

ENCOUNTERING JESUS SERIES CD #3 Mike Bickle

As I mentioned this is our third evening. The first two nights I took a bit of time to look at some words particularly, one night I spend quite a bit of time on the visitation Bob Jones had on August 7th, 1975. Probably, one that he received more information than any other experience he ever had. It was his very first one. It was when it all began for him in the prophetic realm. He began to see things about national and international things and the role of the Midwest, the role of Kansas City and those kinds of things. Then I talked about Paul Cain and some of the big picture things that the Lord showed him about Europe and evil spreading and the change that is happening. I believe that we can't really understand our local mandate without understanding the global picture of what is happening, what the prophets are saying. I have tried for years starting with the local mandate to get people's hearts alive in it and there is always a disconnect until they understand the big picture of what's going.

So tonight, I am going to move in a little more personal here on the third session. We are going to have twelve evenings, Lord willing, looking at sometimes overview, sometimes intimate part of the stories, and sometimes others in our midst sharing some words that are like Elizabeth just shared a few minutes ago. I had been in St. Louis from age twenty to twenty-seven for about seven years. The Lord is going to emphasize the relationship of the major regions within the Midwest to one another under the banner of prophetic and intercession and our role together before the whole earth. It's something that again has been spoken by a number of prophetic voices, a lot in the early days and Bob Jones said it over and over and over. I have pondered it. I have been perplexed over it and so that is another subject for another time. But I just wanted to kind of put that on the back burner because in the next season ahead of us; the Midwest flowing together as a prayer furnace under the unction of the prophetic being a source of supply in the spirit, touching the world in a way that Bob Jones first received that back in 1975 and many have added to it. So I am in St. Louis for seven years and I was just recalling the sovereign things that happened. The Lord spoke in 1990 that He is raising up an international family of affection. He is looking for an international family of affection, when it is all said and done, all pulling together with one heart the body of Christ across the earth. That's why when people start talking about, something begins here, or something begins there, and they have this preoccupation with biggest, best, and first. You know; who is the first one and where did this start, and who is the biggest, and who is the best, and who is the first? It's a completely opposite spirit of where Gods bringing the church and to an international family of affection where we are laying our lives down for one another, being joints of supply on a global dimension under the leadership in this magnificent tapestry of the Holy Spirit that's He's just weaving together. As I have had the chance in the last twenty years to have real heart connect with different prophets in different nations, it's amazing to watch it come together. Like I said I have been reviewing all kinds of different words from other places too; and just going Lord this thing is becoming more beautiful. It is ordered and the picture is becoming clearer and again I have no doubt the Lord is whispering, it seems a lot more clearer than it used to, but you haven't even begun to see where this is going in clarity. So I am in St. Louis, seven years with a real sense of having been sent there sovereignly. And again I haven't told the story in this context. Sovereignly sent there in a way where I couldn't imagine ever leaving because it had so many God things on it. That suddenly, the Lord comes, its June 1982. A prophet from Phoenix, Arizona comes to St. Louis to

visit a good friend of mine name Rick Shelton. A man with a proven prophetic history and he drives by the building of the church that I am pasturing and hears the audible voice of the Lord. So he goes to a dear friend of mine, Rick, the church he is ministering at and says, "Rick, do you know that building at Sunset?" "Ya, that's my good friend, Mike Bickle." He goes, "I have heard the audible voice of the Lord. The Lord is about to make a major change in his life. He has no idea of it. He's going to ambush him and completely reorder his life." And so Rick called me on the phone and said, "Mike, you have to meet this prophet. I don't know how to tell you because I have never, I didn't have any grid. This was the first person I have ever met that was called that. So I get with Augustine, make a long story short. Augustine says I am going to be real straight forward with you. The Lord spoke to me audibly and you're about to have the change, you're going to have the ride of your life; you're going to have a change you can't imagine what is about to happen in your life and the days ahead. Of course, I couldn't feel what he was saying at all. I just looked at him. I just had no sense for it. I didn't connect to it at all. And he said I am going to give you four words. And it came down to that I was going to Kansas City. That is how it all ended up with a few other dimensions of the story involved. There were a few others that contributed to that. And he said this, "I have four words from the Lord." He says, "Number one word; he goes, "Thousands". He has told me this many times. He goes, "Multitudes." He goes, "Thousands." He says, "Thousands and thousands. Multitudes!" He told me again this story many times young people were going to be gathered to Kansas City; to something in Kansas City. I am in St. Louis at the time. I said, "Okay." He says, "Number two." He goes, "There is going to be a full release of the gifts of the Holy Spirit." He goes, "I am talking John 14:12, greater works than these. Coarse, I was a John G. Lake, you know, real committed to John G. Lake so that registered to me. He said, "I am talking about a full release of the gifts of the Spirit." I remember saying John G. Lake and he goes, "No, that's nothing. That's an introduction." John G. Lake never entered into the realm of greater works than these in any kind of consistency. He touched a few dynamic things but not with no consistency. He goes, "Third thing that is going to happen when the Lord sends you to Kansas City." He says, "You're going to, as these things begin to happen a false prophet is going to be in your midst from the very beginning." He goes, "Then the next thing that is going to happen is persecution will be birthed against you and the work that God has entrusted to your leadership." And he says, "The Lord says you're not supposed to answer it. I, the Lord will take care of it. I will take into my own hands. I will settle it." He gave me quit a bit on this. He goes, "You are not to touch it. You are not to do anything with it but leave it in God's hands.

