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AUTHOR'S PREFACE

We are living in days whereby God, by His Spirit, is causing us to confront the status quo of this day. I have written this book, The Spirit of the Oppressor, as a tool for division...to divide the atrocity of racist thinking from the shoulders of those who are oppressed. Jesus came to set the captives free. True liberation comes to address every aspect of life.

Racism is not to be ignored by the Church....neither is it to be embraced. We must acclimate our eyes to see it for the sin that it is, and adjust our hearts accordingly.

I am aware that this is not going to be a very popular book. In many ways, it will become quite controversial. Yet what is said within these pages will be gospel truth....something for which we have been denied far too long.

Lovers of truth will embrace these pages. Those who have been under the yoke of bondage will rejoice, for I herald good news. Those that cringe at their image in the mirror will experience a new liberty, for they will understand that God loves them with an everlasting love.
For those of you who find anger welling up within you—to those that attempt to twist my words into a gospel of hate — to those that feel that I should not say what I have said—I only have one comment for you. I have made God my audience, and I live for His applause, not yours. I pray for you who have been consumed by the spirit of the oppressor. I pray for your minds to be renewed — I pray for your captivity to be turned; ignorance is your captor.

Let not any man shun the message of liberation, for it is He that has made us, and not we ourselves. And this is the Word of the Lord.
Chapter One
A Despised Place

“And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all
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them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.
And he began to say unto them, This day is the scripture fulfilled in your ears.”

Luke 4:16-21

Nazareth was the place of Jesus’ upbringing. It was a despised place that provoked ridicule and sneers amongst the remainder of society. Being that God allowed His only Son, Jesus, to take on a body and come into the earth, it seems as though, according to natural humanistic reasoning, that the Son of God should have been born in a palace with all the privileges afforded a dignitary. However, God set Jesus in the midst of a destitute family in a condemnable community. The city was a place that provoked a common question, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?”

Prophetic Principle #1

God set Jesus in the midst of a destitute family.

I believe that if Jesus were living today, His “Nazareth” would be the inner city ghettos, like Harlem or Brownsville, that strike a sense of repugnance amongst most of polite society who fear to tread upon the streets and have little respect for the true beauty of those neighborhoods. Jesus’
Nazareth would be comprised of the communities of Los Angeles today---the place where there was riotous activity; the place where they are using crack; the place where the drug dealers are conducting their repugnant trade.

Prophetic Principle #2

Deliverers taste the bitter gall of infamy.

When God raises deliverers to begin to proclaim His truths into the ears of the nation, He doesn’t cause them to emerge from a palace. But rather, they are individuals who have tasted the bitter gall of infamy in the low places of life. He elevates those that are despised; the rejects of society that have been marked as failures and labeled as outcasts. God raises up deliverers out of institutions where unjust men desire to restructure the image of God upon an individual and prophesy doom into their future by saying, “You are a waste”, “You don’t qualify”, “You don’t have the right color skin”, “Your hair is too nappy”, “We don’t like your speech”, and “You’re not like us”.

When you have wandered in the darkness of rejection, you will be drawn to the Light. You will also be drawn to individuals of the same spirit, who are pregnant with the same revelation, and who
have been through the same struggles. You will identify with one another. God has a way of joining individuals who have been rejected by society.

**Prophetic Principle #3**

God elevates those that are despised.

As a young boy, I suffered from ridicule and rejection because I suffered from an embarrassing case of stuttering. I was handicapped in that I could not successfully complete a sentence. I could not express myself properly, and I was sent for speech therapy because of this impairment.

In the second grade, the "powers that be" decided to "integrate" me. I was bused out of the secure womb of my inner city neighborhood—not understanding that it was despised—and I was suddenly forced into a rude awakening! Even though my speech was impaired, my teachers, who equated a black male child with retardation, couldn’t understand why my reading abilities far surpassed their expectations. I was sent to a guidance counselor, and subjected to test after test, as though I existed for nothing more than their personal experimentation. They would isolate me from the remainder of my classmates, and scrutinize the color crayon that I would choose, or attempt to interpret
why I would draw particular pictures, all the while attempting to psychoanalyze my brain.

It became quite evident that the message they were transmitting to me was that I was psychologically defective. Whether I displayed brilliance or mediocrity, I was regarded as a specimen for their studies, along with many other black children. And the imagery that was built within had long lasting effects.

**Prophetic Principle #4**

Images have lasting effects.

Jesus was born of a despised people. Had the technology of the 60's been present in His day, He would have been treated the exact same way. The Bible records that His ability to read the Scriptures provoked an amazed response in the learned people that heard Him. That which is despised will provoke curiosity, for it is never understood according to the terminology of the day, for it breaks the established mold of understanding and frustrates expectations.

**Going Back Home**

Jesus was sent back home. The worst feeling that you will be faced with as a result of your calling is
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going back home to minister in the place of your origin. When Jesus left home, He didn’t have the power of the Spirit in demonstration before the people. But now He is coming back to Nazareth as a different type of individual. People were amazed at His stature, and commented, “Who does He think He is?” They were doing mental gymnastics because now He has extricated Himself from the established environment that “prophesied” a dismal failure for His future. He has come out -- He has had a meeting with God and He came back as a Deliverer!

Prophetic Principle #5

Jesus was sent back home.

When God raises you up as a deliverer, He is going to send you back to your first stop -- to your Nazareth. Jesus had to go back to Nazareth; the place of His upbringing. You too will have to go back to the place where you were brought up. It is a place of familiarity; a despised place where people don’t respect you, where people will look at you and say, “Oh, we remember when we changed your diaper”. “Oh, we remember when you were just coming to know Jesus. Oh, yeah, we know you and we are not sure about your salvation yet.”
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When you can win victory on your homefront, then you are ready for the world. The problem with many saints is that we want to go into all the world, Africa, Europe, China, or Asia to preach the Word of the Lord, and neglect the first assignment which is in your Jerusalem.

Prophetic Principle #6

When you can win victory on your homefront, then you are ready for the world.

You must compel your family members and your loved ones to come to know Jesus. You can’t be ashamed to speak to your cousins and your relatives, and then adopt a pretense of preaching that desires to touch the stranger first. During the holidays, you have to gather with your family and not sit and joke as in times past, but show that there is a distinction between you because Jesus is in your life. You have to go back to the place of your upbringing and bring to them your ministry.

Many people want to prophesy in the house of God, but not to their loved ones. Go back home; go to the place where you have been brought up; in the difficult spot. You have to go back home to that husband who is not saved and is acting like the devil. Go back home to that wife who might be
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acting like a lunatic. You must go back to those children who are rebellious and acting stupid. God first works things out in your Jerusalem, before He prepares you for Judaea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the earth.

We need to go back to our Jerusalem so that people can see the transformation that has taken place in our lives. In other words, we can no longer be like FBI saints, doing secret service for the Lord. We must be individuals who are not afraid to declare the true gospel of Jesus Christ; not afraid to declare that we are identified with Jesus Christ; not afraid to walk with the Lord, and not afraid to become a living epistle, scrutinized of men.

Prophetic Principle #7

Your past is research for your future.

When people say, "Do you believe in Jesus?", you should be able to lift up your voice and say, "YES, I know the Man. I will not deny Him. I will not doubt Him because I know too much about Him." You should be able to articulate your belief. As we become bold witnesses for the Lord, we will be unmovable and threaten the kingdom of darkness.

When you understand the significance of Nazareth, you will also understand that your past is
research for your future. When you examine your past, you will find that your past was already prophesying your destiny. For example, Jesus’ earthly stepfather, Joseph, was a carpenter. It wasn’t by chance that God placed Jesus in that type of family. He wanted Him to become familiar with the feel of wood because He knew that Jesus’ ultimate destiny was to be nailed to a wooden cross.

Sometimes God will have you handle the very things that are your ultimate destiny -- your ultimate crucifixion. But, realize that death is not the end, but rather, its the beginning. When you understand this, you will begin to say unto death, “Oh, death, where is thy sting? Oh, grave, where is thy victory?”

Prophetic Principle #8

Your past prophesies your destiny.

God has given you the power over dead things. When a “Judas” shows up in your life, it is just the proof that you’re about to experience a 72 hour resurrection! Death is just a signal that you’ll rise again! It is not over!

Knowing the Contract

“And there was delivered unto him the book of
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*the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written*.

Luke 4:17

When Jesus opened the book, He found the place where it was written. In other words, He found the contract. He read the paper work. He knew what was in the law of God. He knew that there was something that God was saying and declaring for the season that He was living in.

**Prophetic Principle #9**

Death is just a signal that you’ll rise again.

This book was a roll or a scroll. The word “opened” is a medical term that Luke used that literally means, “to unroll”. Medically, it referred to the surgical opening of the various parts of the body. When a doctor begins to cut and do surgery, he unfolds the skin. There are times when you can look at the letter of this Word, but then there are times when the Holy Spirit comes in and breaks it open; no longer are you looking at the outward part, but now you are looking at the inward part. Deep begins to call unto the deep.

They may have heard the Scripture that Jesus was about to read many times, but this time it was not
just the logos, the letter of the Word, but after Jesus dissected and unfolded the revelation that was veiled to their eyes, He took them into the depths of the Spirit in the life of that Word. There is a time where you need to understand that the letter killeth, but it is the Spirit that giveth life.

**Prophetic Principle #10**

You must learn what is written in the Word of God.

Jesus found the place that it was written. It seems as though He had found it by chance; almost as if He wasn’t looking for it. But we see that He began reading at the place where the roll had opened of itself and He was trusting the divine guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Have you ever asked God to give you a word for the day and you opened the Bible and a verse just pops out of the page? It may say, “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadows of death, I will fear no evil”. You may turn to another passage and it says, “Fret not yourself for evil doers....”

You may flip to the epistles and all of a sudden get a revelation out of the scroll where it says, “I have made you more than a conqueror”. As you begin to open up the Word of God, there is rhema that He begins to bring out and say, “This is your
word today and this Scripture is being fulfilled in your ears”.

That is why if the devil can’t get the Word out of you, he will get you out of the place where the Word is. There is power in the Word of God.

Jesus said that the Spirit of the Lord was upon Him. You have the Holy Ghost in you and He has empowered you for a purpose. I believe that we have been hearing the gospel through the mouths of our oppressors too long. This is now the time where we must begin to hear a language from the mouth of the oppressed. When the oppressed begins to preach the Word, they will preach a word that will not only deliver the oppressed, but the oppressor as well.

Prophetic Principle #11

The letter killeth, but it is the Spirit that giveth life.

The oppressor doesn’t want the oppressed to go free. He understands that if the oppressed goes free, he will suffer a decline of power. He will be forced to submit himself to those that he despised.

There are some people who make money from your continued oppression. There are some people who put their sons through school from your
oppression. There are some individuals who rise to the top because of your oppression. God has raised up prophets to prophesy to those who are profiting from the oppression of the people of God.

**Prophetic Principle #12**

The oppressor doesn't want the oppressed to go free.

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because He has anointed me to preach the gospel,” Jesus said. The gospel means “good news”. It means that God has some good news for me. In other words, the message that we have heard for so long in church, “Women, you have to wear your dresses so long, you need to cover this up, take the earrings out of your ears, and take that make-up off,” that is not the gospel, for that is not good news.

When you have sat through a church service and leave more depressed out of the house of God than when you entered -- the gospel has not been preached. Jesus was anointed to preach the gospel.

The Church is the only place on the earth where the black man can go and attain a sense of dignity. In the world, the spirit of the oppressor attacks him at every turn. When he tries to purchase a car, his price is higher; when he goes to apply for a job, his
wages are lower than everyone else who works the same job. There is a force in the earth that is designed to make our black men insane.

Prophetic Principle #13

Jesus performs an operation on the inward man.

When a black man begins to ask for that which is rightfully his, then he is accused of making trouble or of being out of place. For some strange reason, assertiveness within a black man is considered threatening in this society, and provokes an immediate response that will attempt to silence his voice...at whatever cost. Death becomes a cheap price to pay to suppress the opinions of a black man.

There may be some that are reading this that may wonder why I’ve made reference to the struggle of black men in particular. For one thing, I am black, and particularly sensitive to the persistent racism that is encountered on a daily basis at every level. There is not a black person in America that is immune to the force that despises their color. Racism is a heinous sin...one that affronts the sovereignty of God by doubting His wisdom in His creation, and seeks to denigrate His image within His creation...for it was He that said, “Let us make man in our own image.” And, unbelievably, the
Church is one of the main sources that helps to promulgate this abomination.

I went to a particular Christian radio station that broadcasts our weekly radio show and told them that I didn’t want to be on at 12:45 a.m. any longer. As a ministry, we had proven ourselves. We accepted the unusually late hour that was offered to us, and we were quite innovative in our approach, having the highest response to our show that the station had ever seen. We paid them a year in advance, and after proving that we were a viable ministry with something valuable to offer the Body of Christ, when our contract came up for renewal, we requested to be moved to prime time. Their reaction was startling as they said, “Preacher, you are causing trouble. You are causing a disturbance. We can’t sell you that time slot.” Being the prophet that I am, I replied, “Why not?” Through sources that they themselves would be surprised at, I found out that they offered spots at a higher price to us than they were offering to others of a different ethnic expression.

Once I confronted them with this knowledge, which was supposed to remain an unwritten policy that they followed, they became angry. So, as the prophet that I am, I decided to go on the air and talk about their behavior during our hour program that we paid for. They were extremely disturbed by
this and indicated that we were tearing the station apart. They said that they were going to cancel our contract and not let us back on the air. The station representative said, “We don’t understand what is wrong with you. We offered you a 10:00 p.m. spot at night and you are still not satisfied with that. Now you want a 2:00 pm spot, and we’re not going to sell this to you.” It was almost as if the insinuation was that black ministries should only speak at night...and not during the more accessible daytime where they felt their more “profitable” listeners were available.

The reason that I was discontent was because I recognized that I was dealing with a spirit that was attempting to hold me back. It was the same spirit that Rosa Parks dealt with that said, “Rosa, we let you on the bus to sit on the back. What is wrong with the back? You have a seat. What’s wrong with you?” Like Rosa, I am tired of the back of the bus— I want to sit in the front.

You have African-American people who are operating by the rules of White America. There are some nations where all Africans are in charge, and they still have the same spirit of Colonialism. It is still the same force that oppresses people.

We are dealing with spiritual forces in the universe. This is not only in America, it is in Europe, and has permeated the entire globe. I
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observe oppressed people everywhere that I travel -- people who still find themselves herded to the back of the bus. However, I located something in the contract! I located in the Word of God where Jesus said that He was anointed to preach the gospel (the good news) to those who are poor, broken hearted, and captive!

When Jesus closed the book, it was like a surgeon putting a wound back together with sterile bandages. Sometimes when Jesus comes in your midst, you need bandages....bandages made of the purity of God’s Word that haven’t been infected with the sin of man’s ambitions. Jesus performs an operation on the inward man. There are some things on the inside of you that you don’t like and are just waiting for an encounter with Jesus. However, oftentimes when He says, “I am ready to operate,” you reply, “Lord, I am not ready yet. I am fearful. I am frightened.” If you will just lie there and let Him work on your inward parts, He will put you back together without scars.
Chapter Two
The Preaching of the Gospel

Luke, who authored the Book of Luke, was known as the beloved physician. Luke, though not an apostle, was a companion of the Apostle Paul. He had personal contact with the apostles and others who were witnesses of the gospel history.

Luke was an intelligent, educated man. He was able to document the miracles that were taking place in the Church. Luke had a Greek cultural background, which tells us that he was very literate concerning his day and the hour in which he lived.

The theme of the Book of Luke presents Jesus Christ as the Divine Savior. Luke, being a physician, was able to record whether there was a
legitimate healing or not. This gospel was not just for poor people or people who were illiterate, but Jesus seemingly attracted the educated, the skeptics and the agnostics, those who didn’t believe anything. However, when any of them encountered Jesus Christ, they would realize that there is a reality to the power of God and that our God yet lives.

Prophetic Principle #14

There is power in the Name of Jesus.

In his writings, Luke traces the genealogy of Jesus Christ. He recorded the event of the angel appearing unto Mary, telling her that she was going to conceive a son and she should call His Name “Jesus”, which means “salvation”.

There is power in the Name of Jesus. There is no salvation by way of any other name. Every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

When the angel spoke the word to Mary, she became impregnated with the Word of the Lord. That Word became flesh, was birthed and dwelt among us.

John 1:1 states “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.” Jesus
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was God. He was not just a man. He was one hundred percent man and one hundred percent God.

When Jesus' blood was spilled on Calvary, it was the blood of the Father that was being spilled. The Father is the one who determines the blood of the child. That is why Jesus' birth had to come from a virgin birth. The Father impregnated Mary, because His blood couldn't have any sin in it.

Luke also records the account where the angel appeared unto the shepherds and said, "These are good tidings of great joy." On another account the angel said, "In the city of David is born a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

Christians, in that day, would be beaten for naming Jesus as Lord because society acknowledged Caesar as lord. The Christians were letting the Romans know that there was another Lord who was higher than their lord. They wanted them to know that Jesus of Nazareth, who died and rose again, was King of kings and Lord of lords. For that stance, they suffered much persecution and many lost their lives for the sake of the gospel.

The gospel was never defined as "a written book," but always meant "a word that was preached." In other words, I can't just write the gospel, but it needs to be preached to you so that it can come forth with conviction. They didn't tell the
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disciples not to write about Jesus, but they surely came against them speaking His Name. There is power in the Name of Jesus!

I believe that when you begin to say the name of Jesus, the atoms and molecules in the atmosphere respond in obedience to bring to pass the very thing that has been spoken. The Word of the Lord will begin the work of re-creation, propelling the future into the present. At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God.

**Prophetic Principle #15**

The Word of the Lord propels the future into the present.

Someone told a story of a woman who came to the late Bishop Mason and said, “I have cancer.” He looked at her and said, “That cancer has a name.” He said, “Cancer go, in Jesus’ Name”. And then he said, “It is gone.” She went back to the doctor only to find that she was indeed healed. Why? Every knee shall bow and every tongue must confess - even cancer has to confess - that Jesus is Lord. AIDS has to confess that Jesus is Lord. Tuberculosis has to confess that Jesus is Lord. At the Name of Jesus, the knee of that thing must bow!
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No matter what religion you profess, the day will come that you are going to bow your knee to the Name of Jesus! Because at the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that He is Lord!

Anointed to Preach

Once you have been anointed by the Holy Spirit, it is for the purpose of preaching the gospel.

According to the Scriptures, the anointing was applied to kings (I Samuel 10:1, 9:16). Saul was being anointed as king. It was also used for the prophet. When God spoke unto Elijah, He said, "anoint Elisha, that prophet to be in thy place (or "to take thy place") or anoint him as prophet in thy room."

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Prophetic Principle #16

Anointing is on your life for a purpose.

In the Old Testament, the anointing was also placed upon the priest. They had to be anointed. God always wanted to take an entire nation and make them a royal priesthood. As a result of Israel's refusal to enter into that priestly relationship with God, God has done it through the Church. This is why Peter said, "You are a holy nation, a peculiar people, a royal priesthood...."
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God doesn't place His anointing on just anyone, but He places His anointing on your life for a purpose. You may have thought that the anointing came upon you for the purpose of dancing, so that you can run up and down the church and speak in tongues, or to feel good for the moment. That is not the reason nor the purpose for the anointing.

