

ENCOUNTERING JESUS SERIES CD 4

Now, we are going to pick up from where we just left off a few minutes ago at the break. We are doing two sessions tonight instead of one just because the story so flows together. I just felt to continue with that.

So here we are on May 7th, 1983. Again we have a young church in the sense it's only a few months old; December to May; and it's mostly young adults. So we are at May 7th, 1983. Seven hundred show up the first night and I am amazed. Then we have the newspaper article, several of them. "*Comet comes*", I just read in the last session how the Harvard and the Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics wrote this article from the science journal or whatever magazine; I don't mean science journal or whatever science magazine it is. *Called "Amazed Surprised Comet"*, and it is a comet that has come closest to the earth since 1770 and it surprised the scientific community worldwide. And of course, Bob said, "Of course it did. The point of it is to be a sign. This is Acts 2:19. The prophet word came. Gather and it will impact the earth" That wasn't the exact words of the prophet vision. That's the essence of it. Gather, fast and pray. It matters to what God is doing in the globe. That was really the essence. So we started off strong. I mean we are really going for it. That first night was so exciting. Well, we go six in the morning until twelve at night. Eighteen hours a day and most of the nights there was five-six hundred at it and most of the days there was a bunch in the morning and pretty thin in the afternoons, maybe a hundred. But it goes all day long. People come from everywhere. It's an outstanding thing and we're excited. We're basing it on Joel 2:15 and Daniel 9. Now, there's a number of very significant things that happen in this twenty-one days. Now, I wanted, I signed up so that revival would break out in the end of it. I want to be honest with you. I believed it would. Matter of fact, on May 27th, the period was May 7th to May 28th, but on a Friday night – May 27th, Bob Jones got up and said, "Thus says the Lord, "There is no revival coming in the near future." In essence, that wasn't his words. Oh-oh, it was incredibly depressing. Incredibly... but we will get to that but I am just being honest. I was sure this was that which was spoken of meaning end time revival had started. But in retrospect, now it is twenty years later nearly, and we received five significant pieces of divine information that will form our entire future. That have for near twenty years and will continue to! And so when it's all said and done, the Lord may say, you know when I meet him face to face in the eternal city one day, he may say, **'Well Mike, I gave you five very dynamic pieces of information. Now, that you got my point of view, now it's all over. It changed everything. What would have been better? A short term revival or me to lay the tracks for something that would have longevity in it with clarity?'** And so even at the twenty year mark I go, **"Lord, I am really, really seeing this different. That was brilliant! That was really brilliant!"** And it gives you a little bit of prospective that when the Lord gives the disappointing answer it's always rooted in goodness and kindness in His heart. And He is always saying something like, **"Just give it a little bit of time and you might agree with this. What I am doing right now. Give it a little bit of time."**

Okay, first word he gave and I am not going to develop each one of these words right now. I want to probably develop them in themes throughout these twelve sessions. The first word he gave was Psalms 27:4. This one thing I have sought...How's it go? One thing do I desire all the days of my life to behold His beauty. I got a slow start again. I am going to get revved up in a second here. The adrenaline kind of...So I will be there in a minute. Okay, Psalms 27:4 was the

thing. And the Lord spoke audible and said, **“Twenty-four hour prayer in the spirit of the tabernacle of David.”** I will come back to that one.

The second thing that he gave very powerful...five very, very important things. There's coming a time, in essence, I mean, this isn't a quote but this is the meaning of it and I will come back to it in greater detail later either tonight or the twelve session thing we are doing. Five thousand, five thousand would come. You would grow from five hundred to five thousand over night. And I don't know what over night means. It could be a year or it could be a literal 24 hour period or it could be a year to grow five thousand on the IHOP staff. That's what we are talking about. Five thousand overnight!

Number three: The Lord spoke the very important one in which we will probably maybe spend thirty minutes on. This... the thing on healing. No disease known to man would stand before this people; meaning this prayer movement. No disease known to man would stand before these people of fasting and prayer is what we are talking about. From Psalms 28, I know that doesn't seem to connect but it was absolutely stunning. The next thing that happened that I've not really celebrated, although, Bob said it on a number of times and he talked about it again. We are in the hour now and it's time to get understanding and go forward with it. The hour of the Midwest because the Lord is wanting us to really focus in a very intentional way on building a prayer furnace; a prophetic and intercession with a healing dynamic, the fasting teams, the feeding the poor, the healing room's reality. I am talking about the reality and the 24/7, the fasting teams 365 and a handful of things and ten or twelve key regions in the Midwest. And the Lord is given some profound information on this that I haven't even shared with the staff. A little bit with the leadership. The Lord wants us to rally together, Joel 2 people and all the regions in the Midwest that have the “Anna” calling, the prophetic calling and the Lord wants to do more than build these ten or twelve regions in the Midwest that this angel talked about; this five hundred radius. He wants us to flow together and build each other and to have a prayer furnace in the Midwest that is reaching out not just to Israel but profoundly focused on a birthing of a spirit of revival on the church of Israel. Supernatural breakthrough! And it becoming a preemptive strike from the Midwest for this horrendous evil that's going to rise out of Russia and Europe. And with prophets in place and connected and there just a whole lot going on that I will tell you later. It was right there at the end of May. I remember when the meetings, Bob came up and he talked about. He said, **“This thing in the Midwest is going to explode. God is going to make Kansas City and St. Louis partners in the spirit. He is going to make them partners in the Holy Spirit. They are going to birth it together because there is a twin birthing that's going to happen. And it will make sense in the years to come.”** I have never given too many words on this publicly. I have only as a rule has taken two or three sessions to tell this whole history. Now I am taking twelve hours. I only took three hours. But I have ten or fifteen words about this over the years. They're astounding! And now the Lord has told me in this fifty day period of seeking the Lord. He said, **“This is that. Now begin for break through. Break through in the Midwest. It's time. 2003-2004 and were going to build under the leadership of the Holy Spirit and the grace of God with many, many things.”** Not an organization, but were going to contribute, we don't want an organization at all. They can't be a part of an organization. I have no interest in that. It's organic. It's relational and it's all of us together working hard to build prayer furnaces in every one of the major regions in the Midwest area and the prophesy teams. And every single region will be covered 365. The prophets will go back forth; the Joseph

