

Encountering God CD#11

Well the reason I am giving you this hand out here we are calling it a Twenty Year Journey for such a time is this. I believe we are at the twenty year mark in terms of a beginning when the Word of Lord came in 1982 in St. Louis. By the audible voice of the Lord which really began the thing we are about right now. I mean it began before that in the heart of God and even ten years before me and others with Bob Jones. But in terms of my involvement of calling and rally the people together it has been a twenty year journey. Now it is impossible to capture all the main ideas but the real thing on my heart tonight is the same as tomorrow night and tomorrow night it will be a very significant. It will be our twelfth evening and the final one and the ending of fifty days of waiting on the Lord together and the extravagant devotion period. I am going to share and I am going to give you a hand out. The most significant prophetic word I have ever received in my life about the corporate move of God related to this place. It is confirmed in a very magnificent way I have never shared ever before. I gave a hand out with a few points on it but nothing comprehensive a couple of years ago pertaining to one point but I am give a hand out. It is a first time I have done it with any kind of fullness of the message and that's tomorrow night. So tonight and tomorrow night the real theme is *the world wide end of the age calling of the prayer movement that God has established in this place* and others that have liked it. I am really focusing on here but the truth can be applied in other places as well. Now, I have it broken down in eight different periods and obviously there is much overlap because the Lord doesn't just lay things out neatly. He lays it out according to an administration of life and so there's overlap of one season to the other. Yet there is very clear Holy Spirit distinctives. Very clear Holy Spirit emphasizes going on. This keeps coming to me. The Lord's got you in a key place right now. It just keeps coming on me every sense I have started. The Lord has you in a key place. Matt Canler, he's got a hold of your heart and he's going to follow through with getting a hold of your heart right now. Okay, I got that out of the way. First Roman number is the thing that the Lord established in the first three years. And of coarse he has done it for twenty but it really emphasized it to second to nothing was the prophetic ministry. I talked a lot about 83' and 84' but really I have to talk about 82', 83' and 84'. And the number one theme of the prophetic was end time revival's coming. Now that is a real common idea to many of us but in my life that was a time where every time it seemed and this is over stating it but every time I seemed to turn around there was some dynamic thing happening where God was saying end time revival is going to take place and He was doing it in a prophetic way. I gave just some of the key testimonies there by no means all. I just wanted you to get a feel for it. Roman number two: The next three years was in intercession. Now we were doing the intercession in 82', 83', and 84' but at the end of 84', October 84' we began at the church six hours a day. Now I have never ever, ever entered in to intercession at that level in a corporate group of people. So at the end of 1984 but it was all 85', 86', 87' and it went on beyond that but the reason I would separate those three years because that was nearly the only thing we did was intercession. To the consternation of many who wanted to release this and start that and this and that and very legitimate desires and we started it a little bit but if I had to weigh all the time of the ministry of the church it was probably ninety five percent. It was nearly one hundred percent focus. We had prayer meetings. Is what we did! I used to get up and tell people remember this church. You go to prayer meetings and one of these days we are going to have other things to do. We are going to get youth ministries and everything going in other levels but for now. We had a little bit of that going on but we had prayer meetings. And so that was what the focus was. The prophetic testimonies, a

few of them happened nothing like the 82' to 84'. Nothing like that but the prayer that was going on was focus concentrated. Yes, on anointed. Yes, boring but focused and concentrated and it was center staged of everything this church and my life and my ministry was about. Now I am going highlight an interesting one. I have December 19th, 1985, a very key event. I can't give you a lot on it. I have more than I can say because it wouldn't be appropriate to say a lot but there is man named Tim Golden who died that day. The reason I am putting it on here because there is many, many prophetic events and testimonies that aren't on this page. This is only a one page hand out. I mean how things have I given. It would fill many pages. But this is a thing very holy to the Lord and it had a lot of prophetic significant and again I can't go into. It began; my relationship to Tim began in September, 1984. When Augustine, the young prophetic guy and Bob Jones, the older prophetic guy. Both of them, one from out of town and one from in town gave me a separate word with no connection with one another. I have confidence about that because I really inquired into it. Both of them heard the Lord speak to them and said, "**Timothy is coming.**" Actually it was, "**Young Timothy is coming.**" And then about six months later I met this guy or a few months later. Timothy begins to tell me his story and he moves to Kansas City in December 1984 and then in December 1985 a year later he dies. He dies on December 19th. That was very significant because it was his 37th birthday. And Tim Golden, I am not telling this for sentimental reasons. I am sentimental about it but that's not why I am doing it because that's would be for another setting. He was the first prophet/intercessor in our movement. The first. I was an intercessor and Bob Jones was a prophet. We had a number of prophetic people and a number of intercessors but no body who was fully both of them. And the Lord sent him in a very key way by speaking to prophets ahead of time his name and it was very clear he was the Timothy. But the interesting thing is he came from and I am going to leave it unnamed. Anybody my age, I am forty-seven, anybody my age knows what I am talking about. But I just like to leave things, negative things unnamed. He came from the most dynamic prayer ministry in the western world in the 70's. I would almost go as far to say and maybe I am a miss but to my knowledge and I am have done little bit of research on the prayer movement over the years. Not only the most dynamic one in the 90's probably the most dynamic prayer ministry and the first one in the western world in any world wide dimension. Certainly in the second half of the twentieth century if not the whole twentieth century, I don't know. They were enlisting hundreds of thousand of intercessors world wide. And he was in the primary leadership team. He helped birth it, start it, ran the prayer meetings and a whole bunch of things and the Lord gave this gathering of people a calling to bring together prophetic and intercession which I believe that calls on a number of places by the way. And the Lord just spoke audibly to our prophets. I mean by the audible voice of God, one of them I believe by a dream to another. And spoke to him by a prophetic dream. He came here and did not know us. He came from that place. And the Lord said...told him, "**Join them.**" So he is our first prophet/intercessor. He has come out of the most dynamic if not the first movement of the western world of any world wide scope to it and certainly in the last fifty years. He was a picture and the day before he died... First... they moved into our house and lived with us for some time. I don't know some months, two, three, four, five, six months and then they moved right next door. So my memory is blurred because they moved next door so I can't remember. We still did the same things. We were all there together. So we drove to almost all the prayer meetings together. In the morning he went morning, noon, and night. Just like Noel Alexander. Morning, noon, and night, he never missed one. Just like Noel Alexander for all those... for a number of years Noel did that. The night before he died he said, "**Mike.**" I believe it was a Monday night but then again the meetings

