God if you are in proper alignment, and to show you areas in need of improvement. Perhaps you still need a shift here or a nudge there in your life, let the Holy Spirit show you through the Word, and in the quiet still of His voice. Allow the Holy Spirit to lead you: not your reasoning, circumstances, or anything or anyone else!

Hold your peace, it is God's battle, not your battle, hold your position in prayer, rely on God, and believe He is working on your behalf.

Expect God! Hope in Him! Wait upon Him! Awaken to Him! Awakening is the doorway/gate to transformation. Memorize Isaiah 40:31, make it your cell phone or computer screensaver or wallpaper, stick it on the fridge, on the dash of your car, get it deep down into your spirit, this is key to the coming move!

*“But those who wait for the Lord [who expect, look for, and hope in Him] shall change and renew their strength and power; they shall lift their wings and mount up [close to God] as eagles [mount up to the sun]; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint or become tired” (Isaiah 40:31 AMP).*

Ask God to help you see your difficulties in a new light, as opportunities, so that they do not negatively consume you and zap your energy.

Resolve to love God and others outrageously. And, bask in God and His love for you.

Abundant Blessings to you, Keith & Janet Miller



Elul 27: September 27, 2019

John 15: 1-12 Jesus Is the Vine—Followers Are Branches  
Chaplain Wade Butler

15 “[a] I am the true Vine and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that continues to bear fruit, He [repeatedly] prunes, so that it will bear more fruit [even richer and finer fruit]. 3 You are already clean because of the word which I have given you [the teachings which I have discussed with you]. 4 Remain in Me, and I [will remain] in you. Just as no branch can bear fruit by itself without remaining in the vine, neither can you [bear fruit, producing evidence of your faith] unless you remain in Me.

5 I am the Vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him bears much fruit, for [otherwise] apart from Me [that is, cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not remain in Me, he is thrown out like a [broken off] branch, and withers and dies; and they gather such branches and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you remain in Me and My words remain in you [that is, if we are vitally united and My message lives in your heart], ask whatever you wish and it will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified and honored by this, when you bear much fruit, and prove yourselves to be My [true] disciples. 9 I have loved you just as the Father has loved Me; remain in My love [and do not doubt My love for you]. 10 If you keep My commandments and obey My teaching, you will remain in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and remain in His love. 11 I have told you these things so that My joy and delight may be in you, and that your joy may be made full and complete and overflowing.

12 “This is My commandment, that you [c]love and unselfishly seek the best for one another, just as I have loved you.

Zechariah 12:8-14 The promises are close at hand, are we?

8 In that day the LORD will defend the people of Jerusalem, and the one who is impaired among them in that day [of persecution] will become [strong and noble] like David; and the house of David will be like God, like the Angel of

the LORD [who is] before them. <sup>9</sup> And in that day I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

<sup>10</sup> "I will pour out on the house of David and on the people of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace (unmerited favor) and supplication. And they will look at Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him as one who weeps bitterly over a firstborn. <sup>11</sup> In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning of [the city of] Hadadrimmon in the Valley of Megiddo [over beloved King Josiah]. <sup>12</sup> The land will mourn, every family by itself; the [royal] family of the house of David by itself and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan [David's son] by itself and their wives by themselves; <sup>13</sup> the [priestly] family of the house of Levi by itself and their wives by themselves; the family of Shimei [grandson of Levi] by itself and their wives by themselves; <sup>14</sup> all the families that remain, each by itself, and their wives by themselves [each with an overwhelming individual regret for having blindly rejected their Messiah]

Elul 6 – August 17, 2018 - Repentance

Mark 1:4-8, 9-12

<sup>4</sup> John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins [that is, requiring a change of one's old way of thinking, turning away from sin and seeking God and His righteousness]. <sup>5</sup> And all the country of Judea and all the people of Jerusalem were *continually* going out to him; and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, as they confessed their sins. <sup>6</sup> John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a [wide] leather band around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> And he was preaching, saying, "After me comes He who is mightier [more powerful, more noble] than I, and I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the straps of His sandals [even as His slave]. <sup>8</sup> As for me, I baptized you [who came to me] with water [only]; but He will baptize you [who truly repent] with the Holy Spirit."

