

#### CD #4

This will be a little bit different than the other ones. The other ones I focused mostly on supernatural events. I'm going to talk about one but it has so much weight of importance to who we are that if we miss this one, then all the other promises are lost or at least diminished. This is where my concern is most upon what I'm going to share in this one. So I'm going to share the experience. Now I'm going to break it down a little bit as to what it means to us because all the other promises are related to how we respond.

Paragraph A. This session is focused on heart responses that the Lord requires. Now it is the heart response He requires when He entrusts a greater measure of the Spirit. He wants the heart response from everybody, no matter what, but when He entrusts a greater measure He requires it. Because a greater measure causes ... well the Lord visits with greater consequences positive and negative when He entrusts more.

We have to have a faithful heart but it is not only faithful heart in terms of obedience and humility. We also have to have a fearless heart. Because there is a God orchestrated stigma upon the anointing of the Holy Spirit. A lot of folks think, revival - *wow, power, excitement!* Beloved, revival is power and excitement. It is stigma. And a lot of the folks who are thinking of the promises, are only thinking of the positive and the excitement. There is a huge downside because as my friend Francis Frangipane has said so often, *new levels, new devils*. If there are new levels of power, there are new levels of attack. New levels bring new devils.

And I find that the most challenging aspect of a move of God is not to be the dedication, but it is going to be the bearing of reproach, the bearing of the stigma. And I would say as well, the attitude we have towards others, others that are different in the body of Christ and others that mistreat us. We have to have a different attitude.

Paragraph B. And the God orchestrated stigma we are going to look at in a minute. I think that the fear of man is more challenging than a dedication to the fasted lifestyle. I think it is easier to live the fasted lifestyle and yield to the fear of man. It is more likely. A lot of people pray and fast but they yield to the fear of man. So don't think that since we have said yes to prayer and fasting that that is over. We have got it made. It is done.

II. What the Holy Spirit did on the day of Pentecost is a pattern of what He will do in many places in the end times. And you can read the verse from Acts 2 on your own. But on the day of Pentecost there was wind, fire and wine: three different distinct manifestations of the Spirit. And of course there are whole categories of Holy Spirit activity.

B. The wind, speaks of the supernatural realm, the realm where the angels are actively involved, the buildings are shaking, the creative miracles. The fire speaks of the conviction of the Holy Spirit, that heart wrenching, conviction of repentance, and that impassioned love for Jesus, that burning heart. And the wine speaks of the healing, restoring of the heart, making the heart glad, and the joy of the Lord. It is important to understand that as we go into this next experience of the Lord.

III. It is the one we talk about when we use the phrase Joseph's dungeon when Bob Jones saw Joseph's dungeon. Now this is one year later after the May 1983 solemn assembly. So we have fasted and prayed in May 1983, and remember at the end of the fast, Bob Jones got up and said, the spiritual drought that

is on our nation is not going to lift right now. There will be pockets of the blessings of God here and there always. But he said the spiritual drought is not lifting right now. In other words, the full revival we are believing for is not yet. So for the last year May, June, July, and August all the way ... I have been asking one main question, when? When? Lord is the drought breaking this month? I'm thinking more in months not in years. And the Lord is thinking more of decades not even years. I'm thinking months. The Lord is thinking decades. Lord is it this month the drought breaks? That was the predominant question I had.

Paragraph B. On a Saturday morning, in April 1984, I remember this like it was yesterday, I'm wide awake in the morning. I'm lying on my bed, getting ready to go to the Saturday morning prayer meeting. And just suddenly, I guess it always happens suddenly, that's just how it is. The thunderous audible voice of God, I'm wide awake, it isn't a dream, not a vision, not a trance, audible voice thunders. The Lord says, *I have a revelation for you. Call Bob Jones!* I'm absolutely telling you what He said. That is so odd. I didn't concern myself with that in that moment because it was thunderous. It was like it came from 20 miles away and it is like it came in stereo right out of my belly from the Holy Spirit. I don't understand. It felt like it came right out here and from 20 miles away. It was the strangest sound, power and authority. And I mean my being shook when this happened. *I have a revelation for you.* That is the phrase.

