

Prophetic Intensive
Session 1
Characteristics essential to our formation
(qualitative not exhaustive)

1. Some prophetic insight

- The prophetic intensive is divinely appointed time
- My people will experience me in ways they have not before
- I will pour out my Spirit....
- The prophetic intensive is a time of divine encounter
- The prophetic intensive is a time in which dreams of the past will be resurrected
- This weekend will be a chamber for receiving wisdom, revelation, and unique insight
- The prophetic intensive will be a time in which new dreams and ministries are birthed
- The prophetic intensive will be a time of equipping
- My people will leave with new understanding on the tools for victory that I have given them
- The prophetic intensive will be a time in which faith is birthed and accelerated
- The prophetic intensive will be a time in which destructive mindsets crumble and Kingdom thinking becomes a new reality
- I myself will visit some this weekend during the sessions and through the night
- This is strategic time of breakthrough, divine positioning, and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit

2. Made in the image of God

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

²⁶ 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^a the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."²⁷ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ 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."

i. The image of God:

- ✓ Verse 26 image defined: *an image, likeness*, form, shape Gn 1:26; *d^emût* something like¹
- ✓ "We were given an aspect of God's personality" Dr. Pauline-Walley Daniels
- ✓ Being in God's image means that humans share, though imperfectly and finitely, in God's nature, that is, in His communicable attributes (life, personality, truth, wisdom, love, holiness, justice)²
- ✓ The image of God: humanity was created
- ✓ Perfectly complete but to function as God intended it needed fellowship
- ✓ Humanity was made perfectly accepted by God at the moment of creation
- ✓ Distinct and to be above all creation and to be an ambassador of God's Kingdom
- ✓ The power of choice
- ✓ To receive the affections of God
- ✓ Was created to think life God

¹ Holladay, W. L., & Köhler, L. (2000). *A concise Hebrew and Aramaic lexicon of the Old Testament* (p. 72). Leiden: Brill.

² Ross, A. P. (1985). Genesis. In J. F. Walvoord & R. B. Zuck (Eds.), *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures* (Vol. 1, p. 29). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

- ✓ Was given a co-laboring role to extend God's Kingdom through creativity and discovery (animals are the mercy of creation humanity is not because of the the way God fashioned us to think)

Reflections

- Do you recognize that your life as an expression of God?
- How does being made in the image of God relevant to your lifestyle?
- Do you long to discover? Do you long to create? If so what do you long to discover and create? If not ask God to reveal why not?

ii. God's method of creating

- God's sequence for creation of humanity was that he first created man in His image then the commission has given to rule the earth
- While both are intricately related man was first formed then a commission given
- **We have been given the mandate to be a prophetic people**

- ✓ Joshua reports to Moses that there are men outside the camp

Numbers 11:29

New King James Version (NKJV)

²⁹ Then Moses said to him, "Are you zealous for my sake? **Oh, that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them!**"

Joel 2:28

New King James Version (NKJV)

²⁸ "And it shall come to pass afterward
That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
Your old men shall dream dreams,
Your young men shall see visions. **dream and see, prophetic people dream and see)**

- **sons ... daughters ... old ... young**—not merely on a privileged few (Nu 11:29) as the prophets of the Old Testament, but men of all ages and ranks. See Ac 21:9; 1 Co 11:5, as to "daughters," that is, women, prophesying.³
- Moses makes this messianic prophecy which the physician Luke details in Acts 3 (Peter's sermon)

³ Jamieson, R., Fausset, A. R., & Brown, D. (1997). *Commentary Critical and Explanatory on the Whole Bible* (Joe 2:28). Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

Deuteronomy 18:15-19

New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁵ “The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, ¹⁶ according to all you desired of the LORD your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.’

¹⁷ “And the LORD said to me: ‘What they have spoken is good. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.

¹⁹ And it shall be *that* whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require *it* of him.

- The lame man has just been healed and this part of Peter’s sermon

Acts 3:19-26

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¹⁹ Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, ²⁰ and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, ²¹ whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began. ²² For Moses truly said to the fathers, ‘The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. ²³ And it shall be *that* every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.’ ²⁴ Yes, and all the prophets, from Samuel and those who follow, as many as have spoken, have also foretold ²⁵ **You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham,** ‘And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’ ²⁶ To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one *of you* from your iniquities.”

- These days of redemption that Peter was proclaiming were the constant theme of the prophets from the time of Samuel. The Jews were the sons of the prophets and of the covenant made with Abraham and were therefore the natural heirs of these Messianic promises
- The Gentiles were also included in this promise as they would believe in Yeshua, Jesus the Messiah

Galatians 3:29

New King James Version (NKJV)

²⁹ And if you *are* Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

- Phrase “Sons of the prophets”
- Son defined: In the basic sense, a male child of a particular parent. In biblical usage the term could also represent a male descendant beyond the first generation ⁴“Son of ...” was a common Semitic expression indicating “a person displaying the quality of ...” or the like.⁵

- ✓ Jesus declares the those who are in Christ would understand things to come

⁴ Myers, A. C. (1987). *The Eerdmans Bible dictionary* (961). Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans.

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John 16:13 New King James Version (NKJV)

13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

- ✓ Essential to our assignment as prophetic people is that we be formed and shaped as God intends
- ✓ **If we are developed and formed as God intends we will be as God intends**

Ephesians 1:17-18 New King James Version (NKJV)

17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding[a] being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

- ✓ **To know him and then to discern the hope of your calling**
- ✓ *The Apostolic Standard which the Apostle Paul used in his letter to the Corinthians was to follow him as He followed Christ*

1 Corinthians 11:1 New King James Version (NKJV)

11 Imitate me, just as I also *imitate* Christ.

- Our goal as the people of God is to be people that others can follow our example as we follow the leadership of God in our lives

3. *The call of God*

Jeremiah 1:4-5 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁴Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying:

⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;
Before you were born I sanctified you;
I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”

I. *Called before the foundation of the world*

- ✓ I had a deep love and desire for every human being that would ever be born in the earth
- ✓ I desired to lavish my love on them and to walk in place of fellowship and friendship with them
- ✓ I saw the end of from the beginning I saw there flaws I saw the heartache some would experience as infants and children but still my thoughts and plans for them was to discover my great beauty and for them to represent the specific creativity that I gave them before the foundation of the earth
- ✓ My great desire is for every one of my children to live with a deep conviction that I have called them by name and my great desire is to favor them with my goodness and kindness
- ✓ God revealed that His selection of Jeremiah as a prophet had occurred before he had even been **formed ... in the womb**. **The word knew (*yāda'*) means far more than intellectual knowledge. It was used of the intimate relations experienced by a husband and wife (“lay,” Gen. 4:1) and conveyed the the sense of a close personal relationship (“chosen,” Amos 3:2) and protection (“watches over,” Ps. 1:6). Before Jeremiah was conceived God had singled him out to be His spokesman to Israel.⁶**

⁶ Dyer, C. H. (1985). Jeremiah. In J. F. Walvoord & R. B. Zuck (Eds.), *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures* (Vol. 1, p. 1130). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

- ✓ This passage could be understood to mean that God interacted with Jeremiah before he was born (see Ps 139:16) as an affirmation of the personhood of the pre-born. More likely, it means that God determined to make Jeremiah His spokesman before he ever existed, and brought about that design after he was born. These words can also be taken as Jeremiah’s expression of the fact that he could never get away from his calling as a prophet—it was “inborn” in him—even though he sometimes wanted to (20:6–9, 14–18).⁷
- ✓ Jeremiah had been **set ... apart** for this ministry. The verb translated “set apart” (*qādaš*) means setting something or someone apart for a specific use. Individuals or objects “set apart” (or sanctified or made holy) for use by God included the Sabbath Day (Ex. 16:23; 20:8), the tabernacle and its furnishings (Ex. 29:44; 40:9), and the priests (Ex. 29:1; 30:30). God had marked Jeremiah from conception and reserved him for a special task.⁸
- ✓ We, too, have been formed (created by God), known (known of God), sanctified (by the blood of the Savior) and ordained (given the Great Commission (see Mark 16:15; see also Galatians 1:15)).⁹