Company coming forth and the Lord saying to me very clearly, **“Now is the time. Start building it. This is pre-emptive. Get this thing moving together.”** But it was on that; it was during that when Bob got up on the microphone and declared this. He declared about, I can’t say in St. Louis and I don’t think I will really tell this story so I think this is a good time for maybe a little parentheses here, [But this is May 83’. Now it is May 85’] Now, those of you that are like exceptionally intelligent, you are just going to have to your seat beat on right now because this is going to really put you on tilt. But it is true! It happened! And it happened with a thousand witnesses; it happened. In May 1985, two years after the solemn assembly Bob Jones got up and he said, **“I have the word of the Lord.”** He looked at me and he says, **“You’re going to get into unbelief when I tell you this.”** Which was his way of saying... I didn’t appreciate it because he said it over a microphone. But it is when he says it over a microphone then I am kind of responsible together with him. But he did this on a microphone. He goes, **“God, the Holy Spirit is going to create world wide attention to be focused on Kansas City.”** He says, **“That’s the good news. Here’s the bad news. The Lord is going to do it through the baseball game.”** I said, **“The baseball game?”** He says, **“Yeah, He’s going to do it through the baseball game.”** I go, **“I don’t understand what you are talking about.”** He says, **“Through the professional baseball.”** I go, **“oohhh”** ...he said this publicly. I just said, **“Oh Bob... this is so...juvenile. I mean this is juvenile!”** And they get in the World Series and the play offs. They are down three games to one. So they are going to get eliminated. Bob said, **“I guarantee you. I don’t care about baseball but I guarantee you they are going to win the next three.”** And they do. Then they are down three games to one in the World Series. He says, **“I guarantee you they are going to go all four again.”** I said, **“Aha, I don’t think so.”** And they did it! And they made a big point first time in history that ever happened. He said, **“The message that God going to trumpet. It looks like Kansas City is down and out and will never make it and suddenly at five till twelve the Lord brings the victory in. That’s the spiritual message over this movement breaking forth in this city. When it looks like it is five till twelve and Kansas City is counted out.”** He is saying this in May. **“Suddenly at five till twelve the Lord’s breaking in victory.”** So we were down three games to one. We won three in a row. I went, **“Well!”** We are down three to one! We win three in a row! That’s pretty startling! But that’s... like... so what! I am not that impressed...yet! We got a leadership meeting of about three or four hundred meetings on Saturday morning. This was really wild. Bob said, **“Well,”** were all together and were talking about the church and he says **“I heard it! I heard it out loud. I heard it in my dream. I heard the voice of the Lord. It spoke resounding. I heard it very clear. The Lord said, ‘Eleven is the number because it’s the eleven hour victory. It’s the eleventh hour victory he’s going to give Kansas City.’** I said, **“Eleven what?”** He said, **“I don’t know!”** And the next day, we win eleven to nothing. And he told everybody this. That it was going to happen and I think its USA Today. It says, you know, I mean a whole bunch of different papers, but it says *‘Miracle World Series’*. The Monday after it says... it starts off with one of these articles.... *‘Where is Kansas City? Who knows where Kansas City is? The drama and the intrigue of this World Series has forced the people’s of the east and west coast and all around the nations to get out their atlas and find out where Kansas City is. We had to look and search and we found Kansas City finally because of the drama of the baseball league.’* The head line says, **“Miracle World Series”**. They called it the I-70 World Series, Miracle World Series. And it says, *‘Who would have thought, we counted them out and some how they continued to come back.’* And Bob says, **“I am telling you the Lord told me in front of all of you on May 1985, it’s going to be an eleventh hour victory.”** You know he would use that

terminology; eleventh hour victory, five to twelve, final minute. It looks like Kansas City is counted out. He goes, **“You are going to be counted out many times by many people and at five till twelve, in the eleventh hour, the Lord is going to break through and this prayer movement is going to succeed and it’s going to get the attention of the entire earth. This is going to happen. You wait and watch the baseball league.”**