Beloved, if God speaks audibly, and He was to this movement and not just to me personally, this is a revelation we must take very seriously. Very seriously. This is a very important ... God speaks thunders from heaven to our movement. *I have a revelation for you.* This is worthy of a whole session to pay attention to this revelation. Of the 8 sessions, this is the only one that I'm going to talk more in a practical heart response rather than story after story after story. He said *call Bob Jones.* Again, that doesn't even strike me as odd that He didn't just tell me ... well Lord we are talking here we are just tell me. You will tell it much better than Bob Jones will. That never struck my mind because the audible voice of God shakes your being. It takes a while to recover from that. You don't get your sense of humor or your wit back for quite a while.

I talked to Bob a couple of hours later. On the telephone, he says, *Mike, I had an absolutely astounding experience this morning. And the Lord wants me to tell it to you.* And I said I'm sure of that Bob. He said *I went in the visions to Joseph's dungeon... "I went in the visions", you know this is just different language. And I go dream, vision... No, I was there. Ok. He said, I saw the two men that were representative of the two ministries in the body of Christ – even right now two ministries in the body of Christ, but the message is for yet to come.* The weight of this message is yet future, though it had a very important present tense application 25 years ago.

*I saw two men. And they represent the two types of ministry.* And you can read the Genesis 40 account on your own, the story of Joseph,

8:56 Joseph is in the dungeon. There is a cup bearer. And a cup bearer serves the wine to the king. That is what a cup bearer does. And the baker. And the baker makes the bread for the king's family. Both them were being accused of putting poison in their service. And if you put poison in the bread and serve it to the king you were executed. Because you are trying to kill the king's family. If you put poison in the king's wine that is really serious offense.

Paragraph C. Top of page 2. If you read the Genesis 40 story and it went along with ... Bob's visionary experience went along with the actual story line in Genesis 40. One man was proved guilty. The baker,

he was put to death. The second man was proved innocent. The cup bearer and he was released out of prison. And in the vision the bread spoke of the ministry of the word. Now the ministry of the word is not just preaching. A lot of folks think of ministry of the word as preaching. Beloved, it is singing. It is writing. It is drama. It is testimony. It is now in these days blogs, podcasts, and emails. I mean with the technology going on a person can have a powerful ministry of communicating the heart of God, the word of God without having a "teaching gift". Just the communication that is global. You may have the email that changes a nation. You may write a three sentence email that ends up being put on the news of some nation that actually changes the nation and you might never preach a sermon on a microphone.

Well the baker was accused on poisoning the king's family and the Lord told Bob in this experience. He says *the bakers, they are the ministries that are putting poison in the bread and they are killing my family.* And the Lord told Bob *this is what it means to have poison. It is a ministry whether song, drama, writing or preaching. It is a ministry that does not produce humility. That is poison. Whatever ministry it is if it doesn't produce humility it is poison.* That doesn't mean that every sermon and every song has to be on humility. That's not the point. But it must ... the overall impact of our ministry must not just produce inspiration for people to come to the next meeting, go to the next prayer meeting. It must contribute to producing humility in people's spirits.

This is a very powerful revelation. The Lord said thunderous to me audible *voice I have a revelation for you.* This is what it is. Our singing, our interactions, our writings, our stage presentation, how we come and go, everything about us, we want to do it with a view of producing humility. Everything doesn't produce humility in a direct sense. But it doesn't get in the way of humility and produces humility. Those are the two concepts. 12:30.

Paragraph D. The Lord told Bob *I'm going to exalt the cup bearer from prison and they are going to serve wine in the presence of the King. I'm going to exalt the cup bearer.* There are cup bearers that have been in prison. They have been in a time of struggle. They have been in a divine constraint, a season where they are hemmed in, there ... in a figurative sense, a prison season where they are constrained. *The Lord says I'm going to liberate my servants out of prison. And I will exalt them and they will serve wine in My presence again.* And of course there are lots of applications for that.

