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Then the cloud [the Shekinah, God's visible presence] covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle! Exodus 40:34 AMP

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I will send you Elijah the prophet ...he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, (Malachi 4:5-6)

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Introduction

This is truly His-story.

This is the story of an all powerful, all knowing, ever-present, loving and merciful God who created heaven and earth and mankind to be His own family...a family who would be loved by God the Father and who would love Him in return, and also become the bride to His Son, forever.

The first couple, Adam and Eve, believed a lie about the truthfulness of God, and fell away from the perfect will and obedience to God. To redeem mankind from their rebellion, God the Father sent His one and only Son, Jesus, to earth as a real man, to live a sinless life in perfect obedience to His Father. He suffered and died on the cross for the payment for all the sins of mankind, so that those who believe in and receive Him as their Savior will be saved to an everlasting life of love and partnership with Him. Jesus paid a debt that He did not owe, for us who could never pay it.

God the Father has continued to write this epic story about His Son and His children. He is inviting you to be included in His epic. The divine plan of God, revealed in the Bible, is to bring heaven and earth together under the authority of His Son, Jesus. (Ephesians 1:9-10)

God is inviting and preparing a special group of people to be set apart for Himself. These set apart ones will be cleansed of sin by the sacrificial blood of Jesus. God is calling the members of His body to Himself in a progressively greater measure day by day. They will be prepared to live in a close intimate, personal, spiritual relationship with Jesus, the Son of Man, the Son of God - to be joined to Him as His bride to live in love, joy and peace with Him in His Kingdom forever!

The story of the International House of Prayer Missions Base in Kansas City

The story of the **International House of Prayer in Kansas City – Past – Present – Future** is the story of *Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.* (Hebrews 13:5) This is just one chapter in the epic story that God is writing about His Son and His family.

This is the story of one small community of Christ's disciples, among many in the world, who have heard the call of God on their lives and have responded to Him. They have freely chosen to come together and pray continually night and day, to study and teach the Word of God, the Bible, and to serve the Lord, His family and others with compassion in the name of the Lord Jesus. They share a vision of going out like John the Baptist, as forerunners before the coming of the Lord, telling the good news of the coming King Jesus and His fulfilled kingdom of God on earth.

This kingdom of God focused community of people are praying and working to prepare more people to wholeheartedly love and obey the Lord Jesus and *prepare the way of the Lord, the King of kings and Lord of Lords.* (Matthew 3:3, Revelation 19:16)

The Lord dramatically told Mike Bickle, who started the International House of Prayer in Kansas City in 1999, in Cairo, Egypt, in September 1982, about His plan for a coming Holy Spirit led global youth movement:

[“I will change the understanding and expression of Christianity in the earth in one generation.”](#)

Your invitation

Today, the Lord is speaking to His tenderhearted family members all over the world. We pray that this story inspires each one of you to take time to *pray, listen* to God and *obey* Him in all that He calls you to do in His Word and through the Holy Spirit. All are invited to be part of God's family, His body, and to become His bride. God leaves the free choice up to you.

You can only join His family if you believe and obey Him while loving Him in return.

As you read this story of how God is working in and through this relatively small community of His followers, know and understand that you can also be part of His-story, and be written into His book of remembrance. (Malachi 3:16)

Whether you go to Kansas City or stay where you are right now, you can become a partner with the Lord and become a mature and fruitful citizen of His kingdom. Remember that looking at IHOP-KC is like looking at a photo taken of a very large panoramic and beautiful landscape. It may be beautiful and inspiring to look at, but it only represents a very small piece of a much greater and grander work and plan of God to redeem and restore His family to Himself.

There is a vast and awesome beauty of the Lord that our finite minds cannot take in.

A vision of growth

The complete design of a tree is in the DNA code of the seed. However, it is only when the seedling tree starts to grow that the design and shape becomes more apparent, even before it reaches its ultimate size. Let us begin to look at the shape and design of the family tree that God is growing around the International House of Prayer in Kansas City, and some of the early fruit from His tree. This may give us a small picture of the forest of trees that God is planning to plant and grow all over the whole earth, and the fruit that will last forever.

Our prayer for you

We pray that the Lord will richly bless you on your journey into everlasting love, joy and peace with Him. We pray that you are inspired as you read about Him and how He is working in and through His family. We also pray that you will *hear* His voice and the calling on your life to join Him and love Him as He prepares His body, His bride to live together with Him forever! We pray all this in the name above every name in heaven and earth, Yashua HaMashiach. AMEN.

How to receive a greater blessing while reading this story

This e-book was inspired by the Holy Spirit and birthed in the place of prayer. We often keep the International House of Prayer in Kansas City - Prayer Room live web stream on in our home. Much of this story was written in the place of worship and prayer. So I recommend, if you can multi-task, that you turn on the Global Prayer Room and listen in as you read and let the Holy Spirit illuminate His truths to your heart and spirit. Listen to 24/7 prayer and praise at: www.IHOPKC.org . God bless you.

Chapter 1

God is Love

Everything starts with God

Everything in heaven and earth has their beginning and purpose in God. Knowing who God truly is, is the most important focus of the Christian faith. Knowing God starts with knowing His character and experiencing His love, for ***God is love***. (1 John 4:8)

We come to know God through an active, growing and dynamic personal relationship of love.

God is the very definition of true love.

That is His character; that is who He truly is. We must know that God always acts out of His perfect and everlasting love for His creation, all of mankind, which includes each one of us. God created mankind to reveal and reflect His great glory, to share His everlasting love with us and to receive our devoted praise worship and love in return.

God made a way for mankind to be redeemed from the consequences of our sin and rebellion and to be restored back to His perfect plans, purposes and will. (John 3:16) He sent His only Son Jesus from heaven to earth as a perfect sacrifice and full payment for our sins and to provide a way for us to be saved, healed, set free from bondage and made whole again in Him. (John 3:17)

Jesus paid the price for all our sin by dying on the cross so that we could be restored and reconciled into a loving and obedient relationship with God the Father and to re-establish the kingdom of God on earth. God the Father sent His Son, Jesus, to earth as a man to reveal to His chosen nation Israel and also to others His character and His plans for mankind.

God is *in* love

God is always faithful in His everlasting and unfailing love for mankind

Long ago the LORD said to Israel: ***“I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself.”*** (Jeremiah 31:3 NLT)

The Bible records the story of how God has planned to redeem mankind, so we can be reconciled back to Him. God has over three hundred names, attributes or characteristics included in the Bible. The one that is most important for us to understand and receive is that *God is love*.

God is the very definition of true, sacrificial, unconditional and everlasting love. This is how He most wants to relate to us as His children. The love of God *never fails!*

This is why God created mankind. To love us and be loved forever!

This is the hope that He has put into our hearts. *“And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.”* (Romans 5:5 NLT)

Throughout the Bible, God’s faithful love for mankind is recorded. God faithfully loved us even when mankind continued in sin, rebellion, unfaithfulness and disobedience to Him.

- God fellowshiped with the first man and woman, Adam and Eve, in the Garden of Eden.
- God saved Noah and his family from the flood that removed evil people from the earth.
- God made a covenant contract with Abraham to make his family a mighty nation forever.
- God used Moses to lead His nation of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt.
- God made a covenant with David to establish his throne over Israel forever. King Saul ruled Israel before David and He feared *man*. King David feared and worshipped God and was called *“a man after God’s own heart.”*
- God the Father sent His Son, Jesus, to earth to die, to pay the price as a perfect sacrifice for our sin, to redeem mankind from our rebellion and re-establish His kingdom on earth.
- God is now inspiring and empowering a global prayer and worship movement to prepare for another Great Awakening of His church, leading to a Great Harvest of souls before the restoration of all things and the preparation for the return of His Son to earth.

“...God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8 NKJV)

We are now living in the last chapter of this age. God is expressing His faithful, passionate and everlasting love for His creation, mankind, His church, His body, His bride. His ultimate plan is to bring heaven and earth together under the authority of Jesus Christ when He returns to earth.

God has now revealed to us his mysterious plan regarding Christ, a plan to fulfill his own good pleasure. ¹⁰ And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth. (Ephesians 1:9-10 NLT)

Barriers to receiving the full love of God

Some things that hinder us from receiving and experiencing the fullness of the love that God has for each of us include sin, rebellion, evil, selfishness, unforgiveness and the present evil world system. We do not feel worthy to receive His great gifts of forgiveness and freedom. God give us His free gifts of salvation, forgiveness and grace, because of who His is and not from what we do.

It is wisdom to love the Lord, and trust Him

It is great wisdom to trust God. *“It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.”* (Psalm 118:8 NKJV)

King Solomon was described as the wisest man who ever lived, besides Christ, concluded: “*Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: **Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man’s all.***” (Ecclesiastes 12:13 NKJV)

The chief end of mankind is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever! Westminster Catechism

The International House of Prayer in Kansas City is one small group of believers, among many on the earth, that have heard from God; and chose to love, obey Him and respond to His great love, grace and mercy in prayer, praise, worship and service through acts of compassion.

We are all invited, by the grace and power of God, to be *transformed* into the image of Christ. Christian actually means *little christ*s. We are actually called to represent Christ to all those we come in contact with. We are called to be *witnesses* to the truth of who He is. (Acts 1:8)

Being empowered to love

The call to experience God’s love

The prayer in Ephesians 3:14-19 is a diamond with many facets of deep truths. These truths equip us to love God and to love others. They will cause us to relate to people with a different spirit by seeing ourselves and others according to how the Lord sees people. One way that we can apply the truths of this prayer is by asking the Lord, “Who is this person to You?”

This is a prayer to experience more of God. Paul presented four stages in our growth in God. Four times he used the word ***‘that’*** designating four distinct dimensions of spiritual growth. This prayer provides us with a pattern for pursuing the deep things of God.

*I bow my knees to the Father...¹⁶ **THAT** He would grant you...to be **strengthened with might** through His Spirit in the inner man, ¹⁷ **THAT** Christ may dwell [release His presence] in your hearts ...**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** [life destiny]. (Ephesians 3:14-19 NKJV)*

Four stages of growth necessary to experiencing God’s fullness

Stage 1 (v. 16): **Receiving strength** to make godly choices enlarges our capacity for more.

Stage 2 (v. 17): Jesus’ manifest presence dwelling on our heart enables us to **feel God’s love** until we are **rooted and grounded** in the revelation of God’s love for us in a personal way.

Stage 3 (v. 18): We receive a new ability to comprehend **how Jesus sees and feels about others**.

Stage 4 (v. 19): Being equipped to walk in the *fullness of God's purposes* in each season of life.

Premise: There is a deep connection between our sincere intention to obey Jesus and our ability to feel His presence in our lives. **Purity does not cause us to earn God's love, but it positions us to receive, understand, and feel more.** Compromise and the lack of connecting with God's love will hinder us from feeling deeply...just like smoke hinders our eyes from seeing clearly.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. (Matthew 5:8)

Each experience and season of growth in the Spirit prepares us for the next one. The more we experience in God, the more our spiritual capacity increases to experience even more. Each stage of spiritual maturity equips us for the next one.

For whoever has, to him more will be given... (Mark. 4:25)

Stage 1: Pray for strength to sustain our obedience to Jesus.

I bow my knees to the Father...¹⁶ THAT He would grant you...to be strengthened [renewed] with might through His Spirit in the inner man... (Ephesians 3:14, 16)

Jesus promised to release His manifest presence to those who seek to live in 100-fold obedience.

He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me...he will be loved by My Father [experience His love], and I will love him and manifest Myself to him... (John. 14:21)

There is no substitute for obeying God for those who long to feel God's presence. Sin damages our hearts and blocks our ability to see and feel God's love and presence. God waits on us to ask Him for help or to strengthen our heart in specific areas in which we struggle to obey Him.

Stage 2: Experience God's presence: Rooted and grounded in love.

THAT Christ may dwell in your hearts [manifest presence on our mind and emotions]...THAT you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend... the love of Christ. (Ephesians 3:17-19)

Jesus' manifest presence dwelling in our heart speaks of the Spirit actively inspiring our mind and emotions. He convinces us that God loves us in a personal way (v. 17). Paul connects two ideas together in verse 17. They are two sides of one coin pointing to the same truth. This speaks of being anchored in understanding God's love. The word "dwelling" speaks of a **continual** experience of His presence to convince us of His love.

To be **rooted and grounded in love** means to receive insight into God's love to such a degree that we **see and define our life** through the lens of it.

We define our success as being ones who are loved *and chosen by God and who love God.*

This is what determines our personal worth. We are to be anchored in this as the basis of our success rather than in our accomplishments, recognition or possessions.

Our identity must be established on being loved by God, and in loving Him in response.

Our confession should be, ***“I am loved (by God) and I am a lover (of God), therefore I am successful.”***

Burnout does not come from working hard, but from working with a *wrong* spirit. When we work *for* success, we get burned out. When we work *from* successful love, our spirit is strengthened (Colossians 1:10).

The heart hungers to be rooted in God’s love.

We were created to need the assurance of being loved and enjoyed by God. The revelation that God enjoys us even in our weakness causes us to open our spirit to God and, thus, to run to Him without shame or fear of rejection.

A woman prayed to love her neighbor as she loved herself. The Lord told her, “Your problem is that you despise your neighbor because you despise yourself.”

God’s primary method in changing His people is to reveal how much He loves and cherishes them.

He does this in response to those who diligently search for more insight on His love. One of our primary pursuits in life must be to be *rooted* and *grounded* in understanding God’s love.

We pursue God’s love by reading what the **Scripture** says about it, what **others** have learned about it in books, articles and testimonies, **pray** for revelation of it, **receive prayer** for it and **fellowship** around this subject.

Those people with confidence in God’s love will relate to others in a very different spirit.

One of the greatest things a person can do for their family is to take time to grow in the revelation of God’s love. An essential part of succeeding is to cultivate a vibrant spirit in God. Secure people with a happy spirit walk in deeper measures of love by intentionally pursuing the understanding of God’s love. The greatest thing we can do for our family is to go deeper in God.

The enemy wears down many with accusations and condemnation. He wants us to feel like hopeless hypocrites and failures who God has given up on **so that we give up**. Many spend their emotional energy fighting the fires of condemnation and worthlessness. This takes so much energy to manage - preventing us from going deep in God - because we are preoccupied with shame. It takes a lot of energy in our thoughts and emotions to despise ourselves and others. **Love takes much less energy.**

Each virtue in our life starts out in seed form as a desire to obey God. This desire occurs in our heart before it is formed in our character. God sees it and calls that which does not exist as though it did.

God, who...calls those things which do not exist as though they did... (Romans 4:17)

We see this in Gideon's life. While he hid in fear in the winepress, an angel called him a **mighty man of valor** (Judges 6:11-12). The Lord saw in Gideon seeds of courage, before courage was manifest in his life. God named him according to what he would be in the future. Jesus called Peter "the rock" or the unmovable one (Matthew 16:18) even knowing that he would deny Him. Jesus saw the seeds of stability in him.

Who are our children in God's eyes, in the seasons they make us proud and when they disappoint us? Parents sometimes cannot see the budding virtues in their children because they cannot see them in their own life. They only see their failure instead of their budding seeds of dedication and greatness. Give voice to God's love for our family instead of the enemy's lies against them.

Stage 3: The ability to see and feel what God sees and feels for others

THAT you...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... (Ephesians 3:17-19)

The impact of being *rooted* in love (v. 17) is to be empowered *to* love others (v. 18). We cannot comprehend how God sees and feels about others until we are grounded in the understanding of how He sees and feels about us personally. The ability to see others like God sees them is a miracle. As we see more of their value, destiny, and greatness and to see their weakness through the lens of God's patient love, we are able to celebrate them. This allows us to feel more of God's love for His people.

The human spirit is a *treasure* to God. Through the lens of His love, we see diamonds everywhere we look. Jesus saw "diamonds" as He walked on earth. Jesus sees like no other man sees them. Love sees the big picture in people's lives. **Imagine a lifestyle with this supernatural focus on love.**

"They shall be Mine," says the LORD... "On the day that I make them My jewels." (Malachi 3:17)

The full glory and beauty of our life is hidden from our eyes in this age. The Spirit will help us see the beggar (1 Samuel 2:8) or the thief on the cross (Luke 23:43) in the way that God does.

For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. (Colossians 3:3-4)

We are not to evaluate anyone according to the flesh or according to how much money, influence or natural gifting they have. Rather, we are to evaluate them in the Spirit or according to what God thinks about them. The Spirit will enable us to see and feel about others as God sees and feels about them. We can see people in this new supernatural way according to the Spirit.

*From now on, we regard **no one according to the flesh.** (2 Corinthians 5:16)*

We live in the most powerful way when we can see others as God does; when we do not see people through the lens of our pride, ambition, or lust without our love being weakened by negative emotions - like jealousy, envy, fear of loss, competition, hoarding, and self-protection. The storm of being self-absorbed, or preoccupied with ourselves, keeps us from really seeing others.

The **width** of God's love is enough to embrace every person and personality type. As an example, church leaders have promoted different forms of racial or cultural supremacy through the centuries. They were deceived into seeing the "narrowness" of God's love.

The **length** of God's love speaks of reaching far beyond our sin and lasting forever.

The **depth** of love speaks of the depths in which Jesus descended to redeem us, and the depths that God's heart opened to us (1 Corinthians 2:10). Think of how much it cost Jesus to purchase our redemption and salvation?

The **heights** of love speak of the measure of exaltation that we receive in reigning with Him (Revelation 3:21). **God is all about love.** His love *passes knowledge* and will never be fully calculated or measured. It requires the supernatural aid of the Holy Spirit to understand and experience it.

We will be expanding our understanding and experience of the width, length, depth and heights of God's love for us forever!

Stage 4: The fullness of God's blessing in each season of life

***THAT** you may be filled with all the fullness of God [of our destiny].
(Ephesians 3:19)*

The full destiny for our life will *only* be released as we live in agreement and obedience with His leadership and love.

God knows that it will not turn out well for us or others, if He gives us too much of our inheritance before we are ready to use these resources to promote love for Jesus and for people instead of self-promotion. ¹

The love of God has different dimensions

The love of God *for* us

God has a plan to save us, redeem us, clothe us in the righteousness of His Son, transform us into His image, give us a future and a hope, make us His adopted sons and daughters, heirs, friends, members of His body, the bride of the King, and citizens of the kingdom of God.

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. (John 15:13 NKJV)

The love of God *from* us

It takes God to love God. When we learn how much that God loves us and experience that love, then it is easy for us to return His love for us back to Him. God wants us to love Him more than we know.

The love of God *for ourselves*

This is not selfish love. This is the love we have for ourselves as we understand how God sees us and loves us. **God sees us and loves us like He loves His own Son!** The great grace of God the Father is extended to us, as His children, and through His Son, Christ Jesus.

*"Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the Heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. **Let us therefore come boldly to the Throne of Grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**"* (Hebrews 4:14-16 NKJV)

Come to our loving Father in heaven

When we are in need in difficult times, we should boldly approach God's Throne of Grace. Our heavenly Father does not want to condemn us or make us feel forsaken. God has adopted us into His family and desires us to know His deep love that He has for each of us and to grow as His children. We should not be hard on ourselves when we fall short. God our Father does not want to be hard on us. He wants to be loving, gentle, merciful and gracious with us. How we love ourselves is how we will love others. As we are hard on ourselves, we may be hard on others.

As we would extend love, grace and mercy to our children, we must extend the same love to ourselves. This may be difficult for us to do. We are so aware of our sins and our weaknesses that they may seem overwhelming to us. With God, though, it is *all* easy for Him to take care of. These are the ways that He loves to show Himself in our lives. All that we need to do is to surrender our heart and lives to Him, and receive His love in faith. He wants to restore us with

His love so that He can bring us back to a place where He can fill us and allow His supernatural love to flow into and through us.

When we come to God with yielded hearts, wanting to know and to follow His will, then He is faithful and will show us what is required to bring us into a place of peace in unity with His Spirit. God is always so good, patient, kind, gracious, merciful and loving.

God has given us access to **come boldly before His Throne of Grace**. Jesus came to give us grace and truth. Only after this life, then will come His judgment. God has paid the very high price to forgive us of our sins and to give us His grace to live this abundant supernatural life. We have access to Him in our time of need. It is up to us to come to Him. *“Come close to God, and God will come close to you.”* (James 4:8 NLT)

God is merciful and full of compassion. He truly cares about us. He really desires to touch us deeply in our hearts. God wants us to feel His intimate love for us. We will know that He is steadfast. Christ is always unchanging, because *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.* (Hebrews 13:8 NASB) His love for us is everlasting. The Lord will never fail us. He is always patiently waiting for an opportunity to reveal Himself in love with us.

God knows the end from the beginning. He is the Author and the Finisher of our faith, and nothing is ever a surprise to Him. He knows our beginning and our end. *“Only I can tell you the future before it even happens. Everything I plan will come to pass, for I do whatever I wish.”* Isaiah 46:10 NLT)

We will experience all kinds of challenges and struggles throughout our life, but God is with us in all of these. God, in His infinite wisdom, will allow us to go through things that He has the power to prevent so we will grow. *“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”* (Romans 8:28 NKJV)

As we seek the presence of God in our lives moment by moment, then we will learn to understand more about who He truly is and who we are in His love for us.

God created us because He desires to have an everlasting loving relationship *with* us, and to also love others *through* us.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega—the beginning and the end,” says the Lord God. *“I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come—the Almighty One.”* (Revelation 1:8 NLT)

Our response to the love of God

We start with the First Commandment and *Love God*.

Jesus tells us that, *“you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.”* (Mark 12:30)

Love the Lord, This is the key that opens the door to the King and His kingdom.

We each must personally take the journey to experience the love of God.

Love the Lord wholeheartedly

This is what we were created to do. This is what Jesus commanded us to do. To do anything less is disobedience and missing the mark. The grace of God was given to mankind to live up to God's standard of a holy life. Our rewards will be based on all that we do in this life. The revelation of God's love increases as we seek Him (James 4:8) Again **God is love**, He is the very definition of love. Thank, praise and worship the Lord until you connect with His heart. (Psalm 22:3)

We offer our lives back to God as a living sacrifice, as our worship to Him.

*"...dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to **give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship Him**" (Romans 12:1 NLT)*

We show our love for Him by *obeying* the Lord.

"If you love Me, keep My commandments." (John 14:15 NKJV)

We respond to the Lord's great and everlasting love for us by obeying, serving and loving the Lord wholeheartedly...and loving others as we are loved.

Receive God's love

Jesus prayed an amazing prayer for us. **He prayed that the same love that Father God has for His Son Jesus will be given to us!** *"O righteous Father, the world doesn't know you, but I do; and these disciples know you sent me. ²⁶ I have revealed you to them, and I will continue to do so. **Then your love for me will be in them, and I will be in them.**" (John 17:25-26 NLT)* Continually receive the deep unconditional everlasting love of God, and then share it with others.

*"**May you experience the love of Christ**, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God. Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think." (Philippians 3:19-20 NLT)*

The love of God for our neighbors

As we learn to *be* loved and *give* love back to God, then it is an easy next step to *share* His love with others.

Jesus taught us how to love and show mercy to our neighbors in the story of the Good Samaritan. When He finished telling the story, He asked the question, *"So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" And he said, "**He who showed mercy on him.**" Then Jesus said to him, "**Go and do likewise.**" (Luke 10:36-37 NKJV)*

Love others *into* the Kingdom of God

We can not give away something we do not have. We must first learn to love God and then teach others to love Him. As we experience God's great love for us and return our love to Him we will be progressively *transformed* into His image. This will bring us into a heartfelt understanding and position to manifest His love and the power of the kingdom of God to those around us.

As we draw closer to God's heart He will share the pain and sorrow that He has for all of His lost children. When we realize that He is brokenhearted for all of those who He created who are destined to spend eternity in hell, then we will be compelled to go after them and share the good news of our King and His kingdom of God. The good shepherd seeks the one *lost sheep*.

We will want to lead those who are lost to a saving knowledge of God and to know the truth through His Son Jesus Christ. We will want to do this not out of obligation, but as an act of our thankful hearts, our deep gratitude and love for our heavenly Father...who deeply loved us first, and will love us as we share our lives with Him forever.

Love is the ultimate weapon of God that we are called to wield. We are called by God to love His children into the Kingdom of God.

"And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins." (1 Peter 4:8 NLT)

Restoration of all things

"Without violating our free will to choose, the Lord will use the least severe means to save the most and remove everything that hinders love." Mike Bickle

God has promised to restore all things back to His perfect plan and purposes before Jesus returns from heaven to earth. (Acts 3:21) His ultimate plan is to actually join heaven and earth together under the authority of Jesus as Lord of lords and King of kings. (Ephesians 1:9-10; Revelation 17:14) After Jesus returns, He rules and reigns over all the nations on earth for one thousand years. (Psalm 2:8) He will have a holy place of meeting with God and man, a new tabernacle, a New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:2-3), where He will love and be loved by His family forever.

The tabernacle on earth is a picture of worship in the throne room of God in heaven and in the coming New Jerusalem.

Preparing the way for the Lord to return to earth

Jesus our Bridegroom King is waiting in heaven for His church, body, His bride to be prepared. (Revelation 21) The Bride of Christ is to prepare *herself* for the wedding to the Lamb of God. (Ephesians 5; Revelation 19) In the age to come, we may rule and reign as kings and priests with Jesus as King over His kingdom - including all the nations of the earth.

Worship and pray night and day without ceasing

Night and day prayer is a model for us of the loving worship that continues night and day around the throne of God in heaven. We are called to pray without stopping, night and day: “*pray without ceasing,*” (1 Thessalonians 5:17 NKJV)

This cannot be sustained without a revelation of the love that God has for each one of us.

Keep the incense burning on the altar, the prayers going up to God. “*A fire shall always be burning on the altar; it shall never go out.*” (Leviticus 6:13 NKJV)

“... *the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.*” (Revelation 5.8 NKJV)

“... *I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,* ¹⁰ *and crying out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”* (Revelation 7:9-10 NKJV)

The love of God empowers the global prayer and worship movement

Prayer and worship exists as our response to the great love the Lord has for His children.

Before we start a journey it is important to know our destination.

Our ultimate destination is to come to the place of passionate worship of our Lord forever.

“*And I heard every created thing in heaven and on earth and under the earth [in Hades, the place of departed spirits] and on the sea and all that is in it, crying out together, To Him Who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb be ascribed the blessing and the honor and the majesty (glory, splendor) and the power (might and dominion) forever and ever (through the eternities of the eternities) !*” (Revelation 5:13 AMP)

The Lord gave the prophecy that He would bring in all nations in joy into His **house of prayer**.

“*Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices Will be accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.*” (Isaiah 56:7 NKJV)

The global prayer and worship movement that is now expanding around the world can only be understood through the revelation of the great love and mercy of God the Father that is being poured out on His children, and our desperate desire to have more of Him. (Acts 2:17; Romans 12:1)

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Chapter 2

A History of 24/7 - Night and Day Prayer

The Tabernacle of David

King David was a man of “one thing” (Psalm 27:4). Around 1000 BC, as an outflow of his heart, he commanded that the Ark of the Covenant be brought up on the shoulders of the Levites, the priests, amidst the sound of songs and musical instruments to his new capital of Israel, Jerusalem. There he had it placed in a tent and appointed 288 prophetic singers and 4000 musicians to minister before the Lord, “*to make petition, to give thanks and to praise the Lord*” day and night (1 Chronicles 15–17). This was unlike anything that had been done before in Israel’s history, but this was God’s plan for Israel.

The Davidic Order of Worship

The tabernacle of David was replaced by a temple built by his son, Solomon. However, the Davidic *order* of worship was embraced and reinstated by seven subsequent leaders in the history of Israel and Judah. Each time this order of worship was reinstated, spiritual revival, breakthrough, deliverance and military victories followed.

- Solomon instructed that worship in the temple should be in accordance with the order of King David his father. (2 Chronicles 8:14–15)
- Jehoshaphat defeated Moab and Ammon by setting singers up in accordance with the Davidic order: singers at the front of the army singing the Great Hallel. Jehoshaphat reinstated Davidic worship in the temple in Jerusalem. (2 Chronicles 20:20–22, 28)
- Joash set his heart on repairing the house of the Lord. (2 Chronicles 23:18; 24)
- Hezekiah cleansed and re-consecrated the temple, and re-instituted the Davidic order of worship (2 Chronicles 29, 30:21)
- Josiah also re-instituted Davidic worship (2 Chronicles 35)
- Ezra and Nehemiah, returned from Babylon, and re-instituted Davidic worship (Ezra 3:10, Nehemiah 12:28–47)

The Early Monastic Tradition of Night and Day Prayer

For over 1000 years, monasticism (the practice of taking vows of poverty, chastity and obedience to one’s spiritual superior) played a key role in the development of theology and practice in the Church. From the fourth and fifth centuries, monks and nuns were an accepted part of society. Monasticism was the cradle in which ‘*laus perennis*’, Latin for, *perpetual prayer*, was birthed in the church age. Some of the key figures from this tradition were:

Alexander Akimites and the Sleepless Ones

Born in Asia Minor and educated in Constantinople, Alexander became an officer in the Roman army. Being challenged by the words of Jesus to the rich young ruler from Matthew 19:21, Akimites sold his possessions and retreated from court life to the desert. Tradition states that he set fire to a pagan temple after seven years of solitude. Upon arrest and imprisonment, Alexander converted the prison governor and his household, and returned to his home in the desert. Shortly after this, he had the misfortune to fall in with a group of robbers. His evangelistic zeal, however, could not be contained and he converted these outcasts into devoted followers of Jesus. This group became the core of his band of monks.

Around 400 AD, he returned to Constantinople with 300 to 400 monks, where he established 'laus perennis' to follow the call by the Apostle Paul to *pray without ceasing* (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Driven from Constantinople, the monks established the monastery at Gormon, at the mouth of the Black Sea. This became the founding monastery of the order of the Acoemetæ, literally meaning: *the sleepless ones*. Alexander died there in 430 AD, but the influence of the Acoemetæ continued. The houses were divided into six choirs rotating throughout the day, each new choir relieving the one before, to create uninterrupted prayer and worship 24 hours a day.

John, the second abbot of the Acoemetæ, founded another monastery on the eastern shore of the Bosphorus, referred to in many ancient documents as the "great monastery" and the motherhouse of the Acoemetæ. The library there was recognized for its greatness throughout the Byzantine Empire and was consulted by several Popes. The third abbot established a monastery in the capital under the royal consul, Studius, who dedicated the new monastery to John the Baptist. Studion became a renowned center of learning and piety, and the most important monastery in Constantinople. Studion continued until 1453 when the Turks captured Constantinople.

The lasting impact of the Acoemetæ has been their worship and their contribution to church liturgy. The monasteries, numbering into the hundreds and sometimes thousands, were organized into national groups of Latins, Greeks, Syrians and Egyptians, and then into choirs. In addition to 'laus perennis', which passed into the Western Church with St. Maurice of Agaune, they developed the divine office of the literal carrying out of Psalm 119:164, "*Seven times a day I praise You, because of Your righteous judgments.*" This became an integral part of the Benedictine rule of the seven hours of prayer—Matins, Lauds, Prime, Terce, Sext, None, Vespers and Compline.

Agaunum

Around 522 AD, Abbot Ambrosius brought attention to a small monastery founded in Switzerland. Legend has it that around 286 AD, a Theban Legion was sent to suppress a rebellion by Gauls in the north of the empire. The entire seven thousand Egyptian Christians were eventually martyred. Although the truthfulness of the story has been questioned, the legend of the martyrs at Agaunum spread far and wide. Between 515 and 521 AD, Sigismund, King of Burgundy, lavishly endowed the monastery established at the site of the martyrdom to ensure its success. In 522 AD, the abbot at St. Maurice's instituted 'laus perennis' after the tradition of the Acoemetæ. Choirs of monks sang in rotation, with a choir relieving the previous one, continuing day and night. This continued until around 900 AD, impacting monasteries in France and Switzerland.

Comgall and Bangor

The Mappa Mundi, the most celebrated of all medieval maps, contains reference to a place on the edge of the known world: Bangor, Ireland. Why was this small, remote area (now a dormant coastal town fifteen miles from Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland) so important in medieval times?

St. Patrick and Vallis Angelorum

Monasticism in Britain and Ireland developed along similar lines to those of the Desert Fathers of the East. St. Patrick's mother was a close relative of Martin of Tours, a contemporary of St. Antony, the father of monasticism. It is no surprise that the same type of asceticism - which accompanied the monastic lifestyle in Egypt - was also found in Ireland.

In 433 AD, just as the Roman Empire was starting to crumble, St. Patrick returned to Ireland to preach the Christian message to the Irish. He had been enslaved in Ireland previously. He was followed by a number of other ascetics, including Finnian, Brigid and Ciaran, all of whom established monastic centers throughout Ireland. While Christianity in much of the Roman Empire had been founded upon bishops overseeing cities and urban centers, Ireland had never been conquered and had no urban centers. The fall of the Roman Empire had little impact on it, making it relatively easy for monasteries to become the center of influence in Irish society.

According to the 12th century Anglo-Norman Monk Jocelin, Patrick came to rest in a valley on the shores of the Belfast Lough on one of his many journeys. Here, he and his comrades beheld a vision of heaven. Jocelin states, "they beheld the valley filled with heavenly light, and with a multitude of heaven, they heard, as chanted forth from the voice of angels, the psalmody of the celestial choir." The place became known as the Vallis Angelorum or the *Vale of Angels*. The famed Bangor Monastery began its life here approximately 100 years later; from this spot, heaven's song would reach into Europe.

Comgall

Bangor's founder, Comgall, was born in Antrim in 517 AD. Originally a soldier, he soon took monastic vows and was educated for his new life. He is next seen in the Irish annals as a hermit on Lough Erne. However, his rule was so severe that seven of his fellow monks died and he was persuaded to leave and establish a house at Bangor in the famed Vale of the Angels. The earliest Irish annals give 558 AD as the date of Bangor's beginning.

Bangor Mor and Perpetual Psalmody

At Bangor, Comgall instituted a rigid monastic rule of incessant prayer and fasting. Far from turning people away, this ascetic rule attracted thousands. When Comgall died in 602 AD, the annals report that 3000 monks had looked to him for guidance. Bangor Mor, named "the great Bangor" to distinguish it from its British contemporaries, became the greatest monastic school in Ulster, as well as one of the three leading lights of Celtic Christianity. The others were Iona, the great missionary center founded by Columba and Bangor on the Dee in Wales, founded by Dinooth; the ancient Welsh Triads also confirm the "Perpetual Harmonies" at this great house.

Throughout the sixth century, Bangor became famous for its choral psalmody. “It was this music which was carried to the Continent by the Bangor Missionaries in the following century” as written by Hamilton, Rector of Bangor Abbey. Divine services of the 7 hours of prayer were carried out throughout Bangor’s existence. However, the monks went further and carried out the practice of ‘*laus perennis*’. In the twelfth century, Bernard of Clairvaux spoke of Comgall and Bangor, stating, “the solemnization of divine offices was kept up by companies, who relieved each other in succession, so that not for one moment day and night was there an intermission of their devotions.” This continuous singing was *antiphonal* in nature, based on the call and response reminiscent of St. Patrick’s vision, but also practiced by St. Martin’s houses in Gaul. Many of these psalms and hymns were later written down in the Antiphony of Bangor, which came to reside in Columbanus’ monastery at Bobbio, Italy.

The Bangor Missionaries

The ascetic life of prayer and fasting was the attraction of Bangor. However, as time progressed, Bangor also became a famed seat of learning and education. There was a saying in Europe that, if a man knew Greek, he was bound to be an Irishman...largely due to the influence of Bangor. The monastery further became a missions-sending community. Even to this day, missionary societies are based in the town. Bangor monks appear throughout medieval literature as a force for good.

In 580 AD, a Bangor monk named Mirin took Christianity to Paisley, where he died “full of miracles and holiness.” In 590 AD, the fiery Columbanus, one of Comgall’s leaders, set out from Bangor with twelve other brothers, including Gall who planted monasteries throughout Switzerland. In Burgundy, he established a severe monastic rule at Luxeil which mirrored that of Bangor. From there he went to Bobbio in Italy, and established the house which became one of the largest and finest monasteries in Europe. Columbanus died in 615 AD, but by 700 AD, 100 additional monasteries had been planted throughout France, Germany and Switzerland.

The End of Greatness

The greatness of Bangor came to a close in 824 AD with raids from the marauding Vikings; in one raid alone, 900 monks were slaughtered. Although, the twelfth century saw a resurrection of the fire of Comgall initiated by Malachy, who was a close friend of Bernard of Clairvaux. It unfortunately never had the same impact as the early Celtic firebrands, who held back the tide of darkness and societal collapse by bringing God to a broken generation.

Cluny

In the ninth and tenth century, Viking raiders and settlers were forging a violent new way of life in Europe. Feudalism was taking root and the monastic way of life was shaken—not only by the physical attacks as Bangor experienced, but subsequent to the raids, many houses were subject to the whims of local chieftains. In reaction to this movement, reform came about in several ways; one being the most crucial reforming movement in the Western Church: the Cluniac order. In 910 AD, William the Pious, Duke of Aquitaine, founded the monastery at Cluny under the auspices of Abbot Berno, instituting a stricter form of the Benedictine rule. William endowed the abbey with resources from his entire domain, but more importantly gave the abbey freedom in two regards. Due to the financial endowment, the abbey was committed to increased prayer and

perpetual praise, or 'laus perennis'. Its autonomy from secular leadership was also important as the abbey was directly accountable to the church in Rome.

The second abbot, Odo, took over in 926 AD. C.H. Lawrence wrote that he was "a living embodiment of the Benedictine ideal." He reformed the monastery at Cluny, which expanded under his leadership. Known for its independence, hospitality and alms giving, Cluny departed from the Benedictine rule, removing manual labor from a monk's day and replacing it with increased prayer. The number of monastic houses which looked to Cluny as their motherhouse increased greatly during this period, and the influence of the house spread all over Europe.

Cluny reached the zenith of its power and influence in the twelfth century; it commanded 314 monasteries all over Europe, second only to Rome in terms of importance in the Christian world. It became a seat of learning and training, including four popes. The fast-growing community at Cluny necessitated a great need for buildings. In 1089 AD, the abbey at Cluny began construction under Hugh, the sixth abbot. It was finished by 1132 AD and was considered to be one of the wonders of the Middle Ages. More than 555 feet in length, it was the largest building in Europe until St. Peter's Basilica was built in Rome during the sixteenth century. It covered an area of 25 acres. The decline in spirituality led to the ultimate demise of Cluny's influence.

Count Zinzendorf and the Moravians

Zinzendorf's Early Years

The Reformation of the sixteenth century saw much-needed reform enter the European Church. This caused the closing of many monasteries that had become spiritually dead. The next great champion of continuous night and day prayer came at the start of the eighteenth century. He was Count Nicholas Ludwig Von Zinzendorf.

Zinzendorf was born in 1700 to an aristocratic but pious family. His father died when he was only six weeks old. The young boy was brought up by his grandmother - a well-known leader of the Pietist movement and friendly with the established leader of the Pietists - and young Zinzendorf's godfather, Phillipp Spener. Growing up in the midst of such passion for Jesus, Zinzendorf speaks of his early childhood as a time of great piety: "In my fourth year I began to seek God earnestly, and determined to become a true servant of Jesus Christ."

From the age of 10, Zinzendorf was tutored at the Pietist school of Halle under the watchful eye of Augustus Francke, another leader of the Pietists. There he formed a school club, which lasted all his life: The Honourable Order of the Mustard Seed. After several years at Halle, Zinzendorf's uncle considered the young count too much of a Pietist and had him sent to Wittenberg to learn jurisprudence, so that he might be prepared for court life. Soon the young count was accepted in various circles of society in Europe. He kept these connections for the rest of his life.

The Moravians and Herrnhut

In 1722, Zinzendorf bought the Berthelsdorf estate from his grandmother and installed a Pietist preacher in the local Lutheran church. That same year he met a Moravian preacher, Christian David, who informed the young count of the sufferings of the persecuted Protestants in Moravia.

These Moravians known as the ‘Unitas Fratrum’ were the remains of John Huss’ followers in Bohemia. Since the 1600s, these saints had suffered under the hands of successive repressive Catholic monarchs. Zinzendorf offered them asylum on his lands. Christian David returned to Bohemia and brought many to settle on Zinzendorf’s estate, forming the community called Herrnhut, *The Watch of the Lord*. The community quickly grew to around 300. Due to tensions in the community, Zinzendorf gave up his court position and became the community leader.

The Hundred-Year Prayer Meeting and Subsequent Missions

A new spirituality now characterized the community, with men and women being committed to choruses to encourage one another in the life of God. August 1727 is seen as the Moravian Pentecost. Zinzendorf preached on the Unity of the Spirit in the body of Christ. He said August 13th was "a day of the outpourings of the Holy Spirit upon the congregation; it was its Pentecost." Within two weeks of the outpouring, 24 men and 24 women covenanted to pray “hourly intercessions,” praying every hour around the clock. They were committed that, “*The fire must be kept burning on the altar continuously; it must not go out*” (Leviticus 6:13). They increased to about 70. This prayer meeting would go non-stop for the next 100 years, and is seen as the spiritual power behind the impact the Moravians had on the world.

From the prayer room at Herrnhut came a missionary zeal hardly surpassed in church history. The spark initially came from Zinzendorf’s encounter in Denmark with Eskimos who had been converted by Lutherans. The Count returned to Herrnhut and shared his passion to see the gospel go to the nations. As a result, many of the community went out into the world to preach the gospel, some even selling themselves into slavery in order to fulfill the great commission. This commitment is shown by a simple statistic: Typically, in world missions, the Protestant laity to missionary ratio has been 5000:1. The Moravians, however, saw an increased ratio of 60:1. By 1776, some 226 missionaries had been sent out from the community at Herrnhut. It is clear through the teaching of William Carey, that the Moravians had a profound impact on him in regard to their zeal for missionary activity. It is also through the missions-minded Moravians that John Wesley came to faith. The impact of this little community in Saxony, which committed to seek the face of the Lord day and night, has truly been immeasurable. ¹

The expanding Global Prayer Movement in the 20th and 21st century

Prayer Mountain - Korea

In 1973 David Yonggi Cho, Pastor of the Yoido Full Gospel Church in Seoul, South Korea, established Prayer Mountain with night and day prayer. The Prayer Mountain was soon attracting over a million visitors per year, as people would spend retreats in the prayer cells provided on the mountain. Cho had a commitment to continuous prayer, to faith and to establishing small discipleship cells in his church. As a result, Cho’s church rapidly expanded to become the largest Christian church congregation on the world, with membership now over 780,000. ²

Africa Prayer Mountain

In 1999, the Africa Prayer Mountain for All Nations was established by World Trumpet Missions in Kampala, Uganda. The ministry vision given to Senior Pastor John Mulinde in 1988 is from Joel 2:1. This mandate calls for awakening the nations by *blowing the trumpet* and admonishing people everywhere to prepare for the Day of the Lord, and for preparing the way for *transformation* of communities and whole nations through prayer and the application of biblical principles whereby people effectively take up their godly responsibilities in society. ³

24/7 Prayer Rooms

On September 5, 1999 The Warehouse congregation led by Pete Greig in Chichester, England started a 24/7 prayer room, which has expanded into over 40 other countries...linked by the internet becoming known as 24/7 Prayer Rooms and Boiler Rooms. [4](#)

International House of Prayer in Kansas City

On September 19, 1999, the International House of Prayer in Kansas City, Missouri, started a prayer and worship meeting that has continued for twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week ever since. With a similar vision to Zinzendorf, that *the fire on the altar should never go out*, there has never been a time when worship and prayer has not risen to heaven since that date. [5](#)

Global Day of Prayer

In July 2000, Graham Power received the first of a two-part vision from God to gather Christians throughout Africa for a Day of Repentance and Prayer. This has grown into the Global Day of Prayer, which unites millions of Christians together in prayer in over 200 nations each year. [6](#)

Justice Houses of Prayer

In 2004, the Justice House of Prayer was opened in Washington, DC. For years, young prayer warriors have stood in prayer in front of the Supreme Court day after day pleading the blood of Jesus, and appealing to the higher court of heaven for God's rule over the lower courts of the earth...as well as the other branches of our government for the sanctity of human life. [7](#)

Preparing for the fully restored House of Prayer

The Lord says, *“My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.”* (Isaiah 56:7)

The Holy Spirit continues to inspire prayer and worship leaders to build His *house of prayer* through the body of Christ all over the earth. This is establishing night and day - 24/7 houses of prayer, all around the earth with well over 100 already established in the United States alone. [8](#) This continually growing, divinely inspired prayer movement is expressed through prayer *altars*, prayer *meetings*, prayer *watches* and 24/7 night and day *houses of prayer*.

This united concert of prayer will continue to expand and grow until Jesus returns and restores His house of prayer, His temple, in Jerusalem, to rule and reign over all the nations of the earth forever.

Prayer will only *increase* in the Age to come.

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Chapter 3

Mike Bickle – the early years



When he was a young boy growing up in Kansas City, Mike Bickle's father was a professional boxer and he spent time around athletes.¹ Mike was saved in high school through the ministry of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Kansas City. He went on to lead Bible studies with his school classmates. After serving as a senior pastor in a church in St Louis for seven years, he moved back to Kansas City in 1982 to plant a new church named the Kansas City Fellowship. This was later renamed to Metro Christian Fellowship. In 1999, in response to a confirmed prophetic call "To build the house of the Lord", he resigned to start the new International House of Prayer in Kansas City.

Commitment to be faithful to his calling

Mike shared the story of when he was 22 years old and he had a dramatic encounter, where he saw the Lord sitting in judgment of his life. Jesus said, "Saved, but your life was wasted!" When he screamed out "No!" the angel standing near to him made it clear that you could never change His judgment once it was made. This was a life-changing experience, and Mike made a vow to live his life in obedience to God and make his life count for the Lord.

He says that his life's dream is to grow into a deeply passionate lover of the Lord Jesus Christ.

A prophetic calling

In Cairo, Egypt in 1982, the Lord told Mike about the coming global youth movement that He would raise up to prepare His church for the return of His Son, Jesus Christ, to the earth saying:

I will change the understanding and expression of Christianity in the earth in one generation.

In St. Louis, Missouri, he met a man by the name of Augustine Alcala who gave him a prophecy describing his connection to the coming youth movement.

In 1983, Mike met Bob Jones, a recognized prophet, who spoke into his life and ministry for years. He confirmed the words of the prophecy given to him in St. Louis, and that he was sent to Mike to guide and strengthen him as the Lord established His new global youth movement.

In May 1984, the Kansas City Fellowship held a 21-day fast, which was confirmed with signs in the sky and confirmed the coming move of God.

Mike said that he dramatically heard the audible voice of the Lord say,

"I will establish 24-hour prayer in the spirit of the tabernacle of David."

The church later moved to Grandview, Missouri, 'Near President Harry S. Truman.' The Truman farmhouse was near the Forerunner School of Ministry building. President Truman recognized the new restored state of Israel in 1948. This was part of a prophecy given by Bob Jones.

For three years in the 1990s Mike traveled and ministered with John Wimber, the founder of the Vineyard church movement, which emphasized *worship* and *compassion* with healings, signs and wonders. IHOP was initially focused on *prayer* and *prophecy*. Mike says that great controversy came upon the ministry at this time, as was also previously prophesied.

Diane Bickle

Mike married his wife Diane just before he became pastor of his first church near St Louis. When Mike taught on marriage, he said that he has always worked hard to show honor to his wife, Diane, who he clearly loves and adores. Shortly after they married, Mike convinced Diane to donate her \$5,000 savings to missions to learn how God honors giving. She agreed and years later they were richly blessed when they sold their home to move to Kansas City. Diane supported Mike when they planted and grew the church in Kansas City. When IHOP-KC started, Mike said that Diane was one of the first to learn the 'harp and bowl' worship and prayer model. She prays weekly in the Global Prayer Room for the gospel to go into the marketplace.

After years of faithfully supporting the church ministry and home schooling their sons Luke and Paul, Diane was led by the Lord to open Glad Heart Reality. This for-profit company donates all their profits into the International House of Prayer in Kansas City ministry. In September 2009, Mike reported that the Glad Heart Reality had already donated \$1 million to the prayer ministry.

House of Prayer

Mike believes that his God-given ministry assignment is primarily intercession and to maintain a 24/7 - night and day city-wide house of prayer worship and prayer sanctuary in the *spirit* of the Tabernacle of David in Kansas City. Also, he believes he is called to train others to establish more prayer watches and houses of prayer in every city of the earth before the Lord's return. He lives in the fear of the Lord to be faithful to this calling and glorify the Lord in all they say or do.

Messages

Mike Bickle's ongoing teaching themes include:

Intimacy with Jesus

Mike dropped out of college to care for his brother Pat, who had severely injured his neck while playing football for Center High School. ² This was an act of sacrificial love for his brother.

God, our Father, showed His great sacrificial love for each of us by sending His Son, Jesus, to die as a sacrifice for payment for our sin and rebellion to His will, ways and law. This demonstrated His character and the great sacrificial love that God has for all mankind, His creation, His family and the bride of Christ.

We are invited to return this great love that we receive from God by developing our intimacy with Jesus. This emphasis is on developing a passion for Jesus through the love and knowledge of the beauty of God. This especially focuses on the revelation of the Bride of Christ paradigm.

Forerunner messengers

He also teaches on the forerunner ministry like John the Baptist in the context of night and day prayer and a fasted life-style that proclaims Jesus as Bridegroom, King and Judge. He has a deep personal conviction of a victorious praying end time church working in partnership with Jesus.

End time preparations

Mike teaches year after year about learning and understanding the unique dynamics of the generation who will be alive when Jesus returns to earth to set up His kingdom in fullness. He states that his personal opinion is that members of this end-time generation are alive today!

24/7 night and day prayer combined with 24/7 acts of justice

At the International House of Prayer 10th Year Anniversary celebration on September 19, 2009, Mike called the IHOP-KC community of staff, students and interns to commit to an expanded calling of the Lord and mission vision of:

“Combining 24/7 night and day prayers for justice with 24/7 acts of justice.”

Mike Bickle is now the president and director of the International House of Prayer in Kansas City, an evangelical missions organization based on 24/7 prayer with worship. IHOP-KC now includes over 60 departments engaged in many evangelistic and inner city outreaches, along with multiple justice initiatives, planting houses of prayer and training missionaries. IHOP-KC has continued in non-stop prayer led by worship teams since September 19, 1999. About 1,500 volunteers, including staff members, students and interns serve both full-time and part-time on the International House of Prayer - Missions Base. The full-time staff members invest a total of fifty hours per week in the prayer room, classroom, service and ministry outreaches.

