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Looking at the prophetic testimonies and how the Lord has emphasized from heaven the things that He promised us to do. But in promising certain things, there is a message in those promises. It is not only going to be great but the Lord is saying, I want you to do something. There is a message in the promise. There is a mandate. And it is not just that we are to do it but to do it in a certain way, right spirit, before Him.

And sometime when we hear the message, the prophetic history, we are more focused on dynamic events. And I just feel continually, urgent and distressed. The events are glorious and they speak of great things, and great power, and great events, finance and supply and many things, but there is a message. There is a mandate. There is a work to do. And there is a work to do in a right spirit, in a right way and we have to say the message according to the Word. And in the last session, session 5, we looked at the conviction of the Spirit, the gift of anointed intercession, and where God is going to bring apostolic preaching and prophetic singing and drama and these things for the power of conviction to supernaturally touch the heart.

In this session, I want to continue on the subject of the message. Last night, last session, was the message. This is the message again but here we are going to focus on how the Lord established the forerunner message in our midst. And He emphasized this that we were to be forerunners. And He established this in our midst in a process over years. And of course, He used the written word of God and He used the prophetic dreams and visions to highlight and emphasize that which is clearly in the written word. But things that we were neglecting and overlooking. And so dreams and visions are not to add anything to written word but there to bring a focus and a new insight into old truths.

And that's what the Lord did and He called us ... one of our primary callings I'll say is that of a forerunner spirit, the forerunner message. Now when I think of the forerunner message, I think of three things. Jesus as bridegroom, king and judge. As bridegroom, He has great emotion and desire for His people. As King, He has great power and He is going to take over all the nations. He will transform all society, shift all the finance, and raise the dead. I mean the rapture of the church. I mean everybody is raised from the dead. He is king. His power over money, over nations, over the great harvest, the end time prayer movement, He is king. But He is not only bridegroom and king. He is also judge. And He is going to confront everything that hinders love.

Now the message of Jesus as bridegroom, king and judge at first glance, seems contradictory. And most people initially tend to pick one of the three. And the third one is always, Jesus the judge. That is always the last. It is the one that is in focus. People typically pick the King or the power dimension, the transfer of indescribable wealth, the transformation of cities and nations, revival, the King. Others go, Oh I love you, I love you, I love you. You love me. I love You. That is Jesus the bridegroom. I don't know about the revival thing, I love Him. He loves me. Well, Jesus the king who is taking over the nations is doing it for love. And Jesus the bridegroom who loves, says hey, I want to take over the nations so that I can establish my love throughout the entire earth. But Jesus the judge says, I'm going to confront everything that hinders my love. I'm going to move it out of the way. So in reality, there is no difference. At the core of these truths, they are the same truth. They are different faces of one diamond.

They are different facets of one glorious man. Fully God, fully man, the god man Jesus. And in the generation of the Lord's return ... and I believe we are in the early days of that generation. That's a

personal opinion, a personal conviction. And I have that conviction not because of a dream or a vision or personal revelation. I have the conviction because of the biblical signs of the times. There are so many of them that are increasing in intensity. I mean from biblical witness of what would happen in society, and in the church and in the nations, and in the created order with earthquakes, floods and signs in the heavens. By just the observation using the biblical signs of the times, I have an increasing conviction that we are in the early days of that generation.

I believe there are people on the earth right now that will actually see the coming of the Lord with their own eyes. It may not be for some decades. I don't know. It may be 3, 4, 5, 6 decades, maybe longer or shorter. Nobody knows the day or the hour. But because of the signs of the times, I believe there will be a people all over the earth that will know as we get closer to that time, they will know that generation. And I believe that there are signs in the word of God, biblical signs that create in us a confidence, an awareness that we are getting close to that hour.

Well if that be true that we are in that hour, and those final decades, and we believe it to be true, again it is a personal conviction, personal opinion, the Holy Spirit is going to emphasize Jesus as bridegroom, king and judge with a great focus. A lot of folks have been content with Jesus as the forgiver of sins. And then another group came along about 100 years ago, the Pentecostal movement and said, Hey, He doesn't only forgive, He heals. So Jesus the healer. And so Jesus the forgiver and Jesus the healer and in the last 10 or 20 years, Jesus has all the money. Hey, He gives us money too. He not only forgives us. He heals us. He gives us money. But there is more to what's on His heart in the forerunner message than just He forgives us, He heals us and He gives us money. He has a global purpose, a global purpose. And He is raising up forerunners that prepare, that get prepared first, to prepare others, to cooperate with Jesus as Bridegroom, King and judge, three faces of one heart.

Three facets of one diamond. When we first came to Kansas City, 27 years ago, we were into Jesus the king a little bit. I mean we love Jesus the king. We didn't realize how big that message was. It was the revival. We wanted to see a great harvest. We wanted to see souls saved. Anything to see souls saved, that's what it was about. It was Jesus who had power to release the harvest. And the Lord came along and we got established and set up. Ok. He strengthened our intercession. He gave us words and promises about intercession so we had more confidence to pray with more focus in a more ardent way, with greater commitment. He strengthened our intercessory. Because the intercessors must cry out for Jesus the king to show His power, to manifest His provision.

Well, a few years goes by and He says, I'm going to add to it now. I want you to know Jesus the bridegroom, not Jesus the one with power only, but Jesus the one whose heart is filled with desire. And so He captured us. I mean it was an ambush. None of us were thinking of it. I mean we thought of intimacy with God a little bit. I mean we all thought of intimacy with God a little bit but not the kind of focus the bible makes clear. And He began to say, preach on Jesus the bridegroom. Encounter the bridegroom. And it was like ... this is interesting because we knew the king a little bit, the God of revival, the God of healing, the God of provision. A little bit of His kingship. Again, that is only the outer edge of His Kingship. There is a lot more to His kingship than that. But then He began to say, the God, the king with the burning heart, the bridegroom king. And that kind of threw us off for a few years. We as a people were grappling with it. We didn't have language. We couldn't connect with it. It seemed contradictory, like we either had to pick the Jesus of revival or the Jesus who loved us. And obviously it is the same thing. We were struggling. We had revival people and we had intimacy people. They were kind

of in conflict. Then a few years pass. Then the Lord says, I'm going to add more to your foundation, Jesus the judge. He is not only a king with power and a bridegroom with love, desire and emotion. He is going to, in His judgments, remove everything that gets in the way. He is going to intervene to remove the hindrances. So that as a bridegroom king, He can have His way with His people. So when we began to emphasize the judgment message, this was like ... created a whole kind of conflict. And we had 3 different groups in our midst: the bridegroom people, the Jesus the king people and Jesus the judge. Of course they were in the minority. And they were kind of like, He is a judge too! And I saw all kinds of dialogues and we'll call it, intense fellowship but it was really intense, some of it, which is the truth and it took years for this to come together and to be integrated in our thinking as one seamless revelation of one god man Jesus Christ.

