

## Encounter School Wilmington

### Section I

#### I. *Some prophetic insight*

- Open heaven
- Sounds of heaven being released
- People will find their voice in a unique manner
- Miracles of every kind (financial miracles)
- Impartation
- Transformation
- Release of the fire of God
- Release of the Spirit of revelation
- Release of the Spirit of the fear of the Lord

❖ Questions (turn questions in), water (missions)

#### II. *Why Encounter School?*

- Everyone has a story and everyone's story was intended include eternity of walking with God and experiencing His great love and compassion
- I had experienced aspects of God and was born-again but I longed what I really longed for was authentic experience with God
- Dateline: Campbell University dorm room (fall of 1996) I had just experienced life changing encounter with God (I knew I was called to the nations and that God would allow me to see the move of the Holy Spirit firsthand in the nations of the earth)
- "I want to know you and I want to see your power displayed"
- 20 year journey of learning to love God in the way that He loves me
- I fully entered into the eternal story God intended to write before the foundation of the world you to have a story that God desires to write with your life as well
- The Godhead before eternity past has had perfect synergy in which they fully cooperate with each other in love and it is this love story they invite us into
- The story has always been about God's great love for you and me and His desire to **be like him, think like Him, overcome all things, never be defined by disappointment, live above offense and fear and anger and that when people see our face that would see the beautiful face of Jesus**

#### III. *God intends for us to have an eternal vision*

- While the dispensation in which we live will not last forever the **choices we make are to last forever and if they do not line up with eternal purpose the fruit of those choices will not last**
- Apostle Paul gives an admonition to the church at Corinth to be sure to build carefully
- Foundation defined: the basis or groundwork of anything
- God's eternal vision for us since he had thoughts of in his mind towards for us was an eternity teaching us about who he is and who He desires to be to us
- It was eternal vision that was never to end
- Eternity began the day you became born-again (John 17:3)

#### 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 New King James Version (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. **But let each one take heed how he builds on it.** <sup>11</sup> For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, <sup>13</sup> each one's work will become clear; **for the Day will declare it,** because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. <sup>14</sup> If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

- Heed: to give careful attention
- "I am calling me people to **live circumspectly before,** and allow themselves to critical evaluate themselves in light of who I have intended them to be"
- Circumspectly defined: well-considered
- Word for 2014- year of the open door "The Lord says the door to heaven is open, so He who has ear let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the people of G-d. **I want my people to be marked by heaven, marked by eternity, yes I am marking my people for eternity so they can have greater effectiveness in the**

#### 2 Corinthians 5:9-11 New King James Version (NKJV)

##### The Judgment Seat of Christ

<sup>9</sup> Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. <sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has

done, whether good or bad. <sup>11</sup> Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

- **Though salvation be of grace purely, independent of works, the saved may have a greater or less reward,** according as he lives to, and labors for, Christ more or less
- **5:10.** As the Corinthians know, Paul had appeared before their governor's "judgment seat" (Acts 18:12), but Paul's allusion here is directly to the standard Old Testament and Jewish image of the day of judgment, in which God's throne became the ultimate judgment seat. Paul's emphasis on judgment for deeds in the body reiterates his opposition to any remaining elements of common Greek ideas disparaging the body, which Paul had refuted in 1 Corinthians 6:12-14.<sup>1</sup>
- This perspective on a day of judgment and the prospect of eternity had a salutary effect on Paul. It enabled him to persevere in the face of hardship (2 Cor. 4:7-12). And it motivated him to be faithful in discharging his ministry (5:11; cf. 1 Cor. 4:2-4).<sup>2</sup>
- The Gk. word for "appear" in v. 10 means more than "stand" or "show up." It carries the idea of being revealed; "for we shall all be shown as we are" is the meaning. There will be no pretending at that judgment; our character and works will be revealed as they are, and the suitable rewards will be given
- The "fear of the Lord" was a common motivation for righteousness in Jewish texts, often associated with a recognition that God would judge (5:10)<sup>3</sup>

#### IV. *Develop an eternal vision for a life of fellowship with God*

- No structure can be developed properly without the appropriate foundation

##### Matthew 22:36-39 (Amplified Bible)

<sup>36</sup>Teacher, which [a]kind of commandment is great and important (the principal kind) in the Law? [Some commandments are light--which are heavy?] <sup>37</sup>And He replied to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind (intellect).<sup>(A)</sup> <sup>38</sup>*This is the great (most important, principal)* and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as [you do] yourself.<sup>(A)</sup>

