

## Encountering Jesus CD# 10

Okay, Deuteronomy 8:18; here it is our tenth session. We are talking about power encounters. We spent a couple of nights talking about power as it relates to preaching and singing and supernatural conviction. We spent a couple of nights talking about power as it relates to healing and signs and wonders in terms of natural creation or physical bodies. Now, we are going to take tonight looking about powers. Same thing, same power as it relates to God releasing finances supernaturally. This is part of the entertainment of God's kingdom. I tell you it is divine entertainment for the set up, the timing, the personalities that need to line up just right and then the provision comes and we go, "WHOA!" And the Lord goes, "There you go again. It is happening again." You know when we give ourselves to these things, whatever dimension it is, any dimension of love, it is just exciting. I just love all of these but we need to think about economics as power encounters. Meaning our hearts are fascinated. They swell with joy and we go...this is what happens to me. I go, "I really believe it this time! I mean I know it is true this time." That's what happens inside of us. And the Lord's answers, "I meant it alone to do that." There is as much intimacy in the realm of God using you in economics as there is in God using you in healing as it is in God using you to speak His word or sing His word. It is the same intimate flow to where whatever in the equation you are on, whether you're the vessel giving it or receiving it you get wowed. The whole process gets wowed and that is what this is about. You have to understand the economic dilemma and supernatural provision orchestrated by God at the end of the age is about wowing His end time bride. It is not about us being in fear going, "Oh no! Oh no!" It's about the end-time bride being wowed by the most dramatic global scenario of crisis and supernatural intervention with an application a multitude of times to individuals. It's not just a global dimension of a big picture. Individuals are wowed as well as the earth is wowed as they are participating in saying 'yes' to the grace of God. So, Deuteronomy 8:18. This is one of the famous ones and it should be. *"And you shall remember the Lord your God. Remember Him. For he is the God that gives you power."* This it is! It's like signs and wonders. Power to get wealth. Power to get wealth to establish the covenant. Now, when we remember the Lord we are remembering Him as a rich God. We are not remembering Him as kind. We are remembering Him like really having a lot of money. Remember the Lord, your God. Not just His kindness. He is really, really wealthy. He has incredible amounts of money. He has more than Bill Gates. He has a lot more money than Bill Gates. See, we maybe sometimes we will meet a rich person and we will remember "wow" that's the wealthiest man in the world. But He says remember. Here is the Lord speaking through Moses. Remember me as the God that has all the money too. Don't forget that part. And remember it's a part of the covenant. It's the covenant to preach the gospel to the ends of the earth. It's the covenant to get your sins forgiven. It's the covenant to have the power of God living in you to be in intimacy with God and it's the covenant for the wealth God to "wow" his bride through the way his administers wealth. And there is so many dynamics things He is planning. He is as creative as you can, we can imagine. The limits of His creativity to get this wealth released in different ways. And there is going to be a great transfer of wealth. I am just going to give you one verse on that and then we are going to get right into it. Haggai 2, which is the third book to the end of the Old Testament. Haggai 2; It is another famous verse on economics and the reason I am giving

this to you is I don't want to give a teaching. There are many of you who could give good teaching on giving. I want to give testimonies. That is what these sessions are about; about testimonies. Ya, there it is. Haggai 2. Okay. Now Haggai 2, you know it is only two chapters and it is about building the house of prayer and so being a house of prayer guy it is really tempting but I am not going to. I mean the context is building the temple which the Lord named the House of Prayer for all Nations. That is what He called the temple but we are not going to there. Okay. Verse 6 of chapter 2; here is what the Lord says and it is in context of building the temple. It is in context to the prayer movement in that day and in the end of the age. Verse 6: He goes, "*I am going to shake everything, everything that can be shaken, everything.*" That means the heavens, the atmosphere, the earth, and he goes (verse 7), "I am going to shake all nations." Means ALL, two hundred sixty two nations. Every political institution on the earth is going to be moved by divine activity in a way they probably won't appreciate. Why? Here's why because the nations of the earth are trying unstable unreliable realities and God is going to show them as unreliable. That's the big point. The point of it is the believers and the unbelievers are looking to all these seven realms of life mentioned. They are looking at different ideas related to these seven big realms of life and they are unstable in themselves and yet even God's people and the unbelievers are looking at them as stable and trusting in them. The Lord says, "**I am going to shake them and show them they are not stable. I am going to cause you to be completely discombobulated if you are trusting in them.**"

Basically kick the props out. Then you are going to look around and you are going to grope and you are going to find what is stable and you are going to trust in that and find salvation and a fascinated heart in eternal life. So it's really a fantastic motive of God's heart. He says I am going to shake all the nations too. So He is going to shake the heaven, that's one. That's all the atmosphere and the stars. I mean when the sun gets shaken that's one of the big ones. The earth is going to be shaken; earthquakes, the sea, the dry land, and all the nations. Okay, here is the next one that is going to be shaken. Here is the next one that is going to be shaken in verse 7. They shall come, here it says in the New King James, it says it slightly different in the NIV but this is such an excellent statement here in the NKJ and then "they" that means all the nations. All two hundred sixty two nations, they shall come to a man. He name is called here by one of my favorite titles of Jesus. He is called the "Desire of All Nations". So call that the harvest and the institution that is going to be shaken by that is called the church because the gnats are going to break first. The church thinks we are ready. Beloved, when three hundred thousand new converts come suddenly into the church of Kansas City. The church of Kansas City is going to say, "**We are a mess right now.**" This harvest that is portrayed positive and it is but it will shake every religious institution because not only that billion plus is going to come into the church they are going to be leaving other religious institutions. It is really shaking and mad, glad, sad and every combination you can imagine when that happens. Then He said, "**I am going to fill my temple with glory.**" When the Lord begins to put the anointing upon the people of God, again, as they function in the spirit of prayer, the glory is going to rearrange the whole order of God's kingdom. That's a shaking! That's wonderful there but the way that will come down will have a lot of bruises and surprises in it because the power base is going to shift even in the midst of God's people when the glory starts resting on people that are of no account in the kingdom of God right now in the eyes of men. And those that are of great account don't have the glory on them and it's going to