And we don't have to pick between the three. Well, it is the forerunner message. I'm going to give just a few of the prophetic experiences we had as the Lord took us on this journey. I already told you last night in the 5th session about how He emphasized the gift of prayer and the gift of revival. Again, that is Jesus the king. That is just dimensions of His kingship. He has power. He is going to show His power. And we are going to get healed. And we are going to get saved. And we are going to have provision. And there is going to be power. Jesus is the king.

Now in this session I want to talk about how He convinced us. I mean the bible is good enough. But we were so dull of hearing and we couldn't see the obvious that was in the bible. So He gives us dreams and visions. And He brings a particular focus. He gives us a focused gaze on the old truths of the word. Some folks have said, well you have some new stuff. I said, no, we just have a new look at an old truth. It is new to us. It has been in the word the whole time. It's just new to us. But it is an old truth. It started, I mean this was the first shocker, it was in July 1988. I mean, I can't imagine a person ... I mean I'm a little overstating this. I can't imagine God picking me for this truth is what I'm trying to say, the truth of the Song of Solomon. I mean I just wasn't a Song of Solomon guy. Or at least, I didn't know that I was. Put it that way.

Well, it is July 1988. And I'm in my office, after a morning prayer meeting. And I'm reading, a wedding card and on this wedding card it has Song of Solomon 8:6. I have the text on the notes. *Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm for my love is strong as death.* In other words, my love, nothing can overcome my love. If it is yielded to. And I'm reading this on a wedding card. And I went, wow. Now, I've seen that on wedding cards before. But it never really grabbed my attention. It is kind of neat verse. It struck me. I said, set me as a seal. And I had just came out of a prayer meeting. I was real focused on the Lord and was going through my mail and I stopped and I said, Lord, I set you as the seal, oh Jesus seal my heart, just seal my heart with your love. I just stopped for a second. And I mean the Spirit of the Lord came on me. And I just began to weep. And I just said Lord, fill my heart. Father. I prayed John 17:26. Fill my heart, Father, with the love you have for your son. Seal me with supernatural power. It was really ... just a surprise of tenderness and I began to weep.

So I picked up the phone. Called the receptionist and said, something is up, something unusual happening right now. And if somebody calls or comes by just don't let them in no matter what. It is really a special moment. And I hung the phone up. Now, I have never in 30 plus years of ministry ever called the receptionist and said, don't for any reason let somebody call me because God is visiting me. I mean, I wished that I had many times. But I've never done that. Just this one day. And I'm there. And I'm weeping. It is tender and I'm saying, Lord set yourself, be the seal upon my heart, and touch me. And I

can't think of anything sweeter and more tender than when God is revealing God to the human Spirit. I mean there is nothing more dynamic than when God reveals God to the human spirit especially when He is revealing His love. Ten minutes later, the phone rings. Now I can't believe how quick I can go from the heights of tenderness to instantaneously in the flesh. I went *what!* I mean how can you go from there to there that fast? Well I'm good at it. I had a lot of practice. I pick the phone up and go, *hello*.

And the receptionist says, I really apologize but Bob Jones just called and because, you know, Bob Jones since 1988 has been with us for 5 years, he has quite a testimony in our midst because the stories are now well known. And the receptionist says, he has heard the audible voice of God for you right now. He said, I figured I should let God in. If God wants to say something, he goes is that good? Yes, that's good that's right. Always let God in. It's Bob Jones on the phone but with a testimony straight from God. So I go, *hello Bob*.

He says, *Mike I have one minute. I'm on my way to the airport. They are out waiting in the car coming to pick me up. He goes I've had a powerful encounter, just now. I heard the audible voice of God, I mean just now, just moments ago. It is early in the morning. Again, getting ready to go to the airport and he was running late, and the car is outside going hurry up Bob. He says, the Lord just spoke to me. Song of Solomon 8:6. I mean I can't believe this. I'm still kneeling. I've got the phone in my hand and the bible in the other hand looking at Song of Solomon 8:6 and he goes, the Lord gave me Song of Solomon 8:6 audibly, just now. And He told me I must call you right now. He said, I will check in with you when I get back in town. But I want you to know this: two things. He says this is going to be a primary focus of your ministry all the days of your life. And number two, whatever is in Song of Solomon 8:6 ... he hadn't even looked it up yet. He says, whatever this verse is, God is going to do it in the body of Christ worldwide. He says, got to go and he hangs the phone up.*

And the Spirit of the Lord continued to minister to me. So, I'm so excited. I mean to get a divine mandate and clarity for your whole life. Now, I had one before that five years earlier. In the solemn assembly of May 1983, the Lord said do 24 hour prayer in the spirit of the tabernacle of David. So now I have a 2nd mandate, do Song of Solomon 8:6. Focus on it. So this seems so strange to me now but in that day it was a conflict. I thought which is it? Is it the 24 hour prayer or is it the Song of Solomon? I mean it is the same thing. But in that day that was completely a dichotomy. How am I going to do the prayer thing, if I do the intimacy thing? I know it just sounds absurd in 2009. Because we had prayer meetings for years. And I mean they were Rambo prayer meetings. It was devil come out or we are coming in after you. They were not, oh how I love you and oh, how you love me.

Jesus break in with power. I mean, we were militant and strong and going after the devil. And we are still militant. And there is still a strong resolve to bring the name of Jesus against the works of darkness. And that is a resolve still. We only had the militant outward mode. We didn't know that the King who was going to overthrow the works of darkness in society in an open way was not just a King but He was a lovesick God as well. He was the bridegroom king. And so this seemed like a dichotomy at first. I thought, I have two life mandates. Now I look back. It's one. It is two sides of one coin or different facets on that glorious diamond.

So I remember. I called Diane. *Diane, the most amazing thing happened. She said, what? Bob Jones heard the audible voice of the Lord and said that I have this mandate the rest of my life that He is going to do this in the body of Christ throughout the whole world. I don't mean do it through me. But He is going to raise up many messengers that have this Song of Solomon focus which is really the first*

commandment focus. Because some people say, well, I don't really study the Song of Solomon. I don't know that Song of Solomon per say is the main point, it is really the message of the first commandment. It is the bridegroom God touching a people with His desire awakening in them the desire back for Him to where the Holy Spirit restores the first commandment to first place. He is going to do that. It is the first commandment mandate. This is really what it is. To receive the love of God, and to return it, to love God with all of our heart because He loves us with all of His heart.

Imagine, we are to love God with all our heart and all of our mind because He loves us with all of His heart and all of His mind. So it is the message, I love you with all of my mind and all of my heart. That is the bridegroom message that God is speaking to us. Imagine the message that God loves us with all of His mind. He loves us with all of His heart, with all of His strength, and all of His soul. And we love Him in return. So there is a mutual love... we are walking together in whole hearted love. Now our love is a lot smaller than His love but it is our all. It is the all in our heart and all of His heart that is the bridegroom message.