- ✓ God is consumed with being a life giver is it relates to humanity
- ✓ Humanity was created perfectly to function in a perfect world
- ✓ They were created to enjoy God and enjoy the planet called earth forever
- ✓ It's only when humanity steps outside (through choice) of the bounds of what God intended that any sort of evil affects humanity
- ✓ What we do not have a vision to become we will likely never be motivated to accomplish

#### V. *The process of developing an eternal vision*

- God has given you the power become a son of God*
  - God is comfortable identifying with weak humanity*
- **Humanity can either choose to be victim of this world system or step in their inheritance as a son or daughter of God in the Kingdom**

##### John 1:12 New King James Version (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> **But as many as received Him,** to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

- ✓ The ability to receive the gift of life that God has given to humanity is key facet of walking in the life predetermined for you before the foundation of the world
- ✓ Verse 12- As many as would accept his sacrifice on the cross, He gave the right, or as the KJV the power to become sons of G-d
- ✓ Verse 12 right defined: authority (65), charge (1), control (1), domain (2), dominion (1), jurisdiction (1), liberty (1), power (11), powers (1), right (11)
- ✓ Same word power or right the gospel writers Matthew, Mark, Luke used to describe the power that Jesus used to speak of himself when He said that He had the power to forgive sins (Matthew 9:6, Mark 2:10,

<sup>1</sup> Keener, C. S. (1993). *The IVP Bible background commentary: New Testament (2 Co 5:6-10)*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

<sup>2</sup> Lowery, D. K. (1985). 2 Corinthians. In J. F. Walvoord & R. B. Zuck (Eds.), *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures* (J. F. Walvoord & R. B. Zuck, Ed.) (2 Co 5:9-10). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

<sup>3</sup> Keener, C. S. (1993). *The IVP Bible background commentary: New Testament (2 Co 5:11)*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

Luke 5:24) and the same authority that Jesus spoke of when He declared (John 10:18) that He had given up his life willingly to come to earth as the lamb slain before the foundation of the world

- ✓ You have been given the dominion and the choice to seek Him
- ✓ In receiving the focus, **our focus is upon the one who gave the gift, not our merit in receiving the gift**
- ✓ How we think about God defines how we relate to God
- ✓ God through Jesus can identify with the weakness of humanity
- ✓ *Perfection identifies with imperfection through a gift called love*

### **Hebrews 2:11 New King James Version (NKJV)**

<sup>11</sup> For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,

- ✓ Jesus “ I am the root and the offspring of David Revelation 22:16
- ✓ God before the world began had predetermined for you to walk out good works, those good works could never be fulfilled without the His enabling power working in us
- ✓ The Holy Spirit living in us is the one who empowers us to live out the life that God called us to

*c. If you are in Christ you are a new creature*

- You are not becoming a new creature when you come into Christ you are a new creature
- The Godhead now deals with you according the nature He has given you not according to your old life of sin

### **2 Corinthians 5:17 New King James Version (NKJV)**

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

- If you are in Christ it means you are no longer bound to your previous poor choices
- God’s resurrection power has been given to you free you from trauma, fear, abuse, disappointment
- He will cleanse your mind and your heart of past trauma, experiences and difficulties in the context of discipleship
- He will expose to errors in your thinking and mindset that cause to live in judgement and bound to system of this world (Why are you trying to prove to your Father that you are a success?)

### **John 16:13 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

<sup>13</sup> But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth [full and complete truth]. For He will not speak on His own initiative, but He will speak whatever He hears [from the Father—the message regarding the Son], and He will disclose to you what is to come [in the future].

- God’s restoration is now and realized through the new nature given to you
- It is in the process of discipleship God releases to you the grace to discover what is available in your new nature
- Our goal is now to learn to live from our new nature and to extend the grace found in our nature to every contrary thought, attitude and behavior
- Everything that you were every supposed to be is found in your new nature
- If you are in Christ it now means that God’s desire to favor every part of your life has now been fully activated
- You now have favor on earth because favor has been granted in heaven
- Favor is God’s preferential treatment for every obstacle, very challenge, and the purpose God saw in you before the foundation of the earth
- The same favor given to Jesus is the same favor given to you and the body of Christ
- The favor of God is on you it surrounds, it goes before, and makes is possible to for you to overcome every attack
- Our real challenge as believers is learning to see the nature of God in our situation

### **2 Corinthians 12:9**

New Century Version (NCV)

<sup>9</sup> But he said to me, “**My grace is enough for you.** When you are weak, my power is made perfect in you.” So I am very happy to brag about my weaknesses. Then Christ’s power can live in me.