June 82' was the first meeting with Augustine. September 82' I am in Cairo, Egypt and the Lord speaks, "I am going to change the understanding and expression of Christianity in the earth in one generation." And tonight I want to add another part that the Lord made very clear that I didn't take time before last night because I nearing out of time. He said there is four things the Lord told me in this experience, four things you must build this work on. Because the Lord says he is going to start something in Kansas City and he told me it's going to touch the ends of the earth. In this Cairo, Egypt thing I didn't mention that last night, he goes I am going to start something in Kansas City that will touch the ends of the earth and the glory of God. I didn't mention that much in the early days because it seems self serving but now the Lord has spoken it from so many prophets so many times for twenty years. It's false humility that only deserves the title of a religious spirit and cowardly not to say what God has said. He has said it so many times so it would be false not to say that. The first time I ever heard about it, Kansas City, I heard it in

Cairo, Egypt. Then I heard it from many prophets for twenty years over and over and over. And so I have always hesitated to say that back then but he said you're to build this work on night and day; literal night and day prayer. Literal night and day prayer. Number two: The work will be build on holiness of heart which we call passion for Jesus or we call the first commandment first or the bridal paradigm if you want. Because passion for Jesus, or holiness of heart flows out of being fascinated out of an experience of intimacy of an God with a burning desire for his people. That's the kind of holiness were talking about. He goes the third thing this work will be build upon would be extravagant giving to the poor: Isaiah 58. The giving to the poor across the earth he told me not just the poor in America, not just the poor in our city but that is where we will start. Although we have always sowed to places across the earth but he told me he would give of the wealth of the nations into our hands. He said this so powerfully. I will give the wealth of the nations into your hands if you will use it on the gospel and for the poor of the earth. So I made a covenant that night in my heart about finances that by the grace of God I trust, I have never backed off on. I hope not even one degree. It's been something that was gift of God that was given to me in one hour. It was so many years later, it was in the summer of 2000 when Paul Cain was walking on Shiloh. He was walking on Shiloh and I am just going to be bold about this. I have only shared this to a couple of you and he heard the voice of the Lord and the Lord spoke to him and he says it arrested his attention. He said, "What is it to you if I make Kansas City a revival center that touches the earth?" Paul says, "I was startled!" He says the word of the Lord came so clearly, so powerful. It came from behind me. He goes I heard it, "What is it to you if I make Kansas City a revival center, not the only one, but a revival center that touches the whole earth?" And Paul says I stopped and he goes I turned around and he said the fear of the Lord, the presence of God came on me. And he says I was perplexed. I thought what a strange way to say that. And he says I waited a moment or two and I didn't walk any further. I was by myself, standing right there in front of the recording studio. You can picture where it's at, right in front of the Retreat Center. And he says then the Lord spoke yet a second time. He goes, "What's it to you if I give Mike Bickle one billion dollars for the harvest?" And Paul says he just stood there trembling. Paul called me not that day, the weight of it. He called me and said, "Mike, you know we think what's going on." He says, "We don't really know." He said the Lord; he didn't say he was going to do it. He asked me a question but it sounds to me like he means he is going to do it. He goes that's how I read that. I said, "Paul, the Lord made a covenant to me in Cairo, Egypt. One of the most holy things I ever had. That he would release the wealth of the nations through this work as long as it touched the poor and goes to the cause of the gospel to release warriors into their place. I have a vision to see a million intercessors not all young people but the vast majority of young people. Just scores of them getting a little bit of money, I don't mean a million of them but that Kansas City is helping houses of prayer all over the earth and feeding the poor ect. and ect. So anyway, the Lord said that, he said, "I am going to release the wealth of the nations." And I have four or five other very powerful times where the Lord has spoken to me about money. He says all you have to do is this, do with it what fills my heart and that is the poor of the earth. A supernatural wealth beyond what you can comprehend will be released into this movement and into Kansas City. I can't wait to get with Bob and say, "Hey." The Lord spoke it to you in 75' and spoke it to me in Cairo, Egypt in 82' and spoke it to Paul Cain in December of 2000 and many others as well. And then the next thing the Lord said is that he spoke about prevailing faith and what that meant to me and what I understood even in that day. Was faith, meaning the operation of the Holy Spirit and power. Faith for provision, faith for protection, faith for miracles, faith for direction; God in the realm of faith would release activity the Holy

