

## ENCOUNTERING GOD SERIES CD #6

Tonight is our sixth session telling the prophetic history. We are in a twelve night period where we are looking an hour every night and I am going to begin with Isaiah chapter 30. Session five last night and session six tonight go together. I am really finishing the story that I started last night. It's really the nature of our mission and the nature of our mandate in preaching. It is two evenings and it's going to be hard to get this all in tonight so I am going to have to leave out details because I really want to get it in these two sessions. I just have so many more things to cover in the remaining six sessions so I am going to skip some of the details but it's the nature of our message and our mandate. It's related to the preaching and the singing and how it relates to intercession, anointed intercession and conviction of sin and the magnitude of the harvest, ect. Now, in Isaiah chapter 30, a verse that I just grew up on in the Lord in terms of intercession, the Lord called me to intercession in a very, very definitive clear way in 1979 and gave me Isaiah 62 and Luke 18. I have shared that over and over. Those are my two life long passages of intercession but if I had to pick a third one I would pick Isaiah 30. I preached on Isaiah 30 verse 18 and on so many times in the early days; 79', 80', 81', 82', 83'. I want to reference it because one of the promises of this passage that I remembered I was so gripped by all those early years and now I looked back and one of the promises of this passage is really what's happening in these days. Verse 18 and I won't really develop it but it's really the call of prayer. Verse 18 - ***Therefore, the Lord will wait.*** The New American Standard what I learned this on years ago. ***The Lord longs to be gracious. He's longing to give grace to people.*** Verse 19 in the middle - ***He will be gracious. When He hears to the sound of you cry. When He hears it He will answer.*** That is the two points I used to make that God longs. He desires to give grace to the planet. He longs to. It says here in New King James He waits but I like the New American Standard. He is longing but verse 19 in the middle, He is waiting until he hears the sound of the cry of the Houses of Prayer in the earth. When He hears the sound of the cry then He will do it. There is so many dynamic things I am going to skip it. I am just going to get to one promise. I remembered in those days I used to preach this and I didn't have much understanding and now it's twenty years plus later and it is so much of it is coming to pass. It says this, verse 21 - ***Your ears shall hear a word behind you saying this is the way and walk in it.*** When you turn to the right or left or when you look to the right or the left and here's what that verse means and that's what the story I am going to tell you tonight which is really the prophetic testimonies that I have been giving you the five nights before tonight. Here we are walking down a path. Before we've even inquired the word comes behind us in time. It comes before us. This is what I am going to have you do and then the next couple steps in the journey we stumble into it. What God has promised is to link this prophetic unction. It's like a pre-emptive strike of the grace of God because so many of the stories I am going to tell you. Before we thought of ideas God spoke them and then we said myself and those that were around said, ***"That's a great idea!"*** It's exactly opposite of what I was used to. Normally, we would get an idea and storm the gates of heaven and just wear our selves out pounding on the door. ***"Will you! Will you!"*** Sometimes the Lord in grace would say, ***"Yah, I will open it"*** and other times he said, ***"No"*** but it was a very different dynamic when I began to touch the prophetic anointing. When I came to the city the word was behind me before I had the idea it was spoken audibly and series of circumstances fell into line. Just today as I was meditating on this; this verse kept coming back to me over and over. The way the Lord makes the Word fill your being, it's not like He said it but I knew it was Him who was leading it saying, ***"Have I not been faithful to you? You preached this for these***

**many years and look, look at your story!”** Because I spend every day in the mornings in this twelve day period reviewing what I have said. I have four feet, literally I have stacked it up, four feet of manuscripts, data, and documentation of all the things that have happened. As I have been going and I haven’t even gotten through half of it and I am looking at it and going Lord, you did! You’re doing! You did! You’re doing! You did what you said! The word came from behind us and said this is the way. And beloved, this is a promise that we have seen for twenty years not certainly on every need we have had but this is something I am expecting the Lord to multiply times ten in the days ahead all over the body of Christ. This idea is that He speaks and it’s a pre-emptive strike in the grace of God and He does it in context of verse 18 and 19 to the people who are saying “Yes” to the grace of fasting and prayer.

Okay... last night I joined together two verses because I want to give a quick review. I want to tie it into tonight. I started with John 16 verse 8 where Jesus promised Holy Spirit conviction. I used the example of David Brainerd, Charles Finny, John Wesley, Jonathan Edwards, George Whitfield and some of the fathers of days of old and how the power of God broke in and how it is going to break in. My point was I wanted to see a whole army of young people. More than young people but an army of young people all over the earth to get a vision for apostolic preaching that has power in it. That cuts like a sword through the most resistant rebellious heart because we have seen so little of it in this last generation that we don’t have a vision for it. But the fathers for the days of old, some of them operated in this and it is stunning and I want to see you get a vision for this so that you will never let go of. It is not enough to get a vision for this Holy Spirit supernatural preaching. There is another Holy Spirit power. Roman 8:26 which I commented on last night. Where the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness, in our human weakness he helps us in prayer supernaturally by releasing groanings to deep for words. Holy Spirit power and prayer. Holy Spirit power in preaching. This is what we are going for. We are positioning ourselves before the grace of God with fasting, prayer, with 100% obedience, a big “Yes” in our spirit and we are waiting. We are persevering in the grace of fasting and prayer and a “Yes” in our spirit. We want anointed prayer and anointed preaching. We are not going to let go of the horns of the altar until we get both of these because the anointed groans, the anointed intercession is as much a gift of God as that which flows out of it; the anointed preaching and I gave some stories about that last night. Basically I gave two testimonies highlighting this reality. I gave the Easter 1983, when the bottom line word was one thousand times this power, one thousand times greater. The power is going to be released upon this youth movement that is going to rise up. It was a half hour story so obviously I can’t go into again. Then the second prophetic testimony I gave last night was the Lord said audibly that Noel was coming and Noel came. He stood before that Valley of Flowers in Colorado Springs which I think is real significant. I believe that’s really one of the hot spots that God has chosen for prayer and birthing the message of prayer to the nations of the earth. He was there and he looked out at the valley in the natural and you know the story. He met Bob Jones five years later. I think I said, yeah he did it in 1979 and he met Bob Jones in 1984 and I told the story. The moment Bob Jones met him he said, **“You were one that God set in the valley.”** The point of that as I mentioned last night is that is the number of souls. We are talking about a mountain valley of miles and miles. He said, **“That’s the number. That’s the magnitude of souls that you are going to be involved in touching through intercession.”** That’s what the Lord told Noel in Colorado Springs and five years later that’s what the Lord spoke to Bob Jones the moment he met Noel. And it was such a holy occasion. Noel is not a man that has open visions but he has one or two in his years. I mean,

