Something is stirring. Can you feel it? It’s a subtle shift in the atmosphere, a hint of what is coming. God is moving and has never stopped, but the Spirit is whispering of a “new thing.” Call it a renewal, an awakening, or even a restoration—the Father is preparing to pour His Spirit on all flesh with a might and glory we have not seen before.

That revival is needed and is coming is understood. This is a time of preparation. We must prepare to steward what is coming. This issue of The MorningStar Journal is dedicated to this preparation and to stirring up our faith. The Revival Fires section features a variety of perspectives on revival from Francis Frangipane, Dutch Sheets, Todd Bentley, and others. Each perspective provides a different glimpse of the Lord’s heart on this subject, offering you food for thought while provoking you to seek the Lord yourself about what the next wave of awakening looks like and your part in it.

In this time of preparation, our job is to stick close to the Father, leaning our head on His chest to hear Him say, “this is the way, walk in it” (see Isaiah 30:21). Rick Joyner continues his series on reigning in this life with the subject of peace, which is foundational to remaining anchored in busy times. Joe Shrewsbury develops this further while Donna Hoover, Steve Scroggs, and Lance Wallnau offer timely prophetic wisdom as we press in for God to move. David White and Larry Tomczak also offer a realistic glimpse of why revival is necessary, provoking us further to seek the Lord for the restoration of hearts and our land.

These are exciting times. The Lord is calling His people to build a highway upon which His glory will come (see Isaiah 40:3). Let the Lord build this in your heart, and then let it spill out to others. We are in this together.

Standing with you,

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In the last two editions of *The MorningStar Journal*, we began to lay a biblical foundation for a victorious life. In this issue, we will address the one factor in this foundation that is key to holding all the others together—the peace of God. Crucial to a victorious, fruitful life is the intentional building of an impregnable fortress of the peace of God in our hearts.

II Corinthians 10:4 says that we are given “divinely powerful” weapons for tearing down the enemy’s strongholds. These weapons are spiritual and the strongholds are spiritual. These strongholds are basically built on deceptive beliefs—they keep people bound to believing and acting on something untrue. This is why the truth sets us free. So a basic, divinely powerful weapon is the truth. However, a weapon can be powerful but not effective if we do not know how to use it.

For God’s weapons to be useful, they must be used by His Spirit who operates through us. The truth used rightly can set people free. The truth used wrongly can hurt people and reinforce their bondage to deception. A young girl may be on the path to eternal judgment, but is it right to scream this at her in a spirit of hatred and
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condemnation while she seeks to enter an abortion clinic? In Romans 2:4 we are told that it is “the kindness of God that calls you to repentance.” The girl is likely already frightened and depressed and needs someone to offer hope and an alternative—not condemnation—at that time.

Because “God is love” (see I John 4:8), love is a basic factor by which we will always recognize what is of God—including His weapons. His weapons are not for killing and wounding but for healing and giving life. This is why the truth must be spoken in love to be anointed by Him. This does not mean that His love is not tough at times, or even very hard, like when He will rule with a rod of iron, but it is still for our sake—not to hurt us but to help us. The Lord also spoke in love through His prophets when they warned of the judgments to come if they did not repent. He was speaking to the Pharisees in love when He called them hypocrites, because some people need a slap in the face to wake up to the truth.

Just as God is love, He is also “the Prince of Peace.” He will rule from Jerusalem, which means “city of peace.” Even though He uses the title “Lord of hosts,” or “Lord of armies,” over ten times more than His other titles, we are told “the God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet” (see Romans 16:20). The peace of God is an impregnable fortress that the enemy cannot penetrate. If we will abide in it, we will crush the work of the enemy. How could peace be such a powerful weapon?

True peace is simply to trust in the Lord. True peace comes from the faith that God is who He says He is, and that He will do all He says He will do. Not only can the enemy never defeat Him, the enemy cannot even get a shot in that God does not allow. He also ensures that everything that happens to us will work for our good. So if we really believe Him and His word, we will abide in His peace, trusting Him in all things.

The enemy keeps the world in bondage primarily through fear. This is how he seeks to
control men and why he seeks to control the nations today through terror—extreme fear. The fear of man is one of the primary fears by which he keeps someone. Jesus offended many with everything He said and did. Try to find one thing He did or said that was not criticized or attacked by the rulers of His

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Christians in bondage so that they cannot be changed into the nature of Christ. As the Apostle Paul wrote in Galatians 1:10, “If I were still seeking to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ.” The “fear of man” is probably the most powerful yoke of bondage that compromises our ability to serve Christ. If we are overly concerned about what people think or say about us, we are spiritually crippled. This yoke must be broken off of every servant of Christ if we are going to serve the Truth. The peace of God counters this fear.

The yoke of “political correctness” is one of the strongest yokes keeping people from the truth today. This is an ever-growing fear of offending day. As He said, if we are His, the world will hate us just like it hated Him. Therefore, we should be far more concerned if the world likes us than if it hates us.

So how can we reach the world if it is bound to hate us? First, we will not reach the world by getting the world to like us. The Holy Spirit, who alone can draw men to Christ, is the only hope we have of truly reaching the world. Any other method or devise that we try to use to reach people is an attempt to do this by our own strength and means, and it will never work. No one can come to the Son unless the Father draws them, and He does this through His Holy Spirit.
Taking His Yoke

As long as we think we must reach others by our own behavior, knowledge, or other method of persuasion, we will be striving. When we understand that only the Spirit can draw others to Christ, we can rest and trust in the Spirit. As we abide in Him and His peace, we are far more likely to be used by the Spirit to say and do the things that compel others to know our Lord.

The same is true of any work of God. Only that which is Spirit can beget that which is Spirit—we are totally reliant on the Holy Spirit to do God’s work. Sensitivity to the Spirit requires His peace in our hearts and minds.

The Spirit is called “the Helper,” not the “Doer.” However, we can rely on Him to do the heavy lifting in any work of God. This is why when we take the Lord’s yoke we find rest for our souls. If you are a little ox yoked to a huge ox, who will be doing all the pulling? You are getting a free ride. This does not mean that we do not do anything, but without question He will do the bulk of the work. So we can be at rest and peace, and this will help us maintain the joy of the Lord in the work.

A yoke normally speaks of bondage. There is truth to this. When we become yoked to Christ we are bound to Him as His slave. However, there is no greater freedom than to be Christ’s slave. He is the most benevolent Master there will ever be, and He loves every one of His slaves. It is the Master’s responsibility to provide for His slaves, and we could never provide for ourselves as well as God Almighty can provide for us. This leads to a peace that the world cannot comprehend.

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Abiding in the Spirit

To abide in Christ is to abide in the Holy Spirit. If we abide in the Spirit we will have the fruit of the Spirit. This is described in Galatians 5:22-23: “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.”

The fruit of the Spirit is interconnected. If we have one, we will have the others. If we begin to lose one, we will begin to lose the others. However, the linchpin fruit of the Spirit is peace. This is not more important than the others, but it is the one that holds them all together. If you lose your peace you will quickly lose your patience, etc. This is why it is “the God of peace” that crushes Satan, why His dwelling place is peace, and why He is the Prince of Peace.

Once while at a conference for professional athletes, I happened upon an article by a sport’s psychologist. He had spent over twenty years studying what athletes call “the zone”—a state at which even the best athletes perform at a level far beyond their normal abilities. This psychologist said they still do not know what enables players to get into “the zone,” but they have found out what brings them out of it—fear or anger.

What they call “the zone” is what Christians would call “in the Spirit.” To walk in the Spirit is to walk in a place of performance beyond our natural abilities. We know how to enter this place—by abiding in Christ. However, many Christians do not seem to understand what brings them out of the Spirit and back into their carnal nature. It is the same two things that bring an athlete out of “the zone”—fear or anger.

This psychologist described what happens to us physically when we experience fear or anger, especially in their intense forms of terror or rage. He said that one moment of rage or terror consumes the energy stored in our glands that would take many hours of hard labor to use. This is why we feel so tired right after a bout of terror or rage. Coaches now
know that fear or anger brings an opposing player out of the zone, so they send in one of their players with the intent of either intimidating or getting them angry. Likewise, when we are in the Spirit, the devil sends his agents to get us fearful or angry to bring us out of the Spirit. The way we counter this is by refusing to let anyone or anything steal our peace. If we abide in the peace of God, then Satan will be crushed in our life.

We must expect attacks. Attacks are evidence that we are making an impact, threatening the powers of darkness, and that God considers us mature enough to handle them. Few attacks of the devil will be fair, and since the devil is the “father of lies,” we should expect lies to be told about us. We can expect him to twist our best intentions and to be misunderstood by those under his power. Therefore, the source of our peace is not the hope that we will be vindicated with people, but that there is a Judge that knows the whole truth. It is Him that we must stand and live our lives before, not fickle people. Our hope and our peace are therefore in the Lord. He is our peace, and if we keep His peace in our heart we will always be led to victory.

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Galatians 1:10
Every mighty move of the Spirit of God has had its source in the prayer chamber. – E.M. Bounds

The coming revival must begin with a great revival of prayer. It is in the closet, with the door shut, that the sound of abundance of rain will first be heard. – Andrew Murray

Revival begins in the individual’s heart. Let it begin with you on your face alone before God. Turn from every sin that might hinder. Renew yourself to a new devotion to the Savior. – Lee Roberson

The story of Christian reformation, revival, and renaissance underscores that the darkest hour is often just before the dawn, so we should always be people of hope and prayer, not gloom and defeatism. God the Holy Spirit can turn the situation around in five minutes. – Os Guinness

It’s true that many are praying for a worldwide revival. But it would be more timely, and more scriptural, for prayer to be made to the Lord of the harvest, that He would raise up and thrust forth laborers who would fearlessly and faithfully preach those truths which are calculated to bring about a revival. – A.W. Pink
We want a revival to come just in our way. You never saw two revivals come just alike. We must let them come in God’s way. - Mordecai Ham

Revivals begin with God’s own people. The Holy Spirit touches their heart anew and gives them new fervor and compassion, and zeal, new light and life. And when He has thus come to you, He next goes forth to the valley of dry bones. – Andrew Bonar

We cannot believe that the church of God is already possessed of all that light which God intends to give it, nor that all Satan’s lurking places have already been found out. – Jonathan Edwards

As long as we are content to live without revival, we will.
Leonard Ravenhill

Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin, and desire nothing but God, and I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or laymen. Such alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the kingdom of heaven on Earth. – John Wesley
There is something about the time just prior to a move of God that causes many to wonder if the Lord is for them or against them. He seems confrontational—too intense; too “different” from the gentle, patient Shepherd we have learned to trust. Yet to lead His people into the future, we need to not only be “saved;” we need to be trained for spiritual warfare.

Perhaps you have been through a time when the tip of Christ’s sword seemed aimed straight at your heart. Let me reassure you: God is for you. It is His expressed purpose to release this same “sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” (see Ephesians 6:17)—through your words and prayers. But before the Lord’s sword will come through your mouth, it must first pass through your heart. Do not withdraw or be terrified at this new unveiling of the Son of God, for He is fitting us for battle. By the time we are fully trained, we will be fearless warriors in His army.

Yet we must be realistic about our current state. Many have been pampered and undisciplined. We have not understood the day of warfare that looms before us. Nor are
we prepared for the final raging of Satan as his time shortens (see Revelation 12:12).

Isaiah tells us, “The Lord will go forth like a warrior, He will arouse His zeal like a man of war. He will utter a shout, yes, He will raise a war cry. He will prevail against His enemies” (Isaiah 42:13). We have known the Lord as our Savior and our Shepherd. These revelations of our beloved Master are no less true because a new aspect of His nature is revealed. It is simply that this new dimension is so startlingly different from how we have known Him. Be of good cheer. This frightening Warrior King, with His sword drawn, with the shout of war upon His lips, is the same blessed Savior who died on the cross for our sins.

