

GOD IS DOING A NEW THING : Vision for the harvest

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I'd like you to turn in your Bibles if you would to Isaiah 43:1 from the NIV, But now, this is what the Lord says, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel; "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. (2) When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. (3) For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. (4) Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give men in exchange for you, and people in exchange for your life. (5) Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. (6) I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth&emdash; (7) everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." (8) Lead out those who have eyes but are blind, who have ears but are deaf. (9) All the nations gather together and the peoples assemble. Which of them foretold this and proclaimed to us the former things? Let them bring in their witnesses to prove they were right, so that others may hear and say, "It is true. (10) You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me. (11) I, even I, am the Lord, and apart from me there is no savior. (12) I have revealed and saved and proclaimed, I, and not some foreign god among you. You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "that I am God. (13) Yes, and from ancient days I am he. No one can deliver out of my hand. When I act, who can reverse it?"

(14) This is what the Lord says, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "For your sake I will send to Babylon and bring down as fugitives all the Babylonians, in the ships in which they took pride. (15) I am the Lord, your Holy One, Israel's Creator, your King." (16) This is what the Lord says, he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, (17) who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: (18) "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. (19) See, I am doing a new

thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland. (20) The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the desert and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, (21) the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

You see God has said He is going to do a new thing. These things that He does that are "new" are not new to Him. He doesn't change. He called the end before the beginning, but they are new to us. We haven't see it. What He is doing in the church today is new, it's totally new. We haven't seen it before, no one has laid eyes on it before.

I read recently where Bill Hammon was talking about what the church looks like. It is like a puzzle out on a table. The Lord has all these pieces everywhere. There are pastoral pieces that are kind of put together. There are teaching pieces that are over there in this corner and kind of look like this. You can kind of see what it looks like, but then you have these prophetic pieces sort of scattered and the apostolic pieces all over the place and nobody knows how it is going to come together. All these pieces fit and only Jesus has the box-top and He won't let us see it. We don't know what it is going to look like.

The pastors in Missoula talk about this and Bill just put it in good words because we don't know what we are doing. We are following the Lord. The Word is a lamp unto our feet and all we are doing is following the light that He gives us. If He gives a little bit of light we follow that, take two steps. He gives us a little bit more. He gives us a lot of light we praise the Lord. Sometimes we get tempted to run into it and maybe He doesn't want us to. That's why sometimes He holds that light back.

The point is we don't know exactly where we are going, but we want to go. We don't know what it's going to look like, but we know it's going to be good. We haven't seen the finished product, but the Lord is doing a new thing!

Recently I was in Sheridan, Montana, a cowboy town, and had a wonderful time. On Sunday evening we had a meeting with a number of different churches represented with different pastors and my host was Pastor Frank Bacillias and he gave a word of prophecy that was such a blessing. He said, "God is doing a new thing." I kind of thought I should share some of this after he said that, no, actually I had planned on it and he kind of confirmed it for me. It really blessed me. A couple of days ago I was in Hungry Horse, Montana, just south of Glacier Park, just south of the Canadian border. There was a convocation of mid-American Christian leadership there. I went up there to just volunteer and help out while they had this convocation. It was really a wonderful time. The theme for the weekend was Isaiah 43, I'm doing a new thing. I thought, "This is really wonderful. I'm not the only one that noticed."

But, God IS doing a new thing and so many of His people are seeing it. Unfortunately some haven't seen it yet, but for the most part the whole church is in anticipation. What is happening? Some people are a little scared of what they see. Others are saying, "Yeah, it's different, but I have to go. I just can't wait. It's better than what we've seen."

Certainly, I believe we're going to see greater than what we've seen before, but you know change sometimes is disturbing, but yet it always comes. Sometimes the greatest thing that holds back on a move of God is the last move of God. It is like the wave going out is pushing on the wave that's coming in, yet at the same time some of that wave that's going out gets caught up in the wave that's coming in, it continues on. We are moving forward, the church is moving forward. God is raising up an army that we don't quite know what it's going to look like when it's done but we know it's going to be more powerful than anything that has ever been upon the face of the earth. Certainly more powerful than the enemies of God.