I am going to give you the five words again. (1)24/7, (2) the house of prayer, (3)he spoke of the five thousand growth, (4)the no disease no demand, (5)the St. Louis partnership and God’s attention focused on the Midwest; they impact the whole world together in partnership. Then the timing of it would be sovereignly set up by God and he would display that through a drought. What’s happening is it’s one of the days in this twenty-one fast; maybe it’s day ten, you know I don’t know, it’s early on I remember that. Maybe day seven, eight, or ten and I am walking back and forth and I have this word in me, Psalm 27:4. It is so alive in me and its devotional: *This one thing I desire all the days of my life to seek the beauty of the Lord all the days of my life.* I asked the people to pray on the microphone revival prayers and this was devotional so I didn’t pray on the microphone and I remember six in the morning until midnight. We were there in a whole company; eighteen hours a day. They were long hard days, we took little naps right there, right there on the front, and I would do it different if I had to do it again. But anyway, I was walking back and forth and Psalm 27:4 and I don’t know if I had anything like this before, where the word of God hit me. I wasn’t reading; it hit me sovereignly. I wasn’t looking at it. I remember I even had to look it up because I knew the verse this one thing about beauty but I didn’t know... Psalm or Isaiah? I remember that verse. That’s a good one. That’s a key one. I found it and I carried it all day long. I carried it and carried it and carried it and carried it. And it was the next morning. I never said it on the microphone, didn’t talk about it because it was just a good feeling. It felt good just to do it, to carry it. When the spirit is on something like that it just feels good. Bob came the next day and he said, **“The Lord says the answer is yes.”** And I am thinking of the twenty-one day fast. I said, **“Good! Excellent! Specifically yes to what?”** Because we prayed a lot of things yesterday. **“He said yes to the prayer he gave you.”** I said, **“Oh!” Which one did He give me?”** Because I prayed on the microphone, you know. We are talking, wait; let me get in context. We are talking eighteen hours with no music. I said, **“What prayer?”** I asked Bob which one because it was all day long. He said, **“The one you didn’t pray on the mic.”** I go, **“The one I didn’t pray on the microphone? Which one?”** He always says this. I mean this was his common way. He goes, **“If I tell you the verse will you believe the Lord gave it to me?”** I go, **“Of course!”** He goes, **“Palms 27:4.”** I went, **“OH MY GOODNESS that one! Oh, my! I carried that all day!”** He goes, **“I know. The Lord put His hand on you. It was a sovereign thing. He is trying to talk to you.”** I said, **“I love it! I love that verse!”** And he said, **“He is communicating to you. It was His hand upon you.”** Bob would hear the audible voice sometimes ten or twelve times in one year. I mean not every year. It sounds like its every day but its not every day. I mean in 1983-1984 were clearly the intense years. For about eighteen month period he gave us more in eighteen months that we would wait on for twenty years till this season. It’s like it’s a pattern of scripture God downloads a ton of it real quick. Then there is a wilderness season for the Word to be tested and then it comes to pass. Now we have had things happen through the years but nothing, nothing like the eighteen months. I would say from March 1983 to about September of 1984. Unbelievable! Were talking fifteen, again I don’t know exact numbers, twelve or fifteen supernatural events and then maybe another seven in the next twenty years. The movement is not about me. The movement is about even about the five thousand. The

movement is about the millions that come behind the five thousand. That's what the movement is about! And that's what you guys are all about. So that is just an important thing to understand that. And he says, **"The Lord spoke to me audibly that He gave you Psalm 27:4. And the Lord said, 'This is what it is about: twenty-four hour prayer; the spirit of the tabernacle of David.'"** I remember I go as I looked at the Psalms, **"Twenty-four hour of prayer? How did you get that from Psalm 27:4?"** He said, **"The Lord told me. That's where I got it."** I go, **"That's not Psalm 27:4 is about. It's about David well... I said you know David loves the Lord you know."** He goes, **"Do you know about David's ministry?"** I said, **"Well, Yeah. He was the king of Israel."** He goes, **"No, about his singers. Did you know he trained his prophetic singers?"** I go, **"Well, I heard that. But I don't know much about it."** He goes, **"Did you know he had four thousand musicians?"** I go, **"What did he do with them?"** He said, **"You don't even know what this is about, do you?"** I said, **"Well, yeah, David loved the Lord. I know a little bit and heard it kind of coming and going."** He said, **"God is going to raise up an army of musicians and singers and they are going to gaze on the beauty of God. In the middle of their praise signs and wonders are going to break out; miracles like you can not imagine. The Lord said, 'I will set my face on this house when they do this because of twenty-four hour prayer in the spirit of tabernacle of David.'** And I remember I said, **"Bob, I am not really thinking of having a twenty-four hour prayer meeting. I am thinking of doing this to get revival. I don't want to be like in labor for the rest of my life."** And he said, **"No, it doesn't work like that way. God is going to make it go 24/7 and He is going to do it all the days of your life; from now until the Lord returns. And the revival is going to break out and the two is going to blend into one."** I go, **"The prayer meeting would be right. I thought the prayer meetings would go roar and then later you'd have the evangelistic meeting and then twelve people get saved and there you have it!"** He said, **"No, it's going to blend into one reality. It will be one reality. The prayer meetings will go in the stadiums and they will get saved and God is going to give you a building. And He is going to supernaturally set it up and the Lord told me, 'There's not a prayer meeting in town where a young man can find deliverance.'"** I said, **"A prayer meeting? Why would they go to a prayer meeting to get deliverance?"** I mean I am thinking of an intercessory prayer meeting. He says, **"God is going to raise up a prayer meeting of which the angels will appear. Healings will break out! The prophetic word will be so abundant the angelic choirs. People will walk in that flash of the shekhinah glory. The shekhinah glory will hit their mind and their minds will be cleared in one second and demons will be driven out. Nobody will lay hands on them in one situation and in the other situation they will lay hands on them. In one situation nobody preaches and they come rushing forward, the next one there is a season of preaching. This is going to happen! It's going to be an open heaven over this building. God told me! God told me this! There is not a prayer meeting in Kansas City a young man can be set free. But it's going to be the rule! It's going to be perpetual and it will never come to an end! The freedom the people will walk in to. The most demonized young man bring him into the setting and the demons...he said... it is the white light which is the shekhinah glory. I saw the lighting, white light hit their mind and they were free within a second. No anything, instantly free in their spirit. That's what's going to happen in this house of prayer."** I said, **"WOW! I still don't have a grid for it. I still think of it as a prayer meeting and an evangelistic crusade."** He goes, **"No! It will be the same! The exact same thing!"** I said, **"Okay! I am in!"** And he said, **"That's what the Lord told you in Cairo, Egypt. He said night and day prayer."** I said, **"Yeah, I was big on that but I was thinking of it, you know, night and day sort of. A**