Yet we cannot soften the shock of this great unveiling of Christ. Our immediate dismay shall be in no way less dramatic than that revealed to Joshua on the plains of Jericho. Our concepts will be shaken and fears confronted.

Now it came about when Joshua was by Jericho, that

he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing opposite him with his sword drawn in his hand, and Joshua went to him and said to him, “Are you for us or for our adversaries?” (Joshua 5:13)

Joshua already knew the Lord in the wilderness tabernacle, but now He appeared as Captain of the Host to lead His people into war. Ultimately, these refugees from Egypt and their wilderness children would defeat many nations stronger and more numerous than themselves (see Deuteronomy 9:1). They would do the impossible through the power of the Lord.

Though initially Joshua was taken aback, both he and the people with him were more prepared for this battle than they realized. Their time in the wilderness had conditioned them for war!

Likewise, your wilderness has not been a time of punishment but a season of preparation and of learning obedience. You have learned from the struggles. Today you walk in the fear of God and are not blinded by
the sin of presumption. Before Jesus returns, those who passed the wilderness tests will receive another revelation—Christ will be revealed to them as Captain of the Host. We will be ready to follow the Lamb wherever He goes.

And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and bowed down, and said to him, “What has my lord to say to his servant?”

The captain of the Lord’s host said to Joshua, “Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did so (Joshua 5:14-15).

This new unveiling of the Lord is holy. Just as the Lord brought down atheistic communism in the former Soviet Union, so we will see hundreds of millions find salvation in the Son of God. Nations are being touched and prepared. Let us not gainsay nor criticize what we may not fully understand. God will shake everything that can be shaken, even while we receive His kingdom that cannot be shaken (see Hebrews 12:27-28).

The promise of the Lord we read earlier is that He “will go forth like a warrior . . . He will raise a war cry. He will prevail against His enemies” (see Isaiah 42:13). Within the ranks of the advancing church, Jesus is raising a war cry. Can you hear His shout? A new authority is being raised up. Yes, they will be tested, but leaders will arise with the voice of prophetic prayer. Christ Himself will prevail against His enemies. Indeed, the gates of hell shall not stand against the church Jesus is building (see Matthew 16:18).


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“W e cannot organize revival, but we can set our sails to catch the wind from heaven when God chooses to blow upon His people once again.” This quote from G. Campbell Morgan, a 20th century British evangelist and noted biblical scholar, captures a heart posture leading to revival. The great preacher Charles Finney defined revival as the rekindling of a flame, a bringing to life what was almost dead. The early church modeled a life centered on God in their midst, yet the church has not always remained faithful to that early model. When passion for God dies out and people turn away from a lifestyle of faith and righteousness, revival becomes necessary. Yet revival only occurs when we position ourselves, or “set our sails,” to once again receive God’s presence and power in our midst.

How do we position ourselves to receive revival? In Scripture, God’s people are instructed to build a highway so that God’s glory and salvation can come down that road (see Isaiah 40:3-5 and 62:10-11). Throughout church history, major moves of God resulted from a small group of individuals positioning themselves, or building a “highway,” in several key ways. Lessons from the Welsh and Azusa Street revivals
particularly shed light on how we can prepare the way for the Lord in our time.

**A Marriage of Passion with Conviction**

At its core, revival is about coming back to our first love, and the fruit of this rekindled passion is that God will hear from heaven and heal our land (see II Chronicles 7:14). Hunger for God coupled with conviction of sin is a precursor to revival seen throughout history and serves as a primary way we position ourselves for God to move.

Evan Roberts, the young leader of the 1904 Welsh revival, exemplifies a person whose personal hunger for God led to national revival. Roberts spent his time praying and attending church services almost every night of the week, all in pursuit of greater intimacy with God. He faithfully prayed for Holy Spirit visitation and eventually found what he sought. Interestingly, Roberts did not seek God because he was trying to start a revival, but because he himself wanted God desperately. As the Lord visited him, he became burdened in intercession for the lost and the church in Wales, but this resulted from his personal quest.

William Seymour, the primary leader of the 1906 Azusa Street revival, was also hungry for God. As an African American living in the South before the Civil Rights Movement, Seymour faced severe rejection and opposition from fellow Christians in his quest for the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Yet Seymour persisted and eventually received the baptism, along with a few others. Like Evan Roberts, Seymour was simply seeking God for himself. As a result of hunger, they not only found God but were also given Holy Spirit power to be a witness both in and outside of the church.

As these revivals progressed, the leaders remained committed to finding the secret place. Roberts once shut himself away for seven days in the middle of the revival to seek God’s face. He understood that the real fuel of the revival was intimacy with God and that had to remain foundational to his ministry.
Passion for God not only sparks revival but also keeps it going.

Both the Welsh and Azusa Street revivals were rooted in the message of the cross, repentance, and holiness, and these were themes seen in the Great Awakening and other revivals of the 19th and 20th century. As Charles Finney said, “There can be no revival when Mr. Amen and Mr. Wet-Eyes are not found in the audience.” Roberts and the leaders of Azusa Street were convicted of their own sin as God’s glory exposed their hearts. Yet as they pressed into God, they also came to a fuller understanding of the cross and the joy of holiness.

Roberts’ “Four Great Tenants,” a foundational message of the Welsh revival, primarily emphasized confession of sin, forgiveness, obedience to the Spirit, and public confession of Christ. This message established a foundation for repentance that emphasized the work of the Holy Spirit to convict of sin and lead the sinner to Jesus. In both Wales and Azusa, conviction of sin was accompanied by revelation of God’s deep love. Remaining in a place of repentance not only positioned the forerunners for revival, but truly changed lives when the same Spirit was released on the masses.

Sowing in Tears, Reaping in Joy

A third key to revival exemplified in both the Welsh and Azusa Street revivals is intercession. Frank Bartleman, a powerful intercessor who paved the way for Azusa Street, was unyielding in prayer for revival to reawaken the church and save the lost. He fasted and prayed to such an extent that some feared he would go crazy, but he refused to slow down because he was determined to prepare the ground for God to move.

Roberts also was faithful in intercession, and he continued to pray even after God began to move. He recognized that he was not the source of revival and this fueled his prayer life. Intercession kept him grounded in the Lord while continuing to open up hearts in the Spirit for the coming of
the Lord. Intercession is key in revival because it creates a portal to meet with Him.

**The Grace of Yielding**

A fourth key exemplified in revival history is two sided, involving both surrender and obedience. Roberts and Seymour operated in great power because they emptied themselves and became completely obedient to the Spirit. When asked why he shut himself away for seven days during the most dramatic time of the revival, Roberts replied that it was for a sign. Other people could not understand why he would withdraw at such a crucial time, but Roberts was humble and placed God first. Obeying the prompting of the Spirit even when it did not make sense to the natural mind produced significant gains in the Spirit that were later powerfully manifested in the revival. Roberts emerged from his seclusion even more anointed, all because he was obedient.

Seymour also practiced prompt obedience and humility as a lifestyle, and the revival at Azusa Street flourished. Neither Roberts nor Seymour were highly educated or eloquent speakers, but they had hearts that were willing to yield and the humility to put God’s opinion over those around them. Consequently, they carried a heavy anointing that sparked movements and changed nations.

**Hands Off**

A final key to revival suggested by Wales and Azusa Street is consciously deciding to simply follow the Spirit as He takes over. Seymour’s leadership during the Azusa Street revival is an excellent example of the success of the “hands off” strategy. Instead of carefully orchestrating each meeting, Seymour simply showed up, asked for the Holy Spirit to come, and then sat back and let Him work.

The Welsh revival too was known for its lack of commercialism, hymnbooks, committees, and choirs, yet people were saved, healed, and whole cities changed on an unprecedented scale. Roberts’ and Seymour’s ability to let the Holy Spirit take charge was most likely the fruit
of their intimacy with Him. As the revivals progressed, various individuals tried to exert control over how the meetings were conducted, and this led to the Spirit being quenched and revival flames dying down. Clearly, it is essential to truly yield to the Spirit in all things to see revival come forth and flourish.

Preparing for Revival Today

As revival history suggests, personal revival must take place before corporate revival—it is the root of the plant. In Isaiah 6, the prophet had an encounter where he truly understood the depth of his depravity, but he then experienced the redemptive power of a holy God. He was totally emptied and consequently when God asked who He could send to preach repentance, Isaiah willingly volunteered. Because he had met the Lord personally, he was able to fully enter into his prophetic destiny with a heart that longed for a wayward people to have a similar encounter. Isaiah was positioned as an anointed revivalist, one who called for the people to passionately love the Lord again.

While the keys to revival seem to remain consistent, how God chooses to release and conduct the revival in our day may look different than what we suspect. The Lord is after relationship, not formula. When another awakening is released—and it will be released—we may be tempted in our zeal to fit the new thing God is doing back into the mold of what we have seen in the past. We do not yet have a vocabulary for what He wants to release. We know there is new wine coming, but we do not know what type of wineskin will hold it—we must not assume we know how He wants this done. What is coming will be solid but unfamiliar ground, and we must draw even closer to the voice of the Lord to know how to walk the path.

Unquestionably, signs, wonders, and miracles will accompany the next awakening. They are part of our inheritance and should be embraced. Yet what if the new wave looks more like a quieter yet deeper restoration of the “ancient paths” (see Jeremiah
6:16) and the “age-old foundations” (see Isaiah 58:12)? Let’s remain open to what the Lord wants to touch and respond appropriately.

As we look toward the great harvest, it is important to set our mind to seek God without agenda. We all want the privilege of being involved in the next great move of the Spirit, yet even if God doesn’t choose you to be the leader of the next revival, would you still seek Him for revival in your own heart and mind? Those who seek will find when they search for Him with all their hearts (see Jeremiah 29:13), and if we are willing to

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Re-digging the Wells of Revival: My Visits to Cane Ridge and Wales

Scripture makes it clear that the Lord accomplishes His purposes on the earth not through one man or movement, but through the labors and legacy of many across multiple generations (see Hebrews 11:39-12:2). Working through a divine timeline that extends beyond a single lifetime, the Lord desires that we honor and build upon the foundations laid by those who have gone before us. In Genesis 26, we are told that when Isaac dug water wells, he didn’t get to start with his own. Isaac recognized his hereditary right and responsibility to re-dig and restore the ancient wells of his father Abraham, which the Philistines stopped up after he died.

It was after re-digging his father’s wells that the Lord appeared to Isaac and pronounced over him the same blessing previously spoken over Abraham. Not long after that, the Lord allowed Isaac’s servants to unearth his own well. I have spent more than a decade of my life teaching about...
the synergy of the ages—exhorting believers that in order for us to move forward in fulfilling God’s purposes for our generation, we must reach back to remember, honor and add to what He has done through previous generations. Through a recent sequence of events, however, the Lord once again invited me to tap into some historic wells of revival in order to release a fresh river of His glory to flow into our generation.

I was invited to minister at a small log cabin-style church in Kentucky, which happened to be the site of the historic Cane Ridge Revival of the late 1800s. During that powerful move of the Holy Spirit, tens of thousands of people came by wagon to the hillsides of Kentucky, hungry to hear the preaching of the Word and bask in the glory of God for days at a time. At these camp meetings, it was common to see dozens of ministers preaching simultaneously across the countryside while multitudes were strewn along the ground, being moved upon by the extremely weighty presence of God. This revival swept through the southern states and beyond, helping to birth the Second Great Awakening. I found it most interesting that the Lord set up my itinerary in such a way that from Cane Ridge, He sent me to Wales—another extremely significant site of revival history!