It is exciting to see what the Lord is doing. He's going to call from the north and from the south and from the east and the west. He's going to speak through the mouths of His people. He's going to call in all those that are named by His Name, that He has created for His own praise. These things we will see if we have our eyes open. Some are blinded because there is an enemy who says he is the god of this world whom he has blinded. You know he is not a god at all. He is a fallen angel, but to whom he has blinded, they think he is a god. Our God is much, much more mighty, not even to be compared to his enemies and yet we have the power of Christ within us that we may go forward and through obedience take dominion over anything that would stand against our God. This is our job. We have different parts within this army, within this body, within the callings that God has put in His body. He's doing new things to rise up in this day and time His mighty people. He's putting us to work in different ways than we've ever seen before. For the first time in over sixteen hundred years, the body of Christ is beginning to come together, rather than to come apart. For sixteen hundred years, every time something happened in the body of Christ there was more division. Even when the Lord would move and rebirth something or restore something in His church, it caused another division and another division and another division. For the first time in sixteen hundred years or more we are living in the time when each time He moves it's bringing us closer together and bringing us closer together and bringing us closer together. It's not that it is changing our outward appearance and not that it's changing the way we look, but what it is doing is changing the way we look at each other. It's changing the things that we thought we couldn't put up with. All of a sudden now we can. The things we thought were God-breathed and came down from heaven, we don't even believe anymore. I say "we" meaning Christians. Each of us has had to unlearn something that we thought we'd live and die for not that long ago because God is changing us. Praise God. I'm glad we're letting Him. He is doing a new thing and He is doing it in each of our hearts. He is beginning in each and every heart and working from there. It only manifests itself in the group as it happens with individuals. Praise the Lord for that!

Look in Ezekiel 47:1 (You probably know this pretty well about the river that's coming out from the temple), The man brought me back to the entrance of the temple, and I saw water coming out from under the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east). The water was coming down from under the south side of the temple, south of the altar. (2) He then brought me out through the north gate and led me around the outside to the outer gate facing east, and the water was flowing from the south side.

(3) As the man went eastward with a measuring line in his hand, he measured off a thousand cubits and then led me through water that was ankle-deep. (4) He measured off another thousand cubits and led me through water that was knee-deep. He measured off another thousand and led me through water that was up to the waist. (5) He measured off another thousand, but now it was a river that I could not cross, because the water had risen and was deep enough to swim in—a river that no one could cross. (6) He asked me, "Son of man, do you see this?"

Then he led me back to the bank of the river. (7) When I arrived there, I saw a great number of trees on each side of the river. (8) He said to me, "This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, where it enters the Sea. When it empties into the Sea, the water there becomes fresh. (9) Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so where the river flows everything will live.

I think that's exactly what we're going to see and what we want to see in this day and time. A river that comes out of the Temple of God. God's House is a house of prayer and you've never seen intercession like you've seen in these last days rising up on every continent. And prayers for all the unreached people groups for instance and for the people of God and for revival and for repentance and for an outpouring of God's Spirit for the glory of God to be shown forth by His manifested presence. As this water comes out of the temple, first it is just ankle deep and then it deeper and deeper. Do you notice Ezekiel didn't just dive right in, but he was led into it a bit at a time. But then he said he got so deep you couldn't cross it. But it didn't he you couldn't swim in it because there were fish swimming in it. It went down to the Dead Sea and that salt water was brought back alive and then there were fish in it. It could be seen in such a way that you could see it as a prophetic example of what will happen with the move of the Spirit in this day and time. Those of us that are getting in to it where it is ankle deep and then walking into it when it is deeper and then getting into it deeper and deeper, we're going to have to learn to swim in it. But those fish that are birthed in it, even out of the Dead Sea are just swimming around it in. It's all they've ever known. There are going to be people coming into this renewal and into this movement the Lord is doing across the world that will be swimming in it right from the time they are saved, right from the time they are born again. They won't know any of the things we've going through. They won't have to unlearn some of the things that every other Christian has had to peel off. God's is definitely peeling off things from all of us, some more, some less, some faster, some slower. But thank God because when He peels it all off what is left is the "Christ in us." I hope He gets to that Christ and that we treat each other like Christians, like brothers and sisters and I see the Christ in you and you see the Christ in me. And that we would for once and for all defeat the accuser of the brethren and to tear down those things that have been implanted right within the church.