The anointing was an act of hospitality and a sign of cheerfulness and festivity. When you receive the anointing, it should bring joy. When you get really anointed of the Lord, there is a joy about your presence. You are not walking around looking down and out as if you have been baptized in pickle juice or lemon juice.

Sometimes people feel as though when you get real seasoned in God, all of a sudden you should adopt a real deep and frightening countenance. People look at you and say, "Praise the Lord." And you say, "Praise the Lord," with a slow, deliberate, deep tone and mystical expression. That is not the anointing.

When you receive the anointing of the Lord Jesus Christ, there is great joy about your life. There is a Presence upon you that can be seen. People can tell that you have been in the Presence of God. He gives you a garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

Right now, God wants to put an anointing on you. He wants to give you the garment of praise for
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your spirit of heaviness. When the enemy tries to get you down low, God wants you to lift up your hands and praise Him because of the anointing that is on your life. When things are going haywire, you have to praise Him because of the anointing that is on your life. He has given you the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

The devil can't keep me down because I always praise God. The devil can't keep me back because I worship the Lord. I give thanks in all things as the Bible commands. This is why the devil can't stop me, because I understand that when I praise God, my hand is in the neck of the enemy.

When you got saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, God didn't fill you with His Spirit just to speak in tongues and feel goose bumps, but He has filled you or anointed you with the power of the Holy Spirit to preach the gospel and to bring deliverance to mankind.

You don't have to wait for an ordination to preach. You don't have to be a licensed minister to preach. You don't have to graduate from a university to preach this gospel. As a matter of fact, the apostles didn't have any schools to go to because they walked with Jesus. They gave report of what they saw.

When you start living in the Presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, you don't have to get into all the
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theological aspects of ministry. You don’t have to know all of your hermeneutics and homiletics. You don’t have to go to school and learn the doctrine of numerology, or eschatology. You can attest, “This is one thing I know! I met a Man that brought a transformation to my life! And I want you to know so that you can let your lady friends know...I have met another Man.”

Prophetic Principle #17

You have been appointed and anointed to preach the gospel.

Someone may ask, “What is so different about you?” You can boldly respond, “A Man came into my life.” They may comment on the peace that you have. You can confidently reassure them that there is a Man in your life! Ladies, you are going to have to tell your husbands that you fell in love with another Man! But before he hits the roof and knocks you up side your head, quickly tell him, “His name is Jesus!”

The Call of Ministry

What is the call to ministry? The call to ministry is to a governmental gifting of an apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, or teacher. However, every
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member of the body of Christ has been appointed and anointed to preach the gospel.

The moment you get born again, you are to go out and tell others, “I am not the same person that I used to be.” They are going to ask, “What happened to you?” Tell them, “I met a man and His Name is Jesus. He died on the cross at calvary and took away my sins. Do you have a moment, I want to explain to you that He was hung up for your hang ups and you can experience this same joy that I am experiencing.”

The joy of salvation is not talking about an emotional joy, but a peace of God that takes up residence on the inside of you. Though the outside is experiencing turmoil, on the inside you know that you have the peace of God because you know that you have Jesus Christ abiding on the inside of you.

You have been appointed and anointed to preach this gospel. You don’t have to wait for an angel to come and tell you that you have been appointed to preach. You don’t have to wait for a man of God to prophesy and say, “Man of God, you have to preach this word.” The moment that you were born again, you have been commanded of the Lord to go into all the earth; go everywhere preaching the gospel.

There is a difference between preaching and teaching. God didn’t ask you to go teach and
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explain. He wants you to go and proclaim. The preacher proclaims and the teacher explains.

The only Scripture that you may know is John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son so that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but they shall have everlasting life." Just preach that, just proclaim that God loved you so much that He came to save you through His Son Jesus.

Someone may ask, "Can you explain to me how Jesus came into your life?" Honestly tell them, "Well, I have not been really anointed yet to explain it to you, but one thing that I know, I was blind and now I see." They may say, "Who is this man who opened up your blind eyes? We don't know if it is right because it happened on the Sabbath." Tell them, "I don't know. All I know is that I was blind, but now I see."

Prophetic Principle #18

We must occupy until He comes.

There are some people who would like to argue with you about theology: "Do you believe in heaven or hell?"; "Is He coming before or after the tribulation?" Tell them, "I am not here to go into explanation. I can give you the address to the
church or the Bible study where you can be taught. I am here to let you know that Jesus Christ loves you and died for you and if you don't receive Jesus in your life, in hell you will lift up your eyes.”

They may insist, “What is hell like?” Just tell them what you know, “Well, I know that it is a place of torment.” If they inquire, “How can you prove there is a hell?” Just kindly respond, “I am not here to explain that, I am just here to proclaim it as a statement of truth.”

Prophetic Principle #19

God has created us to have dominion.

When you accept Jesus into your life, you are to go forth and preach the gospel everywhere. Many people would think that they were working with the Lord. God has already done what He is going to do. He has already decreed what He is going to do. He is just waiting for you to get up and do. As you begin to do, it will be the Lord working with “you”! The Lord working with “you”! The Lord working with “you”!

He is waiting for you to arise, get up, change your posture so that He can begin working with “you.” The Lord wants to work with you. The Lord will work with you and confirm the word with
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signs following. As long as you preach the Word, signs will follow. Again, gifts of the Spirit and anointings are not just for governmental giftings, but for the entire body of Christ.

Anointed to have Dominion

One definition for the word Gospel is, “a present given in return to joyful news.” Later it comes to mean, “the good news; the joyful tidings of the Messiah’s kingdom.” This gospel is not that His kingdom will come, but that His kingdom has come. “Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth....” There are people who are looking for Jesus, but He is already here.

We believe in the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and we are working towards that, but the Church is not going up until we grow up. I look for His return and am preparing for His return. Nevertheless, we must occupy until He comes. We have to seize the land, and occupy territory. We must dispense with a renter’s mentality that shuns the notion of possessing.

Those who God enters into covenant with, the first thing that He talks to them about is not heaven, but about real estate here on the planet. When you read the Scriptures, when He enters into covenant with you, He doesn’t talk to you about the by and by. He starts dealing with you about the nasty now and now.
God has created us to have dominion. The first words that Adam heard were, "Have dominion...." He was to have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the fowl of the air, and over all the earth." God commanded Noah to have dominion, to be fruitful, to multiply, and to replenish the earth. The first thing that Abraham heard when he was entering into covenant with God was, "I want you to go and look at the land. How far can you see? Well, that is how much land that I want to give you."

God dealt with Moses about possessing Canaan land when they entered into covenant relationship. Likewise, the first thing that God wants to talk to you about when you get born again is how to own your own home, how you can take over your project development, and how you can take over your community. He wants to talk to you about taking over land or territory lot by lot, until you can start possessing block by block.

**Prophetic Principle #20**

You have to be militant.

In Brooklyn, you will find up to four churches in one block, with burned down buildings right between them. We have not had a revelation to go
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in and occupy, take over, and seize the land. Instead, we succumb to vain imaginations that will cause us to view a rented storefront as a suitable House of God, with corrosion manifest within its walls and mediocrity nailed to the doorpost.

Do you think that God is going to take you to heaven as you are right now? He is not about to bring you in with your current state of mind, because you will let it decay.

You are not going to practice during a performance. You may think, "You don't understand, we have people in our congregations that are on fixed incomes -- all of our incomes are fixed." We are all in the struggle together. But, Israel was in a struggle also. I have found that usually, when God tells you to take the land, someone else is sitting on it. He will say, "I want you to go in, drive them out, wipe them out, and take over." In other words, you have to be militant.

You can't lay down and say, "Lord, we are going to trust you. Lord, I am waiting on you." You are not taking over that way because you have an enemy, a force in the earth, principalities working in high places strategizing for your demise. You have to get up off of your knees and onto your feet and go to battle, to take that which God says is already yours. It is time to be militant. It is time to have dominion.
We do not have time to sit idle and wonder about what this one is doing and what that one is doing. We have a lot of work to do because we must take the land. We have to preach the gospel about the joyful tidings of Messiah’s kingdom.

A Calling of Separation

“Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God.”

Romans 1:1

Paul was set apart to preach the gospel. When you begin to preach the Word, God will set you apart. If He puts a call or anointing on your life, He sets you apart. When you become set apart, or anointed, or sanctified for a particular use for the work of the Lord, then you cannot be used for secular purposes.

Often our current day gospel song writers compromise their messages with lyrics that say, “I love him.” Well, who is the “him” that you are referring to? “He’s sweet I know.” Who is “he?” The enemy wants to do whatever he can do (even to the extent of putting you in a seat of confusion) to keep you from confessing Jesus’ Name.

Prophetic Principle #21

Never compromise the truth.
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The disciples could have gone around teaching a lot of philosophies about Christ. They could have gently taught people the principles of the kingdom and the devil would have said, "Okay, that is nice, just give them knowledge." However, a Name must be associated with the knowledge.

The spirit of the enemy says, "We can use that song, as a matter of fact we can make it cross over, it can minister to both secular and Christian audiences." Why? Because you kept the Name out of the lyrics. When you begin to name the Name of Jesus, you will never become the friend of the world. The mark of demarcation between you and the world is the Name of Jesus.

God doesn’t call everyone, but He calls some.

You can’t straddle the fence. You have to let the world know that it is Jesus that is making the difference in your life. I know you may not want to offend people so you will just say, "It is a higher power." But, He has a Name. His Name is Jesus. That is why we are baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

When you are fully convinced of the truth of the gospel, and have perceived the kingdom of God,
you can’t cross over when you are anointed. You understand that you have been separated for a purpose. When you have been anointed for service in the work of the Lord, you will come to a crossroad. I know that the money looks good. I know that things may get a little tight or rough, but if God begins to say, “I have a purpose and I am calling you out from among them,” then you are sanctified for the Master’s use.

Prophetic Principle #23

It is dangerous to be anointed.

God doesn’t call everyone, but He calls some. He begins to hand pick you and separate you for the purpose of the gospel. Your mission changed when God called you. Your purpose has changed. Your calling divides you from old acquaintances, for you are no longer in agreement. David was tending to his sheep, but when God anointed him, He pulled him out of the field and prepared him for kingship.

Your occupation changes when God anoints you and calls you out. And you cannot go back. Ask the twelve disciples that followed Jesus who tried to go back to fishing. Jesus gave them a greater purpose -- He made them fishers of men. I want you to know that when He hand picks you, nothing
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works out in your occupation or your arena, until you get into the arena of God’s intentions concerning your life. It is dangerous to be anointed.

Many of our musicians and song writers feel a strong pull on them to entertain for the accolades of the world, for the yearnings that dwell within their heart are frequently misunderstood or rejected by the Church. The flattery that builds their ego, and the money that soothes their soul becomes an enticement for them to straddle the fence. When they were first anointed, they clearly heard God’s voice but with the pull that is on them they ask, “God, are you speaking through this opportunity?” To every musician and songwriter in this dilemma that reads this book, here’s a word just for you! God knows what He has already spoken to you, so He chooses not to answer you. You’ve been sitting there saying, “Lord, they have offered me this contract here and it looks good. Look at it Lord.” The Holy Ghost just chooses not to answer you.

God holds you accountable when you enter into His presence and confess, “Lord, I’ll go where you tell me to go. I’ll do what you tell me to do.” When you make a decision to be sold out for God, you can’t go the way of the world. He may leave you in there for a season, but when He calls you out, you had better come all the way out!!

There are certain secular singers whose voices betray the call of God upon their life. The anointing
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is evident. It cannot be hidden. Yet that which was to be separated unto God for His purposes has been profaned in an environment that was not sanctioned by Him. God had called them out of the world some years ago, but they haven't been obedient. And their personal lives exhibit the judgment of their disobedience.

Sometimes I may walk in a place where there is music playing and ask, “Who is singing that song?” I can discern that there is something in their life that God is reaching for. You can tell that there is a reaching of God. He is nudging their spirit man. He is calling them out, but they are having struggles between the kingdom of darkness and the kingdom of Light. They are experiencing a kingdom in conflict.

Prophetic Principle #24

The force of oppression has no regard for black lives.

The Bible clearly lets us know that there is a gospel that brings the peace of God, “And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.” (Ephesians 6). In other words, we can have a gospel on our feet that would make us so sure-footed that when we stand in the face of the
enemy, though there is turmoil, we will still have inner peace.

The Power of God Unto Salvation

The gospel is not only good news, but it is the power of God unto salvation. Paul said, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation (deliverance).” (Romans 1:16).

Many of our African-American people have not really heard the gospel, they have gone by the way of Islam; listening to teachings of bitterness; hoping to hear a message of liberation. But, the only place that they are going to find liberation is in the gospel of Jesus Christ -- and that is good news! I understand the struggles in the rat race of life. I understand the wall of oppression that seems to collapse upon your world daily, but the only resolution to such problems is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Many of you are employed in the menial position that you occupy because your employer cannot find anyone better to take your place. Better may exist amongst their own people, but they are not going to work the same menial position for the same wages. Knowing your desperation for work creates a position of leverage which the oppressor will grasp without remorse. It is alright for you to work a job for minimum wage that should have been paying
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much, much more. You are dealing with a force that has no regard for black lives.

As I began to look at the contract (the Word of God), I found that the Church is the only institution that has emerged in America without Whites setting it up. It has become the most economically strong institution that is supported by its own. Yet, no matter how many people ridicule the Church, during times of extreme difficulty or trouble, the Church remains the haven of rest and safety. People seek answers from the clergy when they are in desperate need of help. They know where the strength and the power lies -- it is in the gospel.

In this hour, God wants to manifest a prototype of heaven through the Church. He wants to bring about a Church that is not just a black Church or a White Church, but one that has many cultures that can speak to the world and say, "This is the way it has to be done."

This is why I know Jesus is not coming just yet: because there will be some in heaven saying, "Well, you can't be a prophet, we don't really know you, you are not with our group." The Body of Christ is not unified yet and we are not going to get up in heaven and mess up what is going on up there, until we can straighten out the mess that is on earth. We are not going up until we grow up.
Chapter Three
The Gospel to the Oppressed

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised."

Luke 4:18

Jesus said, "the Spirit of the Lord is upon me because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor." The preaching of the gospel to the poor was to those who were materially needy, socially poor, ill, and victimized. In other words, Jesus was anointed to preach the gospel and bring liberation to
oppressed people. If the gospel that you are hearing preached across the country is not bringing liberation to you, then it is not the gospel.

Prophetic Principle #25

The gospel must be preached by the oppressed.

The poor in America need the gospel. We have a people -- African-American, Caribbean American -- all who have come from the mother land; they have been oppressed. This condition extends beyond the borders of America into third world nations, Europe and South America. You can sense the oppression in nations that are wealthy with resources (gold, diamonds), for the greed of those in places of power render the nation impotent... they can't even feed their own people.

What is the answer? The gospel. But this time, not a gospel out of the mouth of the oppressor, but out of the mouth of the oppressed. We are going to have to throw away the commentators, Dake's Bible, the Scofields, and some of the others that have your destiny already written in a certain light because of the way that they have interpreted the Scriptures, bringing your cultural identity into a place of inferiority while justifying their claims to superiority. Most of the above named commentators were highly prejudicial against blacks, claiming that
we were of the tribe of Ham and forever cursed by God to remain in a place of servitude when Ham spoke of the nakedness of his father, Noah. There are comments in those Bibles that claim that God despises interracial marriages. Commentaries are nothing more than the vain opinions of men that were shaped by their own perceptions of the Scriptures and how it related to their outlook on life.

But, now the Holy Ghost wants to unfold the roll and give you revelation concerning your purpose. It is time to see again.

Prophetic Principle #26

"White America" names a system, not all white people.

When we say things such as, "White America," we don’t want you to understand it as all people who are Caucasian, but you need to understand the spirit of the principality that we are wrestling with that is in this world’s system.

When you preach the gospel to the poor, the Spirit of the Lord comes upon you to empower you for an assigned task. The Holy Ghost comes upon you for the purpose of liberation. What is the good news to the poor? You don’t have to ride in the back of the bus any longer! You don’t have to be
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poor any longer! You don’t have to accept welfare! You don’t have to accept a fixed income! You don’t have to work a 9 to 5 job, but you can fulfill your dream of entrepreneurship to create an empire to the glory of God -- and that is good news!

Prophetic Principle #27

The Holy Ghost comes upon you for the purpose of liberation.

The gospel is a message to the oppressed. Jesus is touched with the feelings of the infirmity of something that has been taking place in Christendom for a long period of time: Racism. We have heard many expound on racism in the world, but very few have dared to address the subtle racism that hides behind a facade of religiosity within the Church.

The most hypocritical hour of the week is the 11:00 o’clock hour on Sunday morning. People are toting their Bibles to church, fixing ingratiating smiles upon their faces and saying, “Praise the Lord! Yes, we love you with the love of the Lord.” But, on Monday, the Bibles are put away, the smiles fade away, and it is back to business as usual. For the heart begins to reveal itself in their actions, and declares “You can get on the bus, but you have to sit in the back.”
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We are talking about a force that we are moving against as a people. This is a struggle that we are confronting as a people, and have yet to seriously consider the full magnitude of the devastation that is rendered to us on a daily basis.

I receive calls from close friends across the country who tell me that I’m too radical. They counsel me not to address certain issues that are considered taboo. They tell me to calm down a little bit because there are some people they’d like to connect me with that would want to have me minister at their church. But my message is too controversial. It’s almost as if racism is supposed to be the untouchable sin...the gospel shouldn’t touch it. They tell me that I can’t talk too much about racism and about God’s plan for the African-American. In other words they are saying, “Don’t preach the gospel. Don’t preach a message of liberation. Don’t preach a message of coming out. It’s too political. It’s too offensive.”

Prophetic Principle #28

The gospel is a message to the oppressed.

You know, there’s a deeply entrenched insecurity we are faced with that whispers a sarcastic message into the ears of most authoritative Caucasians,
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“When you preach a message of coming out in multi-cultural churches, then they are going to start asking for positions of eldership and they are going to want to teach. We already have them under control. They are happy ushering, they are happy singing, they are happy clapping their hands, and we even play music for them that sounds like something to which they can dance. If they hear the message that God has purpose for them—if they hear that they are not cursed—if they hear the gospel truth—they’re going to want to come from out of the back of the pews! They’re going to want to stop being in the back of the bus. They are going to want to ride in the front and we can’t have that right now.”

Prophetic Principle #29

Racism is not the untouchable sin.

In evangelistic crusades across the country, the powers that be will allow you to serve as a counsellor or an usher; hardly ever a teacher. There’s a subtle message that isn’t very nice; “You sit down while we teach you.” If you were to ask, “Do you have any of our own that will teach?”, the response would probably be, “Well, let me see if I can find a son or a boy to stand on the platform and
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sing." But, where are the fathers? Those who are seasoned in the things of God; those who can add stability and impart wisdom into our people. The fathers are missing from the forefront because of the inherent authority that they possess to bring real change through the sphere of their influence.

The Gospel to the Brokenhearted

Jesus was called to heal the broken hearted and to minister to unwed mothers, fatherless children, and people who are in strange dilemmas. You are called to minister to that group, also. You may ask, "What would I say to them? How do I minister to them?" And Jesus' message is very simple, "Tell them that they don't have to be poor any longer. Teach them how to give their way out of their dilemma. Teach them how to put My principles to work. Teach them how to get involved in the Kingdom of God."