Spirit beyond anything we could imagine. 1996, Paul Cain has a visitation from the Lord. The Lord speaks to him the acronym IHOP and that is why we named IHOP, IHOP. Really it was because of that experience Paul Cain had in 96'. IHOP doesn't begin until 99'. But in 96' the Lord visits him and says, "I – Intercession; H – Holiness; O – Offerings, extravagant offerings for the poor of the earth; and P - Prophetic or realm of the Holy Spirit going forth in power." I said, "That works for me." That is the same exact things the Lord told me. Exactly the same things! So we begin to use the acronym IHOP to talk about the four standards, the four values that God insisted on. Insisted on! These values are not just to be amused at or looked at or analyzed or all of those kinds of things. There to be implanted into the heart of these Joel 2 forerunners. Beloved, night and day prayers are not a maybe thing. It is an absolute reality from the heart of a people. I am not talking about even fulfilling a schedule. I am not saying we have twenty-seven teams, four hundred staff members, the schedule is covered. The schedule covered is not exactly the same as the reality of night and day prayer burning in a community of people. I mean we are going to have five thousand people here one of these days. That is the word of the Lord. He told us that! That's the beginning! It will be easy to fill the schedule five different prayer centers. It will be no problem to fill the schedule. That's not what the Lord was talking about. Making sure the schedule is filled. He was talking about a people that lived in a spirit of prayer, a spirit of prayer; a Joel 2 people. If we move, it's November 1st and ready to go and the first thing we do is we begin nightly prayer meetings, in November. In that first morning meeting, it wasn't a first public meeting but a first church meeting we had about fifty of us gathered and the Lord interrupted us. It was a Holy Spirit meeting. It was one of the more powerful meetings we have had in twenty years. I thought every meeting was going to be that way because everybody was weeping. The spirit was moving. People were trembling, not everybody but I am saying it was close to God relative to the experience of God I have had of meetings. I have seen a few good meeting over the years, not that many but a few and this was one of the best. And the Lord broke in and I won't give the details but He spoke Gideon. It was unplanned. He said you are a Gideon people and prophesies started flowing. People I had never seen; just a spirit of prophesy just started happening over and over and over. Intercession began nightly. Nightly intercession began that night which by the grace of God we did all those years at the church and then IHOP started. We took the torch of the nightly prayer meetings and Beloved, by the grace of God, to the best of my knowledge unless I am forgetting a night or two or something, the meetings have gone every night since November 82'. They began that night at either a worship service with preaching if you can call that a prayer meeting because the worship would go for an hour or just a prayer meeting in of it's self. It's gone every night; certainly in the high 90's if not a 100% of the nights since then. I am we have missed a few nights but it began that night. Our first public service, on December 5th 1982, I remember we had about one hundred people that Sunday morning and I turned to Luke 18; night and day intercession for justice. Point #2: Isaiah 62, he is going to set watchmen on the wall. Point #3: Luke 2:37 and I began to talk about the vision of prayer. I remember a guy came up to me, I became friends with him later, and he said, "I didn't have a clue of what you were talking about." And I said, "You know, I wasn't talking to you." I wasn't casting the vision, I really wasn't. I was establishing my flag and banner in the spirit between God and angels and devils, that's what I was doing. I was hoisting the flag. I wasn't casting a vision. I said it didn't matter to me if I rambled I wanted to hoist the flag. I said that's what I was really interested in. It was years later that Paul came. What was it, 99'? He spoke this very encouraging word to Floyd McClung who took over the church that I had pastured for eighteen years. He's been pasturing it now and doing an excellent job but Paul

had a word for us. He said from the beginning when the Lord sent Mike to Kansas City, he goes the gathering of people, from the very beginning he says it always was, it always was in God's heart a prayer laboratory. It was never ever a local church. It was always a prayer lab in the Holy Spirit. I thought that was an interesting Holy, I considered, a Holy Spirit commentary on those eighteen years. Wasn't only a prayer lab, but it was mostly a prayer lab. Okay, so I am in Kansas City. We're going night and day. We have launched it. No, no, I am sorry, I so used to saying night and day. We were not going night and day. We were going every evening in prayer seven to ten every night. A man comes to me in January 83' and he says I want to tell you about a prophet who wants to meet you. Remember this prophet from Phoenix named Augustine who is now since gone to be with the Lord. He went to be with the Lord on August 8th 1996. Remember this prophetic man, Augustine, said that a false prophet would be in your midst from the very beginning. And so, this older gentleman says I got this man named Bob Jones and he wants to meet you. I said I don't want to meet him. It was in January and I didn't tell the older gentleman why, I just said I didn't want to meet him. But it ends up, it's March 7th and I am meeting him. So this guy prevails upon me. He asks me a numeral times and I go, "Okay, I will do it." I remember this day very, very clearly. It was a day my life changed entirely. It was a day, it was one of those days where you look back and there was a line in the sand and everything changed after that day. What Augustine's word was back in June 82' because it is March 83' was you're going to on a change, a journey you can't even imagine where this thing is going. So it's March 7th, I remember it was warm. It had been warm, unseasonably warm for a week or two. I don't know how long but I know I had a short sleeve shirt on and it was March 7th. Topically, you know it's a little chilly on March 7th, but it's March 7th and it's unseasonably warm. At least it seems that way to me. I had a short sleeved shirt on. I don't know what it was but this man walks in with a winter coat on and that's what strikes me. He walked in. I remember he was so gripped, he was so emotional. I don't know if I have ever seen him so emotional besides this day. The reason he was so emotional and I am again going to be straight forward about it because it was so many years ago and a whole lot of people know this. I don't know if I have ever put it on tape real clear. He had had one, he says one hundred but that is not a scientific number, he means many since 1975 it's now 1983 so how many years is that? Eight years. Eight years he says he must have had one hundred visions and encounters with the Lord about meeting a twenty-seven year old young man in the spring of 1983. In which I was 27 in the spring of 1983 but he had known that so some time. So he is choked up. He is not crying but he's emotional. He's obviously emotional; observable emotional is what I am trying to say. I went and met one of Bob's pastors after a month or two later at the church that Bob had been at for a number of years. I said, "Do you know Bob Jones?" He said, "Yeah." I go, "What do you think of him?" He goes, "He is a true prophet of God." I said, "Oh, you know he is at the new congregation I started." He said, "Yeah. And he gave me the shock of my life. He told us, 'That a twenty-seven year old man was coming in the spring of 83'. And when he came he had to leave.'" And he goes, "I believe it. I am behind you one hundred percent. Go for it!" He said I always knew he with us temporarily anyway. I said, "He really said that to you?" Because I wasn't sure if his memory kind of got a little faint, you know, in the hour and he kind of added a few details to it because I just had met him. He said, "Yes, he has told us this for a number of years this was going to happen." I was going, Man, what is going on? That was unnerving! That probably had more impact on me than anything, just that pastor saying that. So anyway that was a couple of months after March. But were going back to March and so Bob walks in and he has his coat on. I put my hand out. He is observably emotional not weeping or anything but gripped. I put my hand out and he doesn't