When we were in India the last time, the Lord spoke to our group and said to us, "Do you know what it's like to have a cancer in your body and to have one cell devouring another and yet this has been My Body for nearly two-thousand years." He shared a little bit of His heart and of course none of us had a dry eye. It was pretty remarkable to see what has

gone on in the Body of Christ from His own perspective. We have done the devil's work for him. He's gotten in and caused us to attack one another. I think we can all learn something from David. David was a noted king over Israel and so was Saul. They were both anointed and David knew that he was called, but yet Saul was called before him. David knew that Saul had been disobedient and he knew that Saul had lost his anointing and yet for years and years and years, for more than a generation, he never laid his tongue against Saul. He wouldn't hurt Saul. He waited for God's timing and continued to show forth his character that he had the character of our Lord who was to come later. The character of one who would forgive and move forward and not return again. When we all have that character which is the character of our Lord Jesus and won't return again, but will forgive, we will defeat the enemy. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but principalities and powers. The way we wrestle against those is which spiritual implements like forgiveness and love, grace, repentance, reconciliation.... Those are our implements. If we walk in those things every time we will overpower our enemies. They defeat the enemy every time. When we understand that every single person that's ever called upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and accepted Him as Lord is anointed. We need to understand that. Even if they are disobedient like Saul, we still need to understand it is God's place to judge, not mine. It's God's place to condemn, it's God's place to bring judgment where He wants to, not me. I need to extend forgiveness and I need to walk forward. Maybe sometimes I need to do like David and get out of the way. The point is that we need to extend love one towards another and move in the way God would have us to go.

Caleb and Joshua went over into the Promise Land. They came back and said, "Hey, we can take the land." The other ten spies said, "No we can't. There are giants over there. We saw ourselves as grasshoppers so they saw us as grasshoppers." Caleb and Joshua said, "We can take it." There was a big argument and they were going to kill Caleb and Joshua. God said, "Hey, listen. I'll give them what they said. That's what they're going to get. Whatever they said, that's what they're going to get." Those that said they could go ended up going. Those that said they couldn't didn't. Those eight spies died that day. I think I'd have rather gone and take my chances with the giants, but they died that day and their families died over the next forty years. But Caleb and Joshua went in. They did take the land and they did have a possession in that inheritance. But you know something? They had to wait forty years. They could have gotten upset and said, "This isn't fair. I was ready to go up the same day. Why should I have to wait forty years?" But they didn't. Do you know what they did? They stayed faithful. They continued. I'm sure they spent their time training others and preparing them for what they saw. When it was time to go in there, they gave Caleb first choice of the places he could inherit for his tribe. He said, "I want the mountain where the giants dwell." He was old by then, but he wasn't any weaker than when he came out. He was just as strong as he was forty years before. But he had to be patient. Why can't we exhibit the same patience as Caleb towards one another? Why can't we be willing to say, "Well, yes. Maybe things would have gone differently if that person hadn't done that, but thank God I'll get to go eventually." Extend grace because when you don't extend grace then you give place to the devil. You can give place to the devil just as much as I can give place to the devil. I'd rather not give him any place because if no Christian will give him any place then pretty soon he doesn't have a place

and then we can step on him. That's where he lives, under the bottom of the foot of the Body of Christ.

Look in Luke 19:41— As he (Jesus) approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it (42) and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace, but now it is hidden from your eyes. (43) The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. (44) They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you." Now that should surprise us? We should look at that and say, "They didn't recognize the time of God's showing forth and the Messiah coming to them." They didn't recognize that. But wait a minute, thousands of people came and saw Jesus. From what I understand, tens of thousands were baptized by John the Baptist who was the forerunner of Jesus Christ. He totally put the whole nation, basically, in upheaval. And yet it says, "They missed His coming." They missed God's showing forth to Israel. How could that be? How could all those things happen and yet He still says, "You missed it."