Prophetic Principle #30

The gospel is for offense.

You must begin to teach the poor and broken hearted that the laws of this society were never designed for them to make it, so they have to operate by the laws of another Kingdom; a Kingdom
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that doesn’t discriminate; a Kingdom that will bless them and set a table before them in the presence of their enemies.

Prophetic Principle #31

God wants your life to bear witness that you operate by the laws of another Kingdom.

God is going to set many of you into astounding positions and opportunities to bless you as an open show before those that mocked you and ridiculed His design. God wants your life to bear witness that you operate by the laws of another Kingdom. He wants to set the stage of your life so that circumstances may display a failure before their eyes, prompting them to contend, “Your end has come. It is over. We have your death certificate.” God delights in answering them, “Watch Me as I bring a 72 hour resurrection. They shall live again!”

When you are morally blind, you lack the ability to see truth. This is frightening, for many of our people still don’t see the truth. The station manager that I was speaking of earlier was African-American, but was too blind to see the truth. He couldn’t see that he was perpetrating racism. I said, “You mean to tell me that you can’t find any African-American ministries to speak to this urban city during prime
time?” He responded, “Well, we are not sure of the delivery and the content, or the style of your message.”

I asked, “In other words, you are saying that if we show up in a particular time slot, we are going to destroy the neighborhood, just as when a black family moves into an all White community?” Surprisingly, the station manager offered no protest! Change must come!

The Gospel to the Captives

It is a known fact that American prisons are predominantly filled with black men. Whenever God brings a visitation or a move, He will not emerge from the camp of the oppressor. If you want to know how to locate the move of God in this day, you will have to begin to find the camp of the oppressed. You will always find God in the camp of the oppressed. Every visitation and reformation always came through a group of people who were oppressed; they had come to the place where their travail moved the heart of God to respond by initiating their deliverance. It’s almost as if God Himself says, “Enough is enough.”

Prophetic Principle #32

When you are morally blind, you lack the ability to see truth.
Jesus came with a distinctive message when He said, "I am sent to preach the gospel to the poor, to heal the broken hearted, to preach the deliverance of the captives, and the recovering of sight to the blind. I am going to bring you back to an awareness of who you really are, so that I may set at liberty those that are bruised. In other words, I am here to bring your emancipation papers, for this is your year of liberty."

You will always find God in the camp of the oppressed.

When you are proclaiming freedom to people, that means that some people are about to get off welfare. You are removing people out of a system that cripples their life. Your refusal to address the real issue lends power to a corrupt institution.

This gospel of the Kingdom will provoke a desire within the hearts of men and women for liberation. When you begin to look at the minds of men who are confused, looking for God in all the wrong places, you find a voracious appetite for God and their own identity. They don’t understand that their identity will only be found in Christ.

It is the gospel of the Kingdom that is going to bring change. The gospel is preaching to the poor,
healing the broken hearted, and deliverance to the captive.

Jesus wants us to proclaim the gospel to those Isaiah 42:7 refers to as "...the prisoners of war...". Those that are in darkness must see a Great Light!!

Prophetic Principle #34

The gospel of the Kingdom will bring change.

There are individuals who are as captive as a prisoner of war because of the battle that we as a people fight daily. We are encountering a force that is trying to eclipse the cultural attributes that we possess with their delusions of superiority. We are in the midst of a power struggle.

It is our job to go in with the gospel and let those who have been taken captive at spearpoint know that, "You don’t have to remain a prisoner anymore." We must begin to occupy our Jerusalem.

Signs Follow the Preached Word

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall
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speak with new tongues;
They shall take up serpents; and if they drink
any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they
shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall
recover."

Mark 16:15-18

Notice that it didn’t say that you will follow after
signs, but that signs are to follow you!! If you are a
believer, miracles, signs, and wonders are supposed
to be following you! You are a walking miracle!
When you walk into someone’s life, signs should
follow: you should leave an effect, a deep
impression—you should have touched their life in
some way by signs following. A trail of miracles
should follow after your every encounter as you
impact the lives of others.

I love prophesying to unbelievers -- let a sign
follow them that believe!

**Prophetic Principle #35**

The natural man cannot discern the things
of God.

As a believer, you will cast out devils. You will
also speak with new tongues. Notice that the
Scripture didn’t say that the devil will cast you out!
If you listen to the testimony of some believers, the
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devil is moving them out instead of them moving the devil!

Even if a serpent bites you or if a serpent is in your way, you have the ability to move it out of your way and it shall not harm you. When the serpent bit Paul, he shook him off right into the fire. If you drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt you. You shall also lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.

As soon as you lay hands on the sick, if they have faith and believe, you have just moved them from the operating room into the recovery room! When we lay hands on you, you are now in the recovery room! You may still feel pain in the recovery room from the effects of the operation, but you’re well aware that the process of recovery has already begun!!

After the operation, you may feel worse. But your feelings may betray you—they will speak contrary to the truth! You’ve been healed! You may say, “I don’t feel healed.” Well, it doesn’t matter how you feel! The only thing that matters is what God says! You may not feel prosperous, but what does the Word of God say? You may not feel as though you have the victory, but what does the Word of God say? You can’t base your Christian experience on feelings. If you do, you’ll experience a great amount of unnecessary frustration because
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the things of God are not carnal. The natural man cannot discern the things of God. This is why you must know the Truth so that you may be made free!!

Publishing the Gospel

"And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following."

Mark 16:20

Prophetic Principle #36

Faith is built upon what you hear.

God believes in advertising. He is into proclamation. There is a dialogue that occurs quite frequently between myself and people of great curiosity. It goes just like this:

Question: "Why are you on television?"

Dr. Jordan: "Because we are fulfilling the Great Commission."

Question: "Why do you go on radio?"

Dr. Jordan: "Because we are fulfilling the Great Commission."

Question: "Why do you advertise in magazines?"

Dr. Jordan: "Because we are fulfilling the Great Commission."
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What does your itinerary in a magazine, or a message on the radio, or television program have to do with preaching the gospel? The fame must precede the miracles, for the fame builds the faith for the miracle.

The woman with the issue of blood heard something, that is why she pressed through the crowd. Her faith was built based on what she had heard. You will only gravitate towards places where you’ve heard that things are happening. It is necessary to get the word out.
Chapter Four
It’s Time to See Again

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised".

Luke 4:3

"Recovering of sight to the blind" in the Greek literally means, "to see again." God took me back to my cultural homeland of Africa as I meditated on this phrase. He said, "I want you to see family the way it was." It wasn’t matriarchal, but patriarchal. The father was the individual in the family who was honored. The wife did not compete with him, but completed him, and the family was strengthened.
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This is the season that we must begin to restore the honor of the elderly -- it is evident that the cultures that revere their elderly greatly benefit from their wisdom. Other cultures don't despise or disrespect their elders, no matter how wrong they are. They would simply submit to the counsel of the elderly until the time of their passing in order to be heard. Our community fights the elderly. Since there's no impartation from the elderly, our sons and daughters lack boundaries and run wild. There are no fathers to speak into their lives. If we wish to solve the rampant rebellion and crime that plagues our neighborhoods, we must restore the honor upon the elderly and allow the fathers to speak.

Prophetic Principle #37

Revere the wisdom of the elderly.

American slavery was the worst type in the history of the world, for it was systemized to eradicate every sense of culture and familial tendencies from an entire race of people. In looking at historical Israel's period of enslavement by the Egyptians, we find that families were maintained. Their tribal identity and worship were not stripped from them. When the Israelites made their exodus from Egypt, they were able to leave in tribes, having
a discernable lineage to trace as they came out by tribes. They could identify the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, for their worship was not homogenized into the Egyptian culture. They were able to maintain their language.

American slavery snatched our language from our lips, stripped us of all sense of cultural identity, ripped our babies out of our mother’s arms, rent the bonds of matrimony between husbands and wives, ultimately destroying basic familial bonds that 300 years of integration has not been able to restore.

**Prophetic Principle #38**

What we are confronting is not a color issue.

Many of us have been brainwashed into thinking that African people are savage, or primitive in their thinking, when in truth, African people were some of the most socially advanced people on the earth. The entire concept of marriage was understood better than it is here in America! In the mother land, when a man wanted to marry a young lady, he didn’t just go to her and walk with her for so many days to see how long it would be before he could get between her legs and snatch her virginity. He would not defame a woman in that manner. They understood that marriage was a business
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arrangement -- you had to sit down and negotiate with the parents to come up with a purchase price, because you had to compensate them for the lifetime investment they had made in their daughter. There was an understanding that if you wanted a man's daughter, then there was so much that you were going to have to pay to marry her, for great honor was bestowed upon the daughter. The American society may find this slightly repugnant, yet if we in America understood life in the same manner, we wouldn't see battered women and children, nor would our divorce courts be filled with embittered partners seeking release from the American nightmare produced through an erroneous concept of marriage that devalues women.

Prophetic Principle #39

The Patriarch has to be restored.

In Africa, a man would pay the family for his bride through a dowry that would consist of money, live stock, or service.

The Scripture tells us that Jacob worked 14 years to obtain Rachel's hand because her father would not allow the younger daughter to marry before the eldest, and Jacob had to marry Leah, the older daughter, first. Apparently, Leah was considered the most unattractive of the two, having what
scholars refer to as astigmatism — she was cross-eyed. Sometimes God will cause you to come into a cross-eyed situation before you come into the blessing that He determined for you.

There are some of you who got stuck with a "Leah" enroute to your "Rachel". You’ve found yourselves in a "cross-eyed" situation; a mixed up condition that is out of focus. But remember, you need your "Leah", for she will help you to give birth to your "Judah", and "Judah" means praise!

**Prophetic Principle #40**

Fathers possess the ability to produce seed.

**Men as Warriors**

We must recover our sight and see our men as warriors once again. Our men were warriors in Africa, for they understood how to strategize and defeat the wild animals; they were men of strength and courage. Manhood did not start at age 21 or 35, but it started at the age of 12. You have to understand that African-American males have gone through what is called a "milling process". When you decide to make white bread, your first strip the flour of all of its natural nutrients that includes 12 vitamins. After you take out all of the nutrients, you
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put four vitamins in it and call it “enriched”. Likewise, they took a man who was a superman, stripped him of his dignity and humanity, and then instilled the qualities of integration that “enriched” him by saying, “We will make you a boy”.

They took out your ability to negotiate, your ability to become entrepreneurs, your ability to become land owners, your ability to handle diamonds and gold, your ability to be in touch with the earth, and your ability to trade with other nations. They took out all of your abilities and enriched you to be what they wanted you to be.

The “milling process” is a “grinding process”; a “beating process” where you are whipped until they whip the fight out of you. Often times, a slave’s ear, thumb, or foot was cut off and used as examples to other slaves to coerce them into obedience. To prove to the women that their babies belonged to the slave masters, they would take a woman, strap her on a tree before all the slaves, take a knife and cut her baby out of her belly, leaving her there to die on the tree. They would put the baby on the ground and let the other slaves watch it die, so that they could understand who was in control. These acts were perpetrated by “Christian” slave masters who would perpetuate such atrocities and afterwards bless their food with “The Lord’s Prayer”.

Mindsets that have been instilled through these events have not changed. Mothers would discipline
their children if they were too astute in front of the master; they would slap their children hard to protect them from the spiteful punishment that would come upon them if the master judged them impertinent. Still today, within the African-American community, whenever someone begins to express a standard of righteousness that insists upon reformation and social change, the voice of fearful concern still echoes from its sinister past, "Shut up boy! Don't make any trouble around here."

People who have been through the "milling process" are "enriched", they lack the ingredients necessary to address the evil that has enthroned itself in their daily lives. That person has lost all of his natural ingredients. A new mindset, a new thinking pattern, and a new thought process has to be restored, for slavery continues to impact this present generation....over 300 years later. Jesus was anointed to give sight to the blind.

Prophetic Principle #41

When the right image is presented, it appears wrong.

We have to change the passive mindset that has been cultivated in our people. Instead of just standing on the street corner or hunting around to see which is the next government program we can
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get on, we must begin to motivate individuals who want to hold on to their original ingredients and refuse to be enriched by a system of thought.

There is still a mindset that says, "This is what you have asked for, this is what you are comfortable with. We have let you on the bus, so be nice now. We have let you work with us, and we know that person A is getting ten thousand dollars a year more than you, but we have let you become a part of the team. This is just the way it is." No! I declare that it is time for a change!

Prophetic Principle #42

Every struggle prepares you for a future achievement.

I am not talking about walking around with picket signs and boycotts, but now, as a people, we must obtain a new thought process. We have to go in and take over! We have to pull our economics together! We have to stop looking for a handout! We have to start producing! And it can only be done with the help of Almighty God!

The mindset of superiority and power at someone else's expense is so woven into the fabric of this country until if it wasn't the African-Americans being oppressed, then it would have been the Indians; if it wasn't the Indians, then it would be
whatever class of people that they could beat into submission. What we are confronting is not a color issue. It is almost like the survival of the fittest.

**Where are the Fathers?**

The Patriarch has to be restored. We have to begin to see fathers -- not just boys, not just men, but fathers, for they denote the future. Fathers possess the ability to produce seed. The father is the one who obtains a vision for one thousand generations.

It was Friday when Jesus went back to the place where He was brought up. On that Friday, the Jew's Sabbath begins at sun down. We need to go back just a little bit to see what Jesus may have been going through on that day.

On that Friday, Jesus would hear the double blast of the trumpet from the roof of the synagogue. They blew the trumpet to let the people know that the Sabbath was about to roll in. And it was blown on the house of the minister, proclaiming the advent of this particular holy day. By the third time that they heard this, the minister would lay the trumpet close by so that he would not be guilty of carrying this trumpet on the Sabbath day, because work was forbidden.

In the community when they heard the blast of the trumpet, they knew it was time to assemble; it
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was a call to begin to draw nigh. It was time to come to the temple. It was time to bring your minds in. It was time to begin to lay aside the work week. It was time to lay aside all those things that you have been worried about. It was time to enter into God’s rest, for it is His holy Sabbath.

Often times, the enemy would try to keep us so busy that he doesn’t ever want us to experience a Sabbath. We are always in an uproar; as consumed by our situations as a workaholic. But there comes a time when you need to steal away or pull away and take a Sabbath. Take some time before the Lord and get into His presence where your efforts cease, and God begins to move on your behalf. Let the Holy Ghost furnish what is needed in your life!

Prophetic Principle #43

Every opposition has an equivalent benefit.

Jesus heard the blast of the trumpet and proceeded to enter the temple, where He worshipped as a child. He was sitting in the temple, not among the elders or among the honored guests. I believe that Jesus was sitting far back. They probably were not expecting Him to show up for worship that day.
God is about to show up in some unexpected places of worship! They won’t expect Him to show up that day or that way! There are many churches that are operating without the Presence of Jesus. They are still proceeding with their formal traditions where they sing two songs and a hymn. They’re conducting business as usual. But when Jesus shows up in an environment, the entire situation will change!

There are some things that you are passing through right now that seem to agree with your adversary when he said, “I have you beat.” But, when Jesus shows up in your situation, the rules of the game will change! It is time to see again and to come out of the darkness!

The synagogue was a common place of worship. According to Jewish law, a representation of ten men had to be present in order to conduct a time of worship, or assemble a synagogue. This meant that their place of worship was not run by women. Fathers were in the house. It is time to see again.

We must recover our sight. We have to become focused. You may think that I am rough on women, but I am just trying to bring things back into divine order. Sometimes you can gaze at a wrong image for so long that you become immune to its error. When the right image is presented, it appears wrong.
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God is restoring unto us that which has been lost. He is making fathers in the house of the Lord who will be prophets, priests, and kings. They will be men of strength, and will be able to stand on their own two feet.

Prophetic Principle #44

Liberation is God’s intention towards you.

The gospel of Jesus is designed to bring about change. You can’t come into the Presence of Jesus and not be changed. When you meet Jesus Christ, who is God manifested in the flesh, there will be a change that takes place on the inside of your very being, for you will be changed into His image.

A Message of Liberation

Jesus came to set at liberty those that are bruised. This literally means, “broken in pieces” -- the oppressed. There are some of you who have been oppressed; you’ve been broken in pieces. Perhaps you are forty years old and still haven’t realized your dream; or perhaps the sting of disappointment has paralyzed your ability to dream. Perhaps the litany of failure haunts you until you declare, “I don’t think that I can make it right now. I am too old.” Good news—there’s deliverance for you!
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You may think, "I don't stand a chance to fulfill my dreams; half of my life is over." I want you to know that there is a word for you! You may say, "Things have started going backwards for me, Prophet." I want you to know that there is change on the agenda for you! There is a rhema hanging in the air for you if you can reach up and grab it! God wants you to know that it is yours!

Every struggle prepares you for a future achievement. You don't have to stay in the pit of despair! You don't have to live in abominable conditions any more! You can break out of the yoke! You can break out of the chains! The voice of the oppressor may say, "Well, we have things all set up in our favor, you just sit back, take low and eat dirt." Now you can begin to say, "But God is changing all the rules. He has let me know that I am going to see again."

The gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is designed to bring you out of bondage and into His marvelous light! God wants to free you! He wants you to see again!!

"To preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

Luke 4:19

To preach means, "to proclaim" the acceptable year of the Lord; to preach on the first day of the year, to proclaim with the sound of the trumpet and say, "It is the acceptable year of the Lord."
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In other words, it is your year of jubilee. You don’t have to be in bondage any longer! We are crossing over Jordan! We’re not in bondage anymore! In other words, we don’t have to be entangled with the yoke of bondage. You have to come out of the enemies camp. You have to come out of the enemy’s world. You can’t be entangled anymore.

Prophetic Principle #45

You cannot have liberation without economics.

Jesus said, “This day is the Scripture fulfilled in your ears.” It is your year of jubilee! You don’t have to live under the pressure of the world system any longer! You can become independent of it! Every opposition has an equivalent benefit. The pressure that the enemy designed for your destruction is used to transform you into a diamond!

Liberation is God’s intention towards you. This is your year of Jubilee! Leviticus chapter 25 explains the promises that are associated with the year of Jubilee.

“And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his

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possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.”

Leviticus 25:10

In other words, when you are liberated, God will wipe out your debt; you won’t owe anybody anything! We, as a people, have never really experienced a jubilee. We’ve never truly been released from bondage. Our physical bonds have been released, but our minds are held in captivity. When you are truly released from slavery, you don’t come out empty handed. Retribution is given. The African-Americans were never given anything for their pain...therefore we never really came out.

When Israel was coming out of Egypt, God said, “Before you leave, I want you to go back and get their jewelry, fill your pockets, get as much as you can get and then you can leave.”

You cannot have liberation without economics. It would have been best to stay on the plantation until we all had a corporate understanding that we must take half of their bank accounts.

Prophetic Principle #46

God speaks prophetically.

You may think, “Isn’t that stealing?” No, we have to be paid for the wages that were lost by our
ancestors. We must be compensated for the time and the loss of life. There has to be a Scriptural exodus, after the same pattern as the Israelites which becomes quite evident when we understand what Jesus preached.

“And then He closed the book.” He gave the book back to the minister of that day. Jesus said in verse 21, “this day -- not tomorrow, not a dream in the future -- is the Scripture fulfilled in your ears.”

