

Encounter School # 3:

Encounter school 3 will be a time of divine intersection between heaven and earth. This weekend will be a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit in which all who engage in the purpose of G-d will be changed forever. This will also be a time for a significant shift in the region for the purposes of G-d. I will open the heavens over the piedmont region in a very significant way for the purposes of G-d. Not only will significant miracles take place during the weekend of August 22-23 2014 but I will release a grace into the region in which unusual miracles will begin to become common place. They will gather from all around the region from different states to receive from the fountain of G-d. This school has been correctly named, Encounter School, because it will be a time of deep encounter and personal transformation. I am going to use this school to help establish my habitation in this region and rebuild the tabernacle of David. For what I desire to do in this region will not be contained to one Church or one stream or one expression. I am releasing a multi-varied expression of the glory of G-d in the earth. The people of G-d in this region will never be the same.

1) Introduction

- November/December 2007 G-d began to speak to me about reformation
- We are in a wonderful reformation of the Church
 - Reformation defined: the changing of the universal Church to better align in both belief and expression with the purposes of heaven for this hour
- A people who operate as a reformational people, are people who build their life on a foundation of intimacy with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- The foundation of this reformation is people who express the greatest commandment
- Foundation defined: The basis our groundwork of anything
- Growing up outside New York City I would often see skyscrapers that were being built and would marvel of how long it took the foundation to be built
- The desire of heaven is to shift the Church culture to one in which very truth that we teach, preach, and articulate is deeply rooted in an ongoing encounter and fascination with Jesus Christ
- We are to be a people who grow in the knowledge of G-d

Matthew 22:36-39 (Amplified Bible)

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

2) Understanding our original intent

- Genesis- a Greek word meaning “origin” or “beginning”

Genesis 1:1 (NKJV)

The History of Creation

1 In the beginning **God** created the heavens and the earth.

- The source of all creation and life upon planet earth was the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- G-d is the origin, He is the reservoir, He is the fountain from which it all flows
- Life upon the earth cannot be lived **properly** without recognizing and following G-d’s intent for humanity upon the earth

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

²⁶Then 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." ²⁷So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸Then 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."

✓ *G-d's divine design*

- G-d made a choice to share his attributes with humanity
- **Image defined: likeness, i.e., that which is a pattern, model, or example of something¹ Like God we are persons, with an emotional, moral, and intellectual resemblance to our Creator.²**
- Not in the erect form or features of man, not in his intellect, for the devil and his angels are, in this respect, far superior; not in his immortality, for he has not, like God, a past as well as a future eternity of being; but in the moral dispositions of his soul, commonly called *original righteousness* (Ec 7:29).³

○ *Original righteousness*

Ecclesiastes 7:29

New Century Version (NCV)

²⁹One thing I have learned:
God made people good,
but they have found all kinds of ways to be bad."

- This expression refers not merely to the intelligence with which God endowed, and the immortality with which He gifted man, but also to the **perfect moral and spiritual nature which man at the first possessed⁴**

Genesis 2:7

New King James Version (NKJV)

⁷And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

- **The Lord God formed (*yāṣār*) man of the dust of the ground.** Again the two names for God are joined in anticipation of the epoch-making event. The word *yāṣār* is used to give the figure of a potter at work,

¹ Swanson, J. (1997). *Dictionary of Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains : Hebrew (Old Testament)* (electronic ed.). Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

² Richards, L., & Richards, L. O. (1987). *The teacher's commentary* (26). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

³ Jamieson, R., Fausset, A. R., & Brown, D. (1997). *Commentary Critical and Explanatory on the Whole Bible* (Ge 1:26). Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

⁴ Edersheim, A. (1997). *Bible History: Old Testament* (Ge 1–3). Oak Harbor: Logos Bible Software.

molding with his hands the plastic material he holds (cf. Jer 18:3, 4). The same verb is used to picture the shaping of a people or a nation. Man's body was fashioned from the dust of the ground, while his spirit came from the very "breath" of God. He is literally a creature of two worlds; both earth and heaven can claim him. Notice the three statements: **Jehovah formed** (*yāṣār*) **man of the dust ... Jehovah God breathed** (*naṣpāh*) **into his nostrils the breath of life ... man became** (*hāyāh*) **a living soul**. The first step was exceedingly important, but the moistened dust was far from being a man until the second miracle was complete. God communicated his own life to that inert mass of substance he had previously created and molded into form. The divine breath permeated the material and transformed it into a living being. That strange combination of dust and deity produced a marvelous creation (cf. I Cor 15:47-49), made in God's own image. As a living being, man was destined to reveal the qualities of the Giver of life.⁵

- God's breathing **the breath of life** into man transformed his form into **a living being** (lit., "a living soul"). This made man a spiritual being, with a capacity for serving and fellowship with God.⁶

✓ Some thoughts on the image of G-d:

- i. Humanity was created for dependence on G-d
- ii. G-d created you to submit to Him
- iii. We were created to live from beauty
- iv. Humanity was made to receive from the affections and emotions from G-d (Genesis 1:31)
- v. We were created for interdependence
- vi. Humanity was created to think like G-d
- vii. The ability to think like G-d was not automatic
- viii. Humanity had the ability to think like G-d and to discover things that G-d made through His word, through submission and intimacy with G-d to create like G-d (Genesis 1:1-2, Hebrews 11:3) animals are at the mercy of the darkness in cave, humanity is not
- ix. Ability to choose either good and evil
 - G-d has a narrative that He is writing for the history of the earth, it includes you and your family an essential part of that narrative is for you to live out who a lifestyle of encounter and intimacy.
 - The history that G-d intends to write for planet earth can only be properly written when we make a daily choice to prioritize His presence and majesty as the primary motivation for all of our lives.