were every night so I can't remember for sure but he said, **"Mike, Strangest thing. Tomorrow is my thirty-seventh birthday. I wrote in my journal it is the year of death."** Which he died physically the next day. I said, **"The year of death. What's that mean?"** And he gave me some things about the place he was at. He gave me things about his own life. He gave me some ideas. I don't know how many of them are fully prophetic but he was just speaking out of the abundance of his heart. Some of it was really prophetic. And he said, **"The Lord said... I don't know what it all means. Age thirty-seven, the year of death but I am sure it means something and it is prophetic. And I know it is about this place and I know it about my own life. I know it's about the place I was."** And he went on and on. And that's as much as I am going to give to it. He died. There is a lot more to that story but I just wanted to say it for the sake of God and the angels. I just like to say it for meaning because it is holy to the Lord, all that is meant in that. I just wanted it on our testimony as I am talking here in this eleventh night about the world wide dimension of the prayer ministry that God's raised up here because he was a critical dimension, physically, and spiritually, and his connectedness to the other movement, many, many other things. But any way I said it and know my heart is at peace about it. Okay, so that was the second season. The third season; compassion and worship. The Lord was really adamant about marrying together prophetic, intercession, worship, and compassion. Those four things. That is something we have said for many, many years. That is a divine revelation that the Lord was going to do that. Even here in Roman number three the worship. Put the word intimacy because worship and intimacy had a....worship is more than intimacy but it was worship that flows out of intimacy was the divine mandate. It's not worship in which intimacy is the ceiling on it but that's a pretty good ceiling. But worship involves more than intimacy but it's its foundation. Its life flow in every other expression of worship flows out of that. The prophetic worship that looses even the judgment of God and the prophetic worship that stops the judgment of God all flows out of intimacy. It was in that season. It's the July 88 when the Lord spoke Song of Solomon 8:6. One story I didn't get a chance to tell which is really, really dynamic was in December 1989. December 89', oh this was a powerful one. Short but powerful! We were over at the Lee's Summit Congregation we had just planted, December 89'. We planted it in October 89' and now it is December and Noel Alexander had this unction of God on him that he received a word from the Lord that morning about Matthew 22:37; you shall love the Lord your God. He was prophesying it. I mean he was not preaching it. He was prophesying it because the Lord had spoken it to him significantly and he was saying some thing like this. I don't know the exact words but... **"and this is so important to God and God said this is what we are about and this is what."** And he says the Lord says, **"You shall love the Lord"**. And he was going to say you God with all your heart when he said you shall love the Lord a bolt of lighting struck the building with such force and fierceness. The whole group screamed! Lights went wild! Sound system reeled! And we were in the fear of God and in the awe of God! It wasn't just the sound scared us therefore I called it the awe of God. No, the sound scared us so we had a little bit of the human thing but there was a presence. There was a... we looked at one another and we knew that God... if there was any question mark as to whether that was true we knew that God turned it into an exclamation point. Matthew 22:37; would have lighting from heaven in the spirit and the natural on it. God would enforce 'you should love the Lord your God'. Anyway he was emphasizing compassion and worship and increase. I need to add the word there. It belongs there. Controversy. It was the time of controversy. Controversy as well. Okay, Roman number four. It was a couple, three years of there was not a particular new theme but it was a time when God was saying, **"Now go deeper. I have given you foundational truths. I have laid it all out**

for you. Now let it be season in it. Go deep in it.” And many things happened and I mentioned the November 95’ when the Lord gave the dream about Hephzibah. It said, **“Call my people Hephzibah.”** November 1996, the Cindy Bilke dream about beauty. The beauty of God. There was many, many things that happened where the Lord confirmed the things from the ten years from 82 to 92. We went deeper in them. The messages developed. Developed from level 1 to a level 2 and we were real locked to four things. Prophet, intercession, compassion and worship and going deep on it. Roman number five would have been the transition year. Roman number six; A two year period where the message would have come forth. Roman number seven. The three years getting the foundational years in place. The very day we started IHOP, May 7th. Our second anniversary; September 19th, because that’s when we went twenty-four/seven. May 7th, we just started thirteen hours a day of 1999. I said, **“On both of those days it is going to be three years of foundation times.”** I am really sure about; I mean I am really clear that we are going to spend three years. I am not saying only three years but it happens I didn’t know it back then but it just so happens that the three year mark, the Lord has called us. We started this fifty days period of extravagant devotion on September 19th the third year birthday and this is the transition. Whenever the Lord calls a long and extended fast like the one some many are on right now it is a transition for birthing. I use the word transition like in birthing. We are in transition process. We are in the birth canal. We are in transition and that is what this fifty days of fasting is really, really about. We are going to begin after the One Thing Conference at the New Years; you know we have all the young adults come together after that. I tell you we are going to a new season. I believe it is going to be launched even in that conference. Okay. That is a little overview. Now I am going to fill in some of the blanks on some of the things that need to be shared to understand this. Again, I have to leave out so many details. I have to first talk about meeting Paul Cain. How I came to meet Paul Cain because the way God introduced Paul Cain was very, very important. Paul Cain was a critical, strategic introduction to this place. Just in the nick of time, nine months before the John Wimber meeting would come. Mike Bickle without Paul Cain, John Wimber would not have been very interested in me. It was really the combination. John Wimber was really interested in Paul Cain. But Paul Cain, the Lord introduced him through here to there and so the whole package went together. So it was so... as I look at it... the twenty- year picture it was just marvelous how the Lord established that; just nine months which was just the minute before in the real reality. What had happened... my story with Paul Cain began with Augustine Ocala. That young prophet who died in 1996 and this is in 1984 and he is telling me about all of these prophetic guys. And he said, **“Well, the greatest prophet I have ever heard of that I know is a man named Paul Cain.”** I said, **“When did he die?”** He goes, **“He didn’t. He is alive.”** I go, **“There is a prophet alive? I mean the greatest one you have ever heard of?”** He was telling me the stories of all these prophets and we were exchanging stories. He goes, **“Yeah, he is alive. Nobody knows where he is at. He is tucked away far away somewhere.”** I go, **“Let’s find him!”** And he goes, **“Nobody knows! He is kind of in hiding or something. He’s been kind of in hiding for years.”** We are driving. It is five hour drive from Phoenix to Southern California. We are going to a ...actually a Wimber Conference. And I didn’t know John Wimber but we were going to one. And September 84’ I believe it was. So we were talking and I said, **“Wait! He’s the greatest prophet you ever heard of and you are a prophet and NO! We are going to find him!”** He says, **“Well, good luck!”** And so we pull over at a McDonald for dinner and so we are standing there in the line and I am talking to Augustine and I am saying, **“Man, I got to meet this Paul Cain.”** And when I said that the man in front of me, standing in front of me, turned around and his name was Reed