get really perplexing for just a moment there. Then verse 8; in the midst of this and really for this there is going to be a transfer of wealth. The silver and gold is going to be shaken. He is going to shake that too. And when He says the silver and gold is mine what He means is I am going to manifest my complete ownership over all the money that everybody has. I am going to show the earth it's mine. You know it is not an accident that God gave the oil of the earth to Islam. God didn't say... you know the Father didn't say Jesus, oh my goodness. The way they spread out. The oil is with the other guys. Oh no... Sorry Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob you know I was thinking you guys would branch out to the left, you went to the right. No, the oil is there on purpose. And the billions represented in that oil is there on purpose and the Lord says I am going to show the world the trillions. It is mine. It is not theirs. I am going to show everybody it is mine. I am going to show the world that the church's money is mine. I am going to show the world that ALL the money is mine and it is going to shock everyone when I bring it into a new arena. The manifestations, the realization that the money is mine and I am going to use it for the harvest. And He ties together the harvest, verse 7 with the manifestations- the money is His. Beloved, remember the God that we come to. Remember he gives power to heal the sick, raise the dead, and gives power to generate wealth, and there is going to be a transfer of wealth. It is going to transfer within the religious institutions including the church. It is going to be transferred from one group to another. Some people will be in both groups but then many people won't. This is one intense couple of verses here. But it ties the harvest to... I mean the shaking and the transfer of wealth to the harvest. It is going to be supernatural and it is going to be dramatic and I want to be right in the middle of it. I don't mean in the middle of the whole global thing but right in the middle of the will of God. I mean the globe is too big for any one little person or one little group. We want to be right in the middle of our portion of it. And here is what we want to do right now. I have said this for some years to some of you have heard that we must be developing our history in God as the God of wealth. We don't want to wait till the shaking starts and say, **"Hey...Hey...wait...wait!"** Between now and the end of the month I am going to develop a deep history with the intimacy with the God of wealth. When I mean develop history with the God of wealth I don't mean so that every individual in the church will be wealthy. That is not true but wealth will be released in the right hands so that the harvest is released. Now the Lord doesn't need the money for the harvest. He has chosen to do that. He wants it because He wants more intimacy and more drama by that choice. There was a time, some time ago, when I began to see money I began to see souls. Beloved, it is a radical paradigm shift when a million dollars to you means souls and not A, B, C, & D. It is a radical change in you when the prospect of somehow entering in to five million dollars next year, next month, next week, whatever, instantly impacts you as Oh my Goodness the amount of people. Oh, over here and over in Asia, oh my...this is really going to be something. It is a radical change when the people of God see money and they instantly see souls when they see money because it means workers in the harvest and I mean souls coming in. If you are not there yet just ask the Lord to gently transfer you over to there because the Lord can do it gentle or He can do it rough. Ask Him for the gentle transition and say let me see money as souls not money as... you know a little bit of the overflow goes to souls... see it as means of the God of wealth wanting to bring the harvest to the desire of all nations which is Jesus Himself. Now the way the Lord is going to do this is going to be, again, you couldn't

chart it out if you tried. The seven different areas that are going to be shaken from the little ones in authority to the international ones in authority to all the levels within those seven spheres. Oh my goodness! It is going to get so dramatic. Dramatic is the word. Supernatural is the word. Surprising is the word. How the transfer is going to happen and the Lord is going to see to it that it gets into the harvest. Now again, He didn't have to. He wants to just a part of intimacy with His church. So of you are going to get divine creative ideas. You know what? You're one idea away from a billion dollars. You're one idea from a billion dollars! Joseph in Genesis 40 or where ever it was... 40 or 41. He was one idea away from a billion dollars. One night he went to bed. He didn't have the idea. He woke up with the idea. Seven years of famine. I mean seven years of plenty. We are going to store it. Seven years of famine. The king believed him. One idea! He says I have one idea. I didn't have it at ten o'clock last night. I had it at ten a.m. this morning. That made him billions of dollars. One idea! I don't care how little guy you are. You are idea away from a billion dollars. Now obviously there is work in process and a couple of prison sentences in the spirit and all that kind of stuff. I mean there's all that kind of stuff too. I mean the whole Bible goes along with that billion dollars but my idea is King David is a little Bethlehem boy. I mean a little Bethlehem. He is just kind of on the back side of the hills of Bethlehem playing his guitar. He is not going to get an education in the way we understand it. He is just a little Bethlehem boy just out in No Where's Ville. And he becomes a man that, I am just making this number up it is actually more than this, who gave a billion dollars to the prayer movement by the time he was seventy. If you would had talked to him at fifteen years old, **"David" and using our numbers, "David, what are you going to be when you grow up?" "A shepard, I guess? I got seven older brothers. I get an eighth of this flock that I am taking care of myself. It is small enough to where I can handle it but we are going to divide it up in eight pieces. I get an eighth of it and a little couple of acres over there. Why I can't wait! It is going to be awesome when they are mine. All eight of them are mine, you know?"** David, what would you say if you could fast forward. You are fifteen now, when you are seventy years old that you have given a billion dollars to the prayer movement. David... eight, twenty sheep. Now how many sheep am I going to get? Like fifty? Am I going to break a hundred? No... no... it is not like that at all. My point is it doesn't matter who you are, where you grew up, what you know or what you don't know. If the Lord is set it up and He hasn't set up everybody to this thing but I mean at this level. I am telling some of you are from NowheresVille with out a chance of it and you are like a David and it is going to happen. It's going to happen! Now, a lot of people are just expecting offerings, free will offerings. I love free will offerings and I love the billionaires giving a couple hundred million in one shot. And God is going to have His servants do that but I don't want to think about it all as receiving offerings. I said, **"Lord, I want to be in this David's swirl. I want to receive a couple hundred million in offerings. Why not? But I want to generate a hundred or two hundred million. I am as weak and unsuspecting as David was. I want to get going on a few things. I want to generate it myself as well as receive offerings from around the earth. I want to be one of the biggest givers in the movement that I am part of the leadership of. I mean I want to generate it."** And the Lord has been giving us these different businesses. We are calling them "Book Stores" and "Music Companies" and a number of other things. I am absolutely confident we are going to generate out of these kingdom businesses that will be based in the center of the