3) *Humanity has been given the choice to choose to be chosen by the Father*

Matthew 22:1-2 New King James Version (NKJV)

22 And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: ²“The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son,

- The story at the centre of this parable is of a wedding given by a king for his son and for which invitations are distributed.
- Christ is the Bridegroom, the church is the bride
- The gospel covenant is a marriage covenant between Christ and believers, and it is a marriage of God's making⁷

⁵ Pfeiffer, C. F. (1962). *The Wycliffe Bible Commentary: Old Testament* (Ge 2:7). Chicago: Moody Press.

⁶ Ross, A. P. (1985). Genesis. In J. F. Walvoord & R. B. Zuck (Eds.), *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures* (J. F. Walvoord & R. B. Zuck, Ed.) (Ge 2:4b-7). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

Matthew 22:3-4 New King James Version (NKJV)

³ and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. ⁴ Again, he sent out other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, ‘See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle *are* killed, and all things *are* ready. Come to the wedding.’”

- In the Gospels God’s “call” is an invitation, but more. It’s a command and requires a decision. The invited in Jesus’ parable had the freedom to refuse to come.⁸
- The king not only invites his guests again and again, but carefully describes the celebration to make it as inviting as possible
- G-d describes the beauty He has prepared for those of whom He has called
- These are the preparations for this feast, a heaven upon earth now, and a heaven in heaven shortly. God has prepared it in his counsel, in his covenant. It is a dinner, denoting present privileges in the midst of our day, beside the supper at night in glory.
- (1.) It is *a feast*. Gospel preparations were prophesied of as *a feast* (Isa. 25:6)
- These are the preparations for this feast, a heaven upon earth now, and a heaven in heaven shortly. God has prepared it in his counsel, in his covenant. It is a dinner, denoting present privileges in the midst of our day, beside the supper at night in glory.
- While the driving motivation of G-d’s heart is not simply entice people with the benefits of the gospel, there is place in our appeal of the gospel to beauty and the benefits that belong to citizens of the Kingdom

Isaiah 25:6 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁶ And in this mountain
The LORD of hosts will make **for all people**
A feast of choice pieces,
A feast of wines on the lees,
Of fat things full of marrow,
Of well-refined wines on the lees

Matthew 22:5-10 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁵ But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. ⁶ And the rest seized his servants, treated *them* spitefully, and killed *them*. ⁷ But when the king heard *about it*, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, **but those who were invited were not worthy**. ⁹ Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.’ ¹⁰ So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. **And the wedding hall was filled with guests.**

- One of the reasons some made the choice to not respond was because they had bigger priorities than what G-d intended for them in that moment
- A farm, a business in our world a career a ministry, family gatherings are certainly not idolatrous things expect if they come before G-d’s primary intent for your life
- Others willfully reject the King’s invitation and treat His servants poorly

⁷ Henry, M. (1994). *Matthew Henry’s commentary on the whole Bible: Complete and unabridged in one volume* (1725). Peabody: Hendrickson.

⁸ Richards, L. O. (1991). *The Bible reader’s companion* (electronic ed.) (624). Wheaton: Victor Books.

- The reason why sinners come not to Christ and salvation by him is, not because they *cannot*, but because *they will not* (Jn. 5:40);⁹

John 5:40 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁴⁰ But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

- It is possible to disqualify yourself from the purposes of G-d for your life but rejecting G-d's primary intent for your life
- Nevertheless the Kings sends His servants into the world and sends invites all both good and bad to the feast
- The wedding hall then is filled with guest

Matthew 22:11-14 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. ¹² So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and ^[a] cast *him* into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ **For many are called, but few are chosen.**

- It seems strange that, having taken such pains to get guests in, the king should then throw one out for what he is wearing!
 - Apparently it is possible to be at the wedding feast (in the setting of the universal Church setting) and still not be clothed properly
 - Individual stewardship is essential
 - Evidence suggests that kings on certain occasions provided their guests with special garments
 - Fellow, comrade. A form of address to someone whose name is not known. The man without the wedding garment depicts the person who claims to be ready for Christ's kingdom, but is not.
 - G-d rewards us for the actions He has given the grace for us to fulfill
 - G-d has the same treatment for the those who willfully rejected the gospel message and those who were part of the wedding yet have not dressed properly
- ✓ Those who choose to be chosen are who choose to appropriate the grace of G-d given to them to fulfill that which the Father has intended for their lives before the foundation of the earth
 - ✓ It is a willful choice to cooperate with the grace of G-d that allows the chosen to reap the benefits of the feast G-d has intended for His children upon the earth
 - ✓ G-d rewards us for the actions He has given the grace for us to fulfill
 - ✓ I believe that the Holy Spirit wants to make an appeal to the people of G-d worldwide please be a people who live there life as G-d intended
 - ✓ It begins with the leadership of the Church

4) Characteristics of "normal" Christians

"Those who choose to be chosen"

Exhaustive not qualitative (synergistic concepts)

⁹ Henry, M. (1994). *Matthew Henry's commentary on the whole Bible: Complete and unabridged in one volume* (1726). Peabody: Hendrickson.

