

CD #7

You guys are amazing. It is the middle of the afternoon, two afternoons later, you still want to hear more. I love people like you. I'm just so blessed someone wants to hear the stories. I get so excited telling them. I just want someone who wants to hear them. That is cool.

We are going to talk about finances. This is number seven out of 8 sessions as we look at the prophetic history on this one. We are looking at the power of God and the promises of God related to supernatural wealth.

Paragraph A. We talk about God's power. And we want to see His power and we looked at it one of the sessions, supernatural conviction, I mean where the preaching and the singing of the word, it cuts the heart like a sword piercing. I mean that is power. We talked about signs and wonders, you know the lightning of God coming out of ... from heaven in power through the hands of God's people, limbs being restored and the blind see, the lame walk. Let me say this. There is just as much power that God exerts in the realm of transferring finance. It is not just power that touches us, our hearts, when somebody is preaching under the authority or when somebody's body is healed. There is also a significant dimension to God's power and His personality related to money.

And there is significant warfare. There are high level demons whose assignment is to control the money and to wipe out everyone that touches it for the purposes of God. Some folks think, oh I'm blessed. The Lord's going to prosper me. My question is, *for what reason?* Just having lots of money ought to be like *cool. I'll sort it out when I get it.* Total unreality. *Why do you want money?* And ... they say the Lord is going to prosper me. Do you understand the bullseye that will be on you from darkness? Well, I have the authority in the name of Jesus. I'll just cast it off. Well, you do have the authority in the name of Jesus but I guarantee you it will be war and it will take endurance because the realm of money is not just an issue of faithful to give, it is the issue of being faithful to endure the onslaught that comes because you have been given money from heaven. It is a supernatural power encounter for God to multiply wealth supernaturally.

It is a power encounter. It is a power dimension and like healing the sick, like the blind eyes opening, and like the power of God coming on people through somebody's ministry. We'll look at Dt 8 for a minute of the teaching stuff, then I want to get right to some testimonies and just mention a few promises. In Dt 8, it is God who gives power to get wealth but He does it to establish the covenant. He wants to give us money so that we can promote the covenant. Now some people read this, I think, in a different way. They say, *God is going to give me lots of money to prove to me that He will keep His covenant with me. And the covenant with me is to give me money so I can go do stuff, fun stuff for my own life.* The covenant that God is making isn't to give you money so that you can go play. He has given us money so that we can extend the covenant so that we can bring more people into the covenant. He gives us wealth so that we can promote the gospel so that that the covenant of God would be magnified and millions, even a billion would enter into it.

That's why He is going to give us wealth to establish His covenant and multiply the number of people that enter into it. God is not only kind. He is not only wise and powerful. He is rich. I said that in one of the other sessions. He is really rich. He is wise. He is powerful. He is kind but He is really rich. You know the passage in 2 Cor 8:9; it says, *though He was rich He became poor,* Jesus and took upon Him the form of man and bore the wrath of God on the cross. And we focus on, *He became poor* and we should. Let's

pause one moment and backup. Though He was rich. He is really rich. He is rich right now. He has lots of money. And He wants to distribute it through His people. And He wants us to believe Him for money as much as we believe Him for power, miracles and for apostolic preaching. And He wants us to be steady in the attack, to endure the onslaught just like the apostles did when they healed the sick and raised the dead.

Paragraph B. There is going to be a great transfer of wealth, a great transfer of wealth, when God shakes the nations. In Haggai 2, He says, *I'm going to shake all the nations*. And when He shakes the nations, He is going to fill His temple with glory, and He makes this statement in verse 8, Haggai 2 - He says, *the gold and silver are mine*. I own it. But I'm going to manifest my leadership over it when I shake the nations. He is already being to shake the nations now. We can see the early shaking, the early stirrings. It hasn't at all come to a crescendo like it is going to. But when He shakes the nations, He is going to fill the temple with glory, He is going to manifest His glory, and He is going to show His ownership over gold.

Right now a lot of people who are serving the kingdom of darkness have control of a lot of the gold. And God says, *I own it. But I'm going to flex my muscles. I'm going to manifest my ownership over it in the hour when I shake nations and release my glory*. But beloved, if you think religious institutions get mad when their people leave, I mean that is one of the biggest issues of history when a religious institution, whether it is false religions or even in Christianity, Christian circles. When religions ... when the people leave, leaders get real mad and start wars.

If you think wars get started, religious wars, when money gets moved ... I mean when the kings of the earth, they go, hey, that's my money. Wars. Well in the spirit realm, there will be a tremendous onslaught. I'm not trying to talk you out of getting money. I know it sounds like I am. I'm trying to make us, as we look at some of these promises, to have a sober look at it. Because when people think healing anointing, they think rich, famous, everybody will like me, if I'm healing and I'm in this stadium, everybody wants me. Millions, yea, I will be rich. Like will get easy. No. Those are total wrong dreams. They are fantasies. If you get ... the Lord releases like that your life will have so much pressure and there will be so much ... it will be worth it. There will be joy in our spirit but I guarantee that it will be different than we imagine in our vain imaginations. That is all I have to say.

But I'm ready for it. By the grace of God. I'm saying, I want it. I want to go forward. I want to go forward in the promises and the power and I want to set my soul to be patient, to be persevering and not to quit. Be patient young man He said. Don't quit. I've set my soul. And you need to set your souls. Because, well when I get there I'll determine. No. When you get there, it is going to be too late to set your soul. You need to set your soul now, not to quit before the battle picks up at the next level of intensity.

Paragraph C. Psa 67. The psalmist prayed *be merciful. Bless us. Cause your face to shine on us*. Why? Why do we want blessing? Why do we want the anointing to be manifest? So that the way of God can be known in the earth, not so we get a bigger house. The psalmist didn't say, bless me. Anoint me so that I can get more stuff. *Bless me that the way of God ... I could use the authority. I could use the influence. I could use the wealth to make the name, the fame of the name of Jesus go forth in the earth*. Beloved, this is not a small thing. This is a resolve that we must make in the days of small beginnings. And the small beginning for some, is thousands of dollars. Because the Lord is going to give millions. The day of small beginnings to others is hundreds of thousands because the Lord is going to give hundreds of millions. And the days of small beginnings for some people, they have millions right now but it is only the day of small beginnings. Because God is going to give them billions.