- ✓ Kenneth Copeland grace: God’s overwhelming desire to treat humanity as though they have never sinned
- d. God gave humanity to choice and He honors choice*
- God longs to respond to your choice to pursue him

- Our recognition of our need for God is what allows the fullness of God's enabling power of God to move on our behalf
- The person of the Holy Spirit through multi-faceted ways is constantly looking to draw humanity to himself
- *The Holy Spirit is empowered by our choice to seek God's Kingdom first*
  - **Rebellion:** the willful decision to consistently live a **lifestyle** outside of the boundaries of G-d's will boundary and protection (though defeated demons are empowered and attracted to your choice of rebellion)
  - One characteristic of rebellious believers is that they look upon the commands of God as burdensome to their current life situation
  - Example: can I still do this or go there and still be ok with God
  - **Immaturity:** a believer who has a deep desire to live a G-dly lifestyle but has area or areas in which they have not fully developed their obedience

### **Deuteronomy 30:19-20 New King James Version (NKJV)**

<sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, **that I have set before you life and death,** blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; <sup>20</sup> that you may love the Lord your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."

- e. *Make a deliberate, decisive decision to seek God's Kingdom first as the primary focus of our lives*
  - The Kingdom of God cannot be known accurately without it being the primary focus of our lives
  - Deliberate defined: to weigh in mind
  - Decisive defined: having the power to decide, **end controversy,** **or determine result,** displaying decision: resolute
  - **Determine that no matter what the circumstance or situation you and your family will place God first**
  - **Determine in your heart that you will discern and resist: cultural, familial, religious, political propaganda that defines the lense by which you see the Kingdom of God**
  - The lense by which we relate to God is often a determining factor in what we can receive and the measure by which we are conformed to the image of Jesus
  - Once the Holy Spirit begins to highlight an area of our life that is out of order then we must begin to cooperate with the Holy Spirit to renounce the roots of that behavior
  - A failure to deal with issues that the Holy Spirit is highlighting often defines what will apprehend in that season of our lives

### **James 1:5-7 New King James Version (NKJV)**

**<sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;**

- f. *Ask God for wisdom on what it looks like for you and your family to seek God's Kingdom first*
  - In scripture we find very definite absolutes that apply to every believer (right and wrong, 10 commandments)
  - Each of us come into the Kingdom often at different stages in our life and with a set of different life circumstances
  - Each of us in the Kingdom is called to seek God's Kingdom but it is important to discern both individually and as a family how God desires for us to express seeking God's Kingdom first
  - Personal responsibility (Philippians 2:12) is gift given to us by heaven (also important that we do not spiritualize our dysfunction)
  - I would never tell a single parent or for that matter any else they should put on the responsibility that I believe God has asked for on anyone else
  - Often what God requires of us in one season will not be what requires of us in the next season
  - Example: Years ago finishing graduate school missing Wednesday night service for a season
  - Each of us are required to be intentional (done with purpose)
  - How that intentionality is expressed is something we can only discover in the context of personal fellowship with God
  - Some are morning people, some are evening people, some can use lunch or work breaks to seek God

- What we develop a habit of doing will build a foundation for a lifestyle of fellowship with God
  - Questions: Holy Spirit how can I order my life to place you as the primary focus of my life? Teach which times during the day I can be intentional with you? (often the Holy Spirit will reveal which activities or things need to set aside so that we can be more intentional in our time of fellowship with the Holy Spirit
- g. *Choosing to seek God's Kingdom first defines the trajectory of your life*
- ✓ **God intended humanity's fellowship with him to be known within the context of life** circumstances and events
  - ✓ He is fully aware that you have 3 kids, or 2 jobs, or are currently going to school and are also working full-time and also volunteering at the Church
  - ✓ Often sons and daughters make life choices according to wisdom of this world not according to the wisdom of heaven
  - ✓ The Kingdom of God only can function properly when it has been placed as the primary foundation of one's life

### **1 Peter 5:6-7 New King James Version (NKJV)**

<sup>6</sup> Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, <sup>7</sup> casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

### **Matthew 6:25-33 New King James Version (NKJV)**

#### **Do Not Worry**

<sup>25</sup> "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?"

<sup>28</sup> "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; <sup>29</sup> and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?"