Mike is also the founder and president of International House of Prayer University (IHOPU), which includes a full-time Bible school, music school and media school. He is president of Friends of the Bridegroom (FOTB), and co-founder of The Joseph Company of Kansas City. He is also a featured speaker at Forerunner Christian Fellowship, the local fellowship associated with International House of Prayer - Missions Base. Mike is also the Prayer Director of the international GOD TV television network. Mike has authored or co-authored many books, which are available through the Forerunner Book Store. Over 25 years of his teachings are available at: <http://mikebickle.org>

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Chapter 4

International House of Prayer - Prophetic History

This chapter is edited from published notes from Mike Bickle and the author's notes from the eight messages given at Forerunner School of Ministry on September 17-19, 2009 commemorating the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the International House of Prayer in Kansas City. **Bold** type added to 'Blue Print Prophecy.' Source: www.IHOPKC.org

The Early Days, Cairo and the 1983 Solemn Assembly

I. WHY SHARE OUR PROPHETIC HISTORY

Scripture exhorts us to remember what God said and did in the past and to teach it to our children. Remembering what God did in our midst helps us to obey and set our hope in Him.

*I will open my mouth in a **parable**; I will utter **dark sayings** of old, 3 which...our fathers told us...4 telling to the generation to come...His wonderful works. 5 He **established a testimony** in Jacob...He commanded our fathers, that they should make **them known** to their children; 6 that the generation to come...may declare them to their children, 7 that they may **set their hope in God**, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments. (Psalm 78:2-7)*

Some of God's ways are given to us as parables that unfold in a way that enables us, as the years go by, to see more and more significance in what He did in the past. Jesus spoke many things in parables to make **truth more clear** to those who were humble and hungry for more, and to make **truth more obscure** for those who were proud and spiritually self-satisfied. (Matthew 13:3, 13-17)

*3He spoke **many** things to them in **parables**...13 I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, **nor do they understand**. (Matthew 13:3, 13)*

Personal prophecy is given to strengthen our resolve to obey God, to be faithful in prayer and to help us keep focused on the specific ministry assignment that God gives us. Prophecy is not a guarantee, but an invitation from God to participate with Him in prayer, faith and obedience.

*This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, **according to the prophecies** previously made concerning you, that **by them you may wage the good warfare**... (1 Timothy 1:18)*

The Father has a vast and glorious storyline for the whole Body of Christ in this generation. He has a specific assignment for each ministry. We all have a small yet significant part to play in His plans. God wants His people to honor and love the whole Church. There is a part of my inheritance in God that I can only receive as I receive from others in the larger Body of Christ. I have been deeply helped through the years by what God has done through other ministries.

The Holy Spirit is orchestrating *one great move of God* in this generation. It is comprised of *many smaller ministry movements* that each have a specific ministry assignment. In other words, the end-time prayer movement is made up of many smaller prayer movements. **IHOP–KC is one small movement in the midst of the global end-time move of God.**

IHOP–KC’s “prophetic history” represents a very small part of **God’s story** in this generation. In telling this prophetic history, our prayer is that the IHOP–KC community be strengthened in our resolve to obey our specific ministry assignment. **We also share this story, hoping that part of our story will encourage others to believe God for His fullness in their ministry assignment.** As each ministry does their small part, others see the big picture of God’s puzzle a little more clearly.

The most significant and formative prophetic years for us were from 1982 to 1984.

II. **BEFORE MOVING BACK TO KANSAS CITY IN NOVEMBER 1982**

I was born-again on June 9, 1971, and then became deeply involved in a Presbyterian church for the next five years. I was strongly anti-charismatic during these days and boldly taught against what I called “charismatic heresies.” I was involved with Campus Crusade for Christ, the Navigators and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes during my high school and college years.

Martyn Lloyd-Jones is my favorite Bible teacher. I had the privilege of speaking four times at his church, Westminster Chapel, in London in the early 1990s. My other favorite teachers are A. W. Tozer, John Stott, J. I. Packer, Stuart Briscoe, Chuck Smith and Leonard Ravenhill. I read many biographies in my early years. My heroes from history are Hudson Taylor, David Brainerd, Jonathan Edwards, John Wesley, George Whitefield, Charles Finney, John G. Lake and Bernard of Clairvaux.

In June 1982, I was called to leave St. Louis to go to Kansas City. Augustine Alcala, a man with a proven prophetic ministry, heard the audible voice of God about me while visiting St. Louis. In October 1982, Augustine gave me four words about the new work in Kansas City:

1. Thousands of young people will gather in Kansas City.
2. The full manifestation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit will operate.
3. A false prophet will arise in your midst in the early days. (He was discovered.)
4. A controversy will arise against you; do not fight back, but trust the Lord.

III. **PROPHETIC EXPERIENCE IN CAIRO, EGYPT IN SEPTEMBER 1982**

The Lord’s invitation in Cairo, Egypt, September 1982: This was my first indication of a coming movement. The Lord spoke to me powerfully and said,

“I will change the understanding and expression of Christianity in the earth in one generation.”

Changing the understanding: This speaks of the way unbelievers will perceive the Church. Today, many see the Church as boring, irrelevant and non-threatening. (Acts 5:11-13).

Changing the expression: This is the way the church expresses its life together as a prophetic people of prayer who walk out Sermon on the Mount lifestyles with a forerunner spirit.

God spoke to me about the **four heart standards** necessary for my future life and ministry. They are not the only values necessary in a New Testament church, but are the **most neglected** ones. In 1996, God corrected us as a local church, calling us back to these values by using the acronym “IHOP.”

1. **Intercession:** Night and day prayer and worship affects our **time**
2. **Holiness:** The Sermon on the Mount lifestyle (Matthew 5-7) affects our **thoughts and attitudes**
3. **Offerings:** Extravagant giving by living simply to give more to the harvest. This affects our **money**
4. **Prophetic:** Confidence in God’s intervention with His provision, protection, direction. Standing boldly in faith for what the Spirit is saying affects our **security and identity**. This is the most difficult.

The Lord said to me, ***“I am inviting you to be a part of a work that will touch the ends of the earth. You have only said yes, but have not yet done it. Many have said yes, but did not do it.”*** This means to persevere for decades. The Lord said, ***“Beware lest your brethren steal these from your heart.”***

MOVING TO KANSAS CITY, MEETING BOB JONES, AND THE SOLEMN ASSEMBLY

On November 28, 1982, fifty of us met in a home to talk and pray about the start of a new church. The Lord surprised us by speaking to us about being like **Gideon’s army** (Judges 6–7). On December 5, 1982, our new church had its first service. I spoke from Luke 18:7,

“And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?” and Isaiah 62:6-7 ***“I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent, ⁷ And give Him no rest till He establishes and till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.”***

Bob Jones’ first prophetic experience concerning a young adult movement was on August 8, 1975. In a near death experience, Bob stood before Jesus. The Lord sent him back to help the initial leaders of a youth movement that would persist in prayer and be led by singers and musicians.

I met Bob Jones on March 7, 1983. He said, “You are an intercessor and youth pastor. You will lead a worldwide youth movement of singers and musicians that will be used in **power evangelism** that will mobilize **prayer for Israel** and receive abundant grace in the **prophetic and intercession.**” Honestly, I did not understand or believe what he told me.

Bob said, “On the first of spring when the snow melts they will accept me.” He explained that God gives prophetic signs in the heavens, including comets and weather patterns, and on the earth like earthquakes, to confirm and validate prophetic visions and dreams.

*¹⁷ I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see **visions**, your old men shall dream **dreams**...¹⁹ I will show **wonders in heaven** and **signs in the earth**...²⁰ **before** the coming of the...day of the LORD. (Acts 2:17-20)*

Bob said, “***This movement will have an intercessory ministry like Harry Truman,***” who was a ‘political intercessor’ for Israel. This movement will be spiritual intercessors for Israel. The Lord will place you next to Truman as a prophetic sign. He will set you in Grandview to give a ‘grand view’ of the kingdom of God (through media). *Truman helped to establish the state of Israel in May 1948.* Many Old Testament prophecies make it clear that Israel would once again dwell in their own land in the end times. This is after being out of it for 2,000 years. No nation has ever returned to their homeland after being out of it for only one generation. Truman stood against much resistance in the USA government and the UN by insisting on a homeland for Israel. Bob Jones told me our most significant impact would be in mobilizing intercessors for **Israel**. We are praying to mobilize 100 million intercessors for Israel through many ministries working together.

On January 27, 2008, IHOP–KC purchased the 125 acres that Harry S. Truman had sold to a Jewish family *exactly* fifty years - to the day- earlier on January 27, 1958. This is a prophetic sign to IHOP–KC. As Bob left that day, on March 7, 1983, he gave me the same four prophetic words that Augustine had told me in October 1982. God confirmed Bob Jones’ prophetic role on March 21, 1983. I met with Bob Jones and Art Katz together at my house from 9:00pm until 4:00am. The snow Bob spoke of came as a prophetic sign.

On April 13, the Lord spoke to me about Daniel 9-10 and calling a 21-day fast starting on May 7. On April 14, 1983, Bob said that Gabriel had visited him saying, “Give the young man Daniel 9 and he will understand,” and that the fast would be confirmed by a **comet unpredicted by scientists** on May 7, 1983.

On May 7, 1983 the local Kansas City newspapers reported on a comet unpredicted by scientists. The article “1983d: May's Surprise Comet” (Harvard Center for Astrophysics) said it was first seen on April 25, 1983.

God spoke 2 main promises to us about the future youth movement during the 1983 solemn assembly:

1. The Lord said, *"I will establish 24-hour prayer in the spirit of the tabernacle of David."* An angel told Bob Jones that we would *grow from 500 to 5,000 intercessors* over night by the flood of the Spirit and that it would be confirmed as we watched *"Mississippi."* Bob later showed me a newspaper as confirmation that said, "5000 moved in one day from a flood in Mississippi."
2. God promised to release a healing anointing in our midst; He said: *"No disease known to man will stand before this people."* This level of healing power will be seen in many ministries.

At the end of May 1983, Bob said the Lord had good news and bad news. The bad news: revival was not coming immediately; the **spiritual drought over America would continue until God's appointed time to send the rains of the Spirit**. Bob prophesied of a natural drought in Kansas City lasting three months from July 1 to October 1, 1983. Good news: rain was coming on exactly August 23 to show that **God had an appointed day when the "spiritual drought" in the US would end**.

On August 23, 1983, it rained hard for about 30 minutes as we gathered at 7:00pm; it came in the midst of a 3-month drought in Kansas City from July 1 to October 1 that was the second worst drought on record. In 1983, five prophetic signs in the heavens were given in advance: *unusual snow* (March 21), *a comet* (May 7), *a flood* (Mississippi, May 23), *drought* (July 1 to October 1) and *rain* (August 23).

On November 7, Bob told me that God would give me a revelation directly from His throne of God on November 15, and that afterwards, I would never again doubt that God sovereignly called the solemn assembly on May 7, 1983 to birth a youth movement that would touch the ends of earth. In August 1979, Howard Pittman had a heavenly experience in which God told him that He was raising up a people like "Gideon's army" who He would anoint with great miracles. God showed him that He would **"begin to recruit this army in earnest"** on May 7, 1983, accompanied by a heavenly sign. Howard wrote the story in his book *Placebo* published in May 1980.

SIXTEEN YEARS LATER: JANUARY 1999 AND MAY 1999

On Sunday, January 24, 1999, a prophetic person gave me Haggai 1:2. It did not seem right to me. That Wednesday, January 27, 1999 in Colorado Springs, Kingsley Fletcher prophesied Haggai 1:2 to me.

"This people says, "The time has not come...that the Lord's house should be built." (Haggai 1:2)

I asked the Lord for a 3-fold confirmation: First, to **provide a building** without me telling anyone. Second, to send a **senior pastor** to replace me with 100% unity among our leaders. And third, to tell **Noel Alexander** in a supernatural way. On February 20, 1999, Noel told me that after preaching in Sunderland, England, a man he did not know told him to tell Mike Bickle, *it was time to start the 24-hour house of prayer. The next day* after preaching in Peterborough, about 80 miles away, another man he did not know prophesied that he was to tell Mike Bickle to *start the house of prayer*.

I then made a 3-fold agreement with the Lord that He has honored since May 7, 1999. First, I will not travel to recruit leaders. Second, I will not raise money. And third, I would not be responsible for creative ideas in leading. For my part, I committed to work long hours, say unpopular things, and not quit under the pressure of growth or criticism.

Great Light, White Horse, Chariot, and Sands of Time

BACKGROUND ON BOB JONES

Bob Jones was born in 1929 and grew up in the hills of Northwest Arkansas. He had two angelic experiences in his youth at age 9 and age 15. He met the Lord at age 39 in September 1969. Bob's occupation was spraying and trimming trees until about 1988. He now lives in South Carolina.

Bob spoke of having over 100 prophetic revelations from the years 1975 to 1983 of a youth movement rising up in Kansas City. One of Bob's former pastors told me how Bob publicly prophesied of a group of young people who would come to south Kansas City in the spring of 1983 preaching on revival and intercession. Bob served us in Kansas City for nearly ten years from 1983 to 1992.

BOB JONES' ENCOUNTER WITH ANGELS: AUGUST 8, 1975

On August 8, 1975, Bob had his first prophetic experience about a young adult movement to be raised up in Kansas City. The Lord told Bob to prophesy against abortion. A demon appeared to Bob and threatened to kill him if he did. The next day, Bob prophesied against abortion. He became sick and began to hemorrhage from his nose. In a near death experience, Bob's spirit left his body. He stood before Jesus who said that He was sending him back to help the leaders of a youth movement that He would raise up. When Bob's spirit re-entered his body, he saw two angels speaking to one another about the end-time outpouring of the Spirit in Kansas City.

These are Bob Jones' own words about what happened to him on August 8, 1975: I asked, "Lord, how did the devil kill me because I was doing Your will?" The Lord said, "In the last days, **I will anoint some young people in Kansas City**. I want you to go back to touch some of these leaders who will reveal Me to the nations. I will send them to you. There is coming a third world war that will wake up many people. **I will bring over a billion souls to Myself in the last days.**"

3. The Lord said, "Many of My servants have sold out My glory for sin. The time is drawing close. I will raise up a people who will be faithful to Me."
4. I looked at my body lying there and I saw two great angels. One angel said, "Look!" So, I looked to downtown Kansas City and saw **a great explosion of God's glory** in the inner city. It was like crystal light traveling at the speed of light to the nations of the world.

5. The angels prophesied, “See, it has begun.” One said, “Yes, as it always must begin in the *heart* of man, so **Kansas City is the heart of this nation**. A great move of the Spirit will begin here. It will begin at the Truman Sports Complex.” The angel said, “You won't be in Kansas City when it all happens.” I was told that I would see the beginning of it.
6. One angel said, “I will bring the first leaders of this light explosion to you Bob, and you shall touch them.” Another angel said, “Look, see those who will sing.” The first anointing will be on **prophetic singers** and **musicians**. Multitudes will come to Kansas City because it will be a house of prophecy called the “**house of prayer**.”
7. ***God will send finances to Kansas City far beyond anything we can now understand.*** It will be a city where people form a partnership with God, and let Him do with His money as He chooses. Finances from Kansas City will be sent throughout the world.
8. Kansas City will become a world center to export the natural and the spiritual bread. It will be a shipping center for grain. Food will be the primary factor in the last days. These two angels explained that God will put godly leaders in charge of the movement of natural bread in the time of famine. God has chosen this city to bless many nations.
9. Kansas City is a city that people can flee to and **find refuge in the last days**. Great famines will be seen around the world. The angels showed me God blessing certain geographic areas. (*We refer to these as “pockets of mercy.” For example, they will have rain in the time of drought and financial prosperity in the time of economic crisis.*)
10. I asked the Lord how this could be and He said over and over, “**It will be because those that pray will receive from My hand, and those that do not pray will not receive.**” Intercession will release natural rain and great mercy. God is raising up people in Kansas City who will pray so that the rains will come. They will ask and believe and receive.

The Lord showed Bob a banner over Kansas City and the Midwest that said “**prophetic and intercession.**” It spoke of great grace being released for prophetic and intercession. The angels told Bob that at least **five** other cities in the US will also have unusual protection over them.

BOB JONES SEES A WHITE HORSE: AUGUST 8, 1982

On August 8, 1982, Bob saw a white horse in the middle of a riverbed that had 4 inches of water in it, with rabid dogs on the sides. Bob saw me and my brother, Pat, in the river bed. He stood behind us. Bob saw that when the Lord “raised up Pat,” then the floods of the Spirit would follow in God’s timing. The Lord raised up Pat and took him home to glory when he died on May 5, 2007.

Bob's assignment from the Lord was to help the *white horse*, representing the leaders of the youth movement, stay in the "middle of the stream" as they were preparing for the coming flood of the Spirit. This flood of the Spirit will come after the leaders mature so as to not neglect the four heart standards given in Cairo, Egypt.

The dogs in this parable spoke of church leaders who could not see the value of these four heart standards or the need for a focused prayer ministry. They upheld the traditional lifestyle of the western Church that sees the four heart standards as being extreme and unnecessary.

These are Bob Jones' own words about what happened to him on August 8, 1982 "I was sitting on my back porch interceding to stop abortion. Suddenly, the Lord appeared and said, "Bob, the *white horse* is coming. This is a group that I will use. I saw the young people in this vision." The Lord said, "Look at them real close. *I want you to know that I love them.*" Over and over He would tell me, "I love these young ones that are coming. My lightning will be in their hands" (Habakkuk 3:4). The white horse had a little horn on his right foot, which spoke of power in their hands.

He [Jesus] had rays flashing from His hand, and there His power was hidden. (Habakkuk 3:4)

11. A horn means power. The power shall be in their hands. One day, God will release the Spirit on multitudes as rays are seen coming out of their hands. He showed me that the people sitting in the audience will see light from them. Some will get new kidneys; the lame, the deaf, and the blind will be restored resulting in great power evangelism.
12. The Lord said, "I am setting you behind them to watch their backs so that the mad dogs do not bite them." Mad dogs speak of religious people with human wisdom that is contrary to God's word. The Lord said, "They will want this young man to join them. If he refuses, then they will bite him. I want you to keep that *white horse* in the middle of the stream where the mad dogs cannot bite him. I will do the rest."
13. A rabid dog is one that is mad. Its throat is swollen up so it cannot get into the water because it cannot drink. They stand on the side of the water and accuse those who are in it. They cannot bite him if he stays in the stream, because they can't go into the water.
14. If a mad dog bites you, it imparts madness to you. Religion is madness. They are to stay in the middle of the stream. I was told to lead the *white horse* into the middle of a dry stream. It was a stream that centuries ago had had water in it. But now it was dry.
15. The Lord told me that as long as this *white horse* doesn't get to the side, the dogs can't bite and infect him with fear of man and intimidation. The Lord said to Bob, "Stand beside him because the dogs will overpower him by their persuasion."

16. The Lord said, “I will release the spirit of prophecy to keep this *white horse* in the middle of the stream. Walk alongside him and gently hold the reins to keep him in the middle of the stream, because **one day the rains will surely come.**” The Lord put a reign in my hands and said, “When he goes to one side or the other, pull on that reign.” I was told to watch his back. God gave me whatever revelation was needed to keep them in the middle of the stream—to get them back in faith. That was my job: to just keep them in the stream with expectancy and to **keep them looking to Jesus for answers and crying out to Him.**
17. I saw many leaders coming like barking dogs trying to scare the *white horse* out of the middle of the dry stream. They would say, “You are doing it wrong, come and join me.”

Bob repeatedly reminded us that he was sent back from death to help establish us to stay in the “middle of the stream” throughout the preparation years.

In June of 1996, the Lord rebuked me and our leadership for yielding to the fear of man. I was not boldly proclaiming some of the things that were in my heart. I saw my hesitation as being motivated by humility and wisdom. God called it the fear of man. He requires that we boldly proclaim and contend for the four heart standards I received in Cairo, Egypt. If I had not repented, and turned back to God’s way, I would have been disqualified from leading the young adult movement Bob so often spoke of. This young adult movement started, in part, at IHOP–KC.

God corrected us as a local church and called us back to “IHOP.” This referred to **Intercession, Holiness, Offerings and Prophecy.** The Lord said that our leadership team had failed to persevere in contending for and imparting the four heart standards. ***God continues to call the “1999 IHOP” prayer room back to the “1996 IHOP” message.***

On August. 8, 1945, US President Harry S. Truman signed the charter which officially established the United Nations.

THE PROCESSION DOWN BLUE RIDGE: YOUNG PEOPLE INVITED TO CHARIOTS

On July 3, 1984, Bob Jones saw the Lord being exalted and carried by a group of young leaders like the ark of the covenant was carried in King David’s day (2 Samuel 6).

They were ones who were coming that God was going to anoint to preach the gospel and heal the sick in ***apostolic power*** as seen in the Book of Acts. They were leading a great procession of people who had been healed through their ministry.

Thousands were lined up on both sides of the street praising the Lord. This parade was walking down Blue Ridge road to **Arrowhead** Stadium. Bob guessed there were about 35 of these leaders, since the Lord described them as walking on the highway of holiness (Isaiah 35).

Bob was watching the parade from the side, wearing a hospital gown instead of being with the young leaders of the parade who were carrying the Lord. The Lord told Bob, “Tell Mike that I will visit him to show him this group of anointed young people who are coming.”

Our church at that time was meeting at 109th and Roe in Overland Park, Kansas. Ten months later, we moved to our present Forerunner School of Ministry building in Grandview, Missouri next to Blue Ridge Boulevard and very near the historic Truman farm house.

These are Bob Jones’ own words about what happened to him on July 3, 1984: “I said, “Oh Lord, can I put my hand to that work.” He said, “No, you can't. I didn't call you to this work. **I've called these young ones to it. They're the ones who will bear the government in this movement. These are those who will keep Me high and lifted up all the days of their lives. These are young ones that I will bring in. These are ones that I will release apostolic power through.**”

18. I walked funny because my feet were crippled. The Lord said, “Put your feet under My table and your lameness won't show. You are like Mephibosheth; your early nursemaids dropped you as they did Mephibosheth” (2 Samuel 9).
19. The Lord told me about these young people saying, “The leadership that I bring will not be crippled.” Then the Lord said, “Pray Psalm 12:1 and cry, ‘Help, Lord, for the godly man perishes’ or ‘Help, Lord, we don't have any champions who will lift only You up.’” The Lord said, “Bob, I will answer that prayer”. He also said, “Pray that your faith fails not.”
20. So many leaders have brought God shame by selling out to immorality, gold or fame. He is raising up young people who will not sell out. *They will serve the Lord all the days of their lives and be faithful to the end.* He told me that He was bringing up young people with the requirements that they lift Him up and lift no other thing up higher than Him.

In early August, 1984, Augustine called me at 10:30 pm and said, “The Lord promised to visit you. He will visit you tonight.” That night, I stood in a room seemingly made of clouds that was about 20' x 30'. (Whether in my body or out of my body, I do not know.) Later, Bob told me that he thought that was the Lord's courtroom.

*I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: 2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body **I do not know**, or whether out of the **body I do not know**, God knows—such a one was **caught up to the third heaven**. 3 And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body **I do not know**, God knows— 4 how he was **caught up into Paradise** and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. (2 Corinthians 12:1-4)*

The Lord said to me three times with increasing sternness, *“Young man, if you are impatient, you will cause great harm and much turmoil to many peoples.”* I was wounded with sorrow by this. I thought to myself, “I do not agree with this. I do not know why I am being rebuked. But it must be right because I am talking to God. I will sort it out later.” So, I said to the Lord, “Yes sir, yes sir.” Suddenly, I started falling rapidly for what seemed to be about 10 seconds. Then I was wide awake in my bed and looked at the digital clock. It was 2:15am. Then suddenly, I was lifted back to the same courtroom. I had the full sensation of travel while being wide awake.

I looked to the left, and suddenly there was an opening and I saw a line of golden chariots. I did not count them, but knew there were more than 20 but less than 50. There was a line of people who were to get into the chariots. I did not see any faces.

A golden chariot appeared. The Lord said to me, *“Get in the chariot.”* I knew it was an **invitation to operate in the apostolic power, to preach the gospel and heal the sick**, etc. It was an invitation, not a commission. I fell to the ground and screamed, “No! No!” The Lord said, *“Get in the chariot; it has been ordained for you.”* I was weeping and saying, “This is an injustice for a person like me to get in that chariot.” Two angels picked me up and put me in the chariot. The chariot went high into a vast blue expanse, which I knew spoke of the revelation of the knowledge of God.

I looked over my shoulder and the next person was commanded to get in the chariot; he was screaming “No! No!” Then I heard the same thing happen to the one after him.

God warned me about being impatient or lacking perseverance. This was a warning with the tone of a correction. The Lord was warning me that after He releases His presence in our midst, as indicated by getting into the chariot, we must be true to the four heart standards of **Intercession, Holiness, Offerings and Prophecy**, and not minimize them. If I did, then there would be “harm and turmoil” to many young people.

The word *patience* in the New Testament is often translated as perseverance. It speaks of following through in our obedience, especially when facing temptations, obstacles and criticism. The opposite of patience is quitting. Perseverance is an important sign of an apostle.

*Truly the **signs** of an apostle were accomplished among you with all **perseverance**, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds.* (2 Corinthians 12:12)

*I know your works, love, service, faith, and your **patience** [perseverance]...* (Revelation 2:19)

I have observed that most of the people who receive the four heart standards only hold on to them for about 5-7 years. They drift away from them as they become older, busier and wealthier. These standards were given to me by the Lord in Cairo, Egypt.

Bob told me that the Lord said that now I had the word myself, and I would not be as likely to run after other movements because of this visitation.

BOB JONES' WORDS: DESCRIBING HIS VISION ON THE SANDS OF TIME

In January of 1979, the Lord took me in a vision to the sands by the sea and called it the *sands of time*. I understood that the sea spoke of the nations of the earth. I saw leaders through the generations sticking their hands down into the sands to bring up boxes, saying, "Is this the time?" There was nothing in the box. I heard them say, "Are the promises for now?" Yet, it wasn't for their generation.

The Lord told me (Bob) to reach down into the sands of time to pull up a box. I said, "Lord, they are all empty." He said, "Open it up." I was surprised to see **draft notices** in it. They said, "**Greetings, you have been drafted into the army of God.**" He said, "**I will begin to send these letters out to My leaders when it costs 20 cents to mail a letter.**" At the time of the vision, it cost 15 cents to mail a letter. Some of you received clarity about your calling when it cost 20 cents a letter. This was from November 1981 to February 16, 1985.

The Lord was drafting officers into His army at that time, and their calling started to get clear. The calling went out to people all over the world at that time. The Lord appointed this time to bring forth the **best of the bloodline** of many family lines to represent His Son in the end times.

This will be the end generation that is foreknown to inherit all things. Their children will attain a level of the Spirit that they themselves will not attain. **Their children and grandchildren will possess the Spirit *without measure* for they are the best of all the generations that have ever been upon the face of the earth.** They will move into the supernatural as never before.

Healing Anointing: Jehovah Rapha, Dominus and the Vineyard

NO DISEASE KNOWN TO MAN WILL STAND BEFORE THIS PEOPLE
(MAY 21, 1883)

The Lord spoke to Bob in a dream on May 20, 1983, and said, "**Psalm 28 is for this people.**" On Saturday night, May 21, 1984, the Holy Spirit visited me while I was reading Psalm 28. The theme of this Psalm is that God will answer those who cry out to him, those who intercede for His saving power.

*To You **I will cry**, O LORD my Rock: do not be silent to me, lest, if You are silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit. 2 Hear the **voice of my supplications** when I **cry to You**, when I lift up my hands toward Your holy sanctuary. 3 Do not take me away with the wicked and with the workers of iniquity....6 Blessed be the LORD, because He has heard the **voice of my supplications**! 7 The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoices, and with **my song** I will **praise** Him. 8 The LORD is their strength, and He is the saving refuge of His anointed. 9 Save Your people, and bless Your inheritance; shepherd them, and bear them up forever. (Psalm 28:1-9)*

I (Mike) was instantly in a spirit of travail with electricity going up and down from my abdomen to my hands to my lips. The fire of God came on my hands and lips like electricity for 45 minutes. I knew it was the promise of the healing anointing.

That night, I had a prophetic dream about receiving a **great healing anointing that would go forth to the nations**. The Lord gave me Matthew 10:8 and 1 Corinthians 15:10.

The next morning, Bob said to me, “You received a healing anointing last night. In my vision, last night the Lord appeared to me wearing a banner that said, ‘*Jehovah Rapha, I am the Lord that heals you.*’ And He took it off and put it on you as a representative of this movement and said to you, ‘**No disease known to man will stand before this people.**’”

Bob said, “The Lord told me to say to you, “**Matthew 10:8 and 1 Corinthians 15:10. Freely you have received, freely give** (Matthew 10:8). **You cannot make healing happen, it is the work of His grace.** (1 Corinthians 15:10).

*Heal the sick...cast out demons. Freely you have received, **freely give.*** (Matthew 10:8)

*I labored more abundantly...not I, but the **grace of God which was with me.***
(1 Corinthians 15:10)

Bob said that the Lord showed him that if we use this anointing to make money, to manipulate for immorality or to open doors for our pride, then the Lord will take back this license to heal. This promise and warning is for the youth movement coming behind you.

Bob said, “There will be some instant healings this morning. They will be a token of what will occur continually in the days to come.” The anointing will move like a lightning strike from heaven that will release people into a realm of revelation and seeing angels for a season. Maria Woodworth-Etter operated in this anointing.

DOMINUS: FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD (MAY 1985)

In March 1985, Bob Jones said: I saw Jesus last night, but didn't recognize who He was. He seemed to be a great angel with the name “**Dominus**” written on Him. *Dominus* is Latin for Lord. He said, “**Dear friend, stop worrying about this young movement. I started it and I will finish it. I'm going to move among them.**” The Lord appeared as my dear friend and said, “**Tell Mike and Bob Scott that I will soon visit them as a familiar friend, Don, to show them My power to heal.**”

Jesus appears in different faces to portray different aspects of His heart to us.

Jesus reveals His healing power in the context of friendship. Bob said, “The Lord will show Himself as a friend to this movement.”

*I have called you **friends**, for all things that I heard from My Father I have **made known** to you.* (John 15:15)

Two weeks later, Bob Scott had a prophetic dream about the healing power of God being manifest. At the center of his dream was his good friend, Don, representing the Lord.

A few weeks later in May 1985, early on Sunday morning, I saw the Lord in a dream as my friend Don. I was in the back of a vast auditorium with him. Suddenly, I intuitively knew there was going to be an altar call. I looked at Don, and said, "I'd better get up there." He smiled and said, "You'd better go on up now." I ran down to the front and many who were sick ran spontaneously to the front. There was no announcement.

I reached forward to put my hand on someone and said, "In the name of Jesus be healed." That person and about ten others fell down by the power the Spirit, and they were all healed.

I turned around and said to someone, "Be healed!" He and about ten people behind him fell down by the power of the Spirit and were all healed. Then I waved my hand over a section of chairs, and all the people in those chairs fell under the power of God, being healed or refreshed.

I looked across the room and saw other leaders running down the aisles doing the same thing. Thousands of people were lying on the floors by the power of God. The singers kept leading worship. Then, I returned to the back wall where I was standing with Don and said, "The Lord has come." He smiled and said "Yes, you are right."

At that time, our church service was meeting in a high school auditorium. I met the leaders before the meeting on the stage and said, "I had this incredible dream last night with my friend Don." Bob Jones reminded us all that the Lord told him that He would appear to me as a familiar friend.

One of the guys pointed down to the stage where I was standing on a piece of tape. And the tape spelled out D-O-N. It was probably the person's name who pulled the curtains. I call this God's poetry.

FULLY EXPERIENCING GOD'S POWER - OCTOBER 5, 1990:

At 4:00am on October 5, 1990, the Lord appeared to me in a trance. Suddenly the Lord was standing before me, looking straight into my eyes. He said, "*No one with a control spirit can fully experience My kingdom.*" He paused for 3 seconds. The words "possessiveness" and "religious opinions" came clearly to me.

Next, the Lord said, "*All personal rights must be relinquished.*" The verse came instantly to me, "*They will cast their crowns before My throne*" (Revelation 4:10). The Lord then said, "*I have a controversy with My people.*" The Spirit said, "*The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains.*" (Psalm 24:1). **Only Jesus owns the ministries, the buildings, the money, the people and the future.**"

When the trance lifted, then the power of God rushed through me, violently shaking my entire body for about 15 seconds. I reached with my left hand to stop the shaking in my right hand! The Spirit said, *"I am going to give power demonstrations to back up this truth."*

The Lord later said, *"I am raising up an international family of affection."* He will take one from this stream in the Body of Christ and freely give them to another stream.

Bob Jones said, "The Lord took you up Jacob's ladder and told you He will release power to deal with the Jacob spirit. He said there is a swindler spirit that is going to be dealt with in power."

I WILL USE THE HANDS OF THIS PEOPLE - MAY 7, 1990:

On May 7, 1990, I actually saw the Lord in a dream. He walked up to me with a big smile on His face. He said in a very friendly way, *"How are you? Put your hands out."* I was trembling because the Lord was standing in front of me. He touched my hands and the power of God began to enter my hands. He said, *"I am going to anoint your hand and the hands of this people. Your hands are going to be anointed. You will lay hands on the sick and they will be healed. Broken hearts will be healed with My joy and people will be saved."* I woke up overwhelmed by this experience.

Bob Jones called me an hour later and said, "The Lord, Himself, visited you last night and gave you a very important message. He said to hold on to the thing that He told you last night." The Lord has touched my hands three times: in May 1983, May 7, 1990, and October 5, 1990. On each of these occasions, Bob told me about it the next time we talked. I do not fully understand why that happened, except for the Lord saying you just need your faith confirmed.

(Author's Note: The Holy Spirit is increasingly manifesting these healing signs more by His presence and in answer to the prayers of the young saints in what is being called the 'IHOPU Student Awakening' which started dramatically in the IHOPU Bible school on November 11, 2009. This is covered in more detail in Chapter 8 of this book.)

PAUL CAIN'S OPEN VISION OF THE STADIUMS

Paul Cain had an open vision nearly 100 times over a period of 25 years. In the stadium, the announcer was saying, "They have been going three days and three nights without food or water or change of clothing. The lame walk, lost limbs suddenly grow out and the dead are being raised. And nobody knows who these people on the platform are. They seem to be **nameless and faceless** ministers."

SOVEREIGN CONNECTION WITH JOHN WIMBER AND THE VINEYARD

In January 1984, Bob told me that God wanted us to connect with a movement based about 35 miles southeast of Los Angeles, which had a banner in the spirit over them called "**compassion and worship.**"

As I found out later he was speaking about the Vineyard Ministries in Anaheim, California, under John Wimber (1934–2007). Bob had never heard of the Vineyard. He said that the Lord wanted the “**prophetic** and **intercession**” of Kansas City cross-pollinating with the “**compassion** and **worship**” of the Vineyard Ministries.

In June 1984, I attended their first annual conference where John Wimber emphasized worship and compassion. Bob said this was the movement which he prophesied to me.

In October 1987, Bob heard the audible voice of the Lord saying that John Wimber would call me three months later in January 1988. I was amazed when John called my home in January to invite me to speak to his staff the following week at their annual retreat.

On June 5, 1988, Bob again heard the audible voice of the Lord saying that John would call me within the week because the Lord was going to open three large doors in the Vineyard to me. He told me that there were about 50,000 people in the Vineyard and that John Wimber impacted 1,000,000 worldwide. The next week, John called. When I asked him, John told me the Vineyard was about 50,000 people and that he impacted approximately 1,000,000 worldwide. He invited me to be with him on three ministry occasions just as Bob prophesied the week before.

Bob said this was a Holy Spirit seminary season that would last for three years. Bob said this was a warning and not a promise because I did not know how to “go out and come in” before the Lord and the people in the context of a million people. He said, “You will not keep your heart connected to the Lord in the same way it is now because you will have so many opportunities and conflicts happening at the same time. There will be a strife and jealousy stirred up among your friends and enemies.” Bob said that I must see this as a season of training with John Wimber. Afterwards, the Lord would increase the numbers when the Kansas City youth movement was ready.

John asked me to go to Scotland with him in November 1988. He said, “We will share every meal time together and meet after each session. I want you to tell me every story you have about the prophetic ministry. My friend, Jack Deere, tells me that you have a lot of strange stories.”

In December, 1988, Paul Cain visited with John Wimber. Beforehand, John asked if there might be a “sign” that would attend Paul's visit to him. Paul prophesied that there would be two earthquakes—one local, to occur on the day of his arrival in Anaheim, and one international to occur on the day of his departure. Both earthquakes occurred as prophesied, one in California and one in Soviet Armenia. This story has been documented in *Equipping the Saints*, January 1990.

I stopped traveling with John in June 1991, three years after our June 1988 conversation. I had lost the tenderness for God in my heart and needed to return to a place of prayer and intimacy. God's desire is that the *International House of Prayer in Kansas City walk in the healing anointing that was operating in the Vineyard* in those years, as well as learning the lessons from John Wimber's international ministry platform.

Joseph's Dungeon: Humility and Bearing the Stigma

CULTIVATING A FAITHFUL AND FEARLESS HEART

This will focus on *heart responses* that God requires from all He entrusts with a greater measure of His Spirit in ministry. We must have a *faithful and fearless heart* in the midst of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Humility expresses itself in dedication as seen in a lifestyle of prayer and fasting, and in bearing reproach for standing boldly for what God is saying and doing.

There is a “**God orchestrated stigma**” on the greater measures of release of the Word and Spirit. The fear of man is usually a more challenging issue than the dedication of fasting and prayer.

THE MOVE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN ACTS 2 AND JOEL 2

What the Spirit did in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost is a pattern of what He will do in many places in the end times. His three main manifestations were **wind, wine, and fire**.

Suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues...13 Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine." (Acts 2:2-13)

The wind speaks of the miracle activity that involves angels. The fire speaks of the conviction of the Spirit. The wine of the Spirit **heals, restores, and makes glad the heart** that belongs to God.

(Note: The ‘IHOPU Student Awakening’ that began in November 11, 2009 has been described as an outpouring of the *new wine* of the Spirit.)

JOSEPH'S DUNGEON: CALL TO HUMILITY - APRIL 1984

April 1984 was almost one year after the solemn assembly of May 1983. The Lord spoke of a season of spiritual drought that would suddenly break at a God-determined time. I was asking Him, “How long until the drought breaks and the youth movement moves with great power?”

In April 1984, I heard the audible voice of God say, “*I have a revelation for you; call Bob Jones.*” The fear of the Lord came upon me. Several hours later, I spoke with Bob Jones who said, “I had a powerful visitation from the Lord and He wants me to give it to you.” He said that in an open vision, he visited Joseph's dungeon where he saw two men, a cupbearer and a baker (Genesis 40:2-19). They represented two types of ministries who were in “prison” for a season related to their ministry. They were both accused of having *poison* in their service to the king.

Pharaoh was angry with...the chief butler [cupbearer] and the chief baker. 3 So he put them in...prison, the place where Joseph was...4 They were in custody for a while. 5 The

*butler and the baker...had a dream, both of them, each man's dream in one night...12 Joseph said to him [butler/cupbearer], "This is the interpretation...13 within three days Pharaoh will...**restore you**...and you will put Pharaoh's cup in his hand...18 Joseph answered [the baker]..., "19 within three days Pharaoh will...hang you on a tree... (Genesis 40:2-19)*

One ministry would be proven guilty and then put to death, referring to the baker, while the other, referring to the cupbearer, would be found innocent and exalted to **serve wine** in the presence of the king. The Lord told Bob that the baker (baker's ministry) would be put to death because he had poison in his bread (teaching ministry). The bread in Bob's vision represented the ministry of the Word, including speaking, singing, writing, etc. The poison in the baker's bread was killing God's family. ***The poison was that their ministry did not "produce humility" in God's family.*** The Lord was going to put the ministries represented by the baker to death. He would take their ministry away.

The Lord said to Bob, ***"I will exalt My cupbearers to serve wine in the presence of the king."*** He showed him that His "cupbearers" would end their prison season of testing to be exalted to serve wine in the presence of the king; this would ***begin in ten years***, in April 1994. God showed Bob that He would use the "wine" to humble many different people in the Body of Christ.

The Lord was showing us that, in the big picture of His purposes, He would release the **wine** of His Spirit before the fire and wind. God said that He was doing this to bring forth humility.

God could have given me the revelation directly when He was speaking audibly to me instead of having me call Bob. However, He wants us to understand that **we need one another to receive the fullness of what He has for us.** He gives and withholds strategically so that we need one another. **God orchestrates His kingdom in a way that causes ministries to cross-pollinate with each other.** Because we are desperate to receive from the grace that God entrusts to others, we go to them for understanding and impartation. In the process, we end up loving each other.

The Lord spoke two things that were hard for me to receive. First, that this would not begin for ten years. Second, that He would **begin with wine** instead of the fire that I was praying for.

THE RENEWAL OF 1994 WAS GOD'S CRUCIBLE FOR HUMILITY

The Lord is looking for ministries that will embrace humility in their lifestyle, ministry focus and ministry style so as to be used by the Spirit to produce it in others. People who live for humility are stable and hard to offend because they do not have false expectations in their serving.

In the spring of 1994, **the Lord poured out the wine of the Holy Spirit in Toronto** with John Arnott and Randy Clark. It started after ten years just as the Lord had told Bob in April 1984. It was a dynamic move of God that changed many lives in the Body of Christ.

There are many lessons from that season that are very important for the future releases of the Holy Spirit.

One aspect of a new expression of Christianity is to **honor Jesus' leadership** as He renews the Church with the wine of the Spirit. We cooperate with the Spirit as He exalts Jesus without **passively neglecting, actively resisting** or **enthusiastically exaggerating** what He is releasing.

God's purpose for releasing the "wine of His Spirit" is to renew hearts and impart the Father's love and joy. He also releases it to test His people in four different groups with humility.

Group #1: Those who resist the "wine" because they are **unfamiliar** with it

Group #2: Those who resist the "wine" because it is not released through **their ministry**

Group #3: Those who are anointed to impart the "wine" to others are **attacked** in many ways

Group #4: Those who **exaggerate** the Spirit's manifestations, seeking to draw attention to them selves.

We must not draw back in the fear of man from what the Spirit is doing. We must bear the reproach that comes with God's power. **There is a God-orchestrated stigma on the anointing of the Spirit.** We must accept this stigma that will humble any who walk in unusual power. Many of God's servants in history were rejected by God's people and later killed. We must take a stand and bear the reproach before and after the breakthrough of God.

*Lest I should be **exalted above measure** by the abundance of the revelations, a **thorn in the flesh** was given to me, a **messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted...** (2 Corinthians 12:7)*

*For I think that **God has displayed us**, the apostles, **last...**for we have been made a **spectacle** ...both to angels and to men. 10 We are **fools** for Christ's sake...we are **weak**...we are **dishonored!**...12 being **reviled**, we bless; being **persecuted**, we endure... (1 Corinthians 4:9-12)*

Many leaders like John Arnott of the Toronto Airport Christian Fellowship took a courageous stand for the ministry of the Holy Spirit. They took ground for the Body of Christ. We may be surprised at how many fear of man issues come to the surface in our heart when the Lord begins to move with His wine, fire and wind.

We must make room for the Spirit's activity, and be open for new manifestations of His presence. We are to be *childlike* in faith, which includes trusting God and being **risk-takers**, and learning new things from others by having a **teachable spirit**. Children do not fear losing their status.

*Unless you are converted and **become as little children**, you will by no means enter the kingdom ...⁴ Whoever **humbles himself** as this little child is the **greatest** in the kingdom. (Matthew 18:3-4)*

We are not to be childish in perspective or in conducting ourselves without the restraints of love. Children are focused on themselves. They always draw attention to themselves.

*Do not be **children in understanding**; however, in malice be babes, but in understanding be mature...³⁹ Therefore, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues. ⁴⁰ Let all things be done **decently and in order**. (1 Corinthians 14:20, 39-40)*

We must not add to the Spirit's manifestations and draw attention to ourselves. We quench the Spirit by promoting fleshly manifestations and giving them undue prominence.

In our zeal for the Spirit's activity, we first discern between what is good, best or excellent. We test all things by biblical standards. Some neglect to do this in not wanting to look religious by paying too much attention to the Word.

*I pray that your **love may abound** still more and more in knowledge and **all discernment**, ¹⁰ that you may approve the **things that are excellent** (Philippians 1:9-10)*

ESTABLISHING A CULTURE OF HONOR

We love God by honoring all the people that He calls and who are dear to Him. The Spirit requires that we dwell together in a **culture of honor**. God's blessing flows when we honor. The Spirit desires to establish a culture of honor with humility in His kingdom. **We must honor the whole Body of Christ and the work of the Spirit in all the different streams of the body** (Baptists, Nazarenes, Presbyterians, Anglicans, Episcopal, non-denominational, charismatic, etc.)

We demonstrate a culture of honor in our families and in our ministry assignments whether in church, the marketplace, school, etc. **Part of our inheritance and what we lack is in the hands of others.**

Born-again believers who agree on the **main and plain issues of faith** must walk in a spirit of honor, even while disagreeing on various ministry values, focus and eschatology. The main and plain issue of faith includes **salvation by faith, authority of Scripture, walking out the two great commandments, evangelizing the lost and working to transform our cities and disciple nations.**

We must have a deep sense of our need for others along with a sense of the inadequacies and shortcomings in our own life and ministry. It is not okay to be removed or isolated from others. Pride is a major hindrance in the prayer movement. If we secretly think we are better and more committed than others, then we will feed a spirit of pride in our midst.

The spirit of pride with elitism or the spirit of humility with honor can be imparted. Three principles in cultivating a culture of honor include **blessing, inclusion and loyalty to truth.**

Principle #1: Blessing without criticism: Understanding God's heart for other ministries will convince us that He desires to bless them. This is based on revelation, not political expediency.

We bless their budding virtues that have not yet matured. We speak affirmations that we believe, without any flattery. We bless them regardless of the deficiencies in ministry, like lacking strong teaching, outreach, youth ministry, etc. We bless without needing to agree with differences in ministry focus and style. **The Spirit forbids us to verbalize deficiencies and differences.** Blessing, however, is not the same as unconditional tolerance of everyone's doctrines and practices.

Principle #2: Inclusion without elitism: Understanding God's value of His people and His desire to use all of them convinces us of their value to the kingdom and our need of them. We are to set our heart to include others in what God has given us by using our resources to help others succeed without reference to how it affects us. We look for ways to enrich the interests of others.

Principle #3: Loyalty to truth without compromise: The culture of honor is based on our allegiance to Jesus and His Word. There are times we must bring righteous judgment to those with destructive doctrines and behavior to cultivate a culture of honor in the church (Matthew 18:15-17; 1 Corinthians 5; 2 Corinthians 11:12-15; 1 Thessalonians 5:14, 21; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-14; Revelation 2:2, 14-15, 20). We must do this in the right process (Matthew 18:15-17) and with a right spirit (Galatians 6:1).

Apostolic Preaching, the Gift of Intercession, and the Harvest

ANOINTED PREACHING AND THE SPIRIT OF PRAYER

Anointed intercession is as much a supernatural gift as anointed preaching. Jesus promised that the Spirit would supernaturally convict the people of sin. **Anointed preaching** that supernaturally pierces hearts is even more powerful than raising the dead. This is very rare in the Church today.

He [Holy Spirit] will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and judgment (John. 16:8)

Throughout history, when the spirit of conviction has been fully manifest, the Word took hold of the hearts of people until they were powerfully converted as seen in Acts 2 and Acts 19.

When they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter... "What shall we do?" 38 Peter said, "Repent..." 41 that day about three thousand souls were added to them. 42 They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine... 43 Fear came on every soul (Acts 2:37-43)

*All who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks...20 So the word of the Lord **grew mightily and prevailed.** (Acts 19:10, 20)*

I have been a student of the power of conviction through history. Supernatural conviction can be released many ways such as through preaching, singing, writing, drama and media productions.

My favorite preachers in history are *David Brainerd* (1718-1747); *Jonathan Edwards* (1703-1758); *George Whitefield* (1714-1770) and *John Wesley* (1703-1791). They all lived during the First Great Awakening in America (1730-1755). Also, *Charles Finney* (1792-1875) who preached during the Second Great Awakening (1790-1840) and *John G. Lake* (1870-1935). The east coast of America and England were set ablaze by apostolic preaching during the First Great Awakening.

I read the biographies of these men over and over. Their stories gave me a vision in my early twenties to be used by God to bring unbelievers to salvation with supernatural conviction. This vision for anointed preaching has helped me to continue through the years with fasting and prayer.

I read David Brainerd's biography near daily for almost 5 years. I noticed a cause-effect dynamic in the grace of God in Brainerd's ministry. When God granted him supernatural **grace in prayer** with groaning (Zechariah 12:10; Romans 8:26), then **power on his preaching followed**. This was related each time to evangelism. He wrote of lacking power in his preaching when his prayer life lacked power. He embraced more ardent fasting, prayer and connection to God until power came back on his prayer times. I set **my vision to have supernatural intercession unto anointed preaching**.

Brainerd lay in the snow for 3 to 4 hours under the supernatural burden of travail. He would sweat so much that the snow melted around him as he coughed up blood because of his tuberculosis. The next day, when he preached to unbelievers, the power of God fell on them. Even when He preached through a drunken interpreter, the power of God fell on the Native Americans. Many of his converts were deeply devoted because of getting saved with such power.

He died of tuberculosis when he was only 29 years old. Jonathan Edwards described the young David Brainerd as having piety, purity, and abandonment to God second to no man in that day.

Jonathan Edwards preached the famous sermon, *Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God*. He read it by candlelight in the evening meetings, yet people wailed under the conviction of sin.

George Whitefield and John Wesley were operating in the same Holy Spirit power of conviction in England. George Whitefield was only 22 years old when he spoke regularly to crowds of well over ten thousand people. As the power of God descended on them, they cried out for mercy.