literally, very small number but they are very precious and they are very dear to him. He had one open vision in the early days. In 1984, he saw like an open vision right before him. He said the Lord told him this, **“The days are coming in the city where there will be seven thousand converts a week coming as the fruit of night and day prayer. Seven thousand converts will come in week after week after week after week after week and there will seem to be no end to it. They will come from the city. They will come from the nation. There will be a release of the fountain of grace and they will come and multitudes will be getting saved on a weekly basis for some times for a bigger harvest than that in a course of a week.”** I know that this thing is going to happen in other cities in the earth but the Lord tied it to Him related to the night and day prayer that is going to forth in this city. And that is something I have lived with that reality all of my days.

Now, we are going to some new testimony now. It's the same idea. I want to underscore the connection of Holy Spirit power in prayer to the magnitude and the power of evangelism and the numbers that are going to be saved. I had three experiences with the Lord that the Lord used Bob Jones in. It's just amazing how the Lord used him so much in those early days in my life helping. Again, some of you are thinking it's about me. No, it's not! It's about the movement. It's not about me. It there was not a movement that God was wanting to form in those early days around Joel 2 and Daniel 9; if there was not a movement there would not have been the prophetic activity. So don't go out of here thinking I want to start a ministry and I want to get some, all that stuff that is happening. I think the Lord will do that to some of you but the answer might be I am setting this thing in motion and I don't need to set it in motion eight times. I've set it in motion and it's a world wide movement. I know there will be many movements in the earth and they will all have their prophetic histories and their beginnings and their initiatives. But if God has put you a part of this probably you're not going to have the same magnitude of words for the movement because the movement has been going for some twenty, twenty-five years in the heart of God as He has been speaking it. So these are the forming ideas of it. There not happening anymore at this kind of level. They are happening for different subjects but not in the formative ways. These are words that formed our DNA. They formed our genetics. So don't feel bad if you are not seeing those happening because I think the Lord is saying I have put the DNA in very sovereignly. It is sovereignly set in.

So, here it is; three experiences and July 1998. It was a Saturday night and typically I was at the Saturday night prayer meeting because we had the prayer meetings every night. But this one time for a particular reason I down in the inner city witnessing. I am by myself. It was just a real clear. The only time I ever did it to be honest. It's not like I... I wish I did it more but I just didn't. Okay, one time. So I am down there. Bob Jones is meeting with about a hundred young adults in a bible study. They meet every Saturday night. He was the guest speaker and he comes and goes, **“Well, tonight is going to be a big night tonight! Where ever He is at!”** Nobody knew where I was. I had a divine appointment with somebody down there and got to lead someone to the Lord. It was just a wonderful experience. He (Bob Jones) said, **“Here is what's going to happen to Mike. An angel is going to visit him tonight.”** Now Bob is saying this about eight o'clock. And I am down there and it happens about two-thirty in the morning. But he says, **“He is going to receive a visitation from an angel tonight and God's going to give him a promise about souls. And God's going to give him this promise about the end time harvest from the book of John. I just thought you guys would want to know. He doesn't even know yet. I just**

**thought you'd want to know."** Of course they are really going for it and having a great time. So I don't hear anything, you know. I get back home about midnight and I am just feeling all great because this guy got touched and it was just a divine set up. I missed the Saturday night prayer meeting and I don't care because I am going to do the will of God. So here I am at home and it's midnight so I go to bed. Okay, then at two-thirty in the morning. Two-thirty in the morning I am SUDDENLY awakened, suddenly! Now, I don't want to give a lot of time on this. I think I will spend more time on one of the other sessions because I have about four stories like this, prophetic stories. When the Lord suddenly awakens you and the spirit of God is resting on you; you ought to ask the question. Is there an angel involved? I am not saying it is every time but the four or five times I have experienced that it was undoubtedly there is an angel involved. I am not saying it has to be that way every time but I am talking about dead sleep. It is where you are instantly wide awake and instantly under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. I mean within a second and a half I am talking. I mean, normally my style; wake up, three cups of coffee and even that can't get me anointed. You know, it takes me awhile. Put on my music and that didn't work. So here it is two-thirty in the morning and I am in bed and I am suddenly awakened. I mean this was startling. So I went and sitting in the living room and it takes about five seconds to get to the living room. I am on the couch sitting there with the presence of God clearly resting on me and I have no idea what's going to happen next. I begin without a moment's notice, without a thought of anything I begin to sob and travail in prayer for the harvest of Kansas City. I am in one of these things, I told you the other day, I have told you about every time it's ever happened to me nearly and I am in full scale Holy Spirit travail at the thirty second mark from a dead sleep. Now I don't know what's going! I am gripped and this goes on and on. I mean maybe an hour, I don't mean for five hours. I had that thing with Bob Jones at Easter and I am a little gun shy. I don't know if I am being set up or what? And I am travailling for the harvest and the Holy Spirit speaks to me. He says, **"I am going to release the anointing of prayer."** He did it sovereignly. I mean I was in my sleep. We could use that figurally speaking. Many of us found our way to this place basically spiritually asleep. Yes, there had to be something going on first to get here but we are all distracted by this, that, and the other. If the truth be known we kind of landed here. Kind of going how did I get here? I said yes, but I don't even know what I did here! If the truth be known that's probably the majority of you. Here is what the Lord says. He goes, **"I am going to supernaturally anoint you in prayer and I am going to keep my promise to release the harvest to you. I am going to keep my promise to release it."** Now the promise, remember is the thousand fold from the Easter 83'. The promise was Noel, and the millions, I guess, of lilies in that field. I guess millions. That was a promise that seven thousand a week and I am aware of this and the Lord speaks to me the verse of John 6:44. I didn't have Song of Solomon operating in me so the Lord used language I knew. I will draw them. It's really Song of Solomon 1:4. I will draw you after me and they will run. I didn't have that language yet, so He used the language I did know. John 6:44 and I opened it up and the Lord says, **"I will draw them. I will draw the intercessors into the anointing and I am going to draw the harvest in numbers you can't imagine."** I can't even imagine what's happening because this is so clear and so powerful. So the next morning I get up because it's a Saturday night – Sunday morning. I say, **"John chapter 6"**. And of course Bob Jones said, **"Tomorrow"**, on Saturday night, **"Tomorrow morning, Mike is going to preach on the gospel of John somewhere about intercession and the harvest because he is going to get an angel visitation but he will not even know it's an angel. He is just going to know he was stirred up suddenly and in the power of God."** I got up there and said, **"You know, I don't really know what happened last night but I was sound asleep and**