## The Baptism of Jesus

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> Immediately coming up out of the water, he (John) saw the heavens torn open, and the Spirit like a dove descending on Him (Jesus); <sup>11</sup> and a voice came out of heaven saying: "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased *and* delighted!"

<sup>12</sup> Immediately the [Holy] Spirit forced Him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup> He was in the wilderness forty days being tempted [to do evil] by Satan; and He was with the wild animals, and the angels ministered *continually* to Him.

Repentance, Our Restoration is with HIM!

Amos 9:11-14

<sup>11</sup> "In that day I shall raise up and restore the fallen tabernacle (booth) of David,  
And wall up its breaches [in the city walls]; I will also raise up and restore its ruins  
And rebuild it as it was in the days of old, <sup>12</sup> That they may possess the remnant of Edom (ancient enemies) And all the nations that are called by My name,"  
Says the LORD who does this.

<sup>13</sup> "Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "When the plowman shall overtake the one who gathers the harvest, And the one who treads the grapes [shall overtake] him who sows the seed [for the harvest continues until planting time]; When the mountains will drip sweet wine And all the hills shall melt [that is, everything that was once barren will overflow with streams of blessing]. <sup>14</sup> "Also I shall bring back the exiles of My people Israel, And they will rebuild the deserted and ruined cities and inhabit them: They will also plant vineyards and drink their wine, And make gardens and eat their fruit. <sup>15</sup> "I will also plant them on their land, And they shall never again be uprooted from their land Which I have given them," Says the LORD your God.

Elul 28: September 28, 2019

On Eve of Total Eclipse, Top Five Heavenly Bible Signs of 5777 THAT WE NOW SEE HAPPENING! By: Abra Forman

*“By the word of Hashem the heavens were made, by the breath of His mouth, all their host.” Psalms 33:6 (The Israel Bible™)*

As a rare and portentous total solar eclipse approaches the North American continent on Monday, heaven-watchers the world over will hold their breath in anticipation of a divine event written in the skies and reflected in the world of men. The event signals the beginning of the month of Elul, the last month of the Hebrew year, and the start of the days of repentance. Jews the world over will prepare to face their Maker on the upcoming holy days of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur as the momentous year 5777 draws to a close.

This Hebrew calendar year was full of signs from above: from eclipses to comets, from the birth of new stars to the discovery of new planets, the heavens drew aside the divine veil to reveal that God’s control of the universe is eternal and abiding. Many religious leaders and respected Jewish thinkers understood these rare and exciting events to correspond to ancient texts, prophecies and portents of the world to come.

On the eve of the highly-anticipated solar eclipse, *Breaking Israel News* took a look back at the biggest astronomical events of the year and what they mean for the Jewish people and the nations.

### 1. 100-Year-Old Jewish Prophecy Predicts Solar Eclipse Portends Destruction of North Korea

In one of the biggest stories of the year, *Breaking Israel News* discovered a prophetic connection between the upcoming total solar eclipse, traversing North America on August 21, and the rise of tensions between the US and North Korea by bringing to light a 100-year-old prophecy foretelling that a solar eclipse occurring in the beginning of the Hebrew month of Elul will bring with it suffering for the “Kings of the East”. The prophecy, coming at a time of escalating nuclear threats between President Donald Trump and North Korean dictator Kim Jong-Un, seemed to point directly to Jong-Un as the “eastern King” soon to be deposed. Other Jewish understandings of the eclipse saw in it a warning to the Jews and the nations, as mystic thought holds that Jews are represented by the moon and the nations are represented by the sun. Rabbi Lazar

Brody said that the eclipse, only visible over America, was a warning to Americans lapsing into moral abomination, while Rabbi Pinchas Winston told *Breaking Israel News* it was a call for righteous Christians in the US to repent and for Jewish Americans to come to Israel.