We see all these things going on in the Christian church today. We see outpourings of the Holy Spirit and we see so many different things happening we have to scratch our head and wonder, what is this? We've never seen this or heard of this and yet we find ourselves in positions over and over again where we have to discern, is this God or not? We have to figure this out. We think, "Boy, God is really doing something here." And we're so excited and I'm excited, but that should shock me because all of Israel was excited one way or another about Jesus. And yet, they rejected Him. Not everybody rejected Him, but they rejected Him and they brought a curse upon themselves. They missed their time. That should speak loudly to us today. Are we willing to take the opportunity here and just miss it? Are we willing to take a chance that we might miss God's movement in this day and time because we're too busy with other things?

My greatest concern in the things I see is that people go and partake and go back to their old ways and don't change. See, what the Lord's doing in the world today, I believe has to bring us to a place of repentance and true repentance changes us. It changes our ways as well as our thoughts. It's not that we just know something, but that we also are willing to change our ways and not go back. I see that this has to happen or we are in danger of the same thing occurring to us. I pray that it won't. I don't believe it will, but that's my belief.

Look in Matthew 16:1, The Pharisees and Sadducees came to Jesus and tested him by asking him to show them a sign from heaven. (2) He replied, "When evening comes, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red,' (3) and in the morning, 'Today it will be stormy, for the sky is red and overcast.' You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times.

How many of us are missing the signs of the times and what God is doing in our world today? Are we understanding what the Spirit is saying to the churches? Are we understanding the move of the Spirit, or are we going against it? Are we happy to look

religious and maybe even keep our face here in His Word but never take it out and see what God is doing? And never take it out and ask Him, "What do you want me to do? Where do I fit in this." And allow Him to show us and to rise up a new breed of people. Those that are willing to answer to their Lord Jesus and make Him the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls. We need to return to Him again. We need to let Him do things that have never been done.

Recently I was talking to one brother and he was saying, "What you guys are doing is a greater work than the early apostles." I said, "What?" He was talking in the context of taking cities and becoming one church under one Shepherd. What does that mean? and how do you come about doing that? etc. He was saying, "This is a greater work than what they did in the early church." And I said, "How so?" He said, "Well, in the early church they began with one church and they grew from there. Even when there was division, like for instance in Corinth and Paul wrote First and Second Corinthians to the Corinthian church and said, 'Hey, you guys, you've got these problems in here.' 'What are you doing saying I am of Paul and I am of Apolos and giving yourself different names and going different ways and having these divisions? He stopped that and came against the division that was entering the church." But what he said to me was, "You're not dealing with a church like that. You're dealing with a church that is already separate and has been separate. It has never been one and you're trying to bring together something that has never been together and that's a greater work." I'd never thought of that like that. I guess you're right. I got to thinking there's not one single place in the Bible where it talks about how to bring one church out of many, because it doesn't have that in there. So how are we going to do that unless we're willing to let the Lord show us how to do things that have never been done? Even if you read about a place where it was done, how is that going to adapt to the place where you are? Even talking about this I have found it scares some people, especially pastors because it is a new thing.

What are you talking about? Does that mean I have to tear down my sign in front of the church? Does that mean I have to put up with these crazy people that roll on the floor? I have to put up with the people that sing the slow songs? Do I have to do all these things? What does this mean and who is it that...

I was in a meeting and I was on a steering committee to bring in a school of prayer into Missoula and we were talking about our vision for this school of prayer? I made the statement that my vision is that this is one more step toward the ultimate goal of having one Shepherd and Bishop over the church in Missoula. Then one of the brothers said, "Who are you talking about. Are you volunteering for the job?" Then I realized I have to be more careful with my words because I was talking about Jesus. I want Jesus to be in charge of the church again. Not just mine, I didn't let my head get all puffed up because Jesus runs my thing. I want Him to run all of our things and I want our things to run together. That doesn't mean that we all are going to look alike, but we're all going to act alike in terms of love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, patience, the fruit of the Spirit. That should be the same in all of us, shouldn't it? Why should you be afraid of me or I be afraid of you if you really are my brother and if I really am your brother? And, of course I'm not questioning, okay, I hope you're not either, but my point is we do

have some new things to do and thank God for that. He's moving in His church in a way that He never has before. It's amazing. I'm so thankful.