**the Lord promised me he would give an anointing as effortless to this pray ministry that's going to happen as he did to me. I was in my sleep. I mean, I wasn't like straining and groaning to get an anointed. I was asleep and suddenly I in it and that's the kind of free gift that's going to fall on the church of Jesus in this city that's saying "yes" to the spirit of grace and supplication.**" It's going to be effortless when it comes. Let's just keep ourselves in the way of it. And then the harvest, I promise you He's going to release the harvest. Of course, scores of these young adults came up. We knew, we know what you don't know! One after another! Okay, what is going on here? Of course, Bob then came and they all gathered around and he said, **"I told them last night that an angel would visit you. He would give you a promise about the harvest but the promise wasn't just the magnitude of it. The promise was the free gift of the anointing of groaning travail that is necessary to release it. The gift of travail would come as well."** The Lord is the lights and parables. You know the Lord is a poet. I said to Bob, **"Was it a dream?"** He goes, **"No, it wasn't a dream."** He used to say this all the time and those of you that know him could picture it. I said, **"Well, what was it? Was it a vision?"** He goes, **"No!"** I said, **"What was it then?"** He said, **"I was there!"** I said, **"You were where?"** He goes, **"When you go there you will know where it's at."** He used to always say when you are there, you'll know. He goes, **"I don't know, but it's no dream. I was there."** Terry you know a little about that eh? And so, he used to always say that. So he was there on this one. Because I said, **"Was this one a dream?"** He goes, **"No, I was there. I tell you I was there."** What happened? This underscores the magnitude of the harvest and it's linked not to intercessory prayer but to intercessory giving in the spirit of generosity on giving. This is quite stunning. Bob is in this bus and the bus is this movement that he always talked about this movement that was going to come. And Jesus is driving the bus and Jesus is going real fast down hill and He was going on curves. Everybody on the bus said we are going off the cliff but Jesus is driving the bus. And Bob said, **"You are not going off the cliff."** And then He would go real slow up hill and all the people would say, all the people on the bus. The people on the outside were criticizing it was too reckless going down and the people on the inside were complaining it was too slow going up and he said, **"The accusers will have plenty of accusations and the participants will have plenty of tried patience when it's all said and done. But Jesus was driving the bus and it's not going off the cliff if He's leading it."** This was such an interesting thing that Bob said. He said, **"Let me tell you something, Mike, about the way the Lord drives the bus; the way He leads His people. That young man..."** He called him that because he saw him as a young man. You know, thirty years old, like thirty year oldish. And he said, **"That young man has the strangest ideas and the strangest leadership that you could imagine. There is hardly anybody that would agree with him if they really knew what he was doing. If they really knew what he was doing! Almost any leadership group would vote it out if they knew all the information on the front end. They wouldn't go down that bus ride and they wouldn't go real slow up the hill either. They would go slow down the hill and fast up the hill. They would do it exactly opposite. For instance you, all of you guys, you always plan to go slow down the hill and fast up the hill. He does it exactly the opposite."** And he went on and on. So, now, so the Lord parks and looks behind and says, **"I am steering the bus and you are not going over the cliff no matter what your accusers say."** And then the Lord turns around and gives a thousand dollars to Noel Alexander sitting in the front seat, I mean, right there behind Him in the first passenger seat. Gives him a thousand dollars and the Lord tells him this, **"Sow that. Sow this money into the harvest and I am going to multiply it. I will multiply it at a thousand fold. I will give you a thousand if you will sow it the harvest."**