There is a Holy Ghost anger that is stirring. You can feel that it is the time of the “coming out”. When you understand kingdom, God has always spoken to Israel about land in which they did not plant. He told them they were going to own it.

Prophetic Principle #47

God’s love brings freedom, not bondage.

God speaks prophetically. In the mind of God, it has already been declared that you are liberated; that you are free. He is just trying to get you to come to the awareness of your liberation so that you can begin to understand that the wealth of the wicked has been “laid up” for the righteous. God is just trying to get you in right standing. He is saying that they have billions of dollars laying up doing
nothing, but until you get your right standing, you will not be able go in and take the substance so that you can be totally liberated.

Jesus was preaching His first public announcement when He said, "I have come to liberate." Any preacher who is preaching the gospel and their message doesn’t liberate, but rather oppresses African-American people has not preached the gospel of Christ." People love to retreat from the issue by saying, "I believe God only gives us a spiritual salvation." No, that is the message that you used to get us on the boat! You held a Bible in one hand and a whip in the other! This is why the slaves would say, "Everybody talkin' about heaven ain’t going there."

The slaves had enough spiritual discernment and innate knowledge of God to know that their oppressors were not of God. They had enough sense to know that if the "massas" were hearing from God, then God would have given them a message of liberation; God’s love brings freedom, not bondage. God’s love removes captivity, it doesn’t castrate or lynch black men.

Prophetic Principle #48

We can’t be free until we are all free.
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I am beginning to find that I cannot be free until you’re free and you cannot be free until I’m free. We can’t be free until we are all free.

God spoke to the children of Israel, Gad and the tribe of Manasseh. He said you are going to come into your land, but you won’t be able to enjoy your land until all of Israel comes into theirs. It doesn’t matter how high you make it, or how far you move into the suburbs—you won’t be free until we are all free! That is in the contract! It is time to see again!
Chapter Five

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Jesus' first public announcement is found in Luke, chapter four. He began to teach that He was the divine Savior. The chapter opens up with Jesus being led of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. Before you can enter into your mission or assignment, you have to be led into a situation where the devil can tempt and try you.

A day came when Job had to be proven and tested. His wife's advice to such testing was for Job to curse God and die. Job adamantly replied, "Thou speakest like a foolish woman. For all my appointed time, I am going to wait upon the Lord until my change comes."

Jesus was in the wilderness being tested and tried for forty days and nights. Forty is the number of
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temptation; the number of being proven which ends in either victory or judgment.

There are some situations that will come up in your life that must be proven. There are relationships that will come up in your life that must be proven. You will never know the degree of the loyalty of a disciple until the relationship has been put to the test.

**Prophetic Principle #49**

You will never know the degree of the loyalty of a disciple until the relationship has been put to the test.

Even though Jesus walked with twelve disciples, every one of them had to be tried or proven. But one thing about Jesus is that He didn’t turn His back on His disciples; not even on Peter who denied Him. Jesus told him that he would bring the sermon on Pentecost. He told Peter, “Even though you may feel rejected, I raise up rejected ones because the greater your rejection, the greater your anointing.”

Luke 4:13 says, “When the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.” It didn’t say that the devil stayed away permanently. Satan only visits in seasons. He is not omnipresent, so he is not battling with you twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.
As you go through testings and trials; if you endure hardship as a good soldier, the devil is going to depart from you for a season. He is going to find that he couldn’t get you to stumble, but he has to get some reinforcement. His strategy is to go back and tell others that he couldn’t get you to curse God and die — that perhaps they must try another strategy or another tactic to bring you down.

Regardless of the temptation — the devil may tax your money; he may touch your family, or burn your house—stand in the midst and see the salvation of the Lord! I want you to know that if you go though the temptation, the devil will depart from you for a season.

**Prophetic Principle #50**

You must pass through the wilderness of transition.

You may find yourself in a particularly difficult season; a season that you may not particularly care for—but you must endure. Perhaps you are saying, "Lord, I am ready to give up. I am ready to let it go," but remember, you must endure. People who are on a mission understand that their mission is not complete until it is fulfilled.

You need to understand that there are some things that you must pass through; some experiences
that you are going to go through; some situations that will not look favorable, but you must go through them. Those seasons are unavoidable...they are necessary to qualify you for your mission.

The struggle for Jesus was not ended in the wilderness. It just began a new thrust in His ministry. Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee. “Galilee” in the Hebrew actually means “the rolling” or “the turning”. I look at it as meaning “momentum.” Sometimes God will bring you away from your Galilee to take you into your wilderness experience, so that you can come out of the wilderness experience with greater momentum.

Prophetic Principle #51

You have to go through the testing before you experience the blessing.

There are some of you that are not going to have your breakthrough or experience the days of glory and victory until you pass through a bitter wilderness experience. Then you will return back to your Galilee with greater momentum in greater victory.

Manifesting the Power of the Spirit

Jesus, in Matthew 3:13, was baptized with the Holy Ghost and with fire. Until you get the Holy
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Ghost and fire on your life, you can't enter into temptation successfully and have victory. It was after the baptism that Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness.

**Prophetic Principle #52**

Baptism is a symbol of death and resurrection.

"And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan." (Luke 4:1). He came from the place where He was being baptized. After He was baptized and filled with the Holy Ghost, He returned to Nazareth in the power of the Spirit. I believe that when you get filled with the Holy Ghost (under the control of the Holy Ghost), you will begin to speak that heavenly language, talk in other tongues, walk in victory, and the Holy Ghost will burn and drive out the things that are not spelling victory in your life.

After you become empowered with the Holy Ghost, God wants to lead you into the wilderness of temptation. We won’t know if you have the goods until you have been through the test.

There are some of you on a mission, but there are some strange things that have knocked at your door. There are some strange situations that have come in your direction. There are some strange events that have taken place. You have been through some
trials, tribulation, and experiences that you can't explain. When you are on a mission, you have to go through the testing before you experience the blessing.

The Holy Spirit came upon Jesus at the baptism. Something happens when you are baptized in water. When you are emerged in water. It is a symbol of death -- some people call it the watery grave. I believe that the water needs to be cold because death is cold. When you go down, you are buried, only to come up again in resurrection. It is a type of the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Prophetic Principle #53**

God is perfecting an area of your life.

When you have the Holy Ghost on the inside of you, Paul lets us know that this same power, the same Spirit which was in Christ Jesus dwells in you. It is the Holy Ghost who begins to quicken your mortal body. Even when you don’t have strength in the natural, it is the Holy Ghost who begins to quicken your mortal body. Even when you don’t feel like walking in victory, the Holy Ghost will begin to talk to you and quicken your mortal body.
One song writer says, “And He walks with me and He talks with me and He tells me that I am His own.” I believe that he had a relationship with the Holy Ghost who will quicken and strengthen. He is the Comforter; the One who is called along side to help. He is called upon to quicken your mortal body.

You won't move into the next level, until you master your present level.

You have the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead. He dwells in you. When you have the Holy Ghost on the inside of you, those words that you use to say, you don't say any longer. When you think ungodly thoughts, the Holy Ghost says, “No, that is not tolerated in My Presence.”

The Holy Spirit came upon Jesus. “And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being forty days tempted of the devil.”

If you are on a mission or an assignment for God, and you are filled with the Holy Ghost, get ready for temptation. You are going to pass through some mess!
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Jesus was assaulted of the devil in the wilderness. The wilderness is a place that is untamed; the place where wild beasts dwell. There are some of you who have family members that are just like wild beasts. Your work place may be a place that is just like a wild beast. Your neighbor, your community, or your environment may be places where the wild beasts dwell. But, you are led by the Spirit into the place of the wild to demonstrate the power that is now resident on the inside of you.

Prophetic Principle #55

The wilderness will prepare you for public ministry.

Preparation for Public Ministry

Some of you are saying, “Lord, I am ready to be used of you.” In other words, you are saying, “Lord, I am ready to be seen.” But He is saying, “I am not ready to display you yet. We have to get you back into the furnace of affliction. We have to get rid of the dross. We have to get you back on the potter’s wheel.” And you say, “Lord, not that cycle again.” But God is saying, “I see a flaw in the clay.”

Some of you are passing through situations in life where God is perfecting an area of your life. He is
making an adjustment in your character. He is working on that area or event in your life. That thing that you thought you couldn’t ever get rid of, God is getting in it and saying, “I am perfecting the vessel.” He is perfecting you so that you will become a vessel of honor and not of dishonor.

If you have not been through a wilderness experience, then you are about to go through one. If you thought that this Christian walk would place you on easy street, then you were sadly mistaken. If you thought that it was going to be like the song from The Wiz, “Ease on Down, Ease on Down the Road,” you were sadly mistaken! In this walk in Christ, you are going to pass through some nasty experiences.

When Jesus came out of the wilderness in the power of the Spirit into Galilee, there went a fame of Him throughout all the region. After you go through, then God will begin to cause your fame to go out.

There was no documentation of Jesus’ ministry before He went into the wilderness. I believe that your ministry or mission will not be unveiled until you pass through something. We have a lot of people who are ready to speak into other people’s lives who haven’t passed through anything. You don’t have a testimony. You couldn’t hold your peace long enough to be kept by the Lord, that you
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may demonstrate how to come out and say that you have a report of victory.

Seemingly, before the Holy Ghost came upon Jesus, He was hidden until He received the Holy Ghost. He was indistinct until He received the Holy Ghost. He was remote from observation, until He became filled with the Holy Ghost. God is not going to display you until you become filled with the Holy Ghost.

I believe that we are moving in a day or an hour where God is beginning to say that He has some men and women whom He has hand picked that He is not going to display until they get filled with His power.

Prophetic Principle #56

God wants individuals to worship in the uniqueness of their culture.

We are dealing with a spirit of this age, whereby you can't just intellectualize the gospel. There has to be some power in demonstration. People are saying, "If you know the Christ, show us the Christ."

We are dealing with a realm where people are seeing psychics and the supernatural and they are looking for you to tell them things. You can't go to
minister guessing, hoping, scoping, peeking, and thinking, "Maybe I am hitting it or maybe I am not. Let me see, is that a back pain that you have or is it something across the shoulder?" You are dealing with realms today where people are looking at psychics and tarot card readings and the world is mesmerized by their appearance of power. Therefore, in this hour it is going to take a greater anointing to witness and minister to the sinner.

Prophetic Principle #57

You are dealing with a structure and a system that is mad.

Satan is displaying his angels. This is the hour where God wants to display His people and you must be filled with the Holy Ghost. You have to have the anointing of God, because it is the anointing that destroys the yoke and makes the difference in the life of the believer.

No one knew much about Jesus' ministry, until after John baptized Him and the Holy Ghost came upon Him and the Father spoke and said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Then He was led up in the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

You won't move into the next level, until you master your present level. You can't let
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discouragement knock you out of the house of God. You can’t let discouragement move you away from the people of God. You experience one financial blow or one bad moment, then all of a sudden you say, “I am not going to church anymore. I am tired of church. I don’t know if this thing with God is working.” That is a spirit of discouragement. You have to enter into the press and say, “Satan, I know what you want, but I am not giving in. I know what you want me to do, but I am not giving in to it.” You have to enter into the press until your temptation is over and the devil will depart for a season.

Prophetic Principle #58

When you are on a mission, you can’t be stopped until your assignment is complete.

People may wonder how things are with you. You can say, “Look, I have been going through something, but I am standing the test because the devil is about to exit out for a season.”

Preaching in the Synagogue

“And He taught in their synagogue being glorified of all.”

Luke 4:15
Now that Jesus has come through the wilderness of temptation, He has gotten the devil off His back. Some of you have to tell the devil to back up. You must tell him, "I am standing right here. I am not going anywhere." Every time he comes with an attack, your response should be, "It is written...." When he comes with another attack say, "But it is written...". When he comes to you, as a single parent, and taunts you by saying, "You are single, you are lonely", your reply should be, "No, but it is written, "Lo, He is with me always...". You have to know what is written in the Scriptures. The Bible lets us know that this was the beginning of Jesus' preaching. Jesus taught in the synagogue. The "synagogue" is the bringing together or the assembly or the gathering of people; the collection of books or letters; the end gathering of the harvest; the drawing in of a sale.

Examining the "synagogue" in respect to logical thought, the "synagogue" is the deduction or the demonstration. In other words, even in the synagogue, there should be a demonstration of God's power, the Holy Spirit, and the Presence of God.

**Prophetic Principle #59**

God call you to a particular geographical setting to impact that people.
"Synagogue" relates to the entire congregation in the cultic community. "Culture", from its root word, "cult", means "worship." This means that God wants individuals to worship in the uniqueness of their culture. He does not want you to deny your cultural identity in the Kingdom. When you are trying to be like someone else, you are robbing yourself.

The whole congregation is the cultic community engaged in a secret act or the legal community engaged in judgement. The Bible says that judgement will first begin at the house of God. This actually means "from the house of God." That means that the Church is the institution that God has ordained to judge anything that happens in the world system. Not the supreme court, but the Church.

Prophetic Principle #60

Your greatest opposition will be from your own people who are oppressed.

The Church is the institution that will be raised up to judge matters as to whether they are righteous or unrighteous. This is why we must understand that situations, like racism, will never be eliminated out of a city or nation until the Church of this nation
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begins to rise up and judge it as unjust and begin to speak to those principalities, and dethrone those structures.

Prophetic Principle #61

Usually your home field is the most barren field.

When the community of the Church embraces their responsibility to operate as a synagogue, they will see God’s wonders and inherit His promises. He took a community of Israelites and moved them from place to place, to see the wonder of God and to inherit the promises of God. When God gathers you in a body and makes you a part of a local church, you come under the covering of that church. As you come under the covering of the local church, the Holy Ghost takes you there to see His wonders and to inherit His promises.

Everything else outside of the church doors is insane. You are dealing with a structure that has plotted for your destruction; a system that has begun to implement genocide. You are dealing with an institution that has raped your mothers and took your babies away from you and destroyed your men and continues to dehumanize your men. You are
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dealing with a system and a structure that has worked overtime in media to make the African-American man inferior and to remove him from his place in the family.

You are dealing with a structure and a system that is mad. The only place where you are going to find hope and consolation is not in the liquor bottle, not in marijuana joints, and not in the bar. The only gathering place where you can find strength and hope and a message of liberation and deliverance is in the house of God.

Prophetic Principle #62

You will not have a message until you pass through some mess; you will not have ministry until you go through some misery; and you will not have a mission without a vision.

The House of God is where God’s Spirit can come upon you and empower you to become a man or woman on a mission. When you are on a mission, you can’t be stopped until your assignment is complete. They may say that you are an easy target, but they can’t touch you until God says that the assignment is up. When you are on a mission and when you have a “rhema” Word of God, you are immortal until that Word comes to pass.
The synagogue was a place of teaching the law -- teaching and promulgating the law. We are to teach our families the law of God when they come to the house of God. They should see the law of God demonstrated before their eyes—not this one dating that one, the preacher sleeping around with this one, and this one sucking on cigarettes. In the house of God, people should see a demonstration of holiness and the law of God.

The synagogue replaced the temple. In the temple there was only one place where you could go to worship. In the synagogue there was free worship. In other words, you went from geographical bondage of one place to having the laity playing an important role in the local community. Now it meant that there is a place of worship in my local community. In other words, now you don’t have to travel to Jerusalem to go to the temple, but you can go to church in your neighborhood.

**Prophetic Principle #63**

When you are on a mission, you must stand in faith

God was making preparation for the Church. He didn’t want the Church to have just one place to
worship, where everyone was trying to take a trip to Israel or to the upper room, because that was a place where men worshipped. But He wanted the church to be in your local community, and wherever the believers came together—wherever two or three were gathered together in His Name—there He synagogued or was in your midst. Now we can begin to worship Him in spirit and in truth because wherever you are, you are salt and light. God calls you to a particular geographical setting to impact that people.

**Prophetic Principle #64**

You must preach from a text that is fulfilled in your own experience.

The synagogue was a place of prayer where the Divine Presence reposed. People had an opportunity to learn how to pray and were guaranteed answers to prayer.

The synagogue was also a school; a place of teaching; a place of learning. It was a counsel house; a meeting place to settle public affairs. It was a place of hospitality offering provision for the poor; a house of rest for travelers; the putting up of visitors especially when people were coming for celebration in Jerusalem.
Our current day church has moved so far away from its purpose until our government is doing a lot of what the church should be doing. It is the Church’s job to take care of the poor. It was the Church’s responsibility to meet certain needs and when you have other institutions meeting needs that the Church is called to meet, now you have chaos, confusion, and the Church becomes powerless and unable to do what it is called to do.

Opposition From Your Own

When you are a man or a woman on a mission, when you are a deliverer, your greatest opposition will be from your own people who are oppressed. It wasn’t the Egyptians who cast stones at Moses, it was the Israelites. It wasn’t so much the Romans that were looking to push Jesus off the cliff, but it was His own people, the Jews. When you begin to be raised up as a deliverer, your own people will be the ones who will turn against you.

In our own communities, when you begin to seek truth and declare righteousness from within your own community, there will arise individuals who will withstand you.

That is the mind of an oppressed people. Usually your home field is the most barren field. This is why your first mission is to go back to your Jerusalem. You must share Jesus with the ones who
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are the most familiar with you; in whom unbelief will become your biggest opponent.

Some of you are asking, “Why is my ministry stuck in first gear? Why haven’t I had a breakthrough? I have heard the call of God. I have been through the wilderness of temptation. I feel a Word burning in me, but why is there no release?” Your first release, your first message, your first baby has got to drop at home!

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*When you are on a mission, you can’t be stopped.*

At home everyone knows what you are like. The skeptics are at home. This will be the proof of whether the anointing is really in you! At home, they will be able to tell whether there has been a change or not. You can wear another face around someone who didn’t know you “when”, but those who knew you in the past will scrutinize you when you step into their life. They will say, “Wait a minute...is this Bubba? (they won’t call you by your name)” “Bubba” is the name that all the home folks knew you by. Those are the people to whom God is sending you back. That is where your mission first starts. You have to go back home.
Preaching from Experience

When you are on a mission, there is some development that must take place. You will not have a message until you pass through some mess; no ministry until you go through some misery; and no mission without a vision. There will be times where you will walk around in situations and you don’t even know if God is there. You are saying, “Lord, are you with me or are you not?” During those times, you can only stand on the Word of God where He says, “Lo, I will be with you always, even until the end of the world.”

There will be some situations that you will go through where you won’t feel God. You won’t hear from God. The Bible didn’t tell us that God was continually ministering to Jesus, but Jesus had to survive on the initial Word that He heard from the Father, “You are My beloved Son, I am well pleased, now go in the wilderness.” After the forty days, the angels came and ministered to Jesus. You are going to pass through some seasons and cycles where God will be silent.

Prophetic Principle #66

Silence gives support to the powers that be.
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The prophet won't have another word for you. When you open up the Bible, it will seem as though all you are getting is the letter of the Word. You'll be saying, "God, where is my rhema?" He is saying that you have to go on the strength of the Word that you heard forty days ago.

When you are on a mission, you must stand in faith. You will not become acquainted with wisdom until you experience some problems. You won't attain money until you pass through some poverty. You are going to pass through some stuff! You have to go through some mess in order to get your message!

When you return in the power of the Spirit, people will see the manifestation of God in your life. When Moses returned, they saw signs, wonders, and miracles.

**Prophetic Principle #67**

You will only progress through struggle.