So I call Diane. I had this encounter with the Lord, Bob Jones, Song of Solomon. And you know we got that other thing 5 years ago, we have the sign on the wall, 24 hour prayer. We are going to do that but you know, just over the months and years I talked to her about it. I think I have two mandates. I got the prayer mandate and the Song of Solomon mandate. That works for me. Two mandates is fine. I didn't realize it was one. So I'm excited. So I decided, since I'm called to Song of Solomon, I ought to read it once. I'd never read the Song of Solomon, in a serious way. Now I had read it in the early days to make some jokes in youth groups. But I'd never read it in a serious, I love you God what are you saying, way.

I mean the whole book. I'd never read it. One verse there. One verse here, I'd highlighted. So I go great. Song of Solomon, you know, well let's start it. You know, I'm reading through it. Ok. Perfume, kisses, flowers, fragrance. By chapter 8, I mean, this is not a joke, I'm depressed. I said ... I can't do this. I really can't do this. And I told the Lord, I said, you know I'm the son of a world champion boxer. In the amateur arena, my father was a world champion in the army. And he boxed professionally for a number of years. And I grew up in a boxing home. Most of his friends were boxers. I grew up in the bars and in the taverns. He had mafia friends and boxing friends. It sounds like a movie, but it is real. It was just tough guys, drinking and language and rough and tough and everybody beat everybody up if they were the best.

And so I said, Lord I'm the son of a boxer. I don't know. And I didn't think it was for men. And I said Lord you know, give it to the women's ministry. They like stuff like this. No, I did. The ladies will love it. I'm more of a coach, not a poet. So I asked the Lord give me the life of David or the book of Romans or book of Revelation. Give me one of those books. I'll run with it with all of my heart. So I come home that night. Diane goes, what a great day. I said, no. No. She goes, well this morning you called. I said, have you ever read the book? And she said, yes, it's awesome. I go, oh. I said, I really said this, I'm in a prison. This is like a prison sentence. No, this is a prison sentence. I got to do this.... You know I'm 32 or 33 at that time. I'm going to do this the rest of my life.

Well I gave myself to the book just by raw faith. I mean raw faith. Audible voice of God, highlighted, raw faith. This is what I mean. This is what the prophetic does. Because the Song of Solomon has been in the bible a long time. It wasn't a new truth. It was an old truth. I just never had the Spirit highlight it and push me in that direction. And boy, this was an ambush. This was, I think, the biggest ambush of my life theologically. I mean the biggest, the biggest extreme movement. And when the Lord began to focus on

Jesus the judge we'll look at in a minute, in 1997 and for this movement we would focus, that was not near as radical as Jesus the bridegroom. I mean Jesus the King, man I grew up on Jesus the king, the revival and the healing, the power and the economic shift, the takeover of nations. I love that message. Boy this bridegroom, radical ... the judge message was a shift. It was a tough one too. But the bridegroom internally, that was the one that jolted me the most. And I'm saying that just as those ... we are hearing our history, I'm telling my journey because many of you are on the same journey and some of you have picked bridegroom, king or judge. And you don't have to pick. You don't have to pick your heart, your liver or your kidney. You can have all of them.

You really can. You don't have to pick Father, Son or Holy Spirit. You get to worship God in all three persons, the one God in three persons. We don't have to pick the three faces. We want Jesus in His fullness. Whoever He is. Not the Jesus of our denomination. Not the Jesus of our background tradition. But the Jesus of the bible is the one we want.

Well, I gave myself to it for a couple of years. And suddenly, it began to really change my heart. I tell you and I say to the Lord, through the years, thank you, and thank you. Oh. Thank you for the Song of Solomon. I'm glad you didn't listen to me in my first prayers. You know, you let me pray that a couple of years later and undo what I said in the early days. I can just imagine the Lord smiling going, I just knew this would suit you well. I didn't hear Him say that but I just imagine He did.

II. We'll kind of go fast through these. It is November, 1995. So, it's about 7 years later. I have a prophetic dream, about 7 years later. And in this dream, I'm on this large platform in a big room. It is a big auditorium. And I'm preaching. I have a microphone but the voice of God like thunder comes over the whole room. And the voice of God like thunder is speaking to me in front of this mass arena, huge auditorium. And He says this. *Call them Hephzibah. Tell them, the Lord delights in them. Call them Hephzibah. Tell them that the Lord delights in them.* And the people in the auditorium are ah, their hearts were so shifted and changed. I mean there is such a shift in their emotional chemistry when this truth hits them. And I mean, it just changed their countenance, changed the very nature of the inner life. And so, I was to call them that.

It is Sunday morning. So I get up. I'm going to tell you just a moment of this story, just the details so you could relate to it in your own story. I'm excited, Sunday morning. So I'm going to speak on Sunday morning and I'm going to get up a church and say, *you're Hephzibah*. I heard it in the thunderous voice of a dream. Why not do it today? Why not tell the people that I'm ministering to this message, not just wait for some big conference down the road. So, I'm looking for Hephzibah. Where is that? Where is it at? You know I studied the bible a lot over the years. Hey, I know that verse, somewhere. And, it is in Isaiah, Jeremiah, one of those, one of the prophets. Well, there are the 16 prophets of the OT. You can start with Isaiah. So, it is early Sunday morning. So, I still have time before the church service. So, I'm going to just go look for it.

So, Isaiah 1, 2, 3. I'm looking. I've got lots of things marked, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 ... I'm going real fast. I know that, I read that Hephzibah. I get to Isaiah 62 where it is at, but because I know Isaiah 62 so well, so I think. And I know it so well, why? Because right there in the notes, verse 6. God says, I have set watchman on your wall, they will pray night and day. I preached on Isaiah 62:6, I think, more times than any passage in my entire 30 years of ministry. I think I preached on this passage, I have said Isaiah 62:6 probably more times in a message because I have had this mandate to call people to prayer, in conferences that is what I would talk on Isaiah 62:6. So, I get to Isaiah 60, no, 61, no. I get to Isaiah 62

and here is what I say, I know Isaiah 62. So, I'm in a hurry because I have to get ready for Sunday morning. So, I just turn the page to save time. It is on Isaiah 62. It is in that chapter, on that page. So, 63, 64 ... Jeremiah 1, 2 ... Ezekiel 1, 2 ... Daniel 1, 2, 3 ... Hosea 1, 2 ... Joel, Amos ... Malachi. Man it took me like 30 minutes or an hour. Ah. I go, I know it. I've seen it. I look, it is still early. I got the message. I'm going to call them Hephzibah and just see what happens. You know, on that Sunday morning, I said, I'll do it again. Isaiah 1, 2 ... same thing, I skip over Isaiah 62. Why? I know Isaiah 62 ... Ah, I've wasted an hour. So, I do the unthinkable. I break down, use the concordance. It has come to that.