When I was younger I used to think I was born too late. I should have been born about two hundred years ago. Of course some of my friends still think that. But, actually I'm very glad to be a pioneer in these days rather than two hundred years ago because I'm getting to experience very new things. Not so much new country or new territory, but new things in the church. I'm getting to come into new areas to attack enemies. But, they're not fleshly enemies. I'm getting to come into strongholds that have been hidden, but they're not strongholds of people but among people. I'm getting to come against enemies that I'll never have to repent for coming against because they're God's enemies. They've been coming against the people in this world, God's people and those that aren't God's people, because the enemy, our enemy, comes against everything and everyone, including himself.

The devil is the one that Jesus was talking about when He said, in the last of Matthew 12:25, "Every kingdom divided against itself will not stand." And yet he learned it better than we did, because the devil has been using that principle on the church since that day. Yet He taught it so we would learn it. I think it's time to learn Jesus' words as well as satan did. It's time for us to come together and put confusion in the camp of the enemy. It's time for us to pull down the walls between us and use those stones to build the temple of God and have God dwelling among us as well as within us. I think that it is time for us to take the things that have been shut up too long, even within the Christian church that our enemy has sowed amongst us and pull those things down and move on. And see what the Lord wants to do because He knows how to do it. We live in a day and time where for the first time in at least sixteen hundred years that God is tearing down walls between people and bringing us together. It's fusion instead of fission.

Last year I had an example of this in my own life where after all these years of participating and pastoring and running fellowship or church in some form or another, then after all that time, the Lord saying, "I want you to basically join this with another church and merge in a sense and give up all my authority in that for a time." This was kind of different. I'd never heard of this. I was on my way to Argentina when He spoke this to me, actually not far from here in the LA airport and I said, "Boy am I glad I have three weeks to think about this." It was really wonderful though. I've done that. I've taken action on that. I didn't allow this to be known to anyone really except outside of the local people and I felt that was what I wanted the Lord to do. It was amazing even as I gave up those things, He supplied my needs from other ways and other areas without a need even being known from my perspective. I never even told and yet the Lord always raised it up.

It was a sign to many of us that this was exactly what the Lord wanted. Yet it was strange for me to have to do that because I'd never heard of that before especially in the way in which it was done. It was done orderly, but it certainly was done without a lot of notice. It was wonderful and it has been wonderful and what it has done even now I'm beginning to see more of His vision and why He did that. Because I needed to let the old wineskin go so I could have a new wineskin as He's beginning to raise it up now in a different form

and to have new wine. He is doing a new thing with me and with my church. Because we were obedient in that area, He is going to be able to do it, whereas I could have held on to that and He still would have blessed me. But, I swallowed that fear and moved forward in faith and He has been able to bless and will continue to bless. I believe the body of Christ will be better off for it in the long run. I believe that is a sign of the times and I think that, while I may never have heard of it at the time, we're going to see more of it. I believe this is the way the Spirit is moving. He is tearing down things that have separated. He is tearing down things that have divided. He's bringing together so that He can equip better, so He can equip more readily, so He can get us into those areas where He wants us to be equipped and working. He might even say, "Specialize." You could if that is the category, but the point is He wants to do His thing and He wants to have us let Him do it. He wants to be Lord. We said He was, now we need to let Him be. I know we like to get our hands back in the things, but we'll have to learn to let go. Because we keep doing it and we have to keep undoing sticking our hands in it and letting Him. We're learning this, okay? We're learning how to do this. More people now than ever before are needed to rise up into their gifts and calling.

You probably heard about the recent happenings down at the Christian Tabernacle in Houston where the Spirit moved so mightily and when the pastor went up and touched that podium and the Spirit moved and even though it was a 144,000 Tenzel-strength plexiglass, when the Spirit hit it, it just split it right across the side and just broke it in two. It kind of reminds me of the veil of the Temple being rent. The pulpit was just broken right in half. It wasn't across any seam or anything. All the places where it was glued are still fine. There was obviously something powerful that went across there and when He did, the pastor went flying back and the whole congregation went down and I felt at the time when I first heard it is that the Lord is showing us it is time to break down the walls, even between clergy and laity and raise up everybody as it says in Ephesians 3 that the five-fold gifts are given to the church to equip the saints to do the work of the ministry. So that the saints will be doing the work of the ministry. We haven't been doing that. Maybe we haven't know how to do that or maybe we've been afraid, "Oh, we can't have that. We'll have anarchy in the church. We have to have everything decently and in order." But we haven't understood that there are giftings in everybody and we need to equip that and yet at the same time pastor that. It can be done. But we need to come back to the Lord and find out how to do it. We don't need to be afraid of what God's doing. If we have that fear of God, knowing that He is almighty, and come to Him and have that respect, just know He knows what He's doing, let's let Him do it.