In this hour, God is taking some people out of secular arenas. He is snatching some people from institutions. God is preparing them on the backside of the desert; giving them an experience before the Lord in the Mount of Transfiguration because He is
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going ready to send them back with some manifestations of the Spirit.

When we get ready to go out and preach on our mission, we must preach from the text that is fulfilled in our experience. Most people preach out of a book that someone else has gone through. You must preach from a text that is fulfilled in your own experience.

When someone says, "We don't understand the teaching on the Name of Jesus. How can this happen in the Name of Jesus?" You can say, "I can't debate with you theologically, but there is one thing that I know and that is the power of that Name! It has been fulfilled in my experience!" "I can't tell you how prophecy works, I can't tell you how God speaks, but one thing that I do know is that He is talking to me right now. When He says, "Go there," I have to go there. When He says, "Go over there", I have to go over there." You have to preach from a text that is fulfilled in your present experience.

If your ministry is not ministering to the poor by letting them know that they don't have to be poor anymore; ministering to the brokenhearted, to the individual who has been broken down in pieces and ministering to the captives and setting them free, then what you are ministering is not the gospel.

People need the gospel. God has called you to be a man or a woman on a mission. When you are on
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a mission, you can’t be stopped. You are untouchable. Silence gives support to the powers that be. People will tell you, “Don’t be too radical.” What they are communicating is that you are radical, so you are already in trouble!

You must understand the type of captivity that you are held in. It is the prophet who proclaims a radical change in ungodly systems. Most prophets proclaim their message in anger. There is an innate appetite for righteousness that takes offence when ungodliness flaunts itself in the face of a prophet.

Frederick Douglas said, “If there is no struggle, there is no progress.” You will only progress through struggle. True liberation comes through those who have been through something. You have to be oppressed in order to deliver the oppressed. God moves in every generation among the oppressed.

Liberation is declaring to a system that I have been set free. Whenever you are the tail, there is a system that has already said, “You are the tail.” This means that there is a head. Whenever you are the tail, the head determines what the tail lands on. When you start making your own decisions and start declaring, “I have destiny,” you are going to make some Christians mad. But when you are on a mission you can’t focus on what other people think. You must obey what is written in the contract.
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"And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret,

And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets.

And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.

Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

And Simon answering said unto him, Master,
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we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

And when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.

And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.”

Luke 5:1-7

Jesus told Peter to launch out into the deep and let down his nets. The deep, according to Webster’s Dictionary, means, “extending far down below the surface.” In baseball terminology, it means “beyond the normal area covered” or “to go off the deep and to lose all sense of caution.”

Prophetic Principle #68

It is time to launch out into the deep.

God is calling us into a realm where we lose all sense of caution; we lose all sense of fear -- all sense of limitation. It is time to launch out into the deep.

Jesus’ fame was going forth. He was beginning to be noted as a teacher. The people pressed upon Him to hear the Word of God. The people heard about the fame of Jesus, for it was firmly established.
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The word "pressed" literally means that they were pressing upon Jesus to such a degree that it may have been dangerous for Him to stay there because they probably would have pushed Him right over into the water.

There can be a desperation in our soul; a desperation in our life that will urge us to go to any degree or to any length to get our miracle because our miracle is in the Word of the Lord.

Prophetic Principle #69

Lose your sense of limitation.

There was a washing or stripping taking place when Jesus arrived in Peter's ship. They had already fished all night long, and were in the process of cleaning up. The day's toil was just about over.

Some of you are in situations in life where it is over. You have done your best. You have been through the necessary situations. You went to this one and took the A plan. You went a different route and tried plan B. You have tried every plan and everything seems to have failed, but now Jesus comes on the scene and your miracle is at hand!

Jesus entered into Simon's ship. He asked Peter to thrust out just a little from the land. In other
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words, Jesus took this man’s possession. God wants to get in your possession. He wants your stuff, and then He wants to thrust you out a little. He won’t thrust you out all at once, but He will thrust you out a little.

**Prophetic Principle #70**

God wants to get in your possessions.

Jesus entered Simon’s ship and taught the people out of it. And He “sat down.” These were the same words used in the synagogue of Capernaum. Usually, when the Jewish teacher gets ready to teach or preach, he would sit down. This was the posture of the Jewish preacher.

**Ready for the Master’s Use**

Jesus got a hold of Simon’s ship. But, his ship was ready for the Master’s use. Are your goods ready for the Master’s use? If Jesus says, “Can I have this for it to be thrust out just a little,” will you put Him on hold or will you say, “Yes, Lord it is ready — here it goes?” If He asks, “Can I have the situation that you are in? Yours is the vehicle that is at hand at this particular moment.” Will you give Him a bunch of excuses or will you say, “Here it is, Lord?”

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Simon had toiled all night. If anything, he should have had a bad attitude. He didn't make any money. God wants to get into a vehicle that is seemingly unprofitable at the time and say, “I have need of this vehicle because I want to teach the people.”

Simon helped Jesus to reach the pressing crowd. Whenever Jesus asks for a tool that is in your hand or a vehicle that is within your reach, He has need of it because He wants to meet someone’s pressing need. It may be your finances that He will ask to use because He wants to reach the masses. He wants to reach a need in someone’s life. Often times, God is asking for our possessions in the same manner that He asked for Simon’s possession. Jesus needed that tool in order to meet the need in the people’s life.

Prophetic Principle #71

God will reach the masses through your possessions.

He reached the crowd with Simon’s ship. God will reach the masses through your possessions. Mother, you may have a son and God says, “I want that son.” You may tell God, “But he is precious to me.” And God is saying, “But I need him for ministry to reach the masses.”
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You may tell the Lord, “But Lord, my job is awful and I want to leave! They mistreat me, and I am trying to do everything right.” God is saying, “Yes, but I need you to be an example on that job. Can I have your job to reach the masses?” It may be your education that God wants to use to reach the masses. God wants what you have in order to reach the masses.

How many of you are willing to lend your possessions to the Lord so that He can reach the masses? God wants your stuff. Simon was abundantly rewarded in his life. You will be also if you allow obedience to be your portion.

A Rhema Word

“Now when He had left speaking, He said unto Simon....”

Prophetic Principle #72

God stops in one area to start in another.

The Lord began to give me revelation concerning this passage. After He had left speaking, “He said unto Simon...” I asked, “What are you saying Lord?” He said, “I want to teach you something about the stop and start of God: When I stopped speaking to the masses, I started speaking to the individual that
loaned me his possession. When I stopped speaking to the multitudes, I started to speak to the vehicle that I was able to work through in order to reach the masses."

Prophetic Principle #73

Whenever God begins to do something, He speaks it to one man.

God spoke to me through a vision and said, "Many times, when people see that I have ceased moving in one area, they missed Me because they didn’t know that I was moving in another area." The end of one thing means a new beginning of another thing in God. Often times, we try to bring God back into an old visitation or into the place where we knew God was once moving. However, for some reason, He ceased moving. It meant that He started to address another agenda. He stops in one area to start in another.

Jesus had ceased speaking to the multitudes and turned to the two that He was able to use. When God ceased speaking to the children of Israel, He started ministering to Moses.

There are some situations in your life that you are confronting that God has ceased speaking about; but He is speaking to another topic on His agenda.
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Because God is silent in an area doesn’t mean that He has left that area, but it just means that He moved on to something else on His agenda. Sometimes you must hold on to the rhema that you heard forty days ago in order for you to go through your wilderness and discover your breakthrough.

**Prophetic Principle #74**

Your great fish is in the deep!

The Bible says He said unto Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets." "Launch out" in the Greek was a singular word, which meant that He was only telling Peter to launch. When God gives the initial command, He gives it to an individual — He doesn’t consult a committee.

When God gives an initial command in a local church, He won’t speak to the entire house or it will sound strange to the congregation. Rather, God speaks to the leader. After having spoken to the leader, He then gives the succeeding commands to the multitude. God gave the word to Adam and Eve was to follow.

Before the flood, God spoke to Noah, and the eight souls behind Noah had to fall in line. They heard the order through Noah. God didn’t take an entire committee up to the Mount to see the burning
bush. No, He spoke it to Moses, who then spoke to the people.

Whenever God begins to do something, He speaks it to one man. Usually He chooses a "madman", someone who is crazy; someone who will believe Him in spite of whatever he is going through; a person who has overcome the persuasion of the enticing opinions of men. God speaks to individuals who would say, "I am no longer paying attention to what people are saying because I have already overcome the masters." God gets hold of madmen in order to turn around the world!

The rhema Word of God that came to Peter was, "Launch out into the deep." Then He spoke corporately to Peter’s partners in the boat and said, "Let down your nets."

**Prophetic Principle #75**

When you walk with God, you will be an individual of authority.

When Jesus takes your possession, He also gives you a commission. He won’t take your stuff and leave you without a word. When He gets hold of your seed, He has an assignment set up for you. God is setting things up for you.
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When Peter gave Him the boat, he received a prophetic word, "Launch out into the deep." Supernatural knowledge was imparted. God was now taking him to the right geographical location.

Obeying the Word of the Lord

Simon answered and said unto him, "Master, we have toiled all night and have taken nothing, nevertheless, at thy word I will let down the net."

Prophetic Principle #76

At your lowest end, God will give you a command to continue.

Jesus told them launch out into the deep so that you can get some results. If you are fearful to launch out into the deep, then you will never come into the blessings of the Lord. God’s footsteps are in the deep. You may say, "Lord, where are you?" In the deep. "God, what are you saying for me for this hour?" Get into the deep. Get into the realms where you have to remove the boundaries. Get into the realms where you can no longer see your natural flesh producing what needs to be produced.

Simon was fishing in his flesh. When it was time for him to see the supernatural, God had to move him into an area which was unfamiliar to him.
Peter had already said that there was nothing happening there.

You have to get your heart filled with the treasures of the deep things of God. The great fishes are in the deep. Your great fish is in the deep!

Those of you who are believing God for "Boaz" are not going to find a "Boaz" of substance while you are swimming in shallow waters, for you must get into the deep. Some of you are trying to network, but you are trying to network at the shore. You must go into the deep and get a larger vision.

God told me some years ago, "Fish for sharks." I had never heard of people fishing for sharks. The Lord began to speak to me. He said, "I want you to fish in the underworld. I want you to go deep sea fishing. I want you to fish in a realm where normal people won't fish." With these fish, you can't catch them with just a hook, line and sinker. You need a boat and a net.

**Prophetic Principle #77**

**God will speak to you at your point of despair.**

A school of fish can often cover an area of more than an acre. When the fish move forward slowly in a mass and are rising up out of the water, they are packed so closely together that it will appear as
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though a heavy rain is beating down on the surface of the water. Peter had to make a decision to obey the rhema Word of God, just as I am going to obey the rhema I received about deep sea fishing.

At Thy Word -- I Will

"And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net."

Luke 5:5

Peter said, "Master," which actually meant "commander". He recognized an authority in Jesus when He heard Him teach the word. He knew that He was an individual of authority, but Peter didn’t know Him as a Rabbi because Peter was a sinner. Every revelation of God smites the soul in the sense of sinlessness and the natural desire to shrink back from God’s Presence.

When you walk with God, you will be an individual of authority. When Peter heard Jesus he said, "Master, (commander, chief) listen to this: we have toiled all night and have taken nothing. Nevertheless, at thy word, I will let down the net."

They toiled, which means that they were exhausted and weary. They were workers who labored in truth, but their success was not commensurate to their hope. You may be a
workman who goes through all the stages for success, but you are finding that you are at a period of no success. You may be a workman or a laborer, as those individuals were, who has passed through all the necessary stages to receive the harvest, but yet you are still experiencing disappointment.

You may be in a state of despondency. You may have followed the routine, yet you're still in the pit of despair. You must understand that the Lord is saying, "Launch out into the deep." In the midst of your disappointment, you must get to the point where your heart will respond, "Nevertheless, at thy word."

**Prophetic Principle #78**

*Often times God has spoken, but you have not willed.*

Sometimes we can become so discouraged until when God speaks, we'll say, "You spoke last time and nothing happened. I gave you my boat. I have toiled all night. I am not seeing any results. All I see is people leaving away happy because you taught them. I have toiled all night long and I am tired. I know the fishing trade Jesus, You don't. Why don't You stay in the center of Your expertise? You are a carpenter. I am a fisherman and I know what is happening here at sea."
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Thank God that Simon had enough sense to recognize that a commander was in his midst! In his flesh, he didn't understand what Jesus was talking about. He reminded Jesus that they had toiled all night. God will give you a command to continue, even while you are under discouragement. He will give you a command to continue, even when the urge to quit sounds from the voice of abandonment. He gives you a command to continue, even when it seems as though it is useless to proceed. He will give you a command to continue, even when your hope is deferred. At your lowest end, God will give you a command to continue. You must respond to Him by saying, "Nevertheless, at thy word...."

**Prophetic Principle #79**

Faith is not faith, unless there is corresponding action.

Peter understood this to mean, "On the ground of your word, Lord, I am doing this." That is where faith kicks in. Your natural inclination would be to reason your way into the disobedience of the Word.

Yet sometimes God will bring you to a dead end street just to show you that there is a door in the wall. I know that Peter could have felt as though
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God was teasing him. He probably thought, "Lord, do you really mean this?" All hope was gone, yet God was still speaking. He will speak to you at your point of despair. Sometimes, He will wait until it goes beyond midnight, just as He did with Joshua, and hold the sun in place and tell time to back up a little while and redeem that which you have lost. Simon continued at the words of Jesus or on the ground of His word.

The time of fishing has passed. They had toiled all night and caught nothing. "Nevertheless, ...." It is not coming in and you are yet speaking the word, "Nevertheless, ...." God has a remedy for your weakness at your point of failure. He brings you to the point where you must eliminate reasoning and move only into the area of believing: "Nevertheless, at thy word."

Faith can’t work or the miracle can’t happen until you get into the arena of "I will." Often times God has spoken, but you have not willed. The miracle happens when you go to the realm of, "I will."

What does "the will" mean? The "will" is "the faculty of determining one’s actions or intention." Peter had to see himself performing it: "Nevertheless, at thy word I will let down the net." Faith is not faith, unless there is corresponding action. God is waiting for you to work with Him. God is waiting on you to work with Him. He is
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waiting for you to say, “Nevertheless, at thy word I will let down my net.”

“Yes Lord, we have heard the word of the Lord.” You can’t sit on your blessed assurance and wait for it to manifest, but you have to get over into the realm of “I will’s.”

Moses almost aborted his prophetic word because he didn’t will to circumcise his son. So God met him in the inn and sought to kill him. He, too, had to say, “Nevertheless, at thy word I will....” The miracle won’t happen until you enter into the realm of obedience. There must be corresponding action to the Word.

Prophetic Principle #80

Run to God if you are in sin.

The Power of God’s Presence

“When they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.”

Luke 5:6,8

Peter was astonished at the drought of the fish which they had taken. When he saw the harvest, he
saw the miraculous power of God. When people see the power, they want to move away from His Presence because of their sinful nature.

When you are in sin, you need to know that it is not the time to run away from God; that is the time to run to Him. That is why I don’t try to beat people up with guilt and condemnation while ministering on Sunday mornings. I know that some people are in sin, their lives are shabby, and they are not living in victory, but they come to the house of the Lord to get help, not to be condemned. No one lives in victory 24 hours a day, seven days a week!

Just when you think that you have something conquered, something else comes out of you. You pray and say, “Oh, God. Lord, don’t let the prophet touch it. Don’t let him see it. I know I don’t have it together. I am still using language that I thought I had victory over, but the other day a couple of words just flew out, I don’t even know where they came from. I know that I speak in tongues. I love God, but someone just put the squeeze on there too tight.”

**Prophetic Principle #81**

Learn how to ask.
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You go to the house of the Lord to run to God. That is why Jesus died and hung on Calvary because He knew that you would be going through areas and situations where you would be in need of a Savior. If you sin, after you have been born-again, which you will, He said, "I have made arrangements for them to be washed away."

Jesus is sitting on the right hand of the Father making intercession for you. When the accuser of the brethren says that you are out of fellowship, Jesus says, "Yes, but he is not out of relationship: he is still Mine".

No matter how bad you get, you are still your Father's son. He will always say, "That is still My son." There are some of you who have been in Christ, but you walked away. He said, "You are still Mine. I am waiting for you to come back into fellowship with Me."

Sometimes God turns your flesh over into the hands of Satan when you are under judgement. He will say, "I will let the devil beat him up enough to where he will come running back," like the prodigal son did.

There were two sons who were in relationship with their father, but not in fellowship. One went out and left the father, backslid, came back home and said, "I am not even worthy to be called your son. Make me like a hired servant." Yet, there was
the other son, just like the sons in the church, that backslid right in his father’s presence. The son was home all the time with the father, but didn’t know the benefits because he was not in fellowship. He complained to his father, “You never killed a fatted calf for me. You didn’t put a ring on my finger nor a robe on my back. You have not done any of this for me.” In common day services people would say, “Father, they just came back to you. You have just given them a prophecy. You just saved them, now they are testifying and miracles happened three days later. And I have been saved ten years now and nothing is happening with me. I have been going to church every week. I have been serving you, Lord. I have been worshipping you and nothing is happening.” Father begins to speak and remind you of this fact, “All that I have is thine. You just simply never asked.”

Prophetic Principle #82

Sometimes you are more successful in that which seems out of season.

There are some benefits that have already been laid up for you, but Father is saying to you, “You simply have not asked.” When you have conscious ignorance, it will keep you from great learning. There are some people who will not network, for
they say, “I don’t trust anyone”. Television has programmed them. They are lost causes in society. If you are not watchful, you will assimilate into the system and lose your ability to think.

A Call for Partners

There was a great multitude of fish that Peter and his partners gathered. Jesus caused them to come into a more successful season. Sometimes you are more successful in that which seems out of season. What may be out of season for you, is in season for God.

Prophetic Principle #83

Pride and selfishness can cost you your harvest.

You can be doing the right thing, but you may be in the wrong location, season, situation, or relationship. You can have the right verb, but marry it to the wrong noun. Peter was doing the right thing, fishing, but he was in the wrong season, he was in the wrong location. After meeting Jesus, he ended up launching out into the deep where God was taking him; launching out into God’s footsteps. Once God has you standing in the deep, then Jesus will say, “Let down your net.”

The Bible lets us know that the net became so full
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that it broke. Verse 7 tells us that the disciples called for help to pick up the net; “And they beckoned unto their partners that they should come to help them.”

The harvest is coming, but there has to be a call to partners. You may be out in the deep, but you can’t go out into the deep alone. You need partners to stand alongside to help.

You will not be able to contain the harvest that is coming in your direction. If you try to harvest by yourself, you may injure yourself. You have to call for connectors; call for a network, call for your cousins in the Holy Ghost. You have to call for those who are of like spirits, akin to your own. You must call for your partners.

“Partners” did not signify a fellowship in worship, but a partnership in service. God said, “Remove lazy people from around you because they won’t help you when the harvest comes.”

When the harvest comes and we let down the net, you can’t have people in the boat that just have their hands lifted up in worship to God. When you beckon to them to help you to get the harvest, they will deliriously sing, “Glory to God, God is so good,” and their hands will not labor in your direction. We are not looking for partners in worship and fellowship, but we are looking for partners in service.
Launch Out Into The Deep

Had Simon and those in his ship not invited their partners, they would have lost the harvest. Pride and selfishness could have cost them the entire harvest. The blessing came to Simon’s boat through faith, but the others were able to enjoy the harvest because they were connected with Simon.