But here is the ... paragraph D, I mean a very important point to me at that time. And the Lord told Bob Jones and he heard this right ... in that face to face encounter in the Spirit. He said *tell them, and to be specific, tell them it will begin in 10 years. That I will exalt my cup bearers. They will serve wine.* And the Lord told Bob that He is going to use this wine, this is an important point, to bring humility to the body of Christ. I'm going to break that down in a minute. He is going to use the wine to bring humility because that is what is going to happen again. I have had 4 or 5 dreams in the last year or two that I believe were from the Lord, prophetic dreams where the Lord has shown me He is going to pour out wine in our midst again. The wine of the Spirit. And I'm looking back to these lessons and I remember the Lord said *I have a revelation for you Mike. I have a revelation for you. You must hear this revelation.* And I think it is related to this wine season that is yet ahead of us as well as the whole of our future. It is not a small point.

Paragraph E. The Lord was showing us that in His bigger picture He is going to release wine first. Now I would prefer the wind, the creative miracles, the buildings shaking, the whole city ceased in power, the activity of angels manifest in the natural. I like the wind. How many of you like the wind? I like the fire. I mean conviction, heart wrenching repentance that frees and liberates the heart to touch God and that

deeply engaged first commandment passionate commitment of devotion to love Him, for Him to be our portion. How many like the fire? I like the fire anointing.

If it is from the Lord, it is good. Well the wine. The wine makes the heart happy. The wine of the Spirit brings joy and heals and causes the Father's love to touch. I hadn't thought much about wine. I thought about fire and wind in 1984. The Lord says I going to put wine ... and the reason I'm choosing wine is to produce humility. I could never have understood what that was going to lead to. And I believe another season of wine, we are going to see it again. And we need to learn these lessons.

Now paragraph F. Let's look at the ... you know some time passes. And it strikes me. Lord, why didn't you tell me directly? I mean you talk ... you are speaking audibly, thunderously, you are shaking my being. Why did I call another person? And the answer that became very clear in the days following, He wants us to understand we need one another to receive the fullness. I cannot enter into the fullness for my life by just me and my dedication. I need to interact with you in your dedication for me to receive my fullness. 16:29

Part of my fullness is in your hands. Part of your fullness is in my hands. And that's just not true of people inside of one ministry. Part of the IHOP fullness is in the hands of other ministries that we receive from them. They teach us. We learn and we serve them. We give to them. They give to us. Part of our fullness is in the hands of others. And the Lord even strategically withholds something from one ministry. He gives an extra measure to another ministry. He does this strategically. So we have to go over to that other ministry. Receive from them. And in the process of receiving from them we fall in love with them. We would never have taken time to interact with that other ministry but we were so desperate to have the grace of God they have, we went over, took the time and energy and we ended up saying hey, we like these guys and gals. And that is how love relationships are happening. So even as we are going forward in the power of the ministry the Lord is going to release ... going to cause there to be many deficiencies in our midst on purpose. He wants us to reach across the lines and to receive the fullness from others. That was even a part of the humility message was the way that it came down.

Paragraph G. Now these were the two things that we hard for me to understand, to receive, not understand, I understood clearly. Number one: 10 years. Now I'm 54, 10 years is ... I know I can make 10 years. When I was 28, I'd only had my driver's license 10 years. I mean 10 years was another world. I went ... when Bob Jones said 10 years, that was a death sentence. I go 10 years. I'll be almost 40. It will be too late. I go 10 years. Bob goes that will be here in a minute. Ah. That is the most horrible word I can imagine. But the Lord wanted me to get a perspective, that He is not just orchestrating how to have a little lively revival spirit for ... in our ministry for a few years. The Lord is orchestrating His global end times purposes that are going to result in the coming of Jesus and the transition to another age.

He is operating on a strategic global level. And we must be receiving and serving in a dynamic interaction with ministries globally and understanding what He is saying from the counsel, the witness that God is giving the larger body of Christ. And He is going to give wine. That was the second thing instead of the fire. I was praying for fire. And he said *wine*. And I said *wine*? He goes *yes*. I'd never seen a meeting where "the wine of the Spirit was poured out." I go wine! You mean like Charles Finney and the power of God and thousands getting saved? Wine is what the Lord said. Read the book of Acts. See what the wine is. They were happy. I was thinking more of being intense.