Grasky. He turns around and goes, **“I work for Paul Cain.”** We’re at the Arizona state line in McDonalds and Augustine says, **“No Way! No Way!”** He goes, **“I work for Paul Cain.”** Me and Augustine had been talking about him for two hours or for however many. We are speechless! I am not speechless very often. I was speechless! Reed gave me his card. He said, **“Give him a call. He is just really waiting on the Lord. He is in a very, very strategic time.”** We drive on. The Lord literally tells me, **“Do not call Paul Cain.”** I am in pain about this. I tear the card up and throw it away. It is 84’, 85’, 86’, 87’, March 87’ when Bob Jones comes and he says, **“I had a dream from the Lord. The Lord wants to increase the prophetic but he is not going to increase the prophetic around this place. You guys are so dependent upon me and Augustine and a few others. You are so dependent the Lord says, “He wants you to seek him. There is a seeking of the Lord that is related to the prophetic. You are so lazy. You guys...”** I mean we are doing our prayer meeting but we are just taking the prophetic for granted. He says, **“You are lazy about it and the Lord wants your spiritual muscle strengthen. He wants you to actually seek him and when you seek him He will give you more and it will establish your spiritual muscles.”** So a couple steps later; not just from Bob’s word but five or six of us all received the same word at the same time. Twenty of us or thirty of us in the leadership team went on a twenty one day water fast. All of them said we are all going to do a water fast together. All... twenty-five or thirty. We all committed and we are going to send six, seven, eight whatever hours every day. We took this word serious because the Lord spoke it to four, five other guys. We locked in for these twenty-one days in March to ask God for the prophetic and pray for different, for breaking through the power of God and healing on individuals in the congregations as well. But for the administration of the anointing to be released in a greater way. The prophetic was very, very clearly the thing that was the catalytic point. The fast ends very much like this fast on Thursday night and I and a whole team of us are in St. Louis on Friday the day after. It was literally the day after and there are always little surprises the day after. Always know that! Good surprises! So I am in Birmingham and I am lamenting. I mean I loving go to St. Louis. I am lamenting it’s the day after because it is just like it is not the seemingly the right time but it just always ends up right when it is all over. I am lamenting because it was a commitment months ago and I didn’t know about the fast and here it is the next day. Oh man, every ones...bunch of us go. It is this little gathering. This little church in Birmingham, Alabama and there is this elderly man sitting in the back row. And I go back to him and I said, **“Hi, How are you doing? My name is Mike Bickle. What is your name?”** He says, **“Oh... my name is Paul Cain.”** I looked at him and I go, **“Excuse me?”** He says, **“I am Paul Cain.”** I go, **“Who do you know here?”** He says, **“Just this one guy. The Lord told me to come. I really don’t know anybody. Good to meet you.”** I go, **“Paul Cain, are you a prophet?”** He said, **“Well, some people say I am and I think the Lord says I am. Yeah, I think.”** And he was being all that you know ... I am looking at him and I go, **“You are Paul Cain, the prophet? Right?”** He goes, **“Yeah.”** Oh my goodness! I am staring at him. And anyway I got to speed this story up or I am never going to get done. So... no, no, no, I got so many important stories to tell. Shhhhh...believe me I got a lot of very important stories to tell! You are going to be glad you heard if I get to them. Okay. Now that’s the night we go to the restaurant where he gets tired and says, **“Can we move to another table because I am tired. You know the ladies got the kidneys and the guy got... and the other guy has...”** And I found out it was true and me and Paul were so joined together. The Lord joined us and we talked about that in such a powerful way and it’s stayed true ever since. It was an instant joining of the spirit. He came to Kansas City the next month in May and spent ten days. When he came here

saw the Joseph Army in training. He says, **“First time I have ever seen it on a building. Ever.”** Just in time for the John Wimber. Just in time for the John Wimber thing. Okay. Now we are going to talk about connection with the John Wimber because here’s what the John Wimber connection is; very, very critical. It’s the joining of prophetic and intercession with worship and compassion and the Lord was insistent about those four things coming together. I have to stress that. The Lord...men may not be insistent but God is insistent those four things are together. Compassion means healing. It is a way to healing that flows through the tenderness of God’s compassion and worship means intimacy. Worship has a lot of... more intimacy but it is based in intimacy. Bob Jones first he came to me... the story goes...we got to back up a little bit. January 19th, 1984. Okay. Bob Jones was talking and he says, **“I have seen it. I’ve seen it.”** The day I had met him he said, **“This movement is a world wide movement.”** He already told me that from the day I have met him. He goes, **“You’re going to connect with other world wide movement. This movement is call to prophet and intercession. That movement is called compassion and worship. Compassion and worship. This movement is based 35 miles south east of LA. Their message is the elementary things of the kingdom of God.”** I don’t know what he is talking about. It means healing; means more than healing. And he said, “He gave me a negative issue in their leadership. Their leadership. Their leadership has “A”, “B”, and “C” in it.” In which John Wimber said publicly many times those A, B, & C’s but I don’t want to go there. He said, **“You are going to cross pollinate with this movement and God wants the four realities to come together in fullness. And that’s why you are cross pollinating.”** I set my heart and I believed it. Now, the Vineyard Movement they haven’t had to my knowledge their first conference. Maybe they have had little ones but not their first big one. Their first big one wasn’t for six months. I never heard of the Vineyard. Bob Jones never heard of the Vineyard. I never heard of anybody who heard of the Vineyard in January of 1984. I mean they were doing... the Lord had not set them out there yet. So now it is June 1984 and a guy from Canada sends me this thing **“Signs and Wonders”**. He goes, **“Hey you like John G. Lake and you like healing you want to go to this guy. Their healings are like going wild. I mean they are everywhere.”** I go, **“Really? Yeah, I will go. If there are healings everywhere I got to learn about this healing because we had these prophecies from the Solemn Assembly a year earlier about healings. I got to learn about this stuff.”** So I went to the conference and I am there and John Wimber is in one of this sessions. Actually it was his opening sessions or the first one I was at, let’s put it that way. It was the opening session. He is up at the front and he goes, **“Well, people were talking about healing but if you really want to know who we are.”** He goes, **“The thing I am really motivated by or something like this.”** He goes, **“Compassion. Compassion of God’s heart.”** And he goes, **“And really the other thing that really touches me is worship.”** And that struck me. I went at the break and I said, **“How far is LA (Los Angeles from here.”** The guy said, **“Oh... about thirty five, forty miles south east of LA.”** And that is what Bob Jones said, **“A movement... thirty five miles south east of LA that has compassion, worship, the elementary things of the kingdom of God and they have these few negatives things in their leadership.”** I said, **“Unbelievable! Unbelievable!”** I go back home and tell Bob Jones. He said, **“Well, you never know. Sometimes you think it’s one thing and it’s the other.”** Bob prays about it and the Lord says, **“This is that.”** 1984 goes by, 85’, 86’, 87’, now remember Paul Cain we just connected in the spring of 87’. So I have known Paul Cain six months. Now it’s October of 87’. John Wimber and I, we don’t have a relationship or any thing and I was at five or six, seven or eight or I mean I went to a lot of the conferences. I just soaked it up. So it is October 87’, I have known Paul Cain for six months. We are really close friends.