Galatians 1:15 New Century Version (NCV)

¹⁵ But God had special plans for me and set me apart for his work even before I was born. He called me through his grace

- PAUL WAS CALLED BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF EARTH AS AN APOSTLE BUT HE FIRST WOULD BE A MURDERER AND ENTANGLED BY A RELIGIOUS SPIRIT

○ Jeremiah was born a priest, but began functioning as a prophet when he received **the word of the LORD**.¹⁰

II. *Our calling is from G-d; our source is from God*

- The calling of God marks us with the favor of God that gives us the ability to be and to do all that God has required of us
- “The favor of God opens the door to all that require in fulfilling my destiny”
- **Favor defined:** preferential treatment; partiality, a gift bestowed as token of regard
- The divine call releases to us a favor that overcomes all circumstances, trauma, racial, geographic, relational, denominational limitations one could ever have to rule and reign as a King and Priest in the earth
- The source of our favor must always be understood to be God himself (Genesis 1:1)
- Like Jeremiah we have been chosen before the foundation of the earth not because of our own behavior and perfection but rather the because of the favor of G-d (He have us those gifts and talents, so therefore that can certainly not be the reason our source of favor)

1 Samuel 16:11-13 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹¹ And Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all the young men here?” Then he said, “There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep.”

⁷ Cabal, T., Brand, C. O., Clendenen, E. R., Copan, P., Moreland, J. P., & Powell, D. (2007). *The Apologetics Study Bible: Real Questions, Straight Answers, Stronger Faith* (p. 1087). Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers.

⁸ Dyer, C. H. (1985). Jeremiah. In J. F. Walvoord & R. B. Zuck (Eds.), *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures* (Vol. 1, p. 1130). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

⁹ Comfort, R. (2003). *The Evidence Bible: Irrefutable Evidence for the Thinking Mind, Notes*. (K. Cameron, Ed.) (p. 931). Orlando, FL: Bridge-Logos.

¹⁰ Dyer, C. H. (1985). Jeremiah. In J. F. Walvoord & R. B. Zuck (Eds.), *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures* (Vol. 1, p. 1129). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him. For we will not sit down^[a] till he comes here.”¹² So he sent and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the LORD said, “Arise, anoint him; for this *is* the one!”¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

John 3:3 English Standard Version (ESV)

³ Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again^[a] he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

Footnotes:

- [John 3:3](#) Or *from above*; the Greek is purposely ambiguous and can mean both *again* and *from above*; also verse [7](#)

III. *We now our responsible for our own spiritual development*

- a) The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have a commitment to us (Church)
 - ✓ The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have taken responsibility to lead and to guide us into all truth
 - ✓ Not only have they taken the responsibility to lead and guide into all truth they are 100% committed to the purposes of God being fulfilled in our lives
 - ✓ I have no other plan for the earth except that which would be birthed through the Church that I have promised to build and that the gates of hell would not prevail

John 14:15-18 New King James Version (NKJV)

15 “If you love Me, keep[a] My commandments. **16** And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— **17** the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. **18** I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

- b) We have personal responsibility

Philippians 2:12 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

- ✓ An essential value of becoming a child of the King is that you are no longer at victim of your own mistakes, family background, or current situation
- ✓ The father has now empowered you through your union with Him to overcome every difficult and challenging situation you currently found yourself in
- ✓ His grace is sufficient to give you victory even for situations that are the result of your own poor choices

- c) The Kingdom only functions properly when it’s the primary pursuit of your life

Matthew 6:33 New Century Version (NCV)

³³ Seek first God's kingdom and what God wants. Then all your other needs will be met as well.

d) Live with an eternal perspective

- Why do I do what I do?
- G-d created humanity to live forever
- G-d intended humanity to live an eternity knowing him and reflecting His glory
- Jesus defined eternal life in John 17:3 as knowing Him
- Being made in the image of G-d wires the fabric of who were to be made to please G-d
- Every decision we make when we become a son and daughter of G-d is being recorded
- For it is every decision and the motives by which we make decisions we will be judged by the righteous G-d himself and judged as worthy to last or unworthy to last the fire of G-d
- One of the reasons He baptizes us with the Holy Spirit and fire is that our hearts, minds, and motives will be purified in this life
- When we stand before G-d, G-d himself will not only judge our actions but the motives by which to commit our actions
- Even when our actions on the surface have benefit to those around us or is a blessing to those around us
- Our actions will not survive the day of judgment if they were not birthed from the correct motive
- Pure motives must have pure thinking

Acts 8:4-25 New King James Version (NKJV)

Christ Is Preached in Samaria

4 Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word. **5** Then Philip went down to the[a] city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. **6** And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. **7** For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. **8** And there was great joy in that city.

The Sorcerer's Profession of Faith

9 But there was a certain man called Simon, who previously practiced sorcery in the city and astonished the people of Samaria, claiming that he was someone great, **10** to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the great power of God." **11** And they heeded him because he had astonished them with his sorceries for a long time. **12** But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized. **13** Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done.

The Sorcerer's Sin

14 Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, **15** who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. **16** For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **17** Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

18 And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, **19** saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

20 But Peter said to him, "Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money! **21** You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God. **22** Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you. **23** For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity." **24** Then Simon answered and said, "Pray to the Lord for me, that none of the things which you have spoken may come upon me."

25 So when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

Matthew 6:19-21 New King James Version (NKJV)

Lay Up Treasures in Heaven

¹⁹ “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Revelation 20:12 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God,^[a] and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

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

¹⁰ 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.** ¹¹ For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ If anyone’s work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

- In this season 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 earth”**

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

The Judgment Seat of Christ

⁹ Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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
- 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).¹¹
- **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**

¹¹ 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.

- 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)¹²
- If we are to be a people in which the primary intent of our lives is to live for eternity then we must have an ongoing revelation of the fear of the or Lord

Psalm 19:9 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁹The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring forever;
The judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether.

Reflections

- 1) What is the significance of me being called by God?
- 2) Do I experience God’s pleasure towards me on a regular basis?
- 3) Does the favor I have been granted by God cause me to see reality differently?
- 4) Have I made an intentional effort to seek God’s Kingdom first?
- 5) Do seek God’s Kingdom first?
- 6) What is the evidence that you seek God’s Kingdom first?
- 7) Have you considered that one day you will stand before Jesus and be judged?
- 8) Does living for eternity impact your present choices?
- 9) How would you define the fear of the Lord?

4. We must embrace our God given identity (that is birthed from our assignment)

Jeremiah 1:6-7 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁶Then said I:

“Ah, Lord GOD!
Behold, I cannot speak, for I *am* a youth.”

⁷But the LORD said to me:

“Do not say, ‘I *am* a youth,’
For you shall go to all to whom I send you,
And whatever I command you, you shall speak

- The qualities of our identity are often found in our God given assignment
- Our future is defined by our prophetic identity being agreed with
- Throughout scripture you will often find that often when God called one to a particular task, they immediately began to define themselves by the current experience or limitation
- Jeremiah immediately thought of his age
- He also objected that he was **only a child** (*na‘ar*). This word was used of infants (Ex. 2:6; 1 Sam. 4:21) and of young men (Gen. 14:24). Jeremiah’s age is not given, but possibly he was in his late teens or early 20s at this time. By using the term “child” Jeremiah was emphasizing his lack of experience. He felt ill-prepared to be God’s ambassador to the nations.¹³
- Out of our divine selection from heaven one of the keys to learning to think like God in every life

¹² Keener, C. S. (1993). *The IVP Bible background commentary: New Testament* (2 Co 5:11). Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

¹³ Dyer, C. H. (1985). Jeremiah. In J. F. Walvoord & R. B. Zuck (Eds.), *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures* (Vol. 1, p. 1130). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

- In the garden God had provided all that was needed for Adam to fulfill His God given assignment
- When we are in Christ, God has already gone before and made all grace and provision available to us to overcome the situation
- Like Jeremiah our calling carries with it a prophetic identity that defines how we are think and move from that moment forward
- God would like to relate to us as he sees that as often opposed to often how we see ourselves
- We must align with ourselves to how God views us because often our belief system will often define how God can relate to us and what we can receive in that moment (nation of Israel)
- Thinking like God is crucial because it defines the great majority of our behavior

Proverbs 23:7 Amplified Bible (AMP)

For as he thinks in his heart, so is he [in behavior—one who manipulates].
He says to you, “Eat and drink,”
Yet his heart is not with you [but it is begrudging the cost].