Charles Finney was a lawyer who baptized those who heard him with the fire of the Spirit in his preaching. In 1857, he preached in New York City and saw 500,000 converted to Christ in eight weeks, or 60,000 new converts a week.

We need a vision for apostolic preaching. There is a measure of authority inherent in being born again. It is our mandate to raise up young men and women with vision for apostolic preaching.

Called to Song 8:6, Hephzibah, and Jesus in Red

JESUS CALLS US TO INVITE HIM TO COME TO US AS THE JEALOUS BRIDEGROOM

*⁶ **Set Me** [Jesus] as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; **for love is as strong as death**, [God's] jealousy as cruel [demanding] as the grave; its flames are flames of fire, a most vehement flame. ⁷ Many waters [sin, pressure]) cannot **quench** love, nor can the **floods** drown it. (Song of Solomon 8:6-7)*

In July 1988, while in my office reading a wedding card with Song of Solomon 8:6 on it, I began to pray, "Jesus seal my heart with Your seal of love." The Spirit touched me and I began to weep. I asked the receptionist to hold all my calls. Ten minutes later she said, "Bob Jones heard the audible voice of the Lord for you." I was on my knees with the Song of Solomon, weeping with the phone in my hand.

Bob Jones called to tell me at that very moment that the Lord spoke audibly to Him promising to **release grace across the Body of Christ worldwide to walk in Song of Solomon 8:6-7** and that **I was to focus on this theme throughout my ministry**. This happened immediately after June 1988 when we connected with John Wimber's ministry, which emphasized worship and compassion.

I called my wife Diane and told her what happened. It was only about 9:00am. I then immediately read all 8 chapters of Song of Solomon for the first time in a serious way. It was all about love. I said to the Lord, "This is not going to work." This should be taught by the women's ministry. I asked the Lord for a commission to teach the life of David or Revelation or Romans.

CALL THEM HEPHZIBAH

In November of 1995, I had a prophetic dream on a Sunday morning exhorting me to call God's people "**Hephzibah**." I was on a large platform and this voice spoke. It was the voice of the Holy Spirit, like thunder. The voice said, "**Call them Hephzibah, the Lord delights in you.**"

*You shall be called **Hephzibah**...for the **LORD delights in you**...⁵ For as the **bridegroom rejoices** (enjoys) over the bride, so shall your **God rejoice over you**. ⁶ I have set **watchmen** on your walls...they shall **never** hold their peace (be silent) **day or night**...⁷ give Him **no rest** till He establishes...Jerusalem a praise in the earth. (Isaiah 62:4-7)*

I woke up from the dream instantly with the Spirit resting on me. I wanted to speak on it that Sunday morning, so I looked for it through the Old Testament. The “Hephzibah” message is that God delights in us and rejoices over us as a Bridegroom rejoices over a bride. It is the same as the Song of Solomon message or David’s beauty of God message.

The bridal paradigm of Isaiah 62:1-5 is essential to sustaining the night and day prayer of Isaiah 62: 6-7, which itself is essential to the forerunner ministry of Isaiah 62:10-63:6.

I labored in prayer for years in intercession without the “Hephzibah” message.

One of the reasons that intercessors get burned out and that forerunners preach with a harsh spirit is because they aren’t encountering Jesus’ heart.

GOD, YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL

Just after midnight on November 30, 1996, I was touched by God’s presence in an all-night prayer meeting as I continued to speak one statement. From about midnight until 5:00am I said, “**Jesus, You are so beautiful.**” Every time I said it, I felt a surge of His presence. I said, “Body of Christ, open your gates to the beautiful God.” The prayer meeting was over at 5:00am. I went back to the empty church at 9:00am and said, “You are the beautiful God” for two more hours.

The next week, a lady sent me a letter that said, “I had a dream about you early last Saturday morning on November 30. In this dream, the Lord said He would open up to you the revelation of His beauty, and He wants you to **call the church into His beauty.**”

During the 21-day fast in May of 1983, the Spirit stirred me to pray Psalm 27:4 for over 12 hours.

*One thing I have desired of the LORD...that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to **behold the beauty of the LORD**, and to inquire in His temple.*
(Psalm 27:4)

FRIENDS OF THE BRIDEGROOM

On May 7, 1997, in Assisi, Italy the Lord said, “*I will raise up “**friends of the Bridegroom forerunner messengers**” who will prepare the Bride*” (John 3:29).

*The **friend of the Bridegroom**...rejoices greatly because of the Bridegroom's voice.*
(John. 3:29)

One of IHOP–KC’s primary callings is to minister with a “**forerunner spirit.**” We need to renew this spiritual identity and focus in our ministry foundation.

NOEL WITH LIGHTNING

On Sunday October 29, 1989, Noel Alexander preached on Deuteronomy 6:4. *“hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one...love the Lord your God.”* I spoke this scripture twice. The second time I shouted, “Hear, O Israel!” At that moment, a double thunderbolt hit the building. God was emphasizing the necessity of **the first commandment** and intimacy in worship like we learned from the Vineyard movement.

For the first time in history, the Spirit will **universally emphasize** our spiritual identity as Jesus’ *Bride*. John does not proclaim that the Spirit and the family say, “Come!” nor the Spirit and the army, nor the kingdom, nor the Body, nor the temple, and not the Spirit and the priesthood.

*The Spirit and the **Bride** say, “Come!”* (Revelation 22:17)

The essence of the Bridegroom message is the revelation of Jesus’ emotions and commitments to us as a Bridegroom God, and our abandonment back to Him. The Bridal paradigm refers to the *“bridal perspective,”* or view, of the kingdom of God. **We see the kingdom through the eyes of a Bride with loyal, devoted love.** If we do not **feel** loved and in love, then we more easily compromise, lack courage and become spiritually bored. As sons of God, we are in the position to experience ***God’s throne*** as heirs of His power. As the Bride, we are positioned to experience ***God’s heart***, His emotions or affections for us. Both are unique positions of privilege before God.

TRANSITIONAL SEASON IN THE SPIRIT: 1996 BENNY HINN

In July of 1993, I had a prophetic dream in which I stood on a platform with Benny Hinn to begin a **“transitional season in the Lord.”**

A transitional season involves at least **three dimensions**. First, it is an issue of transitioning in the way we carry our heart with God or **relate to God**. Second, it involves **changes in our function** in ministry or the marketplace. Third, it includes the **opening of new doors** in our circumstances so that our new function can take place in a practical way.

A season of transition often involves years, not months. Paul’s transition in the Spirit involved 3 years in the Arabian Desert. David’s was 7 years near the cave of Adullam. Joseph’s was 12 years in and out of prison, and Moses’ was 40 years of getting Egypt out of him.

In October of 1996, I spoke at a conference with John Arnott in Toronto, Canada. At the same time Benny Hinn was hosting a healing meeting in Toronto. He asked me to meet with him before his meeting early that day. I stood on the stage with Benny Hinn and prophesied, ***“The Holy Spirit is raising up intercessors throughout the nations.”*** That night at the other conference, Mark DuPont prophesied to me, ***“You are in transition.”***

Bill Bright called a forty-day fast of Christian leaders from January 1 to February 10, 1997, to pray for God to send revival to America.

In July of 1997, Rick Joyner prophesied to me, “In the next few weeks the Lord is going to visit you about your life mandate because you are in a *transition*.” A month later on August 27, 1997, I had a dream from the Lord saying my commission was **Isaiah 40:3**, to **build up the highways**.

THE PREACHING MANDATE OF THIS MOVEMENT

On September 3, 1997, during a prayer meeting, the Holy Spirit highlighted three verses to me (Revelation 2:17: 3:12; 19:12). I felt the wind and fire of the Spirit manifesting on me for several hours.

*I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a **new name written**...* (Revelation 2:17)

*I will write on him the **name of My God**...I will write on him **My new name**. (Rev. 3:12)
He had a **name** written that no one knew except Himself. (Revelation 19:12)*

On the way out of the prayer room, I received a note from Terry Bennett who said that he saw the wind and fire of the Holy Spirit resting on me, and that the Lord was imparting a mantle related to these same 3 verses: Revelation 2:17, 3:12, and 19:12.

It was clear to me that the Lord was continuing to establish more truths in the spiritual foundations of this movement.

On September 17, 1997, during a prayer meeting, the Holy Spirit highlighted Isaiah 63:1-6 to me. Again, I felt the wind and fire of the Spirit manifesting on me for several hours. It spoke of Jesus the King wearing the red garments of a Judge as He walked through the nations. I began to say, “Your red garments are glorious. Why are they red? A king should be in white garments.”

*Who is this who comes from Edom, with **dyed garments** from Bozrah, this One who is glorious in **His apparel**, traveling in the greatness of His strength?-- "I [Jesus] who speak in righteousness, mighty to save." 2 Why is Your **apparel red**, and Your **garments** like one who **treads in the winepress**? 3 "I have trodden the winepress **alone**, and from the peoples **no one** was with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, and trampled them in My fury; their **blood is sprinkled upon My garments**, and I have **stained all My robes**. 4 For the day of vengeance is in My heart, and the year of My redeemed has come. 5 I looked, but there was **no one** to help, and I wondered that there was **no one** to uphold; therefore My own arm brought salvation for Me; My own fury, it sustained Me. 6 I have trodden the peoples in My anger, made them drunk in My fury, and brought down their strength to the earth." (Isaiah 63:1-6)*

Jesus will tread the winepress alone (Isaiah 63:3). The Lord said to me, “*There are no governments that will agree with My judgments. They are all against them. I will trample the nations alone even though none agree with Me. Will you agree with Me?*” I repeatedly said, Yes.

The wind and the fire of the Spirit came on me. He said, *“You will be rejected even by My people. Some of them will rise up against you.”* I made a promise to the Lord: **“I will preach the Jesus in the white** dazzling garment from Song of Solomon, **and the Jesus in red** from Isaiah 63.”

Terry Bennett came over and prophesied to me saying, “The same angel that touched you two weeks ago with fire and wind is here again.” He said, “Jesus is coming to you in red garments. He is putting the mantle of Isaiah 63 on you. You must study it because you will preach the Jesus in red.”

Terry said the Lord appeared to him in the red robe. He saw the wind of God like a tornado swirling around my body as the angel was pouring fire on me. He told me, “Your ministry is to **focus on revealing the name of God**. He summoned you and others to **prepare the way of the Lord** by also **teaching on the judgments of God.**”

In January of 2008, Terry Bennett wrote me with another prophecy. The wind and fire of the Spirit manifested on me as I read it. He wrote: “The Lord is calling you again, a second time, to come up to the mountain of the Lord and to *wrap your face in the mantle of His name*. This is your primary anointing and purpose. Wrap this mantle around your face by setting the Lord and His Name before your face forever. This is a call to enter the King's chamber! You are called to be undistracted, unencumbered and to free up time to seek the Lord. *You were created to see, prophesy and witness to His name.*”

In the spring of 1982 in St. Louis, God showed me the relationship of anointed intercession to preaching to win new souls. One Saturday night in March, for the first time, a spirit of travail sovereignly fell on me in a prayer time. I wept for souls for almost one hour. I said to myself, “This is what Brainerd experienced. So, tomorrow I will see an unusual release of God’s grace to win souls on my Sunday morning message.” It was a “holy experiment” in the grace of God. The next morning as I preached, about 100-200 people were weeping during my message. I could hear their cries as I preached. During our altar calls, we often had one or two people get saved each Sunday. On this day about 20 unbelievers came forward and wept at the altar.

Two months later in May 1982, the same thing happened again to me during my Saturday night prayer time with almost the exact same results during my Sunday morning message.

In Kansas City on April 3, 1983, at 6:00am I was preparing for my Easter Sunday message. Suddenly, I began to travail in prayer for the lost souls that would be at the Easter service. It lasted for about two hours. I drove to the church weeping for souls. At about 9:00am, the spirit of travail came on me again for another hour. The leaders shouted through my door that the 10:00am service was starting. The grace of prayer continued on me past 11:00am. My eyes were swollen from weeping. I was late in getting to the pulpit to preach. The message, however was unusually oppressed, so I ended early. I was confused. I invited people to come forward to be saved. No one came. Five minutes later, about 100 people were talking and mingling at the front.

I noticed three visitors standing alone with their eyes closed praying. When I put my hand on the first man, he instantly fell to the ground and wept openly. He cried, “Jesus, have mercy on me.” I went to a lady who was standing with her eyes closed and said, “Would you like prayer?” She nodded. I put my hand on her and she collapsed to the ground weeping and groaning, “God, please forgive me, give me mercy.” The same thing happened to the third person.

Bob Jones was speaking to six people sitting in chairs at the back of the sanctuary. Bob said to me, “You have had quite a day today. I saw it all last night in a vision. The Lord set you up to go *fishing* today. You were in a little fishing boat with the Lord. You were excited because the Lord put a net in the boat. You grabbed the net for a big catch today, but the Lord grabbed your hand, and said, ‘You can’t throw the net today.’ This referred to mass evangelism. You were disappointed. He gave you a fishing hook and you knelt down at the side of the boat, and made three strokes in the water and pierced three fish through their heart. It was very powerful.”

The Lord told me to tell you that ***He will give this youth movement 1,000 times more power to pierce hearts*** than you had today. They will be authorized to use His net. The nets will be full. The Lord told me that He set you up to understand this vision. Do not leave the place of praying for souls. ***The Lord will send you 5,000 young people with a vision for apostolic preaching.***

JULY 1988 AND GOD’S PROMISE TO DRAW US AS IN JOHN 6:44

In July 1988, Bob Jones spoke at a Bible study one Saturday night. I was not there. He said, “Tonight is going to be a big night for Mike. He will receive a visitation from an angel who will give him a ***promise about intercession and souls from the gospel of John***. He may not even know that an angel visited.” At 2:30am that morning, I was suddenly awakened from a sound sleep. I instantly began to travail in prayer for the harvest in Kansas City for an hour. It was a sudden, sovereign work of the Spirit similar to what happened to me on Easter Sunday in 1983.

The Spirit spoke to me, ***“I will supernaturally anoint you in prayer and will release the harvest in your midst.”*** He said, ***“I will draw them”*** (John 6:44). ***“First, I will draw the intercessors into the anointing of prayer, then I will draw the harvest in great numbers through them.”*** I understood that it would be as much of a sovereign work of His Spirit as me waking up from a sound sleep to experience the anointing of prayer. The next day, I spoke what the Spirit said to me from John 6. Several told me what Bob said the night before about me preaching from John on that day.

NOEL IS COMING: MARCH 1984

On March 20, 1984, Bob heard the audible voice of the Lord, ***“Noel is coming. Noel is coming.”*** So, that night at our Tuesday evening service he said, “Noel is coming, Noel is coming.” Then he told me to lay hands on the songbirds, his word for singers, to release the prophetic song in our midst. Julie Meyer and JoAnn McFatter sang their first prophetic songs that night. They each sang five songs.

On Friday March 30, 1984, I met Noel Alexander at a pastors' prayer meeting, then again at 10:00pm that night. On Saturday March 31, Noel and I went on a public march in protest against the oppression of Soviet Jews and then we went to Bob Jones' house. On Sunday April 1, there was a picture of me and Noel together in the Kansas City Star newspaper related to the article about the march for the Soviet Jews.

While driving to Bob Jones' home, Noel told me how God visited him in Colorado Springs at a vast valley of flowers and said, "[The number of flowers that you see represents the number of souls that you will lead into My kingdom. Take off your shoes for this place is holy.](#)"

When we arrived, Bob asked, "What's your name?" He said, "Noel Alexander." Bob had an old envelope in his hand. Years before he had written on it: "***When Major General Alexander comes, it will begin the government of this movement.***"

Some of Bob's friends later told us, "We have been waiting for Major General Alexander for years." Bob said, "I am going to put a mirror in front of you. You are like a man standing before a vast field of flowers that speaks of the number of people that you will lead into the kingdom. Let us take our shoes off for this day is holy." In December of 1984, Noel had a prophetic dream in which the Lord showed him that the day is coming when 7,000 people a week will be saved in our midst.

THE BUS WITH SEVEN WINDOWS: A PROMISE OF THE GREAT HARVEST

In July 1988, Bob had a vision of a bus, which spoke of the young adult movement and the magnitude of the harvest and its link to intercessory giving with a spirit of generosity and faith.

This is Bob's description of the vision: "Jesus was driving a bus with seven windows on each side. At first, nobody recognized that He was the driver. He was driving really fast when going downhill and around curves, and really slowly when going up hills. Many who were watching the bus from the road were saying, "They are driving far too fast. They will surely go off a cliff." The people riding in the bus said, "We are driving far too slowly. It seems like we will never get there."

There were many accusations and complaints on the journey as the Lord was testing the faith and patience of all who were involved. Bob said, "Let me tell you something about the way the Lord drives the bus. That Man has the most unique ideas in His leadership. There is hardly anyone that would agree with Him if they really knew what He was doing. If they really knew the journey that He was taking them on, almost every leadership group would vote against it. They would not go downhill so fast, nor would they go uphill so slowly. They would do it just the opposite." The Lord said, "You will not go over the cliff no matter what your accusers say."

God's Power and Promises of Supernatural Wealth

INTRODUCTION

God will display His power by supernatural conviction through apostolic preaching, singing, etc. He will confirm His Word with signs and wonders in physical healings and in the financial realm. God is kind, powerful, and wise, but He is also very rich.

*It is He who gives you **power to get wealth**, that He may establish His covenant... (Deuteronomy 8:18)*

There will be a great transfer of wealth as God manifests His ownership over the silver and gold when He shakes all the nations in the end times.

*“I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory...8 **The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,**” says the LORD. (Haggai 2:6-8)*

God will release great wealth to the right people, at the right time, and for the right reasons. He will personally finance the end-time harvest and the prayer movement that will undergird it.

*God be merciful to us and **bless us**, and cause His face to shine upon us 2 that Your way may be known on earth, **Your salvation among all nations.** (Psalm 67:1-2)*

There are those who have gone through a radical paradigm shift related to money. When they **see money**, they will **see souls, intercessors** and being able to **help the oppressed**.

Joseph was only one idea away from being one of the wealthiest people on earth (Genesis 40-45). King David grew up in a poor family in a rural village called Bethlehem, yet he gave billions of dollars of his money to the prayer movement by the time he was seventy. King Cyrus did the same. Joseph was a young uneducated Jewish slave in Egypt who became a billionaire.

God has been preparing His Josephs in deep humility in “Joseph’s dungeon.” This is real.

We must develop our history in the God of wealth, both by being faithful in our giving and in enduring testing. We are invited to encounter intimacy with God as the God of wealth.

PROMISES OF SUPERNATURAL WEALTH

In September 1982 in Cairo, Egypt, God promised me that He would release the wealth of the nations through this work if I would not touch it personally, but would build His kingdom with it.

Bob Jones’ own words from August 8, 1975: The Lord said, “I want you to go back to touch some of these leaders who will reveal Me to the nations. I will bring over a billion souls to Myself in the last days.” God will send finances to Kansas City far beyond anything we can now understand. It will be a city where people form a partnership with God that lets Him do with His money as He chooses. Kansas City will become a world center to export the natural and the spiritual bread. It will be a shipping center for grain.

In July 1988, Bob had a vision of a bus, which spoke of the young adult movement and the magnitude of the harvest and the link to a spirit of generosity and faith. In the vision, the Lord gave Noel Alexander \$1,000 and said, “***Sow this money into the harvest and I will multiply it 1,000-fold.***” Noel said, “That is a million dollars.” Bob told us to ***get ready to receive a million dollars to give to missions.*** The Lord said, “This is a token of the prosperity that I will release if you will trust Me and give when I say to give.”

The Lord said, “If you sow that million dollars into the harvest, then I will release a million souls and will give you a 1,000-fold increase. ***I will give you a billion dollars to sow into the kingdom.***”

The Lord said He would confirm it that day by having a millionaire call him. John DeLorean (1925-2005), the famous car manufacturer, called Bob from New York. Bob spent that morning digging deep in his garden. **He found a cast iron bus with seven windows on each side.** God promised this movement great economic prosperity for prayer and souls as long as we would use it for His kingdom.

At the staff meeting that day, Bob said, “The Lord is going to give Noel \$1,000 to sow into the harvest.” Noel said, “In the mail today, I received a surprising \$1,000 check from the US government.” Noel agreed to sow his \$1000 into the harvest. Bob told us to ***get ready to receive a million dollars to give to missions.*** In other words, the Lord will give us ***a billion dollars to sow into the kingdom.*** God promised this movement great economic prosperity for prayer and souls as long as we would use it for His kingdom.

Bob told us that God would give us a 1,000-fold return for giving a million dollars. At our conference in June 1990, our conference offering totaled ***1.4 million dollars*** to buy Bibles for the Soviet believers. This included an offering from our local church.

In the summer of 2000, Paul Cain was walking on Shiloh when the Lord said to him, “***What is it to you if I make Kansas City a revival center that touches the whole earth?***” Paul turned around to see who spoke to him. The Lord spoke a second time saying, “***What is it to you, if I give Mike Bickle one billion dollars for the harvest?***” Paul said, “I stood there trembling.”

EXAMPLES OF GOD’S SUPERNATURAL PROVISION

We received \$750,000 as a down payment to buy Red Bridge Center on April 5, 2001.

We received \$700,000 to buy the Herrnhut apartments on March 21, 2002.

We received 1 million dollars to sow into GOD TV during April of 2007.

We received 1 million dollars to buy the Truman property on January 27, 2008.

We received 3.3 million dollars to buy the Grandview Plaza on September 15, 2009.

Receive \$100 million dollar 'Huge Seed' for prayer center on Truman property 2021.

The Blueprint Prophecy

THE BLUEPRINT PROPHECY (MARCH 26, 1984)

In March of 1984, I received what I consider to be our most comprehensive prophetic word. I refer to it as the **blueprint prophecy**. The Lord confirmed it in a very powerful and unusual way.

On Friday, March 23, 1984 Bob Jones said, “The Lord spoke to me audibly saying that *‘He was going to give me blueprints for this movement on Monday.’*” The next day, he called me to reinforce the certainty and significance of the Lord sending me His “**blueprints**” for our future on Monday.

On Monday, March 26, 1984, a prophetic man unknown to our team drove four hours to Kansas City from central Kansas to give me a prophetic word that was five pages long. He did not call us in advance, so we were not expecting his visit. No one was in the church office when he arrived, so he left it in an envelope marked, “Confidential, for Mike Bickle’s eyes only.” Soon after he left, I arrived at the office and immediately read the prophecy. Then Bob Jones called me to ask if I had received the “**Lord's blueprints**” for the youth movement. He said this was a historic day.

In the cover letter, he explained that the Holy Spirit had given him *blueprints for our movement*. This prophecy included the 24/7 house of prayer. It also spoke of the forerunner ministry in the spirit of John the Baptist, the Bride of Christ and the Joseph Company. These were ideas that were not yet emphasized in our midst.

On September 13, 1984, God confirmed this prophetic word to me in a supernatural encounter which included an angel and a demon. Concerning the blueprint prophecy, the angel said that it *“contained much truth and great light.”* I did not share this prophecy publicly for 18 years.

THE UNUSUAL PROPHECIC WORD IN TULSA (SEPTEMBER 9, 1984)

On Sunday, September 9, 1984, Bob Jones, Augustine, and I were speaking at a church in Tulsa that met in a high school gymnasium. Nearly 1,000 people were present. Bob and Augustine were standing on the platform giving prophetic words to individuals as the Lord directed them. I was also on the platform to provide an explanation of some of the things they said.

Augustine was calling out individuals in the congregation to prophesy over. He was standing on the far end of the stage. Bob and I were standing behind him on the other end of the stage. Bob whispered to me, “You see that elderly woman wearing the red dress sitting in about the tenth row? The Spirit is resting on her. I have a prophetic word to give her after Augustine is done.”

Augustine could not see Bob whispering to me. Moments later, Augustine called out that very lady who was wearing the red dress. Since they both highlighted the same person at the same time out of a congregation of nearly 1,000 people, without any communication with each other, I was alerted that God might be saying something important concerning her.

Augustine said, “Mother, would you come forward? I have never done this, but the Spirit told me to ask you to pray for us.” Bob, Augustine, and I left the stage to meet her on the ground level.

First, she prophesied to Bob saying, “God has given you much understanding of His purposes for the nation of Israel.” Next, she prophesied to Augustine about a supernatural encounter that he was soon to have. It occurred the following Thursday night. It confirmed the blueprint prophecy.

She said, “Young man, in your visions, you have seen angels and you have seen demons, but you have never seen an angel and a demon together in the same vision. Very soon you will see both an angel and a demon in one vision. They will be in a conflict which will manifest in the flesh.”

Following that meeting, we drove back to Kansas City. I asked them what they thought about the lady’s prophecy. They both agreed that she gave them a true word from the Lord. Augustine verified that he had never seen an angel and a demon in one vision. He was perplexed by her prophecy that he would see a spiritual conflict which would be manifest in the flesh.

During our four hour drive, a spirit of prophecy fell on Augustine. He prophesied about the future of the youth movement in Kansas City. He used some of same language that was in the blueprint prophecy. I had not told him about it. I was hoping that the Lord would reveal it to him.

Later that week, after the Wednesday evening prayer meeting, I drove Augustine to the house that he often stayed at when he visited Kansas City. He lived in Phoenix, Arizona. It was then that I spoke to him about the blueprint prophecy for the first time. I let him read it. He said, “This prophecy is so important that I must ask the Lord to speak to me in a direct way about it.”

About midnight, I got in my car to drive home. I was perplexed that it would not start. The man whose house Augustine was staying in had already gone to bed, or he could have given me a ride home. So, I had to spend the night at his house. He only had one extra bedroom, but it was large and had two beds on opposite sides of the room, and so I had to sleep in the room with Augustine. On Thursday morning September 13, Augustine and I had the spiritual encounter with angels and demons that the lady in Tulsa had prophesied four days earlier. The details are too complicated so I will only give a few of the main points of this very unusual encounter.

At 5:00am, I was awakened by great pain in my right knee. Augustine was kneeling on the floor having an open vision. He saw a large demon that appeared as a large black horse that struck me on my right knee. An angel told Augustine that when we “went to the east” I would be attacked with demonic rage. We had planted a new congregation in the east of Kansas City in October 1989. In December of that year, Noel Alexander said, “Now that we have gone to the east, we will surely be attacked by the black horse that appeared to Augustine back in September of 1984.” In the spring of 1990, we were attacked with false charges made by different ministries around America and other nations. My knee was in great pain for the next eighteen hours, and it came and went over the next thirty days. Mysteriously, my car worked the next morning.

Blueprint Prophecy (edited September 19, 2009)

God shall confirm in your spirit; and do not proceed until He does. Upon the confirmation you should begin to act immediately to **take the bride to the city**: to the city of **Kansas City**, rather than having the city come to Him. Therefore, there should be another...on the north side and on the east side and on the west side, even as it is on the south side. Therefore there shall be four...

My grace is sufficient. My grace is Me in you and in this shall be a **5-fold ministry**.

You are a Garden Center...of My choice, says the Lord. In My Garden Center...I shall raise up...plants of renown...it shall be known, and the ways shall be renown. I will bring and place...those that will be the caretakers. You shall be a dresser of My vineyard, says the Lord, and the vineyard shall be these people that I shall bring to you and out of you.

Even out of the loins of the **blood line of the flesh of Abraham**--even as I said there would be many seeds, many nations, kindred, and tongues...there shall flow forth many sons and daughters. They shall be known and renowned. Even as the children of the renowned, so shall they be. These children shall flow out of...My Spirit.

They shall be spiritual children and they shall inhabit the uttermost parts of the earth. They shall inhabit the place that I have called for you to settle and to raise up other ministries and to send out.

You shall set in order...as I call the signals. You shall only act, as I send in the signals to you. As **I give you the word of My messengers**, you shall hear. It shall be confirmed as a truth in your heart and then you shall act upon it. Upon the acting of this, I will place within you and within your hands the **5-fold ministry**.

The ministry shall flow and rotate...You shall set in as I will call...those whom I shall confirm by My Holy Spirit. I would...prepare for Me a bride in this area. **The people shall flow then into the Tabernacles of Habitation**.

They shall flow from the north, the east, the south and the west. They shall come and they shall be dandled by their sides...You shall be ministers of light and ministers of truth. Even this shall be a people that shall be known of Me. I shall be their God and they shall be My people.

Their responsibility lies within Me. Their safety lies within drawing close together. Yes, I would have them draw real close together. I say again, that **their safety lies in drawing close together**. There shall be unity of the Spirit and of the doctrine. Your doctrine shall be My doctrine.

I will prepare a place for My people. You shall go forth and **lead My people to a place of Habitation**. I will show you and I will guide you. There shall be a time and a season and a place for My people to go. Even as I shall call them forth before the cities become desolate.

There shall be schools of ministry. They shall flow out of the city into the country, **into the City of Habitation**.

This load shall be too heavy for you. You shall not be able to bear the burden alone. I shall raise up many helpers both male and female. I will set them and call them to stand by your side. You shall go forth and lead a people even as Moses led a people. There shall be those that shall lift up your hands. Consecrate this people...I would have you to delegate the authority, duty, and responsibility, because you cannot carry this load yourself. The burden is too heavy and the journey is too far.

Even as I sent wise men to behold My Son's birth, so shall I send wise men to teach you, help you, guide you and to be a strength and a source of supply to you.

I shall be your purse bearer. **I shall raise up ministers of finance** in this area. I will hand the checks and the money as the time is prepared for this.

To those that will hear My voice, yield, become obedient and truly do as My word says by **setting the kingdom first in their heart**, I shall bless them and cause them to prosper.

They will know that of a truth, that it is the Lord that gives them power to get wealth (Deut. 8:18). They shall prosper when there is no prosperity and bear fruit when others are barren.

Your land and **your habitation shall be a place of a forerunner**. You shall go before hand. Even as I sent Joseph before hand, so shall you go before....you shall send forth the Joseph out of My bride and My congregation to **prepare**, even to make ready a time and a place that I shall choose. It shall be of My choosing and of My calling.

There shall be many that shall raise up out of you and you shall be known in your ministries.

From out of you, shall come forth a **5-fold ministry**. This ministry shall be known and established...I shall move quickly. I will do a quick work in teaching and in bringing up these people that must be brought up. Yes, this must be a **“do-work” and a new work**.

As I open My hand, even out of the clouds. As My hand opens and pulsates so shall the children grow mightily and quickly.

I shall bring them up, teach them and lead them by the right way that they might go and prepare a **City for Habitation**. They will plant their vineyards and sow their fields. Their cattle shall give their increase. For even as I have sent My messengers and many have heard the voice...I

have, **shot the arrow of My deliverance for My people. The arrow is the flaming arrow of My deliverance of My gospel and of My power.**

The outpouring shall be released in this area and upon this city. It shall be noised abroad even worldwide. They will stand in awe and will return unto the Holy reverence of My Name and of My people. They shall flourish. **The way of My teachings shall be by My Spirit and My Word. I will do a new thing.**

I will visit them in the night season with dreams and visions as I have said in My Word. I will even send My angels. I will take people in the Spirit and catch them away in the Spirit. It shall be by Me and I shall teach them in new ways.

My Word shall not return unto me void but that which I have said is absolute. My Word is absolute. My Word is sovereign. My Word is established. My Word shall be.

If there be those that are stubborn, rebellious and obstinate, I shall remove the royal diadem and the crown of glory and I shall give it to another, says the Lord.

This is the day of My visitation unto you. I shall call the recording angels of heaven and earth to record to you this day. It is sealed upon you and it cannot be removed, in Jesus' mighty name.

For you shall not build unto Me or unto yourself buildings of places to ingather. You shall continue with the plan as I have given you in the beginning. For it is My plan. It shall be by My design and shall not be by groping as in the dark.

Even as Paul had seen the light, but his fellow-laborers saw not the light, but he became the reflection of that light, even as John bore witness of that light. For it is given unto you, to know and to see the Just One (Acts 22:12-14). For I have many people that must yet come to the light. **My Light is Understanding.**

For out of the center of the hub, it shall grow forth from the **House of Prayer**. For I have said, "My House shall be called a House of Prayer". For this is of Me. The fifth shall be My grace. For out of My grace shall flow forth grace and favor to all that are willing and obedient. For have I not said, the first shall be last and the last shall be first. Thus, it shall be as the fifth place of ministry is to be readied--then **it shall be built by My design.**

For into this place shall flow the outreach ministries and from these in-gathering meetings shall flow the fullness of Christ...the workings of the fullness of the gifts of the Holy Ghost. For when you have the nine gifts, **come together**, then shall be fulfilled the Scripture, "*these works and even greater works shall you do*".

There are the many that shall be raised up at the appointed time for the world to see. This is a part of the ministry of **the end-time Church**. For even as I have called John to make ready a people for the Lord, even so this will...**bear the forerunner spirit that was upon John**. This shall be **a spirit of preparation**.

This is the separation work. **I have called My people to come out and be separate unto Me**. I will not have a piece of a people but it shall be **all or none**.

I place in your hands the final decision and you shall go forth by faith. Faith is by My grace and in My grace is My tolerance and contingency for flesh. **For the government shall be by the voice of twelve.**

Disciples shall be sent out...They shall go as servants into the “out of the way” places to **compel them to come in to My House that it may be full.** For this shall move to the outer borders of the city for the final phases of the building of **My House of Prayer.**

Chapter 5

International House of Prayer – The First Ten Years

Beginning in Grandview, Missouri

The International House of Prayer in Kansas City started in May 7, 1999 in Grandview, Missouri near the former home of President Harry Truman. This was a fulfillment of a prophecy given by Bob Jones in 1983, and as a confirmation of a divine calling on IHOP-KC to pray for Israel.

Healing the land

In the December 2008 issue of Forbes Magazine, Grandview, Missouri was included on their list of: *America's Fastest-Dying Towns*

8. Grandview, Mo.

‘To the south of Kansas City, Grandview, along with some of its neighbors in Jackson County, has lost a lot of economic ground since 2000. Poverty has doubled while incomes have remained flat, and have fallen when adjusted for inflation. What's more, the housing market has deteriorated, with prices falling 10% in the last year, according to Trulia.com. With few buyers, and no one moving in, home prices have dropped to \$78,000 at the median level, off from \$122,000 in 2003.’ ¹

This economic condition gives a natural basis to display the redemptive work of God and His promise to *heal the land* in answer to the humility and prayers of His people. (2 Chronicles 7:14) The Lord can take what looks desperate and impossible in the natural and transform it by the supernatural power of His Holy Spirit working in and through His saints. Jesus Christ is coming!

Watch what the Lord will do to glorify Himself in Grandview and Kansas City, Missouri. This is just the beginning of what He will do throughout the USA in answer to the prayers of His saints. (\$158, 500 listed as the average home price, updated 2021)

The Trailers

1984 Prophecy: **“Night and day prayer in the spirit of the Tabernacle of David”**

On May 7 1999, Mike Bickle and the IHOP-KC ministry team dedicated the relocated trailers on Grandview Road to facilitate this ministry that began with 13 hours per day of intercession and spiritual warfare led by trained worship teams. The Lord sent more members to join the praise teams until the schedule could be extended to 24/7 continuous night and day prayer and worship.

In September 19, 1999, by God's grace, they completed the first full 24-hour a day schedule with singers and musicians leading each worship session. They believed that this model is the most effective context to train and send forth others who will 'plant' Houses of Prayer in other cities.

This 24/7 night and day prayer scheduled has continued unbroken for over ten years now!

This follows the Lords commandment to Moses in Leviticus 6:13, *‘A fire shall always be burning on the altar; it shall never go out.’*

This is one of the three foundational verses on display in the IHOP-KC Global Prayer Room.

The other two verses are Luke 18:7, *“And shall God not avenge His own elect who **cry out day and night to Him**, though He bears long with them?”* This speaks of the prayers for justice.

And Ezekiel 44:15, *“But the priests, the Levites, the sons of Zadok, who kept charge of My **sanctuary**... they shall come near Me to minister to Me; and they shall stand before Me...”*

The 24/7 night and day prayer meetings at the International House of Prayer in Kansas City started in what they call ‘The trailers.’ These were recycled portable classroom modules that were salvaged and put together in an open field off Grandview Road.

Mike Bickle confessed to having the carpet installed in the trailers with extra padding to make it easier to kneel on the floor. This turned out to be a mistake, as the carpet pulled loose and the padding began to stink.

Their vision and prayer goal is to see a 24-hour a day, citywide House of Prayer - in the *spirit* of the Tabernacle of David - established in every major city of the earth before the Lord's return.

The first three years

Mike said that as they started to build this model of continuous prayer and worship, that this would be *small, weak* and *rough* work. He asked the pastors in the area to wait a few years before they came to visit, since he planned to ‘dig a large muddy hole’ first before *planting* the future IHOP-KC building.

Jim Maher, a pastor who moved from Florida to lead the IHOP-KC ‘Israel Mandate,’ asked Mike Bickle to explain why he would resign from a large successful, growing church to come into these smelly trailers to pray. Mike answered him and said, “This is so much bigger than that!”

This was before Jim heard all the prophetic history that led up to opening of the International House of Prayer in Kansas City.

The Israel Mandate

From the very beginning of the prophetic history of International House of Prayer in Kansas City, they were called to pray for the restoration of Israel to the full purposes and destiny that God has planned for them. **Jerusalem is the *only* city in the Bible that we are told to pray for!** *Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May those who love you be secure.* (Psalm 22:6 NKJV)

The International House of Prayer in Kansas City – Prayer Room

On September 19, 1999, a prayer meeting began which continues to this day: twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The prayer room is the essence and the origin of all activity at the International House of Prayer Missions Base. They offer Jesus unremitting adoration. They also contend ceaselessly for the manifestation of justice in every realm of life, as Scripture teaches that night and day prayer is crucial if a city is to witness the fullness of revival (Luke 18:1-7) ²

Intercessory Missionaries

Those who serve on the International House of Prayer in Kansas City - Missions Base are called *Intercessory Missionaries*. This is their primary calling. All the full-time staff are required to commit to a total of 50 hours of service per week consisting of 24 hours in the Prayer Room, 2 hours in the Forerunner Christian Fellowship and 24 hours of service on the Missions Base or around the community.

Mike Bickle describes intercession simply as:

‘Sitting in a room and telling God what He tells you to tell Him.’

An intercessor is one who stands in the *gap* between humans and God in heaven. Right now, Jesus is seated at the right hand of God the Father in His throne room making intercession for us. The Lord invites those who are willing to come into *partnership* with Him, and pray in agreement with the plans, purposes and will of God the Father. God has determined to govern the universe through intercession. Prayers of intercession will actually *increase* in the Age to come.

This makes intercession the highest occupation available to mankind in the universe!

Supporting the missionaries of God

Everyone in the International House of Prayer - Missions Base is required to *raise their own support* as intercessory missionaries. This teaches them to live a fasted life style, live by faith, trusting God for their provisions and to expand their prayer support base out into their extended community. Some small scholarships are now given to some full-time staff and IHOPU students.

Not everyone is called by God to be a full time intercessor and labor in the place of prayer. However, everyone can share in the *blessing* that comes from this work by investing in the kingdom of God by giving support to this important foundational work of God...by either giving to the International House of Prayer directly or giving to the Lord's intercessory missionaries.

King David decreed, "... *The share of the man who stayed with the supplies is to be the same as that of him who went down to the battle. **All will share alike.***" (1 Samuel 30:24 NKJV)

This scripture teaches that those who fight in the front-line battle against the enemy and those who support those in the battle share alike. This is a principle of the kingdom of God.

So please pray, or support those, in the body of Christ, who are called to Prayer Ministry.

"God does nothing on earth except in answer to the prayers of His saints." John Wesley

Worship Teams

Over the years, the Lord has blessed IHOP-KC with hundreds of gifted and anointed musicians and singers who are joined together into worship teams. These worship teams are each led by worship leaders. Many team members have written and composed divinely inspired works that are used often in the worship sets. These are often recorded and offered for sale through the Forerunner Book Store to assist in raising support for the worshipping intercessory missionaries.

The 168 total hours in a 24 hour, 7 day week are divided into 84 - 2 hour prayer and worship sets. These sets are grouped into four six-hour daily *watches* of: Morning, Afternoon, Evening and the Nightwatch. Those who serve on the Nightwatch schedule are required to change their schedules and sleep between the hours of 6 am to 2 pm. Stuart Greaves, the leader of the Nightwatch, has served faithfully on this schedule for over nine years.

Harp and Bowl

The term 'harp and bowl' refers to singing praises to God as on a 'harp' combined with 'bowls' of prayer as described in Revelation 5:8. This is an earthly model and reflection of what is happening now around the throne of God in heaven. **The goal is to come into agreement or harmony with what is actually happening night and day, as it is in heaven.** (Matthew 6:10)

This 'harp and bowl' prayer and worship model is something that is taught and practiced by all those who become interns at IHOP-KC. I can personally say that, having singers and musicians agreeing with you in prayer, definitely adds power and weight to your prayers.

Antiphonal Singing

Encyclopedia Britannica defines **antiphonal singing** as: The alternate singing by two choirs or singers. Antiphonal singing is of great antiquity and occurs in the liturgical music of many cultures. Descriptions of it occur in the Old Testament. The antiphonal singing of psalms

occurred both in ancient Hebrew and early Christian liturgies; alternating choirs would sing— e.g., half lines of psalm verses.

At IHOP-KC the singers sing up and down their number in a pre-arranged pattern. This is also done in concert with intercessory prayer woven in. When in the prayer room, listen for the phrase, ‘In Jesus name’, which signals the end of the prayer and the beginning of the chorus of agreement. The phrase, ‘Oh God’, often signals the end of the singing and return to intercession.

Sacred Trust

The sacred trust is the name IHOP-KC gives to the staff commitment to scheduling their times weekly times in the prayer room and with the prayer and fasting teams. Any time spent away for the Missions Base must be scheduled in advance. The worship teams have their own schedules to keep the worship - the fire on the altar - going up continually to the throne room of God,...giving Him the prayers, worship, praise and adoration that He richly deserves. The goal is to come into harmony and agreement with the worship around the throne of God in heaven. (Revelation 4:8)

Global Bridegroom Fast

*Can the friends of the bridegroom mourn as long as **the bridegroom** is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them ... then **they will fast.*** (Matthew 9:15 NKJV)

In January 2002, the Word of the Lord came, saying, “**I am raising up a global Bridegroom fast; ask Me to release one hundred million believers worldwide to come before Me in one accord for three days each month until I return.**”

The Global Bridegroom Fast (GBF) is a monthly, three-day “global solemn assembly” of believers unified by the Holy Spirit in **worship, prayer** and **fasting**. Focused on and sustained by experiencing the love of Jesus as the Bridegroom God (Matthew 9:15), this fast is a worldwide concert of prayer when believers unite to seek the Lord’s face—at the same time, with the same burdens and in the same Spirit.

*Then King David said, "I will surely buy it from you for a price; **nor will I offer . . . to the LORD my God that which costs me nothing.**"* (2 Samuel 24:24 NKJV)

The GBF is held the first Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of every month during the months of January to November, and the first Monday through Sunday of December...making a total of forty days of fasting each year. As a community, the IHOP–KC staff gathers together twice a day during the GBF for corporate worship and intercession.

Some of the prayer themes focused on during the Global Bridegroom Fast includes:

Fullness of the Holy Spirit and unity throughout the Church (John 14:12; 17:2–23)
Spiritual breakthroughs in the worldwide Church with unprecedented unity, purity and power
The great harvest (Matthew 24:14)

Over one billion souls converted by the power of God
Youth revival movement (Malachi 4:6)
Worldwide revival, especially among the youth of the earth
Revival in Israel (Romans 9:1–11:36)
Fulfillment of all the prophetic promises to national Israel
Houses of prayer (Isaiah 62:6–7)
The release of “grace for fasting” with worship and prayer to establish 24/7 houses of prayer in the cities of the earth, including Israel
Wealth of the nations (Haggai 2:7–9)
Release of finances for the great harvest, the prayer movement, and the poor
A wall of fire of protection (Zechariah 2:5)
Divine protection over all that is birthed through prayer. [3](#)

International House of Prayer Missions Base, Kansas City – vision statement

“For the last ten years, I have devoted all my energy to building the International House of Prayer in Kansas City (IHOP –KC) – a missions base which embraces live worship and prayer, intimacy with God and preparing for the end times as the foundation for all that we do.

The prayer room is the heart of IHOP-KC. The original inspiration for the prayer room came from Anna - who embraced a lifestyle of prayer and fasting for over sixty years before Jesus’ first coming (Luke 2:37), and from King David - who appointed 4,000 musicians and 288 singers to minister before the Lord day and night (1 Chronicles 23-25)

On September 19, 1999, we began to pray and worship twenty-four hours a day in our desire to more effectively advance the kingdom of God. Our vision as an intercessory missions base is to mobilize 5,000 full-time “intercessory missionaries” who serve God in the same way Anna did – as intercessors and forerunners who love Jesus.

At IHOP-KC, we are committed to prayer, fasting, the Great Commission and to living as forerunners, preparing the Church as a Bride for the unique dynamics of the end times. Our work includes equipping and sending out missionaries as dedicated intercessors and evangelists who work to see revival within the Church and a harvest among those searching for God. We are consumed with the mandate to train believers to love Jesus and others wholeheartedly as they serve in the prayer room and as they go forth to preach the Word, heal the sick, serve the poor and plant houses of prayer across the earth.” Mike Bickle, Director, IHOP-KC [4](#)

International House of Prayer Missions Base Kansas City – Mission and Vision

We desire:

1. To call forth, train and mobilize worship intercessors who operate in the forerunner spirit as end time prophetic messengers.
2. To establish a perpetual solemn assembly in Kansas City by gathering corporately to fast and pray, recognizing this is God’s foremost method of establishing justice, full revival unto the Great Harvest [5](#)

Healing Rooms

The healing rooms at IHOP-KC were started in response to those seeking prayers for healing. This ministry gives expression to the healing and compassion ministry of Jesus, (Luke 4:18) and demonstrates the truth that the kingdom of God is at hand.

All healing is a gift from the Lord and is manifested in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

There are trained and approved teams of volunteers who pray for the sick at regularly scheduled times throughout the week in the Global Prayer Room.

There is an evolving healing model that is generally followed:

- First, the people who are seeking healing sign in so accurate records can be kept for the ministry. They are asked to be seated in a designated row in the rear of the prayer room, where the team members offer them communion and a time of ‘soaking’ in the presence of the Holy Spirit as prayers are prayed over them.
- Then they are invited into a side room of the Global Prayer Room. The person is asked how they would like to have the team pray for them.
- This is followed by a time of worship and thanksgiving to the Lord for what He has already done and will do for them, as the team members seek guidance from the Holy Spirit on how best to pray for healing.
- Prayers are then offered for and over the person who is seeking healing.
- When they are finished praying then the person is asked, “How do you feel?” The Lord is thanked and praised for any measure of healing, and asked to complete His manifest work that He has started.
- Those seeking healing are encouraged to thank the Lord in faith, share their testimony and keep their healing from being stolen by believing the lies of the enemy.

Sometimes the healing is miraculously quick. Sometimes we contend in prayer for years for healing. Some IHOP-KC staff members have been healed from ‘incurables’ diseases after years of prayer. Others on the Missions Base are still praying and believing for healing for many years.

The IHOP-KC Healing Rooms teams prayed for over 10,000 people in 2008.

We all continue to pray and contend for the day when the prophecy is fulfilled by the Lord that said: **“No disease known to man will stand before this people.”** And bring *lines without end*.

Prophecy Rooms

The IHOP-KC prophecy teams minister in simple prophecy of *exhortation, edification and encouragement*. (1 Corinthians 14:3) They do not hold or operate in the *office* of the prophet. The people are told to weigh the words before the Lord, and ask Him to confirm them. The team members are instructed not to give specific directions; no: *names, dates or mates*.

The teams usually have three members and the words are recorded on cassettes so they can be reviewed later by the visitor. The prophecy teams prepare before ministry times with prayer, communion and teaching. The teams ‘debrief’ after ministry times to share, encourage and train. Over 20,000 people received personal prophecies at IHOP-KC in 2008.

Freedom from bondage

The foundations classes at IHOP-KC address some of the common emotional and spiritual issues that many struggle with that limit our lives and ministries, and separate us from experiencing the fullness of what God has for us.

These are many layered conditions that we all suffer from to some degree.

These can start with: trauma and progress through wounding, believing lies leading to weakness, shame, guilt, condemnation, depression, self hatred and even leading to thoughts of suicide. These incorrect thoughts can progress into unforgiveness and bitterness. These are all energized by the present evil darkness or demonic oppression that we live in.

The Holy Spirit in a moment can speak truth into our spirits and break off years of bondage to lies. Then we can walk in ‘freedom.’ **Countless testimonies of deep inner healing by the power of the Holy Spirit have been received** by IHOP-KC from the IHOPU Awakening meetings that started in November 11, 2009.

And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.³⁶ Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed. (John 8:32, 36 NKJV)

Four heart standards of IHOP-KC

The letters **I.H.O.P.** highlight the four heart standards as part of the character of God revealed through His Son Jesus.

Intercession

Jesus is seated at the right hand of God making intercession for us. This would make intercession the highest occupation in the universe, and Jesus invites us to come into partnership with Him in intercession and prayers of agreement with Him for His divine plans and purposes.

Holiness

God is Holy and we are called to be holy. It is His plan and purpose to *transform* us into the image of Christ. Because God is Holy, He cannot support our sin, rebellion or worldly ways

Offerings

God is the richest and most generous Man in the universe. *“The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,” says the Lord of hosts. (Haggai 2:8)*

The earth is the LORD’s, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein. (Psalm 24:1 NKJV)

God is very generous with His gifts and blessings. He wants to teach us to be generous like Him. In Ezekiel 47, the Bible says that the river that flows from the throne of God is wide and deep. Also, out of our bellies will flow *rivers of living water*. We can give away all that we have, because the river of God that we have access to will never run dry.

Prophetic

God wants people who will both *hear* His voice and *follow* Him. Abraham heard God and trusted Him by obeying Him: “*He accounted it to him for righteousness.*” (Genesis 15:6)

I believe that *Acts of faith* like Abraham’s are the currency of the Kingdom of God. When we hear God, trust, obey and love Him, then these are both rare and precious to Him. This is a way to store up our treasures in heaven. (Matthew 6:20-21)

Jesus gives us the best investment advice, because we are told in 2 Corinthians 4:18, “*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.*”

Prophecy is given to us so we can learn to hear the voice of the Lord and follow Him.