morning meeting, noon meeting, and a night meeting, I didn't think of night and day." He says, "No, the Lord said night and day to you." I said, "Well, yeah, he did. I just didn't take it, I couldn't fathom this." And he says, "This is going to happen. It's going to happen!" I said, "You know I have been kind of telling everybody there's a revival coming this summer. I was kind of hoping there would be one. I have never done anything like this again." Let's take it through. I hear Daniel 9. The comet is going to come as a sign; I mean think about it. I hear Daniel 9, the angel Gabriel appears and gives me Daniel 9 and a comet wouldn't you think revival was going to break out that summer? I mean, give me a break! Bob says, "But what's going to happen is a twenty-four prayer ministry is going to come out of this." We have fasting teams every day of the year right now. They are not very anointed. It's not that great but it's a whole lot different from twenty years ago. It's in infancy but it's happening, beloved. It is happening in a substantial way compared to all of our experiences but it's not happening in a substantial way compared to where we are going. You are going to live in a perpetual solemn assembly. Perpetual and you will be in Arrowhead Stadium. It will birth all over the earth because that is what you are praying for and that is what Daniel 9 is about. Bob says, "Now, we are not talking about a couple thousand people getting saved in Kansas City in 1983, we are talking about the world harvest and the birthing forth of the nation of Israel. And this kind of thing he says God is raising up things like this all around the earth and He is going to use it altogether to work in a way. You don't have a clue on what's going on here, do you?" I said, "If that's what's going on I don't!" He goes, "You don't even know why you are here in this city; do you?" We had these truth talks. And I said, "Bob, I am trying to see a revival right now, that's all I know. I am trying to see like a thousand people get saved this summer, that's my bottom line." And he looked at me and says, "You don't even understand anything that's happening right now, do you? Do you think Gabriel came to me and told me Daniel 9 to tell you so you could have a little out reach this summer?" I said, "I never thought about it. I just we were going to have outreaches this summer. I was thinking about announcing them. You know, figuring the park and getting a sound system." He goes, "Don't! Don't do any of that! Don't do any of that! You just don't understand!" I said, "Well, I am here at the prayer meeting. Let's do what we do, you know? I got to get back into the prayer room you know." We had this long talk. And I am out there... twenty-four/seven... spirit of tabernacle of David... what is that? No place where a young man can be delivered in a prayer room? You know we never pray for people in a prayer rooms we prayed for revival. We didn't pray for people we prayed for revival. Made a big sign. Made it real soon; put it in the prayer room. TWENTY-FOUR; SPIRIT OF TABERNACLE OF DAVID for sixteen years and people would come by and said, 'What's that?' and I go I really don't know! Singers, you know, stuff like that. They said what are the singers going to do? I said I can't picture it but I know it's going to happen. So now, here he comes in again and says, "I had an angelic visitation. The angel told me with his voice. I saw him with me eyes. With my eyes I saw him! I am not talking about my mind's eye. He told me when they get to five hundred they will go to five thousand over night. That a great flood of the spirit was going to come to Kansas City and that five thousand would find a new home overnight in Kansas City. The angel looked at me and said, 'Mississippi will be the sign'." Now, here we are in this fast. I have said yes to Psalm 27 and house of prayer. I go Mississippi because you kind of think angels never heard of Mississippi. I go, "Mississippi? They said Mississippi?" He said, "Yes! And there is a whole team of fifteen of us." I go, "What does that mean?" He goes, "I don't know!" I go, "You saw this with your eyes and heard it with your ears?" He goes, "Yes! This was a real