**I will multiply it thousand.**” And so Noel in the dream, in the whatever, or somebody, Bob or Noel or somebody said that’s a million dollars and the Lord said, **“This is a token of the future prosperity I am going to release in the days to come if you will continue to trust me. This is only a token of what I will release.”** Then the Lord spoke and said, **“Now, take the million and sow the million back into the harvest. Sow the million back into the harvest and I will release a million souls as you sow this. And those million souls is only a token of a thousand fold more; the billion I am going to release.”** So it’s got all this interesting language and numbers to it. So there is a thousand dollars handed to Noel and the Lord says, **“If you will sow it in the harvest I will multiply it and give you a million to sow. If you will sow the million dollars I will release a million souls. That will be a down payment of a million times a thousand billion souls coming forth. And I am going to release it through night and day prayer.”** So then, the Lord looks at Bob right in the face and says I am going to confirm it today. A millionaire will call you. So Bob comes out of this spiritual experience and he’s just bewildered. He’s thinking a million, a thousand, or what? He says, **“Wow!”** And so he’s out in the morning and he is digging in his garden. Bob has lived in his house I am guessing ten or twenty years I don’t really know but some many years. He has this little garden about 10 X 10 you know and I said, **“Bob, that’s not really a garden.”** But anyway it was his garden. And he was digging in it and he dug a little deeper than normal and he hit a piece of metal about two or three feet down. He said for some reason he was going deeper than he normally does. He thinks it is a rock and he digs around it. He pulls up... it’s a bus! It’s a cast iron bus. And there were seven windows in this bus in his dream and he saw seven of our leaders. And there were seven windows in this cast iron bus. He goes, **“This is unbelievable! This is unbelievable!** He has a cast iron bus totally filled with rust about foot long maybe four, five inches wide. I mean a big, old, heavy cast iron bus. From way back when, who knows? Bob is excited! Now this is odd to me. I have never had a dream about a bus and dug up a bus. So, Bob goes in and he gets the phone call of a life time. I mean, not the most important one but the strangest one. He is sitting in his home and this is verified. This is a prophet from the hills of Arkansas that didn’t really get much past high school if then and he is at home. The famous car manufacturer, what ever he is (all the fancy cars when back then; the older ones would know) calls Bob on the phone from New York. **“Hello, is this Bob Jones?”** Bob says, **“Yes.”** (Phone caller says,) **“This is John Delorean from New York. Are you the man who spoke this word on a tape?”** Bob said, **“John Delorean! Well, you are the millionaire!”** He goes, **“Well... well yeah. I mean, could I meet you? I have some things.”** And he had a dinner with him and met him. So the millionaire calls him. We have a staff meeting that day. Bob is so blown away by this. He comes walking in with this big, old, ugly ten inch, twelve inch by four. Five or ten pound whatever it is piece of dirt, rust bus. It’s all dirty. Now he has fixed it up real fancy. He sent it in to some shop and they did something real nice to it. He brings it in and we are at the staff meeting, okay? There are many fifty of us there. I said, **“Bob, What are you doing? Is this like show and tell today? What are you doing?”** He says, **“I will tell you when I am good and ready. I will tell you when I am good and ready!”** I go, **“What on earth? So we get it going and everybody is looking at that. He is sitting on the front row shaking his head. I said, “Okay, let’s just get the drama over. What is going on?” So he gets up and goes, “This bus. God visited me. And we are not going off the cliff. I don’t care what anyone says. And don’t bail because it goes up the hill slow either. Have perseverance!” So we all are going, “Okay... Okay.” And he said, “The Lord turned around and gave Noel a thousand dollars. Noel! You are supposed to sow it in the harvest. Just be ready for it.” Noel says, “You are not going to believe this! At two**

o'clock this afternoon I went and opened the mail. I had a thousand dollar check from the U.S. government." Now he is South African. He goes, "I have no comprehension why I have a thousand dollar check from the U.S. government. Exactly one thousand zero zero. Not nine hundred ninety nine. I have no idea what this is about. Me and my wife are mystified." Bob says, "I think it is really clear what you are to do with this." And so Noel gave it away to the harvest. Okay now, four things or five things whatever were spoken. The bus; he finds it. The millionaire; he calls him and I verify it later. He has dinner with the guy. Although I believe Bob I just went ahead and found out, you know, let everything be confirmed by two witnesses. He really called him. This is incredible! Noel said he got the thousand dollars at two o'clock today and I have no idea where. So now a year goes by, no two years. July 88' and now it is July 90'; two years. Now, the Soviet Union has let its walls go down, right, in November 89'. And so Bob comes to me in our staff meeting, "Noel, Did you give that thousand dollars away?" He says, "Yeah." Bob says, "Did you give it to the harvest?" Noel says, "Yeah." Bob says, "Do you know what the Lord is going to do? That was a token of the prosperity that is going to hit this movement. God is going to give you the power at this conference to give a million dollars. Noel gave a thousand. God is going to multiply it times a thousand. You are going to take a million dollar offering. Noel, you gave it to the harvest. We are going to give this million to the harvest and it's going to be a down payment of a billion because God's going to multiply that times a thousand to the number of getting saved." Now, the bus, John Delorean, Noel and the thousand that was pretty unusual. But at the staff meeting everybody was in a great mood. Yeah, all the million dollars! Now the conference comes. Bob says, "Get up and take the million. You can't be in unbelief. We found the bus. That was a token of the Lord." I go, "Well... that was a bus in your garden." And Bob goes, "John Delorean, the millionaire called me." I said, "Yeah, but he heard a tape." He said, "Noel got the thousand dollars." I go, "The U.S. government is confused. I can think of a lot reasons why." Because everybody on the staff a month or eight weeks later was all excited now the conference was there and they are saying tell them they are going to give a million dollars. Proclaim it! Prophecy it! And I said, "Well, that's kind of a big offering, Bob." He (Bob) said, "You do it!" I said, "Can't I inch my little self towards it and say 'Hey, why don't we really give extravagantly?'" Well anyway, I did what I did. I didn't quite say it. I just couldn't quite say it will come. And they took the offering at that conference. Our summer conference we got 1.1 million dollars in the offering. It was shocking! It was SHOCKING! They had five, six, seven, eight tables across the whole the whole front. They had pictures where it was stacked up maybe a foot or two. It was a morning offering. It was a Thursday morning offering. It was just the normal offering. I said, "Let's do it." And Bob said, "We are in a wind of the Holy Spirit. This is not about you. This is about supernatural prosperity. This isn't even about your faith. This is about if you will do what God says. The reason he had Noel there because this harvest is going to be released economically. Through economics, intercession and economics and intercession through prayer and Noel was such a picture of an intercessor. It's going to be a movement loosening the harvest through night and day prayer and it's going have extravagant giving to the poor at the very center of it." And Beloved, I took that little offering. I inched my way forward. I didn't make any big faith statements and the Lord said I am bigger than you because you are just a little guy. You don't quite understand what is going on and we received 1.1 million dollars. It was staggering to me that this took place. Of course, what did we do? We gave one hundred percent of it to the harvest in Russia. One hundred percent of it! But the Lord told everything else was true. The Lord said... told Bob Jones I mean

two years earlier he goes, **“When you sow that million I will give you the million as a token as supernatural prosperity for the harvest. You sow it there will be a million souls come out of it in Russia.”** Of course, there is no way we can tell. We gave the million. We bought Bibles because they had been in prison and they had very few Bibles in the land. We bought a million dollars worth of Bibles. We ended up getting at the end of the day I think we got them for sixty cents a piece from China. They were going to be ninety cents. The difference between ninety and sixty is big when you are getting a million and we ended up sixty shipped. Sixty-two cents some incredible number and we gave them to the apostolic leaders from end to the other and they sowed Bibles through out the Soviet Union to all these guys that have been in prison for the gospel. I can only say that the word that a million dollars will result in a million souls but the other word is and the Lord says, “I will give a hundred, a thousand fold to that as well. You will be involved in a move of God versus the earth working together; the international family of affection. A billion souls are going to come forth in the last days.