Jesus said, *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.* (John10:27 NKJV)

If we cannot hear His voice, how can we follow Him?

Restoration

These neglected heart-standards are emphasized by God because He wants to **restore** all things to the body of Christ.

“...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.” (Acts 3:20-21 NKJV)

God is also the God of the generations. *And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.*” (Malachi 4:6 NKJV)

Outreach

Historically, one of the common criticisms IHOP-KC has received from others is that “You are wasting the time of the young people by spending so much time in the prayer room. They should be out evangelizing.” This is not a true assessment of this work. First, praying and seeking God for His power and anointing is actually *more* effective in bringing in the harvest of lost souls than just trying to work in our own strength. No one is saved unless the Spirit of God calls them to come to Jesus. Second, IHOP-KC has had an active and growing Evangelism Department from the early years.

The Anna calling or anointing

*There was also a **prophetess**, **Anna**, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but **worshiped night and day, fasting and praying**. ³⁸Coming up to them at that very moment, **she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.** (Luke 2:36-38 NKJV)*

At every conference, Mike Bickle gives a brief teaching on the ‘Anna’ calling or anointing. Anna was a **prophetess**, a **worshipper** and **intercessor** in the temple, who prayed and fasted for about sixty years. This shows the interconnection between these gifts. When she saw Jesus, she became the first **evangelist**...telling those in Jerusalem about the redemption coming from God.

Those who believe that God has called them to minister to the Lord like an Anna - and labor in the place of prayer as a full-time calling, as an intercessor - are asked to stand for prayer, to receive blessings and provisions to support this calling on their lives.

Mike has often said that they are believing that God will raise up 100,000 intercessors through IHOP-KC - and 100 million intercessors worldwide - who will pray in agreement with the purposes of God and the restoration of Israel before the end of this age.

International House of Prayer Missions Base in Kansas City – Internships

From the beginning of IHOP-KC, the ministry has offered internships to those who wanted to be trained in the work of the ministry with hands-on experience. Misty Edwards, Shelly Hundley and Alisha Powell were members of the original internship class in 1999 and continue to serve on the IHOP-KC staff until today. IHOP-KC presently offers four internships ranging from three months to six months in length.

Intro to IHOP-KC

Intro to IHOP-KC is a three-month intensive aimed at drawing people closer to the Lord, while embracing all that it means to be an intercessory missionary at IHOP-KC. Intro is about sitting at the feet of Jesus, interceding corporately for city-wide revival, joining the angels around the throne in exuberant praise, mourning for the Bridegroom through fasting, contending for healing, and in a lifestyle of prayer and fasting by imparting the vision, values, basic structure and practical skills of the life of an IHOP-KC intercessory missionary.

Intro’s primary purpose is to prepare those who want to join the staff at IHOP-KC. [6](#)

Fire in the Night

“Behold, bless the Lord...you who by night stand in the house of the Lord!” (Psalm 134:1)

Fire in the Night (FITN) is the Night Watch’s internship program. This internship covers the most challenging portion of the 24-hour prayer schedule, as interns stand their watch on the wall

of intercession between the hours of midnight and 6 am. FITN is for young adults between the ages of 18-30 who want to worship through the night in the house of the Lord, and intercede for the light of His countenance to prevail over wickedness in the night hours.

The program consists of two separate three-month tracks. Tract I is an introduction to the foundational teachings and lifestyle of an intercessory missionary, and to theological concepts such as the bridal paradigm, the end times, spiritual warfare and forerunner themes. Tract II continues with deeper studies in these topics and more strategic preparation for those desiring to be full-time intercessory missionaries. IHOP-KC invites young adults to give up a summer, a semester or a season of work to come to the prayer room and intensively seek the face of Jesus. ⁷

As a way to build *unity* among the interns and in the body of Christ, the FITN interns live, eat, pray, study and fellowship together.

One Thing internship

The Holy Spirit is searching for people who will abandon themselves in loving obedience to Jesus, their supreme delight and pursuit – their one thing (Psalm 27:4) The One Thing Internship (OTI) is a six-month program for single young adults, ages 18-25. The goal is to impart the knowledge of Jesus as Bridegroom, King and Judge...for He is the only Person who can satisfy our deepest longings for intimacy and purpose. OTI aims to partner with the Holy Spirit as He orchestrates the end-time prayer movement across the earth by equipping young adults in prayer, fasting and worship.

The belief is that God will use OTI to prepare full-time intercessors, singers and musicians to minister to Him and with Him, both in Kansas City and around the world. OTI provides training on IHOP-KC's worship and prayer model, and Bible teaching on topics such as the love of the Father, the end-times and the Sermon on the Mount. ⁸

This internship provides the opportunity for those, who attend the many regional One Thing Conferences, to come to IHOP-KC and go deeper in their relationship with God.

Simeon Company

The Lord is stirring the hearts of older saints, calling for ones like Simeon (Luke 2:34) who hear what the Spirit is saying and desire to prepare the way of the Lord through lives of prayer, worship and fasting. The Simeon Company welcomes fiery people fifty- and-over who do not want to settle for the comfort and convenience of "rocking-chair retirement," but instead want to spend their time pursuing and serving Jesus. The Simeon Company is a three to six-month internship for single or married adults, ages fifty and over. Some age exceptions have been made.

The Simeon Company internship consists of two three – month tracks. Track I provides a basic understanding of IHOP-KC's vision, values and ministry. Track II continues with deeper studies in the topics and further preparation for those desiring to be full-time intercessory missionaries. ⁹

The International House of Prayer in Atlanta named their senior adult internship after *Joshua*, who led the younger generation of Israelites out of the wilderness and into the Promised Land that the Lord God of Israel had promised to their fathers as an inheritance to possess forever.

There is now a critical need for *spiritual* fathers and mothers to mentor, nurture, guide, train and support the next generation who are being called to follow God, and “*to go in to possess the land which the Lord your God is giving you to possess.*” (Joshua 1:11 NKJV)

International House of Prayer University

The International House of Prayer University (IHOPU) presently has four departments plus the eSchool, or IHOPU Distance Learning, for those who cannot come to study in Kansas City. They are now offering the Global Classroom on line.

Forerunner School of Ministry

The Forerunner School of Ministry (FSM) is a full-time Bible school that exists to equip this generation in the knowledge of God and the power of the Spirit for the bold proclamation of the Lord Jesus and His return.

Forerunner Music Academy

The Forerunner Music Academy (FMA) is a full time music school that exists to equip prophetic singers, musicians and worship leaders in the skill, theology and lifestyle of night and day worship and prayer.

Forerunner Media Institute

The Forerunner Media Institute (FMI) is committed to training and equipping modern-day Levitical scribes – much like Ezra – to document what the Lord is doing in these last days and to broadcast it to the nations.

Apostolic Missions School

The Apostolic Missions School ((AMS) is a full-time, graduate level school that exists to prepare a new generation to serve the end-time purposes of our sovereign King. [10](#)

International

The International House of Prayer in Kansas City truly is truly *international*.

The members of the International House of Prayer in Kansas City community truly are international. They represent most of the United States and many other nations. There are large numbers of Asians including Koreans, and growing numbers also from Europe and Africa.

Prayer groups came for a season of prayer and training from Poland and Egypt in 2008. There are presently 5 international departments for Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Russian and Spanish.

The Lord is blessing the joining of this multi-national and cross-denominational members of His family, as they come into agreement with the plans and purposes of the Lord revealed in scripture.

*“Also the sons of the foreigner Who join themselves to the LORD, to serve Him,
And to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants—
Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And holds fast My covenant—
7 Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer.
Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices Will be accepted on My altar;
For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.”* (Isaiah 56:6-7)

Ministries

Onething Conferences 2001 - 2018

The Onething Conferences are large outreaches of IHOP- KC to the youth around the world. They were held in eight US cities and three other countries in 2009. The largest Onething Conference is held in Kansas City in the last week of December each year. 2009 marked the 8th Onething Conference held in Kansas City.

The 2009 Onething regional conferences in USA cities included: Castle Rock CO, Durham SC, Los Angeles CA, Montgomery AL, Orlando/Tampa FL, Phoenix AZ, Raleigh NC, Tacoma/Seattle WA

Outside of the USA: Cairo, Egypt, Hong Kong, China, Kaohsiung and Taipei Taiwan

The Onething Conference stated purpose:

“It is our desire that across this nation and nations of the earth we would see individuals whose greatest desire is to walk out the first commandment wholeheartedly. Those who abandon all to be found in love with Jesus will see God’s great exploits break fourth in this generation.”

Intimacy with God - This generation was never meant to be content with anything less than a heart burning with love and fascination for Jesus. The ache in the human heart is real. Yet, careers, relationships, possessions, entertainment or new forms of church will never satisfy the ache. The Onething 2009 Conference in Kansas City is covered in more detail in Chapter 8.

I love Myanmar

This ministry was started by Levi Lim, who is the wife of Daniel Lim, the current CEO of IHOP-KC. The IHOP-KC Base collected \$1 million in September 2008 to support rebuilding Myanmar

after the cyclone that hit in 2008. This ministry opened the door to share the gospel across this nation through acts of compassion and restoration projects.

Evangelism

This department is led by Hal Lindhart. They take teams out into the community - in partnership with other ministries - most weeks throughout the year to pray for and share the gospel with those they meet. At the weekly Evangelism community meeting held on most Thursdays, they report on how many people they talked to, and how many people: recommitted their lives to Christ, were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.

They also go out and share in most of the large scheduled community gatherings.

The ‘Edge of Hell’ outreach is focused on those visiting the large haunted house attractions in Kansas City. Teams go out throughout the month of October to witness and share with those waiting in line. Many are reported to have received Christ from this outreach each year.

The St Patrick’s Day parade is another large annual out reach that the IHOP-KC Missions Base is mobilized for each year. Tens of thousands of people attend this parade each year.

Evangelism Intensive - This is a three-month internship that was started to train up young evangelists. [11](#)

“International family of affection”

Mike Bickle speaks of the associations and partnerships that IHOP-KC has made with other missions and ministries around the world, and he calls these an *International family of affection*.

Homecoming (September 19–22) 1,000 Chinese leaders visited IHOPKC to celebrate 19-year anniversary. This mostly unplanned, Holy Spirit “homecoming” gathering triggered a surprisingly deep heart response in many across the base. Mike said, “Honestly, I was caught off guard by the intensity of emotion that was stirred at every level of our ministry—in our homes, staff, and church family.”

This is a short list of some of the IHOP-KC ministry partners:

God TV

Rory and Wendy Alex started the GOD TV Christian media ministry in their apartment in England in 1996. Their story is documented in their book “Against All Odds.” They started broadcasting in America in October 2006. They met with Mike Bickle in 2007 for a ‘short’ meeting that ultimately lasted for hours. It was confirmed in prayer to Mike to partner together with God TV to broadcast the Prayer Room around the world. Also, IHOP-KC agreed to pray for the GOD TV ministry, and Mike became their Director of Prayer. There is a side room in the Global Prayer Room set up to pray for God TV and their staff. The IHOP-KC Media School was started very shortly after this meeting to support this expanding ministry.

When you want to speak to a larger audience you need to *amplify* your voice. One of the many purposes the Lord may have had for forming this prayer and media partnership was to *amplify* the Word of the Lord and anointed prayers around the world.

Building this media infrastructure was also a work of the Lord's *preparation*, so that when the 'IHOPU Student Awakening' started in November 2009, all the trained media staff and equipment were in place to web-cast the services live around the world via the internet. Those watching by web stream started sending in testimonies that the Holy Spirit was also moving on them as they watched and prayed! The Prayer Room is now web-streamed live 24/7 for FREE.

Call2All

In January 2008, the global evangelism organization Call2All lead by Mark Anderson of YWAM and World Impact Tours held their first planning meeting in Orlando, Florida, with 140 leaders from world missions organizations. Mike Bickle attended these meetings as a representative of the world prayer movement. They made an historic agreement to partner prayer with missions to complete the 'Great commission' in sharing the gospel with *every nation tribe and tongue*. (*Ethnos*) This partnership was confirmed publicly by many of these leaders at the Onething Orlando 2008 Conference held that week.

Steve Douglass, President of Campus Crusade For Christ International, attended these meetings in response to the question, "Can the Great Commission be fulfilled in our lifetime?"

Steve Douglass said: "Absolutely, the Great Commission can be fulfilled in our lifetimes; from the way God is moving today, even without some terrific eye of faith, I have been persuaded it will be fulfilled in our lifetimes and **I personally think in the next decade.**" ¹²

Youth with A Mission

Mike met Loren Cunningham who was the founder of Youth with a Mission, whose mission statement is "To know God and to make Him known." They have active missions in over 177 nations. Mike said that he gave John Dawson, YWAM President a *blank check* to pray for the YWAM mission whenever he asked. IHOP-KC agreed to partner with YWAM in prayer to support the evangelistic missions organization.

We personally witnessed the preparations that go into planning and preparing a team for a mission outreach trip. This team went to Ohio in 2009, and they reported over 1600 decisions for Christ from this outreach mission alone! We saw the great fruit that comes when evangelism missions are supported in focused prayer.

Tikkun Ministries International

Years ago Mike Bickle was led to partner with the work of Tikkun Ministries International in Israel. Tikkun means 'Restoration.' This work is based on the promises of God for Israel in Romans 11 that '*All Israel will be saved.*' **Tikkun** is led by Dan Juster and **Revive Israel** is led

by Asher Intrater, and includes a Hebrew house of prayer in Jerusalem. They both spoke at the 'Israel Mandate Conference' at IHOP-KC in 2009.

IHOP-KC Facilities

The Lord has faithfully and miraculously provided more provisions and facilities to support the expanding ministries of the International House of Prayer in Kansas City.

Red Bridge Center

In 2003, IHOP-KC moved to the Red Bridge Center on East Red Bridge Road in South Kansas City. This was purchased with a gift of \$700,000. This new prayer room was so much larger than the trailers that the people asked, "How are we going to fill this place?" Before the carpet was laid, they wrote scriptures all over the concrete floor.

Global Prayer Room

This is the heart of the International House of Prayer in Kansas City Missions Base. Prayer is the foundation, fuel and guidance for all that the Lord is doing through the IHOP-KC family. This room and the 14 side rooms at Red Bridge Center can seat over 500.

Hernhutt Apartments

These apartments are located next door to the Red Bridge Center, and are used to house interns and others who are studying and serving on the IHOP-KC Missions Base. The \$700,000 to buy this property miraculously came in the day after the property was offered to IHOP-KC.

This property was renamed by IHOP-KC to Hernhutt in honor of the community in Germany on Count Zindendorf's estate called Hernhutt - 'The Lord's Watch' of the Moravians who prayed continually for over 100 years starting in 1725. Their continuous prayers fueled a large worldwide evangelism movement.

The Truman Farm

On January 2008, IHOP-KC divinely purchased 125 acres of the former farm that was previously owned by President Harry S Truman and his family on Truman Drive in Grandview, Missouri. The purchase was made with a single gift of \$1 million. The purchase was closed 50 years to the day from when a local Jewish family bought it from Harry Truman!

This new development site is being called the Truman Prayer Center. IHOP-KC is seeking the Lord in prayer for His divine plans and purposes for the land He has gifted to them to steward. When they receive confirmation of the Lord's plans and purposes for His land, then they will proceed with development as the Lord provides the resources.

The Lord gave His detailed plans for His Tabernacle of Meeting to Moses and for the Temple in Jerusalem to King David by the Spirit. (1 Chronicles 28:11-12, 19) The Lord reveals to mankind through His Word and His Spirit how He wants to be loved, obeyed, served and worshipped. The ‘Blueprint Prophecy’ includes the statement, “**House of Prayer... it shall be built by My design.**”

Grandview Plaza

In 2009, \$3.3 million was given by one couple to buy the Grandview Plaza shopping center. It was reported that this gift was given based on a word the couple heard from God. This facility has been remodeled to expand the IHOPU facilities in 2010. Over \$5 million more has been donated toward the cost of completing the renovations.

The call to live a Sermon on the Mount lifestyle

Mike Bickle often teaches and invites those who join the IHOP-KC community to live a ‘Sermon on the Mount’ lifestyle or a ‘fasted lifestyle.’ This is the teaching from Jesus about His value system as recorded in Matthew 5-7. These start with 8 blessings from God.

³ *“God blesses those who are **poor** (in their spirits apart from God) and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.*

⁴ *God blesses those who **mourn** (for the presence of the God), for they will be comforted.*

⁵ *God blesses those who are **humble** (and serve all others), for they will inherit the whole earth.*

⁶ *God blesses those who **hunger and thirst for justice** (and righteousness of God), for they will be satisfied.*

⁷ *God blesses those who are **merciful**, (and forgiving) for they will be shown mercy.*

⁸ *God blesses those whose hearts (and motives) are **pure**, for they will see God.*

⁹ *God blesses those who work (and sacrifice) for **peace**, for they will be called the children of God.*

¹⁰ *God blesses those who are **persecuted** for doing right, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. ¹¹ “God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. ¹² Be happy about it! **Be very glad!** For a **great reward** awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way. (Matthew 5:3-12 NLT)*

These are the true core values of Jesus Christ and of His Kingdom of God. Many consider these values to be part of the *constitution* of the government of the Kingdom of God.

Passion for Jesus

One of the ongoing teachings at IHOP-KC is learning how to become a person of extravagant devotion and cultivate a **passion** of Jesus

How can we do this? We start by praying and asking, “Lord, what will give me the ability, the power to love You with extravagant devotion? What level will You enable me to give myself to You? How far will You let me go?” One of the songs that we sing here is: “How abandoned will you let me be?” That is the right question.

Many people ask, “What is the *minimal requirement*, or the least I can do to stay in the kingdom? What is the least amount of spiritual vitality that I have to exert myself to cultivate?” This is entirely the wrong way of thinking.

We need to be asking the Lord not what is the bare minimum, but, “Lord, what will You anoint me with? What will You give me the ability to do as a lifestyle?”

The extravagant devotion of Mary of Bethany

This devotion is one of the common testimonies of scripture that formed IHOP–KC.

It was the call to the lifestyle of Mary of Bethany; everybody is called to the Mary of Bethany call in life. This spirit that was on Mary of Bethany is available to every single believer who wants it. Regardless what our other assignments, we can cultivate this spirit.

Mary sat at Jesus’ feet and heard His words.

Luke 10:42: “*But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.*” He gives the great statement, “one thing is needed.” This is not an exaggerated statement. This is not an overstatement. This is a profoundly wise and accurate statement from the heart of God to the human race.

One thing is needed: one thing is needed as the main thing. Many things will come into place if this one thing is in place. All the other issues of character, service, right relationships, finances, careers, marriage, children and all the other issues will find their proper place if the one issue is in place. If the one issue is not in place, you will have a skewed view of all of the other issues. You will not be able to discern them properly. You will exaggerate them. Or you might either overestimate or underestimate their importance unless you have the lens of the lifestyle of Mary of Bethany. You will think that what you are doing is over-important or under-important compared to other assignments in the Word of God.

The “one thing” - if that one is in place, then all the other ones will be in place. It goes on to say that Mary has chosen it, and Jesus called it “the good portion” in Luke 10:42. It is the good portion of life. Then Jesus goes on to say, “*This thing will not be taken away from her.*”

The Holy Spirit emphasized Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus to hear His words

“... *she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus’ feet and heard His word.*” Luke 10:39

This fulfills Psalm 1 where we delight in the law, which is the Word of God. We meditate on the Word of God night and day. It does not mean that we are in a prayer meeting night and day with an open Bible. We do sit before the Lord with an open Bible.

Day and night meditation on the Word of God

If we open the Bible on a regular basis and sit before the Lord, then we will carry the Word in our hearts in meditation even in our other activities. If we do not have regular times talking to the Lord with an open Bible where we are reading and talking back to Him, we will not meditate on His Word in our everyday lives. You cannot sustain day and night meditation if you do not have this: these specific regular times when you are with the Lord and are talking. You are sitting at His feet and hearing His word. ¹³

The Holy Spirit calls us to *intimacy* with God, to experience the deep things of God's heart.

*“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him. But God has revealed them to us through His Holy Spirit. For the Holy Spirit searches all things, yes, **the deep things of God**. 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. 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.”* (1 Corinthians 2:9-12)

The Bride of Christ

The Bible teaches us to understand our relationship with the Lord as like a marriage between a man and a woman. The Body of Christ, His Church, is to be His Bride and Jesus Christ is to be our Bridegroom. A marriage in the natural gives us a picture of our supernatural relationship with God. In a divinely blessed marriage, the two are intimate in their understanding and sharing with each other...they are faithful to each other and do not chase after other lovers...they are focused on their partnership in a growing and maturing relationship of sharing, working and loving together. This marriage relationship is to grow in deeper affection and mutual respect for each other so that they serve one another.

This loving marriage relationship is what God created us to experience with Him forever.

Even the angels do not share this relationship with God.

LORD, what is man, that You take knowledge of him? Or the son of man, that You are mindful of him? (Psalm 144:3; 2:8 Hebrews 2:6)

The Song of Solomon

The Song of Solomon is a picture of this loving relationship between the Lord and His Body, His Church, His **Bride**.

Mike Bickle was called by the Lord to teach on the Bridal paradigm as a primary focus of the house of prayer ministry. If anyone tries to stay in the place of pray just out of duty or religious obligation, they will fail and not be able to sustain it.

Only from a place of divinely empowered love and a growing intimate relationship with the Lord can prayer be sustained over time.

“A lover will always out-work a worker.” This is often quoted at IHOP-KC

God is planning a wedding

God is planning a wedding for His Son Jesus Christ. He is preparing a bride who will be worthy of Him. Christ loved His Church, His Body, His Bride so much that He died for Her. The Bride of Christ will be set apart to Him, to be consecrated, sanctified and made holy. He washed Her with His Word and His blood to make Her holy, clean, glorious and without blemish. She will be joined together with a holy God.

“...love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her²⁶ to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God’s word.²⁷ He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault. (Ephesians 5:25-27 NLT)

The Bride of Christ will *willingly make herself* ready for the wedding.

This is a time of *preparation* when the Bride is preparing herself to meet Her Bridegroom and be married to Him forever.

... His wife (the bride of Christ) has made herself ready.” (Revelation 19:7 NKJV)

The Marriage of the Lamb

The Bible tells us that the body of Christ, the Bride of Christ, will marry the “**Lamb of God.**”

Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.” (Revelation 19:7 NKJV)

The **Lamb of God** was the One who was slain and sacrificed to pay for our sin of rebellion. He was the One who shed His blood for His bride. He was the One who died on our behalf to demonstrate His great sacrificial love for us.

Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. (Matthew 11:29 NKJV)

This is how Christ describes Himself: as *gentle and lowly in heart*. This requires great power of self-control and restraint.

We are called to live like Christ, and also to be *gentle and lowly in heart*. We show our own pride when try to defend ourselves to prove we are right, smart, powerful or in control.

*But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the **proud**, But gives grace to the humble."* (James 4:6 NKJV)

The great enduring mercy of God

The LORD is good! And His ***mercy endures forever***. We are only saved and redeemed from our sin to be joined with the Lord through His great grace and everlasting loving *mercy*.

*Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His **mercy endures forever**.* (2 Chronicles 16:34, 41; 2 Chronicles 5:13; 7:3, 6; 20:21 Ezra 3:11 Psalm 100:5; 106:1; 107:1 118:1-4, 29; 136:1-26; 138:8 Jeremiah 33:11)

*"... **Mercy triumphs over judgment**.* (James 2:13 NKJV)

The holy dwelling place for the Bridegroom and His bride

In the Kingdom of God in the millennial age to come, heaven and earth will be *joined* together. God said that a man should be united - *joined* to a woman in marriage.

*"Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. ² **There is more than enough room in my Father's home**. If this were not so, would I have told you that **I am going to prepare a place for you?**" (John 14:1-2 NLT)*

Jesus as our Bridegroom has gone to *prepare a place* for His Bride. This is a holy place of meeting and partnering with His Bride. This is in His kingdom of God.

³ *When everything is ready, **I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am**.* (John 14:3 NLT)

Jesus promises His Bride that *you will always be with me where I am*. (John 14:1-3 NLT) Jesus is returning to earth so that His Bride will be with Him always on the earth, where He will rule and reign over all the nations.

He has prepared a **holy place of dwelling with man**, a place to share an intimate relationship of love with His **Bride**.

*Then I, John, saw the holy city, **New Jerusalem**, coming down out of heaven from God, **prepared as a bride adorned for her husband**. ³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "**Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God**." (Revelation 21:2-3 NKJV)*

Tabernacles of habitation

The Blueprint Prophecy was released publicly by Mike Bickle in 2002 - 18 years after he received it from a prophet in Kansas. This includes many prophecies and references to the 'House of Prayer'.

One of the phrases in this prophecy that really stood out was, “They will flow into My **tabernacles of habitation**” and “**City of Habitation.**” I believe that this means that there will come a day when the Holy Spirit will come and actually **inhabit holy places** on earth again. He will not just visit His people, but make a holy *habitation* among mankind. The children of God will *flow* into these places to experience the love, power and manifest presence of His Holy Spirit. This points to the New Jerusalem to come. Here are some scriptures describing this reality.

I have surely built You an exalted house, And a place for You to dwell in forever.”
(1 Kings 8:13 NKJV)

*then the LORD will create **above every dwelling place** of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies, **a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night.** For over all the glory there will be a covering.* (Isaiah 4:5 NKJV)

*On that day I will raise up **The tabernacle of David**, which has fallen down, And repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, And rebuild it as in the days of old;* (Amos 9:11 NKJV)

The tabernacle of King David was a tent that was set up over the Ark of The Covenant, where singers and musicians worshiped God night and day to attract His manifest presence and blessing.

*Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious,⁵ you also, as **living stones, are being built up a spiritual house**, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.* (1 Peter 2:4-5 NKJV)

The International House of Prayer in Kansas City may represent a latter model of the tabernacle. This is a place of meeting between God and man, a place to receive God’s love and to love Him, a spiritual house of living stones (priests) the Lord is building for His holy habitation.

Time with God

The Lord is asking us to spend time with Him. He created us to be His family, and He wants to commune and communicate with us. He wants to meet us on His terms. He meets us in prayer, worship, Bible study and service.

The Bible is called a ‘love letter’ from God. This is to be our foundation; however, there is *so much more* that He wants to reveal to us through His Holy Spirit. Pray, listen and obey.

Seeking God in prayer and your calling

People come to IHOP-KC to spend time and *seek* God. After spending extended times in the prayer room in prayer, praise, worship and mediating on the Word in the Bible, then most people begin to sense a specific call from God on their lives. After a season of seeking God, He will give His assignment. This will be specific to each person. *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.* (Ephesians 2:10) He also will give us His grace and power to complete the work He gives us.

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, Ephesians 3:20 NKJV

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Present – 2009 and beyond

Chapter 6

Prelude, and the IHOP-KC Ten-Year Anniversary

The Lord has always led His work at IHOP- KC through prophecy founded on the Word of God.

The completion of the first ten years of continuous day and night prayer and fasting and the coming ‘IHOPU Awakening’ was prophesied and foreshadowed with dreams and by a series of divinely inspired messages given by the leaders of the IHOP-KC - Missions Base community.

Hearing from the Lord

The following is a very brief summary of the five messages given at the Forerunner Christian Fellowship at the IHOP-KC - Missions Base just preceding the 10th year anniversary celebrations.

Ask to be yoked with the burden of the Lord - By Daniel Lim – CEO of IHOP-KC, September 23, 2009

There is a *crisis* of sustaining a culture of faith in America.

From 1924, there were 65% of the USA in church engagement. This has fallen to only 4% in church engagement of those who were born after 1984. **This means that over 96% of those 1 - 25 year olds are NOT following Jesus!** America has the 5th largest population of 5-14 year olds in the world. This is a **crisis** that can only be changed by a **Holy Spirit empowered revival!**

Pray for the *burden* of the Lord to pray for revival. ***This is the only way to save America!***

“We need an out-pouring of the Holy Spirit.”

This service was followed by an extended time of *travailing prayer* for revival to come to USA.

Standing at the Crucial Junction - Alan Hood – Director of IHOPU, August 30, 2009

Cry to the Lord for repentance and mercy over His judgment. **Change the *crisis* to revival.**

We have a narrow window to hear from the Lord and to respond. (Joel 1:2-4, 5-13).

1. Hear the Lord
2. Tell others
3. Wake up!
4. Gather a corporate culture of prayer and fasting

Five applications:

1. We must hear from God.
2. We must tell others what God is saying.
3. We must rend our hearts.
4. Give God no rest until God gives a blessing.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit for the burden for revival.

Beware of doing nothing

This service was also followed by an extended time of *travailing prayer* for revival in America.

The Fear of the Lord - Hal Lindhart – Director of IHOP Department of Evangelism, September 6, 2009

*“I charge you therefore before God and the **Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom:**” (2 Timothy 4:1 NKJV)*

We will be judged for *everything* that we do in this short life.

Live to share the goodness of God with others.

Prepare for crisis evangelism - Sean Malone – Director of Crisis Response International, September 13, 2009

“9/11 was a dress rehearsal for what is to come.”

After Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, we learned how to pray, feed, heal and save the lost.

Reach the lost in crisis

We are raising up and training an end times missionary army in four areas:

1. Mitigation
2. Preparedness training
3. Response and recovery
4. Rebuild cities on the Kingdom of God

Note that the trained CRI teams have been active in relief efforts in Haiti which started immediately after the devastating earthquake of January 2010, and was supported in prayer from IHOP-KC.

10 Year anniversary of 24/7 night and day prayer at IHOP-KC

Mike Bickle – Director of IHOP-KC Missions Base September 17 – 19, 2009

Prophetic History - Review of the past 26 years

Session 1: Cairo Egypt 1982, Solemn Assembly 1983

Share the history and Pray that the community be strengthened in our resolve to obey our specific ministry assignment.

September 1982 in Cairo Egypt the Lord said, **“I will change the understanding and expression of Christianity in the earth in one generation.”**

Understanding – This is the way unbelievers perceive the church today as boring, irrelevant and non-threatening

Expression – The way the church express its life together as a prophetic people of prayer, who walk out Sermon-on-the-Mount lifestyles with a forerunner spirit.

Four heart standards - IHOP

1. **Intercession:** night and day prayer and worship affects our **time**
2. **Holiness:** The Sermon-on-the-Mount lifestyle Matthew 5-7 affects our **thoughts**
3. **Offerings:** extravagant giving by living simple to give more to the harvest, **money**

4. **Prophetic:** confidence in God's intervention (provision, protection, direction) and standing boldly in faith for what the Spirit is saying affects our **security and identity** (difficult)

1999: the *'time... the Lord's house should be built.'* (Haggai 1:2) IHOP-KC began May 1999

Session 2: Great light, White Horse, Chariot, Sands of Time

Bob Jones - August 8, 1975

"I looked to downtown Kansas City and saw a great explosion of God's glory in the inner city."

"Kansas City is the *heart* of this nation."

"A great move of the Spirit will begin here." And extend out to a 500-mile radius.

God will send finances to Kansas City far beyond anything we can now understand

Help the white horse - the youth movement - to stay in the middle of the stream.

The Lord said, "I love those young ones that are coming. My lightening will be in their hands."

Vision of a procession down Blue Ridge of the young leaders and those who were healed with **apostolic power**. They will bear the government in this movement. **These are those who will keep Me high and lifted up all the days of their lives.**

Session 3: Healing Anointing: Jehovah Rapha, Dominus, and Vineyard

May 21, 1983 Word of the Lord, "**No disease known to man will stand before this people**"

The power of God to heal as a *friend*, Don

October 5, 1990 Word of the Lord, "**All personal rights must be relinquished.**"

Paul Cain's visions of **stadiums filled with people being healed by nameless and faceless ministers**

Vineyard movement added *worship* and *compassion* to the *prayer* and *prophecy* of IHOP

Session 4: Joseph's dungeon: Humility and bearing the stigma

We need a faithful and fearless heart

Holy Spirit comes as *wind, fire and wine*. (Acts 2:2 -13)

1994 in Toronto was a revival of *wine* and humility

Session 5: Apostolic preaching, gift of intercession and the harvest

"The Lord will send you 5,000 young people with a vision for apostolic preaching"

**“Sow this money into the harvest and I will multiply it 1000-fold”
“I will give you a billion dollars to sow in the kingdom”**

Session 6: Call of Song of Solomon 8:6, Hepzibah and Jesus in Red

Know Jesus as **Bridegroom, King and Judge**

Session 7: God’s power and promises of supernatural wealth

“The silver is Mine, and the gold in Mine” (Haggai 2:6-8)

Bob Jones August 8, 1975: **“Kansas City will become a world center to export the natural and the spiritual bread.”**

Some example of God’s supernatural provisions:

\$750K for Red Bridge Center, 4/05/01

\$700K for Herrnhut the next day! 3/21/02

\$1 million donation to GOD TV, 5/07

\$1 million for Truman Farm, 1/27/08 (purchased 50 years to the day – jubilee)

\$3.3 million for Grandview Plaza, 9/15/09

\$100 million 'Huge Seed' for Truman Property development 2021

Session 8: The blueprint prophecy 3/26/84

“take the bride to the city...KC...5 fold ministry...many seeds...The people will flow into Tabernacles of Habitation.”

“I say again, their safety lies in drawing close together.”

“it shall grow forth from the House of Prayer.”

“bear the forerunner spirit that was upon John the Baptist”

Session 9: Where do we go from here? **24/7 prayers for justice plus 24/7 acts of justice**

“Call to travail for revival”

Lou Engle – Director of The Call and an IHOP-KC leader - September 20, 2009

We cannot live like we have lived before! We must be the spiritual fathers and mothers of the coming apostolic and prophetic generation.

Prelude and preparation for Awakening

This is a summary of the end of ten years of building the night and day prayer ministry and the beginning of the next decade.

- The Lord gave the IHOP-KC Missions Base leaders and community an increased burden for the lost and the gift of travailing intercessory prayer.
- The call was given to prepare for crisis evangelism.
- Remember the prophetic history given to IHOP-KC for a global prayer movement.
- The IHOP-KC mission vision was expanded to be:

24/7 prayers for justice combined with 24/7 acts of justice

The Spirit reveals that there is:

- A spiritual crisis in America
- The Bible tells us in Joel 2 to come together in prayer and fasting to seek the Lord for His help.
- There is opportunity in crisis for evangelism and transformation of lives and communities.
- *And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.* (Romans 8:28 NKJV)

End notes - Chapter 6

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Chapter 7

The expanded International House of Prayer 24/7 mandate

“Combine 24/7 cries for justice with 24/7 acts of justice”

IHOP–KC’s New Justice and Outreach Initiatives

“GOD IS CHANGING THE EXPRESSION OF CHRISTIANITY”

(CAIRO, EGYPT SEPTEMBER 1982)

We are on a journey to discover how to walk out **new expressions of Christianity**. This includes functioning as a house of prayer, or as the Father’s house with the foreunner spirit of Elijah.

*I will send you **Elijah** the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. 6 And **he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children**... (Malachi 4:5-6)*

*Pure and undefiled religion...is this: to visit **orphans** and **widows** in their trouble.*
(James. 1:27)

We want to honor our past outreaches which include:

- Focusing on the poor in India led by D. Steadman
- Feeding the poor led by R. Calhoun
- Out reaches to the lost led by Hal Linhardt

Our current outreaches include:

- **Evangelistic outreaches** including seven weekly community outreaches, plus the annual St. Patrick's Day and 'Edge of Hell' Halloween outreaches
- **Healing Rooms** prayer ministries
- **Inner city** ministry in Kansas City led by Lisa Stribling (Mike Bickle's sister)
- **A voice to the political arena** led by Lou Engle, plus our current involvement in pro-life issues including orphans, adoptions and human trafficking.
- **Benevolence ministries** led by Pamela Stead.
- **I Love Myanmar** outreach led by Daniel and Levi Lim. The IHOPKC community donations \$1 million to the needy in Myanmar from August 2008 to July 2009 build new schools, churches, houses, boats, hydropower plants, fund medical projects and give Bibles to help the victims of Cyclone Nargis.

The following is part of our present vision for expanding our outreaches

Orphan Justice Center focused on children at risk: works to adopt and restore orphaned children, including undocumented refugee minors. We are asking the Lord to help us to care for **10,000 children** as a vital part of the IHOP-KC family, in the context of our Missions Base here in Kansas City.

Zoe Foundation and Hannah's Dream adaption agency: The Zoe Foundation helps fund adoption of children as an alternative to abortion, as well as providing care for the adoptive mothers. Hannah's Dream is our adoption agency that works to *significantly* lower the costs of adoption.

Women's Life Center to be located in our Herrnhut Apartments

1. ***Birth mother homes:*** Designate apartments to help needy moms who decide to not abort their babies.
2. ***Group foster homes:*** For orphans and providing resources to families who adopt children
3. ***Human trafficking:*** With a special focus on URM (Unaccompanied Refugee Minors) or refugee children who arrived in the United States with no parent or guardian.
4. ***Safe homes:*** First response homes for those rescued from human trafficking
5. ***Domestic violence:*** A ministry to battered women
6. ***Prostitutes:*** Focused on serving our Hope City inner city outreach in Kansas City.
7. ***Drug rehab:*** Focused on serving our Hope City inner city outreach in Kansas City
8. ***Big Sisters programs:*** Focused on serving our Hope City inner city outreach
9. ***Honoring widows:*** Helping widows according to 1 Timothy 5:3-16
10. ***Special needs children:*** Focused on those with physical or developmental disabilities

Justice Ministry Center to be located at Red Bridge Center and Shiloh

1. ***Crisis Pregnancy Center:*** Providing counseling and support to pregnant women
2. ***Basic Education:*** Teaching English, GED programs, elementary school for orphans
3. ***Life skills:*** Teaching financial, hygiene, health, social and housing skills.
4. ***Occupation skills:*** Including cleaning, hair cutting, child care, phone banks, warehouse, etc.
5. ***Emotional healing and Bible training:*** With emphasis on foundational Bible truths
6. ***Justice Prayer Room:*** Praying 6–12 hours a day
7. ***Administration:*** for the *Woman's Life Center* and IHOP–KC's justice initiatives: ***Exodus Cry*** – Human trafficking, ***Bound4LIFE*** – prolife, ***Orphan Justice Center*** – children at risk; ***Zoe Foundation*** – raising money to help fund adoptions; ***Hannah's Dream***-adoption agency.

Hope City inner-city outreach will be an extensive ministry center that will work with other ministries. It will include a network of buildings providing rooms that include:

1. ***IHOP –KC Prayer Room:*** With space to seat approximately 500 people
2. ***Staff housing:*** Some staff will live in the apartments
3. ***Soup kitchen:*** For on-site food distribution
4. ***Live-in discipleship program:*** For new believers
5. ***Community center:*** Youth-oriented with a YMCA-type function
6. ***Health services:*** Health clinic with some on-site care
7. ***Warehouse:*** Facilities to provide the poor with food and clothing
8. ***Homeless shelter:*** For those who do not have shelter
9. ***Administration:*** Support office space
10. ***Ministry Rooms:*** Focused on evangelism, discipleship, life training, as well as Bible training, children's ministry, family building, educational (including literacy and GED), life rehab related to drugs and alcohol, high school and junior high outreaches, Bible programs for kids in the neighborhoods, big brother/big sister programs and an Adopt-A-Block program to provide practical servanthood such as cleaning up neighborhoods and evangelizing
11. ***Occupational: Training*** and helping to start new businesses.
12. ***Mobile food trucks:*** To serve food to starving families
13. ***Hospice care:*** To enables patients to continue an alert, pain-free life and to manage other symptoms so their last days are spent with dignity and quality surrounded by loved ones

Healing Rooms and Prophecy Rooms: Both of these ministries began at IHOP–KC in 2002. Since that time the Healing Rooms have ministered to 35,000 people; currently, 1,200 people each month receive prayers for healing. The Prophecy Rooms have ministered to 75,000 people; this is currently about 1,500 each month.

Evangelizing Kansas City: Mark Anderson is committing Youth with a Mission – YWAM's resources and wisdom to help us work with other ministries to systematically evangelize Kansas City starting with Grandview and the inner city. Neighborhood centers will be centers for mission activity within a neighborhood. They will help mobilize believers in each neighborhood to evangelize and disciple according to the ***seven spheres of influence*** in society - including business, education, family, government, media and technology, arts, entertainment and sports, and science.

OUTREACHES AND JUSTICE INITIATIVES:

Exodus Cry: works for the ending of human trafficking and restoration of those caught in the web of sex industry. It seeks to bring widespread awareness on the issue of modern slavery while reaching out to those caught in the sex industry.

Bound4LIFE is pro-life: Works for the ending of abortion, the increase of adoptions and the reformation of government and society through spiritual awakening. This began in May 2006.

Israel: The Church is to obey Jesus' leadership in loving the Jewish people in practical ways, including sharing resources, praying for their salvation and restoration and standing with them in persecution.

Call2All: We will support the Call2All ministry. Call2All-Orlando was attended by 600 leaders including CEO' of 170 of the primary missions organizations working in the world and with many international prayer ministries. Call2All is led by the two largest missions organizations, *Campus Crusade for Christ* and *Youth With A Mission*, who together have 50,000 full-time and 500,000 part-time staff.

KEYS TO MAINTAINING THE IHOP–KC DNA

IHOP–KC's core foundation is to do *outreach from prayer* instead of *outreach without prayer*. Our primary mandate is to “*keep a 24/7 sanctuary of worship and prayer*” (Ezekiel 44:15), and not to be a traditional missions organization. It has taken us ten years to grow to 500 people who have set their hearts to do this. By *this*, I refer to intercession that is led by worship flowing from intimacy: Knowing the Father's heart and the bridal paradigm, with faith for the release of God's power, in the context of eschatological (end time) truths (forerunner spirit), motivated by compassion that turns our hearts to the children (Malachi 4:6) and coming from those who embrace the fasted lifestyle who seek to walk in 100-fold obedience.

Our tension will consist of people joining us without yet having our values. The key to our vision is the *occupation of full-time intercessors*. Each staff member commits to invest 50 hours a week, including 25 hours in the prayer room and 25 hours in service/outreach. Our two essential commitments are:

Commitment #1: All full-time staff must keep a sacred trust including 12 prayer meetings a week. All the top ministry leadership in all our outreaches must keep this commitment. Exceptions include our operations staff and professionals who are required by the State.

Commitment #2: As a rule, we do not take large groups on ministry trips outside of the Kansas City area. There will be exceptions to this like *in CRI outreaches*. Our leaders will do many ministry trips. However, we ask the local ministries in other cities to provide the “*work force*” from the Body of Christ in their area. This is a practical necessity in terms of time and money for us to maintain our sacred trust commitments and, thus, to fulfill our primary mandate to *keep a 24/7 sanctuary of worship and prayer* (Ezekiel 44:15).

Our justice commitment:

By the grace of God, we commit to: Combine the 24/7 prayers for justice with 24/7 works of justice until the Lord returns. We commit to give time, money, prayer, and verbal support.

End Notes - Chapter 7

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Chapter 8

IHOPU Student Awakening



God has a perfect plan, purpose and timing for all that He does. Nothing happens by chance, because God is sovereign. He is in control and He is never surprised. The **IHOPU Student Awakening** came after a long history of prayer, fasting and years of *preparation*. This all led to the breaking-in of the manifest presence of the Holy Spirit to save, heal and set the captives free.

“... I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me,¹⁰ Declaring the end from the beginning, ...Saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,’¹¹ ...Indeed I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it.”
(Isaiah 46:9-11 NKJV)

God invites us - as His children - to *hear* Him, *obey* Him and *partner* with Him in His plans.

Historically, all spiritual awakenings and revivals are preceded by a season of *travailing* prayer. To be in travail is likened to a woman giving birth. This is prayer born out of pain and effort to manifest the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Elijah travailed in prayer seven times for rain to come to Israel after three and a half years of drought. (1 Kings 18:42-44)

Mike Bickle shared his story about the time, years ago, that the Lord blessed him with the power of His Spirit to *travail* in prayer for sinners to be saved. After hours of intense *travailing* prayer, Mike touched three people and they were deeply convicted of their sin and were dramatically saved on the spot. The prophet Bob Jones told him later that the Lord had let him ‘fish with a hook.’ The next time the Lord promised to give him a *net* to fish for the souls of men. *“Then Jesus said to them, ‘Follow Me, and I will make you become **fishers of men**.’”* (Mark 1:17 NKJV)

The wine of the Spirit

Mike Bickle reported receiving three dramatic related words from the Lord. First in 1982: ***I will change the understanding and expression of Christianity in the earth in one generation.*** Then in 1983: ***“I will establish 24-hour prayer in the spirit of the tabernacle of David.”*** And then in April 1984 Mike said that he heard the audible voice of the Lord say: ***“It will begin when I will pour out wine in ten years.”***

Wine speaks of the joy of the Lord and of the new wine to fill our new wine skins. The wine is also served at the wedding feast. The bride of Christ is called to prepare *herself* for the wedding

feast of the Lamb. (Revelation 19:7) The other expressions of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit recorded at Pentecost were *fire* and *wind*. (Acts 2:1-21)

The wine and the love of the Father did come to **Toronto Airport Christian Fellowship** in 1994.

Filling the bowls with prayer

On November 9, 2009, an IHOP-KC worship team completed the 88,888th hour of continuous 24/7 prayer which started on September 19, 1999. In the Bible the number eight represents ‘*new beginnings*.’ Noah and his family were eight in number. The number five in the Bible represents the *grace* of God. We may imagine a bowl of prayers in the throne room of God becoming filled and God saying, “This is enough for Me to respond and move in more of My power.” The Holy Spirit then began to pour out the love and grace of the Father on His young children, the students at IHOPU. He began cleansing them of the lies they had believed and healing them of physical and deep emotional wounds. This was the Lord’s appointed time for His *new beginnings*.

The IHOPU Student Awakening

IHOP-KC leadership called the manifest out pouring of the Holy Spirit the ‘IHOPU Student Awakening’ because the Spirit started by touching the first-year IHOPU students. The power and presence of the Holy Spirit increased and continued to touch those who came into the Forerunner School of Ministry building and those who watched the Awakening services on the IHOP-KC web stream. The name was changed to simply the ‘IHOPU Awakening’ based on the location.

The beginning of the beginning of the beginning

Wes Hall, the IHOPU Provost, tells the story of how the Awakening began. “In the IHOPU student chapel on November 4, 2009, Mai a young second year IHOPU student shared her testimony of being freed from self-hatred and healed of a related eating disorder. She had been on a trip to Montana. She had prayer for healing and the Lord had also started to set her free.

The Lord revealed that she was consumed with self-hatred when she looked in the mirror. Because of her believing lies about herself she could not receive the love of the father. The Lord highlighted this to her. The Lord said, “[You have emotional barriers that keep you from receiving the love of God.](#)” The Lord healed her body and her heart in a moment! She had a wrong understanding of the way that God the Father loved her.

When she shared her testimony in the IHOPU Student Chapel, joy broke out on the students. The Holy Spirit broke in with the love of the Father and with healing. Students were set free from self-hatred, suicide, depression, eating disorders and other maladies.

Her testimony triggered an increased release of the manifest presence of the Holy Spirit for emotional and physical healings in the other IHOPU students present in the chapel. When personal testimonies are shared, this builds faith in those who hear them to believe and receive so much MORE!

The Lord broke out with great joy again in the IHOP prayer meeting on November 8, 2009, and on Tuesday November 10th the Lord started setting more people free from bondage.

The Lord said, “You are *Hephzibah*, ‘My delight is in you.’ from Isaiah 62

We want to know the love that the Father has for us in our hearts. We must be rooted and grounded in love.” Wes Hall said that the Lord spoke to us saying. “**I am releasing My Spirit to set captives free.**” Isaiah 61

Jesus said, “*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, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed;* (Luke 4:18 NKJV)

Jesus was bringing beauty for ashes.

Wes Hall continued with the story; “On November 11, 2009 as we were about to teach the students on the forerunner ministry, the Lord broke in. He is raising up a great company of John the Baptists to *prepare the way* for the return of His Son Jesus. They will *turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to the fathers.* (Malachi 4:6)

The Lord said, “**I will deliver My people so that they can be deliverers of men.**” “Many are trapped in bondage to wrong self images. If you are in the prison how are you going to open the prison door for others?”

Since November 2009 the Spirit of God has continued to come in power and many lost people have been saved, people have been healed and people have been set free from depression, self-hatred and addictions.”

The river of life

Wes Hall said that when the Awakening began, he was led to the *river of life* in Ezekiel 47. The Lord said, “**I am releasing the river of My manifest presence.**” This river of life starts at the throne of God and brings life. It flows out and continues to increase, becoming wider and deeper until it reaches the sea to *heal* the nations. In the sea are *a great number of fish*. These are the fish of the coming great soul harvest. The river flows in and through us. Say ‘Yes’ to His love.

The river of His presence comes to deliver us. There are so many trapped in brokenness from emotional trauma. We feel condemnation from the way we were treated by their fathers, mothers and friends. We are filled with shame and self-hatred. We build barriers around our hearts to protect us from being hurt.”

These barriers are hindrances to the love of the Father.

“The Lord continues to pour out His Spirit like a *river* on those who have continued to come to the IHOPU Awakening meetings and to those who watch on the web stream.”

Wes Hall said, “We received hundreds upon hundreds of testimonies of captives who were set free to encounter God’s love and be set free from a life time of depression and thoughts of suicide. The Lord says there is more for you. People now have a testimony and say, “I actually know the Lord loves me!” Keep coming and asking for the breakthrough. Walk out your testimony day after day.”

*“Father, I desire that **they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am.**”* (John 17:24)

“We are invited to partner with Jesus. When we have a revelation of God’s love we can be set free. Jesus says, “I want to be full in you.”

*“**And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.**”* (John 17:25)

The entryway to truly knowing God is the revelation of the love of the Father, in that God would give His Son to purchase mankind.

God says, [“I will pour out My Spirit and reveal it to the hearts of men.”](#)

The revelation of God’s love is the entry way to all that God has for us.

“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.” (Ephesians 3:17-19 NKJV)

Wes Hall said, “Jesus is like the hand and He wants to put us on like a glove.”

The Holy Spirit comes with the Love of the Father

On November 11, 2009, the Holy Spirit began to move in greater power on those in the IHOPU Forerunner School of Ministry building in Grandview, MO. The Spirit came with the power of the deep love of the Father to heal His children and set them free from lies that they had believed.