Moving From Well to Well

The nation of Wales is the place where revivalist Evan Roberts was baptized in the fire of God and commissioned by the Lord as a leader in the world-reaching Welsh Revival of the early 1900s. So many people were radically saved in that spiritual outpouring that the nation of Wales experienced societal transformation. Judges had no cases to try, and law enforcement officials had no crime to deal with, so they formed traveling evangelistic singing groups. The presence of God was so strong among the common people that pubs closed down, sporting events were cancelled, thousands of depressed and drunken miners came to Jesus, and hundreds left everything behind to give their lives on
the foreign mission field. It is believed that since the 1900s, there has never been a revival in world history that cannot trace its roots back to the nation-shaking Welsh Revival.

Wales was also home to Rees Howells, another significant contributor to revival history. His life of intercession, chronicled in the biography, *Rees Howells: Intercessor*, greatly influenced many people and movements of prayer, myself included. After being powerfully swept into the Welsh Revival, this former miner-turned-missionary devoted the rest of his life to serving the purposes of God for his generation in the place of prayer. In 1924, Howells founded The Bible College of Wales to train others in what the Lord had taught him. That place soon became a house of prayer for all nations, with students and staff joining Howells in fighting world battles on their knees. What transpired on that small campus unquestionably affected the course of world history and left a legacy of prayer that the Lord is inviting us to lay hold of today.

**Fighting the Battles of the Kingdom**

Howells’ intercessors prayed all through World War II, engaging in the spiritual warfare necessary to take down the demonic powers encroaching upon the governments of nations through the dictatorial leadership of men like Hitler, Stalin, and Mussolini. They also prayed fervently through the 1948 UN-mandated vote on Israel’s status as a nation. Even after Howells’ passing, their ardent intercession continued under the leadership of his son, Samuel. They prayed through the Cuban missile crises, the Cold War between the U.S. and the USSR, and also helped pray in the signs and wonders movement of the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s.

Their story could be likened to Moses’ hilltop intercession affecting Joshua’s frontline battle. Scripture states that as long as Moses held up the staff of God in his hand, Joshua and Israel prevailed, but when Moses let his hands down, the enemy prevailed. Through this prophetic act of
intercession—lifting up the rod, which represented the authority and power of God—the Lord faithfully responded by releasing victory on the battlefield (see Exodus 17:8-16.) Likewise, Howells and his intercessors continually “held up” spiritual authority in the heavens while soldiers experienced miraculous breakthroughs, enabling them to execute victory on the battlefield.

During WWII in particular, God would give Howells prophetic insight concerning what was going to happen next and where they needed to strategically focus their intercession. After class each day, these devoted intercessors would contend in travailing prayer for hours and hours on end, sometimes praying through the night. They were determined to match in the spirit realm the level of intensity and self-sacrifice experienced by heads of nations and soldiers on the frontlines of battle. Impassioned about fulfilling their godly calling, Howells said, “If I am not called up to fight, and I know another way to help them and I don’t do it, I ought to be killed instead of them. They are facing death... for you and me. If they suffer more than we suffer for them, it will be our lifelong shame.”

Howells and his students gave their lives to fighting the battles spiritually as if they were called to the frontlines of the war. With each new assignment, these hidden intercessors prevailed in their prayers, and the world marveled and breathed heavy sighs of relief at such dramatic turnarounds.

Re-digging a Well

Despite the rich revival history at The Bible College of Wales, this spiritual well had fallen into disrepair. After the death of Howells’ son, Samuel, the directors of the school found it too costly to maintain the campus to keep the school running. For decades, the property went further into decay and was about to be sold to a developer for housing. The Lord had other plans, however, and saw to it that this spiritual well was preserved and unstoppered.

He moved upon the heart of a pastor from Singapore, who not only caught God’s vision for restoring that place, but was also willing to pay the price to make it happen. This pastor raised ten million dollars to purchase and restore the historic Bible College of Wales so that people from around the world could drink from this well of revival once again!

As a student of revival history, a teacher on intercession, and one called to awaken this nation to the purposes of God through prayer, it has always been a great desire of my heart to visit Wales and drink from its spiritual wells. Right after my time of ministry at Cane Ridge, I had the great honor of not only visiting the Bible College of Wales, but also serving as a key participant in the rededication ceremony for this historic well of revival.

During our stay at the Bible College, Ceci and I were assigned to the room of Rees’ son, Samuel Howells. This room sits directly above the prayer room where decades of nation-changing prophetic intercession took place—what a privilege! Among the gathering of key leaders from around the world, I was also extended the honor of rededicating Howells’ Ebenezer stone of remembrance (see I Samuel 7:12). Similar to what the prophet Samuel did to commemorate Israel’s victory against their enemies, Howells set up a huge stone as a continual reminder of the Lord’s providence and provision. Inscribed on one side of its marble top is the phrase, “Faith Is Substance.” On the other side are the words, “Jehovah Jireh.” When, as part of the rededication ceremony, this remembrance stone was relocated to the center of the campus and anointing oil was poured upon it, we could sense the glory of the Lord.

In that very holy moment, God met with me in a powerful way. I was overcome with the Lord’s kindness at gathering us all to this place to drink from this historic well. In that moment, I pledged to help carry on Howells’ legacy of prayer and recommitted my life to raising up a movement of prayer to take out the giants of our day and usher in a Third Great Awakening.
The rededication ceremony at the Bible College was not the only special appointment the Lord had planned for me. The same Singaporean leaders that restored Howells’ campus also purchased the little church in Wales where revivalist Evan Roberts met with God. During the renovation process for converting that church into a house of prayer, the original Bible used by Evan Roberts during the Welsh Revival was found sitting under decades of dust on the pulpit of the church! I marveled at this find.

**Paying the Price**

I am so grateful for the Singaporeans who accepted the Lord’s invitation to take on the extremely costly and painstaking restoration of this well of revival history. But the investment required for releasing God’s river of revival into the nations of the earth doesn’t end with restored facilities. God desires to raise up Roberts-like revivalists and bands of Howells-like intercessors through which He can release a greater awakening and shift the course of nations today. This will require a high level of commitment. These men were so powerfully used of God because they complied with the great extremes God required of them. This is a principle repeatedly seen in scripture.

As I prayer-walked the grounds of the Bible College of Wales, while I communed with the Lord in the church where Evan Roberts met with God, and even now, I hear Holy Spirit asking, “Who will pay the price in this generation?” God used Howells and his intercessors to contend against and defeat the demonic powers and principalties trying to take over the world. Today, the goliaths of Islam, communism, human trafficking, abortion, and the sexual rights agenda are standing at our door. Never has there been more at stake. We need the same warrior spirit of Howells’ era to arise in us—both in the place of prayer and in being a prophetic voice. No doubt, God has a plan. He always does something great in the face of the impossible!

I believe the Lord allowed for the restoration of these
spiritual wells in Wales because He is loosing a spirit of contending prayer and revival into the nations of the earth once again. I believe we will see a new momentum of intercession—appealing to heaven and fighting kingdom battles on our knees, until the greatest Great Awakening the world has ever seen occurs.

You are a part of this! There is a spiritual inheritance available to you. Young people, especially, it is your time to arise! The Lord is anointing you to overthrow the goliaths of our day and contend for the destinies of nations. The Lord is searching for those who will say, “I will pay the price.” For those who invest their lives in these costly battles of intercession, He will show Himself strong (see II Chronicles 16:9)!

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Five Things You Can Expect When Jesus Is in the House

Jim Buchan

Churches all over the world claim to have Jesus “in the house,” but sometimes there is scant evidence to support that claim. Mark 2:1-12 provides us with a vivid outline of what it looks like to have Jesus actively working in our gatherings. The chapter begins by saying that Jesus had come back to Capernaum, His home base, and word had gotten out “that He was at home.”

I pray that this kind of word-of-mouth marketing is happening for your congregation today. Long before Facebook and Twitter, word quickly got out that Jesus was in the house, and a number of stunning results followed.

Here are five things you can expect to happen when people hear that Jesus is regularly “in the house” during your church gatherings:

1. Crowds will come.

Verse 2 says, “Many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room, not even near the door.” While your congregation may not be a mega-church, the biblical model makes it clear that large
numbers of people will be attracted if they truly know that Jesus is in the house.

2. The Word of God will be taught.

Verse 2 tells us, “He was speaking the word to them.” Other aspects of Jesus’ ministry would be demonstrated later in the story, but first He taught the Word. Today we have many churches that teach the Word, but which demonstrate no power. We also have churches that are highly experiential, with very little teaching from the Scriptures. Yet when Jesus is in the house, the two go hand in hand.

3. Radical faith will be sparked.

Hearing that Jesus was in the house, four men carried a paralyzed friend to the meeting place. When the large crowd prevented them from bringing the paralytic through the doorway, they climbed up on the roof and dug a hole to lower the man on a pallet in front of Jesus. What radical behavior! This kind of passionate determination would be so out of character for polite, conventional, American Christians. Verse 5 says Jesus saw their faith—quite a contrast to the common misconception today that faith can be a private, personal matter that we keep to ourselves.

4. Forgiveness will be released.

Although the man had been brought to the meeting for healing of his paralysis, Jesus saw a more critical need, telling the man, “Son, your sins are forgiven” (v. 5). Countless people today are paralyzed because of their need for forgiveness. Either they are immobilized by guilt and shame over things they’ve done, or they are locked in an emotional prison because of their unwillingness to forgive others. Jesus was about to perform a miracle of physical healing as well, but first He made sure that the forgiveness issue was fully dealt with in this man.
5. Miracles will happen.

When was the last time you witnessed a genuine miracle in your church? Yet that’s the kind of thing that can be expected when Jesus is in the house. After He had taught the Word and dealt with the forgiveness issue, He boldly told the paralyzed man, “Get up, pick up your pallet and go home” (v. 11). When people saw the man immediately set free from his paralysis, they “were all amazed and were glorifying God, saying, ‘We have never seen anything like this’” (v. 12).

I absolutely love this conclusion of the story. God was glorified by what had happened, as He always is when we invite Jesus to freely work in our gatherings.

People testified that they had never seen anything like this before. That’s exactly what will happen when you and I allow Jesus to come and fill our house today. Even if we’re longtime Christians, we will marvel at the blessings and miracles released by our Lord’s presence among us.

So let’s not settle for anything less in our churches and our homes than to have Jesus in the house.

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Do We Need Another Revival?

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What if there are no more revivals? Will it mean we have to live out the rest of our lives hungering for something more but never being satisfied? Will it mean we won’t be able to live the complete life we believe God has planned for us?

I’ve lived through some revivals myself and personally experienced the wonderful impact of revivals.

I was born in the latter years of the great healing revivals in America. A healing evangelist came to our town about 1950 and put up his big tent. We Pentecostals and some others came to his tent meetings. I’m sure there were healings during those nightly meetings, although I was too young to remember. What I do remember, though, was that my dad and mother sent my brother and me forward to be prayed for by this “man of God.”

He put his hand on my head lightly, and I fell over backwards next to my brother onto the grass floor inside the tent. I remember lying there, looking up and seeing my parents smiling. I didn’t quite know what happened and didn’t have the vocabulary to say I was “slain in the Spirit.”
That was the beginning of my revival experience. I grew up in a Christian denomination that had been founded by a great Holy Spirit outpouring at the beginning of the 20th century. However, the fervor of that great outpouring no longer existed in our church, other than the yearly “revival” meetings when an evangelist came to our church to hold special meetings. Those times were good, but the good times didn’t seem to last too long. Soon our church attendance was back to its pre-revival meetings numbers.

The revival experiences did, however, contribute to our spiritual lives and hope. In 1956 my father was near death with stomach cancer. My mother tried desperately to get a prayer cloth that Oral Roberts had prayed over. It didn’t come in time to save my father. My mother used it to pray for others. Although my mother had lost the love of her life, she knew her Savior still cared for her and was the Healer.

The next great revival I personally experienced was the Charismatic movement. The Holy Spirit overwhelmed me one evening in 1972 when I was in grad school. My life was changed forever. I was now old enough to see that the power of God can even work in a culture that was turning rebellious, becoming “hippies,” and being “liberated” from restraints.