You know the men that don't want to look at the map. I'll find my way. I decide, ok. I'm running out of time. I look up the concordance. Hephzibah, one reference I see. Isaiah 62. I go, impossible. True to my manly way, the concordance is wrong. How could that be? On a day like today, the concordance is wrong. I look at it. I turn to it out of desperation. It is the two verse before my favorite passage. You shall be called Hephzibah. Isaiah 62:4. Because the Lord delights in you. For the bridegroom rejoices over a bride ... so as a bridegroom rejoices over a bride, in the same way God rejoices over you. I have set watchman on your walls. I went, this can't be. The, I delight in you, message is the message that sets up and gives us the ability to pray night and day. I go, *I've trying to do this night and day thing for years with no Hephzibah*. I said this is ... Lord, do you understand the implications of this, of where this will bring the prayer movement? Lord, this is going to change everything. I mean the Rambo's of the world, I mean these tough guy intercessors warriors, and well the bride has army boots. That is true. That's for sure. But these warrior guys are going to be love sick intercessors. I mean David, the great warrior king of Israel, is a love sick worshiper. John the apostle, the son of thunder, called by Jesus Himself, son of thunder, this powerful man, he lays his head on the Lord's breast. John the Baptist, I mean the prophet in the wilderness, he says, I've heard the voice of the bridegroom and the revelation of the bridegroom God. These powerful men and the Lord began to really put on my heart that the intimacy message doesn't undermine our masculinity. It established and gives us the ability to come to the fullness of our masculinity. The great men of God in the bible touched the burning heart of God's desire.

Beloved I want to tell you this. Isaiah 62, the intimacy message, verses 1-5, and I have this in the notes, is essential to the night and day prayer message which is the next couple of verses, which is essential to the judgement message that comes right afterwards. So, it is right in order, bridegroom, king and judge. The intimacy message, the king the intercessor, the revival message and after that the judge. Bridegroom, king and judge, Isaiah 62, in order. Right in order there. The forerunner message laid out, Isaiah 62 and 63. Top of page 2.

Well, a year goes by. And the Lord really wants this to continue to build. And I'm right here in this very auditorium as a matter of fact. This is the auditorium where our church was for years. And then when I started IHOP, I resigned from the church and Floyd McClung came and took over the leadership of the church and then one day he got ahold of me. Hey, we are buying a new church building. How would you like to buy your old church back for IHOP? Because we need a down payment, needs some money for our new building and I said, I'd love to. And so, they blessed us and let us buy it back. So ... the joke around the city is Mike Bickle bought the same church twice. I was happy to because I wanted to sow into the church I pastored, into their new building. So, I was excited about that. So, it was this very church though now it is the IHOP though back in the day it was the church I had pastored for 17 years. So, I'm right here having a Friday night prayer meeting. This very building. And it becomes midnight. It goes all night until 5 AM in the morning. We did that for a year or two.

And so at midnight, I'm just walking right over here. I remember it just like it was yesterday though it was 10 years ago. I said this sentence. I just said it because I'd been thinking and meditating on Song of Solomon. Jesus, you are so beautiful. And when I said, Jesus, you are so beautiful, the Holy Spirit surge of His presence came upon me. The Holy Spirit's presence, a surge. And I went wow! I'm going to say that again. I said Jesus, I was just walking up back and forth, and you are so beautiful. Swoosh. Oh, I love this feeling. Jesus, you are so beautiful. Swoosh. It was like I was being washed. Wow. Then I started ... that was mostly what I said, I went on until 5 AM, five hours. The Holy Spirit wouldn't stop. And I said, if you keep touching me I'm going to keep saying it.

He has a lot more strength and a lot more zeal than I have. So, it is 3 AM. Jesus, you are beautiful, swoosh. Jesus, you are beautiful, swoosh. Oh, what is happening? Four AM, I'm starting to get tired, all night prayer meeting. Five o'clock, Jesus you are so beautiful. Swoosh. I go, my goodness. They say the prayer meeting is over. I'm dead. Holy Spirit, you win. Ok, I'm dead. But I love this. And I would say things like, every now and again I said another sentence, but that is mostly what I said for 5 hours. I remember when I said a lot of times, body of Christ open up your gates to the beautiful God. I would say that. I was prophesizing to the body of Christ.

Open up your gates to the beautiful God. Not just the God who forgives you, heals you and gives you money. I'm saying the beautiful God, the God who will ravish you, and the God who will exhilarate you. Not just the God who gives you stuff. He will exhilarate you. Open up your gates and swoosh. Swoosh and I go to bed. Five o'clock, I went home to bed and wake up at 8. I just, you know just a couple of hours and I wake up. And I say in my bed that was so wonderful. Oh, you are so beautiful, swoosh. Wow. He is here again. So, I got in my car. Got a big old cup of coffee, came back to this auditorium. Of course, it is empty now. It is Saturday morning. The Friday all night prayer meeting, which goes clear to Saturday morning, is gone. I went to the same place and walked it for two more hours. You are beautiful, swoosh. I said *this is remarkable*.

Well, a week goes by. I get a letter in the mail and a lady says, *Mike, I had a dream about you and it was last Saturday night*. And in this dream, the very time I'm doing this for 5 hours and then after I go to sleep and come back and do it two more, she said *in this dream the Lord said, He would open up to you the revelation of His beauty and you were to call the church to the beauty of God to the beautiful God*. She said, I want you to consider this, I know it is from the Lord. And I told the lady, trust me that was totally from the Lord.

And so the Lord was saying, Song of Solomon, Hephzibah, I delight in them but more than I delight in them, I am the beautiful God. I am the beautiful God. Of course, that was a ... we received a down payment of this truth in the Solemn Assembly Solomon of 1983 when I was praying the Ps 27:4, this one thing all the days of my life, I will gaze on the beauty of the Lord, I was quoting King David from Psalm 27 back 25 years ago. I didn't really think about me being captured by the beauty of God. David was captured by the beauty of God. And I wanted to be like David. But I wanted to be more of a warrior not a gazer of on the beauty of God. 38:51

I was thinking of the warrior David, not the lover of God, David. And I looked at Ps 27 and I guess that was always in the calling of this place. God birthed IHOP on this revelation. I just never connected it with beauty. I connected it more with the night and "dayness" of what David did, not the focus of David's heart but the external activities of the singers going night and day. And as I began to read the passage again, I go, it was there all along. Beloved, it's not just the night and "dayness" of 24/7. People come and

say how do you do 24/7. They want to know the schedule. I can give you the schedule. I can give you a simple model. I can give you a layout. There are a few principles. I can give it to you in an hour or two. It is not the structure that makes IHOP. It is the person. It's the man, Jesus, that you are looking at and encountering. That is why we don't quit. It is not just the vision of revival. That is what gets us going. But we encounter Him and get renewed while we are laboring for revival. And this theme is not much emphasized in the church today but I want to tell you this, before the Lord returns the church will be captured with the beauty of God.