I believe the hour is coming, there will be trillionaires. I really believe that. There will be trillionaires. Some of them in the earth. And I expect a number of them to be in the kingdom. I mean trillionaires, a thousand billion, not a billionaire, a thousand billion. *Bless us. Let your face, the anointing of God come on us.* Why? So that the fame of the name Jesus, not so that my house gets bigger, and I have more people who think I'm awesome. And that the salvation of God would go forth to all the nations.

You know, when I was in Cairo Egypt, in 1982, the Lord said, *I'm going to change the understanding of the expression of Christianity in the whole earth in one generation.* I've said that a number of times over the years and even in this prophetic history. One of the things I don't talk much about but which was a very important part that word is that the Lord also spoke to me and said, *I will give you wealth of the nations.* 26 years old, 27 years old in this experience, in Cairo Egypt, I hear the voice of the Lord resounding my spirit.

I will change the expression of Christianity in the whole earth. And He says, *I'm inviting you to a work that will touch the ends of the earth.* And I say, *yes Lord. Yes.* And He said *many have said yes but not done it.* And I'm saying, *yes.* And I don't want to go through the whole story but He said, *if you will do this, I will give you wealth of the nations. But you can't touch it in your personal life. You cannot touch it.* And I set my soul then. In that hour, to be a billionaire or to operate with billions. It is not a billion. Billions and billions. I set my soul as a young man. And I made a commitment. I will live by the grace of God a simple lifestyle all the days of my life. And I want to be a man that touches money in billions. But I set my soul not to touch and bring it to my own life. And that was part of when I said yes to the Lord. When He spoke those four heart standards, I said, I won't touch it. I won't touch it. And the Lord said *I will give you indescribable wealth,* in essence, that is not a quote. That was the essence of what He was saying. *I will cause the wealth of the nations to come in your hands.*

I want to urge you and I know that a number of you have already done this. But I urge you to set in your soul now that this transfer of wealth is to make His name known in the earth, not just to give you more stuff to make your life easier. It is really not what it is about. I set my soul. I will live by the grace of God a simple lifestyle all of my days with billions going through my hands. And I'm excited by that commitment. You know it is 25 plus years later and I am more excited by that commitment or equally excited as I was then.

Paragraph D. Now some have gone through a paradigm shift. And others still need to. And here is the paradigm shift. When you see money, you see souls. When someone says a billion, you see souls. You don't see cars. You see souls. You don't see yachts. I appreciate cars and yachts. Bless Lord whoever has them. Give them more. I'm happy for them to have more. But when the Lord talks to me about billions, I see souls. I see intercessors. And I see the oppressed of the earth, free. And if you can have a paradigm shift, when you see money, you automatically see thousands of young people in full time service as intercessors crying out in Asia and Africa for the Lord.

I want to see full time houses of prayer in refugee camps around the earth. Now, I'm talking about these places where 40 or 50 thousand, 200 or 300 thousand are in refugee camps. A number of them are in Africa. They do nothing but sit all day long, they sit all day. And they wait for the food in food lines. They have nothing to do. You know what God did with 3 million slaves when they were out in the wilderness, the dessert, out of Egypt these 600,000 Jewish men and woman and children, near 3 million of them. They are out in the dessert. I mean what do they do all day? Play video games? No. Check the stock market? No. Or plant the gardens? No. You know what the Lord did? He built the house of prayer. He

built a temple, a tabernacle. And they were to worship God. Joshua, it says the young man, he went in the tent. It says, he would not depart. God built a house of prayer in the wilderness and my heart is stirred up. These refugees, let's go build houses of prayer. God gives us a 100 million, a 100 billion extra, let's keep multiplying them everywhere. Now, there are 50,000 people in a refugee camp. I guarantee you that 5 thousand of them would join the staff right away if you would let them. Build a tent. Get a generator. Buy a bunch of instruments. Teach them the apostolic prayers. Teach them how to sing the Psalms. Get them flowing. Buy them some instruments. And let sing. And tell them they need to keep their sacred trust. They have to do it all the time.

I tell you they will get dreams and visions. They will start healing the sick in a way they don't know. Their lives will get transformed. Angels will start appearing. If God will give me a trillion, I have a place to spend it. Now I made a commitment to the Lord that I will never touch it in my personal life. And I'm not talking about me right now. I've already resolved. I'm talking about you right now. Have you resolved yourself at that level? When you see money, do you see souls, intercessors, do you see the oppressed getting set free? If you do, you have had a paradigm shift. And the kingdom of God has come into your life, if you see money and you see souls.

Paragraph E. Joseph, he was one idea away from being one of the wealthiest men in the earth. One idea away. He is a Jewish boy in an Egyptian prison. I mean, that is a bad combination. To be a Jewish boy in an Egyptian prison ... that is not good. The guards don't like you. The prisoners don't like you. There is a whole lot of people who don't like you. But God liked him. Things were going bad. He is in this prison. I mean he is in it 13 years, 12 or 13 years. It is not a small thing. Two prison sentences. He is one idea away. He had a dream in the night. One idea away. I tell people that. *You are one idea away from being a very wealthy person.* I've said that for years and I always love to add and I say, kind of tongue and cheek, but I mean it. I said one idea away plus some blood sweat and tears and a few prison sentences.