IV. Ten years later, the renewal of 1994. The renewal of 1994 was not just a blessings that happened in Toronto. Some of you who are younger won't know much about this. But those of you who have been around for a while, it was the front line news of the body of Christ for many years. And by the way, the Lord is still blessing and pouring out His Spirit in Toronto. It doesn't have the global prominence it had for about 5 years but the Lord is still moving and touching and meeting them. I just want to say that. But what God did in Toronto, there are many lessons that affect our future. That is why I'm taking time on this. Just like the lessons with the Vineyard affect our future as I talked in the last session. Because the Lord is pouring wine out on a global level. It is getting the body of Christ ready for fire. And I believe that the fire was released in a measure in Pensacola. There was a fire dimension. But all of these are just measures right now. The measure is going to be far greater before the Lord returns in all of these dimensions.

The reason the Lord released wine first. There are many reasons but according to the revelation that God spoke to me and Bob Jones on that day. It was to produce humility in leaders so they would produce it in others. That was on very few people's minds. When the wine was flowing most people were thinking of receiving and getting happy. The Lord had a very different agenda. It is to humble everyone across the line. The people that received it and believed it and the people that resisted it, everybody was humbled when the wine was poured out. Because the agenda of God in pouring out His Spirit is not just happy meetings and it's not just even larger meetings and more people getting saved. Certainly people getting saved is top of the list. But it is more than just an outreach and wow, we are excited. He wants to produce mass humility in the body of Christ on a global scale.

He has an agenda and it's not necessarily the same agenda that we have when we cry out for revival. Often people are crying out for healing power so the meetings are bigger more exciting and they do want Jesus saving but Jesus wants us to bear the cross. As the preacher said, the same God that orchestrated the crucifixion of Jesus' is orchestrating your crucifixion right now. And what he meant by that is that He is going to see that we walk in humility. The people who live for humility they are hard to offend. They are stable. They are hard to offend. It is not only that we would be humble. That's not enough that we would be humble. He wants us to produce it in the new believers. He wants us to produce humility not just have it but actively produce it.

This revelation told me, of course it is clear enough in the bible itself, but when you have a revelation the Lord is focusing and putting more heightened focus on it. Beloved, here is the question of IHOP to its leadership team, to me, to all of us - are we actively, in all that we are doing, trying to produce humility? Or are we receiving our songs, our drama's, our teachings, our writing, as the Lord's agenda for the outpouring. In terms of the body of Christ, and of course, it is to relieve the oppressed, and to win the lost, and many other things but at the core of it, it is to bring us into humility.

Paragraph B. The spring of 1994. The Lord poured out the wine of the Spirit in Toronto. And of course we know the names, John Arnott and Randy Clark. And it started 10 years, just like Bob Jones and people were talking about the wine of the Spirit. I'd never heard of the wine of the Spirit in 1984. Ten years the wine of the Spirit is on the front news of the body of Christ kind of attention, in the western world at least. It was a very dynamic move.

Paragraph C. One of the new expressions of Christianity the Lord says, I'm going to change the expression of Christianity. There is a new expression. It is in our attitude of honoring Jesus. We have to cooperate with the Spirit. This is a tough one. It seems simple but this is one of the most challenging

things. We can't neglect the wine when He pours it out. We can't resist it. You see, some people they don't resist it. They just neglect it. They don't oppose it. They say I don't think much about it. But we can't exaggerate it either. We can't exaggerate it, we can't overdo it. We can't under do it. We can't ignore it. Can't stand against it. He says I want an attitude towards my Spirit that honors what the Lord wants.