May 7, 1997. So, it's a few months later. I'm in Assisi, Italy, at St. Francis of Assisi's monastery. It's a St. Francis monastery. By some circumstances I'm in that monastery. I don't think that much about St. Francis. I know that he was a really devoted man. I didn't know much about his life. Here I am with all these Catholic monks. And they are chanting. They are going for it. They are the real deal. They all spoke Italian. So the Spirit stirs me one night. I mean, I'm there and I'm stirred and provoked in my Spirit. I'm really provoked and I stay up all night. Now, they don't really have like foyers. They don't have recreation rooms in monasteries. Ok. Where is the TV? Oh, you don't ... they don't have places like that in monasteries. There's bricks. You sit down on stones. Wow. It is cool to read about but it is another thing to be there. So, I'm up all night. And I'm out there in a room, kind of a foyer type room, not exactly. It has three, four books in Italian, one book in English.

St. Francis of Assisi, it's his biography. Well, I'm wide awake. I don't know who this guy is anyway, really. I've heard of him. So, I read this biography. I'm so stirred by this man and his abandonment to God and commitment to the poor and it is in the context where the Holy Spirit touches me and He gives me a verse, a verse I knew a little bit. I'd referenced it a time or two but I hadn't really developed it. A 90 second point in a sermon on the bride of Christ. And the John the Baptist was a friend of the bridegroom, John 3:29. I'd mentioned it a little here and there. It wasn't really connected to this. And I won't go through the details but the Lord made clear, He said that this movement, your life Mike and this movement, this young adult movement. Of course, IHOP was about still two years ... as a matter of fact two years to the day, May 7th, two years to the day from IHOP starting 1999. This is 1997.

And He says I'm going to ... in essence, I'm not giving you a quote, the summary of it, and *I'm going to raise up 10,000 forerunners in the spirit of John the Baptist. And what I mean by the spirit of John the Baptist, I mean his dedication.* I'm not talking about a people that go get a tent and live out in the desert. I'm not talking about where they live and if they use electricity or not. That is not what we are talking about. I'm talking about the dedication of John the Baptist, but not just his dedication. John the Baptist was the voice preparing for the coming of the Lord. And the Lord was saying to me. *I'm going to raise up people with a dedication like John and there not going to prepare for the first coming. But they are going to prepare for the second coming. They are going to prepare the way of the Lord.*

And so the Lord spoke to me there. He said, *I'm calling you to be a friend of the bridegroom. And I'm raising up a movement, friend of the bridegroom.* Again, IHOP wasn't really on my mind. It was still a sign on a building, 24 hour prayer in the spirit of the tabernacle of David. The sign was still up. It was two years away and I ... but I knew that the young adult movement would be a friend of the bridegroom, in the spirit of John the Baptist, prayer and fasting, preparing for the coming of the Lord. But not just preparing for the Lord's coming but through the paradigm of connecting with Jesus as the bridegroom. And so the Lord was establishing that truth in our midst.

And we need to constantly call people back to this truth of the bridegroom heart and the forerunner message.

Noel Alexander - I'm just going to put this in there real fast, he was in one of our congregations. We had six congregations across the city for about 5 years. And I was there with him and we were dedicating our congregation in the East. And when we were dedicating this congregation in the Lee Summit area, on Oct 29th 1989, Noel said, here is my dedication passage. And he picked out Dt 6:4, *you shall love the Lord your God*, the OT statement about loving God with all your heart, the one that Jesus quoted, the Shema Yisrael, and he said, you shall love the Lord your God, and he repeated it the second time. He says, I tell you, here Oh Israel, and when he says *you shall love the Lord your God*, you shall ... a bolt of lightning struck, and two thunderbolts struck the building. And a fireball went rolling across the building, the congregation screamed. It was terrifying. He says, I tell you God wants you to know, you shall love the ... boom, boom, ball of fire. I saw a fire rolling and I went, what? The sound system screamed. I don't know why, or some sound did something real loud. Fire rolled. I went, what is that? The place was completely silent. The Lord was saying, *I'm serious about my people loving me with all of their heart*. It was a lightning strike. The Lord was emphasizing intimacy because ... see at this time, it was 1989, this is only a year after I get this Song of Solomon call in 1988. This is 1989. And at this time, I'm not into it yet. I got the mandate in 1988. It is year later, a year plus, 18 months later and I'm not preaching it yet. I'm still trying to figure out what the lilies and the flowers ... I'm trying to figure out what this thing means.

I hadn't preached on it.

So, all of our pastors, 20, 30 or 40 pastors, we had a bunch of travelling ministries based here so I don't know what the number was, a bunch of them. We were all king-focused, power, revival. I mean the harvest. And we are still very focused on that. This intimacy thing, ah, I don't know about that. *I love you oh God, anything, I love you*. We ... that wasn't in our culture. And when the lightning struck this building, we began to talk. You know what, we have got to really focus on this first commandment thing. This was a lightning strike from heaven. It was a lightning strike from heaven. And so, I'm just looking at it, at the notes here, remembering, how we were captured. We have to emphasize this. And there are ministries all over the world that have been tugged by the Lord on this but they haven't gone there yet. They have been tugged. The Lord sent a lightning strike from heaven. He said, *I really want you do this, love me with all of your heart thing*. That is in essence, He was saying, *go there. Go there*. And I have had a lot of folks visit at IHOP and they go, do we have to do the intimacy thing.

Can't we just do the revival? I mean bless God I want to see power. Let's do it. And I kind of like those guys because I'm one of them. I get it. I get it when they say that to me. Do I have to do the intimacy thing? Doesn't offend me at all. I was so there for so long. But I feel sad because they don't have any idea what they are missing. And now the most recent thing over the last 10 or 12 years, people now say, ok, I do the intimacy and I got the revival and the prayer and the intimacy. Do I have to do that judgment thing now?

And beloved, judgment is just removing the things that hinder love. That is what the judgment message is.

Well, the Lord wants me to know that a season of transition is coming. In July, for our movement ... it's not just a transition for me, it is a transition for our movement. This was a remarkable series of events that took place with the Holy Spirit orchestrating them. But these are movement-forming realities. They

formed our history. It was July 1993. I have this very powerful dream. And in this dream I'm on a platform with Bennie Hinn. Now, I don't know Bennie Hinn. I know of him but I don't know him. And Bennie Hinn and I are on this platform and there is like 20,000 people in this big arena and standing right to his right. He is standing next to me. I have a microphone in my hand. And in this dream, the Lord makes it clear. When you are on this platform, you are in a season of transition. I'm going to transition you.