IHOP world. There will be about... I am thinking about five or ten of them but the Lord says, **“Put a couple of zeros on that”** but whatever. My point is I am not just looking for offerings. I am looking to generate it through Kingdom businesses and not just Christian products either. I am saying, **“Lord, I could stand and tap into a little oil thing here or there. You know, why couldn’t I own the oil well? You know the guys who own them now didn’t make oil. You made oil. They were just born one day. I mean you own oil. Why can’t I own some of that oil?”** He says, **“That is the way I like you thinking.”** Meaning... for real it is not about... I don’t look at me and think little dumb Mike. I look at big strategic God who has already figured out the end of the game before the game began. I said, **“Hey, I am in! I am in all the way! Let’s go all the way!”** I will give a couple hundred million from these businesses. I will be one of the biggest givers at IHOP. Why not? And then we will take a couple hundred million in offerings and a couple hundred million in other ways that we don’t think about. There are investments, there is favor, there’s agriculture, and I mean the days are coming when the crop thing is going to be really important in a way we are not thinking. Anyway, prosperity is relative because I am going to tell a couple stories. When I was eighteen years old, getting a thirty dollar miracle was stunning. And it had the wow factor. It worked. I mean thirty dollars. I made thirty-five dollars a week as a youth pastor. I mean when I gave somebody thirty dollars a couple of times it was like **“Whoa!”** This is like really stretching it out there. And another person it’s thirty thousand. You know that’s the wow factor. Another person it’s thirty million and another person it’s thirty billion. It doesn’t matter because it is all a grain of sand to God. It is a peanut to God. It doesn’t matter how many zeros. It is not like God looks at the zeros and goes, **“Whoa, this is going to be a tough one.”** It is no problem. It is just where ever he places you and where he moves you. He might move you five levels beyond and five zeros in another realm. He can do that in a minute and He has done that to his servants all through history. Why not now in the hour of the great shaking? Why not now? Why not be a Joseph, a little Jewish slave boy. A little Jewish slave boy in Egypt. Why not uneducated little Jewish slave boy? Why not you be the billionaire in Egypt? Why not be the little guitar player out in the back side of the hills of Bethlehem? Why don’t you give a billion to the prayer movement? Those are the kinds of guys that do it. Why not? It is the God that we are serving. It is the God we are serving. I am going to give you a just a couple of words; 1-2-3-4-5. Just kind of lay them out there. You have already heard them except of for one or two of them. Then I will reference one or two of them tomorrow and the next day. Cairo, Egypt: back in September 1982. This is the 1-2-3-4 list here. (1)He says, **“I am going to give you the wealth of the nations.”** But He tied it to the great commission; the wealth of the nations. He spoke that at that awesome experience. (2)August 1975. Again I don’t have them in order. When the angel visits Bob Jones in that watershed experience which is entire life actually references that angelic visitation when the Lord says, **“He is going to make Kansas City a city of refuge.”** Whatever the exact word is but just... it means unimaginable wealth is going to be generated in Kansas City. The angel told him that wealth beyond anything you can imagine. I can’t remember the exact phase right now. Wealth is going to be supernaturally generated in this city. The angel told Bob and told him to go tell the people. The experience with the bus, remember? The bus is going. The Lord is leading and He turns around and gives Noel Alexander a thousand dollars and says, **“I am going to make it a million.”** Then the million is going to turn eventually... the million is going

to be multiplied a thousand fold to a billion. And it is talking about this place, this people, this city, the people of God in Kansas City. I am believing for a billion dollars, a thousand dollars, a thousand fold souls and a thousand fold of that million dollars. The Lord says, **“I am going to give you a thousand and then I am going to multiply it by a times a thousand. Then I am going to give you a million to give away to the nations.”** And we did it! We gave 1.2 million in one offering. He says, **“Now I am going to multiply that and let you give it again to the nations and reap souls.”** I said, **“I am in! This was a supernaturally thing! I am in! I am in for the billion!”** (3) May 23, when the Lord done the Solemn Assembly and the fire of God hit my hands and I had the dream that night and the next day the Lord visited Bob Jones, Jehovah-Rophe; no disease know to man and the verse Matthew 10:8 was given to me and to Bob Jones; that freely give freely receive and the idea is what the Lord communicated to Bob was there is going to be again I can’t remember the exact adjective of this but indescribable wealth is coming. When the healing starts and it has to go to the harvest. I mean the warning was it has to go to the harvest but the promise was it is coming in. The fiftieth night of this seeking the Lord time which was the twelfth night of these hearing testimonies I give what I call the most significant prophesy we have ever received. I call it the Blue Print prophesy. In that the Lord says over and over, **“Wealth beyond what you can imagine is coming to this people.”** (4) August 2000; the Lord speaks to Paul Cain when he is on Shiloh and gives him the number one billion; one billion. So that’s just a list of them right there. Not that you can remember all of those.

So okay how is it going to happen? I tell you it is going to happen in a way that wows the people of God. You know you can say it is going to happen in a way towards the Lord gets His glory. But I tell you the way He gets glory is by His people being wowed and lost in Him. He is going to do it in a way; there is going to be a faith process, there is going to be testing, there is going to be dark moments, there is going to be prunings, there is going to be the prison sentences in the spirit. David had a couple of them, Joseph had a couple of them and if we are going to go to David and Joseph don’t forget the prison sentences in their life stories where they were tucked away for awhile and it got a little dark for a minute or two. And then suddenly it got light and then got dark again. It happened that time a couple of rounds for each of them before they were giving these billions away at the end of the story. How and the Lord says it is not going to be just one day you will wake up and everything you touch turns to gold and then you are never... I am going to WOW you all the way through it. I am going to WOW you incrementally through out the entire process. But I tell you here we are right now we are in a time of need and again it is needs small “n” and it’s not capital “N”. We need one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars in the next two, three, four weeks and so I am just sitting there praying about it. I said, **“Lord, I am going to kick into the gear the sure the gear, the real gear that I know that works. I know you can do pledge cards and I am not against pledges cards. You can do this. You can do newsletters. I am not against that. You can make phone calls.”** Actually one or two guys did. That’s cool! I like that because the Lord uses those means because even those have lines of love connecting and all kinds of good things happen. So don’t write those off but when I really get into a pinch I want to do the David’s style. Psalm 31: *Into your hands I commit my spirit.* Let’s throw our self into God’s hands. Let’s get God in the battle like now! The for sure way to