It is actual. And it is not always a physical prison. Sometimes it is. But it is surely, there are going to be some prison sentences, difficult times. I go, you are one idea away. People go, yes. Plus some blood, sweat and tears and a couple of prison sentences. And you have the Joseph calling. Brother in the back row, blue shirt, you have the Joseph calling. Ooh, I knew it. Oh, do you know what the Joseph calling is? I've always wanted to be Joseph. Have you read the story? I mean the first half not just the back half? I mean this is real. It is kind of cute to say that. It is real. I mean when Joseph is 22, 23 or 24, hey Joseph, do you think you will be one of the wealthiest people in the earth. No, it doesn't look that way. He is in prison. I don't really see myself being one of the wealthiest guys in the whole world.

Well David grew up in a poor family in a little rural village. I mean Bethlehem is real, little, rural village. He was just out in nowhere. You know he wasn't a hundred miles to the closest to the closest Walmart. You have the picture of the town. I mean far out in East Texas, West Texas, way out there. The big event is to go to Walmart. But it is a two hour drive. That is the big event. Well, that is where David lived. Now, if you had asked David when he was 15 years old. David, do you think you will be one of the wealthiest men in the earth? David do you think you will give billions of dollars to the house of prayer? David did. David gave billions. I don't have the verse. I don't have it in the notes. It is 1 Chr 22:14. It talks about David. He gave 100 thousand talents of gold, a 100,000, a talent is 75 lbs. There are several different designations and that is the most common excepted one. A talent is 75 lbs. He gave 100,000 talents of gold and he gave a million talents of silver. When you add it all up in today's market, its right at 100

billion dollars. He gave it for the building of the temple for the singers and musicians would go night and day.

He gave it of his own money. Now, if you had asked David when he was 15. He is out there way out there in West Texas in a little village, Bethlehem, 100 miles from Walmart. David, what are you going to be when you grow up? Well, my dad has sheep. I have 7 older brothers. So there are 8 of us. We separate the sheep. I get the smallest portion. They don't even invite me to the dinner when they have a guest (1 Sam 16). They didn't invite him. I won't get an eighth of the sheep but I'll probably get a sixteenth of them. Wow. That seems like quite a life vision to get a sixteenth of Dad's sheep. What are you going to do? Well, you know we've been in this village for years.

I don't know what David would have said. At 15, he might have really had a hold of something by then. Probably did. But here is my point. He probably didn't know at 15 that he would be one of the wealthiest men in the earth and give 100 billion dollars away to the house of prayer that his son was building after his day. David gave it in his old age. He dedicated it to it. And then laid hands on his son Solomon and told him *build it now*. Can you fathom Cyrus? He is the Persian king, and he built the house of prayer and built the city of Jerusalem with his own money. God is raising up Cyrus', real Cyrus' in this day.

Paragraph F. Do you know where God trains the Joseph Company? In Joseph's dungeon. You know, we had the dream, Bob Jones goes to Joseph's dungeon and we talk about the humility but we don't always understand Joseph's dungeon was real. And there are a lot of saints right now in those dungeon years. Some spiritually, and some more than spiritually. It is heavier than that.

II. In Cairo Egypt, *if you don't touch it, I will give you the wealth of the nations. But I don't want you to touch it.*

Paragraph B. We looked at this I think in the second session, Bob Jones, August 8, 1975 – his experience when he had the death experience and stood before the Lord. And the Lord said, I'm going to send you back because there are a group of young people that I want you to touch. He sent him back from death. So he comes back from death. His spirit has left his body. He has gone before the Lord. The Lord sends him back because *I want you to touch some of the leaders of a youth movement to help establish them. I will release the spirit of prophesy on you.* I'm putting a few experiences together but the Lord said, *I'll release the spirit of prophesy so that they will be strengthened, resolved and steady.* So he comes back from death and as his spirit is about to enter his body he sees his body and thinks, Lord, I've got to go back in that body. He said, I had so much pain. And incidentally, when he went back in he still had pain for three days. He said you would think I was in the presence of God and I come back I get kind of a pass on the pain thing?

He says, I get in and my spirit goes into my body, I'm in pain again. How does this work? And when the saints prayed for him, I didn't tell this part of the story, then he got healed. But until there was prayer he didn't get healed. He said, I would have figured that I would be instantly healed. And the Lord said *no, cry out for it and I'll touch you and heal you.* That was the truth the Lord showed him. But anyway, that is another story for another day. He is looking at his body and he sees these two angels. And the angels are prophesying about the move of God in Kansas City. And again, as I have said a number of times, there are angels in many cities that have many prophesies. So this was just a peak into what is happening in this city.

God has a grand story for the cities of the earth with angels and demons, conflict and prophetic history. And the Lord wants to tap His people into those story lines in other cities. Well, in our little story line, here in Kansas City, the angels talk about, God's going to bring, raise up men and women that He is going to give extraordinary wealth to. Extraordinary. Bob said, he heard the angels talking the wealth that would be beyond anything that he could understand. Beloved, I think there are coming, there is coming such a transfer of wealth. We can't even get our minds around the magnitude of it but what are we going to do with it? Because, He wants to give it to the right people at the right time for the right reasons. And I want to be one of those right people at the right time and I want to receive it and use it for the right reasons. And I want to be faithful in giving it. And I want to be faithful in enduring the onslaught.

And in the onslaught, there is the joy of our spirit and there is victory but there is a real battle in this breakthrough of power and promise and finance. Well, there is the one we looked at, a couple of sessions ago about the bus. I think it was session 6 when Bob Jones digs up the bus in the garden. And the Lord shows him that token, that prophetic poetry but in his experience with the Lord when he saw the bus, the Lord said ... I don't want to tell that whole prophesy again but the Lord says, *give Noel Alexander a \$1000. And if Noel will sow it, I'll give a thousand fold, a million. Then if you will sow it again, I'll give a thousand fold.* That is a billion. Well, I want to sow a billion. Where will that take it? And I don't think God will give a thousand fold to everybody who gives a million. But I think if you give a million to the kingdom, there are situations where the Lord will give a thousand fold report, return but it is for kingdom purposes.