So, that is a little bit of the magnitude of that. Okay, next one about preaching - moving to the next testimony. It's John 6; the groaning intercession. July 88'; it's the million souls, million dollars, billion souls. July 88'; it's the Song of Solomon 8:6. God is shining on the reality of evangelism, prayer, and how it works together and the mandate of this movement. Bob always called it a movement and when we joined the Vineyard I said, **“Bob, could you tone down the movement language because that sounds like anarchy because we are in a movement?”** And he said, **“I don't know all about that. I just know the movement is still going. You can do what you do but I am calling it a movement because God does.”** I said, **“Just don't call it a movement around me because it sounds like a slap because we just joined a family.”** And he says, **“I just don't understand all that. I am just going to say what God says.”** And there you have it. So we had little talks about that for a little while. He always called it a “movement”. So there you have it. So July 1988, I am there in the office. I will give the short version because I have given it so many times. There I am and I got wedding card. On the wedding card it says Song of Solomon 8:6. I thought that's great, you know? The seal on the heart... I go, **“Wow! That's a cool verse.”** So I opened it up to Song of Solomon 8:6, of course, there is not a mark in my bible on Song of Solomon. And I said, **“That is a great verse.”** I began to pray it in an accurate way, accidentally accurate. I began to pray it as Jesus putting a seal upon my heart because in the wedding card it was about the husband and wife and I just said, **“Lord Jesus.”** I went into this prayer and the Spirit of God began to move on me. I began to weep. I just began to weep and I picked up the phone and I tell the receptionist, **“Man, the Lord is...”** This is the only time I have ever done that in twenty-five years plus of ministry. I picked the phone up and said, **“Something is happening! Something is happening!”** It's not like a regular practice that every time I feel something I pick the phone up and say something is going on here. I put the phone down. Ten minutes later the phone rings. I say, **“Hello.”** You know, I was getting ready to say I thought that I asked you and the receptionist says, **“Hello Mike. I am sorry, but Bob Jones has heard the audible voice of God for you and I thought you'd want God to get in?”** He goes, **“I just made a last minute call and I figured you'd want it.”** I go, “Yeah, yeah, of course, always let God in.” I don't mean Bob Jones but I mean the Word of the Lord in this way. I only had literally ninety seconds because he was on his way to the airport. Again I the story in longer, about a thirty minute story in other settings but Bob says, **“Mike!”** Here I am on my knees, Song of Solomon, weeping, phone in my hand and he says, **“The Lord is about to give you your mandate in a very serious way for the rest of your life. You may not understand**



it. It is found in Song of Solomon chapter 8:6.” I said, “**This is amazing!**” He said, “**This is your mandate all the days of your life. I don’t much understand it. I know you will in time.**” Bob said, “**I don’t really understand it. God says this is what you are going to do all the days of your life. Whatever that verse is about. And God is going to call people to it. And He is going to do this in the body of Christ world wide. I don’t fully understand it but that’s what He going to do. I heard it audible from the Lord. He told me to call you right now! Right now! I am literally catching a ride. They are in the front of my house in the driveway and I am late! I got to go!**” And he hangs up. And I am looking at Song of Solomon 8:6. I am absolutely shocked this has happened! I am so excited. I remember I called Diane and said, “**Diane, You are not going to believe this! It happened again. Bob Jones heard the audible voice of the Lord and I was reading a verse Song of Solomon 8:6.**” She goes, “**What’s that?**” I go, “**Just give me a minute here. A spirit came on me and I was just weeping over it and I had some wedding card. He called me up and said that’s my life mandate.**” She said, “**Man that is so exciting!**” So then it’s about nine o’clock in the morning and so I hang up and then I decide to read it for the first time. I have never read Song of Solomon. I read it. I read all eight chapters first time. I was utterly depressed. I said this is not going to work. This is not possible. And most of you know my father was world champion boxer. He was literally world champion. I grew up in a gym. I grew up in the boxing gym with his boxing champion friends, mafia friends. So I am telling the Lord. So Lord, “**You know I will do the life of David. I will do the book of Revelation. I will do the book of Romans. I can’t do this tho. I am not built for this. Let’s give this to the Ladies Ministries. They will love it!**” But the Lord is setting... I now understand. Bob says, “**God is going to surprise you. This movement, this is the centerpiece of this movement.**” I go, “**NO WAY! There is no way this is going to be true.**” He goes, “**No, he told me this is what He has called you to the rest of your life and this is what he is going to do in the world. Whatever this truth means because it’s not just the verse; it’s the truth of intimacy with God at the centerpiece of the prayer movement, the great commission of everything we are doing.**” Song of Solomon 8:6. That’s such a critical part. I hate just running by that story so fast. Okay, that would in 1988 and then a few years go by. The Lord begins to really awaken my heart to it in a real special way. Then November 1995, so what is that, seven years later. Seven years later on November 95’ I have a prophetic dream. In this dream it’s on a Sunday morning. In this dream the Lord speaks to me. I am on a large platform and this voice comes which is the voice of the Holy Spirit undoubtedly. This resounding voice like thunder and the voice says, “**Name them Hephzibah! Name them Hephzibah!**” Its right from Isaiah 62:4-5 and I love to say this. Even in my dream I was going Hephzibah? I know where that verse is. Even in my dream I was trying to figure out because I couldn’t think where it was. I didn’t know what it meant. I wake up from the dream and instantly the Spirit of the Lord is resting on me. Instantly is a Holy Spirit swirl. Sunday morning I preached on it that Sunday morning. I am thinking where is this verse? I go all through Isaiah and I can’t find it. I go through Jeremiah. I think I know it’s not Psalms. I go through Jeremiah, Daniel because I know Isaiah 62 so well because my favorite verse is Isaiah 62:6. God will put watchmen on the walls. That’s the verse. That’s what He called me to intercession with in 79’. Preached on it a thousand times but I always start night and day prayer Isaiah 62:6. Always start in verse six. I never read verse one through five. I always, I mean, I preached on this so many times. The sermon I ever gave at MCF, December 5<sup>th</sup> 1982, Isaiah 62:6, I mean like clockwork. So what I am looking for and I skip Isaiah 62 every time. I know Isaiah 62. I am getting desperate because I am alive with this. I want to preach it that Sunday morning. God said call