Paragraph D. Now top of page 3. There are four groups that come to mind when I think of the outpouring of the Spirit. And the wine is the most offensive of the three. People don't have that much offense, well they probably really do, with the fire of conviction and repentance. Because if you repent then your friend says are you implying that I'm supposed to repent too? So I'm sure it has its problems. But the wine has a stigma to it that is God orchestrated. I mean people are happy and falling over and flopping over and kicking and all the strange things that are new. And undoubtedly there is hamburger helper in some of it. But there is an authentic reality. There is an authentic reality in some of this as well. I mean a lot of things that were very unorthodox were totally of the Lord. I said this as I watched. I did the math. Lord, you are not out to hurt our pride. You are out to kill it. This ... if we do this, we are over in terms of respectability.

I get it. I can connect the dots. And the Lord is saying I'm pouring out wine for this purpose. Now I found four groups in the renewal. The people who resisted the wine because they were simply unfamiliar with it. They had never seen it. So they were against it because they had never seen it. That is not a good enough reason. Humility will answer that. The next group they resisted it because it didn't start with them because they had to go a couple miles down the road to get it from another ministry. They said, no. We believe it but we are not going to have our people touch it another ministry. The Lord says that doesn't work either. Humility can fix that one. Well the anointed guys and gals they were attacked everywhere. Lord we are being faithful. We are being attacked everywhere with false accusations and all kinds of things. The Lord's answer. Humility will fix that one too. And then there were those who exaggerated it. On a scale of from 1 – 10 what happened to a 2? They made it out to be a four and a six and an eight. And there is a reproach that goes with that as well.

Humility fixes all of these. And there are a couple of other categories you can put in there.

Paragraph E. The category that I'm most concerned about is the bearing of the stigma of the wine. And because we haven't seen that much activity of the Spirit compared to what's going to happen in the future, we think of the activity of the Spirit mostly again as exciting not as a reproach but more as an excitement. And the truth is it is both. It is exciting and it is a reproach. But we have to be sober about the reproach and the next thing. It is not just the bearing of the reproach. It is the attitude of lowliness when the Lord puts something in your hand. The attitude of humility when the Lord gives you a little bit. What we do with that extra that He gives us.

1 Cor 4, I have it on the notes, verse 9. Here is Paul the apostle speaking. God has displayed us apostles ... He has displayed us as last. One translation says God put us in the showcase. He put us in the showcase, the store window, and people came by and gawked at us. He put us on open display as looking last. He is talking about in honor, last in honor. When the people saw the apostles ... we read the book of Acts and go Wow, but in their day they were displayed, not by the devil, by God. They were displayed as last.

We have been made a spectacle. Even the angels look at us and go wow! That's intense what they are going through. I don't know what that means exactly, that an angel ... would be a spectacle to an angels but even the angels see the dedication of the apostles, the way that they are reproached and rejected. I mean they rejected the Messiah when He came in power and wisdom and dignity. He says we are fools. We are weak. We are dishonored we are reviled. We are persecuted. Beloved we are dreaming of an anointing where we are first. We are not a spectacle, we are honored. We are not fools but we look wise to everyone. We don't look weak. We look strong. We don't look dishonored, we look honored. We are talked about positive, not reviled. Beloved, that is the wrong image.

When these promises unfold there will be a stigma, if we are faithful to them and we will be by the grace of God but there will also be an attitude of humility that even those who don't back away from the stigma, they don't have a generosity of spirit towards others in the body of Christ that are different and especially others in the body of Christ that resisted them. The Lord *says I require humility straight across the line. Or you are going to lose or diminish the promises.* That's why I am saying ... I know I'm giving a bit of a teaching and I don't want to do that in these 8 sessions, I just want to give the stories but all of these eight, one hour sessions of testimony will be lost or diminished on this issue.

The Lord said like thunder, *I have a revelation for you, Mike Bickle. I have a revelation for you. Call Bob Jones and Bob Jones says if it doesn't produce humility, the wine is going to produce humility and if it doesn't produce humility, it is going to poison the body of Christ, my family.* And I look across the body of Christ and so much that is being honored and displayed and promoted does not produce humility. That is not my business to figure that part out. It is my business to say, it doesn't matter how it goes down in the public arena. We must stand for what the Holy Spirit is saying and doing. And we must have a generous spirit towards everyone that is friendly, to give them what we have, and those who are opposing, to serve them in all ways possible without drawing attention to the fact that we are doing it.