do it! Let's take a big offering and give it away and let's lean into the giving heart of God and release giving. Let it drip down like dew all over everybody. And we got to get this thing settled so... I want the fast version so let's lean into this thing. Let's go for it. Let's just get God right in the middle of the battle and I tell you; you can afford not to have God in the crisis when the crisis in the end of the age is about to start escalating. You want a history. You don't want to wait till the night before to cram for this test. You want a history in that hour. When things are crumbling and shaking and moving we want to look at the Lord and to the people that are wanting to find rest under our shade tree. I think of Psalm 1; you will be a rest for all these young ones. We want to stand there with a root system of reality here. Not saying you know I heard a sermon once about that one verse, I mean, I know it is real because God's true and all the young people that are there are going, **"Oh Gee, we were hoping there was going to be a little bit of shade here. This feels like a hot sun to us."** Are you experimenting right now? Well, they told me to do this years ago and I never really did. That verse it's got to be true. No! We want a root system. We want to stand unmoved and in the hour when things are shaky we want to be a shade tree to multitudes especially this young harvest. We want to say listen, we have stories that go way back when God is never, ever done anything but fulfilled His word one hundred percent. And He wowed us every step and then when we began to move forward there was a little dark moment there and they go, **"Oh no! Oh no! There is a dark parentheses."** Almost all the stories had a little parentheses. **"Don't worry."** They go, **"Oh they do? Are you sure? Are you sure? Yeah, like one?"** **"Oh no, no, I have a hundred of them."** They say, **"Oh...Oh...does those little parentheses or the little dark thing go away?"** I say, **"Oh yeah, it does, don't worry!"** They say, **"Oh...okay. Good, good, we are new at this thing. We just got saved you know?"** We want to be able to be steady, steady, steady, steady. We want to know how this thing works. Not just because we read it but because we experienced the God who's made it work. Okay, now lest I be too high and flaluting and too out there I am going to give a couple of personal stories aimed for the twenty year olds. Okay, when I mean twenty year olds I mean who ever wants it. I don't care if you are eighty or you are twenty-three. I just say twenty year olds because it is the easiest number to say. Okay, there you have it. You know one guy says I am twenty-one do I count? I go, **"Oh, stop it!"** See I am knowing these tapes and CDs are going to go and there going to be in some young guy's car out in Afghanistan somewhere driving and he is going to hear this testimony and I want an arrow to strike them. It's that kind of thing that I want to happen. I remember when I was about 16-20 years old. I am just look at that time frame for just two or three quick testimonies. I am not even going to give the details. My spiritual heroes were J. Hudson Taylor and C.T. Studd and George Muller and these guys were missionaries' par excellent 1800's to 1850's. All English and these were men that had two things going on. Number one they had tremendous faith for supernatural release of money and they used the money for the harvest. So it was two things. It was two things. My spiritual leaders gave me those biographies. I never heard of C.T. Studd, I mean who ever heard of him from America? He was like the Babe Ruth of Cricket in England. So he was a famous cricket player over there in history. So I read them because the guys over me said read them and oh my goodness. Here is what was happening. My spiritual DNA was being formed by missionaries that believed the impossible and then gave it to the harvest. So if that's... you know when the cement is wet and that is what put in the cement and it dries you kind

of think that is how it is. It took me a few years to figure out that they were rare ones in the kingdom and as I got older and older I said, **“What a second. This was like some rare books I stumbled into.”** I just thought it was Christianity. Now I found out it is just Christianity but it was rare... well there you have it. Okay. These guys had this David thing. They attacked the need by sowing. They had this idea. Now remember David just didn't do it because he was nice. He did it because he understood God's heart. He wanted to dive into this dimension of God's personality, the giving dimension of God's personality. It was an act of warfare. It was an actual tactic in crisis that David used. I mean he was nice and generous occasionally as well but he knew what he was doing along the way and he got transformed in it. I remember when I was in my early days. It was so normal. We heard these stories and we all read these books and I don't know the number maybe twenty or thirty times in those first five, six, seven years. I don't know it's not like you count them but I had money the Lord had released to me supernaturally. It was absolutely what we expected to happen and it was what I expect today to happen. I remember just this simple little thing. I was eighteen years old. I was leading these... a bunch of people to the Lord because the Jesus Movement and they were coming in like crazy. How many of you remember the Jesus Movement in the early 70's? Anyway, no one had Bibles. Nobody had money for Bibles so I said okay, with my thirty-five dollar a week salary I am going to go buy Bibles. I set in my heart. I went and bought five hundred little paperbacks. The bill was astronomical. It was \$301.24. I remember it vividly. \$301.24 and my friends go, **“Man, where are you going to come up with that kind of money?”** I said, **“I don't know. J. Hudson Taylor did it.”** It was the day I was going to go pick them up and everybody already had claimed them. I mean not all five hundred but a lot of them were already given out. And three hundred dollars I mean that was gigantic. I mean I don't know if I ever had that money in my hand when I was eighteen years old at one time. Probably I did but it seemed like a mountain to me and it was the day of. The day of and I was supposed to pick it up at noon. It was a Saturday. I remember it. No money and my friends go, **“You got any of it? Like five bucks? We each could throw in two.”** And I said, **“This is going to get me up to nine.”** And everybody is expecting them at the meeting that night. I won't go through the deal but a check in the absolutely weirdest place came. I needed a \$301.24. The check was for \$301.25. I got the check and I went, **“Oh! Oh! You are real!”** And the Lord undoubtedly said, **“That's the point little guy! That's the point.”** Not the day after it late not the day before it was late. It came right there. I had a twelve or one o'clock appointment. One cent; I just took it and flipped it over my shoulder. I don't know what that meant but I remember I just went (noise) and maybe some guy could use it you know. I remember some months later I am taking a ski trip. I am about eighteen or nineteen years old and I am taking a ski trip and these two girls they really want to go and they are new believers. I got in one of those Holy Spirit good moods and I said, **“I'll pay your way.”** It was \$250 a person. It was \$500 dollars. This is bigger than the three but I had that three under my belt a few months back. That three hundred dollar thing and it is five hundred. I mean it is the day before; nothing. And five hundred was a lot because you had to get there. We drove all night. You know the Colorado Ski Trip youth group thing. And we get there and I am the leader and when you pay them you have to pay them up front and I don't have it. Nobody in my role makes over thirty bucks a week and so it is like I didn't know legitimate rich guys that make a thousand a week or anything like