Since then the pastor has come out and said that's one of the two things he thinks God's showing them there, too. It is to break this down. No longer is God going to allow us to separate ourselves according to something we put on the wall. But, He wants all of His kids up and running in their giftings and in their empowerments. I say, "Praise the Lord." That should not put trepidation in anybody's heart that might be in eldership anywhere. We're not talking about jobs, we're talking about giftings. Our job, if that's our job as an elder, with a gifting, is to equip others to walk in their giftings. If we will do it according to the way the Holy Spirit is moving in this day and time, I think everything will be done

decently and in order. We may have a different idea of what God's order is, but praise God, I'm ready for anything He wants to do.

Different people may be sent for different jobs and specifically might be sent to different segments of society and I see more and more myself being sent to a segment of society and one of those happens to be everywhere I go, it doesn't matter what nation I have to be in, or what state or what city, the people I get to hang with seem to be those people that have gifts and callings. They know they have a calling, and some of them have been equipped and some haven't. But, they are predominately are disciples. Many of them have stopped going to church because they are tired of sitting in the pews. They want to get out. They want to see God do something. They want to see people coming into the kingdom. They want to be preparing for the harvest. They want to be tying knots in the net. They want to be stringing strands to other knots. So therefore it's not that they're against anything, it's that they are bored with what they haven't been getting and God bless them. You know I cannot tell you how many people I have run into across the country, and I could probably name ten different denominations, probably, no more than that, the point is that different backgrounds, different people, that somehow the Lord brings them across my path and the reason is that because He wants His people equipped. He'll do mighty things to get that to start to happening. Many of these men and women are faithful tithers, even. They just don't have a church to tithe to. Now there are some people that have been in church for forty years and don't tithe. We're talking about committed people that believe God's Word, but yet are a little discouraged maybe even if they don't say it. But in their heart I can tell. They want to move. They want to get going. They want to see God working in their lives and in the people around them because they know there's something happening and they want to see it happen. They want to see God's will done. I believe this is happening in a lot of places. It can't just be happening where I am, but I praise God for that because I think it's a sign of the times. I think He's doing a new thing. I think He's getting prepared to equip an army.

When we were in South India on the beach, it was after we had done some work up north and we had one evening where four of the six of us could get together. We went down and we're standing on the beach and we were praying. It was nice to have fresh air. The air in Delhi is not that fresh. You guys here have great air compared to Delhi, believe me. I won't talk about that but we were on the beach and one of the things the Lord spoke to us was, I'm beginning to call out around the world men and women that the enemy never thought I could use. I'm beginning to rise them up this day into ministry to begin to torment My enemy to give him a taste now of what he shall feel for all eternity. That's what He said. I say, "Praise God. That's a new thing." I like to see the devil get tormented now. I like to see him chewing on his fingernails and running and hiding. You know what? When we rise up and we walk forward in power and in might and in love with forgiveness and love towards one another knowing that no man is your enemy, we torment him. We torment him. We're beginning to send him back on his own self. We're going to one day walk into the camp and find it empty and take the spoils and use those spoils like the Children of Israel did when they came out of Egypt to build the Temple of God. We're going to spoil the enemy because we're going to obey until God is able to move and do like He did so many times for the Children of Israel. So many people at this

day and time are saying, "Why sit we here until we die? Let's get up and go. Let's do something." And praise God for that. I'm ready for a new thing. I'm ready for the power of God to be manifested in all things.

In John 17 Jesus talks about the glory of God that was given to Him so that He could be one with God and He gave the glory to us so that we could be one with one another, even as He is one with the Father. We've never been one with one another, much less like He is with the Father. That must tell us something. We've never had His glory manifested like He's going to do it in these last days. I say, "Praise God. Come soon Lord Jesus. Let's see the glory of God manifested."