I. Take 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 a 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

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.

- While it is essential that we take personal responsibility for our own lives as we walk out our salvation we will live with the consciousness that without Him we can do nothing
- Though we are required to make a consciousness decision to follow Him it is only through the grace He has given us that makes this reality possible

John 15:5 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁵ “I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

- Personal responsibility requires that we understand the power of true repentance
- True repentance is necessary value on the journey G-d intends for each of us to follow
- True repentance takes personal responsibility of actions committed against G-d and others when we have sinned
- True repentance never blames others, circumstances, or sins committed against us as a reason for sinful behavior
- Difference between rebellion and immaturity
 - Rebellion: the willful decision to live a **lifestyle** outside of the boundaries of G-d's will boundary and protection
 - Immaturity: a believer who has a deep desire to live a G-dly lifestyle but has area or areas in which they have not fully developed their obedience
- ✓ One of the reasons we as humans have identify with a victim mindset is that when we were born we were all victimized by Adam and Eve's sin
- ✓ We were born into a world in which our nature was predetermined by the first human being's choice
- ✓ The good news is that we no longer have to be bound to Adam's choice by making the wonderful free choice to live a life inside of G-d in righteousness that Jesus Christ has gained for all of humanity

1 Corinthians 15:45-48 New King James Version (NKJV)

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

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

Some reflective questions:

- *How is personal responsibility reflected in your daily lifestyle?*
- *Do you areas in your life in which you believe you will always have to live in a deficit? i.e. I will always be over-weight, I will always life paycheck to paycheck, there is never enough, my children will never serve the Lord, I do not have the wisdom to even attempt that, it is all in God's hands*

II. Live for eternity

- ✓ 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
- ✓ We will never exhaust the beauty of Jesus
- ✓ We will never exhaust the beauty of Jesus and the beauty of Jesus has never intended to be exhausted
- ✓ 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 and 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 judged be 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 are 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

Mark 12:41-44 New King James Version (NKJV)

The Widow's Two Mites

⁴¹ Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many *who were* rich put in much. ⁴² Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites,^[a] which make a quadrans. ⁴³ So He called His disciples to *Himself* and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; ⁴⁴ for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood."

- One of the core values of the people who are in Christ and in the Kingdom of G-d is people to live for eternity
- Our primary motivation is to for one reason alone and that is please the King
- The only fair and proper response to being a subject of the King is a surrendered life
- Anything we have been given is simply a reflection of who G-d the only thing we get to give back to him is our lives

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
- **5:10.** As the Corinthians know, Paul had appeared before their governor's "judgment seat" (Acts 18:12), but Paul's allusion here is directly to the standard Old Testament and Jewish image of the day of judgment, in which God's throne became the ultimate judgment seat. Paul's emphasis on judgment for deeds in the body reiterates his opposition to any remaining elements of common Greek ideas disparaging the body, which Paul had refuted in 1 Corinthians 6:12-14.¹⁰
- 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
- 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

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

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.

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

- 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.

- ✓ *Have you considered that one day you will stand before Jesus and be judged?*
- ✓ *Does living for eternity impact your present choices?*
- ✓ *What does the fear of the Lord mean to you?*

III. Persistent and intentional

- G-d desires the invitations He has given us to fuel a passionate, persistent intentional pursuit of knowing
- It is in the pursuit of knowing Him as our primary motivation that we receive the benefits that come with the Kingdom

Matthew 6:33 New King James Version (NKJV)

³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Jeremiah 33:3 New Living Translation (NLT)

³ Ask me and I will tell you remarkable secrets you do not know about things to come.

James 4:8 New King James Version (NKJV)

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

- When you were born you set into motion and eternal plan that the Father had desired for you before the foundation of the earth
- Humanity was made in the image of G-d so we would find great delight in drawing near to us
- G-d takes great pleasure when His children draw near because he has promised to respond
- In the grace and the sovereignty of G-d He will respond and often encounter G-d who do not desire Him
- However His divine design was to find a people who would consistently and intentionally draw near to him

Matthew 15:21-28 New King James Version (NKJV)

A Gentile Shows Her Faith

²¹ Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed."

²³ But He answered her not a word.

And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, “Send her away, for she cries out after us.”

²⁴ But He answered and said, “I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

²⁵ Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, help me!”

²⁶ But He answered and said, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw *it* to the little dogs.”

²⁷ And she said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.”

²⁸ Then Jesus answered and said to her, “O woman, great *is* your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

- Intent defined: firmly or steadfastly fixed or directed
- G-d has always desired a people of intentionality—who in the journey of life build there foundation on intentional worship, rest, and meditation
- Our examples found in scripture

Psalm 27:4 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

Exodus 33:11 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹¹ So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the **tabernacle**.