experience. It's not a mind's eye or not some little fuzzy little thing at the side there. I mean, to where a guy imagines he is seeing something. I am talking about a full encounter with an angel." I said, "What's going to happen to the Mississippi?" He said, "I don't know. Remember how I told you about the signs in the heavens and on the earth? Well, the one was the weather pattern. It came on a first day of spring and the snow came when it was warm. The comet came that was the second one. Now, this is one on the earth. A flood is coming! A flood is coming and it's going to be a sign of what I am telling you is true. When you get to five hundred you will have five thousand in one night." I go, "Five hundred what?" He goes, "Intercessors! In the house of prayer." I go, "What are they going to do?" He goes, "I don't know! The Lord made it clear He's going to send five thousand like a flood. They'll get new homes in Kansas City overnight." We leave it there. The next day I say, "Bob, anymore on Mississippi?" He goes, "No. I don't know what it means." Two days, three days, four days, five days, suddenly Bob brings the newspaper. He brings it in. Here it is! It says, 'Floods strikes Jackson, Mississippi. Five thousand put in new homes overnight'. I said, "How did you know that was going to happen?" He goes, "I didn't know! Five days ago nobody knew this! It is a sign. Acts chapter 2 verse 17, the vision: five thousand are coming to the house of prayer. A sign on the earth beneath; these sayings are small compared to where they are going in the days to come. The level of signs." I go, "Bob, this stunning! I have never seen anything like this. I have seen three in a row in 1983; the snow, the comet. How many more of these are going to happen?" He goes, "These are going to escalate. These are going to escalate in magnitude and importance far beyond anything I am giving you right now. You wait and see! The company of prophets God is raising up will move in this realm far beyond this." I said, "This is really going to happen? So...five thousand intercessors!" So I put the sign up. For sixteen years people said what is that? Twenty-Four/Seven... Spirit of tabernacle of David; I said I am not real sure. Has something to do with singers that I am sure of. And world revival, that's all I really know for sure and Psalm 27:4. I have half a dozen of people say that's not Psalm 27:4. I go, "**I understand. Take it up with Bob Jones. I don't even want to go there.**" I am positive it's Psalm 27:4 now. I mean, now years later that is what Psalm 27:4 is all about. Of course, when Bob came to visit IHOP a year or two ago I said, "**Bob, Psalm 27:4, you were right!**" And he goes, "**I knew I was right then. I heard it from the Lord. There was no guess work to it.**" Okay, that's the Mississippi thing.

I am going to skip the next one; three or four days later. The one where no disease known to man will stand before, I am adding the terminology, these Joel 2 people. Because the Lord said these people and people have asked me for years who are these people? But I know now it's the people that are saying "yes" to these four things the Lord has given us; night and day prayer, holiness of heart, extravagant giving to the poor, and operating in the activity of the Holy Spirit by faith or the prophetic anointing, signs and wonders, all that kind of stuff. I am going to wait and give that one later.

At the end of it he gives the same the St. Louis partnership thing. I will never forget it, May 27th, Friday night, I mean, we're on twenty days. People really wrung out and a lot of people are doing it on water. I mean, they are stretched out. They have been there all day. Bob gets up and says, "**Well, I got bad news and I have good news.**" He is saying this on the microphone. I mean, there is a momentum because I am thinking that revival is breaking out like Saturday, like

on the 28th when it's over. I mean a revival is surely is a worthy thing to believe I thought. I was so wrong. Bob says, **"I got good news and I got bad news."** He hung the microphone up. He went home and took a nap. The Lord visited him in a dream and He says, **"I have bad news and I have good news"**. I am going what? You know we are all there. We have one more day you know? Here we are its over. And he said, **"The good news is this thing is going to touch the ends of the earth."** I go, **"Well, everything from there is in place I am fine"**. He says, **"The bad news it isn't going to happen for quite awhile."** I said, **"What do you mean?"** He says, **"The Lord showed me there is a spiritual drought even in our midst and even coming. It is here and coming. The Lord is using it. The Lord is using... He is ordering the time frames. He is doing something far bigger than you understand."** I said, **"Okay, what are you saying here?"** He said, **"God is going to show you His sovereignty in a way that it is unmistakable. Unmistakable! The drought is not an accident. The drought isn't because God isn't paying attention or God's not active or God's not zealous and jealous for His people. That's not the drought. He is using it strategically."** I said, **"Okay. That works for me. I believe that very strongly."** He said, **"There's a day. There's an appointed day. There's a day when God breaks in the drought. He breaks in the drought on a day."** I said, **"That's right."** He goes, **"We have those seasons through history called revivals. They are never a day late. We think they are but they are not. The Lord is going to prove it to you."** I said, **"How's that?"** He said, **"He is going to release another sign in the heavens. He wants you to believe He cares about you right now because your heart will be hurt."** I go, **"I am hurting right now."** We are doing this kind of like live with the whole group there. I am going like what are you saying to me right now. This is like bad news because his credibility was so stunning at this time. Because we are talking the comet really came on May 7th like he said. The Mississippi flood really came like he said. The five thousand really moved homes. The numbers were staggering accurate! He says, **"There is a three month drought. There is another sign in the heavens. My fourth one I am giving you from the Lord. There is going to be a three month drought in the Kansas City area in the natural. And this drought in the natural will be...will prove the vision I am telling you. There's a drought in the spirit. And to show you God's sovereignty He's going to pick a date to break in on the drought."** Here it is! He is saying this May 27th in front of five hundred people. He says, **"On August 23rd, the Lord told me audible He breaks in on the drought on August 23rd."** **"August 23rd!"** I go, **"Where did you get that date!"** He goes, **"I heard it from the Lord directly."** I said, **"August 23rd?"** He goes, **"Yeah! What's the point of that breaking in of rain on that day? To prove to you that God has the exact day He proves for break in. He won't be late. You are going to believe it's late but it won't be one day late. He's on a mission for a global prayer movement and He wants to use Kansas City in a significant way."** Again, it could be said of maybe five or ten or twenty different prayer centers in the earth. Or a hundred I don't know. You know, there are six billion people and a hundred is a small number. But I am not saying only, but there is centers around the earth. God is orchestrating things to where they will all converge together; this Holy Spirit convergence. And so, the drought comes in the summer of 1983. There was confusion about it for a few years because we were not careful with the details and the drought went from July 1st to October 11th. It went three months and eleven days. In that three month period; I will just call it a three month period. Bob's point wasn't exactly three months and one hour. It was a three month period. But a drought came and that drought was the worst drought over that three month period, August 1st to say October 1st plus eleven days. That three month period was the worst drought in recorded history of weather in Kansas City except for another year was one-