You can be in sin, but sometimes who you walk with will determine the increase in your life. When Joseph was a servant in Potiphar’s house, the Bible lets us know that his house was blessed. When Joseph lived in Pharaoh’s house, his house was blessed. If you want to go up, you have to associate with people who are going up; you will get the overflow when the harvest comes.

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You have to associate with people who are going up.

When the harvest comes, it doesn’t come to everyone, but only to those who are connected. There were many people who fished all night. I don’t believe everyone went out in the deep. Some probably said, “I am tired. I have to go home. I don’t feel good. I live too far, I must get back home.” But those who went and followed an Achiever, Jesus Christ, received the harvest. Jesus
knew where the harvest was all the time. He will always see you through — all you have to do is trust Him. He walks you through certain things just to challenge your faith and see if you will remain persistent. But, through the trying of your faith, patience is worked in you.

You need to understand that when those who you walk with are blessed, somehow the blessing falls on you, too. Those who were close to President Clinton, not those who followed him from a distance, but those who walked with him through the thick and thin, have had their lives changed for the next four years.

Whenever the harvest comes, it is never enough for you to just maintain it. Other lives are about to be affected. Simon had to call for his partners, and they were with him in the deep. There are some people who are not going to go out with you. There are some family members who will not go out with you. There are some members of local churches, who will not go out with their leadership. But your position should be, "Nevertheless, at thy word, I will."
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"And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before him.

And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let
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him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus.

And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.

And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?

But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts?

Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee, or to say, Rise up and walk?

But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.

And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.”

Luke 5:17-25

Prophetic Principle #85

Jesus answers people’s thoughts.

In this passage, Jesus answers people’s thoughts. He doesn’t even give you an opportunity to speak out loud, but rather, He is hearing what you are
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saying in your thoughts and answering you accordingly. Doesn’t that sound like the prophetic? You say, “I didn’t speak it.” But you thought it. God lets you know that He heard it through the anointing of the prophet.

The power of the Lord was present to heal, according to verse seventeen. Why was this so? Because Jesus was teaching the Word. When the Word goes forth, miracles happen. When the Word goes forth, His presence is there to manifest. When the Word goes forth, Jesus is there ready to work miracles. The fame of Jesus spread rapidly because of the signs and wonders that followed His preaching.

**Prophetic Principle #86**

When miracles start happening, people start talking.

When miracles start happening, people start talking. They were coming out of every town to witness and partake of the miraculous power of God. The power of the Lord was present to heal.

We all know that God is omnipresent -- that means that He is every place at the same time. He is the omnipresent one. God can also be more conscious in one place than another, based on what
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is happening in that place. He seemingly manifests in some places more than He does others, based on what is taking place in that environment.

Prophetic Principle #87

You can’t let inconvenient situations stop your miracle from happening.

What are you giving in the environment? Whatever you do in that environment determines what kind of Presence God will manifest. Though He is everywhere, He doesn’t manifest the same way in every place because every environment is not producing the same atmosphere.

If you can understand this concept, then some of you will change the atmosphere in your home in order to bring a different Presence within your walls. Some of you will change the atmosphere around your desk, just to obtain the right atmosphere. Some of you need to change the attitude of your mind, so that you can have the right Presence in your temple. You have to change your atmosphere in order to have the right manifestation of the Spirit of God.

The Power of Concern

“And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought
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*means to bring him in, and to lay him before him.*

**Luke 5:18**

These men saw an individual that was at Jesus’ meeting who was paralyzed. He couldn’t move. He was in a sickly, afflicted type of position. Yet, there were some brothers who were concerned about their brother.

There are some people that you can lift up if you’ll pick them up. But you can’t pick them up unless you have faith that something can happen in them. If you don’t believe that something can happen in your child, then you won’t see the manifestation of success in that child.

**Prophetic Principle #88**

*Seeing is not done with your physical eyes, but it is done with your mind.*

If you tell a child, “You are no good, you are going to be on drugs; you will be pregnant before you are 16 years old,” that is what you see and will be what you get -- you are prophesying to them. You are calling those things which be not as though they were. You have to see something positive in that child. You have to see something in your brother. You have to see something in your
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neighbor. You must look for the positive and try to draw out the good that is in them, hoping that the good will overshadow the bad.

Pressing Beyond All Hindrances to Your Miracle

"And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus."

Luke 5:19

They couldn't easily get into the place where Jesus was ministering. You can't let inconvenient situations stop your miracle from happening. Many of us give up too quickly. You must play the game until you win. If you stick with it, some things would break forth. You must be willing to stay with it. You must be willing to have that faith that doesn't waiver. You must be willing to walk in blind faith. You may say, "I don't understand it with my natural mind, but I see it with my mind's eye." You can't accept the evil report. Though the giants are in the land, you can't see them as giants, but you must view them as grasshoppers.

You can't see your Goliath as someone who is stronger than you. You must see him as David did — as a lion and a bear that he destroyed in the field.
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Seeing is not done with your physical eyes, but it is done with your mind.

I was taking a course in negotiations. I had $20 to work with. They would tell you that the price of an item was $20. You would try to negotiate. But, you didn’t know that the other person had to get rid of the item within twenty-four hours or else they were going to lose the entire thing and have zero dollars, so they would be glad to take just one dollar to make their taxes current.

Prophetic Principle #89

Never make a decision under pressure.

I have always had a certain principle: never make a decision under pressure. Any decision that you make under pressure will be the wrong decision. If they tell you that someone else has a deal who is ready to take it at $18, then think to yourself, “Why are they trying to get me to pay $18 also? Why didn’t you take my $19?” Never make a decision under pressure.

When we understand these principles, we will begin to walk in victory. We cannot give up. They may tell you that there is not another seat in the place, but that doesn’t mean that there is not a seat
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with your name on it if you know that it is the mind of God to happen for you.

The Power of Faith

"And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee."

Luke 5:20

They tore off the roof to let the man down who had the infirmity. They purposely went out of their way to get help for their brother. They had to tear off an opposition or something that was standing in the way of his miracle.

Prophetic Principle #90

It is impossible to please God without faith.

Some of you are going to have to push some things to the side in order to get the miracle that belongs to you. Some of you will have to tear some walls down or knock some things down in order to get the miracle that is for you. Some of you are going to have to be like the woman with the issue of blood, that entered into the press of the crowd. There were many people touching Jesus, and there were many people in her way, nevertheless, she was moving and pressing through the crowd (the hindrances) to receive her miracle.
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As the woman with the issue of blood pressed through the crowd, she probably said, "Excuse me." They may have asked, "What do you want?" She said, "I didn't come to see you, just move out of the way, I am trying to get to Jesus." "Excuse me, I don't have time to talk to you right now." "Excuse me, I know that you are before me, but it is time for me to cut the line -- I am next in line for a miracle". There are some things that you have to excuse out of your way. You don't have time to entertain. You are next in line for a miracle!

Jesus saw "their" faith, not the faith of the man who was sick. Some of you have some loved ones who are sick. Some of them are sin sick. Some of you have people who don't want anything to do with God. God is looking at your faith. It has nothing to do with their faith. We have already made arrangements for you without even consulting you. When He saw "their" faith, He performed the miracle that they desired.

**Prophetic Principle #91**

You must package things with quality.

The miracle happened because God noticed the faith of the bearers. They believed that their friend could be healed before they ever arrived. They
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went in faith, believing for a miracle. They were so full of faith that they removed the obstacle and the miracle happened. The physical manifestation came to pass.

It is impossible to please God without faith. You have to have faith for salvation to be extended towards those for whom you are believing God. You have to have faith in your situation. As long as you see yourself as minimum, you will stay at minimum wage. You have to begin to dream bigger than yourself.

The way that the children of Israel saw themselves in Numbers 13 was the way others saw them. The way you see yourself is the way others see you. How do you see yourself? The way that you package yourself will determine the way others treat you.

Prophetic Principle #92

God uses the foolish things of this world to confound the wise.

Some flyers that you get for revivals represent exactly what they were called: “a throw away flyer.” One glance at the misspelled words and mixed up print made you want to fulfill the command to throw it away!
You must package things with quality. Researchers have found that business cards with people's pictures on them are less likely to be thrown away. How are you packaging yourself? If your presentation is shoddy, fix yourself up! You are going to the next level!

I know that some of you still want to reside in the projects, but for some reason you are experiencing a deep seated uneasiness with your surroundings. Why? Because the man of God is believing for you to obtain a house. Some of you want to stay in the one bedroom apartment and on that minimum wage job, but the man of God has faith that you can make $50,000, $100,000, or $200,000 a year. All God needs is faith to shove you into your purpose, even though you don't have sense enough to believe for it.

**Have Faith for Someone Else**

How can I help my brother? All you need is to have faith for him. How can I help my sister? All you need to do is have faith for her. How can I help my unsaved son? All you need to do is have faith for him. How can I help my unsaved daughter? All you have to do is have faith for her. How can I help my drunken father or mother? All you have to do is have faith for them. God is looking for your faith.

The Scripture records a woman whose daughter was home vexed with a devil. The demonized girl
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didn’t have enough sense to have faith because she was demon possessed. But, Jesus saw the mother’s faith. When He saw her faith, He healed her daughter. Jairus’ daughter was dead. The dead girl couldn’t provide any faith. She was gone. But, when Jesus looked up and saw Jairus’ faith, the daughter was made whole.

If a tragic event happens around you, don’t call for the prophets of doom. Don’t get negative people around you. Don’t get people who say, “Yeah, I had a dream the other day and I saw you leaving out of here.” Get them out of the room! Get the criers out of the room!

When Jesus came into the room where they had lain Jairus’ daughter, He put out all of those who were weeping and full of unbelief. You have to get unbelief out of the way. You must say, “Shut up. Don’t say another word.” Don’t put doubters around me! I need individuals who can believe; that can see the same thing that I see; that can agree with me!

Jesus saw their faith, but He said unto him, the man. Many of our loved ones are mentally sick; they have a disease of the soul called sin. You can’t expect them to think rationally or straight. They are going to mess things up. It doesn’t even make sense to correct them, because they are crooked in their understanding.
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Until there is an inward transformation, you will be talking to someone who views what you are saying as foolishness. That is why it is crazy to go to the government and try to get the government to preach righteousness. Righteousness is foolishness to them. That is why the Bible lets us know that we are saved by the foolishness of preaching.

God uses the foolish things of this world to confound the wise. I have heard of men and women of God who have done things under the unction of God and people have called them foolish. But when you hear from God, usually it will sound foolish and confound the wise.

Living on the Edge

I remember when a particular apostle went to buy a building in New Jersey. He told the owners the purchase price that God told him to buy it for and they laughed. They said, "You will never get this at this price." They mocked him saying, "You are crazy, Preacher!" But the saints laid hands on the property because they had already heard what God had said. And the land was sold to them for the exact price.

God knows how to freeze the real estate market and stop the sale until the sellers come to their senses and find out who was the crazy one in the end!
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God is just looking for you to have faith. He is looking for you to believe what you desire of Him. He is looking for you to ask for it. He is looking for you to have corresponding actions that say, “I don’t understand it, but this is the word that God has spoken in my spirit.”

I remember the house for which my wife and I were believing God. We told the woman the price that we wanted to pay for the property. She said, “No way.” Another house had just sold in the neighborhood for twice the price that we were offering and hers was larger. We insisted that our offer was what should be paid for the property.

Prophetic Principle #93

Your provision will manifest at the appointed season.

We called back one month later and asked, “Has it sold yet?” She said, “No.” We said our offer is still open. My wife and children and I had already gone and laid hands on the property and just believed. Nothing happened. We could have gotten discouraged and said, “Well, she doesn’t want to sell it for that price, so let’s give up (like most people do).” We could have just left it alone and looked somewhere else.
We called the owner back and asked, "Has anyone bought it yet?" She said, "No, the market is slow". There wasn't a slow market, it was just that God was in the transaction! One year later we went back and asked, "Has anything happened?" The response was still "No." We weren't moved — we were still praying and thanking Jesus that He had spoken. Usually, when God asks you to obtain property, you will need a miraculous manifestation of the money to obtain it.

This is an example of walking in faith: Usually God asks you to believe for something that is above your head -- it will defy your natural sense. That is why we are in the business of building faith in God.

When the children of Israel went to look at the land of Canaan, they were overwhelmed by the obstacles that they didn't think they could take the land. Sure, there were giants in the land, but God didn't want them to discuss their weakness, He wanted them to see through the eyes of faith. He wanted them to say, "We are well able." If asked, "Do you think you are going to possess the land?" The response should be a bold "Yes." "How are you going to do it?" will be the next question. You can honestly say, "I don't know, but God said it, I believe it, and that settles it." You must get into that kind of reckless faith.
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God will usually place squatters on your property to keep it and maintain it until you are ready to seize it. God kept the giants in the land that He gave to the children of Israel so that the beasts would not multiply too fast. The giants were maintaining the land.

Prophetic Principle #94

You must grasp a new vision when you outgrow your first one.

God has placed some sinners and unbelievers on your "Canaan land" who are maintaining your property. They think that it is for them, but they don't know that they are fixing it up and getting it ready for you because you are about to move in! You must walk in faith and continuously sow seed, because you will understand that if what you have is not enough to meet your need, you have to sow a seed. You'll keep sowing seed for a larger harvest.

You know that at the appointed season your provision will be manifested. You don't understand how, at the closing of the property, all the finances are in place, but you know, that you know, that you know, that you know that God has come through because He saw your faith!
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You have to learn how to walk in the zone of miracles. I live there. I live on the edge. Everything that I do is on the edge. God has spoken to my heart and said, “For you to be comfortable, Jordan, is sin. Woe be unto them that are at ease in Zion. I am going to keep you on the edge.”

God told me, “Just as soon as you feel that you have gotten into a dream that is bigger than you, I am going to show you an even larger dream.” God wants to keep stretching and expanding you.

Prophetic Principle #95

Your words will disqualify you.

I appreciate an observation made by Robert Schuller. He said that the mistake that he made in building the Crystal Cathedral was that he didn’t have a vision beyond it. You must grasp a new vision when you out grow your first one.

You have been commanded to come to the next level. You have been commanded to enter into another season. You have been commanded to cross the bridge. You have been commanded to move out of mediocrity. Someone saw a particular picture that I had hanging in my office. Noticing their interest, I said, “This is the next house that I am believing

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for.” The person replied, “That is not a house, it is a hotel.” I told them that it was a one family house. Looking through the eyes of their past experience, they could not conceive the idea of a one family house of that size. They were adamant. “No, that is a hotel.”

God is commanding you to come to the next level. You must see it before you can have it. Whenever you say that anything is too much for you -- you can’t have it -- you have just disqualified yourself.
Chapter Eight
A Call For Networking

In order for us to bring change to our communities and affect society, there has to be a need for Jesus. Then, there must be an understanding of networking; of coming together; of a sense of responsibility.

Even African-Americans who begin to make more than $100,000 a year would have to toil night and day for it to come to pass. They possess superior skills, which is the reason why they are able to command that level of compensation.

CNN came out with a report that said whites who graduate from four years of college will make an average salary of about $38,000 a year. Black males in the same position, with the same skills and
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qualifications, will make $32,000 per year. If this is a known and documented fact in our society, then where is the voice of the Church in this hour. It is almost as if there is a feeling throughout the Body of Christ that this is an acceptable practice that does not require the attention of the Church. Some may hear this message and feel as though the divisions that exist are being magnified through this teaching, but to those who feel this way, the Word of the Lord comes unto me saying, “Cry aloud, and spare not!! Gain the attention of men in a matter that offends Me, for I am a God of liberation, and I have come to set the captives free!!”

Prophetic Principle #96

Prejudice is the result of ignorance and fear.

If you join with Muslim brothers, they will share some things with you, but you are going to come out bitter. We could bring books that chronicle 100 years of pain, lynching, castration and death and submerge you in the remembrance of the vassalage that has taken place, and we could stir up an unquenchable anger that would cause you to burn with resentment and hatred for our Caucasian brethren, but we will not solve the crux of the matter. We are called to bring the solution to this
tragedy according to the Word of God. What has transpired should be remembered as an old landmark to remind us never to walk that way again.

We, as the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, must go beyond just coming into the house of the Lord, conducting praise and worship, preaching a Scripture, laying hands on people, and prophesying the Word of the Lord into them. We have to begin to move as a local church expressing the will and intentions of God into our communities.

The appointed Bishop in the Church must have an innate sense of purpose within the community. He must be able to peruse his domain through the eyes of God and understand the plan of God for that region. The Church must become the pace setters for its community; it must begin to speak into the culture. I am not pleased with just having an altar call and watching people coming into the kingdom, for there's more on God’s agenda. Now I have to question whether we have really been filled with the Holy Ghost, because if we have, we will deliver the captives; we will let the oppressed go free. We will deliver messages across the pulpit that will liberate you economically, mentally, emotionally -- for that is the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. It will take a corporate effort from many different cultures to do the type of work in the community that I envision.
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Prejudice has been a major hindrance in the coming together of different cultures. Prejudice is the result of ignorance and fear. We have people who have desired to come to our ministry, asking, "Are Whites allowed to come?" As blacks, we would never think to ask that question if we were going to an all White assembly because we have always showed up in places, quite uninvited.

**Prophetic Principle #97**

Racism is taught as a result of the ignorance of parents.

There are individuals, even in New York City, who have never interacted with people of any other culture besides their own. When many of them walk through our church doors, it is quite a traumatic experience for them; they are taking a risk. They feel uncomfortable. They do quite a bit of self-talk: "They are so different"; "Is it okay?"; "I hope that I don't do anything wrong." Yet we must understand that many of the people whom we look at as racist are really not racist. You must understand the upbringing of the culture; many of them just lack sensitivity and tolerance of others. Prejudice is an expression of fear. The Bible tells us that fear has torment. This is why the imagery of the media concerning the African-American culture
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is so harmful. People's eyes are assaulted on a daily basis with a negative act that is magnified through the media. People become so convinced that African-American men are dangerous that they squirm if forced to sit near one, jump if they find themselves walking down a street with one, and become angry if the have to submit themselves to one.

Because there is fear in our heart, it keeps us from coming together, it keeps us divided, and keeps us in different communities.

As a child, before I was saved, I was bussed to a school in a White neighborhood. I never went to school in shoes, but always a pair of sneakers —for I understood at an early age that survival was the name of the game. I vividly remember being chased down the block with hockey sticks. I knew what it meant to be with the sheepfold because when school was dismissed, the sheepfold met on the corner. We didn't need a television commercial to teach us about safety in numbers. Nobody left too early and no one left too late! You understood that if you were fooling around after school, you were going to walk down the streets by yourself. I learned this philosophy: the banana that is away from the bunch is the first one to get peeled.

Innocent children become racially motivated through the messages sent from society. Racism is
not a characteristic that you enter into this world with at birth. It is taught as a result of the ignorance of parents. They begin to teach it to their children and children’s children.