It's not you have a billion and give a token million and hope the Lord will multiply the million. No, you have a billion. You give 99% of it to the gospel and then take the Lord at His word and see what He will do. Don't give Him the surplus. Give Him the first portion and the lion share of it. That is the kind of giving that interests God. A lot of people can give a million and not even know that they gave it. They've got so much money. That's not what the Lord is interested in. He is interested in our all. And our all is what causes the multiplication under the power and grace of God. So, Noel gave the thousand and God gave us a million. I told the story in session 6. We gave the million. The Lord said, I will give you a thousand fold. I'm expecting a billion, totally expecting a billion. And I'm 100% sure of what we are going to do with it. I give a 100% of it away to the gospel.

We are going to raise up intercessors, preachers – same thing, because I want preachers that intercede, I want preachers that pray. And take care of the oppressed of the earth. Not, just token help to the oppressed of the earth, I don't mean token. I mean humanitarian. I want to help the oppressed of the earth as we are exalting the name of Jesus, fearlessly, while we are helping them. You know these many organizations, humanitarian. I appreciate them but you can't say Jesus. Or you have to whisper it in the hallway. I'm believing God for supernatural wealth and we can say Jesus on the megaphone. Because it is our money. God gave it to us. It is not like we snuck in under the wire and give a tract when no one is looking.

This is all about Jesus. He heals cancer. He raises the dead, cast out devils. You have a devil, come on we'll feed you and in the name of Jesus the food is free and so is the deliverance. That is the kind of wealth transfer and kind of resolve we are talking about. And by the way do you want a new job? Yes. You just got saved, the devil just left, how would you like to be a full time intercessor? Things like that.

Paragraph F. I loved this one. Summer of 2000 and Paul Cain was on our Shiloh properties, about 100 acres, part of the IHOP ... you know all our stuff here. So, just down the road about a mile or so. He is on the Shiloh property and he is walking. And he says it completely surprises him. He is just walking and Paul Cain hears the word of the Lord. I mean over the years he is still hearing the word of the Lord in precise ways. I mean that gift of God ... You know like Bob Jones and Augustine, I talked about them. The word of the Lord, the clarity. When the Lord wants to be clear, He is really clear. So, Paul is walking and hears a voice behind him. *What's it to you if I make Kansas City one of the revival centers that touches the whole world?* Paul said, I stopped. He says, I turned around. There was no one there. And he said, I understood. It was the Lord. The Lord said, what's it to you? It was a strange way to say it but He said that to him. He goes, it was just a strange statement. And he said, my spirit was just trembling. It was the Lord. He goes, I was praying and I just walked a few steps further. And he goes, wow. Just in the presence of the Lord. The voice came behind him again and said, *what's it to you if I give Mike Bickle one billion dollars?* He said, I stopped and turned around again. He said, my spirit trembled. He called me on the phone. *Mike, God is going to give you a billion dollars. He goes, He is going to touch Kansas City.*

And I just said, thank you Lord. That's not the time to act all hotshot. But in my spirit, I mean I want a billion dollars a number of times because I have plans for it. And the plans I have for a billion dollars is to see houses of prayer multiply across the earth. I mean, radical, dedicated, Sermon on the Mount people who take a stand for what the Spirit is saying, that are bold, and they live a fasted lifestyle. Give me a billion. I want it Lord. But give it to me many times. And Lord, I keep my covenant. And I'm saying this for your sake and not my sake. I won't touch it in my personal life. I won't touch a dime of it. I don't mean I'll give most of it. I won't touch a time of it. I made a commitment in my heart. I got it all worked out with the Lord. I won't take a free cup of coffee from it. I mean literally, not a dime. It is holy to the Lord. Certain financial blessings are coming. And I think that a whole company of people. I mean around the world. Not related to us per se. But those that are related and those that are not, they resolved they will not touch it. They will just be a vessel to see the fame of the name go forth.

Well, I going to give a couple of little examples because you start small. I'm just going to tell a few stories now out of our past to bless the Lord. That's not only to bless Him. That's not my only point. But it is also to instruct and how it operates. So, just to say thank you and to magnify Him but to say, you start in days of small beginnings. Because the idea that we will give it when we get the millions and billions but we don't give it when we have the thousands, and hundreds of thousands, that is a false concept. And by the way, God doesn't believe it when you say I don't give it now but I will then. He says, *I've heard this story so many times.* I mean, God is God. No, I'm different from the others. I'll really give it. *Well, give it now.* No, no. I can't make this work. *Reduce your lifestyle and start giving.* NO. I don't want to reduce my lifestyle. Give me more and I'll start giving, Lord.

And He says, *no, give now.* And I want to say this. It is essential. We have to give now. We have to pray for the sick now not just in that day. We have to evangelize now and not just in that day. So, I made a commitment when I was a young man. I was reading all these biographies. You know, these guys like J. Hudson Taylor was my first hero, a missionary to China. You know the English. He was from Britain, a medical doctor, and he went to China. J. Hudson Taylor. I read three of his biographies. This guy, he could have been a wealthy man in England. He went to China just for the gospel. Oh. His life was amazing. So, I'm 21, 22. And I have such a small income. I mean I don't have room for error. I determined. Diane and I got married 21 or 22 years old. I said, let's do this. I mean our income was so small, 10 or 11,000 dollars. We are going to double tithe. And we couldn't hardly pay our bills tithing.

We are going to double tithe. And we are never going back on this. Never. We are then going to go from 20% to 30% and we are going to go to 40% and we are not going backward.

So I determined in my heart I was not going to wait until I had hundreds of thousands or hundreds of millions or hundreds of billions. I had 10 thousand a year, our salary was 11.7. I said, we are double tithing. And those checks were like big. They were like \$300 or something. I don't even remember. Wow. Those are big ones. And the Lord was smiling. He goes, *I love this. I love this. Keep doing this. You don't have a clue where I am taking you.* He could have said.