them Hephzibah which means and it says it right there in the passage because the Lord delights in you. Tell the nations; tell the people I delight in my people. Tell them this! It's the same message as Song of Solomon 8:6. I can't find it anywhere! And then I am just in despair. I get a concordance and finally ... a concordance, okay. Isaiah 62? That's not possible! I know Isaiah 62 like I know the names of my children. I know Isaiah 62. I open it up! There it is. Verse four and five and the Lord speaks to me so clear he goes, **"The bridal paradigm of Isaiah 62 verse one to five."** It's actually verse one to five the whole way. This is critical to the night and day prayer verse six and seven which is critical to the forerunner ministry of verse ten to twelve. You will never get them into the forerunner ministry in verse ten to twelve without the prayer night and day of verse six and seven and you will never, ever do this without verses one to five. I said, **"Oh my goodness! This is the Song of Solomon."** I don't connect that moment with it but later I do. So the Lord says... speaks to me audibly in this dream. Again, the Lord is behind me speaking. He is saying, **"I don't know Hephzibah. I don't even think to tell people this. I just think to tell them to do night and day prayer and get with it."** He says, **"Tell them I delight in them and then they will be able to sustain it."** Then they will be able to sustain it. It was like... I said, **"Lord, this is... you are a brilliant teacher, Jesus. You are a good leader. This is good."** Years later, I said, **"Lord, this is such a good way to lead a prayer movement. Who thought of these ideas? These are great ideas! Get them into intimacy and then get them into night and day prayer and then they are going to be ready to be forerunners. This is brilliant!"** And then very significantly, Isaiah 63 is right after that which is the message of Jesus the judge. And that's something I am going to get to in just a minute. So, that is November 96'. Then a year later I am all excited a year later. That was November 95' I mean now it is November 96'. November 96'. We have this all night prayer meeting and I go there about ten. It's about midnight now and I am going till five in the morning and I get caught up in this river of the Lord's presence. I say this one statement, I am just making this up, ten thousand times. I said it all night long; all night long from midnight till five am. I walk back and forth at the MCF auditorium. I could picture it right there in front. I didn't say anybody could hear me. I was prophesying. I just prophesied it to the North and South for five hours because every time I said it I had a surge of His presence. I go this feels so good I am going to do it one more time and I did it and it went on and on and on for five hours. It was this statement. You are so beautiful. I was saying it to God. You are so beautiful. You are the beautiful God. I prophesy church. The beautiful God! Open up your gates. But I was saying it quiet. And it was swoosh of the spirit. Swoosh of the spirit. I was expecting to go three or four minutes. One hour... if it isn't broke; don't fix it you know? Two hours...three hours... I go I love this! I could do this for a life time if this is what walking with God is about this is cool. Four a.m. ... every time I go you are beautiful. Church of Jesus I prophesy. Open your gates to the beautiful God! Swoosh...I would go whoa. Five a.m. ... the prayer meeting is over. I go home. I go to bed. I just wake up early. I wake up about eight. I am excited. I want to go back to the church. It's all empty now. No one is there. I am going to go to the same spot. You never know who was standing there in the invisible, you know? I went to the same spot. Right up there, I can tell you right where it is at. Anyway, by the overhead projector and I went and started walking and said I am going to try it again. Maybe, you know, there is an angel, maybe the Lord, I don't know! And it went on for two hours again. I walked back and forth and I said, **"Beautiful God. Beautiful God!"** That was not language I was using yet. I go, **"This is amazing!"** I go this feels good. It sounds good. I don't know what else to say just beautiful God. I don't even know how to describe this beauty. Just you're beautiful. That's a good beginning point. A dear lady friend from the north part end

of the city named Cindy Belky a couple of days later, about a week or so later, or whatever, this was the last of November, I opened the mail and it says, **“Dear Mike, this is Cindy. I had a dream about you on November 30<sup>th</sup>.”** The same night. She says in this dream the Lord said He was going to open up to you the revelation of His beauty and He wants you to call the church into His beauty. She goes I know it’s a little strange of a dream. I got a hold of her a couple of weeks later and said, “Cindy, You have no idea what that dream means to me!” And that November 96’ - Beauty of God, November 95’ - Call them Hephzibah, July 88’ – Song of Solomon is the centerpiece of this movement is this idea of the bridal paradigm. It’s just a massive thing.