<sup>31</sup> "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'" <sup>32</sup> For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you

h. *Choosing to seek God's Kingdom first insulates humanity against the storms of life*

### **Matthew 7:24-29 New King James Version (NKJV)**

#### **Build on the Rock**

<sup>24</sup> "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: <sup>25</sup> and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

<sup>26</sup> "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: <sup>27</sup> and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

<sup>28</sup> And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, <sup>29</sup> for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

i. *Choosing to seek God's Kingdom first has rewards*

## James 4:8

New King James Version (NKJV)

**<sup>8</sup> Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.** Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded.

The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger, but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing."—Psalm 34:10.

“When you come looking for me, you’ll find me.” Jeremiah 29:13 The Message

“But may all who search for you be filled with joy and gladness. May those who love your salvation repeatedly shout, “The LORD is great!” Psalm 40:16 NIV

“So, you see, it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that there is a God and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.” Hebrews 11:6 NIV

“You’re blessed when you follow his directions, doing your best to find him.” Psalm 119:2 The Message

*j. Choosing to seek God’s Kingdom first guarantees a fruitful and victorious life*

### John 15:6-8 New King James Version (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will<sup>[a]</sup> ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. <sup>8</sup> By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

### 1 John 5:4 New King James Version (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world —our<sup>[a]</sup> faith.

*k. Make your decision a daily declaration*

### Deuteronomy 6:1-8 New King James Version (NKJV)

#### The Greatest Commandment

<sup>6</sup> “Now this *is* the commandment, *and these are* the statutes and judgments which the Lord your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe *them* in the land which you are crossing over to possess, <sup>2</sup> that you may fear the Lord your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. <sup>3</sup> Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe *it*, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you— ‘a land flowing with milk and honey.’<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>4</sup> “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord *is* one!<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>5</sup> You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

<sup>6</sup> “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. <sup>8</sup> You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

### Romans 10:10 New King James Version (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

- ✓ The God who created the universe through the spoken words now uses the very words from our own mouth to create our future (Proverbs 18:21)
- ✓ By the grace of I will love you with all my heart, soul, and strength

- ✓ By the grace of God I receive your love and your mercy
- ✓ By the grace of God I will make the Kingdom of God the primary pursuit of my life
- ✓ By the grace of God I will walk in lifestyle of deep fellowship with God
- ✓ By the grace of God I am consumed with the love and favor of God
- ✓ By the grace of God I will live a life of purity and devotion to you
- ✓ By the grace of God I will come to know your voice as the highest obsession of my life
- ✓ By the grace of God I will become a theologian of the beauty of God

*l. Write the decision down*

- There is power in a declaration with your mouth but also verbalize your thoughts on printed page
- Write your prophetic words out even after listening to the recording
- Have scriptures in key places around your home

**Habakkuk 2:2 New King James Version (NKJV)**

<sup>2</sup> Then the Lord answered me and said:

“Write the vision

And make *it* plain on tablets,

That he may run who reads it.

*m. Constantly revisit that decision*

- Paul taught a principle in believers learning to grow in the knowledge of God (Romans 10:17 faith comes by hearing)
- I have found that is important to constantly visit and revisit core values
- When we revisit our core values it reminds us of our primary focus but also allows us to one again step into the grace of God that enables us to live out those core values

*n. Your individual life of fellowship was always meant to pursued within the context of community*

**Matthew 4:18-22 New King James Version (NKJV)**

Four Fishermen Called as Disciples

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> Then He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” <sup>20</sup> They immediately left *their* nets and followed Him.

<sup>21</sup> Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James *the son of* Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, <sup>22</sup> and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

***VI. Living a life of fellowship with God***

- Each a person who comes into Kingdom or is currently in the Kingdom has been defined by family, culture, environment
- Our experience shapes the way we think and the way we think defines what are lives will produce
- Everyone is disciple of a certain thought process whether we consciously understand that
- As a child of God, we have the privilege of learning live as citizens in the Kingdom while walking the earth
- As God teaches us to conform to His image of Jesus it will often “feel” strange or incorrect because as a result of being conformed to the pattern of this world system we have learned to live with dysfunction and we have come to believe that which is dysfunctional is “normal”
- Living the life that God intends therefore is an invitation to live from a nature but also learn a whole new way of living
- Example: my first moments days of intentional fellowship with God...How does anyone do this this is so boring?

**Romans 12:1-2 New King James Version (NKJV)**

**Living Sacrifices to God**

**12** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

## VII. **Communing with God**

- a) Our approach to God must come from a place of rest and faith
- Jesus implores us to take His yoke upon us and learn from Him (Matthew 11:29). Far too many of G-d's children seem burdened down with life's challenges; for although they profess a saving faith in G-d they don't possess absolute trust and confidence in His ability and willingness to see them through.