Start now. Don't start then. And I told her. We'll reduce our lifestyle before we reduce our giving. We will have smaller houses, and smaller cars before we give a smaller percent away. Because I'm building my history in God. Because, God's accounting, He is watching. He is marking it all down. And you'll go a year or two, three, four or five or ten. And He is marking it all down. He seems like He is not looking. He is watching every movement of your heart. And it is all recorded in His book. You know we had some real tough times. Bills would come. And I remember a few times we couldn't pay our bills. I mean we were right ... we couldn't pay it and I said ... I didn't do this too many times, but a couple, because I felt stirred. Here is what I want to do. We are going to give our way out of it. We can't pay our bills this month so I'm going to go and commit. I'm going to give a thousand dollars to missions. And so we get our next paycheck. I just gave the whole thing away. Of course, I got her blessing. Ah, let's do it. Let's just throw ourselves into this. Let's just work in the opposite spirit. Let's just see where this goes. I mean we got double blessings that came out of nowhere. And the Lord, of course they were little numbers, but 2,000 those were huge numbers in those days. The Lord, the whole time, He was smiling. I'm writing this down. You are going to put zeroes behind this one of these days.

I'm not talking about me right now. I'm talking about you. I'm telling you about some of the things I've established because, one reason, I want you to say, if he can, I can. If he can, I can. If this is what they do, let's do it. That is what I'm talking about right now. And I told her, we are not going ... we are going to reduce our lifestyle before we reduce our giving. We are just not going the other way around. I'm not buying into the American dream that I'm supposed to have more while I continually give less. I'm not starting, we are not ever opening that door. We are in our early 20's. I'm 21 or 22. She is 21 when we get married. I said, if we start that now, by the time we are 30, and we are old and we are 30, we'll never get back to the basics. And this is the basics.

Well I could tell you so many stories of supernatural provision. And they are fun. I call them power encounters. They are exciting when you give and it comes back and there is a cause/effect. I mean it is always fun to get money from God but when you gave an exact amount and it comes back in the exact amount and you know that the Lord is winking. There you go. I love to tell the story. I was 26 or 27 years old. A women was in real need. She needed this huge amount, \$550, but I think our salary, I don't really remember, 2 or 3 thousand a month, it was pretty small. Five hundred was a huge amount. We were making 2 or 3 thousand a month, something like that. I don't really remember. But \$500 and I just said, I'm going to give her the \$550. And we couldn't afford it. And so, what happens, this is one little quick story. It is a day or two later. I'm at the church service in the front row and a guy comes up to me. He puts his arm around me. They are worshiping. He says, *the Lord told me to give this to you. I go what?* He puts his money in my hand and I look at it - \$550! Not, \$540, but exactly \$550. I went, *oh Lord this is so intense.* Because if it had been \$570, I would have been disappointed. It was exactly. Because the point of it was, it was the wink from heaven.

So I'm sitting there and I'm so happy. And I go, you know that I know that you know that I know. Oh, this is so cool. Your eyes are on me. That's what it was. It wasn't the money. It was His eyes. They are watching.

So then we go, we have a ministry time. And I go pray for some guy. So what's the deal? Oh. I'm in crisis. I go what? Financial. What happened? Today ... dadada. And I needed \$550 and there is no way. I go, I know how to do that. I know a way. I put my hand in my pocket, here it is. He goes, you have \$550 in your pocket? Yes, here. Sure. It was rolled up. It is exactly? Like do you package your money in \$550's? He was ... so, it was cool. Well, I'm back to minus \$550. It was fun though. So, I'm walking out the door. A guy comes and stops me. He says, hi. There are three, four or five that work in the children's ministry and they are closing up.

Mike, I can't believe you are still here. He says, *the Lord told me to give you money*. He came up and here. It is \$550. I know that is a strange amount. And I went, unbelievable.

I looked at him and said, *I love you but I love Him more. I mean, I love you too. Oh, Lord*. I just couldn't get over that. More stories. I love stories like this. I remember once when I talked to a lady. She was real desperate and talked to her on the phone and she goes, I need \$2,000. And I said ok. We can make this work. We are going to pray and I won't ... I'll break the story down because I want to tell some more movement stories. So we pray, made a few conditions, and I said the Lord is going to bring that \$2,000. I'm positive. I'm committing my heart to this. So \$2,000 is bigger than \$500 actually, you know, when you don't have a lot of money. And neither of us did. And a guy came walking in. Knocked on my door, a business man. And I had just met him once at the church. Our church is only 1 or 2 years old in Kansas City. He goes, *I'm having nightmares. He said, I feel oppressed*, him and his wife. Real sharp looking couple, a lot of money. I said ok. Can you pray for him? Yes. It is a very non elaborate prayer, Lord, just help him. And the guy just started manifesting a demon. I mean for real. And he say, I don't know what's going on. In the name of Jesus, I just kicked into a new gear, in the name of Jesus I command this demon to come out. And this guy was from a wealthy family. We didn't do the demon thing in our church. And I said, well you are ... anyway, a demon came out of him. And his wife was going, oh, oh, what was that? He says, no, honey, *I feel great right now*.

I just feel great. It took like 30 minutes and he goes, here. He gave me \$2,000. I just talked to the lady an hour ago. I got \$2,000, a demon came out and I got \$2,000 in my hand and gave it to the lady. She goes, unbelievable. How did this happen. I go, all in a day's work. No, it is though. It is. I go, it wasn't \$3,000. It wasn't \$1,000. And the Lord was looking down and said, we can do this in a lot bigger numbers if you want to. I don't mean I heard Him say that but I know what He is thinking. *We can put zeroes. We can go to any level you want. But you have to keep giving it back to me*. Well, we made certain commitments in our early days, this young youth group to obey the Lord in this realm, arena of money. I remember they ... we were in a rental property. And so, we had to get a building one day. You know, we are a year old as a church. We need to get a building. So, I went ... they gave me 3 or 4 days to go fast and pray. And so I took the time off to go fast and pray. And in actuality, I didn't end up fasting. But it was a great 3 days.