shake my hand. I just said, "Hello, my name is Mike Bickle." And he is looking around the room and he says, "At the first of spring when the snow melts they will sit around a table; the communion table; the fellowship table. And they will accept me." And I said, "My name is Mike Bickle." I said, "Can I take your coat?" And he was so serious. He was so serious. There were only three of us in the room. And it was embarrassing a little bit. He was so focused. I said, "Can I take your coat?" He said, "In the first of spring when the snow melts, listen to me, this is very, very important. They will sit around the table; the communion table and they will accept me with their own words." I said, "Okay." I said, "Well, who? Who will accept you?" He said as he stared at me, "You will." I knew in mind he was the false prophet then. I really did. He said, "Here is my number. You're going to need it." He wrote it down. And he goes, "Please, put it in your pocket. You're going to need this number." Of course, I didn't think I would but then he goes, "Do you understand the principle of Act 2:17?" And that's the passage we are looking at now. I said, "I can't say that I do." He said, "Let me tell you something. You are going to need to understand this because the Lord told me. He has told me many things. I have had over hundred visions about you, young man." He said, "The Lord told me you were very inexperienced in the things of the spirit but he would train you and I would be here to help. And there's things that are going to happen." He gave me the August 7th 1975, encounter with the angel and maybe fifty of the visions in the next couple of hours. I was so overwhelmed. He says, "The Lord told me you were inexperienced in the things of the spirit but He's going to train you and I am here to train you and others are going to come." He said, "But this is going to be a very important verse to you because the Lord has spoken Joel 2 over and over and over through the years." So he says, "Look at the dreams and visions in verse 17." I said, "I am a little familiar with that. I understand that principle." He goes, "That's not the principle." He says, "The principle is in verse 19. I am going to show signs in the heavens and wonders in the earth. God is going to give a vision in verse 17 and the vision is open to anybody's interpretation. The vision could be false. The vision could be a man's imagination. How will you know? How will you know if the vision is of God or not?" I am looking at this guy and I go, "I don't know." He says, "The Lord told me you would be very inexperienced. I am teaching you how you will know." He says, "There are visions that God cares so much about that the people will know them and believe them. That the prophet will give the vision and then God will back the vision up by a sign in the heaven that no man can manipulate. He goes, "That's what that verse means." He goes, "Did you know that?" I go, "No." I said, "Okay." He goes, "Here's the vision." And he says, "I know you will misunderstand it." And I was misunderstanding it at that moment. He goes, "You are going to accept me as a prophet of God in your midst and the things I seen for these last eight years, these hundred visions are going to sound like an actual number – I am sure thirty, forty, fifty, sixty, some large number. He says, "You're going to have a chance to understand them and God is send a sign in the heavens. You know why He sends a sign in the heaven? Because no man can manipulate it." He say, "In the first of spring, the snows will melt and I will be around your table and you will accept me. And then you will know the vision is real that I have told you and I have been sent to teach you and prepare you for a world wide move in Kansas City that you are totally unprepared for. I said, "Okay, Okay." He says, "So keep my number, please." He was very polite. He really was. He says, "Let me tell you what's happening. There is a banner over this city. If you want to know the truth; it's over a five hundred mile radius of Kansas City. It's called prophetic and intercession." He goes, "God is going to raise up out of prayer warriors and prophets a house of friends." It was on that day that God gave us the phrase "House of Friends. He says He is going to fill the stadiums. He's going to fill Arrowhead Stadium and He says He is