I Thinking like God

A. Our fellowship with God

- Our fellowship with must be view from the gift of divine placement

Romans 6:9-11

New Century Version (NCV)

⁹ Christ was raised from the dead, and **we know that he cannot die again**. Death has no power over him now. ¹⁰ Yes, when Christ died, he died to defeat the power of sin one time—enough for all time. He now has a new life, and his new life is with God. ¹¹ In the same way, you should see yourselves as being dead to the power of sin and alive with God through Christ Jesus.

- Christ has entered on His new heavenly life by His resurrection and ascension, so all who are “in Christ” (that is, united to Him by faith as the branch is In the vine) are new creatures (Ro 6:9–11).

Mark 16:19

New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁹ So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.

- Jesus after defeating death and grave sat at the right hand of the Father so that we to could live life from the place of majesty

Ephesians 2:6

New Century Version (NCV)

⁶ And he raised us up with Christ and gave us a seat with him in the heavens. He did this for those in Christ Jesus

- *Together* is ambiguous. Render *with Him*, as Rev. “Even now we sit there in Him, and shall sit with Him in the end” (Andrewes, cited by Ellicott). Compare Rom. 8:30¹⁴

Romans 8:30

New Century Version (NCV)

³⁰ God planned for them to be like his Son; and those he planned to be like his Son, he also called; and those he called, he also made right with him; and those he made right, he also glorified.

John 17:20-25 (New King James Version)

Jesus Prays for All Believers

²⁰ “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will^[a] believe in Me through their word; ²¹ that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. ²² And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: ²³ I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

²⁴ “Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me.

2 Peter 1:4

New King James Version (NKJV)

⁴ by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.

B. Make a conscious decision to allow your thinking to be conformed

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

Living Sacrifices to God

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. ² **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.

- Your mind was intended as canvas in which the impossible was conceived on a regular basis

C. Common Ungodly beliefs

- I am told old
- I will never have enough
- I can never get ahead because of ex husband or wife
- I am all alone
- I am defective.
- God doesn't love me

¹⁴ Vincent, M. R. (1887). *Word studies in the New Testament* (Eph 2:6). New York: Charles Scribner's Sons.

- My life is a mistake
- Fatalism: “No matter what I do I can never seem to get ahead” ...When will my prophetic words ever come to past”
- “It is better to keep my mouth shut and my feelings to myself. If I express them I will just get in trouble” (They learn to stuff or hide their feelings.)

D. A fruit of intentionality is that we are conformed to the image of God

- Why are you trying to prove to your father you can be success?
- “I need you to change the your thinking because there are some things I would like to do”
- *Our view of reality must change once God has spoken*

John 16:13 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹³ However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, **He will guide you into all truth**; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; **and He will tell you things to come.**

E. We begin to align with the word of God by speaking what He has spoken

Proverbs 18:21 New King James Version (NKJV)

²¹ Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue,
And those who love it will eat its fruit.

Luke 4:16-22 New King James Version (NKJV)

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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:

¹⁸ “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,^[a]
To proclaim liberty to *the* captives
And recovery of sight to *the* blind,
To set at liberty those who are oppressed;
¹⁹ To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.”^[b]

²⁰ 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. ²¹ And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”
²² So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?”

- ✓ There is a graciousness involved with aligning with God’s word over our lives

F. We must hear and hear again

Romans 10:17 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁷ So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Joshua 1:7-9 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁷ Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. ⁸ This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God *is* with you wherever you go.”

- ✓ Hearing and hearing essential to our thinking
- ✓ As well constant meditation
- ✓ God has already told Joshua that He is giving him the promise land, yet He tells him to meditate on what He has said
- ✓ Our view of reality must always be determined by our revelation
- ✓ Our ability to hold true to the see of what God has spoken sets into the motion that which unseen affecting the seen
- ✓ The earth around us can only change when we have prophetic people who see the world not as it is but as God intends it to seen
- ✓ The ability to see reality from heaven’s perspective, believe it, confess (what we see and hear) define our existence on this earth and the fruit we bring the King

G. Our experience and God’s view

- Experiences are part of life journey’s that greatly affect the way we think
- We never deny negative experiences but we are always to challenge those negative experiences with the word of God
- (graduate school at Campbell University—mistreatment in the workplace)
- Our experiences both positive and negative are subject the majesty of God (finances, tragedy, loss, disempowerment)
- Our Godly experiences are also to shape the way we view reality

Mark 6:30-52 New King James Version (NKJV)

Feeding the Five Thousand

³⁰ Then the apostles gathered to Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught.

³¹ And He said to them, “Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat. ³² So they departed to a deserted place in the boat by themselves.

³³ But the multitudes^[a] saw them departing, and many knew Him and ran there on foot from all the cities. They arrived before them and came together to Him. ³⁴ And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things. ³⁵ When the day was now far spent, His disciples came to Him and said, “This is a deserted place, and already the hour *is* late. ³⁶ Send them away, that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy themselves bread;^[b] for they have nothing to eat.”

- ³⁷ But He answered and said to them, “You give them something to eat.”
- And they said to Him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give them *something* to eat?”

³⁸ But He said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.”

And when they found out they said, “Five, and two fish.”

³⁹ Then He commanded them to make them all sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in ranks, in hundreds and in fifties. ⁴¹ And when He had taken the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave *them* to His disciples to set before them; and the two fish He divided among *them* all. ⁴² So they all ate and were filled. ⁴³ And they took up twelve baskets full of fragments and of the fish. ⁴⁴ Now those who had eaten the loaves were about^[e] five thousand men.

Jesus Walks on the Sea

⁴⁵ Immediately He made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while He sent the multitude away. ⁴⁶ And when He had sent them away, He departed to the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷ Now when evening came, the boat was in the middle of the sea; and He *was* alone on the land. ⁴⁸ Then He saw them straining at rowing, for the wind was against them. Now about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea, and would have passed them by. ⁴⁹ And when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed it was a ghost, and cried out; ⁵⁰ for they all saw Him and were troubled. But immediately He talked with them and said to them, “Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.” ⁵¹ Then He went up into the boat to them, and the wind ceased. And they were greatly amazed in themselves beyond measure, and marveled. ⁵² For they had not understood about the loaves, because their heart was hardened.

H. An overcoming people

- In life often we cannot dictate everything that will happen to us
- A divorce, dismissal from a Church, unexpected financial disaster, the death of a relative
- In scripture we found biblical figures who often who were faced with the most challenging and tragic of circumstances yet choose to overcome
- Jesus are ultimate example was abandoned by those who had left everything to follow him and in his moment of greatest need but still fulfilled His divine destiny (Matthew 26:56)
- For him to fulfill his divine destiny He was going to be forsaken by the one who loved Him the most (Mark 15:34)
- If we will navigate tragedy, loss, and betrayal properly God will use them as tools for our own advancement and purpose
- The question we are often faced with will be define ourselves as victims or as overcomers?

Genesis 37:27-28 New King James Version (NKJV)

²⁷ Come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he *is* our brother *and* our flesh.” And his brothers listened. ²⁸ Then Midianite traders passed by; so *the brothers* pulled Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty *shekels* of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Reflections: (credit Apostle Ken Peters: Corona, California)

1. Am I Patient? Am I Kind?
2. How do I behave?
3. Do I get upset when things are not my way?
4. Am I merciful?
5. Am I easily corrected?