Holy Spirit came to the IHOPU class, which extended for 15 hours in the FSM Auditorium and then for an additional 6 hours through the Night Watch at the Global Prayer Room.

11-11-2009

This was on ‘Veterans Day’ when we remember those who *volunteered* to fight in wars before us to push back darkness and maintain the liberty and freedom we enjoy. This is also called Armistice Day, the day to remember the signing of the Armistice, which ended World War I. The major hostilities formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. Also, 77 years before, to the day, the new Harvard Memorial Church was dedicated in 1932.

The Lord may be also highlighting several 11:11 scriptures:

(Psalm 111:10) *The **fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom** A good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever.* The beginning of godly wisdom starts with the *fear of God*. This is the reverent respect for who God truly is. He has unlimited power over all heaven and earth, life and death, blessings and curses. He is the *only* one who will make the final judgment on each of our lives, whether we will spend eternity condemned to hell or in a loving relationship with Him. He will judge us righteously. He has *all* the evidence to do so from all our thoughts, words and actions.

Pray for His mercy, grace and forgiveness of all our sin. Cleanse us with the shed blood of Jesus Christ, the perfect ‘Lamb of God’ and then repent, turn from our sinful worldly and selfish ways. Turn to God’s holy, just and righteous ways! Pray for divine encounters with the Holy Spirit to teach us and guide us into all truth and loving obedience.

(Isaiah 11:11) *That the Lord shall set His **hand again the second time To recover the remnant of His people** who are left.* This scripture speaks of the second time that the Lord will recover the remnant of His people, the Jews, who are scattered in the nations.

(Matthew 11:11) speaks of *John the Baptist* who was the *forerunner* who prepared the way of the Lord before His first coming to earth.

(Mark 11:11) Jesus went into **the temple, the holy place of prayer and worship** to God.

(John 11:11) Jesus came to **awaken** Lazarus from *sleep*, death. We need to be *awakened*.

(Hebrews 11:11) Says that Sara bore a child because she **believed the promise of God**.

(Revelation 11:11) the Lord brought the prophets **back to life with His breath of life**.

(Romans 11:11) *I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to **provoke them** (Jews) **to jealousy**, salvation has come to the Gentiles.*

This date and hour may also be pointing to the ultimate salvation and restoration of: The Jews, the throne of David, the day and night prayers in the Tabernacle of David, Jerusalem, all of Israel and the return of the Son of David, Jesus Christ, the King of kings. These are all the focus of the end of this age and beginning of the age to come. Jesus told Jerusalem, “...you will never see me again until you say, ‘**Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD!**’” (Matthew 23:39 NLT)

One of the first prophetic mandates given to Mike Bickle for this youth prayer movement in the 1980s was to intercede for the full **salvation and restoration of Israel. This Israel prayer mandate is for all the nations of the world.** (Psalm 122:3) How the nations treat Israel will determine how Jesus will judge each of them.

Keep striking the ground with the arrows of deliverance

When the 'IHOPU Awakening' started, the IHOP-KC leadership were in a meeting. When word reached them about what the Holy Spirit was doing with the students, Mike Bickle told Allen Hood, IHOPU President, to go down and, "Pour gas on the fire."

Mike Bickle said that he was then led to the scripture in 2 King 13:16-19:

*Then he said to the king of Israel, "Put your hand on the bow." ... **Elisha put his hands on the king's hands.** ¹⁷ (Priest and King joined as in Christ) *And he said, "Open the east window"; and he opened it. Then Elisha said, "Shoot"; and he shot. And he said, "**The arrow of the LORD's deliverance** and the arrow of deliverance from Syria; ... "* ¹⁸ *Then he said, "Take the arrows"; so he took them. And he said to the king of Israel, "**Strike the ground**"; so he struck three times, and stopped. ¹⁹ And the man of God was angry with him, and said, "**You should have struck five or six times; then you would have struck Syria till you had destroyed it!....**"**

They believe that the Lord was calling them to keep 'striking the ground' with the **arrow of the Lord's deliverance** until the enemy opposing both Israel and Gentiles is destroyed. So the IHOP-KC leadership decided to keep having weekly 'Awakening' services four nights each week, from 6 pm to midnight, Wednesday through Saturday, as long as the Holy Spirit would support them.

It is interesting to note that this reference to the '**arrow of the Lord's deliverance...shot east for Israel**' is a prophetic picture that keeps reoccurring related to IHOP-KC. Bob Jones saw a vision of a procession of healed people headed **east** toward the Arrowhead Stadium. The **arrow** head shaped UMB building at Truman Corners points **east** toward the Truman Farm property that was miraculously purchased by IHOP-KC in 2008. The IHOPU students loaded **five Arrow** Stage Line busses on April 4, 2010 to travel **east** to Boston for the **IHOPU New England Awakening**. Mike Bickle likes to describe these as signs of the Lord's 'divine poetry.'

Mike said at the Forerunner Christian Fellowship service on November 15, 2009, that, "We should humble ourselves like a child (Matthew 18:4) take risks, set our hearts toward God, becoming learners with a teachable spirit. We wanted to, 'Put the big sail up to catch the wind of the Spirit.'"

He said that the Holy Spirit was building on the strategic focus that has been given to the International House of Prayer in Kansas City mission over the years:

- Intimacy with the Father and Son.
- The Anna calling of 24/7 intercession combined with prophecy and evangelism.
- Living a fasted lifestyle.
- End-time focus to prepare forerunners in advance.
- Prayers for justice combined with works of compassion and justice.

"The time is NOW for the kingdom, healing and deliverance in the presence of the Lord."

Work to keep God's blessing on what He has started. Focus on Awakening, revival - with emotional and physical healings coming from the Father's heart - leading to equipped saints, forerunner messengers, who will bring in new souls into the kingdom of God.

The three rivers prophecy- joining of the streams

On December 7, 2009, John and Carol Arnott from the Toronto Airport Christian Fellowship came and shared with IHOP-KC about their experiences of hosting meetings - with the Holy Spirit manifesting the love of the Father for over twelve years. John was asked, "How do you do it?" John answered, "One day at a time."

Bill and Beni Johnson also came to IHOP-KC from Bethel Church in Redding, California, at the same time. They have been experiencing supernatural healings by the Holy Spirit working through the youth for years. Bill is the author of the book, "When Heaven Touches Earth", about praying for and expecting miraculous and supernatural healings.

A previously-released prophecy from a member of the Toronto Airport Christian Fellowship was spoken out about the coming together of the *three streams* of Toronto, Kansas City and Redding into a river that would flow around the world with revival.

Then, John and Carol Arnott, Bill and Beni Johnson joined with Mike and Diane Bickle on the platform together to receive prayers for an increased anointing of the Holy Spirit.

God is raising up His victorious end-time army and He will not be sending them out broken and wounded, but with testimonies of the deep love, mercy and power of the Father.

Members of the body of Christ - the end-time army of the Lord - will be healed physically and emotionally by the Holy Spirit. They will each receive a personal witness to the great love, grace and power of God to *transform* lives. The love and power of the Holy Spirit will then continue to work through willing, redeemed, healed, freed, set apart, yielded, prepared and anointed vessels. These *prepared* messengers will be sent out to the world with the witness, love, power and anointing to proclaim the good news of the kingdom with boldness and power.

The coming *nameless faceless* revival

Prophecies have been given for years describing a coming *nameless, faceless* revival. I believe that this means that the coming move of God will not be centered on a few well-known gifted and anointed people, as in the past, but on the Lord's consecrated and anointed congregation, His body. God said, "*I am doing a new thing.*" Some have called this a '*Saints Movement.*' In Ephesians 4:11-12, it is written that the Lord has given gifts of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to *equip the saints* for the work of the ministry...to come into *unity, maturity* and *fullness* in Christ. It has always been the plan of God that His children would partner with Him to complete His work to *prepare the way* for the return of His Son to earth.

The day is coming when people will receive a powerful and transforming word from God, and they may not even know the name of the person who prayed for them. Most of the testimonies

received by IHOP-KC, witness that it was the Holy Spirit of God who spoke to them and healed them when someone they may not know prayed for them.

IHOPU had an enrollment of about 500 students and over 200 interns in 2009. When the Spirit manifested in deep emotional and physical healings in November 2009, the Spirit worked in answer to the prayers of the students for each other. These blessings also extended to others who came to attend the meetings, and also those who watched the services over the web cast.

Preparation

This is a work of *preparation* to cleanse, purify and strengthen the body of Christ - the army of God - before they are sent out as anointed messengers and laborers into the Great Harvest of souls. Each one is being given a personal witness to the great transforming love, power, mercy and grace of God the Father.

Setting the captives free

The plan of God has always included setting the captives free. God set the nation of Israel free from bondage to slavery in Egypt. And Jesus came to *set the captives free.*” (Isaiah 61:1) Jesus, who is the truth, (John 14:6) will set us free from bondage to lies, sin and evil. (John 8:32, 36)

Testimonies

Allen Hood, President of IHOPU, reported that IHOP-KC has continued to receive over 5500 testimonies from those who experienced miraculous healings...both physically and emotionally. These testimonies come from both those attending the Awakening services, as well as the tens of thousands watching the meetings on the IHOP-KC web cast and on God TV. The Holy Spirit has been saving souls and healing all manner of physical illness and injuries including: deafness, sight, gallbladder, eating disorders, allergies, pain and headaches. The Holy Spirit has also been blessing people with deep emotional healing including: freedom from self-hatred, depression, thoughts of suicide, fear, doubts and confusion by the love of God.

Over 1400 people had been baptized in 6 months since the beginning of the Awakening services.

Prayer for more

IHOP-KC continues to pray night and day thanking God for pouring out His Spirit on the IHOPU students, as well as those who come to join the Awakening meetings. They are praying for awakening on over 2600 college campuses all over the USA Exalting Jesus! ‘Lord, release the manifest presence of the Holy Spirit; increase Your presence with demonstrations of the spirit with power, creative miracles and restored marriages.’

Wes Hall says, “We have no agenda. We give the Holy Spirit the leadership.” And prays, “We honor Your leadership. Release the glory of Jesus over the room. Release Your *river of life*, of joy. Shake off the dust. Release Your fire Lord. Release Your glory. MORE Lord! Increase Your manifest presence. Set us free from the fear of man. Bring freedom. Release joy.” They continue to pray for the Holy Spirit to be poured out even *more* in a greater measure, not only on IHOP,

Kansas City, but also on the college campuses and cities across America and all the nations of the world. Wes Halls says that the Bible tells us, “In the season of rain, ask for more rain.”

Transformation and preparation of His people

The Lord is doing a great work of transformation and preparation in the people that He has gathered together in and around the International House of Prayer in Kansas City. He is doing deep works of healing, including emotionally, physically and relationally in His family. Hosting large six-hour “Awakening” meetings night after night and week after week takes effort. All those involved in support and ministry are volunteers. (Psalm 110:3) They are learning how to love one another as Jesus instructed His disciples to *love one another*. (John 13:35) The Book of Acts describes the life of the community of early believers. (Acts 2:42 -47)

The Holy Spirit is coming to *awaken* His children with salvation, physical and emotional healings, freedom from lies and bondage. He is doing all this through the great revelation of the Love of the Father through the Holy Spirit connection with His children.

Third Great Awakening

Many have prophesied of a coming **Third Great Wakening** of the church, the body of Christ in America and around the world. Many are praying that this is the ‘Awakening,’ the beginning of the beginning of a great move of the Holy Spirit in America and in all the nations of the world.

Visions and encounters with Jesus

Allen Hood, IHOPU President, shared the vision that he saw on November 21, 2009. “I saw revival breaking out all over the nation. This will end with a **Great Awakening** for the salvation of souls. I saw fire on all the altars in Christian homes. I saw altars of prayer set up. This is about souls and breaking off intimidation on the church, and the release of a spirit of boldness.” Alan also said, “**This is about Jesus getting His inheritance.**”

The power of God is coming. I heard, “[I am going to do it. I am releasing a wave of mercy, and the new wine of the Spirit like on Pentecost.](#)”

Shelley Hundley, IHOPU Assistant Provost, was praying to understand what the Lord was doing at IHOPU. She shared about the encounter she had with the Lord. She said, “I was taken up into a room with clouds all around me. I saw a door and a room and I walked in. I saw the bride of Christ on an operating table with tubes connected to her. I saw that Jesus was messaging her heart. I thought that she did not look good.”

Jesus said to me, “[I am a glad worker. You should have seen her before. Now she has stopped taking in toxins and poisons. Be patient. I am the glad worker.](#)” Jesus said, “[I need to strengthen the bride for the work to come, for prayer, worship and the preaching of the gospel. I am preparing her to be with Me, to be a full partner with Me.](#)”

Jesus said, “[There will be a new anointing for each day.](#)”

The Lord told Shelley that we are at “[The beginning of the beginning. Be patient.](#)”

She said, "I then went into another room and I saw Jonathan Edwards, the revivalist of the First Great Awakening, and he was pulling on a long rope that extended way back into the past and into the future. The rope was moving past me and moving to the future."

Jesus said, "**We are never going back. We are only going forward.** This is leading to a release of another **Great Awakening**. This nation will be *awakened* to the love of God. I am releasing a window of mercy. I need to partner with My bride."

100-year Prophecy of William Seymour - In 1910, William Seymour prophesied that "**In 100 years there would be an outpouring of God's Spirit and His Shekinah Glory that will be greater and more far reaching than what was experienced at Azusa Street.**"

The Apostolic Council of Prophetic Elders

The ACPE published the following word on the Elijah List on January 21, 2010

"We believe that **the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that came on November 11, 2009, in Kansas City signaled the beginning of a Third Great Awakening** that we prophesied would come to America and the world. November 11th was the day that the Pilgrims made covenant with God in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Many intercessors across the nation are crying out to God for the nation to once again become "a city set on a hill." If we continue to pray and call out to God, the nation will shift." 1

The fire of revival

The Lord is sovereign and keeps a faithful remnant of true disciples set apart to Himself. (1 Kings 19:18) He tells us that His family will ultimately include members from every nation, tribe and tongue. (Revelation 7:9) Like a coal fire, the fire of revival can burn underground for decades as long as there is fuel. As new tender hearts are yielded to the love of God the Father and chose to follow and obey Jesus, His Son, then the flames of revival will spread across the land...fueled and empowered by the wine, fire and wind of the Holy Spirit. Revival will come and be maintained wherever the Lord finds those who are faithful to join Him in prayers of agreement with His plans and purposes. Pray - **MORE Lord!**

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Chapter 9

One Thing 2009

"What the Spirit is Saying to the Church."



About 20,000, mostly young people, registered and gathered from all over the world in Bartle Hall in Kansas City for the Onething 2009 Conference. Another estimated 30,000 joined by live web cast, and countless others watched the GOD TV broadcasts to over 180 nations.

The focus of all of the eight Onething Conferences in Kansas City centered on four themes: End-Times, Justice, Intimacy with God and Intercession.

The conference was geared toward the rising generation who have dedicated themselves to being disciples of Jesus, expecting to partake of all that God has mandated for mankind. The goal of Onething 2009 was to equip the attendees with the necessary tools that will enable them to accomplish the great latter day task of **declaring the Kingdom of God with the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in power**. Awakening services were held each evening of the conference.

At the same time in St. Louis, 20,000 youth were gathered for the Intervarsity Urbana Conference. Those at the Onething Conference in Kansas City were invited to pray for them by name. There was also a Passion Conference scheduled to follow with another 20,000 youth.

About Onething 2009

A letter from Mike Bickle and Lou Engle concerning the critical hour in which we live was published before the Onething 2009 Conference:

It is time to encounter God and take action.

We stand at a critical juncture in our nation's history. *It is time to encounter God and to take action.* The Holy Spirit is visiting His people with power. At the same time, the powers of darkness are raging against the moral fabric of our nation. The light is getting brighter as the darkness gets darker.

Many of you will have heard of the *spiritual awakening at our Bible school*. On Wednesday, November 11, the Spirit fell on a class for more than 15 hours. The word spread quickly and over 2,000 people spontaneously gathered in the auditorium from all over Kansas City, as deliverance and physical healings continued to increase. We canceled our classes for the next week so that each one of our 1,000 students and interns could receive from the Spirit in an extended way.

We decided to meet nightly from 6:00pm to midnight because His manifest presence continues to increase. Visitors are pouring in from many places across America to partake of this spiritual awakening.

We will continue these evening meetings until our *onething conference, December 28–31, 2009*, when we are expecting 20,000 young adults to gather for worship, teaching and to participate in the supernatural ministry of the Spirit.

Last year, over 16,000 young adults attended this conference. We are still hearing testimonies of lives that were changed. This year, we are expecting to receive even more from the Spirit. We believe that this will be a historic and important conference, and encourage you to attend.

The theme for onething'09 is "*What is the Spirit saying to the Church?*" Our team will proclaim what we believe the Spirit is prophetically speaking to the Church in this hour. We will also share practical ways in which we can "adopt" high schools and colleges across our nation as we envision young people to impact each sphere of society with works of justice and acts of compassion. At the conference, *we will have extended ministry times* to receive healing, renewal and impartation from the Spirit. We believe that the Spirit will release His power at this conference, as evidenced by what He is currently doing in our evening meetings.

Mark Anderson, a senior international leader in YWAM who also works closely with Campus Crusade for Christ, will host forums for leaders to discuss how we can **systematically evangelize entire cities** and campuses in partnership with the houses of prayer in their area. Mark has remarkable insight that comes from his 30 years of successful ministry in evangelism. The Lord has given him some bold new strategies for this hour.

The crisis in our nation is real. The serpentine stranglehold of abortion continues to squeeze the life out of over 4,000 wombs daily. Sexual immorality, both heterosexual and homosexual, are reaching epic heights of perversity. The number of women and children being trafficked into the dark underbelly of the sex industry in our cities is growing at an alarming rate. Entire school systems are giving way to darkness. The sanctity of marriage is under siege, threatening to destroy the moral foundations of our nation.

We will also address the growing crisis that is emerging in many churches across America. A new wave of confusion is systematically seducing many young adults into deception. Sincere young people whose hearts were once ablaze for Jesus are being allured into compromise on foundational biblical truths and practices, while at the same time they are increasing in works of compassion and justice. No amount of increased ministry activity can "balance out" their profound spiritual compromises. In the name of tolerance, they are settling for a humanistic and

"politically correct" theology that trivializes the glory of Jesus. Many young adult ministries are falling prey to this as they are seeking "relevance" that dulls the razor's edge of truth for the sake of man's approval. It is not enough to mention Jesus' name if they deny foundational truths about Him. Our works of justice must flow from *deep allegiance to Jesus and the Scripture*.

Our nation has never stood on such a precarious footing as today. The onslaught of spiritual darkness is increasing in our classrooms, boardrooms, courtrooms and bedrooms. We must confront the confusion that is pouring forth from many pulpits as well as from the halls of Washington. It is time to draw a line in the sand. We must hear what the Spirit is saying and we must act on it. The Spirit will confirm the truth with demonstrations of power.

It is darkest before the dawn. Our hearts are full of faith. We know another historic "**Great Awakening**" is soon to sweep across our nation. We look with confidence to God's promise: "In the last days . . . I will *pour out My Spirit on all flesh* (Acts 2:17-21). *All nations will receive* the witness of kingdom with power (Matthew 24:14; Revelation 7:9). What a privilege to live in this awesome hour of history.

At this very hour, Jesus is raising up young adults who are being mobilized to cry out in night and day prayer, win the lost, heal the sick, and do works of compassion and justice as they impact the very fabric of our society.

With passion for Jesus, Mike Bickle and Lou Engle

Conference Speakers

Mike Bickle



Mike Bickle is the director of the International House of Prayer Missions Base in Kansas City (IHOP–KC), an evangelical missions organization based on 24/7 prayer with worship that is engaged in evangelism, healing the sick, inner city outreach, multiple justice initiatives, planting houses of prayer and training missionaries. IHOP–KC has continued in nonstop prayer led by worship teams since September 19, 1999, and is committed to combining 24/7 prayers for justice with 24/7 works of justice. IHOP–KC offers full-time training in Bible, music, and media schools. Mike's teaching emphasizes growing in passion for Jesus through intimacy with God, doing evangelism and missions work from the place of night and day prayer, and the end times.

Dwayne Roberts



Dwayne is on the IHOP–KC leadership team and is the director of onething ministries. He is a compelling preacher who calls this generation to revival and teaches about how to be a person of one thing in a practical way. Dwayne

worked in missions in Eastern Europe for ten years before moving to Kansas City to help start IHOP–KC.

Allen Hood



Allen is on the IHOP–KC leadership team and is the president of International House of Prayer University (IHOPU), a full-time Bible school. IHOPU is focused on training preachers, intercessors, church planters, and those with a call to the marketplace. Allen's desire is to see young adults apprehend radical Christianity and usher in revival for their generation. To this end, Allen is deeply committed to seeing unceasing corporate worship and intercession established in every tribe, tongue and nation.

Lou Engle



Lou is the visionary and co-founder of TheCall solemn assemblies, a movement which gathers young adults to pray and fast for breakthrough and revival. Lou's passion is to call young adults into a lifestyle of radical prayer, fasting, and holiness. In 2004, Lou planted the first Justice House of Prayer (JHOP) in Washington, DC to contend with the injustice of abortion and to pray for righteous leaders to be raised up in America. Since then, JHOPs have emerged in San Francisco, Boston, New York and San Diego.

Mark Anderson, Leader in YWAM and Call2All

Loren Cunningham, Founder of “Youth with a Mission” whose mission statement is, “To know God and to make Him known.”

Worship Leaders

Misty Edwards



Misty has led worship at IHOP–KC from the first day it began. Her hunger for reality and for deep encounters with Jesus impacts her worship leading, songwriting and preaching. She is on IHOP–KC’s leadership team - training and giving oversight to the missions base worship leaders and prophetic singers.

Cory Asbury



Cory has been leading worship since age seventeen. During an internship at IHOP–KC, he realized he was made to sit before Jesus and love Him. His goal

through worship is that hearts would fall more in love with Jesus, and that a deep longing to know and love God more would be awakened.

Matt Gilman



Matt has been leading worship since he was fourteen years old. For him, leading worship seemed to be what God had created him to do. Along with serving as a worship leader at IHOP–KC, Matt leads at many of TheCall events around the nation. His focus is on the holiness of the Lord and leading people in worship before the throne. ¹

Bartle Hall prophecy

In January 1990, the prophet Paul Cain flew to Kansas City to share a vision with Mike Bickle. When he entered Bartle Hall he said, “This is the building I saw. God is going to release revival and His strategic timing and purposes. The Lord will release on a young adult movement gathered from around the world, a spirit of impartation for a new sound, a new approach to holiness from a passion for Jesus, apostolic preaching to release the fire of revival. The grace of God will set them free.”

This is a brief summary of what happened at Onething from December 28 -31, 2009

Praise and Worship teams were led by Misty Edwards, Matt Gilman and Cory Asbury.

Each day from 9:00 pm – 12:00 am **Awakening** services followed the Conference teaching.

Ministries

Altar prayer ministry was given during the ‘**Awakening**’ time of worship. People shared their testimonies of physical and emotional healings. Many were baptized at these services.

Healing Rooms – The teams prayed for over 900 visitors in three days and received numerous testimonies of miraculous physical and emotional healings. Praise God!

Prophecy – Hundreds received prophecy and encouragement from the prophecy teams.

Teachings

The conference teachings centered around the supremacy of Christ, His purposes, His desire and His heart to heal and deliver.

Wes Martin, IHOP Staff

Worship at the End of the Age

The centrality of prayer and the identity of the praying church before Jesus returns.

Corey Russell, IHOPU Staff

Intercession to Open Heaven into Encounter with Heaven Ephesians 1:10 Heaven is coming to Earth. The passion and desire of Jesus towards us from His prayer in John 14-17, and how the knowledge of His love will stabilize our hearts in the midst of a shaking world.

Misty Edwards, IHOP-KC

What is the meaning of Life?

The purpose of life must be centered on the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Wes Hall, IHOPU Provost

IHOPU Student Awakening story

How and when the Awakening started, and some of the early fruit of this work of the Holy Spirit.

Mike Bickle, Director of IHOP-KC, Messages: “What is the Spirit saying to the Church?”

These messages included several topics: the first commandment, the false justice movement arising today and the need to grow in friendship with Christ so that we can remain loyal to Him in the coming days. The complete teaching notes are available at the Mike Bickle web site:

http://mikebickle.org/resources/resource/2885?return_url=http%3A%2F%2Fmikebickle.org%2Fresources%2Fsearch%2F%3Fsearch_terms%3Donething%2B2009%26x%3D41%26y%3D13

The importance of this generation and review of the sacred charge

The greatest revival in history (Isaiah 60:1-2)

Releasing the Supernatural Ministry of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:31)

The Authority of the Believer: Standing in Our Healing (Ephesians 6:11-17)

Loving God: The First Commandment Restored to First Place (Matthew 22:37-38)

The Knowledge of God: Encountering the Father Heart of God (John 14:7-9)

The End-Time Worship Movement: Full-Time Singers and Musicians (Isaiah 56:7)

Prayer Energized by Intimacy with God (Psalm 27:4)

The Great Commission: Making Disciples (Matthew 28:19-20)

Justice and Compassion for the Oppressed (Malachi 4:5-6)

IHOP-KC New Justice and Outreach Initiatives (Malachi 4:5-6)

Allegiance to Jesus: Resisting the False Justice Movement (Revelation 17)

Exposing Deception and Discerning Cults (Matthew 24:4-14)

A Biblical Response to Crisis: Call Solemn Assemblies (Joel 2)

Apostolic Christianity: Restoration of the New Testament Church (Acts 5:11-13)

The September 1982 invitation from the Lord in Cairo Egypt:

“I will change the understanding and expression of Christianity in the earth in one generation.”

The Battle for Jerusalem: Litmus Test for the end-Time Church (Revelation 19:11-20:3)

Raising up Forerunners: Preparing to Prepare Others (Luke 9:52)

Mark Anderson, YWAM and Call2All America leader

The neighborhood by neighborhood campaign strategy to take the gospel and discipleship first to Grandview, MO, then to Kansas City, then to five states, then to fifteen states and then to all the United States.

Loren Cunningham, Founder of Youth with a Mission, YWAM (12/31/09 10:00 am)

Mike Bickle shared that Loren felt led to come to the conference just a few weeks before because of the Lord’s emphasis on the *joining* of the missions movement and the prayer movement together. Loren and YWAM and Call2All leader, Mark Anderson, challenged the conference to an even greater commitment to the spread of the gospel to all the nations of the earth.

Loren said, **“I believe that we are in the beginning of the greatest outpouring in history.”**

“YWAM was started in 1960 and now has over 25,000 staff working in over 170 nations. 2010 is the celebration of 50 years of YWAM.

The Lord highlighted this verse to me. Jesus said in Mark 16:15, “... **“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”**

So, it has taken me 40 years to visit 250 nations, territories and islands including the North and South poles.

Loren recommended that everyone read his book titled “Is That You God? Hearing the Voice of God” to learn how to *hear* the voice of God yourself.

The key to discipling nations is to make Jesus Lord. We need to distribute the Bible, God’s Word, to every home in the world that will receive it.

We must rise up in the power of prayer

God is preparing all the tools that we need to do the work, but we are unprepared for the great harvest. We should be afflicted by the goal of God.”

Loren shared a story about a group of 26 YWAM volunteers in Nigeria, the most populated nation in Africa, who heard the Holy Spirit inviting them to go and bring in the 3000 armed militants who had been kidnapping people and forcibly taking over oil wells. They obeyed the

leading of the Holy Spirit and went into the militant camps to serve them and share the good news of Jesus.

The first demon-possessed militant was dramatically saved by Jesus when he was set free by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Soon 300 of the militants surrendered their arms to YWAM and came out. The government asked YWAM to rehabilitate them. As they gathered resources to disciple these militants another 600 surrendered and came out. A call went out for support from other YWAM bases around the world. Soon ALL 3000 militants surrendered and came out!

The Governor declared, “God’s has done what guns and bullets could not do.”

“The church leaders in Nigeria asked YWAM to set up bases in ALL the states in Nigeria. All this just happened in September of 2009. This is just one dramatic example of what the Holy Spirit is doing *right now* and what can be accomplished in the mission field when we pray, listen and obey the plans and purposes of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus commanded us to “*Go, make disciples of all nations.*” (Matthew 28:20) This means to change your location. This work will require all believers to *pray, disciple* and be a *witness* to Jesus Christ. For those few who can not ‘go’, you can support those who do go with prayer and finances.”

This is the time!

“All the work required to bring in the great soul harvest and make disciples is inspired, guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit.”

Mark Anderson

New Year’s Eve word of the Lord

December 31, 2009 at 11:11 pm Mark Anderson returned to the platform and said. “I just heard a word from the Lord:

“TONIGHT IT CHANGES!”

Everything shifts in the nation. Abortion will end.

There will be revival

This is a nation of harlots who export lust around the world. Like in Hosea the Lord says, “*I know your sin.*”

“I have decided to marry America again.”

The fear of the Lord will come. The Lord will draw near. He will deal with sin. We will see the latter rain. We are required to live in truth.

We are the *army* of the living God.

I see a young army putting on their armor. They are called to be living witnesses. It is a new day. The Lord will deal with us.

In 1997, I saw a vision of a sword and an army. The battle is on. Warn them to surrender to Jesus.

Re-consecrate and sanctify today, Joshua 3:5. On January 1, 2010, move into the *Promised Land*, the battles will increase. The priests move first and lead.”

Allen Hood then spoke:

“He is coming soon!”

“He wants us mature in power of the Holy Spirit.

1900 on New Year’s Eve, they prayed in Kansas, and on January 1, 1901 the Holy Spirit was poured out.

Something is shifting tonight.

The Holy Spirit will be poured out for the next decade.

Fire is coming to the altar of every believer. Joel 2:28: Say yes to the ascension of Christ. God can give us Himself. Put on Christ. Say ‘yes’ to the bride of Christ, the army of God.”

Then the praise team led the congregation to sing;

“The battle is raging; the devil is raging; and I do not want to be sleeping while the battle is raging. I put on Christ and make no provision for my flesh. Give me eyes to see and ears to hear. Take the scroll and eat the scroll. Blessed be the Lord, my Rock, who trains my hands for battle.”

The congregation of nearly 20,000 in Bartle Hall entered the New Year of 2010 praising God, singing, dancing and filled with the joy of the Lord

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Future – toward the End of the Age

Chapter 10

2010 – The expanding Awakening

The Next Great Awakening

The Lord has blessed His people with seasons of powerful visitations of the Holy Spirit through out history. America has experienced several *Great Awakenings* starting in the 1730s and 1790's. Other historic moves of the Spirit are recorded at Azusa Street in 1906 and the Healing Revivals of 1940 -1950s.

Many have seen and prophesied of another Great Awakening and revival that will be greater than all previous visitations of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is first raising up an historic global prayer and worship movement. The praying church, Christ's 'houses of prayer,' (Isaiah 56:7) are praying in agreement with the plans and purposes of the Lord for this coming great move of the Spirit to bring in the *great harvest* and to prepare for the return of Lord Jesus, our King, to earth.

Jesus promised that the "*gates of Hell shall not prevail*" against His Church (Matthew 16:18). As we look at the forces of the enemy releasing death and fear all over the world, only the power of the Holy Spirit is able to oppose this reign of evil. Whether at a tsunami, earthquakes or another place of crisis, the Church is the first on the scene to extend compassion, mercy and hope.

Empowered by the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the grave, the *awakened* praying church will gloriously demonstrate the works of the kingdom of God to a dark and broken world.

The church will grow and gloriously prevail over evil.

Though the enemy works relentlessly to beat down and destroy the body of Christ through persecution, death, apathy and unleashing the spirit of false ideologies, the body rises up stronger! This is evidenced in the church in China, India, Iran and even university campuses in America.

As bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the hearts. (Ephesians 6:6) the church will *stand* in authority as the body of Jesus Christ and take the *land that the Lord is giving to us to possess* (Joshua 1:11) until He returns to earth to rule and reign over all the nations.

We are called to *stand* armed against evil

*Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to **stand** against the wiles of the devil.* ¹² *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.* ¹³ *Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to **withstand** in the evil day, and having done all, to **stand**.* ¹⁴ ***Stand** therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,* ¹⁵ *and having shod your feet with the preparation*

of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; ¹⁸ praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints. (Ephesians 6:11-18)

God will go before His army to destroy His enemies and give His children the land He has promised, *if...*

if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:14 NKJV)

Paul Cain saw stadiums filled with worshippers. This is referred to as “**Stadium Christianity.**”

It is interesting to note that there are over 1800 stadiums in the USA. 48 of them have over 100,000 seats, which total over 5 million seats. Imagine what a glorious day it will be when these stadiums are filled with worshippers lifting prayers and praise up to the Lord!

Commissioning the messengers

After spending days united in prayer together in the Upper Room, the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples like wind, fire and wine. They were given supernatural boldness and the anointing of the Spirit to preach the Gospel. They left the Upper Room and went into the marketplace to preach the good news of Jesus, and the kingdom of God. 3000 souls were saved that first day!

The Holy Spirit is coming to the disciples of Jesus Christ today to awaken, refresh, heal, set free, commission and empower them to boldly preach the good news of the kingdom of God. They are being personally encountered by the deep transforming love of God the Father. They are being prepared to surrender to Him and serve Him from a place of abiding in His love. They will go out sharing the great gifts received from Jesus Christ: of salvation, healing, deliverance, freedom, shalom, love, joy, peace, redemption, reconciliation and wholeness; in a word, *Shalom*.

Sending out the ‘Combines’

When at I was praying at IHOP-KC in August 2008 I heard:

“Assemble the ‘combines’ and send them into the harvest.”

I prayed for further understanding and was lead to write the following article, which was shared with several of the International House of Prayer in Kansas City leaders.

“A combine is a machine that – harvests, threshes and cleans the wheat to be brought into the barn.

The Lord gives five gifted ministries, which, *combined* and working together, are to *equip the saints for the work of ministry*. These five-fold ministry gifts are *apostles, prophets, evangelists,*

pastors and teachers, combined with intercessors they are to work together in teams to bring in the harvest. As we minister to the lost and show them the compassion and love of Christ, we will love them into the kingdom. These prayer and ministry communities, these houses of prayer, are founded, fueled, guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

*And He Himself gave some to be **apostles**, some **prophets**, some **evangelists**, some **pastors and teachers**, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a **perfect man**, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may **grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—** 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the **effective working by which every part does its share**, causes **growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.** (Ephesians 4:11-13, 15-16 NKJV)*

This is the Biblical model for training, equipping and edifying the body of Christ to maturity through discipleship, toward the harvesting of souls into the kingdom of God.

We assemble ‘**harvest combines**’ by recruiting, training and mobilizing God gifted *apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers and intercessors* to work together in unity, in humility, in teams with Christ as head. These six divinely gifted ones, in addition with their spouses, will be like the twelve apostles who were trained, commissioned and sent out by Jesus into the harvest.

Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. 2 He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. (Luke 9:1-2 NKJV)

Jesus taught His disciples to pray that laborers will be raised up and sent into the great harvest. *Then He said to them, “The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to **send out laborers into His harvest.** (Luke 10:2 NKJV)*

A vision for a **Great Soul Harvest combine** in action:

An **evangelist** preaches the gospel of the kingdom of God and invites lost individuals to receive Christ as their Savior and Lord.

Immediately, these newly saved people are introduced to a **pastor** for future care and guidance.

He will then lead them, with the **prayer team intercessors**, through healing and into freedom. In the New Testament Greek, it would be called *sozo*, meaning ‘saved, healed, delivered and made whole.’ This is similar to the word Shalom.

A **prophet** then speaks of the great love from the Father and encouragement into their lives.

Then, they will be introduced to a small group or a congregation of Christ’s followers, who will support and guide them in growing and walking out their new faith in Jesus. They are also

introduced to a **teacher** who will show them how to be trained as a disciple and follower of Christ.

All of these combined five-fold gifted ministries are guided, empowered and supported by the Holy Spirit and intercessory prayer. The **apostle** will provide spiritual covering, guidance and accountability to all the members of the **Great Soul Harvest combine** team.”

As the harvest of souls is brought into faith and obedience to Jesus Christ, let them be supported, loved, nurtured and disciplined, and not be lost back into the fallen world.

Sending out the messengers

From the very beginning, the IHOP-KC vision of praying for revival was not just for Kansas City, but to also bless the USA and all the nations of the world with a mighty move of the Spirit of God. The focus has been on raising up both a 24/7 prayer sanctuary in Kansas City and to prepare forerunners, messengers, who will *go out* and share the good news of Jesus and His kingdom around the nation and the world with the anointing and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Continuing in 2010, IHOPU students were invited to join traveling teams to go to other regions in the USA to share the blessings that they have received. These great blessings included salvations and physical and emotional healings, from the manifest presence of the Holy Spirit.

Allen Hood shared that the IHOP-KC leadership felt led by the Spirit to send out these traveling teams of student to five regions around the USA. They first sent teams to the six New England states of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine - and around the City of Boston - to pray for the students on the many college campuses, including Harvard University, to be *Awakened* by the Spirit of God.

In the future, they are planning to send teams into Kansas City, California, Texas and Florida.

The 40-Day University Daniel Fast

Lou Engle, the IHOP-KC leadership, TheCall and the Justice House of Prayer In Boston joined together to call for a nationwide 40-day Daniel fast from March 1, 2010 to April 9, 2010 to prepare for a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit on students at the 2600 universities and colleges across America. The following is the message that was posted on **TheCall** web site:

March 1—April 9, 2010

There are moments in history when a door for massive change opens. Great revolutions for good or for evil occur in the vacuum created by these openings. It is in these times that key men and women, and even entire generations, risk everything to become the hinge of history—the pivotal point that determines which way the door will swing. We believe that America is in such a moment of history

The 40-Day Fast

Four years ago, a profound movement of 40-day fasting and prayer chains spontaneously erupted on university campuses across America. God was breathing prayer for university awakenings. At the same time, Lou Engle joined with the Justice House of Prayer in Boston for 40 days of prayer and fasting from March 1st to April 9th. Hundreds of young people gathered to pray and fast, day and night, for breakthrough at Harvard and for the Ivy League schools.

During that 40 day season, a trusted godly man had the following dream: “I saw masses of young people with welts on the temples of their head. I then asked, ‘What are those welts on the temples of their head?’ I heard a voice answer; ‘It’s poison ivy on the mind of a generation. The Ivy League universities were intended to be the leaves of healing and to bring the light and the glory of God to the nations of the earth. Instead, they have poisoned the mind of a generation.’” This dream is profound as it speaks to the ideological strongholds we face, but also to the intended purpose of these schools and what could be if we pray.

Now four years later, it seems the wind of God is blowing again. Bethany Temple, the leader of JHOP Boston, felt an urgency once again to call all of New England universities to 40 days of fasting, but she needed confirmation. A young man gave her the following dream: Lou Engle was on a stage praying with a drummer behind him. The prayer that was being prayed was *“Beseech the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into the harvest field.”* Suddenly, the drummer interrupted Lou with what sounded like the voice of the Lord, declaring, *“Now has come the salvation of God! And it will begin on April 9th, 2010.”*

Obviously, such a dream with a date must be carefully weighed before the Lord, but April 9th is the same day that the 40-day fast ended four years ago, and it is also the anniversary of the Azusa Street outpouring. Could it be that Lou Engle praying represents the 40-day fast that God wants to interrupt and answer with a new move of evangelism and a new breed of spiritual awakeners stirring the universities of New England and the nation? Even now, reports of outpourings of the spirit are being heard on scattered universities.

The students of IHOPU in Kansas City, MO have been experiencing an extraordinary move of the Holy Spirit marked by salvation, physical/emotional healing and deliverance. We believe this is only a foretaste of what is about to be released upon our nation’s campuses. Knowing nothing of the previous dream, the leaders of IHOPU were stirred to launch 40 days of prayer, fasting and evangelism targeting Boston and the Ivy League schools of New England during these very dates – March 1st through April 9th.

On the weekend of April 9th, not coincidentally, Awakening America is gathering students from across the land to Oral Roberts University with an expectation of imminent spiritual visitation in the nation. On April 9th as well, Jeremy Story with One Cry, will be gathering in New York City at Times Square Church, and they are expecting hundreds of university students to cry out for campus awakenings in America. Also on February 25th, the Collegiate Day of Prayer is being resurrected after nearly 100 years of silence. Many other prayer initiatives are taking place in our universities. What is going on? Prayer is being breathed for university awakenings and all of this coincides with a prophetic word given by William Seymour, the Azusa Street pioneer, that in 100 years (prophecy given in 1909 by William Seymour) another great outpouring of the Holy Spirit would take place. If we are in such a moment where a door for great change is opening, then by all means we must become the generation that risks everything to become the hinge of

history. Let us follow in the path of our Master who fasted 40 days preparing for his apostolic gospel to be unleashed in the earth.

With this faith in our hearts, we are calling all of those whose hearts are stirred in colleges and universities across America to engage March 1st through April 9th in a 40-day Daniel fast (no meats, no sweets and limited intake) March 1st through April 9th releasing one great cry, one dominating prayer, “Lord of the harvest thrust forth laborers into the harvest field. Give us a third great awakening in the universities of America!”

40 years ago a great spiritual rebellion and revolution took place on the campuses of America and now we are reaping the fruit of that 40-year rebellion. But, 40 years are up and we are believing that a new generation will arise with the flaming tongue of the gospel, and launch a spiritual revolution that could shake humanism and false ideologies through a mass harvest of souls coming to Christ. Shall we not dare to believe that giants were meant to fall and that God is greater than the boasting spiritual powers that dominate our universities today? Let us go up and possess the land for the sake of Christ.”

Lou Engle, TheCall, Inc. 1

Pray Europe 40-40-40

At the same time that the Holy Spirit was calling His body in America to fast and pray for 40 days for Awakening, He was also preparing Europe through: **Pray Europe 40-40-40 – Igniting Revival in Europe and Russia:**

- 40 Countries – Pray for Europe during Lent
- 40 Days – Pray for a specific country each day
- 40 Seconds – Pray for at least 40 seconds

From February 17th through Easter, April 4, 2010 2

The Lord is clearly preparing the world for a great outpouring of His Spirit, leading to a Great Awakening of His body and the completion of the Great Commission to *make disciples of all nations*. This will all come in answer to a great season of global fasting and *travailing* prayer.

IHOPU New England Awakening

Starting on March 1, 2010, traveling teams of IHOPU student started to arrive in Boston to share the gospel, minister and pray for an Awakening to come to the six states in New England, and the over 50 college campuses located near there. They worshipped, prayed and prophesied in churches, on college campuses and preached the gospel on the streets in six states. They held outreaches, worship and prayer meetings on these dates and at the following locations:

- March 1-4 at the Ruggles Baptist Church in Boston
- March 5, at Resurrection Life Ministries, Northampton, Massachusetts
- March 6, at Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts
- March 12, at Zion Bible College, Haverhill Massachusetts

- March 13, at Ruggles Baptist Church, Boston, Massachusetts
- March 13, at Mount Hokyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts
- March 19, at Grace Fellowship, Nashua, New Hampshire
- March 20, at Donald P. Corbett Hall University of Maine, Orono, Maine
- March 21, Zion College in Massachusetts
- March 26, at Gateway Community Church, West Haven, Connecticut
- March 27, at the House of Prayer in Burlington, Vermont
- April 2, at Renaissance Church, Providence, Rhode Island
- April 3, at Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut
- April 4-8 at the Lion of Judah Church in Boston, Massachusetts

The testimonies of the great work of the Holy Spirit working through these teams is posted on the IHOP-KC blog archive at: www.IHOPKC.org

April 9, 2010

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Kansas City

April 8-10, IHOP – **Passion for Jesus Conference** - which was followed by IHOPU Awakening services where the Lord continued to supernaturally minister salvation, healing and freedom.

Oral Roberts University

On April 8- 10, 2010, **Empower 21 – Global Congress of Holy Spirit Empowerment in the 21st Century** at Oral Roberts University to Awaken America. Leaders representing all the seven continents gathered. Lou Engle spoke at this gathering.

Time Square

Jeremy Story with **One Cry** gathered youth in Time Square Church in New York City in a Citywide Solemn Assembly of New York College Students United in Prayer and Worship. This was facilitated by Campus Ministries and Churches across the City. “Come Lord Jesus, revive us and heal our campuses and our land.” During a time of deep sin and trial, the prophet Joel called a solemn assembly before the Lord. Students from churches and campus ministries across New York City joined together to seek God for revival and transformation. They came together as a generation to repent and stand in the gap for our nation.”

“Declare a holy fast, call a solemn assembly...and cry out to the Lord.” (Joel 1:14)

Likewise, they came together as a generation to repent and stand in the gap for NYC and nation.

Boston

TheCall, Luke18 Project and JHOP Boston hosted a meeting at the Tremont Temple Baptist Church – Converse Hall, 88 Tremont Street in Boston, Massachusetts. The team of IHOPU students prayed and ministered to about 1500 who attend this meeting.

Allen Hood, President of the International House of Prayer University returned from Boston and shared stories of supernatural salvations, healings and deliverance from drug addiction at the April 10, 2010 IHOPU Awakening service. He reported that on March 1, 2010, 50 third and fourth-year IHOPU students arrived in Boston. They spent 33 days and ‘plowed the hard ground’ in the six New England states in churches, on college campuses and on the streets with prayer, prophecy and preaching the good news of Jesus and His kingdom.

On April 5, 2010, 300 more IHOPU students and leaders arrived in 5 ‘**Arrow** line’ busses from Kansas City and joined the first team. Many reported a *shift* in the spiritual atmosphere when they arrived. One student said, “This is the most light that has come to Boston in years.” They went out on the streets of Boston, on the subway and on to the Harvard University campus in teams of two to pray, prophecy and preach the good news of Jesus Christ and His kingdom. They reported that students were saved, healed and set free. One woman came to the prayer meeting at the Lion of Judah Church, and she was set free from addiction to heroin. A Harvard professor was saved and filled with the Holy Spirit when he met some IHOPU students singing and praising God on the street in Boston. The full report given by Allen Hood is available on the IHOP-KC Blog at the web site at: www.IHOPKC.org

Boston Trip – Report by Abigail – a teenage daughter of IHOP-KC Chinese Department Heads

“On April 4, 2010, I, along with around 300 IHOPU students, embarked on a 31 hour bus ride to Boston, Massachusetts, where we would be holding prayer meetings at a local church and also do some evangelism around the city. For the next week, the spiritual atmosphere in the city would be shifted as the strongholds of intellectualism and humanism were rudely shaken from their place of comfort, as hundreds of young people hit the streets of Boston, proclaiming the name of the Lord over New England and crying for the Almighty One to break in with revival in the region.

This is my personal reflection on the trip and how it changed my life.

Every day, we spent a couple of hours at a local church that opened its doors for us to use as a prayer room, interceding for the Lord to break in with revival for New England and our nation. Later in the afternoon, we went out in our little groups and evangelized around the city. The group of teens mostly stayed near Harvard. I was at first concerned about being disengaged in the prayer meeting, but by God’s grace I felt as though I connected with God’s heart for the city and region every time. I’d find myself weeping over the city during the prayer sessions, and then, even as we were walking to our destinations or sitting on the subway, I’d be overcome with a spirit of travail as I felt God’s desire for the city to turn from their humanism and false ideologies back to Him. It was so good! I am so thankful for the grace I was given for entering into intercession. I feel like God was sort of teaching me about carrying His burdens.

Though I was a little worried about engaging in the intercession part of our trip, the *evangelism* part was a WHOLE other story. I am naturally a quiet, reserved, introverted and shy person. I dread talking to strangers and am definitely plagued with the fear of man. That is all to say that I was TERRIFIED. I went out with another quiet person to talk to some people. It was just really awkward to go up and talk to some stranger. I think the whole ‘presenting the Gospel’ isn’t that difficult for me, it’s the small talk and conversation starting that really gets me. The first two days went by and I was feeling pretty bad. I was just really frustrated, confused and disappointed with myself. There was a tension in me. On one hand, I saw myself crying out and weeping in intercession for the city, and then on the other, seeing me passing hundreds of people in the streets of Boston near Harvard without saying a word, because I was so overcome with fear. I hated the hypocrisy of the whole matter. I spoke with a leader about it, and she encouraged me to fight against the fear and ask for boldness, but also not to downplay the effect of my intercession. That was just context, so that you could truly appreciate the amazing work of God in what happened the on the third day.

After I came back from evangelizing on the second day and talked with my leader, I noticed a sort of burning inside of me. This sensation of a quickening in my heart had been going on since that afternoon. I had a sensing that God wanted me to street-preach the next day. I waited it out and the next morning the quickening and excitement was still there. I nervously told my leaders that, if the opportunity arose, I would street-preach that day. I waited to see what would happen. By the time we left to evangelize, I was actually really excited and filled with this sort of happiness. I was just bursting with this message of love to the people of Harvard and couldn’t wait to get it out. I’m a super introvert. We got out to our destination, and two hours went by without any opportunity to do street preaching. I was devastated.

In those two hours of prayer walking around the place, voices of accusation and condemnation were plaguing my mind, telling me that I had missed my chance yesterday and that I would never have a chance to obey what the Lord was stirring. What began as a very happy trip began to turn into one of great turmoil that I desperately tried to suppress. We continued walking around, and at one point we ended up in front of a team of Forerunner Music Academy people who were playing music and having the other students go up and preach. My leader suddenly turned to me, remembering what I had told her that morning. She asked me if I wanted to street-preach. By this time, the accusations had been assailing me for a LONG time, and I was lacking in confidence and boldness. Plus, I only knew one or two of the IHOP-KC people that were around, and was very fearful of the prospect of doing it for my first time in front of Bible students who I didn’t know. I still had the burning in me, but I ignored it and told her, ‘No, I didn’t really want to’. I think she sensed my fear and instead of letting it go, she encouraged me and had someone pray with me for boldness. I was still kind of hesitant and nervous, but something stirred in me.

God must have pushed me. I just walked up to the chair, stood up on it and began proclaiming the Gospel to all that were passing by. I stepped down, and though the mocking spirits and accusations were still attacking me, there was a sense of relief. In the midst of the heaviness that I still felt, I felt a peace in the knowledge that I was obedient to the Lord’s call and was a faithful witness to Him. Immediately after, I was overcome with weeping for Boston. I went on to preach again right outside of Harvard’s walls. I later preached a third time, but this time in Chinese as a group of Chinese people passed by, all the while still overcome with weeping for Harvard to turn

to the Lord. That's probably one of the biggest impacting things of the trip for my life. This was one MAJOR step of breakthrough in the area of the fear of man. God is so good.