Hebrews 4:1 (NKJV):

Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it.

- ✓ *G-d created man on the sixth day then rest on the seventh day, G-d was clearly making a statement " I have created you to live from identity, you do not have need of anything I have would perfect and complete in who you are" All Kingdom activity must spring from the revelation of resting in our G-d given identity*

- b) **Worship:** Play your favorite worship songs and worship along. G-d promises to inhabit the praises of his people (Psalm 22:3). Recognize that worship is a lifestyle to G-d. Our lives become a pleasing fragrance to G-d through each act of submission to His purposes through repentance, obedience, and correct Kingdom choices.

### c) **Develop a bible study reading plan**

### d) **Speak the language of heaven**

- Learn to give thanks and praise which begins to create an environment for breakthrough
- "Praise is the language of Faith"- Larry Stockstill (from the Remnant)
- Speaking words of agreement and declaration create the atmosphere of faith

### Romans 4:16-20 (New King James Version)

<sup>16</sup> Therefore *it is* of faith that *it might be* according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all <sup>17</sup> (as it is written, "*I have made you a father of many nations*"<sup>[a]</sup>) in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; <sup>18</sup> who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "*So shall your descendants be.*"<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>19</sup> And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup> He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,

- Give thanks for the promises of God for your life and heaven's intervention on your behalf
- meditate on the promises
- pray the promises
- be thankful for the seeds and tokens which show the apparent working of God your behalf
- Jesus lived with full understanding and awareness of his mission and his ultimate destination set before Him- ("He endured the cross, for the joy set before Him"- the joy of seeing sons and daughters come back into the covenant that God had created for them

### Psalm 100:4

#### New King James Version (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,  
And into His courts with praise.  
Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

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- ✓ **Mediate On & Confess Scripture:** Meditate on the Scripture and speak back to G-d what He was declared about you (Joshua 1). One key to living and walking out the truths

of the Kingdom involves abiding in G-d's word. Jesus told the Jews who believed in Him that they would know the truth and the truth would set them free (John 8:31-32).

e) ***Pray in the Holy Spirit***

- Pray in loud Pentecostal tongues loud and often and ask G-d for the interpretation

**1 Corinthians 14:5**

New King James Version (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for<sup>[a]</sup> he who prophesies *is* greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.

**Romans 8:26 (New King James Version)**

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us<sup>[a]</sup> with groanings which cannot be uttered.

f) ***Take Time to Listen*** (see chapter footnote below for continuation)\* Take concentrated, focused time to ask the Father what He is speaking to you. G-d delights in allowing His children to hear His voice. Jesus declared that man should live by the words that proceed from the mouth of G-d (Matthew 4:4).

g) ***Be a steward of your ourselves:*** We are a three part being (body, soul, and spirit). Realize that you are just as much as steward of your physical body as you are of spiritual health. Eat a balance healthy diet as exercise your body on a regular basis

VIII. ***Fruits of connecting with God***

a) *Know the voice of God*

**John 10:27 New King James Version (NKJV)**

**27** My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

b) *Move from concept into experiential knowledge*

➤ Concept defined: general notion or idea

**1 John 1:1-3 New King James Version (NKJV)**

**What Was Heard, Seen, and Touched**

**1** That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life— **2** the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— **3** that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

○ **Is God any idea or a relational experience?**

c) *Receive increase in authority through a lifestyle of encounter*

**Acts 1:8 New King James Version (NKJV)**

**8** But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me<sup>[a]</sup> in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

**Acts 2:4 New King James Version (NKJV)**

**4** And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

d) *Have access to the secrets of the mysteries of the Kingdom of God*

**Matthew 13:11 New King James Version (NKJV)**

**11** He answered and said to them, “Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.

**Matthew 13:35 New King James Version (NKJV)**

**35** that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:

“I will open My mouth in parables;

I will utter things kept secret from the foundation of the world.”<sup>[a]</sup>

e) *Discover the beauty and the pleasure of God*

○ A deep pleasure and satisfaction is found in knowing God

### Psalm 27:4 New King James Version (NKJV)

One *thing* I have desired of the Lord,  
That will I seek:  
That I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
All the days of my life,  
To behold the beauty of the Lord,  
And to inquire in His temple.

### Psalm 36:8 New King James Version (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house,  
And You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures.