Okay, I got a couple more minutes and I got two more stories. These are very, very important ones. Okay, we are still talking about the preaching mandate; the preaching mandate of this movement. Here it is. I am just going to tell you this because we are all into this thing together and so it’s not a real big thing because it’s going to so everywhere in the church of Jesus world wide. It may seem a little startling on the front end but ten years from now, what I am going to tell you now is going to be boring. For several years, for about two years, I fasted every day. I mean every week for three days a week on water. I always went from Sunday afternoon to Wednesday afternoon for several years in a row. So the reason I am telling you that is because I began to understand this. I did that for a couple of years and the Lord changed it to something a little different, then something a little different and whatever. So the reason I am saying that to you is because there is a connection to fasting and prayer to these kinds of realities. I don’t mean you earn them but you put yourself into a position. So I have been doing this now for a little while and here’s what I came to know. It wasn’t every week. But Wednesday was a kiss of God day and it happened so many times on Wednesday. Not every Wednesday. You know out of two years plus. So that’s fifty Wednesdays times two years, maybe one hundred twenty five Wednesdays. Wednesdays were good! Number one I ate on Wednesdays and it was fun. I was happy. But I was buzzy in the good way. The Holy Spirit... I loved it! I was weak and it was a great day of romance Wednesday was. And I always went to the six o’clock prayer meeting and then we had a ten o’clock one because I went from six to noon. I just stayed in the same chair the whole time. The whole six hours and I just always read for a couple of years just the book of Isaiah. I just read Isaiah. Just 40 to 66. I just read it all the time. I loved it. I would read it and cry and write. Oh, I loved it. I was going to eat in a few minutes, you know, I mean at noon. My fingers were buzzy because of the fasting and after a year of this there is an accumulative weakness that you catch it because you never quite recover. But that actually even enhances the fasting dimension in a positive way too and then you get used to it. Your stomach, yours systems, so your not hungry, you are weak but not hungry. But Wednesday, like I said this is going to be a normal thing. I don’t mean these three days for everybody but I want to tell the twenty year olds again that you don’t have to go do that right now but just say Lord, give me the grace of fasting because you will be surprised what wind currents you will get on when you say “yes” to the grace of fasting. I don’t mean for a month but for a number of years. I was a guy that hated fasting. I am telling you, I have said this for years. I hated bible study, personal bible study. I loved meetings. I hated bible study, prayer, and fasting. I remember I was so burdened when I was twenty. I go, **“I love biographies. I love preaching meetings to hear preaching and the singing. I don’t like personal bible study because it’s so boring and so confusing. I hate fasting. I couldn’t make it pass noon ever. I would get to noon and I would cheat and start over at one, you know, in the afternoon. I just said it’s not working. I am just not a**

**faster! That's all there is too it! And I didn't like prayer. Prayer was so pathetically boring I even got upset with the Lord once.** I said, "Lord, why did you invent this. This is a bad way to run the kingdom. It really is a bad way to run the kingdom!" I was upset that the concept of prayer was upsetting to me. It didn't make sense. Why do you want me to sit in a room and tell you what you tell me to tell you all day? It doesn't make any sense! I got to do stuff for you! But anyway, I have changed my position on that. And Wednesday was always, no not always that exaggerated. A couple of Wednesdays were like really bad. But Wednesdays were the kiss day. I loved going to bed on Tuesday because I got to eat the next day and it was going to be too buzzy in the spirit, what ever that means. That's not a theological term. It just had that feeling. How many of you know what I am talking about? Raise your hand. There you go, most of you do. Okay, I have this dream. It's August 27<sup>th</sup>, 1994. Oh, I am forgetting something. Our August conference, it could have been late July, whatever; Rick Joyner was the speaker at it. Rick met me in the leader's room afterwards and he said, "**Hey, Mike! The Lord spoke me a word. He is going to visit you about your commission; about your mandate. You are in a time of transition. I am assuming you know that?**" I go, "I actually do know it." He goes, "**You are in a time of transition and the Lord in the weeks is going to visit you and tell you. Tell you, you already know that part. He is going to tell you about your commission and about your life direction. He is going to visit in a very profound way.**" I said, "**Wow! Cool!**" So I had that in my mind. So, here it is maybe a month later. It's August 27<sup>th</sup>, 1997 and I have this dream from the Lord. What the Lord speaks again. I hear His voice in the dream and the Lord says Isaiah 60:3. You know that's the verse, Holy, holy, holy, the seraphim, and Isaiah. You know he sees the Lord high and lifted up and seraphim cry holy. Isaiah 6:3, He says this. I hear this voice. It's the voice in the spirit. "**Isaiah 6:3 will open up to you in Isaiah 40. Isaiah 6:3 will open up to you in Isaiah 40 and the Lord tell me my commission is Isaiah 40 verse 3.**" That I am going to build up the highways, you know that verse? You know how that goes. I knew the verse. I wake up from that and I love it. That's August 27<sup>th</sup>, and I go to the prayer meeting that day from six am and I stay in the two hour gap between the next prayer meeting. I just read Isaiah. I walk in the door. I think it was 6:30 and Rick Beresko, some of you know it, I walk in the door from this dream and I am buzzing because you know I am going to eat at noon. I am all excited. I walk in the door and he is singing the song of Isaiah 6:3 - Holy, Holy, Holy and they all cry. I went this is cool. This is going to be a Kiss Day I can tell. And so, nothing more happens that day. It was a great day and the hamburger was awesome. But then the next week, it was Wednesday again. No dream but I wake up. I go to the six o'clock one and it's September 3<sup>rd</sup> now and I am there. I am sitting there the whole six hours from six to noon and I write about twenty pages on Isaiah 40. I am really into Isaiah 40 after that dream the week before. I know its Rick Joyner's prophecy to me, "You're going to receive your mandate from the Lord ect... ect... And so, as I am reading this Isaiah 6:40-66 because I always read them on Wednesday. I got twenty pages. I am writing, writing, writing. The Holy Spirit begins to highlight three verses to me. He highlights these three verses. Revelation 2:17; get this down! I wrote these down. Revelation 2:17, it was so clear. Revelation 3:12, Revelation 19:12 and Revelation 2:17 they all have to do with God telling you you're name and telling you His name. It's all about the name of God. And the Holy Spirit highlights this to me and makes it clear to me this is all about Isaiah 40. I know it's about Isaiah 40 because that's what I am swirled in every Wednesday. That's what I have been on for hours. So now I am sitting here. It's happened 4 times in thirty years; it's my Wind and Fire day. I told you that happened on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 1976. It hadn't happened since! Here it is September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1997, you know twenty years later. I