As time passed, some of those who were part of the Charismatic movement put their personal spin on what God was doing and turned it into a “bless me” lifestyle. But that didn’t invalidate what the Holy Spirit was accomplishing.

Over the decades other revivals have swept parts of the world. Many experienced God in a powerful way even when some things in the outpourings may not have been understood. For example, there was the Toronto Blessing. And sometimes the revivals ended on a bad note as was the case with the healing outpouring in Florida.

It seems a lot of human nature gets mixed in with the Divine nature. And we sometimes don’t know how to handle the gifts the Holy Spirit gives to us.
Are we to long for more revivals to keep us going and growing? I think the answer lies in discovering the purpose of a revival or move of the Holy Spirit. Is it to have a deeper experience in God? Yes, but I think there is something far more significant.

In the Old Testament the Israelites experienced times of revival when they turned from their “hardhearted” ways. Then God blessed them. As time passed they again fell back into their old patterns. The revival experiences didn’t create a permanent turn around. That has often been true in Christian revivals also.

If the revival experience isn’t what it’s all about, what is it all about?

In the Old Testament God revealed parts of His nature at certain times when His people needed to experience that part of who He was. For example, when God supplied a sacrificial ram to Abraham so that he didn’t have to sacrifice his own son, Isaac, Abraham recognized God as Jehovah-Jireh, the Lord who provides.

The God of the New Testament is different, however. He revealed Himself through relationship, not just experience. He spoke from heaven when Jesus was baptized, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased” (see Matthew 3:17). The God of the New Testament, our Father, was making Himself known to the world again in a relational way, helping us recognize His Son. This is the Father who created Adam and Eve and communed with them and blessed them. This is the Father who loved the second Adam and what He would do.

The Father’s tender words over His Son are a far cry from how the Israelites perceived God to be when He spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai. They trembled and told Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us lest we die” (Exodus 20:19 ESV).

The Israelites experienced many miracles, but they didn’t have a relationship with their Creator.
There’s a well-known story of several blind men who described an elephant based on touch. One touched the tail and said the elephant was like a snake. One touched a leg and said the elephant was like a tree. One touched the elephant’s side and said the elephant was like a wall.

It seems the Israelites recognized aspects of God in the same way the blind men did the elephant, by experiential touch. Could it be that the revivals we now experience are a parallel to how those in the Old Testament experienced God only as aspects of the whole?

Have we missed the truth that the Father is calling us into relationship as sons and daughters, not as outsiders experiencing parts of His nature?

Even at age twelve Jesus knew He was His Father’s Son. Jesus could do what He did, even His death on the cross, because He knew He was a beloved Son. He didn’t need a revival to help Him grasp the concept. He was the revival.

Because Jesus has reconciled us to our Father, we can also live in the identity that Jesus knew.

Experiences with God didn’t lead the Israelites into relationship with God. And sadly, revival experiences don’t always lead Christians into a lasting relationship with the Father.

On the other hand, a relationship with the Father provides the lasting love, joy, peace, and more we all desire to have, thus trumping all other experiences. I was changed during the great move of the Holy Spirit because of my personal experience. Revivals do have their place. However, although the revival experience is great, there is a deeper level of connection the Father is after, and it has a lasting impact.

Throughout Jesus’ ministry, He presented the Father and the Father’s kingdom to the Jews and His disciples. It was a different way of thinking, and they couldn’t comprehend it. However, they saw the Son of the Father in heaven demonstrate compassion for them.
through the many healings and miracles He performed. And we will do the same as the Father’s sons and daughters.

The Father sent the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, not just into experiences. I am not looking for another revival experience to demonstrate an aspect of the Father. And I don’t want to be “revived” in order to do the Father’s will. I want to deepen my relationship, identity, and intimacy with my Father so I live fully “revived” in His love and purpose, regardless of the circumstances, to usher in the harvest and see His kingdom come.

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Would it surprise you if I told you that the church doesn’t really want revival? Would you protest and say, “what church would be so backslidden that it wouldn’t want revival?!”

By church, I don’t mean the nominal church or a backslidden church. I mean the radical, born-again, Christ loving church that faithfully adheres to the doctrines of repentance, salvation, and the second coming of Christ. The church doesn’t want revival and I will show you why.

First of all, revival is a lot of work for the people of God. A revival is an awakening in which vast numbers of people out in the world are convicted of their sins and are drawn to God by the power of the Holy Spirit. Think of the numbers of people swept into the church. Think of all the strangers, the unwashed multitudes of people fresh from the world, and all of the newly minted born-again believers in Christ.

Are you willing to roll up your sleeves and rearrange your busy schedule and serve the new Christians born during the revival? Are you willing to teach a new believer’s class? Are you willing to disciple people one on one? Are you willing to lead people to Jesus out in the
streets? Are you willing to be generous to new Christians in financial need? Are you willing to come out to the church every evening to minister on the prayer and healing lines? Are you willing to open your home? Are you willing to open your heart?

Ask any church member if they want revival to come to America and they gush forth an answer: “Of course I want revival, that’s a no brainer, everyone wants revival!” But I can show you that in many cases such great swelling words are not from the heart. The words are simply from the head, spoken out by guilty obligation. How do I know this? I know this because revival comes as a result of earnest prayer and our intercessory prayer meetings have few participants. Yes, even the IHOPs and JHOPs are understaffed and some have shut down.

I regret to say that there is a high degree of apathy and lukewarmness in the church. The Barna Group has documented this through their many research projects, including studies on prayer.

What is the heart of the typical church member really saying? The head says, “I want revival in my city,” but the heart secretly says, “I’m already saved, my family is saved, I’ve got my fire insurance, I’m struggling with my job or business, I don’t have the time to deal with a vast inflow of new believers, I’ve read about how hard it was for the churches in Toronto and Pensacola, how hard they worked and how much they were persecuted. Let revival happen somewhere, elsewhere, not me, not now.”

It seems so counter intuitive that church people would secretly not want revival. I could compare it to ancient Israel who rejected the Messiah when He came. Ancient Israel crucified Jesus and likewise, the contemporary church largely rejects the outpourings of the Holy Spirit. Much of the church doesn’t even recognize the Pentecostal revivals of 1906 and 1948 as real revivals. A large part of the church rejected the Toronto and Pensacola outpourings of the 1990s.
Leonard Ravenhill (1907-1994) wrote a book entitled, *Why Revival Tarries* (1959, expanded edition: Bethany House Publishers 1979), in which he sets forth a compelling case for the real reason why we don’t see widespread revival. He wrote much about the prayerlessness of the church. I contend that the prayerlessness of the church is due to the fact that most of us secretly don’t really want revival. We must repent of the selfish desire to have Christ all to ourselves.

Here’s a quote from Leonard Ravenhill:

*No man is greater than his prayer life. The pastor who is not praying is playing; the people who are not praying are straying. We have many organizers, but few agonizers; many players and payers, few prayers; many singers, few clingers; lots of pastors, few wrestlers; many fears, few tears; much fashion, little passion; many interferers, few intercessors; many writers, but few fighters. Failing here, we fail everywhere.*

We should have signs at the entrances to our intercessory prayer meetings that read:

*If you’re not willing to pray for revival, knowing that revival will oblige you to devote an immense amount of time, talent and treasure to the nurturing of new Christians and will take you out of your comfort zone, then don’t enter our prayer meeting. Go home and repent and then come back here.*

I exhort everyone reading these words, myself included, to prayerfully examine your heart and repent before God of any reluctance to pray for or participate in revival. Ask God to examine your heart.

The Bible says: “*The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?*” (Jeremiah 17:9). If any of us could see our heart in its present unsanctified state we’d be horrified and we would repent. When a believer first got born again, his or her spirit was regenerated (see Romans 8:16 and I John 3:9). The soul, however, is that aspect of the Christian that is “being renewed day by day” (see II Corinthians 4:16 NAS).

Some people think that Christians are “already
there” or are “already perfect” and that no repentance is necessary. I agree that the Christian’s spirit is already sinlessly perfect, but the soul certainly needs sanctification. The Bible clearly teaches that we must repent of soulish envy and strife (see James 3:14-18). Soul and spirit are different from each other (see Hebrews 4:12). In the passage “whosoever will lose his life for My sake” (see Luke 9:24), the word “life” is the Greek word ψυχή which means “soul.” Jesus commanded each disciple to “take up his cross daily” (see Luke 9:23). We must repent of selfishness each and every day!

We’ve recently seen some encouraging signs of repentance. The Azuza Now gathering in Los Angeles on April 9, 2016 was an appeal to heaven for an outpouring of revival fire. The church certainly needs to build upon the momentum generated by this stadium event and we must also hold similar national and regional events. The IHOPS, JHOPS, and ZHOPS need to be reinvigorated as do our church based intercessory prayer meetings.

There are many ways in which the church needs to prepare for revival. Each church needs to get a solid leadership team in place. All relationships, including marriage relationships, need to be made right. Make sure there’s no bitterness or unforgiveness anywhere. We’ve got to get the finances in order. We need to teach and prepare the people for the disruption that revival brings.

It’s hard work to pray for revival. It’s harder still to serve the new converts born during revival but through it all we learn to love. That’s the goal of our sanctification—learning to love.

The bottom line is that every Christian, from the man in the pulpit to the last Christian in the last pew in the smallest church in the land, must take time every day to repent of sin and earnestly pray for revival.

We serve Jesus Christ who came in fulfillment of over three hundred Old Testament predictive prophecies. The prophecies foretold that He would suffer and die for our sins, taking the penalty of our sins upon
Himself so that we can escape the damnation of hell. We must share Him with a lost and dying world. One way to do that is to passionately pray for revival so that “He, [the Holy Spirit] when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness and judgement (John 16:8 NAS). If we do this, there will be a great harvest of souls!

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“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”
Matthew 4:4
Deep, raw hunger for intimacy with God is only satisfied through expression. However, many find it difficult to express this desire or other things of the heart. The psalmists did this well, and I believe this is why the Psalms are so popular. They not only provide us with models to follow, but they also inspire us to voice our own deepest feelings and aspirations.

Psalms express heart cries, wonderings, longings, thanksgiving, and praise. They satisfy the innermost yearnings to do what we were created for—worshipping the King. They take us from the heights to the depths, and we can feel God Himself cry with us. It’s as if the Psalms give us a “kick-start” because they help our emotions come to the surface as we identify with the cry of the psalmists.

With this in mind, let’s examine two particular verses that were composed with great sensitivity by a priestly family, the sons of Korah. In the first verse found in Psalm 42, it says, “As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, the living God” (see Psalm 42:1-2). The word “pant” means more than just breathing rapidly and heavily. It also means to yearn...
eagerly. Do you yearn eagerly for God? Are you thirsty for the living God? Psalm 84:2 also describes an intense longing for God’s presence: “My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.”

It’s time to know Him and be known by Him! God is issuing a personal invitation to you (see Revelation 3:20). God is looking for a response. He is welcoming you to come into His presence to spend time with Him alone so that your love and passion for Him will reach new heights. If you are willing to say, “yes,” He will fan the flames of desire for intimacy with Him.

**Pursuing God**

The Holy Spirit revealed to me that when we really desire His presence, He will cause awesome things to happen and will release even those things we’re not expecting. Isaiah the prophet said, “Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake as Your presence” (Isaiah 64:1).

Yes! “Oh God, tear open the heavens and come down!” Isn’t that what we all want?

The heavens opened over my own life in 1998, and God indeed caused great things to happen—things I hadn’t expected—as well as things I’d asked for. Today, I carry my open heaven with me. I live and minister under an open heaven, and God continues to surprise me day-to-day. I believe God’s favor came upon me because I pursued His presence and nothing more. I desired Him alone, above all else. I sought His presence, not the blessings His presence brought. Today, people often pursue God for increased benefits, and sometimes that’s their motivation for their time in the secret place. However, that’s not a hunger for God—that’s a hunger for the fruit. Yes, there are many blessings in that place, but we’ll only see the face of God and receive His kiss of love when we desire Him alone.