Actually, I went to a Kenneth Hagen conference. I had never been to one. Kenneth Hagen, it was the early 1980's. I went to it and thought, wow! This is pretty cool. But I ate every meal. And the church ... the man of God came back. He fasted and prayed, well I prayed some. Because I was at the meeting. I didn't expect to go. But somehow I ended up at this meeting. But the Lord tells me in the meeting, you give the money away, because I was fasting and praying in order to get a wisdom/strategy to come back

and say what are going to do with our building program. And the Lord spoke to me in this time very clearly, non-fasting, non-praying, sitting in meetings, a little bit of praying, but He gave it clear. *You build my house. I will build your house.* He told me crystal clear. *You build my kingdom. You just give all the money away and I'll build your house.* And I came back and you know that are church is 500 or 700 people. They are mostly all from Overland Park. You know, they have more money than most of the folks in this neighborhood. Let's put it that way. It was a different economic climate is what I'm trying to say.

As so, I say, here is the deal. I've got the building program. And they are excited. I came back from fasting and praying. We are going to give all of our money away. That's the plan. A couple of people went that's cool. But you know we are business guys, we actually build businesses. I said, no that is a word from the Lord. That is not for everybody, every time. That was a true revelatory Rema word of the Lord. We give it away. So here is what we are going to do. We are going to have no building fund. I believe in building plans and building funds. I believe in that. I mean, the book of Proverbs backs up that kind of stuff. The bible backs that up. It really does. But there are times when He says the opposite.

I said, we are going to give all of our money away all the time. And we will get a building. I'll stake my reputation on it. I'll stake my leadership here. It is a Rema word from God. So they said, go for it. So you know, we would get x amount of money. We would have a little extra. We just gave it to orphans. Or we sent it to Israel a couple of times. Or we just gave it away to the prolife movement because we were real involved in it. We had to get rid of it. We have to get rid of it. It is a mandate. God is watching us. So we have no building. So then Augustine, I mentioned this already, he comes up and he says ... we had no building and no plan and no money. There is no plan. Nobody wants to work with us. A group that won't ever get money. Like, how much do you have saved up? None. *Ok. That's fine. What is your plan? Give it all away every month.* You know what young man, we need more guys like you around, but I don't think I'm going to work with you on your building plan right now. So we didn't have a plan. We didn't have any money. We didn't have a building.

So Augustine know this. He stands up in front of the congregation. He says, on February 1st, by June 1st you will the building. And afterwards, I go, *Augustine, you can't give a date like that.* I mean June 1st. I mean, because he said, June 1st this year, 1985. Because I was thinking, you know, you are really hemmed in ... I heard it. He goes, you have made this commitment to the Lord. He is going to honor it. You are going to have a building June 1st. I said, ok.

So now it's middle of May, May 15th. No building in sight. May 15th, there is no clarity where we are going, May 15th. And we have to be out of the place we are renting in June, May 28th actually. We have to be out. We have no place to go. No plan. No money. And we received a prophecy in February 1st that we are going to have it June 1st. We have two weeks to go. Oh. People are starting to say, hey, what about that prophecy? What about that, give all the money away plan thing? Because we lose our lease, the building we were leasing, the high school, couldn't use it after May 28th. They said, sorry, you can't use it in the summer for these reasons. Oh, Oh. A guy knocks on the door. It is about May 20th. I don't know exactly when but it is the last week or two. Hey, talking about this building right here.

I'm over in Grandview. Because we are over in Overland Park. Remember, our people don't shop in Grandview. They are going to, though. They have for years but they didn't at that point in time. He says, *hey I got a big building in Grandview, of course, is right next to Harry S Truman because a couple hundred yards away is Harry S Truman's house and Bob Jones says, you will be right next to him.* He says,

I got a big ... this was a soccer field, an indoor soccer field. He goes, I want you to have it. And I said, I have no money. Fine. Let's just get in it. A guy who loved the Lord, John Short. He loved the Lord. I believe in what you are doing. I want you to get in there. I go, I literally have no money. Not sort of, literally. No money. He goes. Good.

I'll take it. I'm going to make you an offer you can't refuse. It is what he said. I'll make you an offer you can't refuse. So, here is the deal though. For these reasons I won't go into, I need to close down the whole operation on May 28th and for these reasons I need you to be in there. Because there is even some vandalism being going on and stuff. He goes, is there any possible way you could be there on June 1st. That would really be important to me. I go, yes. Yes. Oh, yes. I love it. So I bought the building, sight unseen. The truth is, I actually walked through it once. Now, here is the difficulty. No air-conditioning. And we have to go through June.

So to our folks, I said, *I got a building.*

I can tell you this. They were not impressed when I showed them the new building. Because we only had two or three days to get it working. And so it was very dirty and very everything. But we had church on June 2nd, Sunday morning. We were in June 1st. We had the keys. It was ours. And so when we got here oh, was Bob Jones happy? Oh, he was so happy! Our church is two years old. He took me out in the parking lot. We got just where you could see through the building, a couple hundred yards, maybe less than that. I don't know. *You see that house. I go, yes. Harry S Truman. I told you would be in Grandview. And I told you. You would be next to Harry S Truman. And I love it. This is the Lord's will. And you see Blue Ridge, right there, just a few yards away, 50 yards away? That is where the procession was that was marching to Arrowhead Stadium, the healing procession. You are 50 yards from it. He said, I told you. You would be next to Harry S Truman. You didn't believe me.*

Little did we know. We would actually buy the Truman property. That is another story. And most of you know a little bit about it. But, I'll kind of shift gears - that has been our policy - We are going to believe God for the outrageous. And we are going to get out there, out of the boat and see what He will do with money. Because money is a much a power encounter as healing, raising the dead, or the power of conviction. I mean, money is a power dimension. It is not just a nice blessing kind of on the sidelines to the real stuff and then we talk about the money. The money is real stuff.