tenth of an inch of less rain in that three month period. Now, the reason for confusion is because in June there was an “x” amount of rain and people always put the June thing in there. But the three months was July 1st – October 1st. Bob didn’t say that. He just said a three month through out the summer. He didn’t give a beginning and an end. And so we find the dates by looking at it when it was over. It was a one-hundredth of an inch of rain less one time in recorded history of weather in that three month period in Kansas City. Now it wasn’t a drought like the Sahara Desert but it was drought relative to fifty years in Kansas City it was. And so that happened. So here we are going through July, we’re going through August and we gather on August 23rd. I said, **“Bob, is this the day?”** We are talking hot August 23rd. Not an ounce or a sign of rain. Not a sign! We are out there and we said the prayer meetings were horrible by now. The fast ended; May 27th, May 28th, June, July...ohhhhh bad. I get a tumor on my vocal cords that I have for three years. A serious tumor, I mean, not a little one. I went to two doctors and both of them have been in the practice for thirty years each. One of them said, **“If you don’t get this tumor taken off in a week, ten days max you will lose your vocals forever.”** I said I am getting a second opinion. I went to another doctor on the other end of town. He said, **“Am I your first opinion?”** I go, **“No.”** He looked in and said, **“Did the doctor give you one week or two weeks?”** I said, **“Well, exactly one or two.”** He said, **“He is a good doctor. You have one or two weeks. You are going to have permanent damage to your vocal cords. Worse than that, this is a growing tumor. It will obstruct your breathing. You can die from this. I am not playing a game. This is not a game!”** And I said, **“Huh.”** Boy, that’s an interesting answer for a twenty-one days and Gabriel and comets to end up in June with a tumor. And my future is so linked to my vocal cords. And I can not imagine what Bob Sorge goes through. I can’t fathom what he goes through. It’s been over ten years. And so some of you have been around and heard tapes (hoarse voice) and I did this thing on the microphone and couldn’t talk all week long. Very soon, I could only talk two or three periods. I went to the prayer meetings though and went (with a hoarse voice) say in Jesus name. The prayer meetings were down to seven or eight totally oppressed. I said, **“Lord, I am very, very confused right now.”** And Bob said, **“I told you, I told you on the day when the comet came; you didn’t believe yet. You thought.”** I said, **“How could I not believe! Gabriel! The comet!”** He said, **“You don’t understand. This is something far bigger than you understand. Far...far...bigger. This is a sovereign thing. This is going to be tested by God and the devil to the other most. This is a world wide prayer movement. This is going to touch the birthing of a national conversion for the nation of Israel with other prayer movements. This is something God is raising up pre-emptive before a world war. Do you think this is going to go untested by God or the devil?”** I am just looking at him. **“You still don’t understand what you are doing.”** He says, **“You are leading a little church and wanting it to grow with a little bit of evangelism. That’s good but that’s not what’s happening here.”** So I am all through the summer. The tumor lasts three years. The Lord... and I don’t recommend this... I truly do not recommend this. The Lord told me so clear not to go to the doctor. He told me Genesis 22. He goes you got a promise Isaac, it is your vocal cords and it’s a visitation of God. Without vocal cords your promises can’t work. I have understanding to some degree what Bob Sorge facing. And I said, **“Ohhh...Ohhh... this is a tough saying. If my wife, if Dianna agrees I don’t care who says.”** She said, **“I feel strong. No surgery.”** So I thought it would lift in a week, a month, two months, one year, two years, three years and then it lifted. It was healed in June 1986 and still even to this day I walk with a limp on that. If I get stretched out physically, just a little bit tired the first thing that hits me is always my vocal cords. Whenever something is happening that is the place of attack. It hits there