6. Am I teachable?

7. Do I anger easily?

8. Am I trustworthy?

I. Never be defined by intellect

- God stressed that He would protect the future prophet. Evidently Jeremiah was afraid for his personal safety. Certainly his fears were based on his awareness of the times because the people did try to get rid of him (cf. 11:18–23; 12:6; 20:1–2; 26:11; 37:15–16; 38:4–6). Yet God told Jeremiah **not to be afraid of them**, because He would be on his side. The people would try to kill Jeremiah, but God promised to **rescue** him.
- The journey and the destiny that God desire for each of us cannot be defined by our intellect
- Our intellect will often try and challenge our revelation
- Our revelation should always govern our intellect (Mark 6)
- We must cooperate with our spirit man because our spirit man was born to hear and to perceive the voice and the impressions of God
- Our spirit recognizes truth when it is heard

5. *Our calling is to disciple nations*

Jeremiah 1:9-10 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁹ Then the LORD put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me:

“Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.

¹⁰ See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms,
To root out and to pull down,
To destroy and to throw down,
To build and to plant.”

- God then summarized the content of Jeremiah’s message (Jer. 1:10). It would be a message of both judgment and blessing to **nations and kingdoms**. God used two metaphors to describe Jeremiah’s mission (cf. 31:28 for a later use of the same two metaphors). Comparing Jeremiah to a farmer, God said he would **uproot** (announce judgment) **and ... plant** (announce blessing). Comparing Jeremiah to an architect, God said he would **tear down ... destroy, and overthrow** (pronounce judgment) and **build** (pronounce blessing).¹⁵
 - Jeremiah’s calling like our calling was to legislate in a nation, as believers each of us is called to be nation builders
 - While he was called by God as prophet to legislate through the words He was given he is called to legislate in multi-faceted ways
 - Jeremiah also had words before the foundation of the earth to uproot and establish God’s dominion
 - It is reassuring to know that at this time in history God before the foundation of the earth had words for us pre-ordained to shape the foundation of the earth
- **tn Heb** “Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.” This is an example of the Hebrew “scheduling” perfect or the “prophetic” perfect where a future event is viewed as so certain it is spoken of as past. The

¹⁵ Dyer, C. H. (1985). Jeremiah. In J. F. Walvoord & R. B. Zuck (Eds.), *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures* (Vol. 1, p. 1130). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

Hebrew particle rendered here “assuredly” (*Heb* הִנֵּה, *hinneh*) underlines the certitude of the promise for the future. See the translator’s note on v. 6.

- **sn** The passage is reminiscent of Deut 18:18 which refers to the LORD’s promise of future revelation through a line of prophets who, like Moses, would speak God’s word.¹⁶

6. *Our calling allows us to see*

Jeremiah 1:11-13 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹¹ Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, “Jeremiah, what do you see?”

And I said, “I see a branch of an almond tree.”

¹² Then the LORD said to me, “You have seen well, for I am ready to perform My word.”

¹³ And the word of the LORD came to me the second time, saying, “What do you see?”

And I said, “I see a boiling pot, and it is facing away from the north.”

- God showed Jeremiah the source of his message. Jeremiah’s call must have come in the form of a vision (cf. Ezek. 1:1) because he noted that **the LORD reached out His hand** to touch Jeremiah’s **mouth**. This visible manifestation of God was His object lesson to tell Jeremiah that the Lord Himself would **put His words in Jeremiah’s mouth**. Jeremiah need not worry what to say; God would provide the very words he would speak.
- One of the great privileges we have as it they can know everything we need to know about our G-d given assignment
- Our ability to see as G-d intends us to see is what allows us to display the King properly in the earth

Reflections:

- 1) Have you embraced your God given identity?
- 2) How would you define your God given identity and assignment here on earth?
- 3) What is your first response when you encounter negativity or trauma?
- 4) Do you find that your thinking is continually changing?
- 5) What are some areas of negativity that you would like to see change in your life?
- 6) What has God said about those areas?
- 7) What areas do you find that you are double-minded?
- 8) Have you forgiven those who have caused a pain and trauma?

7. *Our fellowship with God*

- Our fellowship with God is the most powerful aspect of who we are and why we are able to be God’s representatives on the earth
- Our fellowship with God equips us and transforms us to be all that God intends
- When we choose a life of intentional fellowship with God it is a sign we have taken responsibility for our own spiritual development

a) **Communing with God**

- Intentionality is an essential core value of any part of the Kingdom of G-d
- Intentionality is needed in our natural relationship
- How much more is intentionality is needed our heavenly relationships
- One of the primary biblical example of intentional pursuit was David

Psalm 27:4-5

¹⁶ Biblical Studies Press. (2006). *The NET Bible First Edition Notes* (Je 1:9). Biblical Studies Press.

New King James Version (NKJV)

⁴ **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.
⁵ For in the time of trouble
He shall hide me in His pavilion;
In the secret place of His tabernacle
He shall hide me;
He shall set me high upon a rock.

One of the primary gifts that the Father has given us is learning to receive from Him and live and operate from a place of rest and absolute acceptance. Example the first time I tried to intentionally draw near to Him (Campbell University) How do people do this?

- *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*
- **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.
- **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).
 - ✓ **Develop s bible study reading plan (be strategic)**

- ✓ **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, I Samuel 3)
- ✓ **Learn to Distinguish the Sound & Rhythm of G-d's Voice:** Jesus promised that His sheep would hear His voice (John 10:27). But while each of us has the privilege of hearing G-d's voice, the way He relates to each of us will be different and unique. For example, you wouldn't speak to a toddler the same way you'd speak to a teenager getting ready to graduate from high school. Similarly, though my sister and I have a wonderful relationship my father and he says certain things to us in a similar manner, the way he *relates* to us is different and unique. This speaks to the unique wonder and privilege of serving the One True G-d. There are nearly a five billion people living in the earth, according the World Bank, and G-d desires to have a unique and personal relationship with each of them. And while the basic principles of listening and distinguishing the voice of G-d can be taught, no one can teach exactly how G-d will speak to you. The practice of hearing G-d's voice can only be learned through personal experience. G-d will teach you to discern His voice in a personal way—there will a particular sound and rhythm, something recognizable and unique between you and G-d only. This ability to discern the voice and rhythm of G-d is vitally important,

determining our capacity to fulfill G-d's destiny for our lives. Yet, regrettably, many believers fail to do so: They experience difficulty discerning the voice of G-d during times of rest, and even more so during the challenging times of crisis that come to us all. That's why discerning the rhythm and voice of G-d must become an essential discipline of our personal histories with G-d

b) The fruit of fellowship

a) *Develops our history with God and teaches how to warfare*

1 Samuel 17:33-37 New King James Version (NKJV)

33 And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you *are* a youth, and he a man of war from his youth."

34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep his father's sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock, **35** I went out after it and struck it, and delivered *the lamb* from its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught *it* by its beard, and struck and killed it. **36** Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God." **37** Moreover David said, "The Lord, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you!"

- Our history with God prepares us for intersecting moments in our destiny

b) *Gives us visions but also teaches us the ways of God*

- Vision is a byproduct of having a life of fellowship with God
- vision is an essential value that is supposed be part of the consciousness of every believer, community. Vision is an essential element of the operating system of all believers. (Proverbs 29:18)
- Vision is also an invitation to relationship
- Vision should establish your agenda

Proverbs 29:18 New King James Version (NKJV)

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

- Vision tells of the destination that God has for us, the knowledge of God give us understanding on how to get there
- The path to the fulfillment of vision is often not linear or logical
- Many times people want the vision that God has given them to conform the way they believe it should be done
- Or they know the vision but fail to discern the ways of God
- Joseph, David (not linear or logical)
- Once you have yes to the purpose of God every situation can now be used as a training tool of the purposes of God (Romans 8:28)
- Example: stay at Campbell University, Coach Auble, graduate school)
- As we discover the knowledge of God we will discover the ways of God

- As friends of God we know assume we know what God is up to

James 1:5-6 New King James Version (NKJV)

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. **6** 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.

c) Releases to us creativity

- I found worship to be a place of great creativity for me

Proverbs 16:3 New King James Version (NKJV)

Commit your works to the Lord,
And your thoughts will be established.