## IX. *Accelerating your life of fellowship*

- a) ***spend time imagining and visualizing:*** God has given to a gift to all of humanity to imagine and visualize. As I hungered and thirsted for a life of deeper fellowship I would use scripture and begin to place myself inside those scriptures having some of the same experiences as those in the scripture that I was meditating upon.

### Genesis 5:21-24 New King James Version (NKJV)

<sup>21</sup> Enoch lived sixty-five years, and begot Methuselah. <sup>22</sup> After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters. <sup>23</sup> So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. <sup>24</sup> And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

- What will it look like for Abner to walk with God all the days of His life?
- I would visualize seeing angels and angels being in my him

### Psalm 34:7 New King James Version (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> The angel<sup>[a]</sup> of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him,  
And delivers them.

- ✓ What I imagined began to take place
- ✓ What we are willing to believe God for He is willing to give us
- ✓ He will actually take what we have place are faith in Him for as a springboard into giving us above and beyond what we could ask or think

### Ephesians 3:20 New King James Version (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

- b) ***Place yourself around people and environments that are experiencing God:*** You can receive impartation simply by placing yourself in an environment with those who have deep roots in God. At times I have driven all night for a 5 minute pray. Over 20 years one of the characteristics of the current move of God was the that receiving prayer or being in the environment of renewal added grace to our lives
- c) ***Properly manage time:*** *plan to use periods of time for intentional communion with God, use small segments of time to accelerate your life of fellowship with God and build your faith*
- d) ***Study the lives of generals or reformers:*** Mike Bickle “Some of you in this room you need to study the lives of generals because something in their life is hidden for you”.....this was the word of the Lord...Who? Oral Roberts
- e) ***Fasting:*** Fasting is part of the normal Christian life. It is often thought of as an optional discipline. Jesus said, “*When you fast,*” implying that it should occur in the regular course of a disciple’s life.

<sup>17</sup>***When you fast...***<sup>18</sup>***your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. (Mt. 6:17-18)***

- Jesus emphasized that the Father ***will reward*** fasting. This proclamation makes fasting important. Jesus called us to fast because He knows that its rewards will far outweigh its difficulties. Some of the rewards are ***external***, as our circumstances are touched by God’s power. Some of our rewards are ***internal***, as our hearts encounter Him. We fast both to walk in more of God’s power to change the world, and to encounter more of His heart to change our heart!
- God gives grace to fast. If we ask for grace to fast we will receive it (2 Pet. 1:2; 3:18). Many fear fasting. However, the fear of fasting is worse than fasting itself. It is a lie that the demands of our modern pace of life make fasting impractical for today’s Christian.

- Throughout history, men have fasted with a wrong spirit as they sought to earn God's favor or man's approval. Some embrace extreme self-debasements to try to prove their dedication to Him or to earn His favor. We do not fast to prove anything to God or to deserve His favor.
- Many who led the great revivals practiced regular fasting. Examples include John Wesley, George Whitefield, Jonathan Edwards, David Brainerd, and Charles Finney. Wesley fasted on Wednesdays and Fridays each week and insisted that all the preachers under him do the same.
- I often plan and use fasting as a way to accelerate the purpose of G-d
- It is once again in intentional pursuit that G-d gives the grace to fulfill
- Dr. Kinglsey Fletcher on fasting

## *Section II*

### *i. God intended to reveal himself to humanity in the context of life upon the earth*

Genesis 1:1-2 New King James Version (NKJV)

The History of Creation

**1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was<sup>[a]</sup> on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

- God who needs no created place to live displays a model for what He intended upon the earth
- God creates earth then places humanity as His steward on the earth to continue to extend heaven on earth, earth was to be a colony of heaven
- To see Adam when he was in right relationship with God was to see God acting in the earth
- God calls creation the work of His hand then places man in as His steward of the earth to work the earth by extending the dominion of God in the earth

#### Psalm 8:3-8

When I consider Your heavens, the **work of Your fingers**, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained; What is man that You take thought of him, And the son of man that You care for him? Yet You have made him a little lower than God, And You crown him with glory and majesty!

#### Job 38:8-11

"Or who enclosed the sea with doors When, bursting forth, it went out from the womb; When I made a cloud its garment And thick darkness its swaddling band, And I placed boundaries on it And set a bolt and doors, *read more.*

#### Psalm 33:9

Verse Concepts

For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.