going to anoint the prophetic singers first. He goes it's going to be young people. He says it's just going to be all ages because God is going to join the generations but there is going to be an army of young people. He goes, "Let me tell you something, you may not understand. God is doing this for the glory of His son but it's going to impact the nation of Israel. He says, "God is going to raise up a mighty church in Israel. But you in the Midwest not just Kansas City." But he goes, "You're going to impact it in a very dynamic way." He began to tell me about Harry S. Truman. He says, "God is going to set you next to Harry S. Truman. I am going, "Harry S. Truman?" As far as I went back was Kennedy. I go, "I don't really know Truman that much to be honest." He goes, "Harry S. Truman was an intercessor for Israel. He just did it politically. He didn't even fully understand what he was doing. God is going to set you next to him." He went to explain it and I mentioned it the other day and I will mention it more in the days to come, you know, cause were in Orland Park he says his house is in Grandview. As you know we ended up with a building a couple hundred yards from the house he grew up in and when we went there Bob said I told you that was going to happen because what he did politically - this prophetic House of Friends - he called it a House of Friends under the unction of prophetic and intercession is going to impact Israel even more dynamically for more than Harry S. Truman did. And he went on to explain that. He says, "The Lord told me you would be twenty-seven. You'd come in the spring of 83'. You'd be preaching on revival and intercession." He said, "My friend tells me that's your message," the elderly gentleman. I said, "That is my message." He goes, "Are you twenty-seven?" I said, "I am." He goes, "This is the spring of 83' and this is the Lord." Again, I wasn't... it was strange. I couldn't understand. He goes, "Let me tell you about who you are. Do you know who you are?" And I said, "I am not sure what you mean." You know I joke about it later but it wasn't funny then. It was intense. It was odd. It was dramatic. It was respectful. Bob was very kind and respectful. You know sometimes I tell the story and put humor in it because it's funny in retrospect but in the moment it wasn't. It was like what is going on? He says, "Do you know who you are?" And I didn't know what he meant. I said, "I am not sure. He said, "I don't think you know who you are. Number one: you are an intercessor. I think you know that." I go, "I do know that! The Lord told me that in May of 79'." He goes, "I thought you would know that. Did you know that you are an evangelist?" I go, "I love evangelism but I am bad at it so I don't do it very much. But I have pain over it." He goes, "No, no, you are an evangelist. You are an evangelist under the prophetic anointing with signs and wonders. You will be in the stadium. There is a whole company of young people that are evangelist with prophetic anointing and signs and wonders." I said, "No, I didn't know that." He said, "I didn't think you knew that! You are a youth pastor." Then I said, "Really, I have been a senior pastor now for seven years in St. Louis." And he said, "No..no..no.. I am not talking about what you are doing now because its years down the road. You are a youth pastor. You will be one of the oldest men in the movement." I said, "How many years from now?" He said, "I don't know, but the Lord showed me you'd be one of the oldest, you won't be the oldest, but one of the oldest. You are a youth pastor. It's a world wide youth movement. They are going to prophesy; they are going to intercede. They are going to fill stadiums. They are going to do signs and wonders. This is where this thing is going." I said, "A youth pastor? I don't understand it." He said, "You don't have to understand it." So, the time is over and he told me so many more things. He says, "I am going." He stops at the door and I can picture it right now. I remember it - saying about the coat. He sat there the whole couple of hours, I mean hours, I don't remember how many ago. "You are not taking the coat off?" He goes, "No. It's going to snow." I said, "But, Bob, I think the winter is done. It's been warm for some time now." He goes, "No, it's going to snow on the first of the

spring. I am keeping the coat on.” He goes, “Us prophet guys are strange, I know, but just let me keep the coat on. It’s important to me.” I said, “Okay!” But that so struck me and maybe if he didn’t have the coat on I wouldn’t have had the dialog about the first of spring and that was the critical statement. So then, I can see him going out the door. I can picture him so clearly, he puts his hand on the door and turns around and says, “Oh yeah...oh yeah...I almost forgot. Almost forgot...four things. The Lord told me you like it – one- two- three- four, don’t you?” I said, “Well yeah, I do.” He said, “I am going to give you –one-two-three-four. I don’t really much like that style, but I am going to do it just for you!” He says, “Let me tell you, the Lord said you would understand this:

1. There is thousands of young people that are going to come to Kansas City or be gathered together in Kansas City. Some are from, some are from who knows where. Thousands are going to be gathered in Kansas City.
2. The Lord is going to release the full gifts of the Holy Spirit; even greater works than these.
3. Be careful! There will be a false prophet in your midst from the beginning. But I am here to help you.
4. Oh man, There is going to be trouble when thing gets off the ground. Trouble! Trouble! Trouble! But the Lord says He will see you through it.”