One thing I want to make clear is this: I hope that reading my testimony and story of preaching outside of Harvard doesn't fill you with some sort of awe at my spirituality and radicalness. Rather, I pray that in seeing how weak and broken I am and yet the Lord was still able to use me in a way so contrary to my natural personality, you would be encouraged in your own struggles and be filled with wonder at what an awesome and marvelous God we serve. I shared my story not to show how cool I am, but to show how gracious and powerful my God is. He was somehow able to get a little, timid girl with a small voice to shout of His love and sovereignty outside one of the most intimidating institutions of humanism and intellectualism in our nation.”³

The expanding global Awakening – May 2010

May 11, 2010, marked the 6 month anniversary of the beginning of the beginning of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the International House of Prayer University in Kansas City where countless people have been saved, healed and delivered to date. Over 5000 testimonies received of physical and emotional healings. Over 1400 people baptized. Weekly **Awakening** services have been held from 6:00 pm to 12:00 am on Wednesday through Saturday. Countless more people have watched the services live or from the archives through the web stream or through God TV broadcasts.

There are more reports of an increasing measure of the Spirit being experienced around the world. This is a brief summary of some of the recent published reports.

International House of Prayer in Atlanta Georgia – is holding weekly **Renewal – Awakening** services on Friday Saturday and Sunday.

Read their reports on their blog: http://www.ihop-atlanta.com/page.php?p=media_blogs

Morningstar Ministries in Fort Mills, South Carolina – are holding **Outpouring** services on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. God is imparting a hunger for Him.

The coming greater glory

All of this is being empowered by the **Lord, who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,**²¹ *to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.* (Ephesians 3:20-21 NLT)

We are moving toward the prophesied day when, *the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.* (Habakkuk 2:14 NKJV)

End notes - Chapter 10

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Chapter 11

Onward toward the End of the Age

A time of Preparation

The Spirit of God is lovingly leading His people into heartfelt prayer, praise, and worship.

These are all works of *preparation* for the ultimate return of Jesus Christ to earth. He is coming to rule and reign over all the nations of the earth. *What a glorious day that will be!*

*Ask of Me, and I will give You **The nations for Your inheritance**, And the ends of the earth for Your possession.* (Psalm 2: 8 NKJV)

The International House of Prayer in Kansas City - and many other arising kingdom of God communities of worship, prayer and service around the world - will continue to:

- **Pray** – crying out night and day for justice, for the Lord to make wrong things right.
- **Worship** – the Lord with a wide variety of expressions including praise, music and songs.
- **Prophecy** – listening for, proclaiming and obeying the *rhema* word of the Lord.
- **Train** – the generations to live *holy* lives, *set apart* to ministry in the name of the Lord.
- **Serve** – the Lord and others with His love, mercy and compassion with acts of justice.
- **Send** – out messengers to proclaim the good news of the coming King and His Kingdom.
- **Prepare** – the bride of Christ for the return of our King, Lord, Judge and Bridegroom.

If all that we are seeing now is the fruit of the Spirit from just the past few years of continuous night and day prayer, what will the next 10 years or 50 years yield? God only knows!

Prepare the way

“IHOP-KC: is preparing the way of the Lord through night and day prayer.”

We are in a time of increasing *preparations* and anticipation for the return of Jesus Christ, our King, our Lord and Bridegroom.

John the Baptist was sent as a forerunner before Jesus came to declare the kingdom of God was at hand and to, *‘prepare the way of the Lord.’* (Matthew 3:3)

Jesus came the first time to manifest the kingdom of God and to **prepare** His disciples to receive the Holy Spirit - after He ascended to heaven - and to go out as witnesses to the truth of His message and His coming kingdom in fullness.

“...you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me...” (Acts 1:8 NKJV)

Now, it is still the continuing work of the body of Christ, empowered and guided by the Holy Spirit, and founded on the Word, to **prepare** the body and the way for the return of our Lord.

The Awesome Power of Prayer

“The power in our nation is not in Washington DC or New York, it is in the praying church.”
Brian Kim, IHOP-KC Prayer Room Leader

The awesome power of God is released through the awesome privilege of prayer.

Anything that God can do, prayer can do, because God is the one who answers our prayers!

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1 NKJV) God spoke the world into existence. Now that is power! For with God nothing will be impossible. (Luke 1:37 NKJV)

Prayer is God’s way to train, to communicate with the members of His family and to govern.

This is how we partner with God in His will, way, works, plans and purposes. *Jesus said to them, “My food is to **do the will of Him** who sent Me, and to **finish His work.**” (John 4:34 NKJV)*

The Lord restored double to Job what he had lost after he **prayed and interceded** for his friends.

*And the LORD restored Job’s losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed **the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.** (Job 42:10 NKJV)*

We can pray for the Lord to heal people.

*Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. **The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.** (James 5:14-16 NKJV)*

We can pray to be united with God in the Spirit.

Jesus prayed that we would be united as one with God the Father just as He was in perfect unity with Him! *And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: (John 17:22 NKJV)*

And the Kingdom of God is coming to earth as it is in heaven in answer to prayer!

Jesus taught His disciples, including us to pray, *Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.* (Matthew 6:10 NKJV)

The Lord poured out His Spirit on His disciples at Pentecost. His pouring out of His Spirit will progressively increase as the day of the return of Jesus draws closer.

*‘ And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That **I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh**; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.* (Acts 2:17 NKJV)

The children of God will increasingly walk in the joy, presence and glory of the Lord.

*You have made known to me **the ways of life**; You will make me **full of joy in Your presence.*** (Acts 2:28 NKJV)

Let us all continue to pray in unity and agreement with the will, plans and purposes of God, that heaven and earth will be joined under the authority of Jesus Christ, and God the Father will come to tabernacle, to dwell with man and be their God! (Ephesians 1:9-10; Revelation 21)

Increasing glory

The love, power and manifest presence of the Holy Spirit will increase upon the people of God all over the world.

“Christianity is supernatural start to finish.” Allen Hood, President of IHOPU

The manifest glory of God will be increasingly expressed through the true *transformed* disciples of Jesus Christ, and in answer to their prayers.

*Arise, shine; For your light has come! And **the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.** ² For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, and **His glory will be seen upon you.*** (Isaiah 60:1-2 NKJV)

As the darkness covers the earth and deep darkness comes upon many people, then the glory of the Lord will shine upon His people.

*For **the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD,** as the waters cover the sea.* (Habakkuk 2:14)

The weighty glory of God is so vast that He blesses us with everlasting life to reveal it to us!

Continuing Refinement

God calls his children in his family to be holy as He is holy.

“Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. (Leviticus 19:2 NKJV)

God is doing a progressive work of refinement in mankind.

“...For He is like a refiner’s fire ...³ He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, That they may offer to the LORD An offering in righteousness. (Malachi 3:3 NKJV)

Adam was formed from the dust of the ground. *And 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. (Genesis 2:7 NKJV)*

Eve was refined by being created from Adam’s rib and not from the ground. *Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. (Genesis 2:22 NKJV)*

Noah and his family were the righteous **remnant** that God chose to preserve after He washed the world of evil men with the flood. *Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” (Genesis 9:11 NKJV)*

The fathers of our faith were tested and refined by God. *“Abraham “believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” (Galatians 3:6 NKJV)*

Jesus came as the last Adam to cleanse the earth of sin and give the gift of everlasting life.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. (John 3:16-17 NKJV)

“It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.⁴⁵ And so it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being.” The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.” (1 Corinthians 15:44-46)

The Holy Spirit is cleansing and preparing the body of Christ, the Bride of Christ, to receive Him when Jesus returns to earth, *that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, (Ephesians 5:26)*

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9 NKJV)

Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.” (Revelation 19:7 NKJV)

There is coming 7 years of tribulation at the end of this age when God will cleanse the earth of Satan, his evil demons and those humans who chose to follow them.

Sin is rebellion to the perfect, holy ways and will of God

After Jesus returns, He will rule and reign on earth for 1000 years to prepare for God the Father to come and tabernacle, meet and dwell with the redeemed and refined mankind on earth.

The last generation of this age will be the *refinement* of all the preceding generations.

Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? ⁴ He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully. ⁵ He shall receive blessing from the LORD, And righteousness from the God of his salvation. ⁶ This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him, Who seek Your face. Selah (Psalm 24:3-6 NKJV)

This last generation will ascend toward the Lord, with clean hands, pure hearts, free from idolatry, and they will wholeheartedly seek God, even seeking His face.

The Lord tells us to be holy as He is Holy. The bowls of prayers are overflowing with glorious answers from the heart of the Father.

He is pouring out greater measures of His great love, grace, mercy, power and glory.

For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: “ *The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.’*” (Matthew 3:3 NKJV)

Purity

Based on Job 31:1 the IHOP-KC leadership was led to ask the staff and students to all sign a:

Purity Covenant

Because I want to honor God and love Him wholeheartedly, I commit to God, my family, and my (future) children to maintain and live by the highest biblical standard of purity in this generation.

Therefore, I commit...

1. to refuse participation in any conversations that promote or joke about immorality.
2. to confess to the same trusted friend each time I view pornography or have any sexual contact outside of marriage.
3. to register with technology that promotes the wisdom and safety of technology whether or not I struggle with pornography.
4. to show the fruit of repentance that, if I should stumble, I will go with my trusted friend and confess my sin to a leader in my life.
5. (for accountability friend) to hold any confession of failure in sexual immorality in strict confidence.

6. (for accountability friend) to share with leadership if my friend repeatedly stumbles in immorality.
7. (for leaders) to follow the process of bringing those who continue in immorality to the appropriate level of "discipline" instead of offering unsanctified "mercy". ¹

At the Onething 2008, the **Sacred Charge** was issued which reads: "I commit to -

1. **Pray Daily:** Spending two hours in prayer and the Word (book of Revelation once a week for three years)
2. **Fast Weekly:** Setting your heart to fast two days a week as a lifestyle.
3. **Speak Boldly:** Standing as a faithful witness in allegiance to Jesus' heart for the Church, Israel and the nations
4. **Do Justly:** Doing works of justice, focusing on the fatherless and oppressed
5. **Give Extravagantly:** Giving to the prayer movement (beyond our tithe)
6. **Live Holy:** Walking out the Sermon on the Mount and keeping the purity covenant
7. **Lead Diligently:** Leading weekly prayer meetings and Bible studies (focused on training forerunners) ²

Remnant of believers

Pastor John Mulinde of World Trumpet Missions, Uganda, in 1994 was led to call for prayer for a 'Large, strong remnant in America.' He also shares inspired teaching on prayer. ³

God agreed to spare Sodom and Gomorrah if Abraham could find only 10 righteous men. This may have been only 0.01% of the population. This is a very small remnant.

God told Elijah that He had a remnant of 7000 faithful in Israel [maybe only about 0.1%]. The population of the USA is presently 308.6 million. ⁴ So 0.01% is equal to only 308,600!

Mike Bickle said, "God promised us 5000 intercessors will be at IHOP-KC and 100,000 in the USA and with 100 million intercessors worldwide praying for Israel." This only about 1.5 % of the total existing world population of 6.8 billion.

Projected world population growth: 7 billion in 2013, 8 billion in 2026, 9 billion 2045 ⁵

Society is being transformed and restored

We are moving toward to the time when *all things* will be restored by God.

*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. (Acts 3:21 NKJV)*

Godly righteous and just leaders will be restored to all the seven 'mountains' of society.

These ‘mountains’ or spheres of influence dominate the thinking and direction of our modern society. These seven main mountains in society are:

- **Family** – God is restoring and reconciling His families back to His divine order.
- **Church** – God is changing the understanding and expression of His church worldwide.
- **Education** – God is taking back the education of His children to God fearing and obedient parents. The Bible says, “*Teach your children.*” Home schooling may be the root of the restoration back to a ***biblical world-view***, a righteous and godly education.
- **Government** – God is raising up God-fearing men and women to lead His people in the righteous and just government of His Kingdom of God.
- **Economics and Business** – God is raising up business, science and technology ministers in the marketplace to be His witnesses and bring in the great end-time soul harvest.
- **Arts and Entertainment** – God will be glorified through restored arts and entertainment.
- **Media** – God will reclaim and be glorified through world media.

All these areas will be *transformed* and progressively restored to the righteous will and ways of the Lord. They will all be covered and guided by dedicated prayer ministries giving prophetic direction and spiritual power to God-fearing leaders in all these spheres of society.

First Fruits

Jesus was called the first fruit of many to be transformed and resurrected to new life in God. The 7 Feasts given by God to Israel show us a map to His plans. Jesus fulfilled the prophecies in the first four Feasts of Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits and Pentecost at His first coming. The last three fall Feasts of Trumpets, Atonement and Tabernacles are yet to be fulfilled.

*‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That **I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh**; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. (Acts 2:17)*

As the messengers go out, there are early reports of an expanding Awakening from the manifest presence of the Holy Spirit being poured out on His children. People are being saved, healed and captives set free. The truth of the Bible is being confirmed with signs, wonders and miracles.

Every demonstration of the manifest presence of the Holy Spirit confirms the truth of the coming Kingdom of God in fullness in the Age to come.

The Lord prophesied that He would bring increasing shaking to heaven and earth.

“For thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land;’⁷ and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,’ says the LORD of hosts. (Haggai 2:6-7 NKJV)

This brings people to a place of crisis, a place of decision. They have to decide whether they will continue with their old ways, or chose to change and follow the Lord in His ways and will.

Early shakings

There was a major earthquake in Haiti in January 2010 that resulted in over 200,000 dead. The President of Haiti called for 3 days of prayer and fasting. Early mission reports tell of over tens of thousands coming to faith in Christ, so far, including voodoo priests!

In February, another major earthquake and tsunami wave was reported in Chile. Major earthquakes were also reported in Turkey and China. Earthquake experts are predicting major earthquakes along the West Coast of America. They say it is not a matter of if, but when.

‘The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,’ says the LORD of hosts.⁹ ‘The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,’ says the LORD of hosts. ‘And in this place I will give peace,’ says the LORD of hosts.’ (Haggai 2:8-9 NKJV)

All these events are to *awaken* the people of the world to the urgent need to turn away from their worldly ways, and to turn and place their trust in the Lord.

At the “**What is God Saying for 2010?**” Conference, Pastor Denny Cline said, “not to focus on the judgments and disasters that come on the earth; the judgments are to uproot principalities and powers- learn to watch for the waves of glory that come after each disaster, until the whole earth is filled with God's glory!”⁶

The only safe place to stand is on the *Rock*, on Jesus Christ in His unshakable kingdom.

The coming great harvest

The harvest of souls will continue to increase worldwide as the Holy Spirit comes in power on His children. (Acts 2:17) Each wave of newly saved souls will need to be disciplined and sent back out to bring in more souls. As the scripture promises, “*The plowman will overtake the reaper.*” Mike Bickle often says that, “God will use the least severe means to bring the most people to Him and to remove anything that hinders love.”

What of the Future?

What is coming in our future? In a word, **More!**

Both *more* darkness and *more* glory of the Lord are coming to the earth at the same time! (Isaiah 60:2 NKJV) Eventually there will come a time when some people will not even be able to repent or turn away from their sinful ways any more.

Let the one who is doing harm continue to do harm; let the one who is vile continue to be vile; let the one who is righteous continue to live righteously; ...” (Revelation 22:11 NLT)

At the same time the Bride of Christ is being *transformed* from glory to glory.

*But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are **being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.** (2 Corinthians 3:18)*

More people will be saved and come into the kingdom at an increasing rate. These will also be equipped and disciplined into unity, maturity and the fullness of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-13) As the darkness becomes darker and the glorious light become brighter, both the righteous and the evil ones will grow together. Then, the end-time harvests will come to both.

Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.”” (Matthew 13:30 NKJV)

More worship of the Lord

God’s Glory and man’s purpose - All of the beautiful streams of God’s power and benevolence toward His creation ultimately flow into the ocean of His own renown (Psalm 145:10). This truth fills the pages of Scripture:

“For the sake of My name I delay My wrath, and for My praise I restrain it for you, in order not to cut you off. 11”For My own sake, for My own sake, I will act; for how can My name be profaned? And My glory I will not give to another. (Isaiah 48:9, 11)

For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen. (Romans 11:36 (see Colossians 1:15-16, I Corinthians 8:6 & Hebrews 2:10)

Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory... (John 17:24)

The corresponding truth is that the purpose of man is to give God glory, or magnify His worth. In God’s design, Adam and all his progeny were intended to be a priestly people who ministered to Him. In short, *we exist for Him.*

... whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31)

*Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; ... **in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory dominion forever and ever. Amen.***

(1 Peter 4:11)

On earth as it is in heaven

Scripture makes clear that God desires the worship on the earth to mirror that of Heaven. (Exodus 25:8-9; I Chronicles 28:19) This is beyond the general affirmations of God’s

desire to bring Heaven and earth together. (Ephesians 1:10, Colossians 1:19, Matthew 6:10, Luke 11:2-3)

In seeing that God's own glorification is His ultimate aim, we are able to actually understand the foundation of *why* God desires Heaven and earth to converge, and, more specifically, *why* He desires worship on the earth to be like worship in Heaven.

The Importance of Heaven

Heaven is so glorious because it is the place where God dwells and where He is perfectly honored.

The gravity of heaven comes from the fact that it is where the beauty of Christ is beheld without any hindrance and adored without rival. In other words, Heaven is so important and pleasing because the Godhead is *supremely glorified* there – all of its inhabitants are absorbed entirely with His greatness. Above all else, this is why God desires the earth to be like Heaven.

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable.
(Psalm 145:3)

There are no other competing objects of attention, affection or allegiance in Heaven. No angel, living creature or elder is subtly elevated to detract from the glory of the only One who is worthy. – there is only one, all-consuming, absorbing focus of adoration.

The LORD alone is exalted in the Heavenly Sanctuary.

The Worship of Heaven

The worship of Heaven is within *the Heavenly Temple*, which should be understood biblically as the palace where God is enthroned within the Holy City. This is a real location with definitive physical characteristics. The Bible always assumes this, and Jewish tradition always affirms this.

The 'what' of the worship of Heaven is vitally important, but even more so is the 'why' of the activity that ceaselessly surrounds the throne in the Heavenly Temple.

The Burning Ones

The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!" (Revelation 4:8, Isaiah 6:1-6)

The Seraphim and the larger angelic host who are enraptured with ministry to God have never had a single sin forgiven, never had an ailment healed and never had a financial need met, and yet their testimony is that **His unending glory warrants their unending praise.**

As they take in the glory of God with all of their eyes, it is so overwhelming and so severe in its magnitude that it necessitates their unbroken adoration.

Their ceaseless worship is based *solely upon the glory of who He is.*

Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: 11 “You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.” (Revelation 4:9-11)

The only purpose of their worship is to magnify, extol and proclaim His surpassing glory.

They are not ‘changing the atmosphere’ in the Heavenly Temple or doing it so that revival will break out in the Holy City, nor will they have any change in vocation or personal advancement because of their activity.

The *motivation* and the *aim* for this incessant worship in the Heavenly Temple is *His glory*.

The worth of Christ and incessant worship

This vision of God’s zeal for His glory in all things - and the heartbeat of heavenly worship - has profound implications. It informs our perspective on night and day ministry to Him in two very powerful ways:

Night and Day Worship is an End in itself.

The outcomes of 24/7 worship and prayer are *powerful, dynamically important* and *must be understood clearly*. Among the many glorious consequences stand the following: the fruition of God’s purposes for Israel, corporate revival and effective witness, cultural impact, personal vibrancy in Christ, unity in the body of Christ, end time revelation, and apostolic sending.

We must distinguish between that which is central and supreme, and that which is *very important* but secondary. Although unceasing worship and prayer does have dramatic results, it is first and foremost an end in itself. This can be established in two primary ways:

Worship is an End, because God’s Glory is His End.

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.... (Psalm 27:4)

Incessant worship and prayer does not exist *primarily* because there is so much need that we must petition God unceasingly, but rather because **the glory of God and the worth of Christ demand perpetual adoration.**

A house of prayer has its beginnings when someone beholds the majesty of Jesus, and in wisdom concludes that the only reasonable response is for men to praise Him ceaselessly. This is the testimony of the heavenly assembly, and it must be ours, too.

The desire that His indescribable glory would be seen - and His matchless worth treasured above all else - must be the cornerstone upon which night and day prayer must be founded, and the chief reason it continues each passing moment. In the age to come, when the long-awaited reign of righteousness has finally dawned upon the earth and all injustice has been eradicated, ***God will still be worthy of unrelenting worship.***

Our worship *must be* include fervent intercession for the Church and the lost, but at the center of night and day devotion stands a breathtaking Beauty that knows no rivals; and His splendor alone is more than sufficient to warrant continual devotion in Heaven and on earth.

The effects are unto the ultimate end of God's glory in Worship.

Scripture is clear that any result coming from our adoration and intercession is for the express purpose of His glory. We must allow the weight of this theme to bear down upon us and shape us.

The Power and the Problem of the Worship Movement

Worship is *always a response to the identity of God.* Personal or corporate devotion will simply never ascend beyond the knowledge of the glory of the Person to whom we are devoted.

The Problem

Where the vision of the Person of Christ is dim, obscure or marginalized, then true adoration will be rare and fervent cries of intercession scarce.

The greatest hindrance to the worship movement now and toward the end of the age is the lack of regard and common ignorance concerning the glory of Christ.

Apart from actual adoration and fascination with who He is, the vision of incessant ministry to Him will be snuffed out in a moment. The body of Christ in this hour is so theologically shallow that there is virtually no context for sustained worship and prayer to take root. People are being called to adore Someone they care little for, because they hardly know Him at all.

The Power

Yet where Christ is treasured and exalted in the hearts of the people, worship and prayer alike will have both their impetus and their staying power. Nowhere are we reminded of this central place that theology must hold in incessant devotion as in the heights of heaven where God Himself is all in all.

The fuel for vocational ministry to the LORD is not primarily an understanding of night and day worship and prayer, but an ever-increasing knowledge of the worth of Christ. This has kept the seraphim for ages, and this alone will allow us to keep our charge and give Him the glory that He is due on the earth...both today and as His return draws near.

...but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen. (2 Peter 3:18)

A glimpse of the end of the age

Restraint and Amnesty

Presently the earth is filled with outrageous disregard for the glory of God - the pride and idolatry of humanity goes largely unchecked. This restraint is *not* due to a lack of zeal for His glory, but due to an abundance of mercy. We live in a window of time in which amnesty is offered to humanity.

Glory

Soon God will arise to confront the earth with His identity, and utterly crush all that exalts itself over His name. His ultimate, global exaltation is absolutely unstoppable, and it will result in a worldwide worship movement.

A day is coming when the beauty of Jesus will be revealed so dramatically that validating unceasing worship and prayer will be unnecessary- love will compel His people to adore Him perpetually and spend their strength at His feet.

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. (Habakkuk 2:14) 7

Ultimately every creature in heaven and earth will come to worship the Lord! (Rev. 5:13)

The kingdom of God will continue to expand in the hearts and lives of Christ' true followers until He returns to earth to restore His kingdom in fullness over the whole earth.

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Chapter 12

The coming Kingdom of God Century



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The British Century

The 19th Century was historically referred to as the British Imperial Century, since it was said that “The sun never sets on the British Empire”; its power and influence spanned the globe.

The American Century

The 20th Century was called, by *Time* publisher Henry Luce and others, as the American Century, because of the expanding economic, political and military power of the United States of America to influence other nations in the world. For good or for ill, the decisions and policies made by the United States government, society, business, education, science, media and entertainment had a global impact.

The Asian Century

In the 1980’s, the emerging global impact of China and other Asian nations from population and economic growth led some to predict that the 21st Century may be called the Asian Century.

The Kingdom of God Century

Many believe that, based on the current rate of fulfillment of biblical prophecy, Jesus may return to earth some time in the 21st Century! What more people are beginning to realize is that God, who created heaven and earth, is preparing to bring this age of His Church to an end.

God is increasingly preparing mankind for the return of His Son Jesus to earth, to establish His kingdom in fullness and to rule and reign over all the nations of the earth.
(Psalm 2:6)

This will fulfill the biblical prophecies of His coming 1000-year kingdom rule on earth.

It has always been God’s ultimate plan to join heaven and earth together under the authority of His Son Jesus Christ, *“that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather*

together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him.”
(Ephesians 1:10 NKJV)

When asked by His disciples to teach them to pray, Jesus said, *“Pray in this way...Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”* (Matthew 6:10 NKJV)

God the Father will increasingly answer this prayer until the fullness of the Kingdom of God is manifested on earth when Jesus returns.

When the good news of the kingdom is preached to all the world (Matthew 24:14), the fullness of the Gentiles comes in and all Israel is saved, then the end of this age will come. (Romans 11)

The Lord Yahweh is winning!

Consider some of the evidence:

Christianity is presently the world's largest faith with an estimated number of adherents that ranges between 1.5 billion and 2.1 billion.¹ This is about 30% of the total current world population of 6.8 billion people, and growing.²

It is said that there are more Christians alive now than in all of past history.

Evangelism

Steve Douglass, President of Campus Crusade for Christ International, said in response to the question, "Can the Great Commission be fulfilled in our lifetime?" He said: **“Absolutely, the Great Commission can be fulfilled in our lifetimes;** from the way God is moving today, even without some terrific eye of faith, I have been persuaded it will be fulfilled in our lifetimes and I personally think in the next decade.” He shared this at the Call2All Conference in Orlando Florida in January 2009.³

Campus Crusade for Christ produced the **JESUS Film**. They report that every four seconds, somewhere in the world, another person indicates a decision to follow Christ after watching the "JESUS" film. Every four seconds... that's 21,600 people per day, 648,000 per month and more than 7.8 million per year!

Called by some "one of the best-kept secrets in Christian missions," a number of mission experts have acclaimed the film as one of the greatest evangelistic tools of all time. Since 1979, the "JESUS" film has been viewed by **several billion people** all across the globe, and has resulted in more than **225 million** men, women and children indicating decisions to follow Jesus.

Based on the Gospel of Luke, the "JESUS" film has now been translated into more than 1,000 languages, with a new language being added nearly every week.⁴

The Central Intelligence Agency of the United States estimates that the Christian population in China is about 3- 4% of the 1.3 billion people or between 40 - 53 million. Many of these meet in

‘underground’ or unofficial home churches. ⁵ Unofficial estimates place the growing Christian population in China at over 100 million. ⁶

Of Africa's 890 million people, 147 million are now called "renewalist." This is a term that includes both Pentecostal and charismatic Christians. This is according to a 2006 Pew Forum on Religion and Public life study. Christians make up more than a fourth of Nigeria's population, more than a third of South Africa's and a whopping 56 percent of Kenya's. ⁷

The web site of evangelist Reinhard Bonnke reports that the ministry of **Christ for all Nations** has seen over 44 million documented salvations since 2000. ⁸

The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association web site reports that “Mr. Graham has preached the Gospel to more people in live audiences than anyone else in history—nearly 215 million people in more than 185 countries and territories.” ⁹

The **Call2All** meetings in Orlando, Florida, in January 2008, closed with a corporate commitment towards winning **1 billion souls by 2020**. At these meetings, for the first time in history, the global missions movements joined together with the global prayer movements. ¹⁰

Prayer

The global prayer movement is growing at an exponential rate. It is believed that there are more people praying on earth now than in all of human history.

The **International House of Prayer in Kansas City** has maintained a continuous 24/7 prayer and worship meeting for over 10 years. Their continuous web stream of the Global Prayer Room can be viewed around the world FREE at: www.IHOPKC.com

The **24/7 Prayer** movement started in England in 1999 and has spread to over 100 nations by word of mouth. Prayer meetings are listed on their website at: <http://www.24-7prayer.com/>

100s of millions of Christians in 220 nations participated in the 2010 **Global Day of Prayer**. ¹¹

The **40-Day University Daniel Fast** from March 1 – April 9, 2010 focused on a Holy Spirit Awakening on all college campuses in the USA. ¹² The International House of Prayer University outreach to New England in March and April 2010 with preaching of the kingdom of God and prayer was confirmed with many miraculous healings and salvations.

The Luke 18 Project: ‘Our vision is to establish persistent, corporate prayer gatherings on every college campus in America; we call these prayer furnaces. Our desire is to encourage and help college students to both establish and sustain prayer furnaces on their respective campuses.’ ¹³ They are praying for these prayer furnaces to be established on all 2600 college campuses in US.

Campus America was a vision from God to Pete Greig of 24/7 Prayer to mobilize prayer on all American college campus starting in 2010. The *Campus America* vision “is a simple call for a

connected, unbroken Year of Prayer in 2010 on every college and university campus in the U.S., to give every student the opportunity to experience the presence of Jesus.” 14

The Next Great Awakening

The church of Jesus Christ is presently being **Awakened** by the Holy Spirit around the world, and now even in North America.

The Holy Spirit is leading, anointing and empowering ongoing **Awakening, Renewal and Outpouring** meetings being held weekly at the International House of Prayer in Kansas City, Missouri, IHOP Atlanta in Georgia and Morningstar Ministries in Fort Mills, South Carolina. Many believe that this is the beginning of the beginning of the beginning of a Great Global Awakening of the body of Christ...leading to a Great Harvest of souls 15

The Apostolic Council of Prophetic Elders published the following word on the Elijah List on January 21, 2010:

“We believe that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that came on November 11, 2009, in Kansas City signaled the beginning of a Third Great Awakening that we prophesied would come to America and the world. 16

Iris Ministries has planted over 5000 churches in and near Mozambique. 17

There are countless reports of **Muslims converting to Christ** at an increasing rate through divine visions and encounters with the Spirit of Christ Himself. 18

Community Transformation

The Sentinel Group has produced video documentaries of whole communities in Uganda and Fiji that were transformed by the power and presence of God in answer to their prayers. 19

Harvest Evangelism report on ongoing community transformation in Argentina, Hawaii and in Elk River, Minnesota, coming from cooperation with the church and Christian businesses. 20

The Holy Spirit is now increasingly being poured out on all flesh around the world as prophesied. (Joel 2:28; Acts 2:17)

Be filled with hope and be encouraged by all that God is doing around the world now.

"Look at the nations and watch - and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told." (Habakkuk 1:5 NKJV)

Our Lord gave His disciples the *Great Commission* to go make disciples in all nations. This can only be accomplished as we are empowered by the Holy Spirit...to make disciples from every nation, tongue, tribe and people. They can be told about the awesome grace and mighty power of

God. The Lord is giving His people the opportunity to be part of making this all happen in the lifetime of this current generation!

You haven't seen anything yet!

Mahesh Chavda shared a prophetic word, "...the Lord is saying, "I am bringing the latter rain. Ask for the rain. The threshing floors will be full and the wine vats will overflow with rejoicing. We haven't seen anything thus far that can compare with what He is about to do." 21

Opposition

There is also coming increasing opposition, by the enemy and his agents, to the King and His expanding Kingdom. The Bible says that we are to expect increasing opposition to the true disciples of Jesus Christ. Persecution of Christians is increasing. The prophet Isaiah wrote, "*Darkness will cover the earth, and deep darkness will cover the people.*" (Isaiah 60:2a NKJV)

However the true followers of Jesus Christ should be full of *hope* and be encouraged. *But the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you.* (Isaiah 60:2b NKJV)

Jesus promised that we would have tribulation and that the world would hate His followers, but He called His disciples to overcome, and they will receive everlasting rewards. (Revelation 2-3)

Preparing the way of the Lord

In spite of the growing opposition the Bible assures us that those who faithfully follow Jesus to the end will *overcome*, be victorious and will prevail. Those who follow Jesus are filled with great hope.

The Holy Spirit will place righteous leaders over all spheres of society:
Families, the Church, Education, Government, Economics, Arts and Entertainment and Media

Lives, families, communities and whole nations will be progressively *transformed* by the love and power of the Holy Spirit working in and through the true disciples of Jesus Christ.

Those who are called and are faithful disciples are increasingly aligning with the plans and purposes of God that they were created to fulfill. These disciples will be set apart, trained and sent out. The land will progressively be prepared for the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

There is much great work to be done!

Jesus commanded all of His disciples to:

- Love God wholeheartedly. (Mark 12:30)
- Love their neighbors as they love themselves. (Mark 12:31)
- Be a house of prayer. (Isaiah 56:7)
- Be a disciple and make disciples. (Matthew 28:19-20)

- Be a witness to the truth of Jesus. (Acts 1:8)
- Pray and labor to bring in the great soul harvest. (Luke 10:2)
- Preach the good news to all nations. (Matthew 24:14)

Fighting the spiritual war

- We are all in a spiritual war of life and death. The Lord gives His disciples His full armor. (Ephesians 6:13)
- Jesus gives His disciples spiritual weapons. (2 Corinthians 10:4)
- Jesus gives His disciples gifts of the Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:7-10)
- The greatest weapon that Jesus gives to His disciples is His love. (1 Corinthians 13:13)
- True love never fails. (1 Corinthians 13:8)

Equipping the saints

The Lord is raising up trained and anointed apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers and evangelists to equip His saints for the work of ministry in unity - while growing into maturity until they reach the fullness of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-13)

Those who are set apart from the world to the Lord are consecrated and sanctified to Him and to his work.

Be encouraged and full of great hope.

Be filled with the Holy Spirit and have faith in a faithful God, *“being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;”* (Philippians 1:6 NKJV)

Bringing in the great soul harvest

Be a bold witness to the good news that Jesus is Lord and King and will be returning to earth to rule and reign over all the nations. Sadly, not all will find the great gift of life which is freely offered to them. (Matthew 7:13-14)

However, it is the will of God for all to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. (1 Timothy 2:3-4)

Work and believe for the Lord to do the impossible in and through you. (Matthew 19:26) Have faith in the Word, the truth in Jesus. (John 1:14; 14:6) And have faith in the power of the Holy Spirit working in and through you as the One who convicts us of *sin, righteousness and judgment to come*. (John 16:8) He is our *helper* and *teacher*. (Luke 14:26)

The fullness of the Kingdom of God is coming

Every salvation, healing, freedom, restoration, reconciliation, sign, wonder and miracle is proof of the truth of the *fullness* of the Kingdom of God to come in the next Age.

All things will be **restored** before Jesus returns. (Acts 3:21) Join with the Generation who will seek God, will seek His face alone. (Psalm 24:6) And will take the land that the Lord has promised to them. (Joshua 1:3, 11) The Spirit and the bride say, **“Come Lord Jesus Come!”** (Revelation 22:17, 20)

The Millennial Age

When this age ends, then Jesus will return to earth and begin the next age to come - which is commonly called the Millennial Age or the Millennial Kingdom. This is the coming 1000-year rule and reign of Jesus on earth as described in the Bible.

...they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. (Revelation 20:4 NKJV)

No one knows the exact time that this age will end; however, everyday that passes brings us one day closer.

Be filled with His love, great hope and the glory of God. *To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.* (Colossians 1:27) And also have great faith (Hebrews 11:1, 6)

God will complete all that He plans!

... I am God, and there is none like Me, ¹⁰ **Declaring the end from the beginning,** *And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,* ¹¹ **Indeed I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it.** (Isaiah 46:9-11)

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Chapter 13

The Kingdom of God on earth now

The plan of God

God has always had a plan from the very beginning. The central focus of His plan is to bring heaven and earth together under the authority of Christ.

*God has now revealed to us his mysterious plan regarding Christ, a plan to fulfill His own good pleasure. ¹⁰ And **this is the plan**: At the right time **He will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth.** (Ephesians 1:17-19 NLT)*

God will take back spiritual dominion over the earth from the enemy and his evil influences, and restore mankind back to the original covenant relationship of obedience and love with God the Father...through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ defeated the devil and death, on the cross, by fulfilling all righteousness. He proclaimed that the kingdom of God was at hand, on the earth. Jesus was given all authority in heaven and on earth for His complete obedience to the will and plans of God the Father. Jesus shared His supreme authority with His surrendered, obedient disciples. Starting with the original disciples, they continued to proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God on earth, and the coming fullness of the kingdom of God in the age to come. In the next age, the devil will be bound and cast into the bottomless pit. Jesus will rule over all the nations of the earth.

*“...The kingdoms of this world have **become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!**” (Revelation 11:15 NKJV)*

The kingdom of God on earth now expands to the extent that His people will freely and willingly surrender their lives to the will and ways of the Lord, and obey His laws. As they proclaim the good news, and demonstrate the supernatural power of God, then the kingdom of God expands.

The Lord gave us His Holy Spirit to live in us and through us, to give us His supernatural power to live holy lives, which glorify God just as Jesus did while He was on the earth.

The Holy Spirit is working in and through the family of God

All divine salvations, healing, deliverance, reconciliation, restoration and transformations in a person - and every Holy Spirit-empowered sign, wonder and miracle - are all supernatural evidence of the truth of the coming kingdom of God in fullness through the power of the age to come. These are all demonstrations that the Holy Spirit is working in, through and around His true body, church, Bride who are praying and surrendered and obedient to the will of the Lord.

*“Nor will people say, **Look! Here [it is]! or, See, [it is] there!** For behold, **the kingdom of God is within you [in your hearts] and among you [surrounding you].**” (Luke 17:21 AMP)*

The Holy Spirit empowers His people who are wholeheartedly surrendered to the Lord.

The eyes of the LORD search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.... (2 Chronicles 16:9 NLT)

Our connection with the Lord is through *abiding* in Christ.

In the kingdom of God, God releases His power *through* those who volunteer to love Him. He wants to release His power through people. In Genesis 1, God released His power directly and created heaven and earth. After creation, God chose to only release His power on earth through the people who *agree* and *line up* with Him: those who **pray** and **obey** Him. His desire is to have a personal *relationship* with His people.

After creating humans, God will only release His power as we *pray* and *obey* Him.

Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:10 NKJV)

This is how God releases heavenly power on the earth. The key is to line up and relate with Him. God the Father has chosen to release His power through His family who prays and dialogs with His heart. God will only release His power in proportion to the prayer and obedience we have with His heart. Jesus said, *abide in Me*. (John 15:4) God releases *the power of the age to come* in and through His praying and obedient family members.

Like in a garden, the natural trend is to become full of weeds. We must work in or *cultivate* a garden. The same is true with the garden of our heart: we must actively *cultivate* our relationship with the Lord. We must pray, dialog and align with His will; and live in agreement with the Holy Spirit's leadership day by day. This includes our thoughts, eyes, speech, time and money.

At IHOP-KC, they share a vision for the release of power both *in* and *through* them. This is what the community is believing for.

We simply will not experience God if we do not **pray** and **obey more**. God will not violate our own free will. We connect and dialog through the Word of God. This is the fuel to increase our passion for prayer and obedience with God. This is the only way to experience Him more...to *abide* in Christ. Every one lives by these two issues of **prayer** and **obedience**. This is why we are in the kingdom and what we are about.

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.... (James 4:8 NKJV)

God stirs us up with the desire to draw near to Him. We draw near to God through **prayer** and **obeying** the leadership of the Holy Spirit. If we do this we will receive *more*.

"... and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And these things we write to you that your joy may be full. (1 John 1:3-4 NKJV)

Through the indwelling Holy Spirit inside believers, they grow in fellowship with the Lord and become filled with His joy. This is how they develop a vibrant and radiant heart. Connecting with the Holy Spirit gives a vision for more joy. We want to have real substance that will hold up under pressure. To have an exciting inner life, we must go deep in God. Connect with God through a dialog in prayer, obeying and *agreeing* with the Holy Spirit more. Focus on spending more time with the Lord, and giving Him leadership over all areas in our lives

We do this by abiding in Christ, by talking to the Holy Spirit and obeying His leadership.

⁵ *...God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.* ⁶ *If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.* ⁷ *But if we **walk in the light** as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.* (1 John 1:5-7 NKJV)

We *walk in the light* of the Lord's leadership. **Walk in the light that we have now.** Seek to obey His leadership in *all* areas. We receive more light as we draw closer to God and experience more. **If we stop obeying the Lord, then our relationship will stall and stop growing.** We cannot say 'no' in any area of our lives and continue to grow in our relationship with the Lord. There is grace to grow in our weakness. Believers stop growing when they stop talking to the Lord and agreeing with Him.

We must love the Lord on His terms *only*.

We experience light and life in the Spirit, and we experience death and darkness without the Holy Spirit. God is full of light...*in Him is no darkness at all.* (1 John 1:5) **The greater the light we have, the greater the power we receive.**

The Lord has *so much more* to give us, but power is only given on God's terms.

And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. (John 14:13 NKJV)

When we continue to ask in agreement with the will of God, we will receive what we ask for. Pray and have a dialog with the Lord throughout the day. Sadly, most people do not do this and miss *so much* in their lives. As we do this, we will go forward with the Lord.

"If you love Me, keep My commandments...." ²¹ *He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."* ²³ *Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.* (John 14:15, 21, 23 NKJV)

We are called to pray and live under the leadership of the Holy Spirit - to show our love for the Lord by obeying Him. Jesus said, “*abide in Me*” (John 15:4) This may be hard, but it is possible. This will require lifestyle changes. ¹

This is how the will of God and the power of the kingdom of God are released on the earth.

Transformation

This is all a great work of *transformation* by the Holy Spirit to bring the body of Christ into the fullness of Christ, and to prepare the equally-yoked Bride of Christ to full partnership with the Lord...and to join Him forever to rule and reign with Him in the kingdom of God.

We Worship the Lord by offering our lives as living sacrifices.

*... I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a **living and holy sacrifice**—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly **the way to worship him**.* (Romans 12:1 NLB)

Our full potential in Christ will only be realized as we allow the Holy Spirit to lead us, and to develop the gifts and the calling of God on our lives. The plans and purposes of God for us can only be established in the kingdom - both now and forever - as we *surrender* and *yield* completely to being *transformed* by the Spirit. We must become one with the Spirit of God in all ways, and **then** we will access all that the Lord promises in His word.

*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.* (Romans 12:2 NKJV)

Christ’s followers are, *beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are **being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.*** (2 Corinthians 3:18)

Our way of thinking will change. “*...But we **have the mind of Christ.***” (1 Corinthians 2:16)

Christ actually lives in and through the members of His body by His indwelling Holy Spirit. “*To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory.***” (Colossians 1:27 NKJV) We are the Lord’s creation. *For we are **His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*** (Ephesians 2:10 NKJV)

Pray for the kingdom of God to come

The Lord wants His true followers, His disciples, to *willingly* come into agreement and covenant in unity with His plans, purposes, will, ways and timing...out of their sincere love for Him.

Jesus taught us to pray, *Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.* (Matthew 6:10) Followers of Christ have been praying this prayer for nearly 2000 years. This is the prayer that Jesus taught to His disciples when they asked Him to, “*Teach us to pray.*”

Actually Jesus Himself prayed, “**Your will be done**”, to God the Father when He was in the Garden of Gethsemane just before He was taken to trial and crucified. Christ obeyed unto death.

What does the Bible say is the will of God?

Glorify God – We glorify God, *reflect* His will, ways, and character as we enjoy His increasing love, joy, peace and pleasure forever! AMEN. “...*whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.*” (1 Corinthians 10:31 NKJV)

Picture the earth covered with billions of children of God - loving family members *reflecting* His glory like a vast sea of glorious mirrors. *For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, As the waters cover the sea.* (Habakkuk 2:14 NKJV)

This is the primary purpose for which God created mankind. “**The chief end of man is to glorify God, and enjoy Him forever.**” Westminster Catechism

God is glorified and His kingdom of God is manifested and expressed through His obedient children of God. These are those who are set apart, consecrated, holy priests, living stones, His house, His body, His church, His spiritual temples. (Luke 17:21: 1 Peter 2:5)

Repent and be saved – *Turn away* from sin, selfish worldly ways and rebellion against God, and *turn to* His will, ways, commandments and laws. Be forgiven of sin and saved from death; be baptized and receive the Holy Spirit. *Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*” (Acts 2:38 NLT)

Be filled with the Holy Spirit – Jesus promised to actually live in and through His faithful followers through the indwelling Holy Spirit of God. “...*be filled with the Holy Spirit,*” (Ephesians 5:18 NLT)

Love the Lord – The Lord gave the first and great commandment to wholeheartedly **love the Lord**. “*And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.*” (Mark 12:30 NLT) Without true love, we can do nothing because *love never fails.* (1 Corinthians 13:8)

This is the key to the door that opens the way into the kingdom of God.

Love our neighbors – Second, the Lord commanded His followers to love their neighbors as He loves them. When our neighbors are loved with godly unselfish, sacrificial love, they will know that believers are *from* God and not a part of this present evil & selfish world system - but that the kingdom of God is truly at hand. *The second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ No other commandment is greater than these.*” (Mark 12:31 NLT)

Submit to God – Jesus is *always* our example to follow. He lived His life on earth without sinning against God, completely surrendered and submitting His will to the perfect will of His Father in heaven. Jesus always obeyed His Father in heaven, and prayed before He was

crucified: “*Not My will but your will be done.*” Live according to the Word of God. “*...I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.* (Romans 12:1 NASB 1 Peter 2:13-15)

Be pure – Live a life that is pure and free from sin. Walk worthy of the high, holy calling of God. *For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;* (1 Thessalonians 4:3 NKJV)

Serve – Jesus showed us that He came to earth to serve others and not to be served. He said that we would be blessed by God when we followed His example and served others in His name. “*...since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other’s feet.* ¹⁵ *I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you.* ¹⁷ *Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them.*” (John 13:14-15, 17 NLT Is. 58:6-12; James 1:22, 27)

Suffer for Christ – Those who are in Christ may be blessed to share in His suffering for the gospel. There is always a price to pay for something of great value. Our everlasting rewards will be based on surrendering our lives and being obedient to the will & ways of the Lord - *but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ’s sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.* (1 Peter 4:13, 19 NKJV Philippians 3:10)

Works – All who are saved receive this free gift by the grace of God; however, Jesus will make His final judgment of our life’s rewards or loss based on our works or acts of righteousness. (Revelation 2:2, 9, 13, 19, 3:1, 8, 15; 19:8) “*... faith without works is dead.* (James 2:20 NLT)

Give thanks – Give praise and thanks giving to God in *all* things, because He is worthy of our praise and thanks. He gave us life. (Genesis 2:17) He freely sent His Son Jesus to die for our sins and gives us an everlasting life of love with Him. (John 3:16-17) As we develop an *attitude of gratitude*, then we will realize just how blessed we are and how loving and generous God is - *in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.* (1 Thes. 5:18 NLT)

Teach and make disciples – The Lord commanded His disciples, including us, to continue to learn what Jesus taught through discipleship, the study of the Word of God in the Bible and in teaching others. The education of our children needs to be taken back for the King and His kingdom. We must teach the *truth*. (John 14:6) We must teach Jesus who **is** the truth. “*Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.* ²⁰ *Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*” (Matthew 28:19-20 NLT)

Be witnesses to Jesus – Believers are given the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit living in them & through them to be witnesses to Jesus to the ends of the earth. “*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—... to the ends of the earth.*” (Acts 1:8 NLT) We are to be obedient witnesses to Jesus as we manifest His kingdom values and godly holy character including:

- Godly sacrificial love, laying down our lives for others
- Bless them with the peace that passes all natural understanding of this world

- Meet the ‘felt needs’ of the lost to open the door to share the truth of the good news of the Kingdom of God. Jesus commanded His disciples to “...**heal the sick there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you’.**” (Luke 10:9 NKJV)
- Imitate Jesus and demonstrate His power of the kingdom. “...*God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.*” (Acts 10:38 NLT)

Seek the kingdom – Seeking after the kingdom of God and the righteousness of God is to be our first priority over any other. The Lord promises to meet all our needs if we will do this. “*seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness...*” (Matthew 6:33 NLT)

Worship – Worship the Lord in spirit and in truth. The love and power comes from God who is Spirit. “... *the time is ... here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship Him that way.* ²⁴ **For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.**” (John 4:23-24 NLT)

Pray – The Lord answers our desperate prayers and our prayers of thanksgiving. As members of the Body of Christ cry out and travail for the Lord to break in and send His Holy Spirit in power to reform His church, revive His body and awaken His bride, we thank Him for doing all this and more; then, He will surely come in His supernatural love and power! *Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing* (1 Thessalonians 5:16-17 NLT)

"God does nothing but by the prayers of His saints." John Wesley

Prayer in the most neglected calling in the body of Christ in this day. Prayer is also the most critical discipline to cultivate. **Clearly hearing and obeying the voice of the Lord will become increasingly critical as we draw closer to the close of this age...**with all its shaking to come. As the church - the members of the Body of Christ - join together in unity and prayers of agreement with the plans and purposes of God, then He will pour out His Spirit in power to miraculously accomplish what we can never do in our own strength.

In answer to the prayers of the saints, the Lord will manifest His presence and be glorified on the earth. He will pour out His Spirit with great grace, mercy and love to save the lost, heal the sick and brokenhearted and set captives free from depression and oppression. This has already started to happen around the places of prayer that the Lord is raising up around the world.

Day and night prayers on earth come into harmony with the day and nights worship in heaven.

Prayers to restore Israel – The Bible tells us that we are blessed to pray for one city, His kingdom capital city Jerusalem. *Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May they prosper who love you.”* (Psalm 122:6 NKJV) It will take literally millions of members of the body of Christ in the nations around the world praying in unity and agreement to release the great power of God - to save the Jews of the world and restore Israel to their full God-given purposes and destiny.

Restoration of the Kingdom of God on earth

The Kingdom of God is both here *now* and *will come* in fullness in the next age to come.

The Kingdom of God - the perfect will and ways of God - existed in the Garden of Eden before Adam and Eve believed the lies of the serpent, acted upon the lies and disobeyed God. Sin came into the world and mankind fell from the perfect fellowship with God that he was created to have. God created mankind and gave them dominion to rule over the earth in partnership with His perfect will and plans. Through the doubt, unbelief, disobedience and sin of Adam and Eve, dominion was given to the devil - and the demons who followed him - in rebellion against God.

The kingdom of God - the perfect will of God - was restored on the earth when Jesus came the first time, and lived His life in complete obedience to the will of God the Father and fulfilled all righteousness. Jesus was the seed that would die to bring forth the great harvest of souls into a fully-restored kingdom of God in the next age to come.