#### Proverbs 3:19

Verse Concepts

**The LORD by wisdom founded the earth**, By understanding He established the heavens.

#### Proverbs 8:30

Verse Concepts

**Then I was beside Him, as a master workman; And I was daily His delight, Rejoicing always before Him,**

#### Jeremiah 10:12-13

It is He who made the earth by His power, Who established the world by His wisdom; And by His understanding He has stretched out the heavens. When He utters His voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, And He causes the clouds to ascend from the end of the earth; He makes lightning for the rain, And brings out the wind from His storehouses.

- Some commentators have often suspected that while the earth was perfect inside the garden the earth was not yet what God intended outside the garden

Genesis 1:26-28 New King James Version (NKJV)

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let Us make man in **Our image**, **according to Our likeness**; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all<sup>[a]</sup> the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the

earth.”<sup>27</sup> So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.<sup>28</sup> Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

- Dr. Pauline Walley-Daniels “We were created in the personality of God”
- Image defined: likeness, i.e., that which is a pattern, model, or example of something<sup>4</sup> Like God we are persons, with an emotional, moral, and intellectual resemblance to our Creator.<sup>5</sup>
- Humanity was created to think like G-d
- Humanity had the ability to think like G-d and to discover things about G-d made through His word, through submission and intimacy with G-d to create like G-d (Genesis 1:1-2, Hebrews 11:3) animals are at the mercy of the darkness in cave, humanity is not
- Adam and Eve did not have any struggle in life
- The task they were given as a steward of the earth was to bring them great joy without any struggle
- Fellowship with God was to define humanity in His assignment He found His purpose

### Genesis 2:8-10 New King James Version (NKJV)

Life in God’s Garden

<sup>8</sup>The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. <sup>9</sup> And out of the ground the Lord God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

<sup>10</sup>Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads.

#### ii. ***Adam lost sight of His identity when He obeyed the wrong voice***

- the same spiritual exists in the earth today what voice we give predominant heed defines the lifestyle we will produce
- The voice of the enemy will always promise a reality that God can only truly fulfill
- One of very harmful fruits of the fall was that is caused man to look immediately inward

### Genesis 3:8-10 New King James Version (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

<sup>9</sup>Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?”

<sup>10</sup>So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.”

#### iii. ***The earth and the DNA of humanity is now corrupted***

#### iv. ***Jesus death and resurrection restored humanity’s ability to rule in the earth***

### 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 New King James Version (NKJV)

**45** And so it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being.”[a] The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

**46** However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual. **47** The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord[b] from heaven. **48** As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly. **49** And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear[c] the image of the heavenly Man.

#### v. ***God has authorized the Church to set the earth back into alignment***

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<sup>4</sup> Swanson, J. (1997). *Dictionary of Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains : Hebrew (Old Testament)* (electronic ed.). Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

<sup>5</sup> Richards, L., & Richards, L. O. (1987). *The teacher’s commentary* (26). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

**vi. Jesus offers humanity not only a new life, but a new way of Life**

- ✓ Many believers have entered into a new identity but have failed to understand that they have been given the ability to switch systems
- ✓ They switch identities but fail to switch systems
- ✓ **Our identity gives us the divine right to operate in the new system called the Kingdom of God**
- ✓ **We cannot properly transform the world if we are trying to get our needs met by the world**
- ✓ “The Kingdom of God is basically the rule of God. It is God’s reign, the divine sovereignty in action. God’s reign, however is manifested in several realms, the gospels speaks of entering into the Kingdom of God both today and tomorrow. God’s reign manifest itself in the present and thereby creates both a future realm and a present realm in which man may experience the blessings of His reign.” George Eldon Ladd

**Matthew 6:10 New King James Version (NKJV)**

<sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come.

Your will be done

On earth as *it is* in heaven.

**Matthew 18:18-20 New King James Version (NKJV)**

<sup>18</sup> “Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

<sup>19</sup> “Again I say<sup>[a]</sup> to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”

vii. *Moses is type of NT believer God desires in the earth today*

**Hebrews 8:5 New King James Version (NKJV)**

<sup>5</sup> who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, “See *that* you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.”<sup>[a]</sup>

viii. *Discovering our assignment*

- Our purpose is to grow in the knowledge of Him within our purpose we discover our assignment
- Love God with all your heart, soul, and strength, pursue living a supernatural life, become part of local community of believers
- Your assignment is often found in the things one is usually passionate about unless they have become a God to you