this. We didn't know any. And so it is the day before. It is Friday and we are going to leave Saturday and nothing. Nothing! Saturday comes and here it is Saturday again and I get a \$250.00 check in the mail. I have never received money in the mail ever and I never told one person the need because the two girls would have been embarrassed. There families could not afford it and nobody knew they were coming free. So nobody knew! Not one person knew. I get this check for \$250. I can't believe it! It is almost my record. My record is \$301.25. I go this is unbelievable. It is noonish again. It's let's say it is nine o'clock and we are going to do the all night thing. It is nine and the girls were in this van and others in that van and there is like six or seven in a van. I am driving this van and they're in it and we are going, **"I don't have the money."** And I am nervous and I am thinking I am going to get really taken to task when I get there. A guy comes over to visit my mother and my step dad and says, **"Hey, what you got going on out there?"** I go, **"A ski trip. We are going to Colorado."** Unbeliever. A totally unbeliever. I mean my father... he died when I was eighteen and my Step father had the same habits and frequented the same places. They were bars and taverns and again I just love to go in those things. I just love to smell the atmosphere. I know that sounds gross to some of you but I just grew up in there. So when they'd come around this guy comes and says, **"Hey! Boy that looks like a lot of fun."** He put his hand in his pocket and gave me two one hundred bills. So now I am at 450. Whoa!! I am walking out the door and I ... fifty dollars I could find that at a gas station. I am going to the door and the guy goes, **"Hey! Come here! Let me give you fifty more!"** He gave me fifty more. I got in there and my little co-pilots said, **"Got the money?"** I said, **"I got the money!"** Nobody knew I didn't have any. Oh Lord! This is really, really good. I remember... that is just a little eighteen year old stuff. Don't wait till you are fifty or forty and you got a good job. Do it with \$301 dollars when you are eighteen. Do it now! Don't start then. And there were a number of little stories like that and they just began to multiply. I remember once when it was in the summer of 1983 and I remember this lady was in a desperate need and she was just in pain over it. I just did this crazy thing because I don't... and have never done this before and certainly don't recommend doing it but I just did it. Afterwards I went, **"Oh No!"** She needed \$550.00. So I pulled out my MasterCard. I just said, **"Here! Take my MasterCard."** She was crying and I was thinking, **"Oh Gee!"** So I put it on the MasterCard. So then a little bit of time goes by. A short amount of time and I go to a Tuesday night service at our church here. Right here, the first year we started here in Kansas City. And this couple comes up to me during worship and whispers at me. I am kind of like hey I am trying to worship and shhhhh. **"Come now."** I go, **"Okay."** They said, **"The Lord told us to give you \$550.00."** I went, **"Incredible! Man, I just got... that was perfect!"** Not \$580.00 not \$700.00 I went, **"Oh God, this is so good! This is fun!"** And the Lord said, **"I am wowing you! I am wowing you!"** I didn't hear that but of course that is what He is saying. Then about a half hour later another person... I mean that's the point. It is all about intimacy and about wowing us. He set the whole thing up and the timing is so stunning. So I am sitting there and it is half hour later in the worship and this guy comes up and goes, **"Hey Bro, can you pray for me?"** I go, **"What is it?"** He goes, **"I got the most horrible news."** I said, **"How much do you need?"** He goes, **"I need \$550.00."** So I take the \$550 and I said, **"I just happen to have it on me."** He goes, **"Why do you have \$550 on you?"** I go, **"I just happened to."** So I give him the \$550 and he goes, **"Oh bro you can't imagine."** So that is where I left and how I began

the service you know. It was seven and I was broke. It's is eight thirty and I am broke but it is the same. You know it is all the same minus ninety minutes but you know that was kind of fun. I am walking out the door and a couple came running. One of the last ones out and says, **"Mike! Mike! Quick! Oh, we didn't think we would catch you. We can't believe you are still here. We were in the children's ministry. We sold our car today for \$550.00 and the Lord told us to give the money to you and not to the church. It is yours!"** I went... (made a face) and I said, **"Lord is there like a little ping pong ball going. What is going on up there?"** I go home and Diane says, **"Hey you got this little receipt here for \$550.00."** I go, **"Yeah, here is the money here. I got the money for the \$550.00."** I had a little receipt in my pocket and so everything was fine you know. I could have skipped the whole thing. It is not like did it because I thought... I didn't know. You kind of some things you do impulsively but that 550, 550, 550 you know it just strikes me that 55 comes up again in a minute because I have never put that together till just now. Now that is just for my pleasure. Okay. I remember I am counseling this lady on the telephone and I don't give her any money just so you know. It is 11 o'clock and she is crying and she is in the church. She says I have this need. It is 11 o'clock and by 5 o'clock if I don't have \$2,000.00... da de la da de la... I talked to her about giving, **"Do you ever give?"** She goes, **"Well... no I can't afford it."** I said, **"No...no...no...no...no, you can't afford not to. It is not about sustaining the church budget. No...no...no...no, you HAVE to."** So a few minutes later, **"Okay, I will."** I said, **"Is this for real?"** **"Yes,"** she said. Some one is at my door at the church office and I said, **"I got to go. I will check in with you later. You got to make the commitment. I don't even want to pray with you until you make the commitment."** Yes. A guy comes in. He is a business man from Orland Park. He is from a church denomination that doesn't believe in the gifts of the Spirit and he has been visiting two or three times. He goes, **"I just wanted to meet you. I just wanted to me you."** Him and his wife, a young couple and they were doing real well in business. I said, **"Well, hello. My name is so and so."** He goes, **"Ya, we have heard you a couple of Sundays and hey da la da."** The wife says, **"Well, since we are here could you pray for my husband."** You know that guy looks at his wife going... I said, **"Sure!"** You know innocently. I pray for him and make a long story short and Spirit of Lord starts moving on him and he has a demon. He starts coughing, belching, and starts doing that, and his eyes and the wife is getting scared and looks at me. I said, **"It is okay. It is okay."** She is going, **"Honey, is everything okay?"** I said, **"Just... You are going to like him a lot better when this thing is over because I don't know what you are doing right here but I know what he is doing when he gets home. He got one of these little critters inside of him I guarantee you. He is not acting this way at home."** This demon comes out of him and he is really excited. She thinks he is going to be offended. She goes, **"Now, honey"** because she tried to get him to come to the church. He goes, **"No! I love it!"** He writes me a check right there. He goes, **"I just...I am just so happy."** He writes me a \$2,000.00 check. So the lady calls up. I call her. She calls me whatever and I am checking in on her. It is 3 or 4 by now. Whatever... before the phone call is made. I said, **"Hey are you still big on that commitment? Are you still into that?"** She says, **"Yes! I have been praying all afternoon. I don't care if costs me everything. I am going to give to God."** I said, **"In that case come pick up your \$2,000.00 check."** It is in my hand because here is what the guy did. He wrote it out and he was going to put the name

