

## 2017 GLOBAL CONFERENCE – BOUNDLESS

### LEADERS SUMMIT – SESSION 1

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These are strange days we are living in. I like strange days because on one level it really does not matter what the world is up to because God is always the same. He never changes. I think the thing that makes me rejoice the most in my walk with the Lord is, He never changes. He is exactly the same day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year, regardless of circumstances, regardless of growth or no growth, regardless of rebellion or relationship. He is exactly the same. You always know exactly where you are with God because He never changes.

For me that means He chooses to be the best towards us on our worst day as He does on our best. He does not change because we do not get it. He does not change because we cannot do it or will not do it. He stays the same. At some point in our life, every one of us has to face up to that fact. He is never going to change. This is it. Day after day I have to celebrate that reality.



We do not take our cues from the world around us, we take our cues from the Kingdom within.

He is building a people who will be exactly the same, who will represent the Kingdom, who will represent the Three regardless of what the world is doing or not doing, because we do not take our cues from the world around us. We take our orders from the Kingdom within. It is really important that every one of us has a personal identity in the Majesty of God. If we are to walk with God in the fullness of all that He is within Himself, then we must obey the relational word to give Him the preeminence in all things. That is Colossians 1:18 “And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.”

What does that even mean? Give Him the preeminence. In every situation you face, He is Lord. Do not be out there submitting to the world around you when you could be submitting to the Lordship that is within you. We are not a people who give up. We are not a people who give in.



There is only one surrender worthwhile, and that is the internal, personal surrender that you make to the Lord Jesus Christ within.

Every day in all your circumstances of life, that is the one, true, great blessing – surrender to Majesty. Do not look at your circumstances outside the lens of the Majesty of Jesus.

The thing I like about that, then, is that there is no need to be tired or weary or anxious or worried because Majesty makes all of those things quite irrelevant. There is no need for any drama when Peace – you know the Peace of God is enough drama all by itself. His Peace is overwhelming, outrageous, and dramatic.

There is no doubt that what makes the Lord so distinctive above all other gods is His Power, His Excellence, and, above all, His Majesty. He is unequaled, unrivaled, and unsurpassed in His Superiority.

Ephesians 6:10 says we are to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. All of us are going to have to prove that because we are all going to go to another level of relationship with God, to another level of exploring and discovering and pioneering who He is and what we are learning about Him.



Believing the wrong thing about God is a weight on your shoulders that holds you back.

When you go to another level it is because you have unlearned something. What you do not unlearn is a weight on your shoulders. That weight holds you down, it holds you back, prevents forward motion. What you learn about God gives you wings. It causes you to rise up like eagles.

## **EAGLES ARE IN THIS ROOM**

I always loved the Lord of the Rings books – the Hobbit, the Lord of the Ring. Read the books loads of times; seen each movie at least 50 times I think. The one scene-stealing phenomena in all those books is the moment when the eagles come. Everyone says, “The eagles, the eagles are here!” I like watching those scenes. Sometimes I will just play it back and watch it again then play it back and watch it again because I realize I am watching myself. I am watching myself and you see what they can do and the way they change the game. There are eagles in this room.

Do not be walking around like a chicken with your wings clipped. When you are an eagle, you are meant to rise up and the circumstances of you life is where you rise. We do not rise up when everything is going well. We rise up regardless.

You are not here to be the best people in the Kingdom. You are not training to be the best people in the Kingdom. You are training to be the best people in the Kingdom **on your worst day**. That is who you are. You are trained to rise up on your worst day in the worst of circumstances. Nothing has changed. Check yourself out. Is Jesus still Lord? Yeah?



When obstacles or situations come against you, you have great opportunity to rise on eagles wings to a new height.

No place for whining, complaining, being anxious, or being negative. It is totally unnecessary. I think we just need to cut it out altogether. It is completely unnecessary. It is a waste of time to be fearful and anxious when peace is so dramatically sensational. It is a waste of time to be negatively minded when the mind of Christ is so astonishing. We get opportunities when things are against us that we do not get when things are for us. That is a great attitude I think.

In Christ, that is who we are. We do not bow down to anything or anyone except Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. That is Majesty. When we become focused on His exalted self, our worship goes to a whole different place of exaltation.



Worship God ABOVE your circumstances, not in them.

It is time for some of us to stop worshipping the Lord through our pain and worship Him above it – above our circumstances. Stop fighting your way through to get to a place of freedom where you can worship. Worship God where you are. He will lift you. Look for Majesty right now, right where you are, regardless of your circumstance. Go for Majesty and He will lift you.