Networking will help to combat the negative influences that have kept this nation of people divided and subsequently weak. We must invade corporate America, not to obtain their handouts, but to bring our combined strength to the bargaining tables that we may all benefit. We can inform them of what we have to offer. Tell them, “You have A and we have B. You want some of A and we want some of B, so let’s sit down at the table and negotiate.” But, if I go to the table and I don’t possess neither A nor B, and say, “You have B, I want some of B,” they will ask, “What do you have?” If our response is, “We have zero,” then it becomes quite obvious that we cannot join for a mutual undertaking. If you don’t have anything to offer, you’ve just come to take, and that mentality will never take over.

I am convinced that there is a call of the Spirit for networking. God is not going to send the harvest until we come together. We have to get away from the “I, me and my” syndrome. Your teeth and your tongue collide against each other every now and then, but they don’t fall out! Sometimes your teeth may bite your tongue, but does your tongue knock
your teeth out? Likewise, we may get in each other’s way, we may invoke some pain in one another from time to time, but we are not going to fall out.

The African-American community needs a healing from the wounds that have been inflicted from society. African-Americans need their minds renewed, but so do white Americans. A story was once told about a White male who killed a black man’s mule while his son witnessed. The son, with innocent amazement asked, “Daddy, why did you kill the black man’s mule?” He said, “Son, he had more than we had. We don’t have a mule. If we didn’t kill his mule, then we would have become the new niggers.”

Whoever you compete with will become your enemy.

Psychologically, (not in all minds, but in a great majority), society has adopted a resentment against African-Americans who emerge above the status quo. A sinister conspiracy begins to prompt these thoughts. “Let’s see how we can make him lose his job.” “We have to get rid of him”. “Give him the territory that no one else can work. Give him the
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dead end area. Nobody will buy over there, so let's zone him in that area because he is already making too much money”. When God begins to undertake for that individual and cause them to succeed in spite of the obstacles, those that have plotted for his downfall and limitations continue to ruminate their resentment by saying, “I have to find some way to kill his mule because I don’t want to be the new nigger.”

There must be a healing on both sides because there has been a teaching that whites are superior and that blacks are inferior. There is competition between us. Instead of completing each other, we are competing with each other. Whoever you compete with will become your enemy.

Prophetic Principle #99

We must learn to harambee’; to come together.

The answer for racism will never be healed by government intervention. I don’t care how many programs are instituted or how many talk shows assault our ears. The healing of the races will only come through the Church because the Church has the divine assignment to speak to the moral consciousness of men. God’s representative of the Church is supposed to be a prototype of the
Kingdom of God. Jesus is not going to erect a Mason Dixon line in His Kingdom. Our joining — our coming together — must be centered around the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

**Linking Together**

The word “network”, as a noun, “is a fabric of cross threads, knotted at an intersection. Any set of inter-linking lines resembling a net, such as a network of roads.” Network is also “an interconnected system; a network of alliances.”

The word “network”, as a verb, means “to appear on a network, to make connection among people or groups.” It is time to make a connection. Many other cultures network. There has been dollars put behind situations to see to it that you, as blacks, don’t network. There are people who benefit from keeping us divided and subsequently powerless.

The Bible teaches us that one can chase a thousand to flight and two can chase 10,000 to flight. Mathematically, it seems as though it would have said, “Two could chase 2,000 to flight.” It is important for some individuals to keep us at odds because if they can keep us from coming together, they can keep positive things from happening.

If we stay together, something will be birthed that couldn’t have been birthed before. We must learn to harambee; to come together. If there is not
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an understanding of a coming together in culture, you will never understand it in the Kingdom of God.

In the Body of Christ, we are at odds with one another. One church doesn’t fellowship with the other church because they believe different and look different. We have the “haves” and the “have nots” mentality that keeps us separated. In the work of the Lord there will always be the “haves” and the “have nots”, the educated and the illiterate. Yet, when we come together there should be no distinction among us; no distinction between the rich and the poor, or between black and white. It is not that you don’t keep the uniqueness of what God has made you to be, but in the Body of Christ, there is no greater or lesser.

Prophetic Principle #100

God allows you to keep your cultural distinction.

God allows you to keep your cultural distinction. As a matter of fact, He wants you to remain distinct because He created you different. He doesn’t want any of us to be ashamed of the racial and cultural characteristics with which we were designed. We are not to adopt another persona because we are made to feel inferior. God wants us to keep the
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uniqueness of what He has made us to be. There are differences in communities. As there are differences, we must learn to work with what God has given us. Every culture has something that they can give to another culture. This is why no particular culture should go to other cultures as a standard of living; they are not superior and should never exert that type of influence. That is the evil of racism, where you begin to think, "Because I am white, I am better; or because I am black, I am better; or because I am Asian, I am smarter than you." The evil of racism lurks behind the assumption of superiority.

According to Webster's Dictionary, a "racist" is "an individual who has the ability to oppress people of another race". African-Americans in America cannot be racist in the purest definition of the word, for we lack the ability to oppress others.

**Division Hinders the Move of God**

God has been trying to bring the healing of racism in every visitation through the Church and the Church was always divided over the issue. The Methodist Church had the opportunity to consolidate corporate worship without having whites sitting on one side of the church and blacks sitting on the other side while whites declared, "We will teach you." The Methodist Church split over racism and out of them came the AME
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denomination.

You may say, “Well, they weren’t filled with the Holy Ghost.” Yet the same division erupted during the Pentecostal Azusa Street Revival. The revival began with Parham in Topeka, Kansas, where people were getting filled with the Holy Ghost. Seymore was not allowed to enter the classroom because he was black. He was forced to suffer the indignity of sitting outside on the sidewalk while the white people were getting filled with the Holy Ghost. Because Parham was a Klansman, God didn’t allow him to spearhead this phenomenal move of His Spirit. God took a man who was sitting on the outside, “the spook that sat by the door”, and took him to California where He mightily used him to start the Azusa Street Revival. Whites and blacks came from all over the nation to witness this mighty move of God. Out of this revival was birthed the Church of God in Christ denomination.

The Church of God in Christ was an institution that God raised up under the leadership of Bishop Mason. Whites had to come to Bishop Mason, who was a black man, for licensure. Black hands were being laid on white people so that they could get filled with the Holy Ghost. God was trying to pull some things together. Then white leaders moved out from among this move of God and began the Assemblies of God denomination -- and all because
some individuals had a problem submitting to the leadership of a black man.

Even in Springfield, Massachusetts, during the 50's, when blacks desired to go to their colleges, white people functioning under the spirit of the oppressor would say, "We can't accept you into our schools and universities." The black students would say, "We are Christians." The response would be, "We know, but we do not accept you here." However, Africans from abroad were readily accepted, but never the Africans at their door.

Prophetic Principle #101

Negative images perpetuate negative character.

Blacks were forced to obtain their education in liberal schools. A lot of our black preachers have been trained in places that denied the doctrine of the Trinity and the virgin birth. Liberal education was sown in a wind, which we are now reaping in a whirlwind. Every renewal that God brought into America attempted to exclude black people. We were shut out -- even within the Charismatic renewal -- we could sing and usher, but not stand in true places of leadership with effective influence. We are just now finding out that the Word of Faith denomination discourages mixed marriages. All this
from ministries that purported to embrace us as brethren, yet in a moment of divine disclosure, articulated before thousands that they did not believe in mixed marriages.

A young minister at a meeting confronted me with this same issue. He asked me if I believed in mixed marriages" I asked, "What is your nationality?" He said, "Italian." I then inquired about his wife’s nationality. He replied, "Scandinavian." I told him succinctly, "You’re in a mixed marriage."

Prophetic Principle #102
Desperation forces a reckless response.

That response came out of my spirit by the Holy Ghost. It exposed something that was sitting there in his heart and he was a preacher. This is the type of thinking which has been lurking in the minds of the leadership of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ which is supposed to be a prototype of the kingdom of God. And this is what desperately needs to be addressed.

I have found that many white couples who join a ministry with black leadership will begin to have babies as the blessing of the Lord brings increase to their lives. However, I also notice something rather
disturbing. When their babies become approximately three years old, they pull them out of children’s church. If you ask, “Where is your baby today?” they’ll say, “With Grandma.” Eventually, the child is with Grandma every Sunday. When the child gets about six years old, they would ease out of the church and leave. Separatism is so deeply ingrained within white society that a fear develops subconsciously that if their children play with black children, they may marry in the future....and they don’t want their children to marry outside of their race.

An answer for such division will not come from the government, but it must be preached to the leadership of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Changing Our Mindset

We must understand the psychosocial effect of racism. Yet, we wonder why we are not seeing the power or glory of God. God is getting ready to trumpet His voice again.

Prophetic Principle #103

We have to start thinking generationally.

There has to be a change in our thinking process. In the movie “White Men Can’t Jump,” the white
guy would get on the court with them and wipe the black guys out -- a familiar stereotype that feeds the ego of many who are innately envious of the athletic prowess that is displayed in many who are African-American. There is a lot of stereotyped programming that takes place in all of us as a people. That happens on both sides. How can we eliminate that? By living together. When you begin to fellowship with others you will begin to find, "Wow, I thought such and such a thing." You will find that your thinking was wrong.

In most people's minds, if a white male was running down the street really fast, we would think, "Oh, he must be running to catch the bus." If a black male were running fast down the street the thought would come, "Whose pocketbook has he snatched?" If a bunch of blacks went into certain neighborhoods in New York City they would think, "They must be looking to rob a house." If several whites went into the same neighborhood, people would think, "They must be here looking to buy a home."

You must understand the programming that has taken place in our minds. Our media has been the catalyst for much of this. I recently watched television and made a disturbing observation. I watched Erkel. Here is a kid who is black and brilliant, but they make him look strange and
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foolish. Do you know what kind of subliminal message that sends to young black boys? It tells them that if they are smart, or if they utilize their brains, or if they exercise their abilities in math or science, they are a social misfit.

Prophetic Principle #104

We must develop trust.

Yet on another show, Doogie Howser, the young man is brilliant....way ahead of his peers and smarter than most adults. Yet white people have been very careful not to present him as a freak of nature. Doogie is dressed well, lives in upscale suburban surroundings, and is a doctor at the local hospital. He is socially acceptable. You may say, “What is wrong with Erkel? He’s funny.” There’s something dreadfully wrong because of the negative image that his character perpetuates.

This is the danger of media. That is why it is important to keep me on television spreading the gospel. If I get ahold of some serious money, we are going to buy a network. We will have our own shows and programming that will counteract the subconscious negativity that is being instilled in our youth.
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During the 70's, the powers that be said, "Listen up, black folks! We will give you your own show and call it, "Good Times". We'll show you living in the projects where the man of the house can't find a job, but his wife can. We'll have your neighbor Winona messed up because she doesn't have a man and you never know where her little girl's father is. We'll portray the oldest son as an artist and show him to be of questionable character. We'll show him talented, but he'll never really succeed. We'll laugh at every one of his failures. We'll allow his sister to marry a man who is a successful athlete, but we'll dethrone him from an independent status and put him on welfare, also. We'll make the youngest boy brilliant, but we'll cause his character to become threatening and militaristic so that the audience will root for his downfall." They call that "Good Times." What kind of programming effect is that relaying?

Under protest, the media moguls said, "Well, we will take you a step up since there are some people who are complaining. You're moving on up to the Eastside." The characters didn't change much, they were still portrayed as fools and buffoons. George Jefferson was never seen to make any serious business decisions.

These are the images that deeply shape the minds of people. Yet your children are sitting there looking at television innocently. I was listening to
something that my daughter was saying that really got my attention. She went to take a test for a particular high school. She said, "A lot of the kids in there looked like Erkel." What I was hearing her say was this, "In other words, they are brilliant, but they are not socially acceptable."

In our community, to be "dumb" is to be "kool". You can thank the sponsors, whose products you bought, that sponsored the show that is shaping your children's perspective on life. You bought their products because you had no network representation that was able to accurately judge the subject matter and raise an effective protest by saying, "We, as a community, represent one million people and we are not in agreement with the format of this show. If you don't change it, we will no longer buy your products."

Thinking Like Fathers

A book has been written that defines how the Jews began to go in and take over Hollywood because they had fathers in their communities. Fathers are visionaries. They have a vision for one thousand generations. That is why you must go from malehood to boyhood, from boyhood to manhood, from manhood to husbandhood, then from husbandhood to fatherhood. By the time you enter into fatherhood, you will have developed a vision for the generations to follow.
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Many have been taught that to be a man was the end of your development. No, there are two more steps. One must get married—not so that you will leave your wife, and not to find a woman to take care of you, but so that you can become the provider of your family, which is the will of God concerning you. Fatherhood is where you begin to raise seed. You are no longer thinking for Johnny, but for Johnny and his children and his children’s children, and their children and children’s children. You will begin to think for a thousand generations.

Jewish fathers begin to think, “If we don’t take over Hollywood now, they will take Jews and make them a negative image in media. We have to do something to make sure that does not happen.”

People resort to violence to be heard when they don’t have money to amplify their voice. When a person cannot bring change or revolution due to lack of economics or power, he will resort to setting buildings on fire, turning over police cars, or shooting people on a train. A desperate person will resort to violence and pay any cost just to be heard by the powers that be.

This is why it is essential that the African-American community obtains economics. We must understand networking. If the voices of the inner city cannot bring a revolution, they will bring about a riot. I understand the struggle and the force that
blacks are up against because we are not networking; we are not brought together.

There has to be a change in our thinking. We have to begin thinking like fathers. We have to start thinking generationally. We have to stop rejecting the concept of life insurance. Stop sentimentalizing business. Insure your loved ones, for everyone must die. The Bible says that it has been appointed unto everyone to die. Everyone has an appointment with death. It is unavoidable. But some of the pain that many families endure makes a bad situation a million times worse since no one thought to empower future generations.

What are you leaving behind for your sons and daughters? Most of us get enough insurance to bury them and to go out and have one meal at McDonald's, if that much.

**Prophetic Principle #105**

*When you are divided, you lose power.*

We don’t place a high value on life. We become stubbornly traditional and stingy in our outlook in these matters. Yet as long as we are economically enslaved we won’t have the power to bring about change. If the gospel that I preach does not empower you economically, it has not been the
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gospel. God has commanded me to let the oppressed go free; I am anointed to deliver the oppressed and I am anointed to deliver those who are being held captive.

Preserving Our Culture

There are a lot of things that need to be done in order to preserve our culture. We must have a center of the arts. Art has such an important part to play in the community. You may have looked at someone’s gifting and said, "They are just an actor." True, but they have an important part to play in the community. God gives them that ability. You may think, "Oh, they are just a writer. They want to write some poetry or some books." You must realize that writing also serves an important part of the community.

Music is also a very key aspect of community. You may think, "There is no money in singing." We understand that, but it is an important part in community. How do we keep their voice alive? How do we keep their play alive? How do we keep our actors alive? It is the fathers who understand generational thinking that will say, "We want to open up a foundation to make sure that this theater stays open." There needs to be a sense of the demonstration of community upon a stage because it can meet a need in the area of entertainment within the arena of the arts.
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Another brother may be an artist. He has been gifted of God to capture the frozen picture of imagination through an artistic medium. There is a need for cultural expression, for it is a missing link in our communities. There is a need for our children to know about their heritage.

Prophetic Principle #106

Ideas are born, things happen, and things change when people come together for purpose.

I was staying in a particular hotel and there was a writer staying next door to me in the same suite that cost an astronomical amount per night. I asked, “What is he doing there?” I was informed that he was just there to write a novel. Because there is a community that understands his value, they pay him to utilize his gifting. I know of another author who is writing and I think, “How do you live? How do you pay your rent? How do you pay your mortgage on your home? How are you making it?” He says, “I will be in Europe for about two months.” I ask, “What will you be doing there?” “Some writing and research,” he responds.

Well, no one ever supported any of my writing and research from my community. Why? Because we don’t have fathers in our community that are
thinking that far. Many of our works, when they are done, are pieced and patched together. Some of the print is real tiny because they are trying to save paper. For others, the art work looks like they took a picture in Central Park and said, “Put that on there and keep it black and white.” Why? Because there has not been effective networking to achieve the true purpose of artistic expression; the people who see and recognize their value in the community.

If you have a child who is an artist, he can’t function as a scientist. He just doesn’t have it in him to be a doctor. You may have a daughter in whom you can see the gift of God on the inside of her to dance. You say, “Well, baby, can you please try to get the mathematics together and the science, try to see if you can become a lawyer.” Okay, I will go to school, but for some reason, all I see is dance in my head or all I hear is singing Mommy. I am trying”.

Prophetic Principle #107

Every relationship has a potential harvest.

The parent may ignorantly say, “Well, child, I will punish you by keeping you away from the dance studio, the music studio, until you get this book work in your head.” Yet the dream is on the
inside of them because that is what God has created them to be.

God has called me to be a prophet. I don’t care what profession you would stick me in, I could never be a doctor, lawyer, philosopher, or a businessman. God has anointed me to be a prophet. That is the center of my expertise.

We need to begin to have something for those who have been called to be poets, writers, dancers, or artists. They didn’t have the educational skills (not that there was something wrong with them), but we must understand that they were created for another purpose -- to serve our community. It is our responsibility to fund it and to make it happen because they can reproduce something in our children that needs to be seen through them.

We can’t wait for others to do this for us. The answers can’t come from the outside, they must come from within. God is making a call in this hour to network. Even in our own churches, we must develop trust. In our own community, because there is no sense of trust, we are deeply suspicious of anything that we present to one another. Isn’t it amazing that you can trust a man of God with your soul, but not your gold? Which is more important?

Trusting Again

Trust must be evident before we can effectively network and accomplish anything. If you say that
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dthis can make us better, then I am standing with you. I don’t have the time and energy to go through all the details, because I trust you. If you let me down and disappoint me, you are going to have to earn that trust the next time. I am just going to have to trust you on this one.

This is not a matter of whether it is spiritual or not. Even if you go into business, and recommend the best product or best garments, then we are all going to make our purchases based upon your recommendation.

Someone may ask, “Why are you all buying from this one?” We try to express how important it is for us to make that business strong – it is an aspect of networking. As he becomes strong, he is getting ready to make someone else strong. In this case, someone is not going to be in agreement. Instead he will say, “I don’t want to use him, I am going over here.” One individual won’t even go over there because he finds a cheaper bargain somewhere else. You ask, “How much cheaper was it?”, only to find that instead of paying $1.00, he paid 99 cents. He will go wherever they say, “Come over here, we have a savings over here, you save a penny if you come this way.” This negates the entire purpose of networking.

But, if we all go the other way, where it may cost a dollar or a penny more, it represents strength.
When you are divided, you lose power. We do not trust one another as a people, neither in the Kingdom of God. Because of this, we do not have a proper kingdom culture. Many of us have had wrong upbringing. Instead of completing each other, we are competing with each other. We are trying to keep up with the Jones', instead of understanding that when you come into something, it is not just you that has prospered, but we have. When I become elevated in a certain level in society, it is not I but we.

**Prophetic Principle #108**

The way up is down.

When I come to preach the gospel to millions of people, it is not I, but we preach. We have networked and linked together, therefore, we all benefit from success. We have to move back to a sense of community; a sense of belonging; a sense of needing each other, realizing, that no longer is your child your child, but now your child becomes our child.

We are losing something in the area of extended family. In many of our upbringings, we were not only raised by our parents, but grandparents, great grandparents, aunts and uncles. They began to
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speak into areas of our lives. The family reared the child. They understood that it is not my child, but our child.

I remember in coming up that when you have done something wrong, the next door neighbor would come out or an adult that was there and correct you. Today, if you discipline someone else’s child and tell them, “You don’t have any business saying that”, the child will tell his mother, and then she wants to come out and fight the individual because we are losing a sense of community.