**Rekindle the Fire**

Perhaps God is revealing that your love relationship with Him is alive, spontaneous, and
passionate. That’s great! You might even be thinking, “How can I take that fire that I already have in my heart and make it an inferno?” Alternatively, God may be revealing that your level of desire and passion for Him is weakening. If so, God wants to arouse and awaken your love for Him. He wants your passion to strengthen.

Understanding God’s Love for You

When I passed by you again and looked upon you, indeed your time was the time of love; so I spread My wing over you and covered your nakedness. Yes, I swore an oath to you and entered into a covenant with you, and you became Mine (Ezekiel 16:8).

Although this message from God was spoken to the inhabitants of Jerusalem through Ezekiel the prophet, it’s still a significant “now word” for us today. It reveals so well God’s heart of compassion and love toward us.

He sees your vulnerability, and He is covering you with His love and protection. That’s the bottom line. You are loved! You are covered! And His love for you is whole-hearted. By that, I mean His love isn’t just talk. He doesn’t just whisper empty words into our ears! God is good! He backs up His words with actions, confirmations, and evidences of His love that we can see or perceive. He wants the same from us. He doesn’t want us to love on Him with just a lot of talk and no action, or no passion and emotion either. God wants us fervent in spirit. He wants us to be fiery hot! The word fervent means it’s like an erupting, boiling volcano! Are you an erupting, burning volcano-fiery hot? Boiling over is the word!

Kindle the Flame

The Father has created a holy and intimate place in the Spirit that the world cannot penetrate. It’s called the secret place of His presence. It’s reserved for us, true believers in Jesus Christ. It’s a place of freedom where our love for Jesus can intensify our intimacy and cause overflowing life-giving joy!
I’m continually in this place of intimacy, and my cry is “God, make me fiery joy! I want to be like John the Baptist. I want to be a burning, shining lamp” (see John 5:35). God not only wants to brand many believers with His fiery touch, He also wants to impact lives deeper than we ever thought possible. He wants to fan the flame in your heart! So it’s time to ask God for new passion, new fire, and the gift of holy hunger.

In my life, this holy hunger caused such a passion in my heart for the one thing that is far above anything else—God’s precious presence. Like David, my deepest cry to God is: “My God, please take not thy Holy Spirit from me” (see Psalm 51:11). I’ve wept as I’ve prayed this prayer hundreds of times. “God please, I’ve received such an outpouring of Your grace; if that were gone, if Your Spirit lifted from my life, it would all be over. Please take not thy Holy Spirit from me.” And He hasn’t.

Stoke the Fire

We can choose to stir up our love for God! To stir up our love means to raise up, to excite, to rouse, or arouse to action. We become as a musical instrument warmed up to play. Did you know that the love and passion that you have in your heart for Him needs to be warmed up? The question is, how do you warm up your love or arouse you heart for Him even more?

Solomon writes: “Do not stir up nor awaken love until it pleases” (see Song of Solomon 3:5). It’s as if he is saying, “Don’t let love come alive in your heart until you are ready for it. It’s going to cost you. Love will cost you; so don’t awaken love until you are ready. If you are not ready to abandon yourself to Him then don’t awaken it.”

How many of you are ready to be lovers of God? You see, it’s our choice whether we’re going to love God. It’s our choice whether we’re going to be passionate and hungry. We must choose whether we’re going to let our love be aroused for God or not. Bottom line—we choose.
Steward the Flame

To steward means to responsibly give away or share the blessings of God. With God’s Spirit resting upon my life, I’ve learned how to steward the flame in my heart. By that I mean I cherish His presence in my life, and I want everyone else to experience God’s presence, too. This is my prayer for you!

When we choose to have our passion stirred up, there’s going to be the expectation that if God imparts a holy hunger into our hearts, we’re going to have to steward it. The question is this: Do you know how to be a steward of love? Do you know how to be a steward of passion? Do you know how to be a steward of the desire and the hunger that you have in you heart for Him?

It’s going to take time, passion, sacrifice, and commitment.

God doesn’t want dull lovers or insensitive stewards of His blessings. He wants us fiery hot! But so much of the church today is lukewarm (see Revelation 3:15-16). Many know that they aren’t hungry or desperate enough for God’s presence in their lives. Yet they barely realize that it is only by the grace of God His love can come upon their hearts and supernaturally empower them to love the way that He wants them to. So how do we awaken and stir up love? Listen, we can’t love passionately unless we’re intoxicated with the influence of His affection.

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Seemingly without thought or care I dip my eraser into a color or two from my palette and face the blank canvas. What are you showing me today Lord? A connection happens and I let Him lead me as paint glides along the canvas, moving and blending the colors.

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On January of this year, I heard the Lord say “wingman.” Then on January 3, I saw the Lord standing in a Recruiting Office. He said, “I am recruiting those who have the characteristics of the Holy Spirit.”

We live in a day when the humanistic teaching of “It’s all about me” and the worldly pressure that each person must be an individual permeates the worldly mind. In contrast to this mindset, God’s Word warns that these dangerous thought patterns will prevail in the last days:

But realize this that in the last days difficult times will come.

For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God (II Timothy 3:1-4).

The United States military has a keen understanding of a person laying down their life to be part of a team. When
the U.S. military launches a flight of fighter jets, not all of them can be the leader—there is only one lead aircraft. Then the rest of the flight joins up on the lead and takes up their designated places to accomplish the mission.

In this flight formation, one position must be focused on to see what the Lord is saying through His prophetic word. That is the “wingman.” The wingman is that part of the team who supports the lead in a potentially dangerous flying environment. They are not the lead, but their place is critical to the team because they are called to watch the leader’s back.

In John 14:16, Jesus tells His disciples that He would ask the Father to give them another Helper. The Greek word Jesus uses for Helper here is Paraclete/Paraletos. It comes from two Greek words meaning “to the side of” or “to summon.” Thus, the literal translation is “one called to another’s side to help him,” or “one who comes alongside.”

In this season, the Lord is looking for disciples who will come alongside Him and His leaders in His end-time army to complete a greater mission. It is time for the disciples of Christ to pick up the characteristics of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God does not look to accomplish His own mission. He only seeks to advance the Father’s mission in this day and hour:

But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you.

All things that the Father has are mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you (John 16:13-15).

For over one hundred years, military pilots have employed the tactic of formation flying to mass combat power and provide mutual support to individual aircraft in the flight.
The basic flight formation consists of a flight leader and a wingman. Just as a junior military member stands or walks on the left side of a senior leader—a tradition from ancient warfare—it is the wingman’s job to guard the leader’s unprotected side. Just as a military commander would not send a soldier, tank, or warship into combat alone, so it is with tactical military aircraft. It is the job of the flight leader to navigate to and from the target area, and to manage such essentials as fuel and ordnance usage, target acquisition, and communication. The wingman is tasked with protecting the flight leader from any enemy threat from the rear six o’clock position, allowing the flight leader to focus on attacking the target.

The flight leader is typically senior in rank and experience to the wingman, and not only leads but also trains the wingman. The flight leader gets credit for destroying the target, but they would not be successful without the wingman’s protection. Every celebrated combat ace (a fighter pilot who shot down at least five enemy aircraft) knows that he would not have achieved that status without the self-sacrificing protection of his wingman. The all-time leading Marine Corps ace, Pappy Boyington, after being separated from his wingman in a combat engagement in 1944, was subsequently shot down and spent the remainder of the war as a POW.

Formation flying takes particular skill in restricted visibility. In those conditions, the flight leader must provide a stable platform for the wingman to remain in position. The flight leader uses an instrument called the Attitude Indicator (AI) to keep the aircraft upright, even when clouds or darkness obscure the horizon, and uses an indicator called the Flight Director (FD) for navigation. The FD is in the shape of a cross overlaying the AI. The flight leader controls the aircraft by keeping the cross (FD) centered over his attitude (AI). The AI, FD, and the computers that drive them are referred to as the Flight Guidance System (FGS).
The wingman’s task is quite different. For the wingman, the guidance provided by the FGS is replaced by visual contact with the flight leader’s airplane. Like driving in fog, flying in clouds can limit visibility to only a few feet. So flying in clouds can require the wingman to fly within a few feet of the flight leader. When flying this close to the lead airplane, it is imperative that the wingman never look away from the flight leader (see Psalm 25:15), not even for a second. To look away can result in collision with the leader or drifting away and loosing sight due to the minimal visibility. In the event of losing sight of the leader, the wingman has to break away to avoid a collision.

On February 16 of this year, Tom Archer, a former Marine Corps aviator, read Psalm 25:15 and was immediately reminded of the similarity between being a follower of Jesus and being a wingman in a formation flight. Just as a wingman must keep the leader in sight at all times, match the leader’s attitude, and stay in position, followers of Jesus are given the same instruction:

Keep the leader in sight at all times.

“My eyes are continually toward the LORD, for He will pluck my feet out of the net “(Psalm 25:15).

Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:2).

Match the leader’s attitude.

“Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 2:5).

Get your flight guidance from the leader.

“Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner” (John 5:19).
The relationship between a flight leader and wingman can be applied in the church, business, or other leadership situations. Jesus is the perfect leader and we should follow Him fully (see Numbers 14:24) without reservation. In relationship with other leaders, however, we must follow faithfully but with the discernment of the Holy Spirit (see Daniel 2:14). Although not common, on numerous occasions throughout military aviation history, wingmen have followed their flight leaders to a tragic end. In 1982, the USAF Thunderbirds flew into the ground in formation due to mechanical failure in the lead aircraft that was unknown to the three wingmen. The Lord is the perfect flight leader and will always lead His wingman in the right path. But in a leader-subordinate relationship in the natural, the subordinate can be a good wingman maintaining situational awareness by exercising the gift of discernment.

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The Signs Are Here—Awakening!
A Prophetic Perspective

Steve Scroggs

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Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel (Isaiah 8:18 KJV).

“S
igns, signs, everywhere are signs. Can you see the signs?” We sat down for coffee. Then my prophetic friend continued, “I saw this country in great revival. There were coliseums full of people. I could hear the testimonies of the people who were touched by the Holy Spirit.” The Scripture is clear, God does nothing without first “revealing it to His servants the prophets” (see Amos 3:6-8). The mystery of God’s voice demands our attention when a sign escorts the revelation. Therefore, we must answer at least four questions. One, is God speaking? Two, what is God saying? Three, is there a sign escorting the message? And four, if so, what is my choice for action?

1. Is God Speaking?

Expression is a part of God’s eternal nature, and all throughout history you can see Him speaking to men and women alike. Before and after the Fall, God talked with Adam and Eve in the cool of the day. Before the flood, Enoch walked with God, and one day was translated to heaven. In the fullness of time, Jesus the living word came and before He died prayed that you would have the same communion with the Father as
He did (see John 17:20-22). Before Jesus ascended, He said He would send the Holy Spirit to comfort you, teach you, remind you of the things He taught you, tell you things to come, and take from the Father and the Son and give it to you (see John 14:26, 15:26-27, and 16:7-16). On the day of Pentecost, the Apostle Peter preached, “And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions” (Acts 2:17). Everyone on earth hears God, but His sheep hear His voice and heed.

2. What is He Saying?

For some time now, we have heard:

Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising (Isaiah 60:1-3).

You may have heard the prophetic voice declaring that an end-time awakening is breaking forth. At the center of this enormous move is a nucleus of men and women who live for the revelation of the Father. They reveal the glory of God through praising, praying, and prophesying, by demonstrating authentic signs, amazing wonders, marvelous healings, and creative miracles.