of the church. He goes, **“Nope.”** He says this, **“Make it out to whoever you want. I don’t even care about the tax credit of giving it to a church. Put any name in it you want.”** And he hands it to me. And so I put her name in it. She came and she goes, **“How did he know my name?”** I said, **“Well!”** I told the story and she goes, **“Wow!”** I said, **“If I was you I would really stay steady.”** You see the Lord will give you a little jump start, kind of get you going. I said, **“The glow of this will wear off and you will get into another crisis. This little jump start is to get you going in a history. Don’t back off of where this thing is suppose to get you going.”** A couple years later... same bill. I was talking to a single mother. She comes over and goes, **“My car died and I can’t go to my work. I only make a \$180.00 a week. This and that and I am behind the bills, bills, bills.”** And I said, **“You know I don’t want to look at your need. I appreciate your need. I really do. I am not minimizing it but there is a God who has so much money that you can’t even imagine. He likes you. He is love sick over you. Are you giving?”** **“Well, no! I can’t.”** So we figure out the \$18.00 out of \$180.00. I said, **“You got bare minimum. That’s Christianity 101. You start there. You don’t ever want to be satisfied there. You start there. That is the introduction to faith.”** And she said, **“Yeah, but what about my car?”** I said, **“Listen you can’t afford not to.”** This is maybe four or five in the afternoon. So she says, **“Yes.”** We pray together. She leaves. Tuesday night is when we had our mid week service. I go to the mid week service and a lady comes to me and she goes, **“Mike, the Holy Spirit told me give you my car. I have already notarized it and here is the title. It is yours. Put it in any name you want.”** I went, **“This is amazing.”** I go back home. The lady who lives in the neighborhood where we were all at and I call over and go, **“Hey!”** I am not going to tell her about the car. I go, **“Where are you at on that giving \$18.00.”** She goes, **“I am going for it.”** Just like the gal a few years ago. She says, **“I am going.”** So we wrote her name in it. She had a notarized car. She had it right there. It wasn’t a great car but maybe a car worth \$4,000.00 back then. About a 1985; so it was a pretty good car now. I mean probably a \$10,000.00 now. She couldn’t believe it. She just started sobbing. I go, **“That’s the point. That’s the point for you to sob.”** Again knowing the Lord a little bit He might of said, **“Well, Mike I wanted to wow you in that story too. You are the little guy I am wowing too. I want to wow everybody with that story.”** You know He wants the little child, the mother, He wants the girl’s sister, and He wants a ton of people wowed. The lady who gave it I told her the story and she went, **“No! I heard God! I heard God!”** I mean it just everybody gets blessed. If you dive into the middle of this thing everybody gets blessed in it. Everybody does! I remember one time we were in a need and a personal need. I went to Diane and I made... my pay was \$1000.00 every two weeks. I said, **“You know what? We have no money in the bank account... I don’t do this that often but I think I want to give the whole \$1,000.00 away. I just want to do that. This isn’t a reckless thing...”** She’s been watching over the years. I gave that away. The very next day a guy calls and says, **“Hey Mike the Lord told me to give you a \$1,000.00.”** And then I got some more the next week or two or three but it was just amazing. I just said, **“Lord, the guy didn’t call me a week later he called me the next morning.”** And the Lord’s answer, **“I am just wowing you. I am letting you know I watch it. I watch every movement of all of the heart’s of my people. I watch it. I’ve set it up with the timing to wow you and everybody else involved.”** I remember that was just so exciting for our family and this and that because we would have our family

devotions and Luke, Paul, and Diane and I would be there. I would sit down and tell little stories and we were notorious for never ever staying on track. You know Diane used to say, **“We are on the lesson.”** And me, Luke and Paul we were all over the world. I was telling them World War II stories and we read the book of Revelation and we had the little curriculum there but we laid it aside. I told them Bob Jones stories but anyway we had a quite good time there for a few years. I remember that when ever I... because I wanted my sons to get zapped by this reality. I always told them the whole story even when I give the \$1000.00; when we had nothing. I am giving into this. So I had this little deal with them. I said when ever I get money I am going to tithe it to the Lord. Always a gift; I will tithe every gift to the Lord. But I am going to do something more. I am going to tithe it to you guys. And I would get a \$2,000.00 check and they would get a \$2,000.00 check I mean with him being six years old and I just said I wanted wow them like Papa’s wowing me. And they loved it when the check came in. I mean they are going, **“Dad did you check the mail today? Didn’t you give some money last month? And it hasn’t came in yet?”** I mean two hundred dollars was like a million to a six year old. I really gave it to them. It struck them. It was like double zeros compared to an adult. It marked them. I mean it marked them! So after some time they would have six, seven, eight, hundred dollars in the bank account. Just off the tithe of little miracles happening and they loved it because I would always tell the whole story. I wanted them to get this in this genetics. So a need came up and Luke said, **“I just want to unload everything. I want to do the same thing. I want to go all the way.”** I said, **“Well, Luke...”** Here I am I mean I am a good one at being a son but here I am the dad. I am going, **“Why don’t we just give half of it?” “I want to give it all”** or whatever the amount was. It was a significant part of it. I said, **“Well, okay! Let’s do it!”** And he gave it. Then he said, **“Okay, that’s it.”** On the next day we had our little family devotion time and I said, **“Luke, I don’t want you to just giving it. I want you to engage faith. What do you want? I want you to give it and believe there’s an action and a reaction by a real person called Yahweh, God. It is not you gave it and you oh boy I did it. I grit my teeth and past the test. No, I said I wanted it to be a dynamic that connects with your little heart. What do you want?”** He said, **“I don’t know.”** I said, **“No.”** We had our little prayer thing we would go through and I would write down little things you know so if they got answered we would have it there. So he goes, **“I don’t want nothing.”** I said, **“Come on give me something! Write in the book.”** He goes, **“Something that is just real cool. Something real cool.”** I said, **“That’s it? Come on!”** He goes, **“No... Nothing is on my mind.”** It was just the perfect answer. He is about eleven years old now. For about three years I was traveling with John Wimber and Paul Cain all around the world and we were going from South Africa to Australia, New Zealand, everywhere, over in Europe, Singapore, just everywhere and so he said, **“I will pay your family.”** You know I want you to be there and I will pay your family to go and so they went on a lot of the trips. Some they didn’t and some did and so about a week later you are not going to believe this. We get in the mail and it says, **“Luke Bickle.”** It is the main airlines that I travel on. It says, **“Gold Card. Luke Bickle. Free upgrades on every flight.”** I looked at this and Luke goes, **“Whoa... What is it?”** I go, **“It is a Gold Card.”** He goes, **“Cool! What is it?”** I go, **“No, this is serious. In my business this is serious.”** It takes a hundred thousand miles to get one of these. I said, **“Luke I don’t want to break your little heart.”** I explained it first to him and then I said, **“This can’t**