The kingdom of God *is* manifested partially *now* on earth through the submitted and obedient hearts and lives of the saints: the true believers and faithful followers of Jesus Christ. The kingdom of God on earth *will* be manifested in *fullness* when Jesus returns to earth a second time to rule and reign over all the nations of the earth in the age to come.

The kingdom of God exists now wherever the will of God is done

What is the Kingdom of God like?

Jesus taught about the kingdom of God (or the kingdom of heaven) more than any other subject. He taught that the kingdom is:

- At hand or with us now on earth. (Matthew 4:17)
- Coming down from heaven in answer to our prayers. (Matthew 6:10)
- A secure place to store our *treasure* forever. (Matthew 6:20-21)
- That we are to *seek* it as our first priority. (Matthew 6:33)
- Like a very small *mustard seed* which grows into a great tree. (Matthew 13:31-32)
- Like leaven that starts small but fills the whole loaf of bread. (Matthew 13:33)
- *The world, of the good seeds, the sons of the kingdom*, mixed with *the tares, the sons of the wicked one* which will be separated at the end of the age. (Matthew 13:37-43)
- Like a *great treasure* which is worth more than all that we possess. (Matthew 13:44)
- Like a *pearl of great price* which is worth more than all that we have. (Matthew 13:45-46)
- Like a *dragnet* that catches all kinds of fish which are later sorted, the good from the bad. (Matthew 13:47-52)
- Not of this world. It is from heaven. (John 18:36)

How to enter the kingdom of God?

- **Through the door** – “*Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.”* (John 10:7; 14:6)
- **Through thanksgiving and praise** – “*Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.*” (Psalm 100:4; 22:3)
- **Through worship and prayer** – “*One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple.*” (Psalm 27:4 NKJV)
- **Through obedience** – “*He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.*” (John 14:21 NKJV; Matthew 7:21)
- **Through faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, love** – “*But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,⁶ to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness,⁷ to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.¹⁰ Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;¹¹ for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*” (2 Peter 1:5-7, 10-11 NKJV)
- **Through faithfulness** – “*His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’*” (Matthew 25:21 NKJV)
- **Like children** – “*Then he said, “I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven.”* (Matthew 18:3 NLT)
- **Drawing near** – *Draw near to God and He will draw near to you....* (James 4:8)
- **Dwelling in the house of the Lord** – This is the place of praise and worship in the manifest presence of the Spirit of the Lord. *That I may dwell in the house of the LORD* (Psalm 27:4; 22:3)
- **Adoring the Lord** – This is the place of encounter, “*...to behold the beauty of the Lord...*” (Psalm 27:4) Adoration is truly loving the Lord for who He is and focusing on His beauty, goodness, mercy, grace, love, wisdom, and kindness. Simply lavishing our love on Him for He is worthy!
- **Inquiring of the Lord** – This is asking “*...to inquire in His temple.*” (Psalm 27:4)

The Great Awakening of the Bride of Christ

The Lord is now beginning to *awaken* His bride by the kiss of His Spirit...by pouring out His great redeeming love...by setting the captives free to walk in love, joy, peace and freedom. When these awakened and liberated followers of Christ share their testimonies of God's great gifts with others, they will awaken the need and desire to receive these free gifts from God. The Lord freely gives these great gifts to demonstrate His great love mercy and grace. This **Great Awakening** of the Bride of Christ by the Holy Spirit is promised in Bible prophecy. "*In the last days, ' God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams.*" (Acts 2:17 NLT; Amos 9:11)

Justice and compassion

The Spirit led IHOP-KC in 2009 to combine 24/7 **prayers** for justice with 24/7 **acts** of justice.

Historically, when the Spirit comes with revival, the church is convicted with repentance by turning *from* sin and turning *to* holiness. This leads to the release of the Holy Spirit, as on Pentecost, with the joy of the Lord from the Spirit like *wine*, as a *sound* and as the refiner's *fire*. The followers of Christ will serve as His hands, feet and voice to a hurting world.

The refiner's fire

Like hot lava flowing out across the land, the refiner's fire burns up all the *wood, hay and stubble* - the worldly works of no everlasting value - and only the refined righteousness acts of the saints will remain. The kingdom of God will expand and be established on the earth - one changed & refined heart, life, family, community and nation at a time.

The grace of God is the power of the Spirit of God working in believers to live up to His high, holy standard of righteousness.

As we agree and cooperate with the work of the Holy Spirit, we are set apart to God and consecrated... to be filled with more of Christ's nature and less of our natural natures. (John 3:30) This is a supernatural work of the Spirit overcoming our selfish, self-centered flesh.

The Lord is building His house

Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted.... (Psalm 127:1 NLT)

The Lord is building His house on earth Himself to be His **house of prayer**. "... *'My Temple will be called a house of prayer for all nations, '...'*" (Mark 11:17 NLT Isaiah 56:7)

Kingdom government

The church is not a place to **go**; the church is a family of people empowered by the Spirit to **be** the government of God, serving in humility, representing the Lord on the earth in all areas of society until He returns. People say that they want to change their leaders. God put this desire in

the hearts of mankind to seek His perfect holy will, ways and peace. Jesus said to pray this way, “*Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*” (Matthew 6:10) As we pray for God’s will and peace, we pray for Jesus to come to earth as the Prince of Peace, our King. The obedient, praying church of Jesus Christ is the earthly representative of the kingdom of God government on earth *now*, with the *keys* to bind and loose in the Spirit in agreement with the will of God. ¹⁸ *...I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.* ¹⁹ *And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you **bind** on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you **loose** on earth will be loosed in heaven.*” (Matthew 16:18-19 NKJV)

Ambassadors of Christ

Ambassadors represent a government to a foreign government. Christ’s followers are invited to become **ambassadors of Christ**, and represent His government of heaven in their lives, family, communities and nations. Christ calls His followers to pray, joining together in unity and agreement with the plans and purposes of God...and that His *kingdom will come and His will, will be done on earth as it is in heaven*, through His family, His church and the citizens of His kingdom. Ambassadors of the Lord manifest and proclaim the kingdom of God, and minister in the spirit of *reconciliation* to God and to others. *Now then, we are **ambassadors for Christ**, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, **be reconciled to God.*** (2 Corinthians 5:20 NKJV)

Tabernacles

Tabernacles are holy places for a Holy God to meet with His holy people. It has always been the plan of God to meet with and commune with mankind on the earth.

The Garden of Eden

The Garden of Eden was a perfect place prepared by God to meet with His creation - the first man and woman, Adam and Eve - before they believed a lie, disobeyed Him and fell into rebellion and sin. “*When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard **the LORD God walking about in the garden...***” (Genesis 3:8 NLT)

We were created in the image of God to experience His glorious manifest presence among us, and to glorify or reflect the Lord through our lives. “*The LORD God took the man and **put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.***” (Genesis 2:15 NASB)

Children of God are to *cultivate* the garden of their hearts as a place of meeting a Holy God.

The Tabernacle of Witness

The tabernacle is a picture of a *holy place* set apart and consecrated by God, a properly-prepared place on earth, the *place of meeting* between God and man. God is Holy and He hates sin, so He cannot be in the presence of sin without destroying it. God gave Moses the plans, and told him to

divinely construct a tent as a place to worship God...a place where the priests could minister to Him, make sacrifices and worship Him. The Bible called this the ‘Tabernacle of Meeting’ or the ‘Tabernacle of Witness’ - a *holy place* for God to meet with man. This tabernacle was built around the Ark of the Covenant to the exact design given by God to Moses. The Ark of the Covenant represented the glorious *presence* of God on the earth. (Exodus 25-27) The manifest presence of God actually *dwelled* among His people, the nation of Israel. *And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night.* (Exodus 13:21-22; 14:24; 40:38)

Priests

God established a holy order to minister to Him. Only the prepared priests could come into the manifest presence and glory of God. The priests were those who were *set apart, consecrated* and *sanctified* by God, and allowed to be *cleansed* and come into His presence without being destroyed. Only the **high priest** could enter the Holy of Holies, before the **presence** of God, once each year to make atonement with blood, to *cover the sin* of the nation of Israel. (Exodus 28)

The Tabernacle of David

King David was given a revelation of heavenly worship to the Lord with music and song. He spent the equivalent of billions of dollars of his own money to have teams of Levites, 4000 gatekeepers, 4000 musicians and 288 singers praise God continually night and day, in the tabernacle over the ark of the covenant, to attract the manifest glorious presence of God. (1 Chronicles 25, Psalm 22:3) This was a model on earth of the worship that is taking place day and night around the throne of God in Heaven right now. (Revelation 4:8; 5:8; 7:9)

The Temple in Jerusalem

King David wanted to replace the tabernacle tent, and build a permanent house of God as a place of worship. The Lord told him that he was a man of war and had blood on his hands, so he could not build the temple of God. However, David received the divine plans by the Spirit for his son, Solomon, to build the Temple in Jerusalem. (1 Chronicles 28:12, 19) When the Temple was completed and dedicated by King Solomon with extravagant sacrifices, then the *glory* of the Spirit of God came from heaven with fire and filled the Temple. (2 Chronicles 7)

¹ *When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and **the glory of the LORD filled the temple.*** ² *And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because **the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD's house.***

³ *When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD on the temple, **they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the LORD, saying:***

“For He is good, For His mercy endures forever.”

⁴ Then **the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD.** ⁵ King Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty-two thousand bulls and one hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the people dedicated the house of God. ⁶ And **the priests attended to their services; the Levites also with instruments of the music of the LORD, which King David had made to praise the LORD, saying, “For His mercy endures forever,”** whenever David offered praise by their ministry. The priests sounded trumpets opposite them, while all Israel stood. (2 Chronicles 7:1-6)

⁸ At that time **Solomon kept the feast seven days, (Feast of Tabernacle) and all Israel with him, a very great assembly....** ⁹ And on the eighth day they held a sacred assembly, for they observed the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days. ¹⁰ ... he sent the people away to their tents, **joyful and glad of heart for the good that the LORD had done for David, for Solomon, and for His people Israel.** (2 Chronicles 7:8-10 NKJV)

God’s Second Appearance to Solomon

¹² Then the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him: **“I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice.,** ¹⁴ **if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land..** (2 Chronicles 7:12-15 NKJV)

The 40-year reign of King Solomon in Jerusalem was considered the golden age of Israel.

“The king made silver and gold as common in Jerusalem as stones.” (2 Chronicles 1:15) In answer to King Solomon’s prayer, God blessed him with great wisdom. God also gave him great wealth and peace because of the faithfulness of his father King David. This great blessing from God was centered on the daily sacrifices and praise offered by the priests in the Temple in Jerusalem, His *house of prayer*. The Bible records several revivals of God’s blessing over Jerusalem, whenever the ‘*order of David*’ for continual prayer, sacrificial worship and praise was restored by the King. This gives a picture of the restoration of Israel in the age to come, when Jesus will return to rule and reign over all the nations of the earth from His throne in Jerusalem.

Jesus, our High Priest and living Temple of God

God - by His great love, grace and mercy - sent His Son Jesus to earth to die as a perfect and righteous *sacrifice* for all the sins of mankind...so we would not have to spend eternity in hell, separated from God. Praise God! (Genesis 25:8-9, 22; 28)

When Jesus came out of the wilderness, He was filled with the power of the Holy Spirit of God. **Then Jesus returned to Galilee, filled with the Holy Spirit’s power.** (Luke 4:14 NLT)

Jesus actually showed the glory of the Spirit of God upon Him to His disciples Peter, James and John on the mountain. **As the men watched, Jesus’ appearance was transformed so that his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light.** (Matthew 17:2 NLT) Jesus became our High Priest who entered the true Holy of Holies in heaven and made atonement, a sacrifice by His own blood once and for all. This made a way for those who receive the Lord’s sacrifice by faith to return back to a relationship with God the Father through the righteousness of Christ.

¹⁹... *having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,* ²⁰ *by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,* ²¹ *and having a High Priest over the house of God,* ²² *let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, ...".* (Hebrews 10:19-22 NLT)

Holy priests, spiritual temples of God

Jesus Christ - by His great love, sacrifice and grace - made His holy priesthood available to all His true believers, His true surrendered disciples. The saints of God are now called to become His own possession, His *holy priests* and *spiritual temples*, the *dwelling* place of His Spirit. ⁵...*you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God.* ⁹...*, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession.* (1 Peter 2:5, 9 NLT)

The Bible tells us that our *spiritual sacrifices* include:

Our lives: "...*I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.*" (Romans 12:1 NLT Ephesians 5:1-2)

Our gifts: "... *I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me.... They are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God.*" (Philippians 4:18 NLT)

Our praise: "... *let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to his name.*" (Hebrews 13:15 NLT)

Our service: *And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.* (Hebrews 13:16 NLT)

Our repentant hearts: *The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.* (Psalm 51:17 NLT)

Now, at this moment, we have a holy, everlasting mediator, ...*we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God,*...(Hebrews 4:14 NLT) and as His sanctified priests we are invited to "*come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.*" (Hebrews 4:16 NLT)

The Bible says, "... *you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people."* (2 Corinthians 6:16 NKJV)

The manifest presence of God will dwell in and among His holy people, His priests. His people are commanded to build a *tabernacle, a holy place* to meet with God in their hearts.

The holy of holies, the meeting place of God, is now located *within* the saints of God!

How do we enter this holy place?

- First **love the Lord** wholeheartedly. (Mark 12:30)
- **Repent**, turn *away* from sinful rebellious, selfish worldly ways and turn *to* the righteous, just and holy ways of the Lord. (Matthew 4:17, Mark 1:15, Acts 2:38)
- **Confess** sin and disobedience and be cleansed of all unrighteousness by the pure, holy sacrificial blood of Jesus Christ. (1 John 1:9)
- **Receive** the free gift of God's righteousness. (Romans 5:17)
- **Seek** the Lord and honor His presence by being thankful in *all* things, prayer, praise, worship, faith, passion and love. (Proverbs 8:17)
- **Live holy** lives before the Lord. "...*Be holy, for I am holy.*" (1 Peter 1:16 NKJV)
- **Draw closer to the Lord.** (James 4:8)

Become a holy habitation for the Spirit of God, and glorify God! All this will take time and devotion to wholeheartedly love, thank, praise, worship and obey the Lord.

The new creations prepared as the new tabernacle

Those who are born again by the Spirit of God have become a *new creation* in Christ, with all things becoming new. This refers to the new creation of our "spirit man." **Our spirit man was made alive in Christ, and made righteous.**

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new...²¹ we...become the righteousness of God... (2 Corinthians 5:17, 21)

God created humans with three parts—**spirit, soul, and body**. Man *is a spirit*, who *has a soul*, and *lives in a body*. Just as we train our body and soul, we must also receive training related to our spirit.

Your...spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of...Christ.
(1 Thessalonians 5:23)

Mankind was created with a spirit so that we could relate to God who is Spirit. Our spirit is the place where we communicate with God directly, and enables us to receive from the Holy Spirit...who guides us into all truth. Our soul refers to our personality, consisting of our mind, emotions and will.

Our body has five senses, which enable us to receive information from the physical world around us. Before the first man Adam sinned, his spirit governed his soul and body. His five senses were subject to his spirit. After he sinned, he became spiritually dead. He lost his ability to relate to God. Everything was reversed: his body, his five senses and his soul, emotions, all gained power over his spirit. His spirit became subordinate to his senses. His spirit lost dominion and his five senses took over.

At the new birth, our spirit is joined to the Holy Spirit. Thus, we are filled with God's supernatural life.

*But he who is **joined** to the Lord is **one spirit with Him**.* (1 Corinthians 6:17)

At the new birth, our spirit man was **created** anew, but not our body or soul. The spirit in man was 're-created'. We were so radically 're-fashioned' that we are called "created" (Ephesians 2:10; 4:24; Colossians 3:10).

*Put on the **new man** which was **created**...in true **righteousness and holiness**.* (Eph. 4:24)

*Put on the **new man** who is...according to the image of Him who **created** him...* (Colossians 3:10)

***For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus**...* (Ephesians 2:10)

The fullness of our salvation is experienced in time: past, present, and future. One third of our salvation is complete: the salvation of our spirit.

- 1. Past:** we *have been* saved, this is **justification**. Our **spirit** was created anew in holiness.
- 2. Present:** we *are being* saved, this is **sanctification**. Our **soul** is growing and refined in purity.
- 3. Future:** we *will be* saved, this is **glorification**. Our new **body** will be resurrected in glory.

Our new spirit man is righteous now and forever. Just as Jesus stands righteous before God and possesses righteousness in His spirit, **so do we...even in this age!**

*We have boldness...because **as He is**, so are we **in this world**.* (1 John 4:17)

As the *old creation*, mankind was under **condemnation** before God. We were **powerless** before sin at the heart level. We were living under **darkness**, lacking the ability to understand the Word of God or to receive divine guidance for our life. We were **destitute**, without hope of a good future in God.

As *new creations*, our **condemnation** passed away. Now, we can feel confident that **God enjoys** us. Our **powerlessness** and **darkness** have passed. Now, by the **authority of Jesus' name** and the **indwelling Spirit**, we can walk in victory over sin and receive a new understanding of God, His Word and His will. Our former **destitution** has past. Now we have a **divine destiny** in God.

Because our spirit-man is very different from our soul and body, it cannot be discerned by our soul, emotions or the five senses of our body. It is called "hidden" from our senses. The Bible says that our true life - or our spirit-man - in this age is being "hidden" in Christ.

*The **hidden** person of the heart, with the **incorruptible** beauty of a gentle spirit* (1 Pt. 3:4)

*For you died, and **your life is hidden** with Christ in God.* (Colossians 3:3)

Our **primary orientation** in our spiritual life shifts to being led by our spirit instead of by our five senses, physical appetites and emotions. This is called ‘walking according to the Spirit’. We walk according to the Spirit (Romans 8:1, 4, 5) by living with confidence that we are enjoyed by God, as we talk with the indwelling Spirit and live guided by the truth of the Word.

*For those who **live according to the flesh** set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who **live according to the Spirit**, the things of the Spirit. (Romans 8:5)*

We are **transformed** by changing the way we think. We must live in agreement with God’s Word. Only as our mind breaks its agreement with our flesh, our five senses, emotions and selfish worldly ways, are we freed. The renewing of our mind always includes the **faith confession** of the Word back to God.

*Be **transformed** by the **renewing of your mind**... (Romans 12:2)*

The “spirit of our mind” speaks of the whole atmosphere and perspective of our inner life. This involves filling our mind with the truth, which turns our life away from the evil world and more toward our spirit man.

*Put off...your former conduct...²³ and be **renewed in the spirit of your mind**. (Ephesians 4:22-23)*

*The new man who is **renewed in knowledge**... (Colossians 3:10)*

*The sharing [experiencing] of your **faith** may become effective by the **acknowledgment** of every **good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus**. (Philemon 6)*

*You shall **know the truth**, and the truth shall make you free. (John 8:32)*

The Word works in us, and proves the truth of the Word in our lives by confessing it.

*The word of God, which also **effectively works in you** who believe.
(1 Thessalonians 2:13) 2*

The Lord’s ways are not our ways, but if we will partake of His word and open ourselves to the flow of the Holy Spirit, then out of our innermost being will flow rivers of living water. Then, the manifestation of the kingdom will flow into the world...guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Faith in the Lord and His Word are our foundation that supports us in our kingdom life.

This is how the kingdom of God is manifested on earth now: through wholeheartedly surrendered, spirit-filled believers, followers and new creations in Christ.

Nazirite Consecration

Lou Engle teaches about the Nazirites. These are people who freely choose to forgo worldly pleasures, and vow to be set apart and consecrated to be used for the divine purposes of God.

“Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘When either a man or woman consecrates an offering to take the vow of a Nazirite, to separate himself to the LORD,’ (Numbers 6:2 -20)

"America is receiving Her apostles, prophets, and evangelists, but She has not yet seen Her Nazirites!" This audible voice from the Lord reverberated through my whole being, jarring me out of a deep sleep into a wakened attentiveness to the Holy Spirit. I knew that the Lord had spoken to me.

In fact, God's answer had come quickly to my heart's searching the night before when my 13-year old son had asked permission with determined insistence to take the Nazirite vow of Numbers 6:1-21. In his persistence, he said to me, "Dad, I don't want to cut my hair until TheCall DC" which was 8 months away at the time. He continued, "I don't want to eat meats and sweets until TheCall and I want to go on a juice fast the 40 days before TheCall. And Dad, I don't want to play baseball this year. I want to run with you and pray for revival in America."

The voice of the Lord could not have been any clearer to me through that audible voice encounter. I could hear the Lord saying to me through that encounter: "Lou, do not hinder your son from being extreme for Me. Let the young man go for it. Let him go as far as he can go with his consecration before Me. I am the One raising up the Nazirites." With fear and trembling, I knew what He was saying and I knew the holy admonition of Amos 2:11-12 where God thundered, *"I raised up some of your sons as prophets, and some of your young men as Nazirites... But you gave the Nazirites wine to drink, and commanded the prophets saying, 'Do not prophesy!'"*

I believe that God is saying in this passage, that He was and is the One who stirs up this counter-cultural youth movement of prophets and fasting and praying Nazirites who are the dreamers that shift the destiny of nations. I knew from the encounter that night that God is raising up a new breed in America that will not be known so much for its gifts and position, but for its passion. They would be known more for their fasting and hunger for God than for their feasting and games.

God is raising up His Nazirites

As I read the Scriptures, I believe the Lord makes very clear the reasons why He raises up Nazirites throughout history: to save a nation from Her enemies (Samson), to restore a nation to its moral foundations and establish a worship and prayer movement (Samuel), and to raise up a "voice" burning like a torch that can turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the rebellious back to the wisdom of the righteous (John the Baptist); and thus, prepare a nation to receive the visitation of Jesus Christ.

Because of this scriptural vision and hope of the Nazirites, a week after the 1997 Promise Keepers' Stand in the Gap gathering in Washington, DC, I prophesied at a youth/young adult conference in the deserts of the Southwest that God was raising up a young Nazirite, John the Baptist movement that would go to the Mall in Washington, DC, to fast

and pray for a spiritual awakening in America. I declared that when they would go to fast and pray; it would be a sign that America is turning to God.

On September 2, 2000, over 400,000 people gathered to the Mall in Washington, DC, for the first TheCall DC gathering. I believe that solemn assembly was a fulfillment of the prophecy I received in 1997 in the deserts of the Southwest, and it was a sign from heaven that this nation was turning to God.

And after 8 months of his Nazirite separation and preparation before the Lord, when my 13-year old son prayed at TheCall DC for the Nazirites to arise in this nation, a roar shook that field in agreement and a generation was marked. Today, wherever I travel across America, I run into young people who were there that day in 2000 and say that the Nazirite call changed their lives forever. I still believe that, despite a darkening culture around us, this nation can turn back to God because America is beginning to receive Her Nazirites in this hour of our nation's history.

The Nazirite Summons

Two thousand years ago, there was a Burning Man who roamed the deserts of Judea. His name was John the Baptist. History tells us that hundreds of thousands of Jews went out into the wilderness to see this Nazirite Burning Man - the one Jesus called "*a bright and blazing torch*". He would turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the rebellious to the wisdom of the righteous, and prepared a whole nation for the coming of Jesus.

God is raising up a Burning Man generation, and calling out for thousands of young people to consecrate themselves to the Lord as Nazirites and become the hinge of history for this nation, turning it back to God.

The Lord is calling His Nazirites to fast and pray. "*Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, gather to us there. Our God will fight for us*" (Nehemiah 4:20). [3](#)

We are beginning to see an emerging company of Believers rising around the world today with a great hunger to know their God and do great exploits with Him. The Body of Christ is growing into a more maturity in Christ. These new sons and daughters of God are after the Kingdom of power and glory, and God is answering them with miracles, signs and wonders, as He promised. As they turn from the past, God promises we will be able to step into the new. It's time for the new. Now is the time to step out in faith and move forward. Moving forward together in unity as the Glory of God unfold around them, moving in faith deeper into the new, fresh things of God.

Kingdom of Priests

The Lord calls His obedient people His *special treasure*, His **kingdom of priests**.

"... if you will obey Me and keep My covenant, you will be My own special treasure from among all the peoples on earth; And you will be My Kingdom of priests, My holy nation."... (Exodus 19:5-6 (NLT))

".... All glory to Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding His Blood for us. He has made us a Kingdom of priests for God His Father. All glory and power to Him forever and ever! Amen. (Revelation 1:5-6 (NLT)) "... "You are worthy to take the scroll and break its seals and open it. For You were slaughtered, and Your Blood has ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. And You have caused them to become a Kingdom of priests for our God. And they will reign on the earth." (Revelation 5:9-10 (NLT))

A Holy Nation Set Apart for God

The Lord wants a holy obedient nation of priests who are set apart for His use. Jesus - as our High Priest on the earth - healed the sick, set the captives free, fed the poor and taught. A high priest is one who is set apart for God, intimate with Him and ministers to others in partnership with God.

King David carried a high priest calling. He was one who was passionate for God and gave the Lord extravagant praise and worship. He was sanctified for the use of God, and had compassion for the people.

As a Kingdom of priests, we will be sacrificing our lives for the greater high calling of God. This call is to minister to God and to His people. The more we sanctify ourselves for this call to fight for mankind, the more we will see our lives and others' lives changed to reflect and glorify the life of Christ.

Ministers to Represent Christ to the World

We represent the Kingdom of God by gathering the people of God together to the greater cause of spreading the good news of the King, and the Kingdom of God and making disciples of all.

Jesus prayed to the Father in John 17 that we would become one, just as He and the Father are one. This is an intimate relationship between mankind and the Father through prayer and worship. We are also called to become one in spirit with one another. This comes from covenant unity within the Body of Christ.

Jesus says that God the Father loves us just as much as He loves Himself, and He is the High Priest. Jesus prays for the people who will come to God through our words; He also prays to *"Sanctify them by Your truth."* Priests minister to God through intimate relationship with Him, and then minister to His people through intimate relationship with each other. These priests, these ministers represent Christ to the world. Through our sanctified lives, we will draw the world to God. Then we will become a Kingdom of priests serving God, and then His people. ⁴

Restoration of the tabernacle of prayer

One of the primary prophetic words spoken about the future IHOP-KC prayer ministry came during a 21-day fast from May 7 - 28, 1983, was a calling to:

“Night and day prayer with singers and musicians in the spirit of the tabernacle of David, This restoration of night and day prayer is leading to the restoration of Israel and the return of Jesus to the earth.”

The prophet Bob Jones said at the time that, “It was critical to stay faithful to this calling.”

The Bible prophecy promises that God will restore the house of David and this house of prayer ministry to Himself through out the world leading to the restoration of *Israel back to the land.* (Amos 9:11-15)

And the Lord also said, *“Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And **make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.”*** (Isaiah 56:7 NKJV)

The altar of incense and prayer

A fire shall always be burning on the altar; it shall never go out. (Leviticus 6:13 NKJV)

This is one of the foundational scriptures mounted on the wall of the Global Prayer Room at IHOP-KC. This altar of incense was before the entrance to the Holy of Holies, the holy manifest presence of God. This raising incense represents the prayers of the saints. (Revelation 5:8) Now we are told to **pray without ceasing** (1 Thessalonians 5:17) night and day, as they are doing now around the throne of God in heaven. (Revelation 4:8) This covers and prepares believing and obedient priests to enter into the holy *presence* of the Lord in the Spirit. (John 4:23-24)

The Lord is also attracted and enthroned in the praise of the saints. ³... ***You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.*** (saints of God) (Psalm 22:2 NLT)

Restoration of Israel

The restoration of Israel is central to the end time plans of the Lord. The Lord, by His sovereign action, will restore all the scattered tribes of Israel out of the nations and back to the Promised Land. He will bring unity to all His people in the world, both Jew and Gentile. *“...He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself **one new people** (mankind) from the two groups.”* (Ephesians 2:15 NLT)

We have a prophetic picture of this unity between Jew and Gentile in Jacob’s favorite son, Joseph, and his sons who were born to him by his Egyptian wife. Jacob gave Joseph a coat of *many colors*, which may represent the colors of the many nations [or, tribes] that came from him. *Now **Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors.*** (Genesis 37:3 NKJV) The Apostle Paul wrote about the Gentiles being *grafted in* by God into the holy *root* of Israel, represented as a cultivated olive tree. (Romans 11:16-19)

The double blessing on Joseph’s sons, Ephraim and Manasseh

Joseph came to his father Jacob and brought with him his two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh. Jacob said, “*And now your two sons, [Ephraim and Manasseh], who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, are mine. [I am adopting them, and now] as Reuben and Simeon, [they] shall be mine.* (Genesis 48:5 AMP) This meant that Joseph’s two sons would be included in the tribes of Israel. By this, Israel was giving his son, Joseph, a double portion. God told Jacob who He renamed Israel,... “*I am El-Shaddai—‘God Almighty.’ Be fruitful and multiply. You will become a great nation, even many nations. Kings will be among your descendants!*” (Genesis 35:11 NLT)

Joseph brought his sons to his father, then Israel embraced them, lay his hands on them and set them apart for his blessing. Joseph had purposely arranged his sons so that the older, Manasseh, was standing on Israel’s right side and the younger son, Ephraim, was standing on his left side. [The right hand signifying the greater blessing to be placed on Manasseh.] His father, Israel, however, crossed his hands and put the right hand on Ephraim and the left on Manasseh. Joseph tried to correct what he thought was a mistake by his nearly-blind father. Israel explained that crossing of his hands was on purpose. “*But his father refused and said, “I know, my son, I know. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great; but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his descendants shall become a multitude of nations.”* ²⁰ So he blessed them that day, saying, “*By you Israel will bless, saying, ‘May God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh!’”* And thus he set Ephraim before Manasseh. (Genesis 48:19-20 NKJV)

Israel told Joseph that his older son Manasseh was to become a **great people**, but that Ephraim was to become a **multitude of nations**.

And Jacob called his sons and said, “Gather together, that I may tell you what shall befall you in the last days. (Genesis 49:1 NKJV) Jacob actually gave an end time prophecy over his sons, who formed the 12 tribes of Israel that would still exist at the end of this age. Jacob’s sons, including his *adopted* sons Ephraim and Manasseh, received the covenant birthright blessings of national greatness. They went on to grow into the 12 tribes of Israel. 10 tribes later formed the northern nation of Israel, which separated from the southern nation of Judah after the death of King Solomon. The Lord promised to gather all these lost tribes of Israel back from the nations, and establish them in the land forever.

“*On that day I will raise up The tabernacle of David, (his throne and his house of prayer) which has fallen down, and repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, And rebuild it as in the days of old;* ¹² ... Says **the LORD who does this thing.** ¹⁴ **I will bring back the captives of My people Israel;** They shall build the waste cities and inhabit them;... ¹⁵ **I will plant them in their land, And no longer shall they be pulled up from the land I have given them,**” Says the LORD your God. (Amos 9:11-12, 14-15 NKJV)

This is all part of the plan of God to show His great mercy to all the nations of the world. *For God has consigned (penned up) all men to disobedience, only that He may have mercy on them all* [alike]. (Romans 11:32 AMP)

God calls all the nations to pray in agreement with His plans for Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6), and to return His Son, the Prince of Peace, Lord of Lords and King of Kings to the throne in Jerusalem

and restore Israel to all of His covenant promises. (Romans 9:4; 11) The praying, worshipping church - the body of Christ, the Bride of Christ - will partner with the Lord in His great work of cleansing the earth of evil and uniting all: Jew and Gentile nations together in harmony as **one new mankind** living in peace through Christ. (Ephesians 2:15, 1 Corinthians 3:16)

Restoration of the Kingdom of God

The good news is that the Lord is returning to earth to restore His kingdom of God in all its fullness, and in the perfect order of His creation. Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. ...(Genesis 1:31 NKJV)

When Jesus started His public ministry, He said, ***“The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent,”*** (Mark 1:15) Repent, turn from selfish worldly ways and turn to the holy perfect will of God. Jesus brought the manifestation of the kingdom of heaven to earth when the Holy Spirit came upon Him and remained. The Bible tells us, ***“...God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.”*** (Acts 10:38 NKJV)

Jesus was demonstrating the character of His Father in heaven and the qualities of the Kingdom of God when He walked on the earth. God’s divine assignment: ***“Jesus came to seek and save that which was lost.”*** (Luke 19:10) Jesus gave His disciples the same supernatural authority to heal the sick, cast out demons and to proclaim the Kingdom of God that He was given. ***“...heal the sick there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’”*** (Luke 10:9)

The coming glorious kingdom

“...No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.” (1 Corinthians 2:9 NLT)

This world that the Lord has created for us is awesome and very beautiful; however, what the Lord has prepared for those who truly love Him and remain faithful to the end, will be far beyond any of our present perception and imagination. What is coming is a kingdom of far-surpassing supernatural beauty, love, peace and joy...where the Lord’s family members [His bride] will live in the glorious presence of the Lord...with all sorrow, sickness, pain, evil and death removed forever!

Restoration of ALL things

Peter said, ***“...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,”*** (Acts 3:20-21 NKJV)

What are some of the things that were lost to be restored in the Kingdom of God?

- The divine covenant relationship between God and mankind. (Genesis 3:6)
- The God-blessed covenant relationship between husband and wife. (Genesis 3:16)
- The God-blessed relationship with mankind and the land. (Genesis 3:17)
- The sanctified place of meeting with God in the garden of our hearts. (Genesis 3:23)

- The God-blessed relationship between bothers in the family of God. (Genesis 4:8-10)
- The true understanding between mankind. (Genesis 11:7)
- The complete trust and faith in the truth of the Word of God. (John14:6)
- The Jews and the Nation of Israel. (Romans 11)

All will be restored when Jesus returns to earth. If we want Him to come and set up his glorious kingdom of love, joy, peace, joy, righteousness and justice, then there is much work to be done in partnership *with* the Spirit of the Lord & not *for* Him. We are to abide in Jesus Christ, for apart from Him we can do nothing.

- **Pray** without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:16)
- **Listen** to His still small voice every day.
- **Obey** what we learn in the Bible and be guided by the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit [Voice of God] & the Bible [Word of God] will always be in perfect agreement, since the Holy Spirit is the Author and He inspired men to write the Bible. (2 Timothy 3:16) Jesus came to earth as the Word of God made flesh. (John 1:14) He lived His entire life of 33 years on earth in perfect submission & obedience to the will of God the Father...and to the laws and commandments of God. He *fulfilled* the law with His righteousness, and gives His righteousness to mankind as a free gift of His grace.

Kingdom of God Communities

As the saints, the vessels of the Holy Spirit, come together in unity in covenant communities as members of the family of God - surrendered and obedient to the Lord - then the *kingdom* of God and the *glory* of God will be increasingly manifested. Through prayer, praise, worship and service, the kingdom of God [the river of life] will flow through and out of them. (Isaiah 60:1-5)

In the book of Acts, Peter tells the people how to be saved and enter the kingdom of God. *Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."* (Acts 2:38)

The character of the early community of Christ followers was described in Acts 2:42-47

They continued steadfastly in:

- **The apostles' doctrine** (teaching)
- **Fellowship**
- **Prayers**
- **They were together** and **had all things in common** (sharing with one another)
- **They continuing daily with one accord in the temple** (living in unity in worship)
- **Breaking bread from house to house with gladness and simplicity of heart**
- **Praising God and having favor with all** (the favor of God was upon them)
- **And the Lord added to the church daily** (the Lord gives the increase)

They lived together in a covenant of faith and shared love, joy, peace unity and harmony. This was not a man-made utopia with a man-led government; this was a **God-centered community**, a

family of God's children, who were supernaturally empowered and guided by the Holy Spirit. This is the plan of God to demonstrate His superior pleasures over the short-lived counterfeit sinful pleasures of this present fallen world system.

The community of Christ followers, believers and intercessory missionaries - who have gathered around the International House of Prayer in Kansas City - share some of the same characteristics of these first century believers. As more people come from around the world to taste and see what the Lord is doing in and through His houses of prayer and His family, then they will return home with the experience, vision and faith to believe that - by the love, power and grace of God - they will also do a great Spirit-led and empowered work in their own communities.

God's Family of Affection

Mike Bickle speaks of an international "**Family of Affection.**" These redeemed members of the family of God will *come from every nation tribe and tongue* in the world. (Revelation 7:9) They will also come from many different streams in the body of Christ. As these streams *converge*, then a mighty, united river of One Spirit will be formed. The Spirit of God is described as a river flowing from the very throne of God. (Ezekiel 47) Ultimately, we are promised that, "*the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, As the waters cover the sea.*" (Habakkuk 2:14 NKJV)

People come to IHOP-KC from every state in the United States, and countless other countries. One of the largest groups is presently from South Korea. This is not surprising, as large ongoing corporate prayer meetings have been maintained in Korea for decades. As a nation, we need to thank God for His grace in sending His faithful intercessors from beyond our borders to prayerfully support His supernatural work in America. The King of kings is calling His kingdom of God, His family members, to come together in covenant unity, humility, harmony and love, and manifest His-kingdom-of-God-reality on the earth.

God-centered communities

Kingdom of God communities will be centered on the **house of prayer**, the place of prayer, praise and worship...the place of His glorious manifest **presence**.

The 12 tribes of the Nation of Israel camped around the 4 sides of the Tabernacle of Witness, with 3 tribes specifically located on each side. (Numbers 2) Why was this done?

"This is what the LORD spoke, saying: 'By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy; And before all the people I must be glorified.'" (Leviticus 10:3 NKJV)

The whole Nation of Israel was blessed with peace, protection and prosperity when they centered their prayers, worship and obedience around the Temple in Jerusalem.

Citizens of the Kingdom of God

Those who believe in and follow Jesus Christ are called *citizens* of the Kingdom of God.

New citizens of a country often have to take a test to demonstrate that they understand the government and laws of their new country, and to pledge to obey them. When we change our citizenship, we change our laws, values, society, currency and government. Christ's followers are called *citizens of heaven*, the kingdom of God. (Philippians 3:17-20; Ephesians 2:19) These new citizens of the kingdom of God need to learn the laws, values, culture, currency and government of the kingdom of God. Jesus taught about His laws and values in the Sermon-on-the-Mount recorded in the gospel of Matthew chapters 5-7.

Some kingdom of God attributes:

- **Ruler:** The King of kings, Lord of lords Jesus Christ, Son of man and Son of God
- **Government:** is without end (Isaiah 9:7)
- **Constitutional Values:** Sermon on the Mount (Mathew 5-7)
- **Communication:** Prayer (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- **Currency:** Expressions of love and acts of faith while trusting in God (Matthew 6:20-21)
- **Laws:** Commandments, covenants and laws of God.
- **Citizenship requirements:** To believe and lovingly obey Jesus Christ as Lord and King.

Kingdom of God citizenship starts by believing in, following, trusting, obeying and loving Jesus as Savior, Lord and Bridegroom-King. Jesus taught us that to receive all the blessings and benefits of Kingdom of God citizenship, we must, "***Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all will be given to you.***" (Matthew 6:33)

The Kingdom of God grows as we obey the great commission and go make disciples.
(Matthew 28:19-20)

Kingdom of God citizens are also called to be **witnesses** to the good news of Jesus as King and His Kingdom of God. *But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, ... and to the end of the earth.*" (Acts 1:8 NKJV) 3

The great mercy of God

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.
(1 Chronicles 16:34, 41; 2 Chronicles 5:13; 7:3, 6; 20:21 Ezra 3:11 Psalm 100:5; 106:1-2; 118:1-4, 29; 136:1-26; 138:8; Jeremiah 33:11)

The Lord can send great deliverance to the land *if* the people will repent and turn back to Him. (2 Chronicles 7:14) The story of Jonah and the city of Nineveh shows us the great mercy of God. *When God saw what they had done and how they had put a stop to their evil ways, He changed his mind and did not carry out the destruction he had threatened.* (Jonah 3:10 NLT) The Lord is always ready to show His great everlasting mercy *if* the people will repent, turn away from their evil ways and turn back to Him and obey Him. ***Mercy triumphs over judgment.*** (James 2:13)

Prepare for the return of the King

Keep the fire, our prayers, on the altar of worship

Jesus was sent to earth by God the Father. His mission was to reestablish the supernatural Kingdom of God on the earth, and also to redeem humanity through His sacrifice on the Cross of Calvary. Jesus told His disciples that the Kingdom of God is a *Kingdom of Power and Glory* (Matthew 6:13) Jesus proved the truth of this by displaying countless healings, deliverances, miracles, signs and wonders. So as it was with Jesus, so it is to be with His family, because:

"we live like Jesus here in this world." (1 John 4:17 NLT)

For nearly 2,000 years, the kingdom of God has been expanding throughout the world as the body of Christ approaches maturity...the stature of the fullness found in Christ. (Ephesians 4:13) Just as Jesus showed the truth of the message of the kingdom of God with miracles then, God is now raising up - in these last days - an end-time united and obedient army, His Bride: clothed in righteousness...shining forth in the image of the resurrected Christ...displaying the knowledge of the glory of the Lord in the earth. (Ephesians 5:26-27; Habakkuk 2:14) The same miracles Jesus did through His single body, He will now do through a His anointed *corporate* body of Christ on the earth. Jesus calls His disciples His servants, church, body, friends and His bride.

The end of this age and the coming Kingdom of God in the millennium

The clock started on the ‘**End Times**’ when Jesus ascended to heaven. ⁶ There He will remain until the time of the *restoration of all things*. (Act 3:21)

“This is the greatest transition in human history.” Allen Hood, President IHOPU

We are now in the midst of this historic *transition* from being residents of a fallen, sinful and rebellious planet filled with evil; to become citizens of a glorious world of forgiven, cleansed, set apart, consecrated and sanctified intercessors, worshippers, and priests who will rule and reign with Christ over all the nations of the earth. This will happen after Satan and his demons are bound and cast into Hades, removed from their present position of having sway over the earth.

Be prepared for the final chapter of this great transition from this church age to the next age of the fullness of the kingdom of God coming to earth. This present age will end when Jesus returns to earth to defeat evil and set up His kingdom government in Jerusalem. The last 7 years of this age are called the time of *Jacob’s trouble* or the *great tribulation*. Jesus tells us to be *prepared* and, **Watch** (pray) *therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming*. (Matthew 24:42; 24:36, 43; 25:13 Mark 13:32 Luke 12:39; 1 John 2:18 Revelation 3:3)

Mike Bickle says that it is his personal conviction that there are people alive *now* who will see the end of this age, the return of Jesus and the beginning of the next age before they die.

“...God will bring back with him the believers who have died.¹⁵ ... We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died.¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the Christians who have died will rise from their graves.¹⁷ Then,

together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. ...” (1 Thessalonians 4:14-17 NLT)

Let us all pray and prepare for the day we will meet the Lord face to face and enjoy living with Him in the fullness of His glorious kingdom of God on earth in the age to come.

Where is the Kingdom of God on earth now?

The Kingdom of God exists *now* in and among the new creations, the born-again, spirit-filled children of God who wholeheartedly love, honor, follow, pray, worship and obey the will of the Lord, King Jesus Christ. These citizens of the kingdom of God work empowered and guided by the Holy Spirit to prepare the Bride of Christ, and the way for return of the Bridegroom King.

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Chapter 14

The Kingdom of God in the millennium

The Millennial Kingdom

The Millennial Kingdom is the name given to the coming 1000-year reign of Jesus on the earth.

The Millennium is a 1,000-year period in which Jesus will rule the whole world in righteousness. Millennium is from the Latin “*mille*” (a thousand).

I saw thrones, and they (saints) sat on them...They lived and reigned with Christ for 1000 years...6 They shall reign with Him 1000 years. (Revelation 20:4-6)

At this time, the Kingdom of God will be openly manifest in fullness worldwide affecting every sphere of life including political, social, agricultural, economic, spiritual, educational, law enforcement, family, media, arts, technology, athletics, environment and social institutions.

This will be a 1,000-year period of unprecedented blessing for the whole earth as Jesus establishes righteousness and prosperity, and restores the agriculture, atmosphere and animal life to some of the conditions that were seen in the Garden of Eden (Revelation 20:1-6; Isaiah 2:1-4, 9:6-9, 11:1-16, 51:1-8, 60-62, 65:17-25; Psalm 2:6-12, 110:1-7; Deuteronomy 8, 28; Matthew 5:5, 6:10, 17:11, 19:28, 28:19; Acts 1:6, 3:21).

The Millennial Kingdom period of blessing will start when Jesus comes back to earth in His Second Coming. Jesus, as the King of Kings, will personally govern His worldwide Kingdom from Jerusalem. He will do this in partnership with resurrected saints. (Revelation 2:26-27, 3:21, 5:10, 20:4-6, 22:5; Mt. 19:28, 20:21-23, 25:23; Luke 19:17-19, 22:29-30; 1 Corinthians 6:2-3; 2 Timothy 2:12; Romans 8:17).

Jerusalem shall be called the Throne of the LORD, and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem. (Jeremiah 3:17)

The Millennial Kingdom is one of the major revelations of Scripture. Jesus’ core message was that God’s Kingdom was being released in a new measure on the earth. The Bible makes clear that the kingdom is ‘*already here*’, in a limited expression, but is ‘*not yet*’ fully here until Jesus returns.

Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:10)

Daniel saw the heavenly coronation of Jesus as the eternal King over all the dominions of earth. The dominions of the earth include *every* sphere of society.

One like the Son of Man (Jesus)...came to the Ancient of Days (Father)...14 To Him (Jesus) was given...a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him...27 His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve Him. (Daniel 7:13-14, 27)

Jesus quoted Daniel 7:27 concerning His rule over all the nations and dominions of the earth. ***When the Son of Man comes in His glory...then He will sit on the Throne of His glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him...*** (Matthew 25:31-32)

In the Millennium, all the kings of the earth will be saved and worship Jesus. (Psalm 72:11, 102:15, 138:4, 148:11; Isaiah 62:2; Revelation 21:24) and base their national governments on God's Word.

All kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve Him. (Psalm 72:11)

Heaven and earth together

The centerpiece of God's purposes is to bring heaven and earth together

Having made known to us the mystery (hidden plan) of His will...10 that He might gather together in one ALL things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth--in Him. (Ephesians. 1:9-10)

God's eternal purpose is for Jesus to come back to establish His Kingdom over all the earth, as He joins the heavenly and earthly realms together. God's purpose has always been for ***His people to live together with Him*** in this way forever. This is the interpretive key to understanding the End-Times. Without this foundational revelation, there will be confusion.

Behold, the Tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them... (Revelation 21:3)

God created the universe in two distinct realms. ***Heaven*** speaks of the spiritual realm, where God's power and presence is openly manifest. ***Earth*** speaks of the physical realm, where human process, emotions and physical sensation reach their fullest expression. Heaven is the place believers have gone to for the last nearly 2,000 years, from the Cross until the Second Coming of Christ, as a "temporary holding place" before receiving a resurrected body. The saints do not need a resurrected body in heaven to relate to its spiritual environment. Only as the spirit and the physical realm come together can we express the fullness of God's personality and purposes or the fullness of God (Ephesians 1:22-23, 3:19, 4:13; Colossians 1:19-20, 2:9-10).

In ancient Greek philosophy, which was based on Platonism, they viewed the spirit realm as good and the material realm as bad. This philosophy continues in the Church today. It leads some to think wrongly about heaven on earth. If we do not think rightly of heaven on earth, we end up not thinking of heaven at all.

In the Millennium, Jesus' primary mandate is to prepare the earth for God the Father's coming by bringing the nations to mature righteousness (1 Corinthians 15:24-28). Righteousness will be substantial in the Millennium, then perfect afterwards on the New Earth. The earth will be purged with fire at the end of the Millennium to fully prepare it for the manifest presence of the Father (2 Peter 3:10-13; Revelation 20:11).

The End-Time message is focused on Jesus preparing His people and the nations so that He might fully established His Kingdom on earth. Jesus is raising up a "Millennial leadership team".

Getting the right perspective about the End Times

Jesus will rule over the earth with the natural human processes continuing, yet significantly enhanced by the supernatural dimension of the Spirit.

As Gentile believers, our most natural paradigm is to think of worshipping Jesus as God in the supernatural conditions of heaven. We emphasize Jesus' deity as the Son of God. Whereas, the Jewish paradigm speaks of reigning with the Messianic King as a *man* in the natural conditions of the earth. They emphasize the Messiah's humanity as the Son of David.

The full truth is only seen when these two paradigms are brought together.

The heavenly Jerusalem and the earthly Jerusalem will be brought together

When the New Jerusalem comes to earth, then heaven is literally on earth. Heaven and earth will come together as the New Jerusalem descends to the Millennial Jerusalem. The New Jerusalem is the place where resurrected saints will live. The earth will continue forever (Psalm 37:29, 78:69, 104:5, 105:10-11, 125:1-2; 1 Chronicles 23:25, 28:8; Isaiah 60:21; Ezekiel 37:25; Joel 3:20).

The New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. (Revelation 3:12)

The New Jerusalem will descend to a place above the Millennial Jerusalem, the Temple on Mount Zion, creating a vast "governmental complex" joined by a "Corridor of Glory." It will be the governmental center of heaven and earth, referred to in the Bible as Jesus' Throne of glory (Mathew 19:28, 25:31).

When the Son of Man comes...then He will sit on the Throne of His glory. (Matthew 25:31)

Five reasons that the New Jerusalem is not resting on earth, but is close to it during the Millennium:

1. The kings come in and out of it (Revelation 21:24)
2. Its *leaves* heal the nations (Revelation 22:2)
3. The angels guard sinners from entering it. (Revelation 21:12, 22:14-15)
4. It lights up the saved nations on the Millennial earth, but not the unsaved ones (Revelation 21:24, 20:7-9)

5. The size of the Millennial Jerusalem is approximately 10 square miles (4,500 rods x 4,500 rods; Ezekiel 48:30-35, 45:6, 48:15-19) and the New Jerusalem is 1,380 miles in length, width and height. (Revelation 21:16)

Jerusalem will be the capital city for Jesus' worldwide government (Jeremiah 3:17; Isaiah 2:2-4; 24:23; Ezekiel 43:7; Micah 4:7; Zechariah 14:9-11). Jerusalem will be the *center* of the world (Ezekiel 38:12).

Natural life continues

The natural processes of life will continue on earth for 1000 years

Jesus will rule and reign over the earth for 1000 years; that has both natural and supernatural dimensions. The length of life will be reversed as it was in Noah's time. Those who live to be only 100 years old will be thought to have lived a *short* life. It will be common for people to live to be 500 years old.

No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; for the child shall die 100 years old, but the sinner being 100 years old shall be accursed. 21 They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. 22...For as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people...25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox... (Isaiah 65:20-25)

Animosity between animals with each other and with humans will be removed (Romans 8:20-21).