Bob Jones calls me on the phone, no actually tells it at a little staff meeting; about ten of us. He goes, **“I heard the audible voice of the Lord again. You know that compassion and worship and healing. I mean compassion, worship, cross pollination that is going to happen with you guys. Prophetic intercession, you have been waiting on that for years?”** He goes, **“Yeah.”** He says, **“The Lord says it is going to begin January 88’. The Lord is going to put His hand on John Wimber. John Wimber is going to call you. He is going to connect with you in January 88. Thus says the Lord.”** It has been 84’, 85’, 86’ and I go, **“Well, I really don’t think John Wimber thinks a whole lot about...even knows anything about whatever, whatever.”** January 88’ I am at home on a Saturday night. The phone rings. **“Hello, Mike Bickle this is John Wimber. I am from Anaheim.”** And he went on to describe his ministry and I said, **“John, I have been to five or ten of your conferences or whatever it was.”** He says, **“I got an unusual request. A man named Jack Deere, who is a professor at Dallas Theological Seminary, gave me a tape of yours and I heard it today and the Holy Spirit spoke to me and said invite him.”** I said, **“Wow!”** I am thinking unbelievable! Here it is January 88. I am on the phone. He said, **“Here’s the deal. I have my whole staff. There are about 100 to 150, about 150 on the staff. We have a retreat; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. We have a three hour morning, three afternoon, three hour evening sessions. So we have nine three hour sessions for three days. The Holy Spirit told me to give you all nine of them. Can you come Tuesday? I know it is Saturday night.”** I said... it ends up yes! And he is very polite about it and says, **“If you can’t I understand.”** I go, **“No...No! I look forward getting to know you.”** So I go there. We do the nine sessions. Three days. Me and John are so connected, so powerfully that at the end of the three days, nine long sessions. Me and John are having the dinners in between and staying up late afterwards through not all of them but through most of them and so we are really connected. I am aware of what is going on and all of a sudden I am telling him the story. I don’t tell him the stories for two or three years because I didn’t want in anyway for the story to in anyway to direct what was going to happen. It didn’t need it. It was already being directed by something far more powerful than stories. By God! And so John says, **“Mike, I feel this and this.”** I said, **“Me too.”** And we knew the Lord put us together. So now, January goes by, February, March, April, May, June, six months nearly. Bob Jones comes to me. It’s June 5th. I can remember it vividly. He comes to and he goes, **“Hey, have you heard from John Wimber?”** I go, **“No.”** He goes, **“Well, you weren’t supposed to. The Lord didn’t want you to. The time is now. I heard from the Lord again. Again! I heard it out loud. I heard his voice. He said Wimber is calling you again this week. Did he call you last time, exactly when the Lord said?”** I go, **“He sure did. You said in October 87’ he would call in January 88’ and he called.”** He goes, **“Well, the same thing is true. Here is what is going to happen. John is going to open three wide doors. Number one, number two...he going to open three wide doors that is the first thing that is going to happen. Number two; you got to know the Vineyard. The Lord told me this they have fifty thousand people in America and about one million world wide. That’s the scope.”** I said, **“That is kind of neat. That is kind of interesting thing for...like an angel or how ever it happened to tell you.”** He goes, **“Well, he did and I thought I should tell you.”** I go, **“Okay.”** He said, **“It is only going to last three years; a period of three years. This particular period.”** I said, **“Man, this is exciting!”** He goes, **“No, that that’s the bad news. That’s the bad news of what I wanted to tell you. This is a warning not a promise.”** I said, **“A warning not a promise? How can that be possible? I love John Wimber.”** He goes, **“No I don’t mean because of John Wimber. Here is what the Lord told me.”** He was quoting a verse out of the life of David. But for David it was wonderful

but was applying to me negatively. He says, **“You don’t know how to come and go out before the Lord or before the people in front of a million people.”** I go, **“What does that mean?”** He said, **“Well, you think a million people is exciting and by the way the Lord told me because I am talking about Kansas City right now. The Lord told me tell you you’re going to be trained in a Holy Spirit seminary with a million people watching. And the Lord is going to put zeros on this when the real one begins. This is the training time only. You don’t know how to go in and go out before the Lord and you don’t know how to go in and go out before the people, with a million people and a glass house.”** I said, **“I don’t have any idea of what you are talking about.”** He says, **“Well, when a million people will come you are going to lose your way, your heart isn’t going to stay connected. You are going to have more fires burning of jealous, stirred up people. Your good friends, your old friends, your new enemies, your enemies, oh my goodness, will you stir up. Not you but this will stir up so many feelings under the surface that are negative and you don’t have a clue about it and John Wimber understands a lot about this stuff. But the Lord is going to train you because your day is not for years down the road.”** So I go, **“Well, whatever.”** I mean what a weird word. I mean in reality I go, **“I was kind of excited about this word.”** Well, I went for the good part of the word. John Wimber calls a day or two later. **“Hello, Mike? John, I really have to apology. I haven’t talked to you.”** I go, **“John, it was perfectly God’s will. I am sure.”** He goes, **“Well, you are awful gracious.”** Of course, I had a little help because Bob told me that. And he said, **“Hey, I got three things.”** Bob said John was going to open three wide doors. I said, **“Yes, yes, yes.”** He goes, **“Boy, you are easy.”** I said, **“I am not always that easy.”** And later we would laugh about that because he remembered it and I remembered it. I told him the whole thing about a year or maybe a year or two later. It was some time later. I said, **“John, I am really curious. It just matters to me. How many people are in the Vineyard?”** He goes, **“Well, they say...I think about 50 thousand in America.”** I said, **“Huh...how many world wide?”** He goes, **“How do I know? They say about one million.”** I said, **“I think those numbers are right.”** He says, **“Why would you ask and why would you say that?”** I said, **“I just think they are the right numbers.”** Because they were exactly what Bob told me. John says, **“Okay, I want you to go with me.”** He gave me these three things to do and so I said, **“Yes.”** So, one of the three was to go with him to Scotland in November 1988. To go to Scotland. So it is a few months later and I am in Scotland with him and he says, **“Here is what the Lord wants us to do. I am going to the sessions and then I am going to spend...we are going to do every meal and every afterwards together and I want you to tell me...”** And those of you who know John Wimber... Gary you could picture us... he (John) leaned forward and said, **“Everything! Everything!”** I said, **“Everything?”** He goes, **“My friend Jack Deere down in Dallas Theological Seminary tells me that you know a whole lot of stories about strange things.”** Gary, can you picture John? (talking to someone in the audience) And he goes, **“I want to hear every thing.”** I said, **“No you don’t. Not really because I don’t really like everything that I believe.”** I didn’t tell him that to him. That is what I am thinking. So we start and I am talking to Paul Cain every day on the phone. We start and I mean I give him the eight hour version of which you had eleven hours of it. He got the eight hour version in about a day or two. He loved it. He would say, **“Oh! Got to go. We got to go to the session but we will come right back and I will turn the ministry time over to some of the people and get it started. I want to hear. Don’t forget where you are at.”** I go, **“Oh, I won’t forget. I won’t forget. I know these stories well.”** We would come back and we would take off and go late in the night and it went on. So I called Paul Cain. Paul said, **“Tell him all the stories again. He can’t**