So, I come out of this dream very aware that I've heard from God. I tell our leaders these 20, 30 or 40 guys and gals. We have a big leadership meeting. And again, a bunch of them are pastors on the inside. A bunch are travelling outside. And we have this kind of large number of folks that were in this thing together. And they are coming and going. So, I tell them. Hey, I'm on a platform with Bennie Hinn. And one of these days, it is going to be transition. And that was exciting. I probably told it 4 or 5 times. You know they love this because this was so dynamic.

I describe what a transition means. When you transition as a movement, because it was a transition as a movement, as well as a man. When you go through a transition, there are three things that happen at least. We transition the way we carry our heart with God. We transition in the way we function in our ministry. And we transition, there are new doors of opportunity, brand new fields of service and brand new relationships. There is a transition of opportunity. It is all three of those. And a lot of times when people think of transition, they think mostly of function and new doors but a transition is also the way we carry our heart, the way we relate to God transitions too.

So, if you have been transition, don't just say what do I do? Say, how do I related differently to you now?

Now transition, just so you know, they take years not months. People think, I'm in transition in October and so I'm going to be ready in November. No. If you are in transition in October, and the next 2, 3, 4, or 5 years, the transition will be complete. David's transition was 7 years. Joseph's was 12. Moses was 40. Transitions don't happen in a week or month but over a period of time, some years, who knows.

Because God rewires the way we carry our heart. And He gives us a new message and a new focus in a transition. A lot of people in the body of Christ, I'm thinking of some that here and some that are listening to this, they are in a season of transition right now. And they are thinking, what am I going to do differently? And the Lord is saying, I want you to talk to me differently, not just do things differently. I want you to carry your heart differently.

So, three years go by. These notes are on our website for anybody that hears this DVD in the future and they say, hey, where are the notes. We'll keep them up there for years. October, 1996 I go to Toronto. John Arnott is having a big conference, catch the fire. So, I'm invited to come speak, and I go there and this guy comes to me. On one of the mornings, he says, hey, Bennie Hinn is here in Toronto, too, having a big meeting at the conference center, 20,000 people. And here is a note, he would like to know if you could come over there and just fellowship with him for a while before the meeting. And I said, ok.

Because, I'm not going to speak until the next day, I don't have to speak that day and go, yes. So I go over there. Hi Bennie. How are doing? I got my meeting in an hour or so. Just wanted to connect with you. And we talked. And he had heard about some things. He was kind of interested. We spent nearly an hour talking. It's cool. And so, he says I got a seat for you in the front row. Do you want to stay around? I know you are at a conference. Yes, I'll stay around. This is great.

So, I'm on the front row. Then they worship. You know about an hour into it. Bennie Hinn says, I would like to introduce a friend of mine. And he is talking about me but I don't know he is talking about me. Mike Bickle. I go, ah. You know every ... that has happened to me a few times, and I say I'm never going to do that to my friends. I mean that is just terrifying. Mike Bickle, come on up here real quick. And I stand there. And he hands me the microphone. And I'm going to say, I'm only going to say, something 30 seconds. You know some guys you give them a microphone, they go for 20 minutes. And I'm going to say something like, isn't something that on the other side of town John Arnott is having a meeting where they are honoring the ministry of the Holy Spirit. And here you are honoring the Holy Spirit. This is good because He exalts Jesus when He is honored. That is what I'm going to say. But I don't say that.

And I begin, isn't it good ... and I prophesy. It is just a 30 second prophesy but it bypassed the brain. When people tell me that the prophesy bypassed the brain, I don't go for that when they do that on my platform. I want to weigh the word before it is given. But I did it. I said, the Holy Spirit is raising up intercessors all over the earth. I prophesied about IHOP without knowing it. It took me a while to connect the dots. I mean it took me a couple of years before I figured it out. I said the Holy Spirit is raising up intercessors all over North America. That is what he is doing. It was like a 30 second burst. I handed the microphone and sat back down.

So, I'm in transition and the first guy to prophesy my transition is me. But I don't know that right then. It isn't even ... what was that? So, I'm sitting on the front row going, huh?. I've been here. I've never met Bennie Hinn. So, I went to his meeting? No. No, I have never been to his meeting. That was Kathrine Cullman's meeting not Bennie Hinn. I'm going through my mind, because I went to a meeting like that once. Where ... oh my goodness. It is the dream from 1993. I'm on Bennie Hinn's platform, right standing on his right side and he handed me the microphone. And when he called me out he pointed to the stair so I came exactly where I was in the dream and he handed me the microphone. And I said, I'm in transition.

Wow! You know I really loved my church, loved all the guys I was working with. I've had this dream. They have all heard it 5 times for the last 3 years, telling them this dream. So then I go back to the conference. I don't tell anybody. I just go back to the conference, go to the afternoon session that they have. And I'm just really preoccupied with, what does this mean? So then the night meeting happens. And Frank Damazio is preaching and the place is really packed, I don't know 4, 5, 6, or 7 thousand. The place was packed. I can't remember how big the building was because they have had so many big conferences there.

And so they are excited. Frank Damazio gives the fiery prayer. He has everybody stand up for ministry time. And if you have ever been to a Toronto conference in those days, when the ministry time happens, I mean, it really happened. So when they said stand up for ministry time, there was so much enthusiasm. You can hear it. It was alive. Four, 5 or 6 thousand people! There is just excitement. The main prophet in this movement, prophetic man, Mark DuPont gets up. And he says, everyone sit down. And I thought, oh boy that is a bad move. They are so excited. Who would have the nerve to sit down someone after that message and they are ready? Sit down. I've got to do something really important. And I know he is there main prophetic guy in their movement. I've met him a few times. And he has incredible prophetic history, the Toronto ministry, the stories of how God set up the revival before him and John Arnott is with him. John and I want to do something. We have to do it right now. Now, they don't know that I've been to Bennie Hinn. Nobody knows in Toronto, I've had this dream and it has

come clear to me what is happening. It's a private dream. They guys in Kansas City know, but nobody in Toronto knows. None of our team is there except for me.

John Arnott and Mark DuPont, the two that are leading this revival in Toronto, they say, Mike Bickle come up. Ah. Two times in one day. So, I come up and I'm going, ok. And they said, we have to prophesy to you. And they lay hands on me and said, you are in transition. Thus says the Lord. And so, some more happened but that is enough for now. And so I thought, ok.

I'm in transition. So, some of our leaders, I come back, something is happening. Not just to Mike Bickle, our movement. We are in transition. It is more than just the bridegroom God and Jesus the king who has power, healing and money. And He is going to take over nations and transform society. It's more. There is more to it than this. Of course, IHOP is coming. IHOP is just about two years away, two and half years away. I don't know that but the Lord wants to set me up. He wants to get me clear about this forerunner message. And so what happens after that transition, I go into a two year period of 1997 and 1998 of the most extended fasting I've ever done in my life.