3. Is There a Sign Escorting the Message?

The first sign is Bob Jones who prophesied the coming of the last great awakening. In 1975, when he stood before the Lord in death, the Lord said he had arrived before his time. When Bob agreed to return, the Lord said “I don’t want you to go back for one soul. I am going to bring over one billion youth to Myself. I want you to go back to speak into the leadership of that move.” When Bob died on
February 14, 2014, it was a sign that his job was finished.

The second sign is Arthur Burt, who was 102 years old when he entered heaven August 28, 2014. In his youth, Arthur traveled with Smith Wigglesworth—a British illiterate plumber turned evangelist who walked with God, preached the gospel of the kingdom, manifested amazing signs and wonders, and through demonstrations of faith reaped an enormous harvest of souls. Although Bob and Arthur are in heaven, the story of how they are signs invites our attention.

For approximately a six-year season, I visited Bob and Viola Jones once a week. During each visit I would ask, “What were your visions today?” Usually, each vision was anchored in Scripture and accompanied by stories from his life. We listened.

One day Bob told this story:

In my visions a few years ago, the angel of the Lord visited me and said, “There is a British man I want you to encourage today. In the year you were born, I gave him a word in the midst of a group of people and now he is the only one still living. Tell him he will see it before he dies. He is old and this word is not yet fulfilled. Tell him he will see it.” And then the angel of the Lord left and didn’t tell me the man’s name or what the word was!

That evening a fellow minister called me and asked if I had a word for Wales. I said, “No, but I have a word for an old man in Wales, and you were just in his home.” She said, “Oh, that must be Arthur Burt. What is the word?” I said, “Tell him, he will see it. I don’t know the word God gave him. He received it years ago. It was given to a group of people and they are all dead now except for him. But tell him he will see it.”

The next day this same minister told me she had called Arthur. When he picked up the phone she said, “Arthur, did you receive a word from God years ago among a group of people that you are waiting
to be fulfilled?” Arthur said, “Yes, we did receive a word. And they are all dead now, the people in that group. And I am the only one left.” She said, “Yes, what was the word?” Arthur answered, “I can hear it now like it was then. I keep it in my billfold you know.” Then she practically yelled at him, “Arthur, what was the word?”

Arthur raised his voice:


SO SHALL THEY BE SAVED LIKE FALLING LEAVES FROM THE MIGHTY OAKS SWEPT IN A HURRICANE IN A GREAT FOREST. ARMS AND LEGS SHALL COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN AND THERE SHALL BE NO EBB.

How is Arthur Burt a sign that escorted the word? First, God spoke to a group of people and he was the last one to carry that word. Second, the Spirit spoke to His prophet, Bob Jones, almost sixty years later that, “he would see it.” Like Simeon, Arthur was given a word from the Holy Spirit. Therefore, Arthur was a sign that escorted the revelation now being fulfilled. The breath is blowing. The winds are here. The rain is falling. The floods are swelling. If you are waiting for a sign to tell you what God is doing, the waiting is over.

4. What is My Choice for Action?

The final question, what is your choice for action? The first recommended choice is to acknowledge the sign and mix the word with faith. The second suggested choice is to ask, “Lord, what do You want me to do to fulfill this word?” The third proposed choice is to step out and live God’s vision and destiny from the heart. God is moving. Join Him!
The events of the earth are lining up. Future events are walking off of the pages of Scripture and into the life and times of planet earth. The manifested sons and daughters of God are walking like Jesus Christ, in the message of the kingdom, and the faith to create arms, legs, and a multitude of body parts. What would be the response from one who received a call like, “Hello, this is John Smith down at the church. Are you Davy Jones? Do you need a leg? We have one down here with your name on it. Come and get it.”

It has begun. You can be a part of this awakening, just let your heart reach out and touch your friends and relatives. Begin with the people you know and expand from there.

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Heaven is Coming to a Theater Near You

Lance Wallnau

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Something different is happening.

The forces of hell are manifesting in more intense ways. At the same time heaven is breaking out. It’s almost like going into a theater where multiple movies are playing. Go into the wrong theater and you have a front row seat watching hell. Go into a different theater and you can see heaven. Both are broadcasting right now!

Heaven is inviting you to your front row seat. Terrorists and activists are getting their instructions from the spirit realm where they sit. Now it’s your turn. The difference between you and others is that you know there are two theaters—the other folks are a captive audience in hell, thinking they are bringing Utopia.

These are counterfeit “Reformations” taking place. Radical race activists and radical Jihadists war to bring their version of Utopia to earth. Think about it. It’s a counterfeit of the Reformation we are supposed to bring. It’s a counterfeit evangelism as well. Activists and Jihadists both hope to build a bigger following by manipulating media to cover their incendiary exploits. From my perspective,
the leaders behind these counterfeit movements operate as “angels of light,” bringing their followers under a spell. That spell is described by a word—“witchcraft.” You can always discern witchcraft when you see blatant “rebellion” manifest: “For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft” (see I Samuel 15:23). Rebellion and witchcraft work together.

The mistake we make is to think that witchcraft is simply a Halloween, pointy black hat and broomstick phenomena. The greatest platform for witchcraft is wherever a counterfeit leader (angel of light) inspires a counterfeit movement. Hitler was an angel of light. So was Stalin. Politics and people movements are prime platforms for witchcraft. This is why we must pray to bind hell and loose heaven.

Earlier in November, I sensed an urgency to change my prayer paradigm. It seemed that I heard the Lord say, “Jacob’s Ladder.” I sensed that a new grace of access is being let down from heaven so you and I can rise up and ride above the manipulation of witchcraft. We do not have to be captive to the storm. Can anything be more important? God is inviting us to go higher—to rise above the “strife” of racial and campus unrest, the “fear” unleashed in Paris terrorism, and whatever other junk the devil attempts to serve up to humanity. These are the two spirits at work by the way—in the USA it is “strife” and in EU it is “fear.”

The Antidote

You have to go beyond soulish, human energy. Perfect love casts out all fear. If you can cast it out, it’s a spirit. We are dealing with a spirit of fear. What about love? Love is a Spirit—God is Love. To be filled with God is the goal.

“Peace” isn’t just a tranquil state of mind—peace is a spirit. Jesus said “My peace I give to you” (see John 14:27). Jesus isn’t just giving us a philosophy of life—He is giving us an impartation of His peace. This “Peace of God... will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus!” (see Philippians 4:7)
From a position above the situation we will access power over the situation. Learn how to do this now because you will need to practice this in your own life more and more—especially as the church globally moves into this new season.

This is the danger of America’s shift in the role of government. Washington is not God and the President is not the Messiah. “We the people” of God must step into a new role or the nation will continue to careen off course.

We are literally and spiritually becoming a city without walls. “A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls” (Proverbs 25:28 ESV).

Being “without self-control” is one characteristic of people in the last days (see II Timothy 3:3). This is why nations are so easily manipulated, and the devil can use incidents and media to manipulate culture. He can pretty much control everyone except the person under the control of the Spirit of God.

**Build Your Own Ark**

The secret to success in the hour is to build up your inner man—your spirit man—to a strength stronger than your mind and emotions. You are a tripartite being: spirit, soul, and body. Build your spirit up so your inner man is ruling over your thoughts and feelings.

This is why prayer is such a priority. How do you build up your spirit? Jude 1:20 has the key: “But you, beloved, building up yourselves in your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.”

I’ve been building up my spiritual muscle lately by praying. My problem was that I needed to meet with others of like faith. I used to love to pray—but then I fell away from the experience and became more of a prophetic teacher then a prophetic intercessor. The reason I fell away is because I experienced something in prayer that I lost when I stopped praying with others. There’s something about the catalytic power of agreement with others of similar faith!
Praying the right way is an exercise that builds your spirit man and your spiritual capacity to “respond” rather than “react.” As we rebuild our spiritual walls inside the church, we rebuild our nation. Those who stand on the rebuilt walls are called “watchmen.” They guard the city where they live.

Building up any muscle takes time and repetition. If we don’t learn how to pray and step back into the realm of the Spirit, we will be stuck under an increasingly hostile earthly atmosphere. There is a position in the realm of prayer that ascends above earth and outside of the storm of life. As everything “shakes,” we are called to be part of an unshakable kingdom. If we learn how to access the realm that does not shake, we can access the realm of revival in the midst of chaos.

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Jerry was the first to share in class this week: “Over the past week, I thought back over all the areas I’d grown, and I realized that God has been very kind to me. There has been and still is so much in my life that isn’t where it should be. While there aren’t any huge sins to speak of since I’ve tried to live a moral life, my life has still been tainted by sin, and I’ve been missing out on the abundant life Jesus promised me.”

“You know, Jerry,” Jason began, “I’ve realized through these sessions that I’m not exactly a saint either. I think it’s okay to admit to ourselves that we’ve dropped the ball. That teaches us humility and it gives God the chance to improve areas where we’re lacking a certain capacity or ability.”

Obadiah waited a few moments before joining the conversation. “It’s not easy to see with a godly perspective when things aren’t happening the way we think they should. But there is purpose to God’s timing. Sometimes He takes time to develop something...
in us so we can mature and prepare for whatever is coming our way.”

“How do we embrace God’s timing?” Hayley asked.

Obadiah responded, “I’m glad you asked, Hayley, because your answer is intertwined with our main subject for this week—peace.

“Peace helps you be certain in uncertain situations, stable in shaky situations, and calm in the midst of chaos. Peace is a visible manifestation of where you are in the Spirit. While God works on your inner peace in trusting Him to deliver on His promises, other people see your outer peace as you remain calm and collected during trials.

“The peace Jesus spoke of is a combination of hope, trust, and quiet in the mind and soul, which is brought about by reconciliation with God. Sometimes people have an incorrect definition of peace—saying they don’t have peace because the road ahead looks too difficult. But since peace is driven by patience and faithfulness, when we maintain our understanding of our place in eternity and of the truthfulness of God, we can find peace in any situation.

“Jesus is called the Prince of Peace. Princes rule over kingdoms, so that means there is a kingdom of peace where you can abide. It’s important to realize that having a moment of peace is not the same as living in a sustained place of peace. When your spirit is truly at peace, you can walk through turbulent circumstances while outwardly manifesting peace.

“It may be easiest to arrive at a definition of peace by explaining what peace is not. I’ve identified four major ways people get out of alignment with the quantum vibrations of God. The first one is fear and/or anxiety. There are four big fears that are the most common. The first is “fear of man,” or what happens when we start worrying about how people perceive us. The pandemic form of fear of man in society today is political correctness. Fear of man intimidates us from being fully honest with others.” Here
Obadiah gave an aside, “While there’s certainly room for speaking with kindness and gentleness, the truth of our message should never be compromised.”

Maria spoke up, “I often feel overwhelmed by the expectations of others on my life. It seems as if everyone wants me to act a certain way or be interested in certain things, and it makes me anxious. Is that fear of man?”

“Yes, that’s also a type of fear of man. Although it can be challenging, we have to realize that our expectations of others and their expectations of us are meaningless; the only expectations that matter are God’s expectations,” Obadiah said.

“Easier said than practiced!” Maria exclaimed.

“That’s true,” Obadiah said kindly. “You’re well on your way though, Maria. When you have a right understanding of your place in eternity, you also gain perspective concerning the place of others in your life. When you are at peace, you will be freed from fear of man.”

Maria inhaled deeply and nodded. Obadiah continued, “The second fear is the universal fear of death. Fear of death tends to result in hypocrisy. We’re warned in Revelation 2:10–11 that faithfulness may have to be maintained through death. We’re told not to fear physical death but to fear the eternal death that comes when we’re separated from God. With this in mind, how do you think fear can impact the life of a prophet?”

“It seems to me that being fearful of saying something others don’t appreciate or agree with and being fearful they might retaliate with violence could silence a prophet, which would render him completely ineffective,” Jason said, shuddering at the possibility.

“On a less severe level,” Catherine said, “a prophet might edit their words out of fear that the message won’t be heard or will be rejected. No one wants to be ridiculed.”