- **Jesus was the son of G-d who lived with intentionality chronicled by the gospel writers**

Luke 5:16 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁶ But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

[Matthew 14:23](#)

After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone,

[Mark 1:35](#)

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

[Luke 6:12](#)

One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God.

[Luke 9:28](#)

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray.

[Luke 9:29](#)

As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.

- If we are to follow the Apostles Paul's command to be imitators of Christ then we must be people of intentionality
- The Apostle Paul in his epistles also commanded us to be people who pray without ceasing

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

- We are to live in the place of conscious communion with are Father who is heaven
- A lifestyle of consistent communion with the Father is developed my making a choice to be intentional
- It is through intentionality that we learn to discern the distinct rhythms of our father in heaven
- We develop a habit be creating a craving
- When a habit becomes established in our lives the chances of continual practice of that habit is extremely likely without sometimes having a conscious recognition that the habit is even taking place
- Example: Pulling out of the driveway out of your house for 20 years
- We have been created to crave the presence of G-d, however if we do not feed that craving through a purposeful choice of connecting with the father, the way in which G-d created us can become dull
- If we feed our body, soul, and spirit with the things of heaven we will crave the things of heaven

Psalm 84:2 New King James Version (NKJV)

² My soul longs, yes, even faints
For the courts of the LORD;
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

1 Timothy 4:1-3 New King James Version (NKJV)

The Great Apostasy

⁴ Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, ² speaking lies in hypocrisy, **having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,** ³ forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

- There is freedom between you and Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to determine what the father requires of you
 - What one requires of one He may not require of another but only you and truly determine your cadence based upon your season of life, personality, and even assignment
 - What G-d requires of college student He likely will not require of a single mom with 3 children
- ✓ Persist defined: 1) to continue steadfastly in some state, purpose or course of action in spite of opposition or criticism 2) to last or endure tenaciously 3) to be insistent in a statement, request or question

Matthew 7:7-8 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁷“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

- Am I intentional in my pursuit of G-d?
- If so how can I be more intentional? If not how can I make myself more intentional?
- Have I discovered the rhythm of G-d for my life
- Am I persistent in my pursuit of G-d?
- Do I believe that I am steward of my own destiny?

IV. *Have experience and are a student of G-d's emotions towards them*

- ✓ As we study God's emotions, we receive revelation of His heart. This empowers our hearts to love and obey God. It is not enough to be committed to obey, our hearts must be empowered by confidence in love. David had revelation of how God felt about him. This gave David much confidence to *run to God* in his weakness.
- One of the great characteristics of David's life was his revelation of God's mercy. Many *run from God* when they stumble in sin because they are filled with guilt and condemnation and believe that God is angry with them.
- G-d is not one dimensional in His attributes—He is a Holy righteous King who has fire in His eyes (Revelation 19:12) but the primary way He desires to relate to people is through His loving-kindness
- Scripture documents that the primary way that G-d delights in relating to humanity is through His loving kindness

Genesis 3:6-10

New King James Version (NKJV)

⁶So when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

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

⁹Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, “Where *are* you?”

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

- It is pretty difficult to exaggerate the goodness of G-d
- A number of weeks ago I repented for underestimating the goodness of G-d
- One of the primary ways G-d has intended to relate to His children is loving kindness
- An incorrect thought process will lead to incorrect actions and behavior (prodigal son story)
- Shame and guilt and commendation

- One of the challenges is that often we attribute human qualities to G-d
- Even our sincerest efforts to produce mature love is quite small at best
- The most mature person we know has not even tap into the fullness of what G-d has intended for people on planet earth and through eternity
- G-d's judgments are always for redemptive purposes
- While we have been commanded to draw near to G-d the truth is G-d has always been searching for us
- The G-d who needs nothing has a deep desire to interact with you
- It is crucial that if are to be known as friends of G-d in the earth that we become a student of G-d's emotions towards us

Exodus 33:11-23

New King James Version (NKJV)

¹¹ So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle.

The Promise of God's Presence

¹² Then Moses said to the LORD, "See, You say to me, 'Bring up this people.' But You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight.'

¹³ Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation *is* Your people."

¹⁴ And He said, "My Presence will go *with you*, and I will give you rest."

¹⁵ Then he said to Him, "If Your Presence does not go *with us*, do not bring us up from here. ¹⁶ For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who *are* upon the face of the earth."

¹⁷ So the LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name."

¹⁸ And he said, "Please, show me Your glory."

¹⁹ Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."

²⁰ But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live."²¹ And the LORD said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. ²² So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. ²³ Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen."

Jeremiah 29:11

New King James Version (NKJV)

¹¹ For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Micah 7:18

New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁸ Who *is* a God like You,
Pardoning iniquity
And passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage?

He does not retain His anger forever,
Because He delights *in* mercy.

- Essential in our journey to know G-d is to study His emotions
- The study should always lead us to an experience with His emotions
- The study of the emotions of G-d is not simply an intellectual pursuit
- Jesus had an ongoing experience of G-d's emotions towards Him

Matthew 3:17 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁷ And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Ephesians 3:14-19 New King James Version (NKJV)

Appreciation of the Mystery

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,^[a] ¹⁵ from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, ¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, ¹⁷ that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height— ¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

- ✓ Am I a student of G-d's emotions?
- ✓ Have I experienced the pleasure of G-d on an ongoing basis?