So I remember we started IHOP. I resigned from the building here. Most of you know. I resigned from it all. I said, no. It is important to me that I resign from everything. The Lord gave me a building, through Bob Hartley, the little trailer. I said, *I'll take it. I affectionately named it, the Bethlehem stable. And on our dedication, I said this is the Bethlehem stable. I said, good things are born in Bethlehem stables.* This is a good thing. But you know, it was just a little building. I said, let's go for it. I remember my son, he was talking to me. He said, Dad, he goes ... because I told him I was resigning from the church, and I was going to go and get this little trailer and get some people to sing all day long and that sign on the wall, 24/7, we are going to do it. It has been up for 16 years. We are going to start doing it now, that thing. My son said, *Dad why don't you just keep the church, kind of do that on the side. They wouldn't mind. You guys do prayer. Everybody likes prayer.* No, I said, *I was supposed to burn the bridge, 100%, start from zero.* And I said, son I have a little golden seed in my hand. I'm going to plant that seed in and a mighty tree is going to come forth by the glory of God but it has to be planted. No, we have to go all the way. Burn all the bridges. No escape hatches. No escape hatches. I said, *you watch. When we plant this seed, a mighty tree is going to come forth sooner than you think.*

Because the whole ... not only do we have the favor of God. There have been responses to God. I mean it is the favor of God and you always go heavy on that end but God requires responses but He records the responses and our responses through the years have built a history with God and God, He relates to us based on some of those responses and our history. And I said, *the Lord is going to give us money. Trust me.*

I've got this major commitment with the Lord. He is going to give the wealth of the nations. I don't mean me. I don't mean it that way. Because He is going to give to us. We can't keep any of it. So we have the little trailer then. And Nick Siren, you know you saw him on the video, he goes, *they say I found the red bridge center.* I don't remember how I found the red bridge center. But he did. And the way he found it. He drove down red bridge. There it was. That is how I found it. Because he came and told me, I found a building. It is right there on red bridge. And I said, well Nick, we don't have any money. He says, I know but what do you think. Let's go for it. I mean, you know, let's, Lord give us money. I said, if it is time, it is time. And I mean, in a short amount of time, that check comes in the mail from a brother in Chicago.

Never met us, \$750,000. Wow. Put it down. The bank says, we'll loan you the money. So we are in this, what seemed to be a huge facility. This shopping mall, compared to the trailer but \$750,000 that is a major like wow. So then I get there. Then the guy from the apartments calls me. Say, are you the guy that bought the shopping mall? I go, yes. Ah, would you be interested in buying the apartments next store? The Herrnhut apartments is what we renamed it so we could name it after Herrnhut, the 100 year prayer meeting in Herrnhut, Germany. He goes, would you be interested in buying the apartment building? I go well, we really don't have any money but ... because he didn't know that I got \$750,000 just put it down and the bank took a risk on us because even putting \$750,000 down is like 2.5 million, something like that. We'll take it (mortgage) but you don't have a big money flow. I said, it is going to work. It is going to work. And the lady banker goes, I appreciate the \$750,000 but your cash stream is not great. She looked at some of our staff, mostly 22. They have jobs. They are intercessory missionaries but that didn't impress her.

They got jobs. I mean, they are real jobs. So the guy from the apartment goes, do you want these? Well, you know we'll see. Because I don't know. I don't really say no but, we'll see. So we call the bank, the same lady, the vice president. Ah, you know you gave us money for the shopping mall, the \$750,000. What would be the chances of you lending us money to for the apartments? Oh, I don't think so. I don't think so. No, your profile, it's not quite strong enough. I know you guys are sincere, but it is not quite strong enough. I could get in trouble if this doesn't work right. *Well, what would you need for this to happen?* These are several conversations. There are several people involved. I'm just kind of summarizing it up. She goes, *well I would need \$700,000.* This is Monday. The guy calls Monday, say noon. We talk to the bank. Don't talk to her specifically. We talk to the person relating to her initially, \$700,000, and ok. Good. At least I know where I stand. It's Monday.

Go to bed. There you have it. Open up my email, late. He says dear Mike, the Lord told me to make \$700,000 available to you. Do you want it? This is Tuesday morning, next day. Yes, love Mike. They brought it to us. So, we called the banker back. Tuesday, ok, we have the \$700,000. But they go, again several personalities, what do you mean? Well, the \$700,000 yesterday ... you said if we get it, ok, ah. What do you mean you have it? Oh no, we have it. This is one, one thousand two, I'm just quiet. Well, where did you get it? It is solid. Don't worry. So we own the apartments. It is like 6 weeks, I don't know,

7 weeks. Instantaneous. For those of you who know property, you can't do that in 6 weeks. And so, we continue to give. And the Lord keeps blessing us.

Then when it comes to ... you know we get into a relationship with God TV. And God TV says, we want you be one of our ... the head of our prayer division, and we want you to do these things. And I said, here is what I'm going to do. I'm talking to Rory Alec. I'm going the Lord about 10 o'clock at night. I'm going to ask the Lord about our conversation to seal it supernaturally, to seal it. He goes. Good. And it was related to money. I'm going to help you get some money because I believe in what you are doing. Let's seal it. So, we said, Lord in the name of Jesus, seal it.