The Lord says, now I'll give power into that kind of community. I'm very grateful for John Arnott and many others that took a courageous stand. I mean, I just saw the reproach they took. I think we will be surprised how many fear of man issues are going to surface when the wind, fire and wine begin to manifest at a new level. I mean fear of man issues in us. Because the Lord is going to display us. He is going to put us on display. And it is not ... the Lord is going to exhibit us. All that He anoints, He is going to put them on display as last. And that is not the American dream. That is not a western paradigm. That is not something the body of Christ is excited about being put on display as last. We are praying and fasting with the anointing to be first.

And the Lord says you are praying and fasting and I'm going to anoint you to make you last. This is where it is going. Let's go to the top of page 4.

Just spend a moment on this and this will be a shorter session than the other ones. Because I wanted to pause from these glorious kind of ... some of these stories have a spectacular element. Some are kind of mystical and perplexing element. And I wanted, right in the middle of these 8 one hour sessions just to lock in and say, let's have a reality check. Do we really want these things to happen? Of course He answers yes, but not just excitement. Bear the stigma in a spirit of honor and servanthood.

V. We'll just take a minute on this we won't go long on this. God wants to establish a culture of honor. This is what the Holy Spirit really wants to do. We love God by honoring everybody that He calls, everyone that is dear to Him. All the different streams and denominations, tribes in the body of Christ,

that do ... they approach the ministry differently. They look different. They express it differently. The Lord says *they are dear to Me. Don't write them off. They are dear to Me. I want them honored.* He requires that we dwell together in a culture of honor. And I don't mean just among each other, that we honor the ministry that we live with. That is very important. I'm talking about we honor the ministries in our cities, in our nation, in the nations that do it differently than we do. And that don't appreciate us. We honor them. We bless when we are reviled. The Holy Spirit insists on this if we are going to be those who walk in the greater dimensions of the Spirit. God loves the whole body of Christ and He wants us to ... Jesus loves the whole body of Christ. Imagine that concept. He loves the whole church. And that core of our community and everybody that believes for the greater breakthrough, we must love the whole church, not just the ones that look like us, Baptists, Nazarenes, Presbyterians, Anglicans, Episcopalians, and Catholics. I'm talking about born again Catholics. There is millions of them that are born again ... salvation by faith, born again. They typically use the word, Spirit filled. But they are connected to Jesus, millions of them.

All kinds of non denominational. Here is why I am saying this. Think about it and this Joseph's dungeon, the one I just looked at a minute ago. I have a revelation for you. Humility. Thunderous voice of God. And the one we shared in the last session, session three. Right now we are on session four. The control spirit. And I'm in Cardiff Whales and the Lord says, you must relinquish all rights. No one with a control spirit ... you can't possess the blessing of God for yourself when I give you the blessing of God you must think of ways to give it away freely. Well come join us. The Lord says *No, not give it away so that they join you, you have to possess the kingdom without a control spirit.* The money, the blessing, the honor, we must ... this thing I insist on, anybody can recruit from us anytime they want. Our copyright is the right to copy. And it is more than that. We need to be thinking of ways where we can make other ministries successful without it every coming back to bless us, in a way consciously. I'm talking about giving them time, people, and money with no way that it comes back and makes us better, bigger, just doing it because God loves the church. We just leave it there. Well, they will never come back and bless us and we put a lot of time and energy .... It will never make IHOP bigger. And the Lord says, perfect!

That is called the kingdom of God. Well they are different than us and they are not really doing our thing. Perfect. Serve them. That is called the Kingdom of God. This is what the Lord is saying.

Paragraph C. There are many in the body of Christ. We have ... we agree on the main and plain things of the faith but have many differences. We agree on salvation by faith, the authority of the scripture. We agree on the two great commandments. We agree on evangelizing the lost. We agree on the need to transform the city and the mandate to do it, and disciple nations. But many other things are different. The Lord says if you agree on those main and plain things, you can honor one another, open your hearts to each other.