### 3. Stunning Research Reveals Incredible Alignment of Holy Tabernacle and Celestial Movements

An engineer's unique understanding of the Holy Tabernacle's construction led him to the stunning revelation that the dimensions of the Tabernacle as described in the Bible unmistakably correlated to significant astronomical measurements such as the lengths of planetary orbits and lunar years. The discovery reflected an ancient Jewish belief that the Tabernacle in the desert was the pivotal point of connection between heaven and earth, God and man, spiritual and material. In fact, Rabbi Yosef Berger noted, the Tabernacle was made in a process which mirrored Creation itself, enabling man, tied to a physical existence, to access higher dimensions of holiness on Earth.

### 4. Astonishing Astral Confluence Sees Eclipse, Full Moon and Comet on Jewish Holiday

Also in February, three astronomical events converged on a Shabbat which also happened to be a Jewish holiday, Tu B'Shvat, an arboreal celebration of the changing seasons. A penumbra lunar eclipse, the "snow moon" – a full moon in February – and the passing of a comet all appeared in the skies within a few hours of each other. Israeli amateur astronomer Ira Machevsky pointed out that Tu B'Shvat is a holiday with particular astrological significance, as it marks the midway point between the winter solstice and the spring equinox.

### 5. NASA Discovery of 7-Planet System Conforms Exactly to Zohar's Description of Pre-Messiah "Nibiru"

This artist's concept shows what each of the TRAPPIST-1 planets may look like, based on available data about their sizes, masses and orbital distances. (Courtesy of NASA/JPL-Caltech)

After Nibiru, a catastrophic planet-sized object whose collision with earth was predicted by more than one Jewish scholar in 2016, failed to appear, the subject lost traction for many who follow the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy. However, when NASA announced it had discovered a seven-planet star system in February of 2017, one Nibiru expert pointed out to *Breaking Israel News* that the discovery conformed precisely to

the *Zohar's* description of the foretold astronomic event precipitating the Messiah: "A star will rise up on the east, blazing in all colors, and seven other stars will surround that star." He identified the new star and its seven planets as Nibiru, or "Planet X."

6. New Star to Appear in Night Sky, Heraldng Balaam's Prophecy of Messiah

When scientists announced that an ancient collision would appear in a blaze of light in 2022, revealing a brand-new star in a stunning celestial event witnessed by the naked eye for the first time in recorded history, prominent scholar Rabbi Yosef Berger immediately made the connection between the new star and the fulfillment of Balaam's End-of-Days prophecy, which holds that the appearance of a new star will accompany the coming of the Messiah.

Are we there yet? Not yet but close!! Does it mean the end??? No the beginning!



Elul 29: September 29, 2019

"Your Fiery Trials Are Equipping You for Revival" Jo Ellen Stevens,  
Connersville, IN

Upon arising the other morning, the Lord spoke to me and said, "There is a Credence Clearwater Revival just ahead and is happening now!" He then told me to look these words up and share what He is about to do!

*CREDENCE: Credence means truthfulness, or believability.*

There is a revival of truthfulness coming to America and the world. It is going to be made apparent the difference between the truth tellers and those who only speak from their own hearts. God is going to separate the real from the fake and is doing this in the earth right now!

There is a great uncovering of the lies that we have been told and some of the truths that we have held dear in our country. He is going to shake all that can be shaken so that which remains will be the unadulterated truth of God's Word, and He is about to show forth who His true prophets are. All institutions are now being shaken so that new foundations will be laid and they will be laid in the truth of God's Word!

*CLEAR WATER: 1: Water made clear or translucent by filtering. 2: Free from pollution or cloudiness.*

God is in the process of clearing the water that is about to flow through His people! He is taking care of business right now, and cleaning us out for such a time as this so that He can have a clean channel to flow through in the days ahead. If you have been going through a lot recently, maybe He has been cleansing things from your heart and mind so that you can be that pure channel of His love and grace to a dying world.