Look in 1 Chronicles 12, After all these years men are beginning to recognize David as the king and they are coming from all over. Men that formally followed Saul and now they're coming to David. Now Saul was the anointed of God. He was the old move of God. But there was a new move and he was anointed and these guys were waking up and going and following the new move of God. We need to understand that we can follow Saul, but if we follow Saul too long we end up like Jonathan, a good guy that dead. That's what happened to Jonathan, he was too long making up his mind. He loved David, but he couldn't leave the old ways and he died. But these men were coming out from all over the nation and coming to David, the new anointing of God. They came to him as it says in verse 23, These are the numbers of the men armed for battle who came to David at Hebron to turn Saul's kingdom over to him, as the Lord had said: (24) men of Judah, carrying shield and spear, 6,800 armed for battle; (25) men of Simeon, warriors ready for battle, 7,100; (26) men of Levi, 4,600, (27) including Jehoiada, leader of the family of Aaron, with 3,700 men, (28) and Zadok, a brave young warrior, with 22 officers from his family; (29) men of Benjamin, Saul's kinsmen -- 3,000, most of whom had remained loyal to Saul's house until then; (30) men of Ephraim, brave warriors, famous in their own clans, 20,800; (31) men of half the tribe of Manasseh, designated by name to come and make David king, 18,000; (32) men of Issachar, who understood the times and knew what Israel should do, 200 chiefs, with all their relatives under their command; (33) men of Zebulun, experienced soldiers prepared for battle with every type of weapon, to help David with undivided loyalty, 50,000; (34) men of Naphtali, 1,000 officers, together with 37,000 men carrying shields and spears; (35) men of Dan, ready for battle, 28,600; (36) men of Asher, experienced soldiers prepared for battle, 40,000; (37) and from east of the Jordan, men of Reuben, Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh, armed with every type of weapon, 120,000.

Look again at verse 32, We need to have an understanding of the times. Do we understand the times? Do we know what God's doing? Do we know what direction He is going? We need to get where He is or we're never going to get where He is going. We need to help one another get to the place where God is. He's been patient, but He's getting ready to move. We want to go with Him. We want to move with Him. Do we want to see that river coming out of the east side of the temple and going down and turning that Dead Sea into a living place where the new harvest is ready because the fish are there? Are we willing to allow the Lord to build the net, the Kingdom of God is like? It takes much longer to build a net than it takes to throw it in, but we haven't let Him build it. We've

been trying to do it ourselves and we've messed it all up. It's all knotted up. We need to get it un-knotted. Maybe we need to burn some of it and let Him start over. But, we need to get that net done.

You know we've been praying for the harvest, Lord we want to see people get saved, oh, Lord, bring more people into Your Kingdom. The Bible says to pray the Lord of the Harvest to send laborers because the harvest is plenteous and the laborers are few. I don't know, where I go I see more laborers than I see harvest. What's wrong? We're not praying for laborers. We all want to see numbers, but that's not what Jesus said. He said to pray for the laborers. Let's get the laborers out there and if the harvest is much bigger than any of us can handle. Do you know why we're so concerned about our church -- that somebody might steal some of our sheep? Do you know why we're so concerned about those things? It's because there's not a big enough harvest. If the harvest was like it really could be, you'd have so many people you couldn't fit them anyway. You'd be calling up somebody down the street, "Hey, do you have any room in your church? We have four hundred more people than we can fit in here. Why don't you take a few of them. We're already up to five services a day." The reason we're worried about these little things is that the harvest isn't coming in. I believe one of the reason for that is that we are not praying for the laborers. We're not equipping the laborers. If we really believe what Jesus said that the harvest is there, we would obey His words and equip those that will labor.

We must not believe His Words, because we're not following what He said. We're doing what He instructed us to do. I believe there are those that understand the times that are willing to try a new thing. They are waiting for somebody to call out to them and say, "Hey, let's try this. Let's do this." Wherever I go there are many men and women of God that are committed to the Lord Jesus and just don't know how to do what they need to do so they are going to hold back and learn and study and receive, but they're not doing what they really want to do. That's changing quickly. The Lord is behind it, I believe.