be real.” So I actually called up and said da la da and the guy said, **“Well, our records say one hundred thousand miles he gets guarantee up grades on everything. He just does. Do you want to talk to the boss?”** I go, **“No..no..no..no!”** I had this feeling I had been talking to the boss along before that. So we went on these trips and you know Luke man he’s up there. This little eleven year old, chest out, feet up, just kicking back, traveling around the world. We are all back in the nose bleed section. Well, I had a Gold Card but I mean one Gold Card; four people in the family that’s politically incorrect. I just buried it. I said, **“No Gold Card’s on the trip.”** We all go together. I am not even going there. I am leaving it at home because we tried it once and it was a disaster. So Luke is the only one up there with his chest out. Man, I will have some more apple juice. No... make that orange juice. We are back there on water you know. He brought the chocolates back and showed them. It was so intense and I said, **“Lord, this is like really cool. We wrote down something cool. This is cool! This is cool!”** It impacted all of us and all the little ten year olds go, **“No way! You didn’t go first class!”** **“Yes, I did. I gave that money and I said I wanted something cool and we put it down there. I got something cool and I traveled first class.”** That was so cool! I am going to tell you another one or two and then I am going to get to one or two church ones. I got a few more minutes here. I remember when I was twenty-two years old. Diane was twenty-two years old. We were getting married. No, she is twenty-one and I am twenty-two and I am fresh off biographies and about twenty or thirty of these stories. Okay? I got about twenty to thirty little \$301.25 stories. I got about twenty or thirty of those. I meet Diane and she is a new believer. She’s never heard of C.T. Stubb or J. Hudson Taylor or George Muller. She’s never heard of anybody. Never heard of Brainerd or John G. Lake or nobody. She just met the Lord a few months earlier. She goes, **“I don’t know all these stories.”** So the day comes and we are talking about our lives and she says, **“She has been waiting for years for this. For seven years. Well, how much do you have in the bank?”** **“Have in the bank”** I go, **“What do you mean?”** She goes, **“How much do you have in the bank?”** Because she was leading into the question of well then how much do you have in the bank? It never even occurred to me. I go, **“Oh, I don’t have any money in the bank. I always give my money away.”** She goes, **“What do you mean?”** I said, **“You know... you know J. Hudson Taylor that kind of stuff.”** And I am for bank accounts by the way but at that hour I wasn’t. I am now. I think they are biblical. I think you save, you invest, and you spend wisely. There is all kinds of principles and I didn’t have them. The Lord was training me for something else in that moment. And she says, **“I have five thousand dollars.”** I mean this is something we really had to work on later. It pained me. It hurt me. I go, **“Five thousand dollars.”** She goes, **“Ya!”** I mean we didn’t do marriage class or none of that stuff and so I went, **“Why?”** She goes, **“What do you mean why?”** I said, **“Have you ever”** a little spiritual arrogance here, **“Have you ever had money, ever the Lord ever gave you money?”** She goes, **“I don’t even know what you are talking about. I have never heard of that.”** Oh man, she is sure is cute! I really do want to marry her. But she is so brand new... I mean she has only been saved a few months. I am thinking hum? This was a conviction to me. This was painful to me. I said, **“I am going to marry you know matter what but let me get one thing straight. This isn’t really an ultimatum but is there any way we could give the money away?”** So we get married. We come home from the honeymoon and we give the five thousand dollars away to missions. So it is zero, zero, zero and I go, **“Ahhh, now I**

feel good. Now I feel comfortable. Now I feel like I have a place to go get some money now.” She went, **“You are the weirdest thing.”** And I had a little bit of arrogance in it but it really was a spiritual download season where the Lord was saying you know we will do wisdom later. I want to convince you of something right now. So we will make you balance later. So we made twelve thousand dollars a year. I got a raise. I am at a big church now and I am the youth pastor and we are making twelve thousand a year and I am double tithing. Of course we can’t really make it but I am an adamant double tither. Adamant! I said, **“I am not going to be one of those little measly ten percent people.”** Forget it! We’re twenty-two years old and I said, **“I am not even going to start there. We are starting at twenty and we are going to work our way up to ninety-nine.”** Of course I didn’t believe that but just being one of the books said it. So we gave the five thousand dollars away and she was saying, “I am with you with you. Let’s go for it. You know I just don’t understand all this but I will go with you.” So in the next nine months here is what happens. Here is the dark moment. The next nine months we have five thousand dollars stolen from us in the next nine months. We gave five thousand and the answer was five thousand dollars stolen. And the way it was stolen because we had ten guys living with us and one guy stole the couches. One guy stole the car. I mean one guy... we home and the two couches were gone. He sold them for eight hundred dollars. On Sunday morning he slept in and stole the couches. One guy made four hundred dollars worth of phone calls. Got reimburse from his company and kept the four hundred dollars and moved. So in nine months it ended up five thousand dollars. Diane says, **“Now tell me this story again about how...?”** I said, **“Well, it’s not working right now.”** So I am a little perplexed too by this five thousand dollar deal. Then what happens is that we have this house that my brother, Pat, who many know of him. Who is totally paralyzed. He had like thirty thousand dollars of insurance money and he lived with us. It was his or some kind of money, it was his down payment. Okay, now we are going to buy another house. We are going to buy another house. And so it is so clear to do it. I won’t tell you that story. It is just so clear. I don’t even like the idea but it’s so clear to do it. I can not deny it. Everybody agreed with it. So this is in March. On August 31<sup>st</sup>, we have double payments, four months and the closing and we have double payments on August 31<sup>st</sup> and my little brother’s thirty thousand dollar little down payment thing. Now we have two houses and so little money and we have had five thousand dollars stolen from us in this nine month period. March, April, May, June and Diane says, **“Now this is going to happen.”** I go, **“Absolutely, absolutely, absolutely.”** July, August, 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>... It doesn’t happen. I am a little depressed. She goes, **“Tomorrow is the double payments and we were ripped off eight hundred dollars again last week by one of your friends.”** So it is August 31<sup>st</sup>, we go to church and it is a Thursday night. I remember. We go home and it is 10:30pm. We are in bed and she goes, **“Well, it’s September 1<sup>st</sup> in an hour and half.”** I said, **“We still have an hour and a half!”** I didn’t believe anything about that! Just so you know! I said, **“We still got an hour and a half!”** She said, **“We have double payments tomorrow and we just got stolen eight hundred dollars.”** This is weird. A lady calls. **“Mike Bickle?”** I said, **“Yes.”** She said, **“Are you the youth pastor at that big church?”** I said, **“Yeah.”** She goes, **“I am moving into town and I am two or three hours out and the trucks there tomorrow. Do you have a house for sale? Somebody...a friend of a friend of a friend told me you do.”** I go, **“Yes.”** She goes, **“I want to buy it sight unseen. I have this**