D) Allows us to know the proceeding word of God

- We were intended live from the proceeding word of God
- It is the proceeding word that gives conception to the impossible
- One of the keys to continually receiving revelation is to be preconditioned to obey every time you hear
- You were created to hear and obey
- A lifestyle of stewardship positions us to let us know everything we need to know when we need to know it

Matthew 4:4 New King James Version (NKJV)

4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"[a]

John 10:27 New King James Version (NKJV)

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

d) Learn to move from authority and not from command

- My great desire since the foundation of the earth was to relate to humanity through a fellowship that would bring a friendship
- Through humanities fellowship with me they would learn how to think and act like me
- It was through thinking and acting like me they would move from friendship and not command (Genesis 2:19)

- God relating to Moses

Exodus 25:9

New King James Version (NKJV)

⁹ According to all that I show you, *that is*, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make *it*.

- God relating to David

2 Samuel 7

New Century Version (NCV)

David Wants to Build a Temple

¹ King David was living in his palace, and the LORD had given him peace from all his enemies around him. ² Then David said to Nathan the prophet, “Look, I am living in a palace made of cedar wood, but the Ark of God is in a tent!”

³ Nathan said to the king, “Go and do what you really want to do, because the LORD is with you.”

⁴ But that night the LORD spoke his word to Nathan, ⁵ “Go and tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD says: Will you build a house for me to live in?’ ⁶ From the time I brought the Israelites out of Egypt until now I have not lived in a house. I have been moving around all this time with a tent as my home. ⁷ As I have moved with the Israelites, I have never said to the tribes, whom I commanded to take care of my people Israel, ‘Why haven’t you built me a house of cedar?’”

⁸ “You must tell my servant David, ‘This is what the LORD All-Powerful says: I took you from the pasture and from tending the sheep and made you leader of my people Israel. ⁹ I have been with you everywhere you have gone and have defeated your enemies for you. I will make you as famous as any of the great people on the earth. ¹⁰ Also I will choose a place for my people Israel, and I will plant them so they can live in their own homes. They will not be bothered anymore. Wicked people will no longer bother them as they have in the past ¹¹ when I chose judges for my people Israel. But I will give you peace from all your enemies. I also tell you that I will make your descendants kings of Israel after you.

¹² “When you die and join your ancestors, I will make one of your sons the next king, and I will set up his kingdom. ¹³ He will build a house for me, and I will let his kingdom rule always. ¹⁴ I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he sins, I will use other people to punish him. They will be my whips. ¹⁵ I took away my love from Saul, whom I removed before you, but I will never stop loving your son. ¹⁶ But your family and your kingdom will continue always before me. Your throne will last forever.”

¹⁷ Nathan told David everything God had said in this vision.

David Prays to God

¹⁸ Then King David went in and sat in front of the LORD. David said, “Lord GOD, who am I? What is my family? Why did you bring me to this point? ¹⁹ But even this is not enough for you, Lord GOD. You have also made promises about my future family. This is extraordinary, Lord GOD.

²⁰ “What more can I say to you, Lord GOD, since you know me, your servant, so well! ²¹ You have done this great thing because you said you would and because you wanted to, and you have let me know about it. ²² This is why you are great, Lord GOD! There is no one like you. There is no God except you. We have heard all this ourselves! ²³ There is no nation like your people Israel. They are the only people on earth that God chose to be his own. You made your name well known. You did great and wonderful miracles for them. You went ahead of them and forced other nations and their gods out of the land. You freed your people from slavery in Egypt. ²⁴ You made the people of Israel your very own people forever, and, LORD, you are their God.

²⁵ “Now, LORD God, keep the promise forever that you made about my family and me, your servant. Do what you have said. ²⁶ Then you will be honored always, and people will say, ‘The LORD All-Powerful is God over Israel!’ And the family of your servant David will continue before you.

²⁷ “LORD All-Powerful, the God of Israel, you have said to me, ‘I will make your family great.’ So I, your servant, am brave enough to pray to you. ²⁸ Lord GOD, you are God, and your words are true. And you have promised these good things to me, your servant. ²⁹ Please, bless my family. Let it continue before you always. Lord GOD, you have said so. With your blessing let my family always be blessed.”

I Kings 8:14-20

New King James Version (NKJV)

Solomon’s Speech at Completion of the Work

Then the king turned around and blessed the whole assembly of Israel, while all the assembly of Israel was standing. ¹⁵ And he said: “Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, who spoke with His mouth to my father David, and with His hand has fulfilled *it*, saying, ¹⁶ ‘Since the day that I brought My people Israel out of Egypt, I have chosen no city from any tribe of Israel *in which* to build a house, that My name might be there; **but I chose David to be over My people Israel.**’ ¹⁷ **Now it was in the heart of my father David to build a temple** ^{a1} for the name of the LORD God of Israel. ¹⁸ But the LORD said to my father David, ‘Whereas it was in your heart to build a temple for My name, you did well that it was in your heart. ¹⁹ Nevertheless you shall not build the temple, but your son who will come from your body, he shall build the temple for My name.’ ²⁰ So the LORD has fulfilled His word which He spoke; and I have filled the position of my father David, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised; and I have built a temple for the name of the LORD God of Israel.

John 15:15 New King James Version (NKJV)

15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.

John 14:13-14 New King James Version (NKJV)

13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14** If you ask[a] anything in My name, I will do *it*.

Reflections

1. Is fellowship with God a priority in my life?
2. How would I describe my fellowship with God?
3. Do I operate out of command or friendship?
4. Have you discerned the ways of God that will bring you into your destiny or the fulfillment of your dreams?

Prophetic Intensive
Session 2
A Lifestyle of Power

1) God’s intention

- The will of God was for humanity to express the image of G-d in the earth
- We know that our perfect example is found through our elder brother Jesus

Colossians 1:15 New King James Version (NKJV)

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

Ephesians 5:1 New King James Version (NKJV)

1 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.

- God's intention for all of you humanity was for them to walk in a place of complete trust and surrender to him (called faith) (Hebrews 11:6)
- Our faith in him was meant to make us victorious in every area of life
- Walking the earth in a lifestyle of power is the will of God for your life
- When you become born-again the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit's greatest desire is to disciple you into the image of the son of God which includes a lifestyle of: visions, dreams, encounters, miracles, prophesy, healing and miracles
- In fact our born again spirits crave for these things as a reality
- Not only is it the will of God for us to walk in a lifestyle of power it is vitally important we live in lifestyle of experiences if not we begin can begin define are journey with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit by our experiences
- Our experiences can cause us define how we relate to God
- When are experiences are void of power we serve of God who does not meet the full standard of scripture
- When are experiences does not meet the standard of scripture we often think that it is unnatural or weird when someone moves in a lifestyle of power or place those people in exclusive class of believers
- The standard of scripture is that every believer is to live a supernatural lifestyle
- If we are not actively pursuing (1 Corinthians 12:31) a lifestyle of power and living in a lifestyle of power we are not operating with all the tools God intends for us
- *We either operating by faith or by the realm of the soul and mind (there is no demilitarized zone)*

2 Corinthians 5:7 New King James Version (NKJV)

7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to expose to any areas in which you knowingly or unknowingly partnered with unbelief

2) *Recognize that you have an anointing*

- Every believer has been given an anointing from God
- Our anointing will have graces that perhaps come more natural than other graces (for me I flowed prophetically more naturally then healing and miracles)
- We must recognize that we have received a grace from heaven and this anointing makes all the gifts of the Spirit available to us when they are needed (the greatest gift is the one you need in that moment; either personally or while ministering to others)

1 John 2:20 New King James Version (NKJV)

20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.[a]

Different manifestations of the Prophetic:

A) The spirit of prophecy (in a meeting):

1 Samuel 10:9-11 New King James Version (NKJV)

9 So it was, when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, that God gave him another heart; and all those signs came to pass that day. **10** When they came there to the hill, there was a group of prophets

to meet him; then the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them. **11** And it happened, when all who knew him formerly saw that he indeed prophesied among the prophets, that the people said to one another, "What *is* this *that* has come upon the son of Kish? *Is* Saul also among the prophets?"