first before anything. So it's kind of like the limp I continually walk with; anything right or left BOOM it hits the vocal cords. I go, **"AHHH! Lord, you said you would strengthen me. How about my vocal cords?"** It was a sovereign Genesis 22 saying. Isaac's on the altar. I said, **"Lord, all this is for naught in my experience if I lose my voice."** And Bob said, **"You are right. It is for naught. But if the Lord is in this."** And so that is our victory story. Every story has a victory. So I am giving you feeling for June, July and August: Despair... Five in the prayer meeting... The crowds are gone... Tumor... Prayer meetings, five people, three people, nothing. We are plowing day after day. And so we gather August 23rd, it's a Tuesday night. We gather. It's at noon and it doesn't look good. It doesn't look good! Six o'clock at night meeting to celebrate it. We called the meeting and we are going to celebrate it because believed it because some many things. This will be the fourth sign in the natural in a row, I mean, in six months four times a vision then a sign. Again it has happened a couple more times in 84' and maybe once or twice since then and then that's been kind of it. Because it really was in that intensity area, I mean time frame. We gathered at six o'clock and at 7 o'clock a down pour came. In my frame of reference it just came out of nowhere. I mean, maybe, the clouds were brewing for an hour, I don't know but I was standing out there. It was a down pour. It might only have lasted for twenty, thirty, or forty minutes and at the end it was only a 3rd of an inch of rain but I am telling you it came down in seventeen minutes all 1/3rd of it. I really don't know that number. We were out there. It rained so hard because the meeting was at seven and people couldn't come and go. Everybody was in their cars. It was raining so hard they stayed in their cars for ten or fifteen minutes. And we were so excited. It's real! It's real! It's real! And so we gathered and we are happy and I am leading the meeting (with a hoarse voice) saying, **"It's real you guys and I am going to healed you wait and see."** I really did that. That's funny now. It is funny now but it was bizarre then. Okay, so then for the rest of the week the prayer meetings are full at night. I mean we break the ten every night. We are at fifteen. Record breaking crowds. Everybody is excited again. A couple of nights we hit twenty. But that is exciting. I mean there was feeling, you know, I think I let in a couple of singers in. We went for it. Bob Jones came and said, **"I told you August 23rd back on May 27th in front of all of you, five hundred of you. I told you there was no guess work. I am telling you the drought in the spirit in this nation, not just Kansas City, in America will break. There is a day and an hour and God will not be one minute late. Not one minute!"** And then it was two years later, remember, the World Series, he says the message is going to be, **"They counted Kansas City out."** They lost it and at the eleventh hour God's going break in. Suddenly, there is victory at the last second. And then again, the eleven. He told us that and then the next day it's eleven. It's the way the whole drama of that happened.

Okay, so, it is September... it is October... it is going okay. My voice is horrible as ever. It is November... we're still going every night, seven to ten. Praying for revival. Praying for the things that God said in May of 83'. Now it's November 83'. My ranks are really down. They are discouraged again. Bob calls me up on the phone on November 7th. I remember that so clearly. He says, **"Mike! It's has been awhile since the Lord spoken to me. It really has been. I don't know what has happened. Its kind like something is wrong. But I know its not. I know its not. He is establishing something. He told me He is going to visit you on November 15th."** It's November 7th. I go, **"Really!"** I mean, **"Really!"** He goes, **"Yes! I heard it direct from the Lord. But it is for sure. You are going to get a revelation DIRECT from the throne of God. DIRECT from the throne of God about the movement in Kansas City and its world wide**