V. Are able to hold the attributes of G-d in tension

- As we walk with G-d we discover through experience and scripture that G-d has multi-dimensional attributes
- G-d is kind loving gracious and the primary way in which He desires to relate to humanity is through His loving kindness
- He is also a righteous judge who is to be feared
- There is a difference between fear of G-d and the fear of G-d
- The fear of the Lord helps us to run towards G-d
- The fear of G-d keeps people from G-d because it is usually accompanied with guilt and condemnation
- The fear of the Lord is given to help our hearts to turn towards so that with every fiber of our being we are properly motivated walk the narrow road G-d intends for His children
- Fear of G-d turns us from G-d and causes us run from G-d when we judge ourselves by our own sin, character defects, or actions often with resulting condemnation and guilt
- The ability to hold truth in tension allows us to not create a G-d in our image but rather experience the full beauty of G-d by discovering all His attributes
- As we receive revelation about one aspect of the nature of G-d it's important to recognize it is often to be held in tension which another aspect of G-d's attributes
- The attributes of G-d are not linear but rather multi-dimensional

John 3:17-18 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

¹⁸ “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 12:47-48 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁴⁷ And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, ^[a] I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. ⁴⁸ He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

John 9:39 New King James Version (NKJV)

³⁹ And Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind.”

- At times an individual or stream in the body of Christ has a genuine understanding and revelation about the nature of G-d
- However when confronted with a tension in that truth they respond not by turning to scripture or the council of the Holy Spirit but by answering from the realm of the soul
- I am comfortable recognizing as much as I can discern through the whole council of G-d’s word that the primary way G-d relates to the people so through His loving kindness
- G-d primary desire for humanity as goodness and mercy shall follow them all the days of their lives
- However in Acts 5 in the story of Ananias and Sapphira it is the Holy Spirit that releases judgment upon both of them for lying to the Holy Spirit
- The result was not a father heart of G-d meeting but rather

Acts 5:11 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹¹ So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things

- One way to recognize we are holding truth in tension is by embracing mysterious and simply saying we do not have a complete understanding of all things
- I am convinced through the full council of scripture that it is the will of G-d for the people of to be prosperous in their body, soul, and prosperous financially
- However I also believe just because at this moment you may have challenge financially it does not automatically mean that lack faith or that you are out of the will of G-d
- One way to recognize we are holding truth in tension is by embracing mystery and simply saying we do not have a complete understanding of all things

VI. Treasure the word of G-d

2 Timothy 3:16 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁶ All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

- G-d has given the full council of scripture and the Holy Spirit for us to be fulfill the mandate the assignment He has given to us individuals and the corporate body
- The same word G-d used to put the universe that was out of order has been as a gift to humanity to know it's origins, a blue-print to disciple nations, and as an invaluable tool to give victory to every believer in every area of life
- Read the scripture, meditate upon scripture, confession the scripture
- reflect on scripture through journaling
- Develop a bible study reading plan
- Ask G-d the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to develop a biblical worldview
- Each one of in this room are have been disciplined over our lives
- One of the reasons the 7 mountains are so important is that they are each used as tools in discipling people arts, entertainment, education, family, government, media, religion,
- The question becomes have we received discipleship that is in accordance with scripture and the Kingdom of G-d
- There are two primary Greek words that describe Scripture which are translated *word* in the New Testament. The first, *logos*, refers principally to the total inspired Word of God and to Jesus, Who is the living *Logos*.

Examples:

John 1:1-2

New King James Version (NKJV)

The Eternal Word

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God.

2 Timothy 2:15

New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁵ Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

➤ The second primary Greek word that describes Scripture is *rhema*, which refers to a word that is spoken and means "an utterance." **A rhema is a verse or portion of Scripture that the Holy Spirit brings to our attention with application to a current situation or need for direction. Also refers to the Holy Spirit speaking specifically about a situation, problem, or circumstance.**

- ✓ *Examples:* 2002 make Chris your best friend, Brazil 2012 "I do not want to ever worry about money again"
- ✓ *Brazil January 2013 "Never worry about money again"*

- *Scriptural Examples:*

Luke 5:5

New King James Version (NKJV)

⁵ But Simon answered and said to Him, “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.”

Luke 3:2

New King James Version (NKJV)

² while Annas and Caiaphas were high priests,^[a] the word of God came to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.

✓ **G-d’s rhema word comes to us a byproduct of relationship**

- **G-d’s primary interest is in the formation of our relationship**
- **The rhema word when built on a proper foundation comes from our relationship with Him**

John 10:27

New King James Version (NKJV)

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

- ✓ G-d’s spoken word cannot be lived without
- ✓ G-d does not make a suggestion to us on whether or wants us to live by His word

Deuteronomy 8:3

New King James Version (NKJV)

³ So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every *word* that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.

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]

- **Stewarding and valuing G-d’s word positions us to hear the secrets of the mystery of the Kingdom**

Luke 8:18 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁸ Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him *more* will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him.”