B) The gift of prophecy (can grow into) (every believer):

1 Corinthians 14:31 New King James Version (NKJV)

31 For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged.

C) A prophetic ministry (can grow into) (ministry gift personal clarification)

D) The office / function of a Prophet (Ephesians 4: 10-11-16)

Ephesians 4, 10 -16: The ascension gifts! The ministry of
Jesus! Different function!
To train, equip, release the saints ...
To reproduce themselves!

Holy Spirit what is an Apostle?

An Apostle is one who is called by heaven who carries governmental Kingdom authority, to breakthrough and establish the Kingdom of God where there is darkness, an apostle carries a unique grace upon his or her life in that they can breakthrough in areas that the Kingdom of God has had difficulty breaking through against the forces of darkness, an apostle also carries a strong prophetic anointing because he or she must be sensitive to what the Holy Spirit is saying in all situations if they are going to breakthrough in a particular area, they are prophetic because they often declare what the Holy Spirit is saying and then are given the grace and the revelation from heaven to fulfill that which the Holy Spirit is saying and doing, an apostle carries the heart of father knowing that his success is predicated on his ability to release, and increase the Kingdom of God through others that the Holy Spirit has put around Him or her, an apostle with a proper perspective is one that longs to see those around Him stand upon his shoulders and go further than he or she has ever gone, an apostle thinks according the Kingdom mindset of multi-generationally often apostles see and think of structure or what the desire of the Holy Spirit is for coming generations, they release often much of their building for the Kingdom will only see the greatest fruit in the later half of their life or even after they have gone to heaven, apostles carry strong anointing for signs and wonders to establish the Kingdom and declare the preeminence of the Kings domain everywhere they minister, some apostles are given territorial authority others are given authority to govern nations this is not a matter who one apostle being more anointed or gifted than another but rather a calling by God and heaven itself, if the office of the apostle is functionally properly than all others who come under the covering of that apostle are increased in anointing and

grace, an apostle usually has gone through a great time of testing and purging to stand in the office of an apostle, a true apostle will display humility and preference to others in the body of Christ, a true apostle will never use his office or calling to manipulate control or hinder the destiny of those around them, a true apostle's highest delight is in seeing the Kingdom of God flourish and the name of Jesus become famous in the nations of the earth...Apostles are given an authority by God to take nations, it is crucial of the gift of the Apostle to be cultivated in this coming hour because Apostles as the foundation of the Church will take the Church to places it has never gone before, Apostles carry a unique understanding of the God's Kingdom perspective because they to walk in the office of an Apostle one must be completely committed to God's agenda on the earth, this is the difference between those with true apostolic calls and those who actually walk the same path that Jesus walked who was the Chief Apostle because on the revelation of Jesus Christ the Church was built

The call of Prophets

Prophets are called from birth called as Jeremiah was and have a special place in the heart of God because they hear, see, and communicate the Father's intentions to an entire generation, prophets have been called by the Holy Spirit to make intimacy with the Holy Spirit the highest obsession of their lives, this results in unusual experiences/encounters with the Holy Spirit on a routine basis, prophets are usually mocked and often rejected because they communicate heaven's truth to a people often who are enslaved to the kingdom of this world, a religious spirit will often try and castrate a prophet because it hates the heart and mind of the Lord being communicated to God's people, prophets open doors for the people of God to see from heaven's perspective and for people to have their own unique encounter with the Holy Spirit, prophets should spend many hours devouring scripture because it is the foundation for the communication they release the body of Christ and the experience they have, all hell will often come against those who function in the prophetic office because of the foundational authority given to them, prophets also carry a foundational governmental authority to breakthrough and establish the Kingdom of God in local bodies, cities, and the nations of the world, in the coming months and years as the Holy Spirit redefines the Church today God is going to give congregations and pastors and churches key prophets to declare the word of the Lord and release a grace so all can come into the prophetic Spirit the prophet Joel spoke of in Joel 2. Prophets will also form close associations with Pastors/Apostles whose relationship is key to any healthy prophet in this hour. New prophetic mantles from heaven are being released to the people of God in this hour (I see mantles from heaven

coming and falling on the people of God) true prophets will be raised up who are unique in presentation and in message and they will turn the people of God back to intimacy with the Holy Spirit and passion for Jesus

3) *My personal history in grace*

- When I first began to minister publically prophetically it was mainly through the corporate words for regions and some individuals
- I remember very clearly having the sense that G-d has this word for a particular Church that I was attending
- I sat down and I was amazed at how I could not get the words down fast enough as G-d began to give me a very specific word
- (at this point I was not used to seeing pictures) but I always sensed like there was an some presence or something around someone
- I say not used to b/c I think back and I realize unless the picture that I saw was really clear (Long Island, NY Ebenezer Church) I would have missed it

o The first function prophetically then for me was Nabi prophetic gift: general word for prophet Aramaic/Hebrew word meaning to bubble up, to gush forth, to pour forth. The word is used 435 In the OT to describe the prophetic gift. The clear image of Spirit's activity is found in John 7:37-38.

✓ Nabi example

Amos 3:8 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁸ A lion has roared!
Who will not fear?
The Lord GOD has spoken!
Who can but prophesy

Joel 2:28 New King James Version (NKJV)

God's Spirit Poured Out

²⁸ "And it shall come to pass afterward
That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
Your old men shall dream dreams,
Your young men shall see visions

- ✓ My first messages then were simply out of the Nabi prophetic inspiration
- ✓ So thankful for the ministry of Todd Bentley winter 2005 (waiting on God) impartation is released through testimony

John 5:19-20 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁹ Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. ²⁰ For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.

Sees defined: **βλέπω blepō**; a prim. vb.; *to look (at)*:—beware(5), careful(1), careful*(1), consider(1), facing(1), guard(1), keep on seeing(2), look(7), looking(5), looks(1), partial*(2), saw(12), see(54), seeing(8), seen(8), sees(8), sight(2), take care(5), take heed(5), watch(1).

- ✓ I would sit there with a yellow pad and I was amazed of how words of knowledge and picture began to come
- ✓ When I first started seeing I was not really sure I was seeing correctly
- ✓ I thought I was but was not sure but I just decided to take a risk and to my amazement I was seeing correctly
- ✓ When I talk about the experience of seeing I usually referring to visions in my mind

Daniel 7:1-7 New King James Version (NKJV)

Vision of the Four Beasts

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⁵ “And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and *had* three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: ‘Arise, devour much flesh!’

⁶ “After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.

⁷ “After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that *were* before it

- ✓ I still wait on G-d but what sometimes for hours sometimes in a moment of time
- ✓ What once took a hours can often happen in a moment of time

Gifts of the Holy Spirit often work like a muscle

- ✓ In the natural when you begin a workout routine or you begin a different workout routine, it takes a period of time for development of that those muscles
- ✓ The more you work those muscles or practice in that area the more developed that area will be
- ✓ The same is true in the area of developing spiritual gifts
- ✓ When I began ministering prophetically to people it used to just be maybe one or two people till I pressed into if need be ministering prophetically to every person in the room
- ✓ Since September of 2011 I have started to feel a lot more (Sao Paulo, Brazil)

- ✓ I often prophesy by faith (I do not sense or feel anything I just begin with a word or a syllable)
- ✓ demonstrate

Hebrews 11:6 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁶ But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Romans 12:6 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith;

- ✓ Realize that the anointing is not just for use in public meetings

4) Growing in the anointing

- a. *Stewardship*: is a core value of nearly every aspect of the Kingdom and without exception it includes operating in spiritual gifts. God will give us truth in degrees and he will also allow us to move in grace in degrees. He did not give the children of Israel the promise land all at once but rather in pieces lest it overwhelm them. God is entrusting the people in this room grace and degrees so He will release to you an expanse that is above and beyond what you could ask or think. God takes great pleasure in rewarding the faithful

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 New King James Version (NKJV)

Stewards of the Mysteries of God

4 Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. **2** Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.