dimensions.” I go, **“Direct? Do you mean as though either I am going up or someone is coming down. Direct??** He goes, **“Yes.”** I go, **“Bob, don’t play with me right now. I am really discouraged.”** And my voice is really bad. And everything is dying and I was so excited six months ago and I am really the edge. He says, **“I promise you. This is from God. November 15th, you will go up or somebody will come down.”** I said, **“I count on this?”** He goes, **“I will bet my entire ministry on it. There is no guess work. November 15th.”** Good! I am in! I love it! The revival is on! I was so excited! The feeling of it was exciting even if it didn’t happen. It was exciting for seven days thinking it might. But remember we had four signs in the created order, I mean in the natural realm is what I am trying to say. Four of them; the snow thing, the comet, you know the four. And so, here it is November 15th! I am so excited. I am there. We are having the seven to ten prayer meeting. Nothing is happening. It is ten o’clock at night and nothing is happening yet. The prayer meeting again, we’re record breaking. We have shattered the twenty mark that night because everybody has heard about that word and they all came from everywhere. I really mean that... I go to IHOP sometimes in the early morning they will be ten or twelve. Are you kidding me? For so many years we would have taken pictures and put this in the newsletter. Twelve humans there!! Are you kidding? We never had twelve unless there was a guest speaker or a rumor of a guest speaker coming in. Leonard Ravenhill came once and we had fifty, you know. And so, its ten o’clock and I go humph. Nothing’s happened. Well, you know, Bob has this thing about God being the eleventh hour so I am going to wait. It’s now, eleven and I am sitting in my office. Humph...if this doesn’t work my heart is going to be hurt because I am hurting anyway. Just picture the whole last six months and that summer and there is a few other things I don’t want to take time to put into but it was heavy. So, I am sitting there going through my mail. And eleven o’clock I got a little stack of mail and I am going to wait till twelve anyway then go home. I am giving up. I am definitely giving up just so you know. Bob missed it. I don’t know how he could be that bold and be this wrong about something that big. I mean, I was troubled by him. How could he do this? And I am looking through my mail and I get this little book called *“Placebo”*. Fifty pages. Howard Pitman. This lady writes a note somewhere out in the middle of Kansas. She goes, **“Dear Mike, The Holy Spirit told me to send this to you. It’s man who had a death experience.”** Eleven o’clock. I might as well read it. It’s fifty pages. So I read it. It says, **“My name is Howard Pitman. I was a police officer. On August 1979, I had a hemorrhage in my abdomen and I bleed to death and died.”** Sounds like Bob Jones. I said, **“That’s interesting!”** He goes, **“I was a Baptist pastor for thirty-five years. I did orphans, street preaching. I don’t believe in signs and wonders. I have been a conservative Baptist pastor on the weekends in little churches down in Louisiana and a police officer. And I have done them both for thirty, thirty-five years. Suddenly, there is a hemorrhage. I bleed to death. They rush me to the hospital. They lose me. My spirit leaves my body. I go to the presence of God and an angel. I am dead. It is over. I ask the Lord, ‘Can I have my life back?’** The angel or anybody will answer him. I see this and I see that. I stand before the very gates of the eternal city and I ask the Lord, **‘Can I have my life back?’** And the Lord still doesn’t answer me. I got to know him quite well. I asked the question over and over. I was gone for a long time. I was there for a long time. Not ten minutes. Somewhere for a day or two I assume. But you never know what a brain wave is and if your spirit is there how it works. I am standing there with the Lord and about of incredible things happen. And the Lord tells him. He announces over the wall of the city. I don’t see the Lord. I am outside of the walls and I hear the Lord’s voice, **‘Yes, I am sending you back.’** And I am giving an abbreviated, very abbreviated because it’s a very dynamic story. We had him in a number of times as a guest

speaker and I got to know him well and really interview him in depth. And he said this. I am reading this and this part I am reading and part where he fills in blanks in our friendship. But he told to all of us so it wasn't like a private. He told many of us these things. I interviewed him in front of everybody a half a dozen times. So the Lord says over the wall, **"I am going to give you your life back. You're going back. But I want you to tell them this. This is the Laodician hour and my son is returning within one generation."** Howard Pitman says, **"I am a fifty-five year old conservative Baptist pastor and I can't fathom what's happening to me."** He goes, **"Tell them! This is the Laodician hour and my son is coming back to this generation; with in a generation. Tell them! The devil is a personal devil not just an evil influence. Tell them! I am raising up a church across the earth that will do signs and wonders that will surpass even my servant, Elijah."** And Howard Pitman said, **"I could not help the thought process."** I said, **"Lord, signs and wonders passed away."** I didn't say it with my mouth I said it with my mind. And the Lord said, **"You are greatly mistaken. Tell them greater works than these they will do in my name and they will do miracles greater than Elijah."** This is August, now catch this! August 1979 the experience. He writes the book a few months after that. So he writes it in 1979 sometime, whenever. I am three, four years later, right? We're May 7th, 1983. Three years after him. He said, **"The Lord told me that he was going to send me back to encourage a little band of Gideons."** Our very first meeting something broke in and the Holy Spirit took over the service. December 5th, 1982 was our first meeting but this was at home and the Gideon thing came out. Everybody was weeping... I said it was one of the best meetings I have ever been in. In terms of the Spirit moving in this way and we thought every meeting would be that way. He says, **"Go tell I am sending you back to go strengthen a small group of Gideons."** Now listen to this, that's one. I am reading this. I am reading it. Some of it is word for word I mean very direct and some of it is the discussion. But I interviewed him. So Gideons, I am reading that. He says, **'Tell them that this band of Gideons; this significant date is May 7th, 1983.'** This is in '79'. He writes it in 1979. He writes in May 7th, 1983 is the big day. That's the day our solemn assembly is called and a sign of the heavens comes. Tell them, **'there will be a sign I will send across the heavens on that day.'** I am reading this and tell them...now here's the drought... **'Though there will be a delay I will surely keep every promise.'** When I read that... I will keep every promise tho there will be a delay... I looked up at the clock and it was five till twelve. And Bob told me. He goes, **"On November 15th"**, this is on November 7th. He goes, **"When you have this encounter from the throne of God you will know from now to the end,"** he told me this, I can't remember if I mentioned it but I said it on all the other tapes. He said, **"You will never doubt after November 15th ever again."** I said, **"Bob, how could this be?"** And that's why I was so upset at eleven. He said, **"You will never doubt after November 15th. The Lord told me directly; either the Lord or an angel somehow from heaven. I don't have any idea."** I called Bob Jones and I said, **"Bob, you are not going to believe it."** He said, **"I absolutely will believe it. The Lord told me directly. What happened?"** I told him the story. He says, **"Mike, be assured this. Tho the drought is here, tho the delay will come, tho God has appointed a sovereign day like he did August 23rd. He proved to you he will break the drought in this nation and he will keep His Word to this little group of Gideons who on May 7th, with a sign of the heavens have gathered before me."**

Let's just stand before the Lord for a minute and I am going to end with this.