### **STAY MAJESTY FOCUSED**

He will exalt you if you exalt Him. He will lift you up. He will lift you out. He will give you a new mindset. He will give you a new lens. He will give you a new language. He will give you a new place to inhabit. In Majesty, the joy of the Lord is always your strength, so regardless of circumstances, we are the happiest people on earth.

No my name is not Pollyanna. This is the Gospel of *glad tidings of great joy*. (Luke 2:10) This is the Gospel. If you want to know what the Gospel is, read the Gospels. I read them all the time, all through the year every year because I am fascinated by who Jesus is. I am too busy being fascinated by Jesus to be intimidated by anything else. You read some of the stories of people in the Bible, men and women who rose up in catastrophic situations and won the day because they saw something. They connected with *Someone* and they gave that Person the preeminence in all things.

### **CALEB, A MAN OF A DIFFERENT SPIRIT**

Caleb became a man of a different spirit. I am going to hang out with Caleb in Heaven for a while. I will make him dinner or coffee, anything he wants. I just want to hang out with that dude for a little while. I want to check into his Majesty mindset.



One person walking with God is always in the majority regardless of how many people are against you.

People like Caleb fascinate me. I am not afraid at all of going against the flow. He was not afraid at all of other people speaking against him. He just knew the power of the One who was speaking with him and for him.

God will go to extraordinary lengths to make you in His image. Powerful, strong, effective, happy, peaceful, restful, loving, kind, gracious, full of faith, full of favor. That is your identity. We get to practice that every single day. If God does not take a day off from identity, neither do we.

## LET MAJESTY RULE IN YOU

Caleb became a man of a different spirit because the Majesty of God was more real to him than anything he saw out there. There is something for us to step into in Majesty that we never have done before. So we are governed by it; we are ruled by it. We can only see through Majesty. We can only hear Majesty talking.

There is something about us that is going to rise up in these next few years where we occupy a place that maybe a people group like us have never occupied in one place in one time before. We are going to spread that like a virus all around the world. We are going to hack into every people group all around the world and spread the Good News. "This is who God is and I will prove it to you."



Stepping into Majesty opens up a whole new world.

Majesty understands greatness and power. It is a mindset that is learned by experience that Jesus is head over all things to the church. Read Ephesians 1:18-23, Chapter 3:14-21. Those are good devotional chapters if you want to soak in Majesty for a while.

Majesty is an eye-opener because when you see Majesty, when you see the Majesty of Jesus, you grow up into something yourself. You cannot see that Majesty without seeing yourself in the context of it – who you are becoming. All of us could do with growing a few inches, eh?



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We are learning what it means to grow up into all things in Christ, and Majesty is one of those things. Majesty makes our perception so powerful that confidence and faith become normal.



- Trusting in God goes before faith.
- What you *know* about who God will be for you is what you stand on because you then *know* what He will do for you.

We do not have to try and dredge up faith for things because we trust in the Majesty of God. Your faith and trust go together, but trust always goes first. You cannot have faith unless you really have trust first because we trust in the nature of God. What you know about who God is for you that is what you stand on. When you know who God is for you, you know what God will do for you. If you are trying to have faith in something, but you do not trust the nature of God, you are not going to get anywhere. The big question is for all us, it is not *can* God do this? We know that God can do it. The big question is, *will* He do it for me?



If you are *trying* to have faith, but you do not trust the nature of God, you are not going to get anywhere.

We trust in the nature of God towards us first and then, faith is a cinch. It is not difficult. You trust in what you know of the nature of God. That is why it is important that you keep a record all of the things that God has done for you. Some days you need to stand up and when you are going through something difficult, and you need to recite your own history before God.

## 2 CHRONICLES 20

That is what Jehoshaphat did in 2 Chronicles 20. He stood up and he related this history of God with His people. When he did that, faith and confidence began to rise in people. When that faith and confidence rose, suddenly the prophetic word comes and an astonishing display of Majesty follows on. That is what we are learning.

I am going to add 2 Chronicles 20 to your learning. Why? Because you should be reading about yourself when you read that. You should be dreaming about yourself in that place affecting things in exactly that way.



A person experiencing Majesty will always step into their own inheritance in the Lord.