- b. *Risk, Risk and more risk:*” You only hang around disciples when you stay in boat, but you meet Jesus when you walk on water” Jesse Duplantis... When I believed that God was saying or asking me to do the craziest things I decided to obey. It is through obedience that you learn to trust that I was hearing correctly. “Tonight I want you to prophesy to everyone hear”

Hebrews 11:6 New King James Version (NKJV)

6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

- Moving in faith is not blind trust rather it is acting on the character and nature of God (which never fails)
- c. *A lifestyle of encounters*: encounters directly from God and through others are essential because they are the place upgrade in authority through a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit. They equip us and transform us and are essential to conforming us the image of Jesus.

Acts 1:4-8 New King James Version (NKJV)

The Holy Spirit Promised

4 And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” *He said*, “you have heard from Me; **5** for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” **6** Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” **7** And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. **8** But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me[a] in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

- They encounter the Holy Spirit in the upper room

Acts 2:1-13 New King James Version (NKJV)

Coming of the Holy Spirit

2 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord[a] in one place. **2** And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. **4** And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The Crowd’s Response

5 And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. **6** And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. **7** Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? **8** And how *is it that* we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? **9** Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, **11** Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.” **12** So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “Whatever could this mean?”

13 Others mocking said, “They are full of new wine.”

- Those who are properly aligned in fellowship with God are properly equipped to transform the world around them

Acts 3:1-11 New King James Version (NKJV)

A Lame Man Healed

3 Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth *hour*. **2** And a certain man lame from his mother’s womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; **3** who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. **4** And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, “Look at us.” **5** So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. **6** Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,

rise up and walk.” **7** And he took him by the right hand and lifted *him* up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. **8** So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God. **9** And all the people saw him walking and praising God. **10** Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Preaching in Solomon’s Portico

11 Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Solomon’s, greatly amazed.

Acts 4:1-4 New King James Version (NKJV)

Peter and John Arrested

4 Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them, **2** being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. **3** And they laid hands on them, and put *them* in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. **4** However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

- Acts 4:8 (Peter filled with the Holy Spirit speaks boldly)

Acts 4:23-30 New King James Version (NKJV)

Prayer for Boldness

23 And being let go, they went to their own *companions* and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. **24** So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: “Lord, You *are* God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, **25** who by the mouth of Your servant David[a] have said:

‘Why did the nations rage,
And the people plot vain things?

26

The kings of the earth took their stand,
And the rulers were gathered together
Against the Lord and against His Christ.’[b]

27 “For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together **28** to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done. **29** Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, **30** by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.”³¹ And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

- David was anointed 3 times to be king over Israel
- The first time has was anointed as a young teenage boy by Samuel in his father’s house of Jesse

1 Samuel 16:13 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

- David is anointed King by the prophet Samuel He does not immediately become King but he has the call to be King
- It is a picture of our salvation experience, we inherit everything we need to become everything the Father saw in us before the foundation of the earth

- Yet David needed to access that which He was called to through a lifestyle of intimacy, conquering Goliath and learning to be on subject of manhunt whose purpose was to kill him
- The second anointing David received was when He became King over one tribe of Judah

2 Samuel 2:4 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁴ Then the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. And they told David, saying, “The men of Jabesh Gilead *were the ones* who buried Saul.”

- David was anointed King over one tribe, even though the prophetic word was that He was supposed to be King over the entire nation
- But during those troubled times, the house of David grew stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul grew constantly weaker. Finally, Saul's son Ishbosheth was assassinated by two of his own officers. These daring men thought they would be rewarded for their treachery by David, who instead ordered their execution (2 Samuel 4:1-12).
- All the tribes of North Israel had no other option but to turn to David

2 Samuel 5:3 New King James Version (NKJV)

³ Therefore all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD. And they anointed David king over Israel.

- With every anointing David received, he also received another level of authority

d. *A lifestyle of fasting and prayer*

THE CALL TO FASTING

- a. The Spirit is preparing the Church for the greatest revival and the most intense pressure in human history. Radical changes are needed, but they will come. Regular fasting is part of this change, and includes restraining our natural pleasures and/or strengths to position ourselves to receive from the Spirit (see MikeBickle.org for free eBook ***Rewards of Fasting*** by Bickle/Candler).
- b. 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.
¹⁷When you fast...¹⁸your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. (Mt. 6:17-18)
- c. 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!

- d. 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.
- e. 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.
- f. 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.
- g. I often plan and use fasting as a way to accelerate the purpose of G-d
- h. It is once again in intentional pursuit that G-d gives the grace to fulfill
- i. Dr. Kinglsey Fletcher reaching on fasting

5) *The seer realm*

A) Life changing encounters

- ✓ I have had many life defining encounters with God that have changed me forever
- ✓ These defining encounters have fueled my hunger for God, caused me to desire to be more like Him, and have resulted in an increase of grace and the ability to minister to others
- ✓ **July 13, 2013:** returning from Tanzania and just hungering and thirsting for more (Danny Steyne)
 "You are worthy to receive" (He anointed my eyes, my hands, my feet)
 My eyes were open to see Jesus and the angelic on a fairly regular basis
 Many times I have to discern if what I am seeing is Jesus or angels
- **January 1, 2015:** Spring Valley, California: Jesus visits me and anoints me to be prophet. Many times I see Jesus on a fairly regular basis
- Over the last number of years I have interacted with angels
- Angel on several different occasions has stuck a scroll in my heart (increase of revelation)
- "I am releasing a river of revelation and I will hold you responsible for sharing with the body of Christ"
- When writing my first book I heard the Holy Spirit tell me invite angels into your writing
- Over the few months I saw an angel of the Lord standing at attention as I wrote and he gave insight into 2016 and prepared for this intensive
- b) God has given us the the gift of spiritual sight*
- My ability to minister to body of Christ has been much more effective
- I many times move from hearing to seeing to seeing then hearing (especially the angelic)
- I also so them for me personally
- Flying to distance lands or just tired

John 3:3 New King James Version (NKJV)

“Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

- **see**, defined: look, view, i.e., use the perception of sight to view objects and make judgments based on the perceptions¹⁷
- seeing is a vital part of our fruitfulness as believers and it was a key Jesus ministry here upon the earth
- seeing incorrectly cost humanity in the garden (Genesis 3)
- seeing correctly was a key to Jesus fruitfulness here upon the earth
- God does not create something out of nothing but rather through His wisdom and the co-laboring of man His desire to bring the eternal realm into the seen realm for the glory of God
- Our ability to see and interact with the unseen realm is crucial to our fruitfulness upon the earth

c) *The unseen realm was essential to Jesus ministry on the earth*

John 5:19-21 New King James Version (NKJV)

19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. **20** For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. **21** For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to *them*, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.

- The Holy Spirit will be opening to people the seeing realm

d) *The unseen realm is essential to our ministry*

2 Kings 6:11-18 New King James Version (NKJV)

11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was greatly troubled by this thing; and he called his servants and said to them, “Will you not show me which of us *is* for the king of Israel?”

12 And one of his servants said, “None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who *is* in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom.”

13 So he said, “Go and see where he *is*, that I may send and get him.” And it was told him, saying, “Surely *he is* in Dothan.”

14 Therefore he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city. **15** And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, “Alas, my master! What shall we do?”

16 So he answered, “Do not fear, for those who *are* with us *are* more than those who *are* with them.”

17 And Elisha prayed, and said, “Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.” Then the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain *was* full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. **18** So when *the Syrians* came down to him, Elisha prayed to the Lord, and said, “Strike this people, I pray, with blindness.” And He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

e) *God speaks to us through our spirit not our mind*

¹⁷ Swanson, J. (1997). *Dictionary of Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains : Hebrew (Old Testament)* (electronic ed.). Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

- *It is essential for the mind to be renewed continually so we can relate to God properly and bear the fruit He intends*

Proverbs 20:27 New King James Version (NKJV)

27

The spirit of a man *is* the lamp of the Lord,
Searching all the inner depths of his heart.[a]

1 Corinthians 2:10-16 New King James Version (NKJV)

10 But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. **11** For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. **12** **Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.**

13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy[a] Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. **14** **But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.** **15** But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is *rightly* judged by no one. **16** For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?"[b] **But we have the mind of Christ.**

2 Corinthians 4:18 New King James Version (NKJV)

18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen *are* temporary, but the things which *are* not seen are eternal.

f) Seeing the unseen realm in the form of visions

- An avenue by which the Holy Spirit gives us insight into the unseen realm is in the form of visions
- The 2 times I encountered Jesus was through vision in my mind
- When I "see" I see through visions in my mind
- The prophet Daniel also experienced this reality as well

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Vision of the Ancient of Days

9

"I watched till thrones were put in place,
And the Ancient of Days was seated;

His garment was white as snow,
And the hair of His head was like pure wool.
His throne was a fiery flame,
Its wheels a burning fire;

10

A fiery stream issued
And came forth from before Him.
A thousand thousands ministered to Him;
Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him.
The court[b] was seated,
And the books were opened.