remember hardly anything you have said.” I said, **“He seems pretty alive.”** He said, **“He can’t remember anything.”** So I said, **“Okay.”** So you know we are going and he goes, **“You got more stories?”** I go, **“Yah!”** So I retold the stories and he goes, **“Wow!”** And it was the same story I told him. I went, **“AHH!”** He goes, **“Man, how did you feel when that happened?”** So we went through it again. I called Paul Cain a couple days later and he said, **“Tell them all again. He’s got about a half of it.”** I did. I told it and he goes, **“Oh yeah, I remember that but Wow.”** And so I knew the Lord was guiding this. He cared about it. So now I just have come from a staff meeting in Kansas City on my way to Scotland and Paul Cain had been here for a week or so. We were out and the weather was okay. It wasn’t cold in any big way. And he said, **“You know at the staff meeting next week. The snows are going to come.”** I said, **“Well, I think we are just maybe a couple weeks early from the snow.”** He goes, **“No, no the snows are coming. He gave me the day. They are going to come and they are going to be white. Everything is going to be covered in white and its going to be a little token because I am going to address the staff about some attitudes. And there is going to be repentance. It’s going to be supernatural. You wait and see. There are some hidden attitudes. I am going to address the staff and the Lord is going to make the staff as white as snow and when you leave the staff meeting it is going to be white outside not before you come in.”** I said, **“Well Paul, I don’t think it is going to be quite cold enough.”** Well, a couple days went by and the weather changed dramatically or whatever. It changed! Enough! We go in and no snow. We get in the staff meeting. I look at Paul and wink at him. He winks at me. He gives this intense fiery message and eight or ten of the people on the staff confess attitudes. A couple of guys were weeping that they had done this and that. I thought my goodness! This is the only time we ever had a gathering that happened like that. We went outside to our cars. The thing went long and there was snow everywhere. I am walking Paul to the car and says, **“The Lord told you...told me to tell you he would make the staff as white as snow. Look at it. There is unity everywhere. This kind of thing is going to happen all the time.”** So I am fresh off of that story and I am telling it to John Wimber and telling the Comet, the Drought, so John Wimber says, of coarse, I am talking to Paul Cain and John Wimber is talking to Jack Deere because he is the one that kind of set him up with us. So we both are having our little private talks after late meetings with each other. And so John asks me, **“Well, we decided... can we meet this guy?”** I go, **“Yeah. When do you get home?”** He goes, **“Well, you know when I get home. You know, like the first of December. Like in a couple of days, whatever.”** That is within the whole time. We went a couple places and so I said, **“He will come right now.”** I called to ask Paul, **“Will you come?”** He said, **“Yeah.”** And Jack Deere asked Paul because Jack Deere is talking to Paul. You know because they were starting a new friendship. So John says, **“Well, okay, he is coming. Is he just going to come? Is that it? Like a prophet, just comes. Is that all they do? I mean what do they wear? What do they do?”** I go, **“It’s not like that. They just come. Hi! How are you doing Paul?”** He said, **“No way! It’s got to be different than that.”** I said, **“Never know.”** He said, **“Will there be a sign?”** And so I asked Paul and Jack Deere is asking him from America in. And Paul says, **“Yeah, there is going to be a sign.”** And the long and short of it is he tells John, he says, **“Here is the sign.”** He tells it through Jack and then through myself. He says, **“Here’s the sign. There is going to be on the day I come there is going to be a token. The Lord is going to give it to you. There is going to be a earthquake the day I visit and there is going to be an earthquake the day I leave.”** And John says, **“I don’t even know which day you are coming.”** And Paul Cain says, **“You pick the day.”** He says, **“I pick the day and there is going to be an earthquake?”** And Jack said,

“Is this the big earthquake?” And he meant the big California one and Paul said, **“No, not the day I come. It is not the big one but it will be in California but it won’t be the big one. But there will be a big one the day I leave.”** And John can pick the days. And he said, **“And tell John here’s my message. My message is Jeremiah 33:8. You know what Bob Jones talked about he said compassion, worship and the elementary things of the kingdom which meant healing plus some. And they had some issues in their leadership.”** Well, Paul Cain picked up on that as well and Jeremiah 33:8 was the message Paul Cain announced ahead of time to Jack and my self. He says, **“God is going to give him a season of mercy and forgive him and all the sins of the leadership, all of them. It is a season of mercy if he will take it.”** Jeremiah 33:8. Good. So December 3rd shows up and that is that is the day. December 3rd Paul Cain is coming in. He flies in that day. John already knows its Jeremiah 33:8. He is all relieved because he knows there are some things that are out of order with a few guys and so this prophet who scares him is going to come and he is going to be relaxed but here is the point. The earthquake hits southern California, actually Pasadena right next to Anaheim. It hits it at 3:38 in the morning; exactly the passage that’s already been given. So John Wimber calls me on the phone and he goes, maybe it is 4 in the afternoon or 1 or 2 or something but in the afternoon and he goes, **“Unbelievable! Did you hear about the earthquake?”** I go, **“No, but I believed it would probably come.”** He goes, **“Mike! He had the word Jeremiah 33:8! It happened 3:38 in the morning!”** What? Am I saying it wrong? Isn’t that what I am saying? I am trying to say Jeremiah 33:8. Okay, that is what I am trying to say. I am not saying it right. Thank you. Jeremiah 33:8 is what I am trying to say. Okay and it happened at 3:38 am. Good. It is clear in my mind. I don’t know if I am getting it clear to you! So John says, **“It happened at 3:38am and it is the word.”** Of course I knew the word. Jack knew the word. He goes, **“I knew the word ahead of time. I am scared to death. I haven’t met the guy yet. What do I do?”** And this is funny. John says it’s like he’s coming in an hour and it is too last to fast. And I made a little joke to John. I said, **“Hey, an hour is better than nothing. I would go for the hour. Why not an hour? I would!”** So we joked about that for awhile. So Paul Cain comes in. And they have an incredible time and then Paul Cain leaves December 7th. The day he leaves the big earthquake hits in Soviet Armenia where fifty thousand or something like that, some number even a little larger than that died. Is when the biggest earthquake and in how many years around the world. It was staggering to all of us! Paul told me, **“This is why...”** I said, **“Why earthquakes?”** He goes, **“Because why compassion and worship merges with prophetic and intercession there will be an earthquake felt the whole world through when these things come together.”** That’s not a future thing that happened. That happened. He said, **“An earthquake is about to take place and the reason there was a local one, this earthquake of the merging of these four realities will shake the until Vineyard system locally in California.”** And it happened. It shook them. Meaning leaders said, **“I don’t like it.”** Other leaders said, **“I love it.”** And there was all kinds of happy, mad, glad, and sad people locally and many, many more internationally because of the coming together. And that is too big of a story but Paul said that, **“An earthquake is going to hit but the Lord is really serious about it.”** And let me just kind of fast forward. When those four things come together with passion and anointing there will be another earthquake that will go around the world. Meaning, what I mean about an earthquake I am talking about people, many glad, many sad, and many mad. That is what I mean about earthquakes. I am talking about all kinds of collisions of peoples and there ministries systems and institutions. All kinds of things cracking and break and they did because the combination of those four things nobody could control it but the Lord. Nobody can. And

that's a thing I got a lot of feeling about. A lot to say but I am not going to go there. So I traveled with John for about three years. With Paul and John and I really aware. Bob Jones tells me all the time he goes, **"You know you are just in the seminary. This is all about that youth movement that is coming some years down the road. Remember, you are in seminary right now. Take notes!"** I tell you not that I took them perfectly but I took them diligently. John told me about international ministry because that is what Bob said he would teach about international diplomacy. He taught me about structures and people. He did a lot of things right and he did a lot of things wrong by his own confession. You know I am not a perfect learner but I was observing, observing, observing, observing and observing saying, **"Lord, teach me."** Many times I said, **"Lord, show me, show me, show me. I can't remember all this. There is too many things happening right now."** Many, many things happened. Of which what happened was a great controversy broke out. A great controversy broke out. And this controversy ended up writing...there was probably six or seven books written of which the combination of what we were doing here or what they were doing there related to us. Some combination was featured as a primary part of six or seven books that went out warning people about us being demonic and one of the most dangerous cults in the world. Six or seven books went out around the nation. A number of them were internationally sold on markets everywhere. Probably twenty-five different Christian magazines, a bunch through England, Germany, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Singapore, just all kinds of places, wrote the story. They put it on the front cover many of them 'Kansas City Controversy'. All kinds of forces collide and many ministries rose up and said, "John Wimber has introduced heretics to the world" and others rose up and said, "John Wimber has done the wisest thing." Others feel and said, **"I was leaving John Wimber because he has this"** and others said, **"The Kansas City is off the wall because of the Vineyard."** It was every where. Gary was it everywhere? It was everywhere all over the world. And there was an earthquake brewing. Not brewing but breaking forth and lots, I mean, so many of the Christian magazines around the world were putting it as their cover stories. I had just a whole stack of magazines on it. The bazaar things, real positive and real negative and real you know playing the lawyer role and whatever. And Bob Jones said, **"I told you all this was going to happen. This was a warning not a promise."** And locally the stress on our team, the stress in the city, the stress in the Vineyard in the nation, the stress in John Wimber's ministry in the world, all of the stress of all the ministries were just colliding with each other because a lot of real, real big ministries as big as John Wimber indorsed John one hundred percent and so now they had to answer for us. And some did one way and some did the other way. It just went in all kinds of places. Okay, so I am going to talk a little bit more about that but there was a day I remember we had gone to so many conferences. So many... two or three sometimes four and five a month and all over the world and it was such a time of learning. I remember I was in Denver, Colorado at Tom's----- conference at his church and I was looking in the parking lot and said, **"John"**. I remember we were in a van just the two of us. I said, **"John."** He says, **"Something wrong?"** I go, **"Yes!"** He said, **"Did I do it?"** I go, **"No, no. I am back slidden."** He laughs and says, **"What do you mean?"** I go, **"No, I am back slidden, John. I am not joking."** He goes, **"You got something to tell me?"** I go, **"No, no, nothing like that. For years I would pray and my heart moved and I had tears. For a number of years I could open up the word, not every day but many, many days and weep with tenderness and love. I open the word – nothing! I preach and it's got a little energy on it but when it's me and God and it is not God anointing me for the sake of others, it's me and him I am cold. I can't live this way. The Lord told me in Matthew 25, the verse where it says go get the oil verse 8; go acquire oil."**