So, I went to the prayer meeting next morning at 6:30, 6:00 in the morning. I just go to the prayer meeting. I guy comes up to me that I do not know. I won't name him. He is in the room right now. He says ... I don't know him, tapped me on the shoulder. Can I talk to you for a second? Yes. We go in the room and he goes, I want to give you 1 million dollars. I go what? *I want to give you a million dollars. Lord told me to. Here, I want to give IHOP a million dollars.* I can't remember if I told him what I was doing with God TV but I can't remember. But it all ended up, he wrote the check to IHOP and I called Rory and our team and worked it all out right. And I said, Rory. It is 9 o'clock in the morning. He is at the hotel. Remember how we sealed the deal and I said, Lord, put your seal on it. A million dollars came this morning. Rory goes, *really! Amazing!*

Then some time goes by. The Truman property comes up. You know the Lord said we are going to be next to it. Of course, Gary Couper had such a major role in that. He talks to the family. It has been for sale some many years. It is this big sign. For sale. And they were all asking some huge amount of money for some many years. I don't know but it was probably really worth about \$10 million but they were asking a lot more than that. I really don't know all the details of what they were asking and why but it was worth a lot less. But maybe about \$10 million. And so, we are talking to them, Gary. And the guys that are working with him. And this Jewish family, they said, long story short, beautiful thing. They said, you know what, why don't we sell it to you? I mean it is a long story made real short. I'm not trying to give all the details. Why don't we sell it to you for \$1 million instead of whatever they were asking?

They were asking a lot more. But again, it was worth a lot more than a million. We'll give it to you for a million. Because our mom and dad, it was their parents, bought it from Harry. Our mom and dad loved Grandview and we think your young people would do well for Grandview because ... they are this Jewish family and they come walking through IHOP. IHOP is in full throttle. You know, they are really going. Wow. It is kind of neat. Somebody ... I don't even want to tell the story, about a person who came up and wanted to prophesy to them. Because they didn't know who they were. They were, you know, fair game walking in the prayer room. Walk in the prayer room that is fair game. If you are actually in the prayer room, you get prophesied to. And I don't know the whole story. I wasn't there. But I heard it from Gary and some of the others. And they prophesied to one of them and its ... what was that? I think Gary said, well you hear things from God and you say them. Well, that's neat. They what? Again, I don't know the whole story but they said no, we are going to give to you for a million instead of the 10 it is worth or the 20 that it was on the market for, whatever the actual amount was.

So, it is such a great victory. We are so excited because it really is the Harry S Truman property. I thought, this was that, by getting this building. I thought that prayer was answered, I mean that prophesy.

Some weeks later a man is just passing through, visiting us and he is there. I'm saying, this is the most remarkable story. I mean, this 10 or 20 million dollar place we are getting it for a million. Harry S Truman's property is so cool. And the guy goes, I want to give you the million. I say what. He goes, here. I want to give you the million. And so, there you have it.

It is debt free. And it closes, and you know the story, but I love saying it, on January 27th 2008, exactly 50 years to the day, that Harry S Truman sold it to that Jewish couple who know we are buying it from their kids. And we saw the contracts. Harry S Truman, January 27th, 1958. Then, it's you know, it is IHOP. January 27th. *The closing day is exactly on the Jubilee, 50 years later.* And we are debt free. Because what is Jubilee but debt free. And what is Jubilee also. It is not just debt free. It means the property reverts back to its rightful owner. And the rightful owner is the intercessor movement for Israel. Because that is what Harry S Truman was an intercessor for Israel.

So, we got the property. Bob Jones, oh, when I called him. You can picture it. He is 80 years old now. *Bob, we got the Truman property, on the jubilee. I told you that was going to happen. You never believed me.* Diane is there. He deserves it. Let me have it. I told you we were going to be there. You told me we don't go to Grandview. You can picture it right? You've seen these videos. They didn't believe me. Oh, he was so happy. He deserved just to let me have it for a while. I just put the phone out there. We are smiling and laughing. It was so fun.

Well then, we came into a situation. Our bible school is growing. And this is our bible school, this auditorium, and we can't fit the students in. And so, we decide we are going to look at this Grandview plaza. You know ½ mile away or whatever. And it is another big shopping mall. The shopping mall we have that we bought where the IHOP, prayer room is 50,000 sq. Ft. This other one is a 100,000 sq. ft. So it is twice the size. But it is 3.3 million and we don't have any money. We pay our bills but we don't have anything extra.

So my statement to the leadership team are sitting around, *hey, in our spirit let's go for it.* Meaning, let's say Lord. That's what going for it means. Go for it. Help. I mean we want it. Yes. Hey, you want that property? Yes. What does that mean? It means Yes. I mean we can't do anything with that yes, at this moment but we want that building.

They record it heaven. They want the building. They have this history. They got promises. Their responding. Ok. Things are in order. Let's go. There is the counting of heaven. So I guy comes through town. And I like to always keep them unnamed. They want to be kept unnamed. *Say, what are you doing? What are the pressure points? Well, our school, you know looks like it is going to double in the next year or two. We are looking at a shopping mall.* He goes where? Well, it is about a ½ mile from the FSM, where the auditorium is, the bible school.

Well, let me look at it. So someone takes him. I mean it is 15 minutes or 20 minutes, something like that. He comes back and the story was that his wife before they came to Kansas City, they were visiting just for a couple of days were praying for IHOP. And she got the number, 3.3. And he goes what is 3.3? And she goes ... I don't exactly if she knew it all but 3.3. So they go look at the property. And they say, well what does this cost? And the person showing them, a couple of people, they said 3.3 million. And the wife looks at the husband. And the husband looks at the wife. Then he goes. Oh. He goes, we can't afford that. She goes, honey, the Lord said, and he wrote us a 3.3 million dollar check. And it is debt free.

Those are great stories. The \$700,000 and the next day the email is there, you know buying the apartment. But I'm so grateful when the amounts are real little. And I'm so grateful because the amounts are still really little. Because, 3 million is really good but we need 300 million. We need 3 billion. We need 30 billion. I love the 3 million realm. I love the \$30 realm. I love the \$550. The zeroes don't matter to God.

He is real nice. He is real smart and He is really rich. But He is real smart too. You are not going to trick me with, oh, I'll start giving when I get rich. You give now. You give now. He is real nice. Very kind God. Very smart and He really rich. Thirty billion is as easy to God as \$30. I mean it is as easy to God as \$30. ... You are watching. You are watching. You are watching me. That's what matters. It is not the money. The God of Genesis one, His eyes are on humans. He is looking at humans. And He smiles and records it in his book. Beloved, that is everything to me and to you. Amen