I don't want to go into the details. It doesn't really matter. That two years, I had a grace for fasting like no other time in my life. And in that time of fasting the Lord was downloading so much because fasting, It doesn't cause you to earn anything; It tenderizes your spirit to receive more and to receive it faster. Fasting tenderizes you so that your receptivity is greater. You have a greater receptivity to what the Lord is saying to you. So I was doing a lot of it for these two years. And in this two year time, that is when the Lord gave me this Assis, Italy, friend of the bridegroom. They are going to be fasting, praying, love sick, bridegroom focused, forerunners preparing the way of the Lord. And so, the Lord in this two year period started saying, add the judgment message. So in this two year period ... you have the king message. He heals, forgives, revival, power, money, transformation, take over nations. You have the king concept, at least the foundations. You have the bridegroom foundation but you are missing one. And this two years, this kind of intensive fasting, He said it over and over, and I'm only going to tell you two of them. You have to add the judge message.

Because it is not complete with only bridegroom and king. That is very powerful but not complete. So some camps are happy to just stay with king. Others are camping out at bridegroom. Some camp out at bridegroom, king. But the Lord was saying, *I want you to camp out, or whatever, at bridegroom, king and judge. The three together*, is what I'm trying to say. And that's what was happening during this transition time.

I'll mention this one - Rick Joyner comes and I'm in 6 months of this fasting going on. Lots of it. And Rick gets a word, visits here and he says *the Lord in a few weeks is going to visit you about your life mandate. You are in transition*. He says this to and a couple of weeks later I have this dream. And this is one of the critical first dreams where I begin to see the forerunner. Now really the forerunner is bridegroom, king and judge. But sometimes people when they think of forerunner they think only of the judgment end time message. But really, the forerunner is the bridegroom, king and judge. Technically, that is the forerunner message as we reference it. But some again, they kind of abbreviate it. Well, we have the intimacy message, and we have the forerunner, which they mean the judgment message. I like to keep the forerunner as the three and not reduce it just to the judgement message, for those of you who are tracking with me here. I have this dream on August 27th after Rick Joyner tells me I'm in transition. I'm going to receive my life commission. The Lord says *your commission is Isa 40:3*. In a dream, He says, *it is to build up the highways. Prepare the way of the Lord. Build up the highways*. In other words, prepare

the people's thinking to receive the Lord as bridegroom, king and judge. Because the Lord will come to us, but if we understand and cooperate with Him, we can receive more from Him in all of those ways. But if He comes to us as bridegroom, king and judge but we don't have faith for Him as bridegroom or judge, we receive the king message, but repel the other ones and therefore we don't receive as much.

Or if we receive the judgement message but not the king message, we will understand His judgements a little bit but we won't understand His kingship. So preparing the way of the Lord means getting people to understand the broader message so when the Lord touches them in the word, they go yes! I'm with you and cooperate instead of resist the Lord in those areas. So the Lord was saying, I want you to build highways. Here it is in 1997. I just had the Assisi dream, the friends of the bridegroom in May 1997. This is August 1997. It is all forerunner mandates. The Lord is saying, forerunners prepare for the Lord's return.

Again, I think it is some decades away. I don't know that it is in my lifetime but I believe it is in the lifetime of the young people. Again, that is a personal conviction I have. Well, I'm just going to give you two more and then we are going to finish with this. Because, as the Lord has touched me, it is really not about Mike Bickle. These are movement forming encounters not just man forming. They did form me but the Lord was saying *I love you Mike, but it is more than you. I'm not just talking to you about you. I'm talking to you about this movement that Bob Jones and so many others have been laboring for.* And like I told you the other day, Bob Jones was 53 when I met him. Now, his white hair threw me off. I thought he was about late 60's, I didn't know how old he was. I never thought about how old he was. You know when you are in your twenties and some guy is in his 50's with white hair, you just think he is older. But my point is, I'm 54. I'm a year older than Bob Jones was when I met him. And Bob Jones is not here and now the Lord is wanting me to keep the young people and others as well in the middle of this stream.

So, I'm in that kind of Bob Jones mode to the twenty somethings. It is more about them than this is about me. These words, though, they touch me and I have to respond to them. I'm sharing these words, in kind of a Bob Jones mode as an older guy to twenty year olds so they stay in the middle of the stream. That's the purpose that I'm sharing this. I'm not just having an hour with Mike Bickle, hey tell me about your life. I have no interest in just telling you my story. This is about the 20 year olds I'm aiming at to make sense of this, where we are going to them.

Well after I have this forerunner dream in late August, it's the next week. I'm in our Wednesday morning prayer meeting and the Holy Spirit rest on me. Now, it seems like the Holy Spirit is resting on me every day because I've told you all 10 times in my life that it has happened or 20. It has happened 10 or 20 times in 30 years. But because I've told you all 20 of them, you could walk away from here going, man every single day that guy prays, the Spirit falls on him. And well 20 times in 30 plus years, yes. Remember, there are 364 more days. Because 20 times in 30 years, that is less than once a year. So, I want you to get a right perspective. You hear this testimony and you might think, wow, I want that to happen to me all the time. So do I. This doesn't happen all the time. I'm giving you a 25 year story plus in 8 sessions.

I have lots of dry times, lots of time when I go Lord, what about two years ago when the fire was on me. Hey, *how about one of those again?* So I don't want you to get an exaggerated idea as to how it is. Because, we all do that day in day out with the Lord. Our goal is to be faithful. And these stories and other things since I'm on this. These prophetic stories some people have heard them and they want these prophetic stories. They go, I want God to tell me when to buy a car. And I want an open vision an

audible voice on who to marry, what house to buy. These aren't domestic decisions that I'm making with an audible voice. These are movement forming decisions, not domestic.

Those issues of my life I have to hear God like everybody else does and it is just kind of like well, Lord, is this how it works? You don't get dreams and visions and audible voices about domestic issues as a rule. Maybe one guy does here and there. I have heard about that but certainly I don't get them in my life. These are movement forming experiences. And so lots of young people through the years have heard these. And then they apply it for domestic decisions. They want an audible voice and a comet. And I go, no no. I don't get those for my personal life. Those are about the movement for you. It is not even mostly for me. When I was in my 20's, 30's, and 40's and now in my 50's, it is mostly for the 20 year olds now and their children that we are laboring for. It is really the people 20 and the children they are going to have in a few years. That is who I'm laboring for in a focused way. That's what these movement forming events are about.