John, I have to go home. I have to go home until my heart moves again. I am going home.” He says, “**Well, we have four or five more conferences.**” I said, “**I will go if you tell me because my word is my word.**” He says, “**No, no, I release you right now. I appreciate that.**” I came home and told the guys and I said, “**I am canceling out all the four or five or whatever how many more I had. I am getting oil in my lamp. My heart doesn’t move. I am going to sit in the prayer room. I don’t want a bunch of meetings here with the staff. I just... if my heart doesn’t start moving again I am finished because I am ministering on yesterday’s manna. I am living on borrowed oil and I am not going to do this anymore. I don’t care how big the crowds are. I do not care. I am not first a preacher. I am first a worshipper and a lover and my will is... if it is not God it is on the last ounce I am living on fumes right now.**” So I came home. And I remember that was June 1991 and I was telling the story to a few guys there and they go, “**How come you cancelled out?**” I said, “**Well...**” And they said, “**How did you even get to know John Wimber?**” I was telling the story. Well, in June 88’ Bob Jones told me and he said it would only be three years and I stopped! It was months later and I took a step back and I went that was exactly three years. Now I was part of the Vineyard and part of the family and part of the organization but I didn’t travel with John anymore and I stayed home. I went, “**Oh my Goodness!**” There were so many... I said it. It was true. I went to Bob and I told Bob. I said, “**Bob, it is true. It is true. I could not minister in front of a million people and I did not know how to come in and go out before God or the people.**” Meaning before God I lost my oil. Bob said, “**I told you would.**” I said, “**I lost my oil.**” And before the people there are so many snares and traps and so many levels of agendas world wide, locally in our own church, everywhere. There are snares and traps! This is like... He said, “**You are like a lamb before wolves. You have no idea how to move in and out before all of those levels and agendas. You are not wise enough. You are not supposed to be. This was a training time in the spirit.**” I said, “**I don’t like it out there.**” You think you are going to go on some platform and if you think you going to stand on some platform in some big nation with twenty thousand people and all of sudden ten thousand leaders in that area are just going to think you are awesome you are in total unreality. If you are on a platform of twenty thousand people, you can be sure there are ten thousand leaders in that nation and you can be sure a lot of them think you are off the wall and they don’t know anything of except rumors about you. That’s how life works under the sun. That’s how it works. And so some people get these ideas that they are going to go around the world and again get rich and famous, man you are going to have a bull eyes, the thorn in the flesh, the devils coming and what the devil doesn’t do the ministries will do to you. And what the ministries don’t do to you the people that you are working with that are under you living in the fruit of your decisions they will do it to you. It’s everywhere! My point is this. That sounds all cynical and mean. That’s not what I am trying to say. I am saying this. At the end of day if you end up and a number of you will have it in large ministries, some of you will. You will have all kinds of hiccups and bruises and trip wires at every level close and far away and if you are doing it for any other reason besides oil and God you will have a hundred reasons to quit. That’s why most ministries and international ministries are bitter and cynical. They minister with a professional spirit though they have an anointing on them on the platform. That is for the sake of the people, God’s heart for the people. In private their hearts are bitter, angry and they live spiritually bored. And I got meet many, many ministries and my impact or my impression when I left I said, “**I have never seen so much chronic boredom of the chief leaders around many nations.**” On the platform they are anointed and that anointing is for the people. What they do in private they have... it was shocking. It was a rude awakening. It is so different than being twenty

years old and thinking you are going to touch nations and it's just going to go perfectly. It's not! It's not! The Lord wants you to know how to come in and go out before him and how to do it before people. And the Lord told Bob Jones way back then on that day and he said, **“The Lord is going to put zeros on those numbers. He is going to put zeros on those numbers. Mike, you have no idea where this is going and the pressure this is going to create not just for you for many, many who are in this circle with you. You will have pressures you can not fathom. When the Lord puts zeros on the numbers he gave John Wimber.”** John Wimber was a mentor. I have called him a father. I think it is more accurate to call him a mentor. He was really a mentor. A man that I love very, very dearly. He went to be with the Lord some years ago and I have an incredible esteem and respect and affection for him. Well, going on to Kansas City. What about Kansas City. Let me just give you a few; 1,2,3,4,5,6,7, like I have done a few times.

(1) August 8th, 1975, an angel appears to Bob Jones. I have referenced this many times. Says Kansas City is going to be one of the revival centers for the whole world. In an essence that's the meaning of it. Not a direct quote.

(2) May 7th, 1983, the comet comes. And the message that Gabriel; Daniel 9. God is going to raise up in Kansas City. In essence I am going to say it the same time. A revival center for the whole world.

(3) November 15th, Howard Pittman is in heaven. He has this heavenly experience. November 15th, 1983 and it all ends up when the story is all put together and it comes out. God says there is a little Gideon group meeting May 7th, 1983. There is a sign in the heavens. Go tell them I am about to visit them and touch the whole world. It's what he tells me. Something real close to that.

(4) May 1985, Bob Jones comes and says God is going to show the World Series. The whole world is going to turn their eyes on Kansas City and things happening in the Midwest ect... ect. And he said and whatever I gave a little bit of that story.