ix. ***Learning the God’s rhythm***

- As I begin to intentionally draw near to G-d I usually discover very quickly his rhythm for that particular day
- I also invite him into my day and show me how to navigate the day
- Sometimes I will ask him to give me a word or a theme to navigate the day
- There are seasons in which the Father emphasizes on particular thing above another
- One season He asked me spend a particular amount of time in intentional worship
- Sometimes it is a spirit of revelation where I know that the Father wants to give me understanding of a certain subject or area
- Frequently I will continually visit certain areas and G-d will open up treasures to me (dream of walking on the ground of Campbell University)
- Last year it was the completion of a manuscript
- I have learned that I do not choose the cadence He chooses the cadence and move from that place of flow and posture
- I have discovered one of the keys to discovering the cadence for that particular is waiting on the Lord

x. *Must learn to receive the nutrients that we receive from encounter*

**Mark 10:46-52 New King James Version (NKJV)**

Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus

<sup>46</sup> Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. <sup>47</sup> And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

<sup>48</sup> Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

<sup>49</sup> So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called.

Then they called the blind man, saying to him, “Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you.”

<sup>50</sup> And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus.

<sup>51</sup> So Jesus answered and said to him, “What do you want Me to do for you?”

The blind man said to Him, “Rabboni, that I may receive my sight.”

<sup>52</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

xi. *The joy of learning to co-labor*

**1 Corinthians 3:21-22**

New King James Version (NKJV)

<sup>21</sup> Therefore let no one boast in men. For all things are yours: <sup>22</sup> whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or things present or things to come—all are yours.

- One of the reasons personal prophecy and corporate prophecy is so essential is that it gives an expected outcome and declares our future now
- While often at times there is a timing and a season to the fulfillment of a word often the lack of timing is a result of our lack of alignment
- Our faith in G-d’s spoken word and becomes heaven’s currency for our next season
- It also is part of the foundation and anchor that builds the foundation for the next season
- One of the admonitions of scripture is that we would remember, so I will listen to personal prophecies over and over again and read them over and over again
- As I hear or read recurring themes I begin to make that part of my daily confession, I recognize this who I am and this who the Father has called me to
- I am identifying and agreeing with how G-d sees me
- “When my people come into agreement with what I am saying I open the heavens”

**Luke 4:14-21**

New King James Version (NKJV)

**Jesus Begins His Galilean Ministry**

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region. <sup>15</sup> And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

<sup>16</sup> So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. <sup>17</sup> And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the LORD *is* upon Me,  
Because He has anointed Me  
To preach the gospel to *the* poor;  
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,<sup>[a]</sup>

To proclaim liberty to *the* captives  
And recovery of sight to *the* blind,  
To set at liberty those who are oppressed;  
<sup>19</sup> To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.”<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>20</sup> Then He closed the book, and gave *it* back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. <sup>21</sup> And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

- ✓ Prophecy begins to be fulfilled the moment you step into alignment with what G-d has said
- ✓ Prophecy also to stir the imagination of what is possible
- ✓ As I listen to my prophecies I begin to get a picture and imagine about what life it would look like in my life to look like fulfilling each of those prophecies
- ✓ The future belongs to those who see it as G-d intends
- ✓ The purpose of seeing is that faith would be built
- ✓ Not only is faith built but G-d intends for a grace to be released to pursue the Father at a greater capacity knowing that without him were are sorely lacking
- ✓ *Agreement empowers and gives birth to thoughts*
- ✓ *Thoughts give birth to actions when done repeatedly become actions*
- ✓ *Actions done repeatedly become a lifestyle*
- ✓ *Our lifestyle defines our existence*

### Proverbs 29:18

<sup>18</sup> Where *there is* no revelation,<sup>[a]</sup> the people cast off restraint;  
But happy *is* he who keeps the law.

### Ephesians 3:20

<sup>20</sup> Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

- a) *Define yourself by revelation not your mountain, the mountains were created to obey you*
- b) *Value the word of God (obey God not matter what)*
- c) *A Lifestyle of risk*
- xiii. *A byproduct of understanding the Kingdom is that we understand God*

### Matthew 13:34-36 New King James Version (NKJV)

Prophecy and the Parables

**34** All these things Jesus spoke to the multitude in parables; and without a parable He did not speak to them, **35** that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:  
“I will open My mouth in parables;

**I will utter things kept secret from the foundation of the world.”<sup>[a]</sup>**

- xiii. *God wants to display us as gifts to the world*

### Proverbs 22:29 New King James Version (NKJV)

<sup>29</sup> Do you see a man *who* excels in his work?

He will stand before kings;

He will not stand before unknown *men*.