He says, “I have to go now.” Those were the four things that Augustine told me nearly nine months earlier, the prophet from Arizona. And I heard those four things and I went “Oh my goodness”. So a couple of weeks go by and I don’t talk to him. I don’t really know what to do with that. Someone says do you believe him? No, not really. Did you not believe him? I didn’t know. It was so strange. I just stared. I didn’t tell anybody but Diane. I went home and said Diane I met the strangest... I had the strangest experience is what I told her. The strangest experience you can imagine. She goes, “Tell me about it.” I go, “Impossible to tell you. Impossible!” She goes, “Try!” I go, “Impossible!” Then after she got to know Bob well she goes, “I understand what you are talking about!” So now a couple of weeks go by and there is this fearless, holiness preacher that comes in town named Art Katz. Some of you know that name. This fierce, fierce and fearless holiness preacher and I went and heard him at a Four Gospel Businessmen meeting on a Saturday. Then he heard there was this church praying every night through November to March, five months, whatever, and he wanted to go check it out. So he came and he was sitting on the back row and he was intimidating. You know, there it is... that Sunday morning. There’s Art Katz sitting there. At the end of it, the meeting is over and we are praying for the sick and they are praying in the prayer line and I see Bob Jones. I haven’t really talked to him much, just barely, just one time for a couple of moments and he is talking to Art Katz. And Art Katz is writing down stuff and I am just preoccupied by what they are doing. So afterwards I said, “What was it?” “This guy is a prophet of God.” I said, “Really? He goes, “Unbelievable! I had a dream from the Lord and he told me about my dream and interpreted it. It is stunning what has just happened. Do you know him?” I go, “I have met him.” He goes, “Take him very seriously.” I go, “Really!” You know I was twenty-seven and Art was maybe fifty-five and had a lot more experience and I go “Really!” and he goes, “Absolutely!” So now, Art is in a little two passenger airplane and he is going to fly out and the weather gets bad. And so it ends up later on they determined they can’t get out and so he says, “Hey, What’s the chance of calling that white haired gentleman. I am going to be here tomorrow morning anyway. I would love to meet him for an hour just even.” I said, “Okay.” So I said, “Oh, I got his phone number in my

wallet.” I pulled it out and said, “I got it!” I called Bob. I said, “This is Mike Bickle; the young man from the church.” He said, “Oh no, I know. I have been waiting all day for you.” I actually said this, I wasn’t quite on the personal level with him yet but I said, “You got your coat on?” He goes, “Yes, I do!” I did ask him that! I slipped that one in a little ahead of time. You know a couple of meetings later we loosened up but... He said, “I have been waiting for you all day. But I am actually a little surprised you called. I thought Art would have called. The burden was on Art.” So he says, “I will come right over. Where do you live?” So he came over about nine o’clock at night because it was just kind of a last hour call and Diane had some stuff out on the table. And there was a handful of us, maybe six, seven, eight of us sitting there, maybe six or seven of us. We go from nine, or approximately nine in the evening to four in the morning. Four times in that period of time, four times the whole company of six or seven, we wept, all of us simultaneously. The spirit of weeping hit four times and we were there until four in the morning. And then he tells Art a few more secrets of Art’s heart and he goes, “Bob, you are a prophet of God. I don’t care.” Then Bob says, “Well” and he looks at me and he says, “I guess this is what I came here for.” And he told me a dream and I won’t give the details because it’s so personal and emotional to me. But I had made a covenant with my father. I had only made one covenant in my whole life besides with my wife and the covenant with my father was just months before he suddenly died of a heart attack and I didn’t know he was going to die. He did. He had a terminal heart disease but he didn’t tell. We had seven kids in our family and he didn’t tell any of us. And he had me make a covenant with him about something very, very important because my brother had just broken his neck and he said you got five sisters, you are the only brother... And so, and he said, “I am asking you to make a covenant before God.” You know, he said, “Make a covenant with your God.” I said, “I said this particular sentence to my father. Never told my brother, never told my sisters, never told my mother, never told my WIFE the sentence and Bob Jones says an angel visited me last night and told me this and gave me the sentence. I began to sob and the whole room did. I looked up and said, “You are a prophet of God.” Bob says, “Why are we sitting here right now, tonight?” And it ends up...fast forward just to redeem the time here, he says, “Tonight, is March 21st. It’s the first day of spring. Why didn’t Art fly out? The snow came in today. Look outside.” I looked out there and it’s melting. He says, “The first of spring when the snow melts. We were around the communion table fellowshiping and you have accepted me with your own words just now. I told you, you would.” Yeah, it’s really funny now and cute but the whole room started weeping again. It was so intense. The thing lifts, you know, and we recoup and I said, “Tell me all that stuff you told me a couple of weeks ago. How did you know the snow would come? It was so warm. He said, “The Lord told me in a dream. That was a sign. Now will you believe the vision I gave you? No man can make the weather patterns come and go. If you think this is something, you are going to see this many times.” And we have seen it over the years. Maybe ten times and ten is a lot if you have never seen it once. But he told me this, “You are going to see this a lot more but in the days to come this is going to be so regular and the signs will becoming increasing spectacular.” I mean picking a weather pattern in advance is pretty outstanding when it’s that precise. Nobody can manipulate a weather pattern and that’s why the signs are there because they are out of the reach of human manipulation. Maybe a healing is a fake healing but you can’t...Joel said signs in the heavens, things that attest, they will attest to the prophetic accuracy of what’s going on. It’s one of the reasons, not the only reason, but one of the reasons. He says you are going to see this many times and I have a list as I have looked at all these prophetic history; twenty years, I think the numbers of ten or twelve times for God spoke. Months ahead of time, often, weeks or months at exactly on that day