Luke 8:18 New King James Version (NKJV)

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- ✓ *When G-d speaks it locates are current thought and an invitation into how G-d intends for us to think*
- G-d's word then is invitation to change the way we think and step into an upgrade into identity into how G-d sees us
- From heaven's perspective it is not sufficient to know a truth intellectually but for it to be expressed in a daily living reality

Hebrews 4:12 (New International Version)

¹²For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

- Double-edged sword- two sides
 - A. The word gives an understand in how & what G-d is thinking in a certain situation (always rooted in scripture)
 - B. It also gives you an understanding of what you are thinking and your value in light of how G-d is viewing a particular situation

VII. *Respond to revelation not a circumstance*

- Our Father in heaven knows the beginning from the end
- He knows the situation, circumstance and challenge we will find ourselves in at this season of life
- G-d has never intended us to live at the mercy of our circumstance but rather through our union with Him be writers of history
- G-d intends that we respond to His voice and that His voice define how we face our circumstance
- The life of Jesus was this extraordinary life who live in rhythm with the Father's thoughts desires and intents
- You never find a moment in the life of Jesus where He was shaped by the situation He was but rather he shaped the situation the He was in
- Jesus is told that Lazarus is dyeing but He stays where He is ministering then goes on His way when he dies
- The religious community of its day is scandalized because He is hanging out with known sinners and He offers very little in the way of explanation (He does not hire a PR firm)
- He teaches that people must eat His body and drink His blood and loses some of His disciples and again offers no explanation
- In the final moments of His life He is questioned by Pilate and chooses not to defend himself
- Scripture makes it clear that often human logic and reason can keep us from shaping the environment of the world around us
- Tension in this aspect of the Kingdom is that sometimes the Father does speak through circumstances
- God can speak to us through our circumstances. This dynamic often occurs as God opens and closes doors of opportunity in our lives. It is often easy for sons and daughters to misunderstand this principle and think that any time we come up against an obstacle in our life that God cannot be in it. Keep in mind that any time we do something for God , the devil will oppose you.

➤ *We are either influencing environments or being influenced by an environment*

- ✓ Environment defined:

- the aggregate of surrounding things, conditions, or influences; surroundings; milieu.
 - the social and cultural forces that shape the life of a person or a population.
 - Computers. the hardware or software configuration, or the mode of operation, of a computer system: In a time-sharing environment, transactions are processed as they occur.
- Jesus called the disciples to himself (Mark 3:13) for the purpose of replicating himself in others to carry lead the task of carrying out the Father's commission for the earth
 - It seemed as though many times they were immature and failed to understand the lessons the Father was trying to convey
 - However while not perfect they did a pretty good job with the Holy Spirit's help of birthing the Church and changing the course of world history
 - I believe one of the keys to the breakthrough they experienced was those 3 to 3 ½ years that had spent simply being in Jesus presence and doing life with him

Acts 4:13

New King James Version (NKJV)

¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.

- I have learned as leader the strongest impartation and ministry I release is not necessarily what I say but who I am
- As children we are highly impacted by the home environment that we have place into on a daily basis
- Mornings reading scripture---Robert Cooke "Walk with the King today and be a blessing"
- Even as a child when I visited other peoples home I could recognize quickly the differences in the home I group up and the home I visited ("Do you have some rice?" "Sorry rice in our house")
- Finances and certain aspects of my household I was never told it just happened
- Sometimes things do not just happen they are the result of the environment in which you placed yourself in
- As local communities that make up the larger universal church of the Lord Jesus Christ I can often recognize what stream or tribe a believer is from often by how they act or the different truths they express

Luke 5:1-11 New King James Version (NKJV)

Four Fishermen Called as Disciples

⁵ So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, ² and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing *their* nets. ³ Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.

⁴ When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."

⁵ But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." ⁶ And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. ⁷ So they signaled to *their* partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ When Simon Peter saw *it*, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"

⁹ For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken, ¹⁰ and so also *were* James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.” ¹¹ So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

VIII. *Childlike faith*

- We know that need does not move but rather our trust in Him to meet that need

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.

- G-d will always be G-d and we will always be his children
- While may mature we are still always novices at best in the purposes of G-d
- One of the ways we maintain a childlike like heart is to be one to sits in constant amazement and wonder of G-d
- True humility is displayed when we express our need for Him through intentionality
- As we sit gazing upon one of the byproducts is that we realize how big He is and how small we are

Psalm 8:4 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁴ What is man that You are mindful of him,
And the son of man that You visit him?