“Yes,” Obadiah said. “Those are some extreme examples, but I think you all understand the principles that..."
can hold prophets back from speaking God’s truth in a situation.”

Obadiah wrote, “The third fear is around finances. Do any examples come to mind of biblical examples of financial anxiety?”

Andre pulled out his tablet and did a quick search, “I have one. Matthew 13:22 talks about how financial worry can steal away what God has for us. It says, ‘The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.’ I think financial anxiety can choke out what God has spoken and make it unfruitful.”

“That’s a powerful way of phrasing that, Andre,” Hayley added. “And I was thinking of later in Matthew 6:24–34, where Jesus reminds us that worrying about our needs and our possessions won’t add anything to our lives. Specifically God gives us a promise in verses 30 and 33,

If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

“Any other examples?” Obadiah asked. No one volunteered, so Obadiah said, “Okay, the final type of fear or anxiety is over safety. Mark 13:11 and Luke 12:11–12 are identical accounts that address the topic of anxiety about safety. In these verses, Jesus talks about how His followers will be dragged before authorities and ordered to defend themselves. He tells His followers not to worry about what to say and then gives them a promise from God that the Holy Spirit will give them—as He will give us—the inspired words to answer those authorities. We see in the Book of Acts that what He promised was true, though they still ended up being beaten or imprisoned. Here we see that the worry is over physical pain and suffering, and this can disturb prophets as well. Just as it can be tempting to compromise
a word from God to please others or to receive monetary thanks, it can be scary to share the whole truth of God for fear the listeners will be hostile to the message. Prophets may be mocked and rejected on a public scale, which can be painful and even heartbreaking.”

“Heartbreak can certainly rob you of peace too,” Catherine quipped.

“Yes, there’s a self-feeding cycle here,” Obadiah agreed. “Depression in any form, including heartbreak, can rob you of peace.” He wrote “1. Fear and Anxiety, and 2. Depression” on the whiteboard.

“When you’re depressed, you’re out of alignment with God. The ultimate source of depression is loss of hope. Proverbs 13:12 says, ‘Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.’ A heart gets sick when emotions atrophy and the congruence among mind, emotions, and will is lost.

“An early warning form of this same thing is frustration. This happens when external interruptions or distractions seem to keep getting in the way of the thing hoped for. Circumstances seem to be working against you. Eventually, enough frustration can lead to depression because both have to do with hope deferred. It is important to take action to end the frustration as soon as you encounter it so that it doesn’t metastasize into depression.

“Hopelessness is combatted, then, by rehearsing the promises of God. In other words, search Scripture for promises relating to your situation and repeat them to yourself. You may even find a specific passage that has deep symbolic significance for your situation. An effective exercise is to repeat the verses verbally. Faith comes by hearing the word of the Lord, and hearing your own voice speaking God’s Word counts. You can even combat frustration by repeating those promises to the circumstances, and commanding the circumstances to align with His promises.

“It’s a huge blessing to have friends who will agree with you in prayer concern-
ing God’s promises,” Obadiah said, looking at each of us in turn. Then he continued, “Another alignment-breaker,” he said, stepping back toward the whiteboard and writing as he spoke, “is ‘3. Discouragement.’ Discouragement typically comes from words of opposition. There is power in the spoken word, including words that aren’t from God. For example, when Nehemiah was doing what God had called him to do and was rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem, many spoke and prophesied against him, but he refused to be discouraged. Nehemiah 6:9 says, ‘They were all trying to frighten us, thinking, “Their hands will get too weak for the work, and it will not be completed.”’ But I prayed, “Now strengthen my hands.”’ The plan of the enemy was to use words to intimidate the people doing God’s restorative work. Over and over, the lie that the work couldn’t be done was repeated in order to discourage the workers; since God had never spoken that word, it wasn’t true.

“Take note: when something significant is being built in your life, the enemy will put people in your path who will speak words of opposition. You need to surround yourself with people who are in alignment with God and who will speak truth to you, especially during times of spiritual advancement. Agreement with others helps you stay aligned with God. Working in a five-fold ministry team can help alleviate much of the causes of discouragement.”

Obadiah wrote “4. Disorientation” on the board and said, “The last disruptor of alignment with God is disorientation. As with the two previous points, there is a verbal component. We get disoriented when we take input from too many sources that control our thoughts and subvert truth. We talked a few weeks ago about the current cultural deception being perpetrated through media and entertainment outlets. The enemy is using unwitting people to use words to divert our attention from what God is doing and focus it on man.
“Another source of disorientation is lack of communication with other believers. Just as a lion will single out a weak gazelle from the herd to track and kill it, the devil, referred to as a ‘roaring lion’ in I Peter, will seek to isolate us from others so he can destroy us. Disconnection and isolation—even just the perception of isolation—robs us of our place in the body of Christ. Never underestimate the cleverness of the enemy. While he may not physically isolate us, he might, for example, disrupt or even break the flow of communication between leaders of an organization. When things begin to fall apart, it’s generally preceded by a communication breakdown. Communication is key.

“Peace is vital to the life of the prophet. Prophecy without peace results in pressure and possible coercion. A prophet not at peace will try to make things happen, perhaps out of fear of man or of death.

“Did you know you can carry peace with you? In John 14:27, Jesus says, ‘Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.’ In other words, Jesus has given us peace, and we need to accept the gift. Matthew 10:13 says, ‘If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it.’ This indicates that in addition to carrying your own peace, you can release it to others. Luke 10:5–6 says, ‘When you enter a house, first say, “Peace to this house.”’ If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you.’ Luke tells us how to do what Matthew said we could do. To release peace on a house, all you have to do is speak it. If it is a peaceful house, peace will rest there.”

Mike interrupted, “So to give peace to someone, all I have to do is speak it to them?”

Obadiah responded, “Yes. Peace isn’t imparted by the laying on of hands. It doesn’t need to be. You see, peace is contagious. As I mentioned earlier, you carry an embassy of the kingdom of God with you. You can extend that embassy into places of unrest and allow the peace you carry to calm them.”
As Obadiah talked, a calm came over the room. Jason hadn’t recognized it at first, but now that it had settled in, it was as if they all breathed in unison. All the things running though his mind about what he had learned and what he needed to do that afternoon ceased churning around in his head—he felt calm. Looking around the room, Jason noticed everyone was sitting back in their chairs and looking relaxed. As Obadiah talked about releasing peace to others, he had done exactly that to the group.

“Peace isn’t subject to circumstances,” Obadiah was saying. “You don’t acquire peace because something happens. It’s actually the inverse—things happen because you are at peace.”

With Obadiah’s final words the shift was visibly noticeable. All sat back up and began packing their things. Jason noticed his list of things to do reemerging in his mind. “Holy Spirit,” he prayed silently, “I want to keep Your peace.” Immediately he was calm once more and maintained that peace as he walked up the path and got into his car.

“Have a good week!” Mike called, waving. “Remember, things happen when you’re at peace!”

“Peace to you too then, Mike!” Jason said smiling, ready for another week with Jesus.

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The Power of Simplicity

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Billy Graham knows what the Lord called him to say. PG Vargis, known as the Billy Graham of India, has planted 10,000 churches so far in Northern India and knows clearly what the Lord called him to do.

For I made the decision to know nothing [that is, to forego philosophical or theological discussions regarding inconsequential things and opinions while] among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified [and the meaning of His redemptive, substitutionary death and His resurrection] (I Corinthians 2:2).

Bobby Connor concluded one of his messages at the recent MFM Pastors and Leaders Conference with this statement: “The Holy Spirit says the most profound thing you can do is to maintain the simplicity of the Gospel.” Bobby is one of the highest level prophetic voices anywhere today, and one of the funniest too. His mixture of revelation, knowledge of the Bible, wisdom, and joy makes the message of the Father’s heart irresistible, sinking it deeper and bringing powerful understanding.

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Trumpeting the Truth:
Triumphing Over Political Correctness

David White

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For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man will also be ashamed when He comes into the glory of His Father with the holy angels (Mark 8:38).

It has been said a nation that sanctifies the profane will profane what is sanctified. This is why the Old Testament priests were charged to teach the difference between the holy and the unholy (the profane) so that the people could discern the clean from the unclean for themselves.

And they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the unholy, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean (Ezegiel 44:23).

The priests were not to pick and choose the issues to highlight or ignore. There were no politically incorrect taboos. They addressed anything that challenged the moral foundations contained.
in the Torah. The priests were to, “stand as judges, and judge it according to My [God’s] judgments” (see Ezekiel 44:24). If those who represented God’s Word failed to make His truth known, corruption and defilement would come upon the land—and the priests would bear the initial responsibility.

My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment (James 3:1).

An Unfaithful Generation

To say we live in an increasingly sinful and adulterous (unfaithful) generation is an understatement. Few would disagree that what was once looked upon as evil is now openly celebrated as good and acceptable. What was considered righteous and good in the past is now often frowned upon as evil and loathsome.

So great has the intolerance against what was once viewed as good become that if someone refuses to agree with and promote the new normal, you could be thrown into jail, fined, or something worse. This is not a fairy tale. It’s happening right before the eyes of those whose eyes are open and care to see. Moreover it’s occurring on our watch. Many of our grandparents would never have believed this could be true in America. It’s political correctness and intolerance run amuck! Yet there is an answer.

Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight (Isaiah 5:20-21).

Isaiah describes those who call evil good and good evil as being wise in their own eyes. Yet Proverbs warns, “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death” (Proverbs 14:12).

Truth sets and keeps men and nations free. Refusing to believe and receive a love for the truth has not only blinded
many from the truth, but has made them enemies of anyone who defends and speaks it.

Because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

And for this reason God will send them strong delusion,

that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness (II Thessalonians 2:10-12).

When we look closer at Jesus’ statement in Mark 8:38, we notice three biblically correct facts.

First, Jesus confirms His literal coming again when He declares, “when He [the Son of Man] comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.” The second coming of Jesus is the optimum game changer. That is when the score will finally be settled. It will be payback time. Everything done in secret will be brought to the light and evil will receive its just reward. God will not be mocked, “for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap” (see Galatians 6:7).

The Apostle Paul describes what could easily point to these days, and also what must become our response:

Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord.

Therefore “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good” (Romans 12:19-21).

Jesus is coming in glory (splendor and majesty) accompanied by a heavenly army.

When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (see II Thessalonians 1:7-8).

The hour is approaching where every knee will bow
and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord—whether they want to or not. It’s becoming apparent that the final chapter of this global rebellion against the truth has begun—the players are getting into place. Yet when the smoke clears, those who walk in, stand upon, and proclaim His truth will bear fruit impacting their generation and those to come. Truth will triumph!

So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it (Isaiah 55:11).

Next, Jesus defines one of the great challenges we will encounter in the times prior to His coming. It will be the ultimate test. In the midst of what Jesus described as sinful and adulterous, the question to be answered is will we speak up for Him and His words regardless of the price?

Biblically, to be “ashamed” is mostly a moral term. It refers to the confusion, abashment, or sense of terror or disgrace that comes through a consciousness of guilt or threat of exposure. Additionally, it is that sense of embarrassment often rooted in seeking the approval of man.

Jesus emphasized how shame would be directed towards Him as well as His words. When Jesus mentioned His words, He referred to what in the Greek was the logos—interpreted as His opinion, expectation, plea, speech, account, or His word spoken.

One of the final tests at the end of the age will come from choosing to identify with, speak up, and act upon His words—or back off, ignore, or reject them. This will not only reveal whether or not we will acknowledge Him, but also if we will publically make known what He said and is saying—even if saying it is controversial. The truth is, “man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4).

Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.
But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven (Matthew 10:32-33).