happened, exactly. He said, "This was only to get your attention. That's why I was wearing the coat. Remember? If it wasn't for the coat you probably wouldn't have even paid attention to me." I said, "I probably wouldn't have to be honest. I probably wouldn't have." So a couple of weeks go by now. March 7th was the first meeting. March 21st there it is. I wake up the next morning with a new lease on life. I go, "What if this stuff is true?" I wasn't ready to go all that way but I was definitely, definitely listening. And that night Bob said, "I told you. You were a youth pastor. You are going to see it happen. It's going to be under the banner of prophetic and intercession. It's going to touch the whole world. You wait and see." I said, "A youth pastor." He says, "You'll be one of the oldest ones it won't be for awhile." I said, "How old will I be?" He goes, "I don't know but you will be one of the oldest ones. When the fig really explodes it will be beyond my day. The Lord showed me I won't see it mature but I will see it begin." I go, "How old will I be?" He goes, "I don't know but you will not be young." So now it is a couple of weeks later, nearly a month later. It's April 13th, it's on a Wednesday night prayer meeting. Remember, we doing the prayer meetings every night because the Lord told us in Cairo, Egypt to do the prayer meetings. So that September 82' now we are April 83'. Going every night and one night suddenly, here it comes, the suddenly of God. The same clarity that I received in Cairo, Egypt I have received this three or four times; probably at this level in thirty years; the voice of the Lord comes to me. Suddenly, a routine prayer meeting, here it is. And the Lord says and I am going to summarize because it is a ten or fifteen minutes to get every detail down; I am just going to give the point. The Lord says, "I want you bottom line". I am just going to give you the summary of it. The Lord says, "I want you to call a fast based on Daniel 9." I won't give the significance of Daniel 9, I will later. Daniel 9 is critical. Daniel 9 and Joel 2 are critical and all we are about. It shows up year after year, time after time, yet again God speaks those two passages. He spoke Daniel 9 crystal clear. Called twenty-one days of fasting and prayer for the break through ect. and ect. Daniel 9. Daniel 9 is when the angel Gabriel comes and the angel Gabriel gives Daniel a revelation of the end of the age. And revelation at the end of the age is dynamically connected to fasting and prayer persistently. I do not believe in any model of interpretation if that is a fair, that's not an accurate way to say it. I don't believe in any approach to interpretation of end time events that is not birthed, birthed and bathed in continual fasting and prayer. All the books that are filling the market, I have one first question. I want to know if the people writing the books birthed and bathed their conclusions in these books in persistent fasting and prayer. That is the model of scripture and that is what Daniel 9:20-23 makes abundantly clear. And so the Lord began to speak that eschatology, understanding of the end times does not come in the clarity that it needs to come to God's servants, those who are going to trumpet it, unless they live in that lifestyle. It is critical part of eschatology. And I see all these strong positions from all these different points of view and I have one question. How many of you have even a simple ten years, it doesn't have to be twenty or thirty, five years of an ardent commitment to fasting and prayer before you wrote these books and bathed your conclusions in them? That's what I want to know! I have never asked the question and I don't think I ever would ask the question. It would be perceived as arrogant and it would be perceived as confronting but I don't feel that way. I feel passion about this and my passion isn't about whose done it wrong because it says in Daniel 12 that those books are sealed till the last times. They are sealed anyway, I mean, you can beat on that thing all day long with a sledge hammer and that door is sealed shut until God opens it. And it's opened in His timing in a context of continuing fasting and prayer. There's a sovereign timing. There's an agency of angels and there is a human participation that is critical or those seals won't unlock. They haven't really unlocked much but I

think we are in the hour globally where they are going to begin to unlock. So my point isn't to make a point arrogantly of who's done it wrong. My point is to call another generation to believe in this approach to end times. And to where if you received your conclusions in a setting other than that I ask you to suspend them, to hold them in doubt for a season till you can invest your heart in five or ten years of fasting and prayer. Don't take those conclusions as final. Hold them softly until you get to find out for yourself and the way that Daniel found out his revelation about these things. But I believe there's a whole another generation coming and that's where my passion is. It's not pick on yesterday. Paul Cain said it best. He said the Lord hasn't said much about this yet. He said but what He has said isn't listened to by almost anybody. That is a very, very important word. The Lord says, "The Lord isn't speaking that much about it yet but what he has said is not hardly listened to by anybody." I thought that was a very profound statement. So I don't think that we have lost valuable time in the twentieth century on eschatology. I don't think that we would have gained much ground, when the hour. But I believe the hour is coming but we have to approach it in an entirely different way than just comparing commentaries to each other and cut-paste prophesying, you know kind of thing, like take it from one email and put it with another one. Put them all together and come up with the end of the age final conclusions that you are willing to fight about. Like just how crazy is that! Daniel 9. The angel says Daniel 9. Gabriel.. last days.. revival; all these kinds of ideas. I am so overwhelmed! Again this is two times now. I heard this in Cairo, Egypt nine months ago. I have had two encounters now where that two is a lot. I was thinking I don't understand what is happening so I go home and tell Diane. Well, she is at the prayer and we drive home and we are talking about it. I go, "Twenty-one day fast." She mentioned we only been in the city for a few months and okay, "let's do it". The Lord told me five hundred. He would call five hundred to it. You know that's kind of a big number for just a little church that's just started that nobody knows. So I go to Bob Jones. The Lord told me five hundred. That he would call five hundred to it. I called Bob the next day. I go, "Bob, every since that night at my house when the snow came a couple of weeks ago I need you." He goes, "More, probably more than you understand." I said, "I need to hear from God right now." He said, "That's okay! I have already heard it." I am on the phone and I go, "No, no I am talking about something really serious!" He goes, "Yeah, I know. I already heard it." I look over and Diane said, "What did he say?" He said, "He already heard it!" I go that's not possible! He goes, "Come on over." So I ask two young men to go with me. In the car we are driving over there I said, "God spoke something to me last night. Daniel 9. The angel Gabriel. Global outpouring of the spirit. End-time revival. Revelation about the second coming of Christ-Eschatology. That's what that really means. That's the big word for it. I didn't use that word and they said, "What on earth are you talking about?" I said, "I am not asking you for counsel. I am asking you to be a witness." These two guys-eighteen years old. I want to tell you again. I said it the whole drive over there about twenty minutes. I went down: Daniel 9, Gabriel, world wide break through, end of the age, ect... ect.. And they just looked at me and they said, "We don't even understand what you are talking about." So I went to Bob's house and sat down. And Bob said, "Well, I guess the way this is going to work is if you tell me first. You will never believe it if I tell you." I said, "Yeah, that's how it works." He says, "I think I have to tell you or you will never believe it." I said, "Yeah." He said, "Well, I never had an experience at this level. This is beyond anything I have ever experienced. Never, have I had anything of this level." I said, "What?" He said, "The angel Gabriel visited me in a night vision. I saw him with my eyes. I have never seen such a thing. I mean a high...an angel. I have seen angels of number of times but never this! And he stared at me. He said, 'Give the young man Daniel 9 and he will