Now, you are afraid to speak to the boy because his mother may come out with a gun and shoot you as a result of you disciplining her child. That same child will grow up selling drugs to your child which destroys the community, instead of building it.

We, as the Body of Christ, must come into an area of understanding a sense of belonging; a sense of destiny. In the Jewish community, once a male child is weaned from the bottle, he is removed from his mother’s skirt and placed into the company of men.

Other cultures train them at the age of three, during the time when their personalities and minds are being shaped. You may think that it is a waste of time or that type of training takes more energy. But I understand that if we don’t instill a sense of discipline and erect boundaries in their behavior at
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age of three, we will have the law enforcement handling them at ages 13 and 16. If we don’t get the principles of God instilled to build and shape their characters, they are going to be in the streets having their characters shaped by a pistol or a club. We have to begin to have a sense of community; a sense of concern. We have to reach for our children because they are our future.

Prophetic Principle #109

The anointing is priceless.

I am also concluding that the energy that we are spending on adults needs to be transferred to the next generation. You can’t teach an old dog new tricks. There are some of you who are set in your ways. I don’t care how much we teach you about the spirit of the oppressor or point out the evils of racism or the need for networking, some of you will say, “I am grown. Who are you to tell me anything? I don’t trust any man. Men are no good.” You have all of your different hang-ups. Unless there is a breaking that takes place on the inside of you, you will not eat the bread of change.

Other ethnic groups come to America and immediately become set up in business. There are other cultures who have problems getting their
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citizenship, as we do, but somehow they end up getting their green papers, and getting their things processed quicker.

Withholding information from one another is a mindset that must also change. If we hear something good about a housing situation we won’t tell anyone for fear that they may succeed also. God is calling us to launch out into the deep. But we can’t gather our harvest in the deep by ourselves. We need one another.

Resisting the Force of the Enemy

There is a force, called the enemy, who works overtime to keep us from networking. You learned that one plus one equals two. But God says, “one will put a thousand to flight and two will put ten thousand to flight.” I like God’s multiplication better.

When we come together, our power comes together, our forces come together. When two people come together something is birthed that could not be born. When my wife and I came together, the enemy fought our coming together. Then Naomi emerged. She couldn’t have come forth, unless a Bernard and Debra joined together. Then there was a Bethany, Joshua, Aaron and Manasseh.

If my mother and father would have never come together, there wouldn’t be a Bernard and you
wouldn't be reading this book. Some of your destinies would have gone another route had I not been born. Some of you would still be looking around for a prophet to hear the word of the Lord. Because two people came together, something was born that couldn't be born.

Ideas are born, things happen, and things change when people come together for purpose. If we do not network, then the process of abortion goes forth and things that were designed to be birthed becomes cancelled in miscarriage because two people refused to come together.

This is why the enemy fights relationships. Every relationship has a potential harvest. I need you and you need me.

We can't wait for the government to train our children.

There must be corresponding action in order for the harvest to come. You have to move out on the Word of the Lord. There is always going to be something that Jesus is going to tell you to do, something God is going to tell you to give, something God is going to tell you to release, or something that you have to give up in order to receive the harvest.
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Salvation is not free. The anointing is not free. Jesus had to give His life so that we may live. You pray, “Lord give me an anointing. Use me. Raise me up. Move through me.” Do you know what you are asking for? Some of you want the glory of ministry, but you don’t want the pressure of change!

Prophetic Principle #111

The nation has never been called to speak to the moral consciousness of men.

In order to be made a minister, you are going to have to be like a Moses; you are going to have to be kicked out of the camp and go on the other side (the back side) of the desert. Then you have to wait there until God speaks to you. He may not come through until about forty years later. “But, Lord I thought you said....” God responds, “Yes, I said it, but in the fullness of time it will come to pass.”

You are going to be like a Noah who was looked at and mocked because they didn’t believe the Word of the Lord. You say, “Lord, use me.” He says, “I am.” You say, “I keep preaching and there is no ministry.” If we looked at Noah as a sign of a preacher, we would have seen him as an unsuccessful preacher because he only got eight people saved. How do you like that for church growth?
David’s testimony was, “I did nothing but kill the lion and the bear, I destroyed Goliath, I fulfilled God’s will, I married Saul’s daughter. I don’t know what went wrong after that. The next thing I knew, I was on the run, dodging the javelin and dwelling in caves.” Why did David’s life go this route? Because of the anointing!

What did Jeremiah have to go through for an anointing? He ended up in the sewer! His captors said, “Do you want to prophesy prophet? You are going to prophesy down in this mess!”

God tells you where you are going, but He doesn’t tell you what you are going to go through to get to your destination. He shows you the destination, but doesn’t explain the journey. Joseph had great dreams. That was the Word of the Lord. God showed him where his mother, brothers, and father would be bowing down to him. In so many words, God told Joseph, “I’m raising you up and making you a great leader,” but there was fine print in that agreement. Joseph didn’t read the fine print, he only saw the big picture -- “God showed me where He was taking me.”

What happened to Joseph ten years later? He ended up in the pit! Then, he went to Potiphar’s house. Although he was faithful and didn’t sin, he was lied on. He tried to keep his integrity, yet ended up in prison.
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Does that sound like it is fair? Notice something about God: there are some things that you will go through that God will never clear your name or vindicate you in. God never cleared Joseph's name. He never sent the prophet to say, "Hear ye, hear ye the word of the Lord, he is a clean man. He doesn't belong here." Sometimes, God will have you go through some mess and have some negative advertisement to go before you, just to place your name in royal places.

There will be some "stinky stuff" connected to your name. All great men that God used had to suffer greatly to fulfill their purpose. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego ended up in the fiery furnace. They simply wanted to be used of the Lord.

The way up is down. If there is no pain, there is no gain. You have to go through the pressure cooker. We must come together.

Most people, when asked the price of a bottle of olive oil, would casually say, "About $3.00." But if you really want to know the price of the olive oil, you would have to ask the olive.

If you told the olive, "That oil is only $3.29," it would say, "No it isn't. That oil is priceless because it cost me my life."

How much is the anointing? You can't buy it, it is priceless. It costs you your life. Sometimes
people ask, "Well, what did you really go through to receive your anointing?"

When young men were out on the basketball court at 16 years old, I was inside reading my Bible. When young people my age were going around town, enjoying other young people, hanging out, I was in the prayer closet praying.

When my peers would say to me in high school, "Man, you don't know what you are missing; you are missing so much by being with Jesus." I said, "I am missing syphilis and venereal disease." I had given my life to the Lord at a young age.

Some people inquire, "You are only 34 years old. How are you able to do all that you do?" I simply answer, "Because I gave my life to the Lord while I was young."

Then they ask me, "What did you pass through?" At the age of 23, I was thrown out because I gave a prophecy in a particular church. I was blasted over the radio. I was lied on. Yet, in the lying, God said, "Don't even attempt to vindicate yourself." I said, "But, Lord, they are wrong." God said, "Don't touch them, just bless them."

I asked the Lord to let me buy radio time to vent out and clear my name. The Holy Ghost said, "Leave it alone. I didn't call you to fight that battle."
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Because of a mixup two years ago, people told me that I should change the name of my ministry. Yet God said, “Don’t change your name. Leave it alone. Don’t even confront that.”

The Holy Ghost said, “I want you to wear it with honor.” There are levels of rejection and degrees of negative advertisement that you must pass through. They called Jesus “Beelzebub, the lord of the flies.” When you know, that you know, that you know, that you know, that you know that you are moving in God, as long as God is your audience, that is all that matters!

God is bringing us all through some things. This is just the beginning. Some of you say, “Lord, I am yours. Use me.” He is saying, “All or nothing. I want your life.” Once the process starts, sometimes you’ll try to move off of the chopping block, and off of the potter’s wheel. He says, “No — it is too late.” Jesus had to give up His life so that we could experience eternal life.

The chicken and the hog both were asked for breakfast. The chick laid the egg and said, “Okay, I gave my offering for breakfast.” And they were waiting for the pig to give the bacon. But the pig understood that what the chick did was just an offering. He said, “When I show up for breakfast it will be a total sacrifice. You will only enjoy my bacon through my death.” You have to make a total sacrifice for what God is requiring of you.
A Breakthrough is Coming

It is our hour for harvest and breakthrough. But I am mighty afraid that we will lose the harvest if we don’t network. Again, God doesn’t just bless you for you to have it, but so that a community can enjoy it.

I look at marriages where wives don’t become supportive of the vision of their husband. They are so focused on their own careers that they miss the divine order and the principle of first things. God has created women to help meet, not pull against.

When that man was unsaved and in the world, you didn’t give him a problem at all; he smoked crack, drank and gambled. Now that he is saved and filled with the Holy Ghost and loves God, the devil jumped in you. Before you were in church all the time, praying that God would save your man. Now that God saved him, all of a sudden you start fighting him. It is almost like you became the new force that says, “Let me see if your salvation is really real.”

There has to be a pulling together. We must begin to get to a place where we see a working together in families towards the work of the Lord.

Why is it that if there is an involvement in the work of the Lord, all of a sudden it becomes an issue? When a man begins to embrace the burden
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of ministry towards the work of the Lord and serving God, wives should become supportive of his vision.

Wife, your children must see you supporting their father in the work of the Lord. Even though it is difficult for you, you have to reinforce his vision and tell the children, "Daddy is doing a good work; he is out providing for the family; he is doing things to impact another generation; he will be home in a little while." If they see you arguing and fighting, they will be confused concerning authority.

When that child becomes a teenager, and you begin to tell the child to do something, he will talk back to you, too. You will act as if you don't understand why your son is talking back to you. You will go as far as saying, "I didn't raise him like that." But if you were rebellious towards your husband's authority and did not demonstrate the characteristics of submission or obedience, how can you expect your child to display an image of something that you did not project?

Women, if you get up and say, "Men are no good," you are tearing down your covering, you are eradicating your protection. You are destroying your family and your community.

We have to get interested in the education of our children at every level. We can't wait for other cultures to do it. We can't continue to go to PTA
meetings; there are a lot of agnostics, atheists, homosexuals teaching our children. We have to get involved in educating our own children. We must begin to network.

You have to take your hat off to the Jewish community. They know how to get together and train their own children; they didn't wait for others to do it. They are teaching them a sense of culture. They are teaching them a sense of community. They remind them continually of the Holocaust, so that they make sure it doesn't happen again. The instructors may not be paid extremely well, but they understand that it is important to the community that they instill truth into the children's minds while they are young.

**Prophetic Principle #112**

The key to networking is communication.

It is difficult to get our men to pour into the lives of some young children. Statistics say that 50 percent of our children will grow up without a father in the home. Many of them will only experience a father in the gang leader on their street.

For us to proclaim that we have the gospel and are filled with the Holy Ghost, then we must deal with things on this earth. If we do not deal
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effectively in this day, we will lose another generation of champions because we didn’t have adults who were willing to take the time out to impart unto them what they needed to survive.

I am not making a call for women to teach our young men. There has to be a call for men to teach young men; men who will help to rear our young boys. We need men who will train young men in the purpose of manhood, so that they won’t become homosexuals. Young men need to be taught that homosexuality is not ordained of God. They need to be taught the purpose of the sexual organ that God has given them. It is not to go out to impregnate or to cast their seed in every female (or male) whenever opportunity presents itself. They need to be taught that manhood is the ability to hold their seed until they find the one that they are to marry.

We have to deliver our young men from the stud mentality that has been passed down through slavery from generation to generation; for their concept of manhood is all mixed up. We have to teach them things that will help them understand strategy. We have to teach them other sports besides basketball. There is nothing wrong with basketball, but we must teach them sports that demand the use of their minds. We can’t wait for the educational system to do it.
We can't wait for the government to train our children. Statistics show that African-Americans who went to black colleges were more apt to become business owners than those who went to white colleges. Why? Because they are trained to work for someone else in white universities. Is there anything wrong with work? No, but that is not the end. As long as you are the tail, then someone else is determining your destiny. There has to be a change.

We are up against more things today than in times past. Now, children don't even have to buy guns, they can just lease them. Our teenagers are up against things in this hour that demands our thought—we must find solutions.

What is the answer? Guns are out of control. The problem is not the guns. Weapons have been on the earth as long as there has been a planet: rocks, sticks. The problem is not the bullet, but the minds that are handling the weapon. If you take guns out of their hands today, they will have razors tomorrow. It doesn't end. There has to be a change in the mindset. The only way that there can be a transformation is through the renewing of the mind. It is going to take the voice of the Church to speak to the minds and consciousness of people.

The nation has never been called to speak to the moral consciousness of men. The government
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cannot address the issue of sin. Your local legislators are not going to tell you that it is wrong to commit adultery; or that it is wrong to fornicate. They will say, "Keep doing it. We will get you some condoms." Why? Because they have not been anointed to speak to the nation concerning sin.

There are a lot of things that feel good, but they are sin. The Bible didn’t say it wouldn’t feel good. It says that Moses chose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. Sin is pleasurable. That is why you do it—you enjoy it. But the wages of sin is death and the gift of God is eternal life.

**Prophetic Principle #113**

*When we lose communication, we lose power.*

The government is not going to speak to the issue of sin. We are looking for the government to speak to the issue about abortion. We are telling them to say it is wrong. They don’t understand that it is murder. They are not addressing the issue of sin.

Major television networks in New York don’t want Christian ministries to preach the gospel. You ask, “Why aren’t there more Christian programs on your ABC, CBS, and NBC affiliates here in New York City? Because you have people in control --
power structures -- that want to silence the voice of the Church.

Why must the people of God be on the air waves? Because we must speak to the moral consciousness of society. Our one hour broadcast is worth the cost, if one soul comes to receive Jesus. We may have saved a life. Not only their life, but another life from being killed because now we have released the Holy Spirit into that person to be the convicting agent so that they would repent of sin.

**Learning Wisdom From the Ant**

We can't go back to the norm. I don't know about you, but for me to go back to the norm is to go into prison. I am not going back to the norm. God reveals Himself in nature and in providence.

If we were just to examine the ant, we would notice a tremendous network. They don't have an overseer, but yet they all help each other. The key to their networking is communication.

We don't communicate with each other. There are outsiders who will come in and say, "Don't trust so and so." Even though they are your next door neighbor, you stop speaking to them because of what you heard. When we lose communication, we lose power.

Whenever there is a military strike, the first thing that they attempt to find out is where the
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communications base is of their enemy. They know that if they can jam up their communications, they can destroy that army. Why? Because they don't know what the commands are.

We don't respond to, neither do we honor, generals or fathers in our community. We disrespect our elders. We are losing communication. When there is a loss of communication, there is a loss of power and influence.

Someone was sharing with me about a brother who got kicked off of a particular police force because of the way he responded to the beating up of his own people. He didn't respond the way the system thought he should have responded. He was labeled as dysfunctional simply because he refused to become a part of the system.

**Prophetic Principle #114**

When a person hates themselves, they can't love their neighbor.

When a person hates themselves, they can't love their neighbor. The Bible says love your neighbor as yourself. What do we do with a people who don't love themselves because they have been trained not to love themselves? This is the reason for black on black crime. This is why beauticians
receive so much money from us because we were taught that nappy hair was bad hair. We must understand the psychological reason as to why we haven’t accepted ourselves. We spend excessive amounts of money attempting to mold ourselves into an image that we can define as socially acceptable.

Why are our men processing their hair, making waves, and using straightening combs? It is because we have been taught that we have bad hair. Your mother said, “Child, you have hair just like your father; it is nappy and it is bad.” So we have been trained not to like ourselves. Your parents told you, “You are too black and ugly to be anything.” We subject ourselves to numerous chemicals and try to lighten our face. The other day someone said they eat a lot of carrots because that will lighten you up. This is foolishness! Learn to love the design of God that He has placed upon you! You are beautifully and wonderfully made!!

Because that we don’t like the way we look, we don’t feel good about ourselves, therefore, we overspend in our wardrobe trying to feel good about ourselves. We overspend in doing makeovers. Then when we start getting a little money, we want to change our lips and our nose. We want to redo our features. We are talking about people who have been psychologically damaged and with that type of
mindset, if they don’t hear the gospel and know that they are fearfully and wonderfully made, they will continue killing one another because they do not love themselves.

I know that you go into the stores and the dresses don’t fit you right. But we can’t help it because you have a lot of Africa in the back! That is the way God has created you! You are fearfully and wonderfully made! I know that you are trying to squeeze Africa into Europe, but it will not fit! So you are going through all kinds of contortions, berating yourself at exercise programs, drinking fasting concoctions, but Africa follows you around! You can’t lose your cultural identity!!

**Prophetic Principle #115**

*Change is costly.*

They told some of you sisters that you couldn’t study ballet because of all of that back there. Therefore, there had to be people who God raised to address the need—people who said, “We may not be able to do ballet the way that you do it, but we can also create some other dances that will express our culture before the people.” Therefore they created an art form that would fit the culture of that people.
The Spirit Of The Oppressor

We have to get designers; people making our own clothing that fit the physique of our own people; we must develop male designers who will make pants to fit the expanse of our thighs: that is the way God has made you.

There is a need to network. Stop complaining if you are not willing to change. If we can't come together in the local church, the world has no hope. I am not talking about just coming together for the sake of coming together, but coming together to see what you can give, having generations in mind. For this is God's intention for the Church. Jesus prayed that we might be one. Let us dispense with the atrocities of racism and division, and learn to appreciate the cultural beauty of expression that unifies us in Jesus Christ. For it is only then that we can dethrone the spirit of the oppressor, and remove its yoke from our lives.
The Spirit of the Oppressor

Spoken lies insinuate the lack of humanity,
Invisible boundaries created by insanity;
The travail of a people oppressed through fear,
Heaven and earth are saturated with their bitter tears...

The images of God have been distorted through their lies,
A nation of people have been stripped of righteous pride;
Beholding the reflection of oppression and its might,
Blinded through intentions that made evil seem like right...

Strategy of enemies whose ambitions were untamed,
Power bought at any price...families defamed;
Society is simmering with anger at a boil,
Seeking answers, yet unwilling to relinquish unjust spoils...

The oppressor’s mighty empires were built by dusty hands,
Whose skin was marred by winds of pain, their eyes were seared by sand;
They nurtured ivory babies; their children skin and bones,
Black families were fragmented...and mothers walked alone...

Our men held up to ridicule, obstructed from their schools;
Becoming nought but parody, imprisoned by their rules...
Still today in ’94, their lives encased in glass,
Technological lynching still ordains them lower class...

History is tarnished by the mark of the profane;
And many wish to silence speech that resounds a nation’s pain...
Yet Jesus Christ identifies with those that suffer lack;
His own Word declares His image; woolly hair means He was BLACK!!

The Church embraced the spirit that denied the concrete truth,
Underscoring racism in ways that were uncouth...
They let them dance, and sing, and smile as much as they would please;
But do not look to them to lead; that place they could not seize...

The House of God will be the place that God will start to judge,
Removing from the pillars every pain and every grudge...
The omniscience of Almighty God has purpose for each nation;
Embrace this truth and you will cease from causing tribulations...

How can this country ever hear if they don’t hear a preacher?
How can they learn if Christians shut the voice of their black teachers?
God will build an image for all the world to see
Through those who profess to know Him, that means you and that means me!