*REVIVAL: Comeback to life; reawaken; a return of strength or importance; restoration to former vigor, activity, or efficiency, after a period of languor, depression, or suspension; quickening; renewal: as, the revival of hope; the revival of one's spirits by good news.*

There is a revival that is about to happen with those who have walked in truth and sought truth and acted in truth. There is about to be a re-establishment of God's truth that will affect the whole world! God is resuscitating the remnant in the Church from

what they have been through in this shaking that is going on, and there is an awakening that is coming to the Body of Christ in an even higher dimension. This, in turn, will awaken the world to God's ways and to His truth, which is the only answer to their problems.

### The Hill of the Lord

Psalm 24:3-6 says, "Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him, who seek Your face. Selah."

These people who have been cleansed and washed and have allowed the process to happen in their lives; those who are walking in the truth of God's Word, who have pure hearts and clean hands, will ascend unto the hill of the Lord in these days!

### A Shaking is Going On

God spoke to me and said that this "Credence Clearwater Revival" will begin from those who have survived great shakings in their own life.

Isaiah 4:3-6 (NKJV), "And it shall come to pass that he who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy—everyone who is recorded among the living in Jerusalem When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and by the spirit of burning, then the Lord will create above every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night. For over all the glory there will be a covering. And there will be a tabernacle for shade in the daytime from the heat, for a place of refuge, and for a shelter from storm and rain."

There is a shaking going on and it is because He is preparing us for the hill or mountain of the Lord. In Psalm 24:3, the word "hill" means promotion. God is not trying to kill us in the test that we have been through in these shakings, but He has been all about promoting us! Tests bring promotion as they cleanse us, making us ready to be the vessels for the clear, pure water of His Word to flow through.

Going Through a Fiery Trial? Rejoice!



1 Peter 4:12-13, "Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy."

Yes, the key to going through these trials is to understand that He is bringing you to a place like Joseph. God took him out of the prison and trials that tried him for years, and finally brought him up to be second in command to Pharaoh. God was all this time getting things out of him so that He would be able to use him during the famine to save even those who put him in bondage!

Yes, He has been preparing you in the shaking and fiery trials, so that we can be that city set on a hill for such a time as this. So go through this, rejoice in this...He is taking you to this place. He is bringing you to the promotion of the Lord, for such a time as this!

Arise, Shine!

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2020: A Year for Healing, Vision, Judgment, Justice and Trump  
Veronika West

Greater weightiness of His Glory on the earth..!

So, just after midnight, 12:12 a.m. to be precise, I was caught up a powerful dream/ vision where I found myself standing in what felt like a holy and sacred place.

From this realm of The Spirit, I could see all the nations of the earth.

As I stayed watching in the dream, suddenly I saw the numbers '2020' come up before me and the numbers were made of solid gold.

Now as I looked again at the numbers (2020), I could tangibly feel in the realm of The Spirit the weight of the solid gold numbers which were very, very heavy, and then I heard these words, "The year 2020 shall be a year where an even greater weight of My Glory will be released into the nations of the earth!"

Kairos Time of God; Action and Kingdom Advancement...!

Then I watched as the solid gold numbers began to shift and the numbers 2020 were completely rearranged and changed. I saw the numbers becoming a solid gold hour glass (see; picture drawn of what I saw).

Then I heard these words, "Watch! The Sands of Time stand over the nations, for the year 2020 shall be a Kairos year, a time of action and Kingdom Advancement in the earth.

A year where things will come to a head, a season of divine appointment and a time of great birthing in the nations of the earth!"

It is the month of the later harvest of the grapes for the "New Wine" as we enter the year of 5780 and we let "The New Wine Flow".



"Sand-Seed-Wine!"

As I heard those words, suddenly I saw the sand within the hour glass turn to seed and I heard these words, "The year 2020 shall mark the beginning of the greatest harvest of souls, a year to reap that which has been sown into the earth.