*The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb...the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole...9 **They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain**, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. (Isaiah 11:6-9)*

The natural processes of life will continue in establishing the infrastructure for every sphere of life in every city and village throughout the earth. This infrastructure will include replacing the governmental leaders from the Antichrist's worldwide government with new people at every level of public life in every city. This infrastructure restoration will include:

- **Support systems** – like food, water, electricity
- **Structures** – buildings, highways and bridges
- **Economic systems** – currencies, banking, investments
- **Spiritual life** – worship centers and Bible schools
- **Education** – Schools from elementary to university levels
- **Law enforcement**
- **Agriculture** – equipment and distribution
- **Media**
- **Arts**, technology, environment
- **And all social institutions**

It will take 1,000 years to spread, mature and test His righteousness in every area of every nation. Jesus' government will progressively spread to all nations (Isaiah 9:7).

The saints will rule with Jesus as kings and priests

The two functions most mentioned for the saints in the Bible are as priests and kings (Revelation 1:6; 5:10; 20:6).

Have made us kings and priests to our God...we shall reign on the earth. (Revelation 5:10)

As **priests**, resurrected saints will worship, intercede and communicate the knowledge of God to others non-resurrected people on the Millennial earth plus the saints in the New Jerusalem. The primary government of the Millennial earth will come forth from continual intercession.

As **kings**, resurrected saints will *evaluate* the past, determine future *action plans* and *appoint* people who serve in the infrastructure under their authority. This will include *training* and *managing* the people they appoint. Our personality will come forth in the decisions we make.

Do you not know that the saints will judge the world?...the world will be judged by you... 3 Do you not know that we shall judge (evaluate) angels? (1 Corinthians 6:2-3)

In the regeneration (Millennium), when the Son of Man sits on the Throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will sit on 12 thrones, judging the 12 tribes of Israel. (Matthew 19:28)

I bestow upon you a kingdom...30 that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. (Luke 22:29-30)

He said to him, "Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities." (Luke 19:17)

King of kings and Lord of lords

Jesus will be the King over all the other kings in the Millennial Kingdom

He has...a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. (Revelation 19:16)

In the Millennium, all the kings of the earth will be saved, worship Jesus and base their national governments on the Word of God in Scripture (Psalm 72:11, 102:15, 138:4, 148:11; Isaiah 62:2; Revelation 21:24).

Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve Him. (Psalm 72:11)

Jesus as King of kings will govern a worldwide Kingdom in partnership with two types of kings:

1. The *kings of the earth*, those with non-resurrected bodies
2. The *resurrected kings*, those saints with resurrected bodies

Together they will establish a godly social order that will transform every sphere of life.

Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth (non-resurrected bodies). To Him who loved us...6 and has made us (resurrected saints) kings and priests to His God and Father. (Revelation 1:5-6)

Saints with resurrected bodies will be made kings and rulers over different spheres of life (Matthew 19:28, 20:21-23, 25:23; Luke 19:17-19, 22:29-30; 1 Corinthians 6:2-3; 2 Timothy 2:12; Romans 8:17).

He who overcomes...I will give power over nations, 27 he shall rule them... (Revelation 2:26-27) Have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth. (Revelation 5:10)

Only the saints who are counted worthy or considered faithful during their life on earth will be made kings or rulers in the age-to-come.

When He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints...11 Therefore we pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling... (2 Thessalonians 1:10-11)

Saints working in partnership with natural kings

The resurrected saints will work in partnership with natural kings of the earth. Jesus will establish infrastructure in partnership with resurrected saints who oversee those with non-resurrected bodies. The resurrected saints will have a dynamic role in training “resisters,” those with non-resurrected bodies, who become born again *after* Jesus’ returns to earth.

The necessary infrastructure to govern each sphere of life will gradually increase in capacity, quality and size as the leaders grow in wisdom and develop skills.

The saints, as well as leaders with non-resurrected bodies, will need to learn and then apply what they learn. Jesus with His saints will be involved in training the non-resurrected leaders of the nations in God’s ways. As wisdom is gained and applied, society will progressively improve. Together they will establish training institutions that all nations may systematically learn Jesus’ ways in the political, economic, spiritual, educational, agricultural, family, media and technology spheres of society.

Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the House of the God of Jacob; He (Jesus) will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths." Out of Zion shall go forth the law...the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. (Isaiah 2:3)

Social improvements or the healing of the nations will be progressive, not instantaneous. Those who reign with Jesus will be involved in this process of healing the nations in the Millennium.

Tree of life...the leaves of the Tree were for the healing of the nations. (Revelation 22:2)

The resurrected saints, in partnership with the kings of the earth, will work together to fully restore the cities of the earth that are destroyed in the time of Tribulation.

The saints will oversee what is rebuilt by labor. (Isaiah 62:8-9, 65:21-23; Jeremiah 31:5; Ezekiel 48:18-19).

Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, the LORD, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted what was desolate. (Ezekiel 36:36)

They shall rebuild the old ruins, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations. (Isaiah 61:4)

The resurrected saints in partnership with the leaders of earth will bring the gospel to those needing salvation. The lost will not be instantly and automatically converted at the moment of the Second Coming, neither will the children born in the Millennium. It will take time and effort to convert individuals and then to **disciple nations**.

I will gather all nations...and they shall come and see My glory 19...Among them who escape I will send to the nations...who have not heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they shall declare My glory among the Gentiles. 20 Then they shall bring all your brethren for an offering to the LORD out of all nations...says the LORD. (Isaiah 66:18-20)

The resurrected saints, with the kings of the earth, will work together to re-establish businesses to generate financial resources (Isaiah 60:1-14). Israel will be prosperous in the Millennium (Isaiah 4:1, 35:1-2, 30:23-25, 62:8-9, 60:1-14, 65:21-23).

The saints will oversee the work necessary to restore God's order to the agriculture, atmosphere and animal life (Revelation 20:1-6; Isaiah 2:1-4, 9:6-9, 11:1-16, 51:1-8, 60-62, 65:17-25; Psalm 2:6-12, 110:1-7; Deuteronomy 8; 28; Matthew 5:5, 6:10, 17:11, 19:28, 28:19; Acts 1:6, 3:21).

The saints will oversee the work required to restore justice over every sphere of life (Isaiah 9:7, 11:3-5, 10:22, 28:17, 32:16, 42:1-4). They will oversee the establishing of judges and governors (Jeremiah 30:21; Isaiah 24:23, 32:1; Ezekiel 45:8-9; Matthew 19:28; Luke 22:30, 19:12-28).

They will oversee the establishment of a world government under Jesus. (Zechariah 14:9; Ezekiel 37:13-28; Revelation 19:16).

A King (Jesus) will reign in righteousness, and princes will rule with justice. (Isaiah 32:1)

My princes (in the Millennium) shall no more oppress My people... (Ezekiel 45:8)

In the Millennial Kingdom, sin will occur by those with non-resurrected bodies, and thus sin will be punished. Sin and even false prophets will continue in the Millennial Kingdom age, and they will be punished (Psalm 2:9, 72:9-11; Isaiah 11:4, 66:20, 24; Zechariah 13:2-4, 14:16-19).

It shall come to pass that if anyone still prophesies, then his father and mother... will say to him, 'You shall not live, because you have spoken lies in the name of the LORD.'
(Zechariah 13:3) ¹

Satan will be bound

Satan will be bound and cast into the bottomless pit during the 1000 years of the Millennial Kingdom. His evil influence will be removed from the earth. For this reason and many more the Spirit and the bride say, **“Come Lord.”**

*Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. ² He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is **the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;** ³ and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished... Revelation 20:1-2)*

God is coming to meet mankind on earth

The plan of God the Father is ultimately to come to earth Himself at the end of the 1000-year rule of Jesus, and *Tabernacle* or meet with mankind personally. God will send His glorious city, the **New Jerusalem** down from heaven. **What a glorious day that will be!**

*..., “Behold, **the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.** (Revelation 21:3 NKJV)*

“The whole earth will become the Holy of Holies for the universe. This is the place where the manifest glory of God dwells and the Lord governs through prayers of agreement from billions of saints on the earth.” Allen Hood, IHOPU President

*For the **earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD,** As the waters cover the sea. (Habakkuk 2:14)*

Everything is truly all about the King and His Kingdom of God

Everything in creation is from God and is focused on the Lord

*“You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For **You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.**” (Revelation 4:11)*

End Notes - Chapter 14

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Insights

Chapter 15

Our personal journeys through IHOP-KC

The Lord is both the Creator and He is creative.

God no doubt enjoys creating unique and special surprises for each of His children, as they grow and mature in their relationship with Him. He is also unchanging; as the Bible tells us, *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.* (Hebrews 13:8 NKJV)

As we each share our own unique stories, we will enjoy the adventures as they unfold, as well as the character of God which is shining through each of us.

This is a brief story of our family's personal journey through the International House of Prayer in Kansas City. We pray that you are encouraged and inspired to trust God, to follow Him as He leads you in the adventures that He has prepared for you to join Him in.

Going together as a family

I was invited to join my prayer partner on a short visit to IHOP-KC in 2008. My wife said, "If you are going to visit IHOP, we should all go together as a family." I said, "That's a great idea. Let's start making plans."

So, about four months later my wife, son and I drove together for three days to the International House of Prayer in Kansas City to attend our internship programs. The following are our short testimonies to the work that the Lord is doing in each of us.

My Testimony

Like most young boys, I had big dreams. I dreamed of having a successful and well-paying career, becoming rich, traveling around the world, living in a nice big house on a hill and retiring early to really enjoy life...free from the requirements to working for pay. You may call this my American Dream.

I remember being baptized and confessing Jesus as my Savior when I was a teen. Looking back, I can see that the Lord blessed me at that time with a great improvement in my schoolwork.

I was also blessed to receive a scholarship to go to college. I attended college in the 1970's, when all the excesses of a rebellious generation were rampant all around me.

I lived most of my adult life away from any consistent involvement in any church congregation.

I was blessed with the career of my dreams and traveled to Asia to work. The Lord richly blessed our family through all those years. I believe that those countless blessings came to us in answer to decades of my mother's faithful prayers for us. I have no doubt that my own personal awakening to God came in answer to my mother's fervent prayers on my behalf.

Financial Crisis

In the 1990's, we were caught up in the euphoria of what was called the "coming Asian Century." So, we invested our savings heavily into Asian real estate.

The Asian Financial Crisis came in 1998, and we were caught in the dramatic economic downturn. First, I came to the end of my high-paying employment contract. And after trying to sell one of our condominiums for eight months without receiving a single offer, I turned to my wife and asked, "What should we do now?"

She said, "You have a lot of nerve asking me that. You go down to the church, get on your knees and pray that God will get us out of this mess!"

That was a new idea, so I did. I walked two blocks to the church, got on my knees and prayed possibly my first honest and desperate prayer in decades. I was inspired to simply pray for "the *peace* of God to get me through."

The Lord was patiently waiting for me to come to Him, so He could show me how He powerfully and faithfully He answers prayer.

Answered prayer

In answer to my prayer, I was blessed with the *peace* of God, shalom, which I have been blessed to walk in since June 1998! What a priceless gift. Also, our condominium was miraculously sold two weeks later, to show us the gracious hand of the Lord on our behalf.

The Lord opened my eyes to the power of prayer. I have continued to pray, learning to pray and teach others to pray more and more over the years since then.

Return to the church

After we moved back from Asia to the USA, our family joined a community church family. We have been prayerfully and actively involved in a Christian congregation ever since then.

Discipleship

At the same time I returned to the church, I met a pastor who focused on discipleship. He said, "The only way that I know how to disciple is the way that Jesus did it. He poured Himself into

His disciples for three years, and then sent them out to make more disciples.” He told me when he finished discipling me, that I should find at least two people and disciple them.

Just do the math: if we all disciple just two people each year, it will only take 32 years to reach 6 billion people starting with only one! If 2 billion Christians in the world would each bring in just one new believer, then the church would double to 4 billion!

A life-changing prayer

In 2001, many people were reading the book ‘Prayer of Jabez’ by Bruce Wilkerson, and were praying that prayer. My discipleship pastor and friend challenged me to pray Moses’ *dangerous* prayer, “*Lord show me Your glory.*” (Genesis 33:18)

So, I took his challenge and on January 1, 2002, I boldly prayed a prayer like Moses prayed, “Lord, show me Your glory every day this year!” This was one of the quickest answers to prayer I have ever received.

I heard in my spirit, “*OK, write it down.*”

In obedience to this instruction from the Lord, I have tried to write a daily spiritual journal ever since that day. So far, I have over 20,000 handwritten pages in my journals as a witness to the faithfulness of God to answer prayers and glorify Himself all around me. I believe that I have the evidence to be convicted of being a true believer in the glory, power and faithfulness of God. These journal notes are also very useful when I work on a writing project like this one.

Also in answer to this prayer to see God’s glory the Lord said, “*Fast for two weeks.*” Like many people, my arguments started immediately after hearing a word from the Lord. My quick response was, “I can’t fast!” and I heard, “*You are right, you can’t. I will fast through you.*”

So, I lived on only water for sixteen days without being hungry! This was when I first discovered the power of trusting God to do what He says He will do, and the grace of God to fast...working supernaturally *through* His Spirit within me.

The invitation to join His work

Soon after this, the Lord asked me a question. “*What do you think of your career?*” I reviewed in my mind the past 27 years of my career, and said, “I am proud!”

Then, I heard the Lord said, “*Son, it is all wood, hay and stubble.*”

At that moment, I had a vision of a very large, open field, covered in nothing but smoldering ash. It took me some time to catch my breath and grasp the reality that all my years of work would burn up and were of *no lasting value*. This was when the Lord invited me to join Him in His work.

He asked me, “*Would you like to build something that would last?*”

My response was first to go to the place of prayer, and then I heard, “[Teach My church to pray.](#)” This invitation was repeated to me by name 4 times over a few weeks. My response was to *offer my life as a living sacrifice to the Lord.* (Romans 12:1)

About this time, I was invited to join a regional intercessory prayer network. I was also trained to pray for the sick by Cal Pierce, Director of the International Association of Healing Rooms. After this, I served through the regional prayer network, and later in healing rooms.

Later, I joined a group of men who prayed regularly in a small prayer room in the city. This prayer room closed and merged with another prayer ministry, which was renamed as a city-wide House of Prayer, which still exists today.

In obedience to the leading of the Lord, I wrote a book about my experiences and what I had learned from the Bible. I was planning to publish it, when the Lord made me understand that the door that I need to walk through first was the International House of Prayer in Kansas City.

My journey through the International House of Prayer in Kansas City

When I was asked why I was going to the International House of Prayer, I quoted James 5:16 ‘...*the effective, fervent prayers of a righteous man avails much.*’ And I said, ‘If I am going to spend my life praying then I wanted to learn to pray *effectively.*’

In June, my wife, son and I traveled 1,200 miles from our home in Florida to Kansas City to enroll in our internships. My son joined **Fire in the Night**, which prays in the Global Prayer Room from 12:00 am to 6:00 am, 6 days each week.

My wife and I joined the **Simeon Company** for those over 50 years old.

The first day they told us to be ‘flexible’ because things change, and that we were being trained to be *servants*, so look for a ways to serve on the International House of Prayer Missions Base. I joined a Healing Room team, since I had prayed for healing for years. I also joined a Prophecy Team because I had never been trained in prophecy. When we returned to Kansas City in 2009, I also joined in with the Evangelism team which was giving discipleship training to new believers.

We learned that each person that we met on the IHOP-KC Missions Based had a unique, God arranged, personal story on how they came to be there. The common theme was that the Lord *called* them to Himself, and then invited them to come to IHOP-KC to be trained and to serve.

This reminded me of Abraham, who the Lord called to leave his home and to follow Him. “*Abraham believed God and it was accounted to him as righteousness.*” God places everlasting value on our acts of trusting Him in faith and obeying Him.

I believe that our ‘acts of love, compassion, faith, trust and obedience to God’ are the currency that we ‘store up in heaven.’ Matthew 6:20-21 He later said, “Invest in My people.”

We learned about the IHOP-KC ‘harp and bowl’ model of intercessory prayer, combined with music and songs of praise.

The International House of Prayer is focused on One person, Jesus Christ.

The whole IHOP-KC Missions Base is focused on **Jesus Christ** through prayer, the study of the Word, service, listening to and obeying God and not man. All the IHOP-KC leaders call themselves ‘weak and broken’ people that the Lord works through. They always teach on being focused on the Word of God, hearing the Spirit of the Lord and the work of Jesus.

Mike Bickle says that the Lord told him that, “**Nothing belongs to you.**” So, every one is free to come and go as the Lord leads them. Every one is encouraged to listen to God, obey Him and follow Him. Tens of thousands of people have come through the IHOP-KC Missions Base over the years, and - after a season of prayer, training and service - are led out by the Lord to their next divine assignments in other locations around the world.

Allen Hood, President of IHOPU, taught us his course titled, ‘The Excellencies of Christ.’ This was the most profound and enlightening course of study that I had in our internship at IHOP-KC.

Intercession, Praise, Worship, Compassion

The IHOP-KC staff members are called to live *fasted* life styles, in the fear of the Lord, in obedience and cultivating a tender heart of love toward God.

These are some of the on going teachings themes we heard at IHOP-KC:

- Intimacy with Jesus’ or ‘Passion for Jesus’
- Living a ‘Sermon-on-the-Mount’ fasted lifestyle
- The forerunner message – preparing the way for the return of the Lord
- End Times preparation – the unique, dynamic realities of the generation who will welcome Jesus back to earth.

Prayer Room – A praise and worship altar, recruiting, training and sending center

First, people come to the prayer room seeking an encounter with God.

This is what God wants for all of His children: to seek Him, find Him, listen to Him and then obey Him in love.

After a season in the place of prayer, the Lord will speak to the hearts of His children. They may be saved, healed, freed from the power of sin and bondage to lies that they have believed. He will build them up in their spirits through His love and power. Then, after a time of listening, cleansing, training and waiting on the Lord, ministering to Him in prayer, praise, worship and word. He then calls us to serve Him in the work He has prepared for us. He gives us His grace, power and anointing working through us to complete the work that He prepared for us to walk in.

I pictured the prayer room acting like a centrifuge, that spins at an increasing speed, until one is released and sent out with the power of the Spirit radiating from the center.

The Holy Spirit, who is the very presence of God on earth, touches His children and heals them emotionally and physically. They are 'set apart' from the world for God and His purposes.

This is called consecration. We are promised the '*new wine*' of His Spirit to be poured out on all of us. Jesus also taught that we need '*new wine skins*' to hold the new wine.

God gives us invitations to follow Him, love Him and obey His commandments. He gives us free will to choose to return His love for us back to Him, or not.

Some common phrases heard around IHOP-KC are: 'I am in *transition*.' And, 'That is *intense*.'

God's law

Our man-made government writes thousands of pages of laws that few actually read. God gives us His law which basically says, "**Love God, love others and obey the Lord**"

This is so simple, and also profound. If we truly do this, our lives will be blessed, empowered by the Spirit of God and we can be transformed into the image of Jesus...and then change the world around us.

This was one of my favorite truths from IHOP-KC. "**A lover will always out-work a worker.**"

Prayer – Testimonies

Peter Wagner said, "The best encouragement for prayer is answered prayer."

IHOP-KC collects and shares testimonies for those who receive prayer for healing and prophecy. These are shared with the teams to educate them and encourage them. They report receiving thousands of testimonies of healings since the IHOPU Awakening services started in 2009.

Prayer brings us into agreement with the heart of God. Through our prayers of faith, we learn to follow the Lord's perfect will, ways, plans, purposes and timing. This takes time and persistence to *break through* and align our thinking and actions with the will of God. Over time, we learn that God is holy and answers our prayers in His perfect way, will, timing and purposes.

Foundations – Inner healing

Through the love, grace, mercy and power of the Spirit of God, people are being delivered from lies, self-hatred, thoughts of suicide and addictions - to walk in freedom. These have been the themes of the testimonies coming from the IHOPU Awakening services. Only the Holy Spirit of God can do this deep work in us.

Many people who come to IHOP-KC have been in ministry for some years, and carry the emotional scars within them. First, they and their families act like lightning rods attracting spiritual attacks that should be ‘grounded’ and given to Jesus. Also, the ‘sheep can bite.’ There are also man-centered church politics. In church business meetings, you often hear, “I want...” They need deep healing by the Holy Spirit to live in our true identity in Christ in freedom and wholeness.

Gifts of the Spirit

The Holy Spirit reflects the character of the man Christ Jesus. He brings us gifts and fruits of *love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control*, freedom and liberty.

Your kingdom come

All supernatural salvations, healings, freedom, restoration, signs, wonders and miracles from God all point to the coming fullness of the promises of the Kingdom of God.

- Salvation – all will trust and obey God
- Healings – there is no disease in the Kingdom Of God
- Freedom – ‘Where the Spirit is there is liberty.’
- Interpretation of tongues – God will restore understanding in the kingdom, as we return to righteousness and obedience to Him. It was God who confused the language of mankind at Babel, because they were working in unity and pride to glorify man apart from God.

Global prayer movement

The Holy Spirit is raising up a prayer movement, which will someday include all the members of the body of Christ in the world. Viewed from heaven in the spirit, this may look like thousands of lights, or fire on our altars of prayer as a sacrifice of worship to God.

Our return to the International House of Prayer in 2009

We returned to IHOP-KC in May of 2009 to visit our son and later to start work on building the Kingdom Building Disciples International ministry web site. Also at this time I started work on discipleship training materials that would be distributed through the ministry.

I rejoined the IHOP-KC Healing Room team and witnessed an increased anointing for healing over the next six months.

Onething 2009

My wife, son and I drove for three days and over 1200 miles from home...with the last 50 miles in heavy, falling snow to return to Kansas City for the Onething 2009 Conference. Despite the effort, the trip was well worth it to witness what God was doing right here and right now among us.

I believed that this would be a special time and place in the history of the people of God that I wanted to witness and be a part of. The Lord gathered His people together in Kansas City to pray, worship and praise Him, and to reveal some of His plans.

I believe that this marked a point where God was breaking in with His Spirit to lead His people across the land that He is *giving to them to possess*. This is similar to the generation that Joshua led across the Jordan into the Promised Land to take possession of their inheritance.

The Lord told Joshua:

“Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you.” (Joshua 1:3)

“No man shall be able to stand before you.” (Joshua 1:5)

“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night...then you will have good success,” (Joshua 1:8)

An inheritance is something that we receive as a free gift. It is undeserved and unearned; this is like the great grace and mercy of God.

Healing Room team at Onething 2009

While I was serving on a healing prayer team, a lady came to us and requested prayer for arthritis, which gave her pain in all her joints. We prayed for “Shalom,” the peace of God, to come over her. When we finished praying, we asked her how she felt. She said that she felt at *peace*. Then after she checked all her joints for pain, she said, “It’s gone!”

Jesus is so loving, merciful and good to heal us. She cried with tears of joy. Praise God!

Derek Loux Memorial

On January 2, 2010, we attended a memorial service for Derek Loux, who died on December 23, 2009, in a traffic accident in Nebraska. The service was held at Forerunner School of Ministry auditorium with over 1000 in attendance, and with more watching via the web cast. Derek was a father to 10 children, including 8 who were adopted. Derek was part of the senior leadership team of the International House of Prayer and served many areas of the Missions Base, including helping to pioneer the Forerunner Music Academy. Before joining the International House of Prayer, he served as the director of Indianapolis House of Prayer for four years. As a professional musician, singer and songwriter, Derek recorded several CDs, including *Paper Religion* and *Fragrant Burning*. He was also a worship leader and a frequent conference speaker.

The IHOP-KC community quickly came together as a family in support of Derek’s wife, Renee, and their ten children.

Derek was described as a man who *loved* well.

Jesus said, *“By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”* (John 13:35)

This may be the first question that Jesus asks each of us as we stand before Him in judgment of our lives. **“Did you learn to love one another?”**

Derek's life passion was adopting and restoring orphans, particularly those with special needs. He pioneered the vision of the **Orphan Justice Center** - a haven of restoration for rescued orphans - and the **Josiah Fund**.

Derek wrote of his revelation of the Father's heart for the adoption and redemption of His children while in the Ukraine during the adoption of three special needs children.

“The Holy Spirit began to whisper to my heart, and new understanding about redemption began to take shape. I was thinking, “Man, adopting this little boy has been so much work. This is exhausting, expensive, uncomfortable...and it doesn't feel very rewarding right now.” What am I doing in some little Soviet car in the dark, in the middle of rural Ukraine in frozen December, as the driver dodges cats and potholes? What if Dimiri doesn't improve at all? What if we get ‘nothing’ out of this?”

On the drive home that night, the Lord whispered in my ear, “[This is Redemption. Derek, do you know how far I traveled to get you and bring you back? I had to be separated from my Son, in order to get you, just like you are separated from your children in order to get these boys. Do you know how expensive it was for Me to purchase you? It cost me everything. Do you know how broken, sick, damaged, twisted, dirty, smelly, and hopeless you were? And at the end of it all, you had nothing to give me or add to me. I did it for you. I emptied myself and became nothing so that you could have it all. This is redemption.](#)”

My Friends, adoption is redemption

It's costly, exhausting, expensive and outrageous. Buying back lives costs so much. When God set out to redeem us, it cost Him. And when He redeems us, we can't even really appreciate or comprehend it...just like Dimitri will never comprehend or fully appreciate what is about to happen to him... but... he will live in the fruit of it. As his daddy, I will never expect him to understand all of this or even thank me. I just want to watch him live in the benefits of my love and experience the joy of being an heir in my family. This is how our heavenly “Papa” feels towards us.

Today, settle your busy heart down and rest in the benefit of redemption. Enjoy the fruit of His goodness and stop trying to “pay Him back.” You'll never get close, you goofy, little kid.” (Edited from the Derek Loux memorial program notes)

Lou Engle spoke and quoted the words of Jesus, “*A grain of wheat must fall to the ground and die to bring forth the harvest.*” (John 12:24)

Let us join together and pray that Derek's life is a seed sown into the land, which will bring forth a great harvest of spiritual parents who will adopt and train up a generation of forerunners and lovers of Christ who will prepare the way of the Lord.

My return to the International House of Prayer in 2010

The Lord invited me back to IHOP-KC for the week of May 8, 2010. During this week I was blessed with many divine appointments. While spending six days praying and worshipping in the

weighty holy presence of the Spirit of God in the Global Prayer Room, I received the inspiration for Chapter 1 of this ebook. I heard, *“Start with the 1st commandment, Love God.* (Mark 12:30) *This is the key that opens the door to the King and the kingdom of God.*

Actually receiving the **love of God** and our **love of God** in return is the theme of all His-story.

My wife’s testimony

I will be honest. I do not like to leave my home, and I do not like to travel. However, when I came to the International House of Prayer in Kansas City, I felt at home.

The Simeons

In the Simeon Company Internship, we joined 13 others from around the US. We studied, ministered, prayed together and prophesied over each other as we grew to love each other. We had 3 hours of classes on 4 days, 12 hours in the prayer room each week and prayer and prophecy time as we shared our testimonies. We also attended Encountering God Services on Friday and Saturday nights, as well as the Forerunner Christian Fellowship on Sunday. This lasted for three months, and I admit, I was tired.

Wanting more

When we graduated for our Simeon Internship, we did not want to leave the prayer room, so we stayed on for two more months before returning home.

We returned in May 2009 and stayed till November 3, 2009, just one day before the Awakening started! We drove back to Kansas City in the December snow for the Onething Conference 2009.

Revelations from the Prayer Room

When I was in the Prayer Room, I felt at home. Being in the Prayer Room in the presence of God becomes a great addiction. The Lord would meet me and I felt the love of the Father upon me, and He would tell me things.

One day I heard, *“I am writing an epic story about My Son. He is the richest, most handsome and most loving person. And you are invited to be part of His story.”*

I said, ‘Wow, why are you telling me this?’ And I heard, *“So that you can posture your heart correctly towards Him.”* I also heard, *“My Son is the most handsome, richest and loving bridegroom and the bride does not care about Him.”*

Staying connected

We continue to participate in the Awakening services and the Global Prayer Room by viewing the live web stream at home. I can feel the anointing of the Holy Spirit when I watch the web stream and join in with the intercession. The Holy Spirit touches me as I watch and listen to the worship and intercession. I often receive ‘downloads’ of prayers to pray in agreement with God.

My son’s testimony

Coming to the International House of Prayer in Kansas City

My father says that one of his three most important decisions and accomplishments in his life was, 'Driving my son to Kansas City.' Actually I believe that Jesus drove, read, forced me to Kansas City.

That was true, because I did NOT want to go. When we left for the 1200-mile drive to Kansas City, I did not want to go. When I arrived at IHOP-KC, I did not want to be here. In June 2008, I registered for the **Fire in the Night** internship at IHOP-KC. The first day of Fire in the Night, I still did not want to be there . . . Then after just one week of being at IHOP-KC Jesus told me, "**I am taking the reins. You are mine.**" Later, Jesus told me that I must deal with some personal issues. I said, "No, no, no!" I refused for about two weeks, and then capitulated to His demands.

I learned later that it is best to let Jesus have His way.

We all want a quick work...like micro-waved food. Jesus says to me, "**Where is the fun in that?**" He wants to *slow* cook us until the meat, our 'flesh', slowly falls off us.

Fire in the Night internship

During our Fire in the Night internship, we lived together in the Hernhutt Apartments next to the IHOP-KC Missions Base and the Global Prayer Room. We prayed together, studied, ate and roomed together to build us into teams. We had to cover our windows to keep out the light so we could sleep during the day. We had to change from a day schedule to a night schedule of getting up at 2:00 pm, praying from 12:00 am to 6:00 am, and then going to sleep at 7:00 am. **This is hard.** I still tend to stay up past midnight.

In the Prayer Room

When you start praying, you run out of your own prayers in about one minute. Then you say, "What am I doing here?" It is easy to be distracted by all the activity in the Global Prayer Room. This includes the worship and praise teams that rotate in two-hour sets; also those who prayer walk in the room and people who are constantly coming in and going out of the Prayer Room. The lobby outside the Prayer Room is no help either, as one's friends are also out there! Eventually, by the grace of God and the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, you slowly start to focus in on the purposes of being in the Prayer Room.

You discover that Jesus is a real person!

You can talk to Him and have a conversation with Him as a friend. He stands right in front of you in the Spirit. You must talk to Him regularly to build your personal friendship with Him. No one can do this for you. The best image I have found written in the Bible of Jesus is in Revelation 1:13-16 NLT

...in the middle of the lampstands was someone like the Son of Man. He was wearing a long robe with a gold sash across his chest. ¹⁴ His head and his hair were white like wool, as white as snow. And his eyes were like flames of fire. ¹⁵ His feet were like polished bronze refined in a

furnace, and his voice thundered like mighty ocean waves. ¹⁶ He held seven stars in his right hand, and a sharp two-edged sword came from his mouth. And his face was like the sun in all its brilliance.

International House of Prayer University

After completing three months in Track 1 of Fire in the Night, I continued for an additional three months in Track 2.

This brought me to Christmas. I knew that if I left I would find it hard to return to the life of prayer. So, I moved into an apartment to wait for the start of Spring Semester in the IHOPU Forerunner School of Ministry...while still on the Night Watch schedule starting in January 2009. I felt lonely after all my great praying friends left the Missions Base. IHOP-KC is very quiet around Christmas.

In January 2009, I became a full-time IHOPU student. All IHOP-KC staff, students and interns are required to find their own support through trusting God for provision through faith. I prayed regularly for God to provide for me. It was February before I received my first support check. I have learned that God is faithful, and has always faithfully and creatively provided for my living and college expenses. I prayed for seven months, on and off, before I received a gift of a new laptop computer.

When I settled in my heart that anything I received would not increase or decrease the love I had or received from God, only then was the computer released. Everything comes from God who promised us an abundant life in Him. In September 2009, I started my second year in core biblical studies at IHOPU.

Spring 2009 Peoria Ministry Trip

In the first week of May, we went on a Missions trip to the city of Peoria, Illinois. I think many of us didn't know what to expect on this trip; I am sure that this wasn't my first Missions trip. But with God, always expect the unexpected and leave the preconceived notions behind. After a rather lengthy 8-hour trip through Thursday morning, we got to Northwoods Community Church, and set up our gear before we headed off to our host homes for some sleep.

On the trip throughout the night we shared our testimonies, prayed and prophesied over each other and joined in worship. Friday afternoon, we woke up and headed to Northwoods Community Church - that was hosting this Forerunner School of Ministry event - with both the day crew and the Nightwatch. They served us food, breakfast for us in the night watch, and dinner to those on the day schedule. They blessed and commissioned us to minister in the Peoria area with 3 other ministries; 2 churches, and 1 college campus ministry. As a Nightwatch, we generally didn't do much street ministry, but we did a little. During the Nightwatch shift each night on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, we would make our prayer focused squarely on the Peoria area, and zero into areas that we knew that God would move. I think that even though we didn't do that much in street ministry, we were prayerfully preparing the way for the day crew's hands-on ministry, thus making that work much more effective.

So while we were there, we heard of some awesome miracles, and a few of our own Nightwatch members participated in watching God heal people through our prayers.

On Sunday afternoon, we gathered at the Gateway Building in downtown Peoria on the waterfront to recap what God had done for Peoria in the short time we were there. Miracles, healings, restorations of bodies and of relationships broke out that weekend.

I think that the place where we gathered together was perfect to demonstrate that Peoria is indeed a *gateway*, and the pastors of the various churches that participated in this event picked up on that. We were then blessed, and we all headed back to our cars to ride back home to Kansas City.

While on the trip home later that night, the Spirit of prophecy really broke out as it wasn't confined to just one car, but spread over the cell phones as a group of Nightwatchers would call one of us up and pass the phone around, each speaking what God had impressed them to say about me. It was an exhilarating way to cap off the end of the school semester.

I think a reason why we have a mission trip at the end of the semester is so that the students who have been stuck in a routine for 4 months - while engaging in studying the Bible, passing in assignments and going about the day-to-day lifestyle - can finish with a bang. I think it's especially critical for those who go home for the summer, and have maybe less than desirable situations to go home to. They can now look back at what God has done in their life and the lives of others in a short space of time.



The IHOP-KC Nightwatch Crew at the Gateway Building in Peoria, Illinois

The IHOPU Student Awakening

In the November 4th IHOPU student chapel, Mai Aiello shared her testimony about being set free from self-hatred by prayer in Montana.

On November 11, 2009, I came into the FSM Auditorium on Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 pm. I was surprised to find it packed with people everywhere. I felt the Holy Spirit on me and started to weep on the floor. I did not stop for three hours!

The Holy Spirit lovingly peeled me like an onion of the lies that I had believed about myself. The Lord lovingly restored the truth in me.

This first service on November 11, 2009, lasted through the Night Watch until 6:00 am the next day, when the leaders told us all to go home and rest. On this first day, the beginnings of the Awakening Service lasted 21 hours! I learned later that the people had come from other IHOPU classes, IHOP-KC interns, staff and others from around Kansas City. This “Student Awakening” began in a first year IHOPU class on the topic of the Holy Spirit and His gifts at 9:00 am. It went ‘till 12 noon, and they decided to continue. Therefore, until the beginning of January 2010, classes were suspended. But to be honest, the Holy Spirit was showing us a taste of His class in: **How to steward the presence of the Spirit amongst a crowd of people.**

The IHOPU leaders decided to continue the ‘IHOPU Student Awakening’ services four nights each week, Wednesday-Saturday from 6:00 pm to 12:00 midnight. The anointing of the Holy Spirit came first upon the first year IHOPU students at 9:00 am, on Wednesday 11/11/2009. This anointing has continued to rest and build on *all* of the students. The students both minister with their prayers for others and are also receiving prayers for themselves.

The Lord is pouring out the Father’s love on His children and doing deep surgery to heal both emotional and physical wounds.

Jesus shared this observation, “[You do love your neighbors like you love yourselves. You actually hate yourself and hate the same things you see in your neighbors.](#)”

Jesus says, “[I made you just the way you are for My purposes. I love you unconditionally as you are, but I love you too much to leave you that way!](#)”

Jesus said, “[When I died on the cross for you I knew exactly what I was getting into.](#)”

Any hatred we have for ourselves comes from believing lies from the enemy.

In the following ‘IHOPU Awakening’ services, the Holy Spirit has continued to free people of self-hatred, depression, suicide, bondage to lies, besetting sins and addictions. People both at IHOP-KC and thousands watching on the web stream have been sharing their testimonies of receiving miraculous physical and emotional healings.

Mission trip to Fredericksburg, Virginia

I went with a company of 19 other people who are involved in the Night Watch section of the International House of Prayer, students and staff members to Fredericksburg, Virginia.

A group of twenty from the Night Watch, students and staff, drove the 20 or so hours to Fredericksburg. We effectively did the Night Watch at the Fredericksburg Prayer Furnace, which runs their prayer room during the morning, afternoon and evening shifts, 7 days a week. One of their people prophesied that, in context to the coming judgments soon to be dealt on this nation by God (He who glorifies Himself through His creation, and that includes everyone who professes Jesus Christ and obeys His laws and commands), quote, “Whether or not there is a Night Watch on the East Coast will determine how many people die in the coming judgments [on this nation].”

There are houses of prayer that are either starting up or maturing, but few to none have a flourishing Night Watch. It was in this context that we called forth the destinies of intercessors, the place of refuge that Fredericksburg, Virginia is to Washington, D.C., interceded for our governmental leaders and for this nation’s president. Everywhere we went that had a house of prayer - Virginia Beach, Newport News, Richmond and Washington, D.C. - we called forth the Night Watch using the signature Psalm 134, planting seeds for intercessors to arise and take the standard of standing by day and standing by night in the place of prayer before the throne of God. We had written ourselves into the prophetic history of the house of prayer in Fredericksburg, the part that talks about having a Night Watch. Their plan is to expand that shift of prayer into the night within a year.

IHOPU New England mission trip to Boston, Massachusetts

In April, I went with a company of around 300 students as part IHOPU’s Boston outreach. We went to the college campuses in that city, most notably Harvard, Boston College and Berkeley College of Music, along with street preaching on the sidewalks, buses and subway trains.

We were roughly 300 students strong, who rode out in cars, but for about 250 students including myself we rode out in 5 **Arrow** Stage Lines motorcoaches. I will now refer to the prophetic act (2 Kings 13:15-19), that the Old Testament prophet Elisha, Elijah’s protégé, had one of the kings of Israel do as a sign in Israel’s war against Syria. The king grabbed arrows and struck them to the ground three times. The prophet became angry, and asked why didn’t the king strike the ground more times until the enemy was destroyed and could not attack any longer.

We had been engaged in a 40-day fast for the colleges and universities in the Boston, Massachusetts region, and also across the nation. Now in the final seven days of the fast, we headed up to Boston. We were organized into three main groups that would serve the IHOPU Boston area prayer room at the Lion of Judah Church, and go out into the streets, colleges and universities to minister and preach the Gospel of Christ.

Miraculous creative miracle

I didn’t personally see people saved, but I did pray for healings, including a woman who had a three-inch spacer in her left shoe. She had bone cancer and couldn’t bend her left leg very far,

along with the missing three inches. I watched as two of the three inches missing grew out. That is the first miracle I have seen happen in front of my own eyes.

The last night I was in Boston, we went to Tremont Temple: a Baptist church in the heart of Boston's downtown that was converted from a operatic theater, which was built back in the 1880's and later purchased by the church. We ministered to people, and I also saw a few people from Fredericksburg Prayer Furnace whom I had met in March.

Preparation of the generations

The God of the generations

God told Moses, "***I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.***" (Exodus 3:6 NKJV)

God is outside of our time and always in the *present*, and the God who connects **all** the generations together. He promised through His prophet that, "*I will send you Elijah....⁶ And he will turn **The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers....***" (Malachi 4:6)

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob - these fathers of the faith - obeyed and followed God to position the following generations to receive their *inheritance* from God.

Inheritance: is the unmerited, undeserved and unearned blessing of God.

Grace: is the unmerited, undeserved and unearned favor of God.

Favor: is God speaking on your behalf to others.

We receive the great grace and inheritance from God as gifts to glorify Him. This reveals to us and through us the character of God who is: loving, gracious, good, generous and a great giver. Israel was invited into a very special high standing with God as a nation of priests. They were promised abundant divine blessings if they obeyed the commandments of God; however, their disobedience resulted in great curses.

God promises to redeem and restore Israel through His great mercy.

And so all **Israel will be saved**, as it is written: "*The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;*²⁷ *For this is My covenant with them, When **I take away their sins.***" (Romans 11:26 NKJV) We are called to be bridge-builders so that the generations that follow us will 'go faster, higher and deeper with God than all the previous generations before them.' As James Goll said, "**Our ceiling should be the next generation's floor.**"

Our present position in the Lord now is founded on all the work of all the faithful men and women who came before us.

*Therefore we also, since **we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses**, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and **let us run with endurance the race that is set before us**,² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who **for the joy that was set before Him** endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2 NKJV)*

The Lord, through His Holy Spirit, is preparing this generation of young forerunners by first doing a deep work of love, healing and restoration in each of them. Then, they will be equipped, anointed and commissioned to go out proclaiming the good news and do the work of God around the world. This can be seen as an answer to all the prayers to send laborers into the harvest of souls.

Starting by obeying the first commandment to **wholeheartedly love the Lord**, they are then *prepared* and sent out. With the love of God filling their hearts and the anointing and power of the Holy Spirit, then they will complete the Great Commission. Jesus commanded His disciples to, “Go, and make disciples of all nations.” (Matthew 28:19)

The glory of God is coming

*Arise, shine; For your light has come! And **the glory of the LORD is risen upon you**.² For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And **His glory will be seen upon you**. (Isaiah 60:1-2 NLT)*

Many believe that we are entering a time of unprecedented signs, wonders, miracles and mass salvations. People are beginning to see emerging members of the family of God - who are rising in the world today with an unquenchable hunger to know God personally and intimately and to do great exploits. The body of Christ is growing into mature sons and daughters, who are after the power and glory of the kingdom of God, and the Lord is answering them with signs, wonders and miracles, as promised in the Word of God. As we let go of the old things, God promises we will become new creations. It is time for the new. Many things are happening around the world that would cause so many to fall back in fear, however, now is the time to move forward in faith. As the body of Christ comes together in unity and moves forward, then the glory of God will be manifest around us...as we move deeper in faith into the renewed and fresh things of God.

People worldwide are experiencing the love of God and the supernatural. They are laying hold of this and sharing this with others. Healings and miracles will become the norm as the Body of Christ rises up and walks in the fullness of its position in Christ. The kingdom of God activity will be of such magnitude that the world will take notice and the Church of Jesus Christ, demonstrating the power of God in love, will move in unity to make known the name of Jesus Christ. Incredible supernatural breakthroughs in all areas of life will come as the power of the Holy Spirit is manifested through His surrendered vessels.

When Jesus is lifted up He will draw all people to Himself. (John 12:32)

An invitation from the Lord

The Lord invites you to experience an ever-increasing relationship of love with Him forever!

His invitation to you is to an everlasting partnership of deep abiding passionate love with the Lord as you obey Him and mature as a citizen of His Kingdom of God.

The Lord created each one of us with the freewill to choose. The Lord offers us many promises that He will keep, however, we must be willing to receive them under His terms. His promises often start with *If...*

He invites you to be:

Saved

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that **whoever** believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that **the world through Him might be saved.** (John 3:16 – 17; Matthew 10:22, 24:13; Mark 13:13, 16:16; John 5:34, 10:9; Acts 2:21, 4:12; Romans 10:9)*

Set free

³² And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free. (John 8:32, 36 NLT; Isaiah 61:1-2)

Healed

*...God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and **healing all** who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. (Acts 10:38 NKJV; Mark 16:17-18; James 5:15-16)*

A child of God

*But as many as received Him, to them **He gave the right to become children of God**, to those who believe in His name: (John 1:12 NKJV; John 11:52; Romans 8:16-17, 21; Philippians 2:13; 1 John 2:28, 3:1-2, 3:10, 5:2)*

A living sacrifice

*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. (Romans 12:1)*

Trained as a disciple

*Go therefore and **make disciples of all the nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ **teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you**; ... (Matthew 28:19-20 NKJV)*

Empowered to witness for Christ

*But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and **you shall be witnesses to Me** in Jerusalem, ... and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8 NKJV 5:32; 10:39)*

A friend of Jesus

*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 15:15 NKJV)*

A citizen of the Kingdom of God

*For **our citizenship is in heaven**, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, (Philippians 3:20 NKJV)*

In a restored land

*... **if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.** (2 Chronicles 7:14 NKJV)*

The intimate Bride of Christ ... forever!

*Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and **His wife has made herself ready.**” (Revelation 19:7 NKJV)*

We are called to manifest the same glory of God that Jesus did.

*“I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and **even greater works**, because I am going to be with the Father. (John 14:12 NLT) Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit, and fully yielded His life over to obedience to God the Father.*

Choices

The Lord gives us only two main choices. All other choices will follow from one of these.

- An everlasting life of increasing love, joy and peace with the Lord forever.
- Or everlasting torment in darkness, in the lake of fire separated from God forever.

Jesus said, **He who is not with Me is against Me** ... (Matthew 12:30 NKJV)

Each person must make the choice for themselves.

We strongly recommend that you choose to pray and receive Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and Lord. Then, obey Him by following His ways and will...leading to an everlasting life of love, joy and peace with Him. Faithfully following the Lord is very challenging.

However, the alternative of spending an everlasting life of torment removed from the love and presence of God is too horrible to imagine. You would not want this to happen, even to your worst enemy.

Choose wisely. Choose Jesus. Choose His life, love, joy and peace forever! Pursue the Lord and be blessed with all His promises and His abundant life lived *through* you.

Live your life before an audience of One.

Jesus' judgment of your life is the only judgment that will really counts for all eternity.

Live every day like it will count forever, because it actually does!

This chapter of His-story ends as we began, knowing that *God is love.*

The Lord created us to be loved *by* Him, to wholeheartedly love Him in return and to love others as we are loved. He also created us to fulfill His divine purposes by actually living His life *through* our lives, which we surrender to His will. We are glorifying Him through loving obedience and thanking, praising and worshiping Him forever.

The Lord is still writing chapters in His epic book and we are invited to be included as part of His-story.

We are invited to simply: **Pray, Listen and Obey**

Then we will be filled with great hope and see the promised greater glory of the Lord come.

More Lord!

As we continue to pray, worship and lift our praise to the Lord in **love**, obedience and service, then His Kingdom of God will continue to expand on the earth. The Holy Spirit will increasingly manifest the glory of the Lord upon His covenant people, His united family, His church, His body and His bride. Some day Jesus will return to us as our Bridegroom, King and Judge, and He will rule and reign as the Son of Man and Son of God over all the nations of the earth!

Praise God! Know that *the best is yet to come!*

Until that day the Spirit and the *bride* pray,

“Come Lord Jesus, Come!”

To be continued...

Appendix A

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Luke 18 Project <http://www.ihopkc.org/Group/Group.aspx?ID=1000045177>
Onething www.IHOPKC.org/inething onething@ihopkc.org
Prophecy Ministry www.IHOPKC.org/propheticministry
Sacred Charge <http://sacredcharge.com/>
Student Ministries www.IHOPKC.org/studentministries studentministries@ihopkc.org
The Children's Equipping Center www.IHOPKC.org/cec cec@ihopkc.org
The Joseph Company www.IHOPKC.org/joco josephcompany@ihopkc.org
Woman's Life Center at IHOP-KC

Events

www.IHOPKC.org/events events@ihopkc.org
The Commission www.IHOPKC.org/commission commission@ihopkc.org
Weekends@IHOP-KC www.IHOPKC.org/weekends events@ihopkc.org
Bridegroom Prayer Watch www.IHOPKC.org/bpw info@ihopkc.org
Forerunner Christian Fellowship www.IHOPKC.org/fcf info@ihopkc.org

Ministry Partners

web site:

Bound4Life	http://bound4life.com/
Call2All	http://www.call2all.org/
Campus Crusade for Christ International	http://www.ccci.org/
Crisis Response International	http://www.criout.com/
Every Home for Christ	http://www.ehc.org/index.jsp
Exodus Cry	http://www.exoduscry.com/
Forerunner Ministries International	http://www.efiglobal.org
Global Expeditions	http://www.globalexpeditions.com/
God TV	http://www.god.tv/
Hannah's dream	http://www.hannahsdream.com/
Hope City KC	http://www.hopecitykc.org/
Impact World Tours	http://www.impactworldtour.com/
I Love Myanmar	http://www.ilovemyanmar.org/
Josiah Foundation	http://www.JosiahFund.org
Orphan Justice Center	http://thelouxfamily1.blogspot.com/
Pure Heart Ministries International	http://pureheartseminars.com/
Teen Mania Ministries	http://www.teenmania.com/
TheCall	http://www.thecall.com/
The Daniel Academy	http://thedanielacademy.com/
Tikkun	http://www.tikkunministries.org/
Youth with A Mission	http://www.uofnkona.edu/
Zoe Foundation	http://thezoeofoundation.com/

Abbreviations:

AAFA – African American Forerunner Alliance
APPP – Apostolic Prayer and Preaching program at the Forerunner School of Ministry
ATC – Awakening Teen Camp
BPW – Bridegroom Prayer Watch (Friday and Saturday 6:00pm–12:00am, includes EGS)
BSP – Biblical Studies program at the Forerunner School of Ministry
CBETS – Center for Biblical End Time Studies
CEC – Children's Equipping Center
EGS – Encounter God Services (Friday and Saturday 6:00-8:00pm)
FCF – Forerunner Christian Fellowship
FITN – Fire in the Night internship
FM – Forerunner Music
FMA – Forerunner Music Academy
FMG – Forerunner Media Group
FMI – Forerunner Media Institute
FSM – Forerunner School of Ministry
GBF – Global Bridegroom Fast
GPR – Global Prayer Room (at the Red Bridge Center)
IHOP-KC – International House of Prayer in Kansas City
IHOPU – International House of Prayer University
INTRO – Intro to IHOP internship
JoCo – Joseph Company
JPR – Justice Prayer Room
KC – Kansas City, Missouri
MPR – Multi – purpose Room
NSM – NightWatch School of Ministry
NW – Night Watch
OTI – One Thing Internship
PHD – Prophecy, Healing Deliverance ministries