**kind of money for this reason. I want it. I am desperate. I want to buy it right now!"**

I told her the price and she goes, **"Fine! Sight unseen! It is mine! Is this a promise from you?"** I said, **"It is a promise."** I go walking into the bedroom and Diane says, **"Who was that?"** I said and of course I put the old chest out and said, **"Well, there's men of God and then there's men of God."** No, the truth is I joke about that. I really did. I was shocked. And the Lord of course is saying something like, **"You know I do want to wow you but I would rather you kind of get more believing I do this."** I was shocked because now the numbers were not three hundred it was thirty thousand. It was my prayer life brother's insurance money. Like that's bad. That's bad. And so it goes through. So we get this crazy deal that I don't even want but it happens. It was such a God thing. Its five acres and two houses; I have...well... just give me a minute on this. I have eighteen guys living in all the houses from the whole clan, from all over the coast and everywhere. So we are all on this five acre piece of property. They are all new disciples studying the word. You know the whole deal. We are there. We are all there together. Eighteen months later, it is in May 1980 because the interest rate was so bad it was 15% for a house. Fifteen percent! So the leaders in the church said we want you to do the church plant. It was on the other end of town and it was clear out there. So we had to go out there and so we had to sell it. So I put a for sale by owner sign. The first guy; one day calls up on the phone. I sold it in seven days actually but actually two different people called. Who cares but...? Seven days I made fifty-five thousand profit on what I put in eighteen months ago. I can't believe it. The guy goes, **"I'll take it!"** I said, **"I just made up a number."** He called me up and said, **"Da la da."** I just made a number up. You know a crazy number. I can't remember it what it was you know. It was fifty-five thousand over what I bought it eighteen months ago. You know May 80' when the interest rate was 15%. He goes, **"I will take. Will you sign right now? I will give you five thousand dollar earnest check."** I went I am twenty-four years old. Five thousand dollars, okay. And so I walk away. I walk away and I have fifty-five thousand dollars. I was a real fast closing, several weeks. And the Lord said, **"The five thousand is for what the guys that stole from you one by one. And the fifty thousand is for the money you gave in missions. I put a zero on it."** So we got fifty-five thousand above my brother's thirty thousand. So we go get another house down in south St. Louis. A year, two or three goes by whatever. Three years goes by and we move to Kansas City. And the Lord says go. The moving date is November 1<sup>st</sup>. I mean these houses things are happening. There happening. So... same thing. June, July, August, of course no one in the church knew we were moving. We didn't tell... I mean we announced it to the Elders some where in the summer on that. So now it's September, October, it's the 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>. Now we have a ton of money in this one. Now we are moving to Kansas City and it is 7:30pm on Sunday night on October 31<sup>st</sup>. We are filling the U-Haul for tomorrow morning at 9am with a whole bunch of people and it hasn't sold. October 31<sup>st</sup>, 7:30 at night. We are moving the next day but this has happened time and time again. A lady calls, **"Mike, surely you have sold your house?"** I said, **"No."** She says, **"I want it. Is there any possible way I can move in tomorrow?"** I said, **"No, we are moving out to the next place."** She goes, **"Oh..praise God! Praise God! I want it!"** And when it's all said and done and in the three houses, I mean the house on the August 31<sup>st</sup> a couple of years back, the fifty-five thousand one, and the other one we made a hundred thousand dollars profit in like four and half years. One hundred thousand dollars! I wasn't even

into that. I said, **“Lord, I am not trying to be a real estate guy. That’s not even what I am about. I am trying to do da la da...”** I am not trying to be hot shot by this next statement because it is not a really important thing to me but I gave my brother his part and we took our big chunk because we made most investments and I gave a hundred percent of that away. We are moving to Kansas City and we are starting at zero again just like St. Louis and we gave it to our guy and said, **“Make sure it gets to Israel. I just want to make sure it gets in Israel somewhere.”** And we are starting at ground zero and I am out of time and I have about twenty which I not going to tell you tomorrow but I will put it on another time. I will tell you about ten or twenty phenomenal stories that happened in the church world that started the prosperity started breaking out. Here’s the point I want to say is that...I took too much time on these stories because I wanted to tell you those stories as well as the ministries ones but I spend the time on the personal ones. I will just take another session and tell you the ministry ones. I just need to do that. They are more dynamic equally dynamic in the timing. See the point is not the amount. The point is the timing! It was 7:30, October 31<sup>st</sup>. No body called. We are moving the next day. They called at 7:30. It’s August 31<sup>st</sup>. Three or four years earlier, we got double payments tomorrow. The lady calls 10:30 that night. The number fifty-five thousand profit and the Lord... when we came to Kansas City I said, **“Lets”** and Diane was very excited about it. I said, **“Let’s start like St. Louis. Let’s go zero, zero, zero, zero and take our chances with God.”** She goes, **“I am totally into this! Let’s do this!”** And so over the years a lot of things have happened and just even in the last two years at IHOP. They were checking our bank statement for some reason and we had zero, nearly, maybe it was two and half years and when Dwight came to me the other day and he was talking about us getting something he said, **“You know our net worth after just two years is 5.0 million dollars? 5 million dollars is the net worth? Where did it all come from?”** And of course we have received seven hundred thousand dollars on two different occasions. I have never told those stories. And just in the last couple of years things that have happened in the last couple of years we just have never had the time to tell them what happened to the years at Metro and this and that. It is so clear. Here’s what I am really saying. The little hundred and fifty, seventy-five thousand is nothing. It is nothing! The Lord says, **“Why is it there? It is there for me to wow you! That is why it is there! I want to wow all of you together in the process. This is money. You will be there and you will be in many, many places. We have multitudes of dreams of warehouses and shopping malls, airplanes, apartment buildings, restaurants, I mean real ones. All of these things will be in... For sure this is true.”** The Lord will give us some billion dollars. This is for sure. There is not a question about this. This little amount in front of us is not...I said I can’t say desperate. Maybe small “d” because the dry wall might quite. But you know not really, not really who we are together with God and what he is looking at and who we are to him. But he wants us involved. He wants us all wowed and wooed and telling our children and them telling there friends and the grandparents and the aunts and uncles talking on the telephone. He wants everyone wowed by the journey. So the only wise thing I know to do is we got to get this done. So I said, **“Let’s just do what we done a number of times. We have done this several times. Let’s lean into it. Let’s give the best we have and let’s release it to where it can not come back to us in the natural. Totally release it and throw ourselves into the heart of God. Into somewhere where God’s building his kingdom and there is a church in need.**

**They are building the kingdom and they have an excellent spirit and they are great people. Oh let's just do it. Let's just do it!"** The Lord is going to wow us. One last story; I was talking to Jack Deere the other day. I mean like a year ago. It was one of the conferences maybe some months ago. I don't know, whenever, and he says, **"You know Mike. I have been close to you for 17, 18 years. I have never met a guy who's tried harder to be poor because these things keep landing."** I said, **"No, Jack that is not really true. That is not really true. I am not trying to be poor. The truth is I want a billion more than any of the ten guys we were talking about. That's why I am doing what I am doing. Not because I am trying to be poor because I really want to be rich."** That's the difference. When I see a billion dollars I see souls. I see hundreds of billions of souls. God is going to give me that billion dollars. He is going to us. He is going to give it to us as a people. Amen.