Yes! A year of full maturity and a greater manifestation of My Glory in the nations!"

Then again the dream shifted and I saw the seed within the hour glass turn to wine. I then heard these words, "Watch! For now the old wine skins shall be replaced by new wine skins.

2020 shall be the year of the greatest outpouring of new wine upon the nations of the earth!"

Eyes of the Prophets and Watchmen... The blind eyes will be opened...!

On hearing those Words, suddenly the dream shifted and I watched as the hour glass was yet again, changed/ dismantled, and then I saw the two '0's, which were the two glass balls of the hour glass, coming together to form what looked like two eye balls/ two eyes '00' which appeared over the nations.

I then heard The Spirit say, "The year of the eye. The year of 2020 vision. For the eyes of My prophets shall be enlightened and they shall see as I see, and the eyes of the eagles shall behold My Glory in 2020.

Watch for signs, wonders and miracles as the eyes of the blind will be opened!

Watch! As My faithful watchman shall receive 3-dimensional sight, for now I AM releasing new strategies, greater wisdom and understanding of the times and seasons to My Watchers on the earth."

Then I was shown the 'two eyes' again and I watched as the two eyes moved to and fro across the nations of the earth as I heard these words, "My Eyes shall run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strength to the blameless, and to those who are walking righteously."

The year of the Wheel and the Key; Revelation and Governmental Authority!

Then the dream shifted again and I saw that both the "2's" had also come together to form the 'number 22', and I heard these words in the realm of The Spirit, "Now watch and pay attention!

For 2020 will be the year of the Wheel and the Key, and the Wheel of Revelation shall spin with great acceleration and the Governmental Key of the House of David will be turned unlocking the door that is shut!"

Time; trump is my elected 2020...!

Then suddenly I saw the word "TIME" come up before me and I watched as the Finger of God moved upon the word "TIME" and he wrote these words, "Trump Is My Elected."

And then I saw the numbers 2020 appear once again. Then I heard seven (7) loud blasts of a trumpet go forth upon the nations of the earth and a great Army began to rise up from the nations at the sound of the trumpet blasts.

Latter Rains shall be greater than the Former Rains..!

Now as my eyes looked at this great Army rising up in the earth, I heard these words, "The latter rains shall be greater than the former rains. Behold! My Latter Rain Army now rises in the nations of the earth!"

Then I saw again the Spinning Wheel and the Key appear over the rising Army, and the Wheel was set blaze by Fire and was spinning round and round with great speed.

Then I heard the sound of turning and I looked at the Key which had begun to turn, and I heard these words, "My Latter Rain Army shall carry the Governmental Key of The House of David upon their shoulders, and like the Spinning Wheel of Fire, they shall move and advance with great acceleration and momentum in the earth.

For these are the days of My Glory and My Heavenly Government being established in the nations of the earth!"

The Smoke/ Glory will fill The Temple; Judgement and Justice comes to The House of God; Two Doors...!

As I stayed listening and my eyes looked again at the Spinning Wheel of Fire, suddenly I saw smoke rise up in the midst of the great Army and I heard these words, "And the temple was filled with smoke from the Glory of God!"



Then again I heard the sound of turning that could be heard in the realm of The Spirit and I looked at the Key and the Key of David was being turned.

Suddenly I saw two doors appear before me in the dream. The first door I saw had the words "House of God" written above it and I heard The Spirit of Revelation say, "For the time is come. Judgment must begin in The House of God."

Then I watched as the first door was opened, and again I heard The Spirit speak, saying "For the time is come — Judgment must begin in The House of God."

Then my eyes were drawn to the second door which had also appeared before me and I saw the words, "Most Holy Place" written upon it.

But as I looked at the door, I saw two flaming swords which formed a cross (x) standing over the entrance of the door that led to the "Most Holy Place", and the door remained shut.

Then I heard The Spirit of Revelation say, "Watch and pray! First must come My Justice and Judgment — then the Door that leads to the Most Holy Place shall be opened!"

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