The Ultimate Denial

Jesus said something that should cause many to once again “tremble at His word” (see Isaiah 66:5). This is especially true for those called into leadership and given the responsibility of teaching the difference between the holy and unholy, the clean verses the unclean. Referring to those ashamed of and that compromised His word, Jesus promised that likewise He would be ashamed of them when He comes again: “of him the Son of Man will also be ashamed when He comes into the glory of His Father with the holy angels” (see Mark 8:38).

Political correctness in a society will withstand the outspoken opinions of men, but eventually it will be rendered ineffective by those who boldly and unapologetically proclaim God’s word like a trumpet.

God’s opinion, His plea, His account, His truth spoken by those who believe and live it will ultimately triumph over the dominion of darkness. As a result, it will aggressively advance the kingdom that will never know an end.

Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth (John 17:17).

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When people say there is no God and/or no such thing as absolute objective truth, we are then left with the theory and therapy that characterizes much of America today. A recent survey stated that 63% of Americans and only 8% of teenagers believe that there is something called absolute moral truth.

No absolute truth? Let me bring a pizza delivery to your door and withhold the scrumptious delight saying you didn’t pay when you did. “Hey that’s a lie! It’ll always be a lie if you try that!”

Or witness someone strap on a bomb to kill innocent children. “That is murder! It is always murder!”

How about observing someone shove your frail, disabled grandparent out of the grocery store line to steal his or her place in line. “That’s stealing! That’s taking their spot! It’s always wrong!”

I thought there were no absolutes? Might they be absolutely wrong?
What’s happened in America since the 1960s should be our wake up call lest we slide further down the slippery slope, like other nations who have gone before us in decline. Let’s take one example: Quebec, Canada.

In the 1960s, something labeled the “Quiet Revolution” swept through Quebec. In a relatively short period, the people abandoned their Ju-deo-Christian values and embraced their “new morality.” Today, these are the facts: of all the Canadian provinces, Quebec has the lowest marriage and birth rate, the highest abortion, divorce, and suicide rates, and the churches are overwhelmingly barren in what once was a strong Catholic center (Sound like much of Europe today?). Its sister city, Montreal, has become a notorious “haven for pedophiles,” according to Canada’s leading news magazine.

One of history’s greatest philosophers was the brilliant leader, Blaise Pascal. He once said, “If there is no God and you bet your life there is, you’ve lost nothing. But if there is a God, and you bet your life there isn’t, you’ve made the greatest mistake imaginable.” Ever ponder the expression on the faces of people like John Lennon, George Carlin, Karl Marx, and others when they died and met their Maker? Well, there’s always the chance of a deathbed conversion before they passed from this life.

A highly dedicated champion of the secularists is a multigazillionaire named George Soros. The leader of MoveOn.org, he releases his resources for candidates and causes to move on his vision of a “new America.” Make no mistake, he is powerful and passionate in this pursuit and he’s not alone. There are scores of politicians, celebrities, journalists, authors, and entertainers who all play on his type of team. Be alert!

**The American Civil Liberties Union**

Undergirding secularists and atheists in their goal of a godless America is the ACLU. They march in lockstep using legal intimidation and
misinformation to declare that Christianity, Judaism, and any religious influence must go! Consider a handful of cases they press:

• Remove even “moments of silence,” pregame voluntary prayer, and graduation invocations.
• Stop any religious symbolism on any public property.
• Defend distribution of child pornography and remove laws to protect children from registered sex offenders.
• Promote acceptance and education of homosexual behavior in schools while opposing any dissent to Darwinian evolutionary theory or free debate of Intelligent Design/Creationism.
• Overturn the bedrock institution of male/female marriage to radically redefine marriage and family along same-sex lines.
• Allow Wiccan witches to open town meetings with their mystical, humanistic “prayer” while blocking attempts by Christians and Jews.
• Force Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to accept homosexuals and lesbians as Scout leaders.

People need to realize the nature of this organization that works aggressively to marginalize biblical values, undermine parental authority, remove protection for our children from predators and pornographers, and undercut the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death.

**Separation of Church and State**

“What about our Constitution’s mandate to be tolerant and uphold the ‘wall of separation between church and state?’ I get tongue-tied when I try to state something and people just throw this in my face!”

You must understand that secularists are working for two primary goals:

1. Convey the idea that our Founding Fathers intended
America to be free from religion—separated by a wall between church and state—so that any religious influence in government and schools must be silenced.

2. Convey the idea that the origins of our country came not from Judeo-Christian adherents but rather a mishmash of agnostics, deists, atheists, and greedy opportunists who came here for material gain and to displace the Native American Indians.

Here’s the deal: Both of these positions are absolutely false! They are myths! Don’t be deceived—push the delete button now. If you are in a school were this propaganda is being implanted into the classroom, stop your ears!

First, our Constitution was designed to give us freedom of religion—not freedom from religion. That’s why the early settlers fled religious persecution in England to come here in the first place. They wanted no state church as in England, and also no interference with religion as in England.

Second, the phrase “wall of separation between church and state” is nowhere to be found in the Constitution! It comes from a letter by Thomas Jefferson to the Danbury Baptists in 1802 assuring them of a First Amendment “wall” preventing government from interfering with religion or denying people’s right to freely exercise their religion.

Third, let it be known to those striving to reconstruct an America different than our authentic Judeo-Christian heritage, it’s time to reaffirm our origins and honor the faith of our forbearers. Aristotle said, “If you would understand anything, observe its beginning and its development.”

Finally, tolerance does not translate into believing every view is equal, but rather respecting others’ right to hold different views, though they may be terribly wrong (say if they believe in the tooth fairy or the Lochness monster hoax!). All ideas can have equal hearing while not having equal footing. We must have the courage to compassionately communicate truth, based on
divine revelation, instead of some namby-pamby, politically correct, offend nobody, so just stay silent approach.

It’s Time to Stand Up for the Truth

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Christian pastor in Germany martyred for speaking up and exposing Hitler’s lies, said the following, “Silence in the face of evil, is evil itself. God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act.”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. proclaimed the truth fearlessly. He gave his famous “I’ve Been to the Mountaintop” speech at the historic Mason Temple in Memphis, Tennessee knowing intuitively his stand for racial equality would cost him his life. The night before he was killed, he told the people, “I’ve seen the Promised Land. I may not get there . . . but I want you to know tonight that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land.”

He was killed the next day. Dr. King helped secure historic victories in the fight for racial equality. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 banned discrimination in government, employment, and housing. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 followed. This bold servant of God made it possible.

When he was only twenty-seven years of age and his life was being threatened, he cried out to God in desperation, he heard the quiet assurance of an inner voice, “Martin Luther, stand up for righteousness. Stand up for justice. Stand up for truth. And lo, I will be with you even unto the end of the world.” I heard the voice of Jesus saying still to fight on. At that moment, I experienced the Presence of The Divine as I have never experienced Him before. Almost at once my fear began to go. My uncertainty disappeared. I was ready to face anything.

That same Presence and power will be with us as we compassionately and coura-
geously stand up for truth in our generation. “The righteous are bold as a lion” (see Proverbs 28:1).

England’s Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, one of my heroes, stood strong during World War II when Hitler was steamrolling over Europe and Winston’s own people were ready to capitulate to this demon-possessed dictator. This valiant leader rescued Western civilization through his stirring speeches. He invented the tank and aerial bombing and challenged his people with words like the following:

I expect that the Battle of Britain is about to begin. Upon this battle depends the survival of Christian civilization . . . If we can stand up to Hitler, all Europe may be free and the life of the world may move forward into broad sunlit uplands. But if we fail, then the whole world, including the United States, including all that we have known and cared for, will sink into the abyss of a new Dark Age . . . Let us therefore brace ourselves to our duties, and so bear ourselves that if the British Empire and it’s Commonwealth last for a thousand years, men will still say, “This was their finest hour!”

As politicians, pundits, celebrities, musicians, and academic elites join forces with the so-called “progressives” and “New Atheists” to tear down the Judeo-Christian foundations of America, may we speak with courage and charity in what can be “our finest hour.” We are all candidates to “hit the mark” and help others as we continue learning the issues and the answers from a biblical worldview.
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Champions for Children

Bank of the West Classic, Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital, and Little Star Foundation Team Up to Help Cancer Patients

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Andrea Jaeger was well known as the first child prodigy tennis player, being ranked #2 in the world when she was just sixteen years old. After her remarkable tennis career, she founded The Little Star Foundation for Children. This is one of the great ministries to children, especially serving those diagnosed with terminal illness. Stars like Paul Newman and Cindy Crawford adopted Andrea and her project, and multitudes of children have been touched by it. I’ve known Andrea for many years, and I am always inspired by her prophetic clarity and resolute devotion to her calling. As much as anyone I know, she is in touch with how “the children are for signs and wonders.” - Rick Joyner

For thirty years Little Star Foundation has specialized in bringing long-term care and a better quality of life to children with cancer, children in need, the families and the caregiver system by providing financial assistance, medical care, educational opportunities, therapeutic recreational activities, and outreach support, all at no cost to participants.

Everything happens for a reason. As a top ranked junior tennis player, I was on the path to becoming a professional tennis player. But in an instant, life changed my plans entirely.

As a teenager, I was in a car accident so severe I was left unconscious with a mangled and trapped leg. A heroic bystander intervened just a few seconds before my car burst into flames,
saving my life but threatening my dreams of becoming a professional tennis player.

I had trained my entire life to be a pro-tennis star, but everything was changed in a single moment. Following the accident, I endured a long hospital stay and numerous surgeries. Finally I learned to walk again. I relied on the same determination that I had on the tennis court throughout my recovery, and eventually, I left the hospital in functional health and was able to resume my plans to become a professional tennis player. Instead, I made the choice to accept a Division 1 tennis scholarship and I graduated with a Master’s Degree.

There are many special and triumphant stories associated with Bank of the West Classic at Stanford—in fact, they are the norm. Bank of the West Classic is the oldest women only professional tennis tournament in the world. It’s been a pivotal point in the careers of tennis greats, including Serena Williams, Chris Evert, Lindsay Davenport, and Andrea Jaeger.

This year, Bank of the West Classic is the stage for triumph on and off the court as it plays host to Little Star Foundation, an organization that improves the quality of life and provides long-term care for children with cancer and children in need.

I have teamed up with Little Star Foundation founder and former champion of Bank of the West Classic, Andrea Jaeger, whose sister is a Stanford University alum. Together we are bringing child cancer patients from Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital to Bank of the West Classic for tennis, art, and fun. Through one of our national hospital partnership programs, the children will be inspired. They will learn about education, how to play tennis, create original artwork, and go behind the scenes to learn what it’s like to be a sports reporter and photographer at a major sporting event.

Each minute I spent in the hospital was painful and challenging in ways only other long-term patients understand. I bring this awareness to my position at Little Star Foundation, where we create specialized programs, experiences, and colorful, inspiring, and therapeutic art projects, such as “Today is the Day,” an engaging art and design program.
For marginalized and suffering children and families, providing a therapeutic outlet is as important as the medicine and treatment they receive. Little Star Foundation’s “Today is the Day” program was developed with a background of therapeutic artwork and an appreciation for the important people, places, and experiences in our lives. For scared and scarred children who have been tossed into an unknown world of diagnosis, pain, suffering, or lost communication, they find art has many forms and styles that can speak for them. Art can bring healing and wholeness to children, families, and communities by improving emotional and physical health, morale, communication, self-esteem, motor skills, grades, relationships, cognitive abilities, problem solving, and anger management.

Champions can do much more than hold a trophy overhead. Champions are found in all kinds of people, places, and experiences. They see opportunities to make a difference in beauty and greatness in views at the beginning of an experience and throughout. All of us at Little Star Foundation ask you to join us in our 30th anniversary of being Champions for Children. Supporting Little Star Foundation gives you an opportunity to be a champion—a champion for children. Join us in giving a voice, programs, and support to children by donating today. Program and donation information are available at www.littlestar.org or via e-mail at andrea@littlestar.org.

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“Your artwork helps me see the world more colorful than the darkness of my cancer news.”

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