have never had, maybe I did and can't remember, but I am there and the Fire and the Wind begins to come on me. What I mean by heat, burning heat and sensation of wind going around me. It's on me. I am writing it down. I am excited! These are the keys to Isaiah 40 and they are the keys to Isaiah 6:3: Holy, Holy, Holy. I am sitting there and the wind and the fires are on me. I am meaning heat and a sensation of the Holy Spirit blowing. I am going, **"Whoa! This is heavy."** So the twelve o'clock comes. We got a staff meeting. On the way out the door Michael Sullivan comes and gives me this note. He says, **"Terry Bennet, who's just moved here. Jeff Gresmoor's good buddy, who brought him here to Kansas City, had a word from the Lord. He saw wind and fire on you and the Lord was imparting a mantle and it was going to be related to three verses; Revelation 2:17, Revelation 3:12, and Revelation 19:12. And you are going to be visited by an angel from Revelation 8: 1-5."** And now, if you haven't studied those verses just write them down and maybe in one of these days they will make sense to you. I was absolutely blown away. Here I am completely alive with the Holy Spirit's leading on these three verses, wind and fire. A man, a prophetic anointed man gives me three verses. I don't obviously tell anybody. It says the wind and the fire and Revelation 8 which is a judgment passage at the end of the day. A forerunner judgment passage I know that you know that. Okay, so I am so excited! So I know that this subject of Revelation 2:17 and 3:12 and Revelation 19:12, the knowledge of God and who we are to God is critical. That is a massive subject that I only want to get this down. I only got a couple of minutes left before the tape is over. Now it is two weeks later. Turn to Isaiah 63. This is my last testimonial. It will only take a minute or two. Then I want Terry to come up and comment on it. Two weeks later, here I am sitting in that chair again. That ole six hours, I loved it. It was my honeymoon time of the week. And I am reading. I am reading Isaiah. I always read Isaiah 40-66 because the Lord told me my, well I read it before then actually, but He said your mandate is in Isaiah 40. That's who you are. I am reading it, Isaiah 63. Now you will notice Isaiah 63 is right after Isaiah 62. It's right after Hephzibah in verse four. It's after IHOP in verse six and it's after forerunner ministry in verse ten. It's my life. And I am on Isaiah 63. I don't really know Isaiah 63 at this time. You know I have read it a few times but it's kind of an odd passage, you know. *'Who is this that comes from Edom with dyed garments from Bozrah? The one who's glorious in his apparel, traveling in the greatness of his strength? I who speak in righteous, is me, mighty to save. And the question? Why is your apparel red, why is your garments like one treading in wine press? And the Lord answers. I have trodden the wine press alone, from the nations, to the peoples, no one was with me: I have trodden the wine press alone in my anger, I trampled in my fury; for their blood is on my garment, I have stained all my robes. Verse 4: Because the day of vengeance is in my heart. And he goes on and on, verse 5 he says in the middle, 'No one, there was no one; I wondered there was nobody who would stand with me. And my own fury sustained me, my zeal for righteousness.'* I am reading this and I am going whoa. I have read it a few times over the years but no real feeling about this passage. It's just that it is usual language. Here I am there, you know, doing that six hour deal. And whatever, it's maybe nine or ten and that fire and wind comes on me again. It hit me two weeks ago and twenty years ago. It's on me again! I go, **"Oh my goodness! OH MY GOODNESS!"** Kingsly Fletcher, when he prophesied about IHOP in January 1999 and I am going, **"Oh... Oh... What's happening?"** And the Lord begins to make known this passage to me as I am reading it. Now He speaks to me and He says, **"Isaiah 63 is really just an overflow of Isaiah 6:3. 6:3 is developed in 63."** And so I know I am being lead by the Holy Spirit and I know some of you can't even comprehend what this passage is about right now and I can't take time to go through it. I am just setting the genetics for our movement is what I am really doing it.

It's Jesus, the King being... He is wearing the red garments of a judge at the end of the age. That's what He is doing. He is walking through the nations. The reason His garments are red; He has crushed the nations like the man who crushes the grapes effortlessly in the wine press. He goes, **"I am mighty! I will deliver and I will use judgment. I will walk through nations and there will be blood everywhere and I will wear the red garment when I do this."** And I am there in the fire and the wind and it says here in verse one; *"Who is this whose garment is glorious?"* I began to say, **"Your red garment is glorious. Why is it red? A king should be white in His garments. Why is it red?"** I knew it was judgment. I knew the passage enough to know that. And I started by faith, your garment, your red garment is glorious. And He is traveling up and down the highway and of course; it's the highway of Isaiah 40:3. It's the highway of the forerunner. Then He says this. This is where it really hits and Terry why don't you come on up here to get ready to comment after this. I only got just another paragraph left or so. It's this word **"alone"**. Verse 3; I have trodden the winepress alone. And that's when the Spirit begun to come on me. And the Lord says, **"There's no peoples, there's no nations, there's no nation in the earth that agrees with my judgment. There's no presidential cabinet on the earth that agrees with what I am doing. They are all against what I am doing. And the body of Christ will be confused for a season and many for a long season"** And so the Holy Spirit says this to me, **"You have preached Jesus in white. See that is Song of Solomon 5:10. He is dazzling. That's white. You have preached Jesus in white, the beautiful God, the dazzling God. Will you preach Jesus in red? Will you preach Jesus; the Holy Spirit is talking, in red?"** And I say, **"Yes!"** And He goes, **"For I will trample the nations alone. I can't get any nation to agree with me. Will you agree with me?"** I am going, **"Yes! And the wind and the fire."** He says, **"You will be rejected even by my people. Some of them will rise up in confusion and reject you."** I make a promise to the Lord, **"I will preach the Jesus in white garments, the beauty, dazzling Song of Solomon and the Jesus in red. I will do this! I will do this!"** And then Terry comes over and taps me on the shoulder and he says, **"Mike, I am not going to do this at every prayer meeting."** Because he just did it two weeks ago. Although it was by a letter he said, **"I have to, I mean, I have to!"** He says, **"My bible is closed. It's been closed for awhile. He doesn't know what I am reading. Nobody sees it. I am in a little corner. I have to! The same angel two weeks ago is fire and wind again. He goes, "It is. It is just is!"** I said, **"You're right!"** He said, **"He's not speaking this time about His name in the way he did two weeks ago. He's telling me He's coming to you in red garments. He's telling me he's putting the mantle of Isaiah 63 on you. You need to study Isaiah 63."** I look up and I go, **"Terry, you have no understanding what is happening to me right now."** He says the Lord says this to you, **"Will you preach the Jesus in red which is the revelation 8 of the two weeks before?"** So, we are at the end but Terry take some time, take some time. Let's get Terry on plenty of time on the tape. We are on the end of my tape. We don't have to be at the end of your tape because I want you to take your time to talk about this. Amen.