Matthew 18:3 New King James Version (NKJV)

³ and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

IX. *Have supernatural experiences*

- Supernatural experiences are the inheritance of every believer who is in Jesus Christ
- What was the high experiences for one believer or general in a previous generation G-d wants to become commonplace for the people of G-d
- Heavenly encounters, encounters with the angelic, translations, buildings shaking were all were supposed to be part of the norm for believers in the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ
- One of the keys is simply a surrendered heart and a lifestyle of consistent pursuit and encounter
- The “routine” supernatural occurs as we act in what has determined to be routine for our lives
- What is normal is a lifestyle of consistent walk with him and contending for the promises that he clearly desires to give us but have yet to manifest in our lives
- While it is true you receive everything you need upfront in the Kingdom of G-d the door to receiving the free inheritance is relationship
- Some current thoughts on the supernatural encounters

✓ *Rooms reserved in the heart of G-d for you*

John’s eyes begin to adjust to the brightness when he arrives at a room—surprisingly, a room with his name painted on the wall. The room also has pictures throughout his life, from infancy to adulthood. There are also pictures of him in the future, and John is amazed by the beautiful colors and warm ambiance of the room. He’s almost embarrassed that someone went through such lavish efforts to create a room just for him.

John 14:2

New King James Version (NKJV)

²In My Father's house are many mansions;^[a] if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.^[b]

✓ Spirit of wisdom and revelation is being released in the earth—The door to heaven is open

✓ *G-d is releasing strategies to disciple nations*

- The Holy Spirit is releasing a whole generation of people who like Enoch will visit the heavenly places and come to know the mysteries of the Kingdom, as they come to know the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven they will be better equipped and have revelation on how to release my Kingdom in the earth realm
- ✓ I see a picture of a young man holding keys they are quite large and the keys are labeled the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven as the young man studies the keys he begins to have insight and revelation on how to use the keys, on one key it says the word nations, on another key I see the word abortion, on another key I see the supreme court, on another key I see the word sickness and disease, on another key I see the word Churches, on another key I see the word Kingdom, on another key I see the word University,- H.S. those who I have given authority in these realms and who walk in intimacy with me will be given revelation on how to use these keys- I am not after simply giving people revelation about the keys I have given them but I am after hearts and minds wholly surrendered to me
- ✓ Just as one my son Jesus walked upon the earth I am about to release the government of heaven in a way that has not ever been seen before, I will release all authority on my sons and daughters in this hour to govern the nations, to govern the Kingdoms of this world just as I placed my servant Joseph in a place on influence and authority I will place my people in strategic places of influence and authority in many nations

✓ *Angelic encounters are part of the people of G-d's inheritance*

- Visitations from Angels will be become much more common in this Hour and the people of God will learn to invite and include Angels in earthly activities
- This is an area I learned about when in my quest to enter deeper in the ministry of healing-(the story I have heard Randy Clark tell many times)
 - Since that time I have invited the Angels of God to come nearly everywhere I minister because they are agents to help execute God's will upon the earth
 - One of the vital ways that we can cooperate with the heavenly host is #1 as we pursue deep relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and walk in the fear of the Lord

Psalm 34:7 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁷The angel^[a] of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him,
And delivers them.

- Secondly as we walk in deep relationship with the Holy Spirit we must declare what the Spirit of God is saying, as we declare what God is saying we open for us realms in the Spirit where the Holy Spirit has greater access and also we invite angelic activity

Psalm 103:20-22 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.

²¹ Bless the LORD, all *you* His hosts,
You ministers of His, who do His pleasure.

²² Bless the LORD, all His works,
In all places of His dominion.

21 Bless the LORD, O my soul!

- 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 been known 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
 - The conception of Christ. Mt 1:20 , 21 ; Lu 1:31 .
 - The birth of Christ. Lu 2:10-12 .
 - The resurrection of Christ. Mt 28:5-7 ; Lu 24:23 .
 - The ascension and second coming of Christ. Ac 1:11 .
 - The conception of John the Baptist. Lu 1:13 , 36 .
 - Minister to Christ. Mt 4:11 ; Lu 22:43 ; Joh 1:51 .
- Not only were Angels involved the life of Jesus they were also heavily involved the life of the early Church
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 - 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
 - Over the last 6 months I have an encounter with angel in which He scroll in my chest on 2 different occasions

- Holy Spirit “Invite angels into your writing”
- Impartation for people to discern that they are interacting with angels
 - ✓ **Supernatural experiences are essential because it is where authority is often released**
 - David was anointed 3 times to be king over Israel
 - The first time he 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
- In the primitive Church when persecution arose for the sake of preaching the gospel, they asked the Holy Spirit for another filling of the Holy Spirit
- When they asked for another filling of the of the Holy Spirit, the filling of the Holy Spirit shook the room in which they were in and they spoke the word of G-d with boldness

Acts 4:31 New King James Version (NKJV)

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.

Acts 5:15-16 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁵ so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. ¹⁶ Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

- As you encounter G-d try and see if the grace of G-d has increased

➤ *A filling of the Holy Spirit is related to your G-d given assignment*

Exodus 31:1-3

New King James Version (NKJV)

Artisans for Building the Tabernacle

31 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²“See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. ³ And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all *manner of* workmanship,

- *Realize that was experienced in a moment can be part of ongoing experience*
 - When we encounter the Lord in a particular moment through encounter, G-d intends it to be part of an ongoing experience
 - We can filled with the Holy Spirit in a moment of time and in that moment be filled with joy, peace, fire, presence
 - What we experience in that moment the Holy Spirit wants to teach us to access as a daily experience in our lives
 - The disciples experienced a filling of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost but the experience was not event in the life of the early church but became part of an ongoing experience in the life of the early church
 - Many of us in this room have been impacted by the message of the father heart of G-d through the Toronto renewal which has changed nations
 - We know by experience that what we experienced in a moment, G-d now intends to be part of our ongoing experience
 - We may experience Jesus as the healer in a moment but He wants to be the healer of all our sickness and diseases
 - When we have encounter with the Father, *What does this mean? Usually a similar experience or experiences follow and How do access this is part of my lifestyle?*
 - ✓ The Apostle Paul as our example

Acts 9:1-9 New King James Version (NKJV)

The Damascus Road: Saul Converted

9 Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

³ As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. ⁴ Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?”