So don't misapply them. Don't exaggerate and think, wow, I get fire and lightning every day. If Mike Bickle gets it every day, I want it too. I want comets and thunder and lightning every day. No, that is not how it works. Ok, that was just a little reality check coming down to the last 4 or 5 minutes.

I want to give you these two last experiences. They are very similar. So, I can say them real quick. September 3rd. Now remember, May 1997 I get the friends of the bridegroom when I'm in Assis Italy, May 1997. July 1997, Rick Joyner says transition. August 1997, I have a dream, *build up the highways. Prepare the way of the Lord. This is your mandate.* Now, it's the next week. A lot happens, it seems like just about every month, a divine indicator for a few months there in 1997. Because, remember, I'm in transition and the Lord is transitioning the way I'm relating to Him and the way I'm focusing my ministry. He is putting the judgement message in alongside the bridegroom and king message.

So, I'm there in the prayer room, September 3rd, on a Wednesday, I mean the Spirit of the Lord is on me. It is a most unusual ways. It is one of these 20 times in 30 plus years I'm talking about. And the wind and the fire. I mean real wind and fire. I mean I feel currents and I feel burning everywhere. And I'm going, my goodness, what is happening? I mean I'm feeling wind. I've never felt wind in a meeting. I look at the fan and there is no fan on. Where is this wind coming from? Because I have an analytical dimension to me, ok, actual wind. Ok. Current. I'm looking at all the vents. I ... why is this wind hitting me? And fire, but it is swirling around me. Fire. And it goes on for like 2 or 3 hours. And I'm really captured by the Lord. And the Lord is speaking 3 verses. I'm giving the abbreviated version. I have them written here. You can read them on your own. Revelations 2:17; 3:12 and 19:12.

God is talking to me. *So, I'm going to tell you my name, the Lord's name. In other words, I'm going to reveal myself to you more. And I'm going to you your name, how you are to identify with me. I'm going to tell you my name. I'm going to give you new insights about me.* He's talking about, *I'm going to tell you who I am as a judge. And it is not just a judge, I'm going to tell you who I am as bridegroom, king and judge* because who God is, I mean, the idea of Jesus the King, the bridegroom and the judge, separate is one thing. But when they come together, that holy synergism of divine truth, the whole thing coming together, it is a different face. It is a different way for me to relate to God. And He is saying, *I'm going to tell you a new dimension of me not just that I'm judge.* That was the focal point in 1997. He was saying it over and over. *I am the judge, not just the bridegroom and king.* This was a new message to me. I mean, technically I knew He was judge. But it was never a point of emphasis. It was never something I

wrestled with. It was never something I talked to Him about. It was just a theological concept and a few bible verses that we all know about.

But I was talking to Him as a king bridegroom and now. It got into the language of my heart now. When I close my eyes and talk to Him, I had a king and bridegroom I'm dialoging with. And He was saying *I want you to know me as a judge too. I want you to talk to me this way. I want you to dream about me this way. Not just have a few verse that you technically relate to or can quote in a technical way.* So, He is saying in these three verses: Revelations 2:17; 3:12 and 19:12. *I'm going to show you more things about my name and about my nature. And I'm going to show you more things about your name and the way you are to relate to me; the way you are to carry your heart; the way I see you; the way you are supposed to see yourself.* And I mean, I have fire and wind. It's burning. I'm on fire, I could tell ... this was like that fire I felt back in May 1983 when the fire touched my hands; the healing anointing and the Jehovah rapha, that no disease known to man, it was that kind of burning fire. I thought, this is so intense.

Wind, the meeting, the prayer meeting is over. It happened for hours, about 2 or 3 hours, this fire, this manifestation. I mean, that's a long time. I have a manifestation for a minute or two here and there but this is really long in terms of my experience. A guy comes up and gives me a note from a man named Terry Bennet who I don't know. I met him once. Hi. I don't know him. I don't know if I had even met him, when I look back at it. Maybe I met him. Of course, I can't remember right now. And it says, from Terry Bennet.

And it says, Mike I saw an angel standing over you pouring, I don't know how this works, but he was pouring fire over you. And he was moving his wings, and wind was encircling you. I said wow! And I read it and he said, *he told me tell you, He wants to speak to you according to Revelations 2:17; 3:12 and 19:12,* the exact same verses I had for three hours. And I thought, who is this Terry Bennet guy? But forget him for now, who is the God with this name? Who are you God? Because, He is saying, I am bridegroom, king but there is more. There is more and when you put them all together, it will touch you in a way beyond.

It became clear to me, the Lord is establishing new truths in the foundation of this movement; bridegroom, king is not enough. We have to move to the next.

It is two weeks later. It is a Wednesday morning again. I'm in the same prayer meeting. I would go there 6 in the morning, and stay there until noon. So I have this long period of time to sit there. Same thing. The fire comes again. It's amazing. Like it did two weeks ago. I have never had it that I can remember at this intensity except for that time in the Solemn Assembly of 1983 when the fire touched my hand and touched my mouth and my stomach for 45 minutes. That was 25 years ago. But it happened again two weeks before, September 17th, September 3rd. I just told you about it a moment ago. Now it is two weeks later. Same thing for 2 or 3 hours again. It is fire and wind. I'm going, what is happening? This is intense. I mean I've two times in 30 plus years this has happened. I mean within two weeks.

And I'm reading Isa 63. In Isa 63 the Lord is revealing to Himself as the Jesus in red. The Jesus who is red. His garments are red because He comes in judgement to touch the nations. And in this, the Lord was telling me ... You can read the passage on your own. In verse 3, the Lord said, *my garments are red because of judgement.* But He goes, *I stand alone. There is no one, no nation in the earth that agrees with my judgements and the Lord was saying, will you agree with my judgements? Will you agree with*

my judgements? And I said, yes Lord. And the Lord said, if you will take a stand and agree with my judgements ... even some of my people will resist you and ... they will resist this. And I have it more described here in the paper, the whole encounter. And I was telling the Lord, I will agree. I will stand with your judgements. I will stand with your judgements.

I said, the Jesus of the Song of Solomon is in dazzling bright light, in white garments, because in Song of Solomon 5, He is the dazzling one in white, radiant. I said, you are the Jesus in red. I will stand with the Jesus in red not just the Jesus in dazzling white of Song of Solomon but the Jesus in red. At that time, the fire and the wind, Terry Bennet taps me on the shoulder. He says, hi Mike, I'm the one who gave the word from two weeks ago. He says, the same angel I saw, is pouring fire on you again. And he goes, it is remarkable. This is strange. He is pouring fire and wind. I said, that's right. And I was reading Isa 63, and he said He told me to tell you, He is going to reveal Isa 63 to you. He wants you to know the Jesus in red. And that is what I've been saying now for an hour. And I said, Lord, I will stand for the Jesus of judgement not just the Jesus of intimacy and the Jesus of power because His judgements remove everything that hinder love. Amen.