(5) May 1989, Paul Cain said 700 Club. Right there on the air. I don't see it but a half a dozen people tell me. Paul Cain is telling his story or telling something and right in the middle of it a spirit of prophesy comes on him. And he says God is about to Kansas City on the map. And afterwards he came right from the 700 Club to here and I said, **“Paul did you say that?”** He said, **“Yeah, I did.”** I said, **“Why?”** He goes, **“Man, it just came on me. It had nothing to do with what I was talking about. I think the Lord just wanted to document it, I guess I don't know. I just threw it in there.”** I never heard it. I had Paul that day. I mean why did I need to watch the 700 Club. He was right there. He told me himself. On that very trip, that very trip he is staying in the Residence Inn over in Overland Park and don't go stay there and hope you get a visitation. It doesn't work this way. Some people are so goofy about that stuff you know. They want to touch you know a prophets shoes or something. Just forget all that. Touch the hem of the other prophet's garment and you will be just fine. But remember you got to get down real low to touch the hem of that prophet, yea, more than a prophet; God himself, Jesus. Okay, Residence Inn an angel. He sees an angel. Paul only seen an angel a small number of times in his life compared to all the words he gets you would think he would see angels every day. Bob has seen angels a couple more times than Paul but both numbers are actually small when you think of fifty years. You know in the fifty year plan but this angel only appears to him for five to ten seconds. He said it was a very, very short thing. He was standing in the hallway, right in the doorway. He says, **“He is looking at me. Our eyes locked in and my being trembled right through me. And the angel told me. He says, ‘The prophetic strategies touching nations will be discussed at the round table in Kansas City.’”** Paul is visiting. He lives in Dallas at that time. The angel looks at him and says, **“The prophet strategies touching nations will be discussed at the**

round table in Kansas City.” He says the angel tells him. Then he says, **“The Lord is going to raise up Kansas City as a revival center for the whole world.”** He tells him that. He tells him these two sentences. Paul comes. I see him later that day. I go over there. He was trembling and I said, **“Paul, are you okay?”** He goes, **“No, I am not okay. I am terrified. I am not even ready to tell you right now what happened to me.”** I said, **“I mean is it good or bad? Is it your heart? Or is it God? I mean tip me off a little bit. What is happening?”** He says, **“I have had a visitation from the Lord. I can’t even bear to say right now.”** Well, eventually he told me and he said, **“Mike, God is going to establish prophet strategies touching all the nations, not all the nations but many nations of the earth right here at the round table.”** That was May of 89’.

(6) It was in August 2000 when he is walking up and down in Shiloh. When the Lord says to him, behind him, **“What is it to you if I make Kansas City a revival center that touches the whole world and what is it to you if I give Mike Bickle a billion dollars?”** He says those two questions to him. And Paul said, **“I mean technically the Lord didn’t say he was going to do it right then but he goes I have reason to believe he meant he is going to.”** I said, **“I am taking it.”** So it is May 98’ and Paul is shaking and he is trembling under this word from an angel. God is going to raise up Kansas City as a revival center to touch the whole world. So now it is May, June, July, September, October.

(7) October 1989, he comes and he goes, **“The Lord.”** He kind of added a little bit more to that word. He added a little bit more to it. He said, **“He is going to put Kansas City on the map around the world but by intrigue.”** I said, **“Intrigue?”** He goes, **“I know! That is strange. Isn’t that strange? By intrigue.”** I go, **“What does that mean?”** He goes, **“I don’t know what that means.”** He know what intrigue means. He says, **“We are going to lap around the globe by intrigue. There is going to be a season. We are going to get healed up. We are going to get anointed. We are going to get a fresh impartation. Then we are going to take a trip around the globe by substance. But the first trip around the globe will be intrigue.”** I said, **“How long between the two?”** He goes, **“I don’t know. I hope short for myself.”** He was thinking of himself. He goes, **“You got a lot of years. Don’t worry about it.”** I said, **“Yeah, but I am kind of... you know... I don’t want to do the intrigue thing. I want to do the substance thing.”** He said, **“There will be a season when the substance will come.”** Then it’s 1990. A few months later because that was October 89’ - 1990, that’s when the forces all hit. Now here’s what happened in December and January of 1990. I mean December 89’ and 1990. These forces hit so oddly. John Wimber has a magazine that goes across the whole western world. It’s the Vineyard Magazine. The addition that comes out and it is getting to everybody in December and then Christmas so they are reading it in January. It is called ‘Introducing the Prophetic Ministry’ and it is highlighting Kansas City, Paul Cain, Mike Bickle and he is telling the stories. That goes out. Same time an Anglican bishop writes a book called ‘Some said it Thundered’. It comes out right the same time and it becomes an international best seller. And he had come here and he was telling the story of his encounter in Kansas City. It becomes an international best seller at the same time. At the same time two, I will not name them because I just don’t like to, two ministries, one in England and one in America went real heavy on saying we wrote the devil and of the occult. And John Wimber was introducing a cult heresy. One with a real big ministry in England and one that got the word out across the whole world, I mean not the whole world but all over and said they are of the devil. We have evidence they are of the devil. We are sure... and John Wimber and the guys around the world were saying he is deceived. And the Anglican bishop is deceived. This international best seller is all a hoax and

then it was on. So it took T-10,9,8,7, ... it took a month or two to get to all the ranks all around the world. It was the wildest two to three run you can imagine. Like I said six or seven books were written. We were not the only feature of the book negatively but one of the main features if not the main features. Several books we were THE feature. Other books rose to defend us but it was just everywhere. Then the Anglican world, you know, where ever the British Empire, they have fifty-six million people who have or get this magazine. I am sure every body reads it. So they decide to look into the matter and they say. There is this big headline. 'Kansas City Prophets are Okay', Anglican church says. And it goes to all the nations where the British Empire. Front page. There it is. The Anglican newspaper, where ever they call it. And there is the whole story of Kansas City. And so this man comes to me from South Africa. He says, **"I just came from South Africa. I was with the main ministry. I mean the mega churches and they are all talking about Kansas City. This is so intriguing!"** And when he it I said, **"That is exactly the word."** He goes, **"How did this happen?"** I said, **"The Lord wanted it to happen. He wanted it to take place."** And so some years come and go. Transition time. I got a couple of more minutes. It is summer 1993. I am in the Vineyard. I came home after 91' just to get oil in my lamp and I love it. That is what that years going deeper is all about. I have it here going deeper, what years I have written down here, 93 to 95. That's the getting oil in the lamp years. Or bringing all the truths together really but sitting a lot of hours before the Lord. So 1993, I have a very powerful prophetic dream. I am at home. I love it. That was a wild ride. Things are at peace. All the controversies have settled down. We have made peace with a number of those we were at odds with and all kinds of good things happening. I have this dream. The controversy-it's gone out in many magazines. It is over. A lot of people decided we are all friends. I mean there were about five guys internationally and about five guys locally, all different sets of people. Even all the guys locally were not connected to each other. About five nationally and about five locally that were stirred up. Some of them met each other through the process and some never did. It all just settled down. It just all kind of went away. It is 93' and things were at peace everywhere. I have this dream. In this dream I am on this platform with this vast auditorium with Benny Hinn. With Benny Hinn. And in this dream I know that I am in transition after this dream; very, very powerful. I get the whole staff together. I go, **"I had the wildest dream. There is a transition time coming."** It didn't happen to 96'. This is 93'. And I tell the dream for a number of years maybe three, four, five times at key staff meetings. I go, **"There is this dream. I am on this large platform and Benny Hinn and..."** And they said, **"Well, do you know Benny Hinn?"** I go, **"No."** They said, **"Well, there is not much chance you are going to be on that platform."** I go, **"I am not going to do nothing."** I didn't call John Wimber. I didn't call Paul Cain. I didn't call Bob Jones. I didn't call anybody. I am not going to nothing. I am going to do what I do best. That is what fasting is. I am going to do nothing. Some say that is a good excuse to not answer the phone but anyway I am fasting. So now it's October 96'. I go to Toronto. John Arnot says, **"Hey come to a conference up here."** Good. October 96, I am up in Toronto doing a conference. They got a good conference maybe five or eight thousand people, a large number of people there. And this guy comes over and says, **"Hello, are you Mike Bickle?"** I go, **"Yeah."** He goes, **"Did you know Benny Hinn is in town?"** I go, **"Right here in Toronto? No, I didn't know it."** He said, **"Benny Hinn has heard some stories and he wants to meet you. Could you meet him?"** The guy is talking to me privately, **"Could you meet him tomorrow?"** I go, **"Let me check the preaching schedule if I am free. Okay."** I go over there. Meet Benny Hinn. We talk for a little while and he goes, **"Hey, I hear A, B, C. Is that true?"** I go, **"A & B is not true. C & D is true but E is the real good part."** Okay, we had good talking.