⁵ And he said, “Who are You, Lord?”

Then the Lord said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.^[a] It *is* hard for you to kick against the goads.”

⁶ So he, trembling and astonished, said, “Lord, what do You want me to do?”

Then the Lord *said* to him, “Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

⁷ And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. ⁸ Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought *him* into Damascus. ⁹ And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

- Luke in the last part of the book of Acts chronicles the Apostle Paul’s missionary journey’s
- In His journey’s He would continually mention what He experienced on the road to Damascus on the way to persecute believers
- About 30 years later in a letter to the Church of Philippi declares what He experienced in a moment became part of His ongoing experience

Philippians 3:7-15 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁷ But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. ⁸ Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; ¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, ¹¹ if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Pressing Toward the Goal

¹² Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. ¹³ Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴ I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you.

X. *Understanding of our intermediary role*

- ✓ G-d has given us the privilege of not just being bystanders in this world
- ✓ We have been given responsibility to write the history of world in partnership with G-d
- ✓ It is our job to be the face of G-d to the rest of the world
- ✓ Sao Paulo, Brazil

Genesis 41:15-16

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¹⁵ And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I have had a dream, and *there is* no one who can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you *that* you can understand a dream, to interpret it.”

¹⁶ So Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, “*It is* not in me; God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace.”

Genesis 41:25

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²⁵ Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, “The dreams of Pharaoh *are* one; God has shown Pharaoh what He *is* about to do:

Exodus 7:1-2

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⁷ So the LORD said to Moses: “See, I have made you *as* God to Pharaoh, and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet. ² You shall speak all that I command you. And Aaron your brother shall tell Pharaoh to send the children of Israel out of his land.

Samuel had an intercessory role

- ✓ After several defeats the Philistines are defeated through his intercession and sacrifices (I Samuel 7:4-6)- The people of God will come into a revelation of their place to stand between God and man and through the activity of their priestly office and bring nations to defeat obstacles that have previously defeated them.
- ✓ Prophetic people are also supposed to help serve as the moral conscious of a nation
- ✓ Being a voice against injustice and corruption in every realm of society
- ✓ We cannot believe G-d for favor and in system that we want to participate in

Ezekiel 3:17

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¹⁷ “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore hear a word from My mouth, and give them warning from Me:

2 Samuel 12:7–12

⁷ Then Nathan said to David, “You *are* the man! Thus says the LORD God of Israel: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. ⁸ I gave you your master’s house and your master’s wives into your keeping, and gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if *that had been* too little, I also would have given you much more! ⁹ Why have you despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in His sight? You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife *to be* your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon. ¹⁰ Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.’ ¹¹ Thus says the LORD: ‘Behold, I will raise up adversity against you from your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes and give *them* to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. ¹² For you did *it* secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, before the sun.’”

- ✓ G-d wants to release to us the favor and grace to even be consulted as watchmen for a nation

1 Kings 14:2-4

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² And Jeroboam said to his wife, “Please arise, and disguise yourself, that they may not recognize you as the wife of Jeroboam, and go to Shiloh. Indeed, Ahijah the prophet *is* there, who told me that *I would be* king over this people.

³ Also take with you ten loaves, *some* cakes, and a jar of honey, and go to him; he will tell you what will become of the child.”⁴ And Jeroboam’s wife did so; she arose and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. But Ahijah could not see, for his eyes were glazed by reason of his age

I. The privilege of communion

A. Discovering your cadence and what the Father is emphasizing in one season to the next

- We have direct access to heaven that G-d enjoys and He has made for us to enjoy
- As I begin to intentionally draw near to G-d I usually discover very quickly his rhythm for that particular day
- I also invite him into my day and show me how to navigate the day
- Sometimes I will ask him to give me a word or a theme to navigate the day
- There are seasons in which the Father emphasizes on particular thing above another
- One season He asked me spend a particular amount of time in intentional worship
- Sometimes it is a spirit of revelation where I know that the Father wants to give me understanding of a certain subject or area
- Frequently I will continually visit certain areas and G-d will open up treasures to me (dream of walking on the ground of Campbell University)
- Last year it was the completion of a manuscript
- I have learned that I do not choose the cadence He chooses the cadence and move from that place of flow and posture
- I have discovered one of the keys to discovering the cadence for that particular is waiting on the Lord
- I have not always when the best at writing down what the Father,
- Journaling: However I improved over the last number of years as I have improved this practice it is like the revelation comes forth as a greater level
- G-d expects us to be stewards of the words which He speaks
- G-d speaking to us is not outside the context of a community that He has placed us (I Corinthians 2:16)