I believe we are in a point right now in the Body of Christ where I think we are at the beginning of it, but where we are is at a point where the Lord is beginning an equipping anointing. Where He is beginning to take those numbers of people I spoke about that the devil never thought He could use and He is raising them up into Jonathans and armorbearers. He is raising them up into sons of Issachar. He's raising them up into David's mighty men. Those that will come out and get behind that new fresh anointing. What God is doing, not what God did. Praise God for what He's done, but we need to be where He is to go where He's going. I praise God for that. I thank God for this day and this time because He is doing some great things.

Look in Joshua 3:1. Early in the morning Joshua and all the Israelites set out from Shittim and went to the Jordan, where they camped before crossing over. (2) After three days the officers went throughout the camp, (3) giving orders to the people; "When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests, who are Levites, carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it. (4) Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before. (You see, we don't know where we are going. We have not been this way before. Nobody has been where the church is

going. We live in times that are different. That's good because we don't want the same results that have been in the past. We want something new. We want THE great harvest Jesus talked about, not A great harvest. We want to see THE great harvest to come in. We want to see the last unreached people-groups on this earth reached with the gospel. We want to see the strongholds in our own nation that have blinded the eyes of so many broken. Now you think it is hard to preach the Word to a Hindu, try preaching to a cowboy. And yet there are people in this nation that are so hungry, but there is blindness on them and we need to break the strongholds so we can reach them because there are people in this country, thousands upon thousands that will come to the Lord before we are finished. This country has a great harvest. It's not all overseas. There is still a great, great harvest here. This nation is not only called to fund missionaries overseas, although I think it's part of our calling, God has not forgotten the people that are here that are still in sin, but you know what? I won't say who said this, because I don't want to get him in trouble, but recently we had a speaker in Missoula and I loved what he said. He said, "One day we might even see the Holy Spirit move amongst the ministers." We might see an outpouring amongst the leaders. Oh, forgive me... But anyway, praise God. We all need it, I need it. I want it, I want to see God's will done in my life. I want to see an outpouring that's so great it's like that river that's so deep that it touches every part of society, from the front of the church to the back.

Just recently at church on Wednesday night, we had an Indian man that was drunk walking down the street and he fell into the church. He is a Christian now! Because he couldn't get out. We should have those kind of things happen. It's fun when those things happen. God will bring them to us. I could tell you stories where the Lord moved and there were so many people, Hey, He knows where the fish are. He can bring them in anytime He wants to. Remember what He did with Peter? He said, "Throw your net on the other side." Peter said, "Oh, come on you're a carpenter, I'm a fisherman. What do you know about fishing? Well, I'll go ahead and throw one over there." He almost sunk the boat. It ripped the net and everything else. The Lord knows where the fish are. We're not ready for them. We need to get ready. We need to equip the saints for the work of the ministry. We need to be prepared. As leaders, including myself, we need to not be afraid, but we need to spend our time. Those of you that are praying for and supporting leadership, well praise God, pray that we will do what they did in Acts chapter 6 and that is to get on our knees and spend our time in prayer and ministry of the Word. That's what our job should be so that we hear the voice of the Lord when He speaks, so that we know the heart of God, so that we know where He is and we know what He wants us to do, so that we can truly serve you, so that you can rise up into your calling and see God working in your life like I know He wants you to and I know you want to.

So these are some of the things I believe the Lord is doing. He is pulling down walls everywhere. If you are used to having that wall between you and your neighbor and it disappears, you might find out you don't like your neighbor as much as you did when the wall was there. But, you might find out he's not as tough as he thought, too. The point is they are coming down whether we like it or not. We'd better learn how to deal with our neighbor because we're going to be judged by how we treat one another. It's not so much what we know, but what do we do with what we know? It's not that we're going to get a

better place in heaven because our doctrine is so much more right than somebody else's doctrine, but what did we do with what we knew? Did we walk in love towards one another? See, God is doing a new thing. I want to be where He is moving. I want to be one of these new kinds of Christians that is equipped and is a mighty man coming within the new anointing, the fresh anointing that the Lord is doing right now, today. One of those many, no more super stars, except Jesus, Himself. Those are the times we live in. That's what I'm so excited to see happening in the church today.