11 “I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame. **12** As for the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

13

“I was watching in the night visions,
And behold, *One* like the Son of Man,
Coming with the clouds of heaven!
He came to the Ancient of Days,
And they brought Him near before Him.

Footnotes:

a Daniel 7:1 Literally *the head* (or *chief*) of the words

b Daniel 7:10 Or *judgment*

end of footnotes

- One can also have open visions (Peter Acts 9, John Revelation 4)

e) *What we experience in vision form is relevant to everyday life*

Matthew 17:1-9 New King James Version (NKJV)

Jesus Transfigured on the Mount

17 Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; **2** and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. **3** And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.

4 Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us[a] make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!” **6** And when the disciples heard *it*, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. **7** But Jesus came and touched them and said, “Arise, and do not be afraid.” **8** When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

9 Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, “**Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead.**”

Matthew 5:27-29 New King James Version (NKJV)

Adultery in the Heart

27 “You have heard that it was said to those of old,[a] ‘You shall not commit adultery.’[b] **28** But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

29 If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast *it* from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

6) *Angels: sent as ministering spirits*

a) Angelic theology 101 (credit: Cindy Jacobs Supernatural Life)

- The Bible records 104 appearances of Angels to humankind, they are mentioned 52 times in the book of Revelation alone
- ✓ Angels cannot be numbered (Hebrews 12:22)
- Angels speak in an angelic language, yet they also speak in earthly languages (I Corinthians 13:1). The Angel of the Lord appeared to Abraham and spoke in Abraham's native language
- Angels have the know to provide people with food and water (I Kings 19:5-7) An Angel appeared to Elijah the Tishbite when he was running from Jezebel. When Elijah was exhausted and hungry he was fed by the Angel.
- Angels have emotions. Angels have great emotions when one sinner repents (Luke 15:10)

Angels involved in the

- a. The conception of Christ. Mt 1:20 , 21 ; Lu 1:31 .
 - b. The birth of Christ. Lu 2:10-12 .
 - c. The resurrection of Christ. Mt 28:5-7 ; Lu 24:23 .
 - d. The ascension and second coming of Christ. Ac 1:11 .
 - e. The conception of John the Baptist. Lu 1:13 , 36 .
11. Minister to Christ. Mt 4:11 ; Lu 22:43 ; Joh 1:51 .
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- Not only were Angels involved the live of Jesus they were also heavily involved the life of the early Church
 - Angels appear over and over again in the life of the early Church (my suggestion is to read the book of Acts) we are certainly never to worship Angels but I find nothing wrong with wanting to interact with them and see them
 - Angels were so common in the life of the early Church that (in Acts 12) when an Angel helps to release Peter from prison and went to and knock on the door of Mary the mother of John the believers their not wanting to believe it was Peter tell the maid girl answering the door Rhoda that it must be his Angel

b) Co-laboring with angels

- ✓ *We can ask the Father to send angels (credit Jennifer Eivaz):*

Matthew 26:52 New King James Version (NKJV)

52 But Jesus said to him, "Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish[a] by the sword.

- Passage obviously does not refer to direct instruction but provides insight we can ask of our heavenly Father.
- We can ask to send them on assignments for things we know they already do: protect, fight, guide, to provide
- Our declaration must be line of course with the will and the word of God
- We know that scripture teaches we have been the power to bind and loose (Matthew 16:19, Mark 11:23-24)

¹⁸Torrey, R. 1995, c1897. *The new topical text book : A scriptural text book for the use of ministers, teachers, and all Christian workers*. Logos research Systems, Inc.: Oak Harbor, WA

c) *We have the power to bind and loose*

- We bind and loose through the power of our words
- That is why intercession is so important (we can hear what the father is speaking)
- My own experience in releasing the word of the Lord and the atmosphere being charged (Philippines 2009)

Psalm 103:20 New King James Version (NKJV)

20

Bless the Lord, you His angels,
Who excel in strength, who do His word,
Heeding the voice of His word.

- As believers God has charged us with making known the will of God to principalities and powers of the hour

Ephesians 3:10 New King James Version (NKJV)

10 to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly *places*,

- David makes a declaration of praise not only to God himself but also the angels

Psalm 148:1-2 New King James Version (NKJV)

Praise to the Lord from Creation

148

Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens;
Praise Him in the heights!

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Praise Him, all His angels;
Praise Him, all His hosts!

- Angels are to stay within the confines of God's word (though) they to have the power choice, for them not to do so would be to risk punishment

Jude 6 New King James Version (NKJV)

6 And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;

d) Discernment and co-laboring with the angelic are dual purpose

- Ask God what purpose of the angel
- Healing angels, angel of revelation, angel of revival (Whiteville)

7) *Receiving the grace to see*

a. Give yourself permission to receive

- You cannot earn but you certainly can position yourself in a posture to receive
- Everything we receive is by faith so to is receiving the things of the Spirit

Hebrews 11:5-6 New King James Version (NKJV)

5 By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, “and was not found, because God had taken him”; [a] for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. **6** But without faith *it is impossible to please Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

- b. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you an areas of unbelief or judgments you have have that keep you from receiving

James 1:5-8 New King James Version (NKJV)

5 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. **6** 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. **7** For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; **8** *he is* a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Matthew 7:1-3 New King James Version (NKJV)

Do Not Judge

7 “Judge not, that you be not judged. **2** For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. **3** And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye?”

- c. Expect to receive
- d. Ask and keep on asking:

Luke 11:9-13 New King James Version (NKJV)

Keep Asking, Seeking, Knocking

9 “So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. **10** For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. **11** If a son asks for bread[a] from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if *he asks* for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? **12** Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? **13** If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

Revelation 4:1-2 New King James Version (NKJV)

The Throne Room of Heaven

4 After these things I looked, and behold, a door *standing* open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard *was* like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, “Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this. “Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and *One* sat on the throne.

8. Characteristics of prophetic people (credit given James Goll & Chuck Pierce)

- i. Presence people (I Samuel 3:3-4)
- ii. Responsible people (Philippians 2:12)
- iii. People under authority (I Chronicles 25:2-3)

- iv. People who understand mercy and judgment and love mercy(Micah 6:8)
- v. Obedient People (1 John 2:3-6;)
- vi. Humble People (Is. 57:15; Mt. 11:29)
- vii. Vision People (Jeremiah 29:11)

viii. *Learning and Listening*

The key to learning is asking. The key to receiving is listening. Beware of revelation fixation. Daniel 7:1-14 shows a vital principle of the prophetic. One must keep looking and asking, searching and inquiring of the Lord to reveal all truth and not get caught with a particular revelation.

- i. Can communicate properly (listening,speaking,writing,reading,writing)

- I. Hold a Secret

Everything you receive as revelation doesn't give you license to share it. God reveals secrets to His servants. (Amos 3:7) But ask for permission as to whether you are to give the revelation or not. God is looking for some close friends with whom He can share His secrets.

- II. Love the Anointing

Love the manifested presence of the Lord. (1 John 2:27) Cultivate His presence by being around people of His presence.

VII. Risk!

Fruit is born out on a limb—we must step out of our comfort zone and step out in faith! Remember, faith is always spelled R-I-S-K. (Romans 10:17; Hebrews 4:2; 11:6)