If we think, secretly think we are a little better or a little more dedicated, it will feed a spirit of pride. If any of us think we are a little more dedicated. You know that group down the road, they don't do what we do, and they don't do it like we do it. The Lord says, *don't go there. Don't even go there.* It is critical if you are going to operate in the healing anointing, the authority in the Spirit, these great breakthroughs of power, we must have a heart response that is in line with the Holy Spirit that is releasing the power.

Paragraph E. Elitism or humility can be imparted. We can impart humility to our students or we can impart elitism to them. The young people are like wet cement. They will follow the Spirit, the tone and

the style of what their leaders do consistently. And I'm saying to us here and others that are abroad that we are connected with, we are consciously wanting to impart humility. Consciously wanting to impart it.

It is not something that if it happens that is cool. The Lord said, *I have a revelation for you*, thundered from heaven. *You had better get this one*. Well, we wanted the church to know, how special our prophecies are, how great our promises are. Don't just impart that. If that is all you impart, your history is going to be cut short. The last thing I want is these 8 sessions and we walk away and go, we have great promises, we got dedicated people, we are awesome, oh, sorry friend, you guys must be left out. That would be the most grievous thing imaginable, celebrating all the great things God is saying about our future.

We have to know that the Lord is requiring a spirit of humility in all this. Three simple principles: we bless without criticism. Paragraph G. We bless the budding virtues in other ministries that are not yet mature. We bless them. Yes, they have deficiencies. Yes, we have differences. We bless all ministries. That we have agreement on the main and plain things of salvation. Yes, but they don't have teaching, they don't do the prayer, they don't do the outreach, they don't do the youth ministry and they don't have the "this or that". The Lord says, they all have deficiencies. IHOP has many deficiencies. You don't just bless the group with no deficiencies. You bless everybody if they love Jesus. Well, they are different in style and focus. They push people down in the prayer lines. We don't. You better not. Not here. If they do it down the way that is their business. We'll bless them. We don't have to point out the differences. Now in this house you can't do it. The Lord says you don't talk about that. The Holy Spirit has forbidden us as a community to put down other ministries because of their deficiencies or differences. And if we do, I have insisted on this, you must confess it as sin to the people you did it to. Any of our leaders put down another ministry ... well you know those other guys, I'm talking about a put down, and we can't do it based on their deficiencies or their differences. The Holy Spirit has forbidden us. We must bless. We must have a culture of honor.

Paragraph H. It is more than a blessing, inclusion, this is what I was referring to a minute ago. We have to understand ... when we understand God's value for other people, we see those people differently. I'm talking about other ministries. We set our heart. Lord, we are going to use our resources to make them more successful without it ever trickling back to us. Now in God's kingdom, He always makes it come back. But that's up to Him. I'm talking about, there is no agenda on our part. We are not talking at their conference so that they will join us. That is not the point. We are going to their conference because we want to strengthen who they are. Not lead them back to us. We want to give them money not so they will come to us, but so that they are stronger. We want to bless them with no expectation of it coming back to us. And the Lord wants us to think of ways to bless the other churches and ministries with none of it coming back.

Principle number 3. We have to be loyal to truth as well. Because there are, in the context of blessings, some folks go strong on blessing but they come on short of this. And again, that's between them and God. But in our house here, we want to be loyal to truth. Because there are destructive doctrines and there are destructive behaviors and those need to be addressed. But they need to be addressed in the right process, in the right spirit. So I'm ending with that. And I realize that I didn't tell you ... I've got a bunch more stories, but I have the fear of the Lord on me right now. I'm thinking we are at this 10 year mark. And we are saying yes to these stories. And I just feel the Holy Spirit like brooding over, saying yes.

You have said yes to the stories. What about the stigma? And what about the attitude of servanthood and humility? What about that?

No Lord, we have power and lightning strike and massive numbers, waves of glory and worship and stadiums filled and processions down the road ... Yes. Life is going to be great! Fun!

Well, it is going to have some joy in it but it's going to be a lot different than you think when it happens. Let he that has ears, hear what the Spirit is saying. Amen.