understand. I will gather five hundred together for this.” And Bob went on to understand that God was going to gather five hundred Joel 2:15 to a solemn assembly. And the Lord told Bob in this experience through the angel. The Lord told him that He would send a second sign. He goes you know how the snowstorm really, I mean not the snowstorm but the first of spring when the snow came; the sudden snow came. You know how that really got your attention? He goes, “Yeah!” He says, “What would I tell you if a comet would come across the heavens and unknown by scientist. Nobody has seen it. I am not talking about I looked in the Almanac and here it is. And if it happen to verify that the vision from Gabriel is true. That Daniel 9 is a true call that you are suppose to embrace. What would you do?” I said, “Well, that would be marvelous! That is kind of like above and beyond. I had this internal voice of God, audible voice that was so powerful and now you have told me exactly what I saw. I said, “How could it be possible that I would need something more?” He says, “You will need more. Before it’s over you will doubt it yet again.” I go, “How could I?” He says, “You will. The human heart is mysterious.” And so we gathered together. I give the message called “Blow your trumpet in Zion”. I based it on Joel 2:15. Joel 2:15 – Daniel 9 There it is! We gathered them. I don’t even tell them much of the story because you know our congregation is four months old. They don’t know me and I don’t know them. I don’t really know what’s going on either. You know, I am really saying “yes” in my heart and in front of Bob but I am not that sure I am saying “Yes” fully yet out there in the public eye. This is kind of feeling powerful but I wasn’t quite ready to go on the line with this. I called the fast because you know I didn’t give all the promises. I just called the fast. I figured fasting is good anyway. And so, the Lord told Bob that five hundred would come and a sign would come and we gathered on May 7th, 1983. May 7th, 1983 we gathered. Bob comes with the newspaper and here, I have it here, because I have had people contest it. This isn’t the newspaper but it was in newspapers all over the world. Here is the article written by the scientist from Harvard and the Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics. So here is a magazine. I mean here is the article. It’s out of a scientific periodical. Written in partnership with Harvard and Smithsonian Institute or Center for Astrophysics and the name of the comet and you can read. It is *May’s Surprise Comet*. It came for possibly, I am forgetting... I have read this over and over... maybe a seven or eight day period. But on May 7th they have the pictures of it. On May 7th they photographed it and on the May 7th photograph here is the closest comet that came to America since 1770. It was a total surprise and the point of this isn’t that it came the closest since 1770. The fact that with all the scientist equipment in the earth nobody saw it. That’s the startling part! Of the Harvard and Smithsonian Institute scientist said nobody saw it. How could it be? It’s in the... I don’t know what paper... several people actually had papers because Bob’s friends were all excited about this. Bob told everybody everything! And so they all came with their newspapers, I mean two or three of them; I don’t mean hundreds of them. They had their...because they knew the comet was coming. On May 7th, there is it in the paper. And it was stunning! At the very first night; talking about boldness and energy, he shows me this and I go, “This is God! I am coming out of the closet, Man! This is God! Bob says, “You’re not out of the woods yet.” I said, “How could I!” I mean I heard from God in the most staggering way. “I only heard the level from God in a few years since I have been saved twelve years at this level except for Cairo, Egypt. You tell me what I heard and I told nobody but my wife and the two guys in the car. You told me exactly! You said a comet was coming. A comet came like the snow came. Nobody knew! How could I not believe?” He said, “You will yet disbelieve again or you will be weary and have unbelief.” So, here is what I am going to do. I am going to quit right now.