So I am sitting on the front row just kind of minding my own business. Kind of looking at the time because I got a meeting with some leaders in a little while. Maybe it is eleven o'clock in the morning and Benny is up and the place is you know twenty thousand, Toronto. I am just sitting in the front row and Benny Hinn goes, **"I have a good friend here."** And he meant that sincerely with affection and I don't know he is talking about me. I am looking around and he says, **"I'd like you to come up here and just kind of address the people. Mike Bickle would you come up here?"** I go, **"DAAAA"** You know it was kind of getting ready for my message for the afternoon back with John Arnot on the other side of town. I am kind of little...okay. That which I do is being down to me at this moment. That's what I have done to others... So I walk up there and I am just going to say little...one thing I am sure I am not going to do is go on and on. I have enough class that if somebody gives you a platform get in and out in ninety seconds. You know I am not going to go on and on. So I am just going to be as brief as can be. I am going to say, **"Isn't it amazing this is what is in my heart walking up. John Arnot, Holy Spirit on the right side of the town and you are on the left side of town. Holy Spirit isn't."** And I get up there and I am getting ready to say, **"Isn't it amazing..."** And I switch gears and the spirit of prophesy comes on me. I get up there and I said... I was going to be kind and just quick and I go, **"In the name of Jesus God is raising up intercessors all over the earth. All over North America the spirit of God is moving."** I prophesied in essence the House of Prayer. I didn't call it the House of Prayer. I go, **"That is on His agenda"** and the place started roaring and screaming and everybody jumped up. I just went on and on for about ninety seconds and then said, **"Amen."** I put the microphone down and went and sat down. And I said to myself that was the Lord. I mean it was... it just whoosh...there it was. I am sitting and go I gave this prophesy somewhere? Where did I give this prophesy? No, I didn't give it at... no it wasn't our Kansas City conference. OH MY GOODNESS! It was the dream!! In 93'! I said OH MY GOODNESS and I don't say this out loud but they think I am getting the spirit or something. I am over there just... I am really and I am going OH MY GOODNESS! I did this once. So, I am aware I am in a divine transition. No one from John Arnot's conference is there because they are all caught up in the thing. I get to John Arnot's conference and I do my little session or whatever and no one says a word. I am there then at the evening meeting and we are there, all the ministries are there. **"Hi Mike, Good to see you!"** Nobody even knew I was over because the two different worlds were going on and a lot of busy schedules. So I am in the front row and Frank Damazio was preaching. Fantastic message and at the end he said... Seven thousand people were about to explode. They were so ... like horses waiting to get... and he says, **"Let's stand!"** And the place... oh, all he had to do was say, **"Jesus"** and the thing with the power of God I mean we are talking about the Toronto conference crowd ready. You don't got to get them ready. They ready! They are ready when they get there. The easiest group on the earth to preach to. For real it is! For real they are so ready when they get there. They have been getting beat up by everybody back home because of this spirit and when they get there they are just a whole bunch of drunks together in a fraternity. They are having a ball with all their guards down. Their guard hadn't been down for a long time because they had been getting the tar beat out of them back home and I mean it is intense. Drop a match and the whole thing explodes. Frank Damazio goes, **"Let's go!"** And everybody stands up and I go this is going to be the rowdiest. He is going to say Jesus and I mean it is going to get so rowdy. The main prophet of Toronto stands up, Marc Dupont. He comes up and I go, **"Oh, Marc, not now. It's flowing. It's happening. It's happening. Not now!"** He gets up and goes, **"Okay."** And he takes the microphone and goes, **"Everybody sit down."** I am going bad... bad. He is the main prophet guy there and I know he knows what he is

doing. He says, **“Sit down. I have to do this. I asked John and John said absolutely. We have to.”** I thought this better be good. He goes, **“Mike Bickle come up here.”** This is two times in one day. I go, **“AHHH.”** I come up there and he says, **“Brother, the Lord is on me so strong right now. You are in a time of transition right now. And the Lord is confirming it to you right now.”** Of course he did it that morning. He didn’t ... nobody knew that. Nobody knew about the dream in Toronto and he said, **“God is about to introduce you into a new team. God’s about to set you in a new ministry. God is about to begin a world wide dimension that you have no comprehension of the magnitude of it. You’re going to have a new message. There is going to be a new team you are connected with. There is going to be new global boundaries and this is the hour for 1996.”** I came back home and I knew that I heard from God and I knew the transition was on and it was alive and it was well. And so I come back home and 1997, 1998, I go on that Bill Bright fast. I am in Toronto and they give the vision for the Bill Bright fast. The forty day thing. I go man, I don’t want to do a forty day fast. I mean they said a forty day juice fast. I thought that’s a long time. Even on juice that’s a long time. I said, **“I don’t really think I want to.”** They pressed it and pressed it. And Wes Campbell got in my face, and said, **“You got to do it and if you don’t do it you can’t call others. That’s your life message.”** I said, **“Okay, okay. I am in! I think! Give me a day to think about it.”** I wanted it to be a God thing. I didn’t just want to do it. I mean Wes Campbell won’t take no for an answer. But the Lord confirmed it. So I came home and I got the book and we get a bunch of them. We give them to everybody. Starting in January we are going to do it. I am going to do it on juice, for sure. You know there is no way I am just... I am doing it because Bill Bright called it and he is one of the main guys in the world in the kingdom. He is a papa. He said do it and let’s just do it. So we sent it to the whole church. We get the books there. Tons of people and so I am on this fast and I said, **“I will do a couple of days on water.”** So I go a few days on water and then I get to ten and the reason I say this about water is because it’s a supernatural thing where the Lord just keeps pressing this. It is a whole different dimension. Then on day ten the Lord says, **“Longer.”** I go to twenty and then to thirty. I did the whole thing on a water fast. The reason I am saying it and I am not saying it to be a heroic because there is so many fasters far greater fasters outside of the kingdom of God all around the world and all those Eastern religions. Many, many anointed fasters beyond anything I can conceive of in the kingdom. I know of a number of them; real serious fasters. And so I am not saying that to make a hot shot point but I am saying it to make this. I knew something was going on because it’s birth canal again. It’s transition. It’s birth canal. I have been on three long extended fasts like that and every one of them launched an entirely new realm. And beloved, I am going to end it now. I am not even half way done with the story but I got a ton more to tell you. You know the good part about IHOP is we go twenty four/seven and we have meetings every week so just because next week. I am going to give the main word next week. I can still tell you the rest of these stories on Sunday nights. We don’t have to quit do we? We aren’t going to tell you the rest... there is a lot more stories to tell you. I don’t have to tell you them in a row but I do want to tell them to you. I want to say this that ... what was I going to say... transition. Anyway, stand up. We’re ready. I am ready to go.