In the face of whatever is causing, or trying to cause fear and unbelief, a person experiencing Majesty will always step into their own inheritance in the Lord. That is what happened with Caleb and Joshua. They saw the same giants as the other ten spies. They came back and they were the only two people who inherited because when Caleb said, “Yeah they are giants – that is the good news. There are giants.” How many of us understand that you are defined by the quality of the opposition against you?



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## GIANTS REFLECT YOUR SPIRITUAL SIZE

When you get on a battle field, it is insulting to be faced by a group of Hobbits. I want to fight a giant because when I take it down, I can assume that size.

When you see a giant, you are getting a message from the Lord:

- » The giant represents how big you are going to be when you take him down.
- » The giant represents an open door.
- » The giant represents the growth you can make in the situation you are in.

That is what Caleb understood. Giants will be our prey. God is with us. If you do not see a giant in the way that God is looking at it, then you will not be able to see yourself. You will look at a giant and you will see yourself diminished. You will see yourself as a grasshopper. You will be one of those people who cannot do it, who slip to the back of the crowd, who leave early before the fight finishes. That will be you.

It is amazing to me what those guys, the other spies, said. “We saw them, the giants, and we felt like grasshoppers in our own sight and so we were in theirs.” How did they know that? Did they walk up and say, “Dude you are really tall, I must feel like an ant to you. I do? Oh, thanks for confirming that.” Seriously?



Majesty must dominate the way you see, think, and speak.

That is us going forward. We have 50 years of victory, 50 years of overcoming. The next 50 are about becoming more than conquerors. The next 50 are about us growing into a place in the Kingdom unprecedented in the history of the church in this world.



Aglow’s next 50 years is about us growing into a place in the Kingdom that is unprecedented in the history of the Church.

This is not a rah-rah convention. We are just talking truth here. We are talking our own destiny. We are talking our own identity. We are talking our own inheritance. We are not talking ourselves up. We do not need to. Jesus is big enough to handle all of us. It is important for us to give Him the preeminence in all things and to learn it in all our circumstances – in our family, in our community, in our place of work, wherever – to learn it, to practice it, to see it, to stand in it, to love it, and to love Majesty.

## NO MORE MIXED MESSAGES

We cannot live in the contradiction of mixed messages. We have to tackle the things in Aglow that make us double minded, dualistic. We cannot allow that any more. We have too much to do. We all have to sort ourselves out.

- » We must take responsibility for our blessing.
- » We must take responsibility for who we are and how we show up.

As individuals, we do not rely on somebody else to do that for you. We are all learning how to walk with “Big” Jesus in these days. I think we are going to see a Jesus bigger than we ever imagined.

## **EPHESIANS 3:20**

I expect to be camping out in Ephesians 3:20 for the next 20 years. That God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above **all** that we can ask or even think. What is beyond thinking? That would be dreaming. According to the power that is within us. You have Majesty in you right now. We have to turn it loose.

Majesty is about really having an upgraded Presence in our own lives. Maybe we can start by saying, I really just want the Presence. Maybe we should stop saying that and say, “Thank God, I have the Presence and it is growing up in me.” Can we stop using language that is longing for something that is already here? Can we start there?

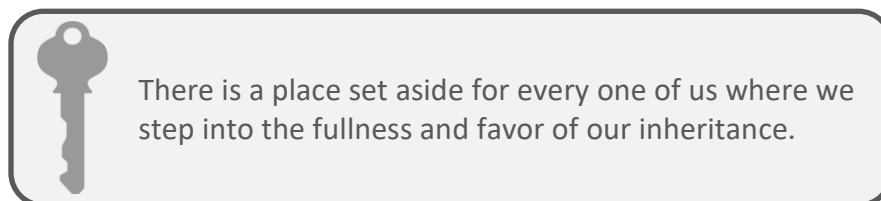
Do not long for something that God has already given you. Step into it in a bigger way. Change the way you pray about those things. “Thank You, Lord, that You are in my life. Lord, as I give You the preeminence in this situation, I pray that I will grow up in this circumstance. Thank You for this difficult person, this horrible situation. I want to grow up in You to be able to handle such things easily.”

Stop praying, “Lord, I do not want to be scared anymore,” rather, start worshipping and saying, “Thank You that I am not scared at all. I am a different person now. I have a different way of seeing and thinking.”

## **HIGHER LEVEL OF ACCOUNTABILITY**

Here is the thing, you have to know that we, as leadership, are going to call you up to that level of accountability. We are going to hold you to a different standard and it is the standard of Majesty.

In the sweetest possible way, I am declaring to you, we are not going to let you get away with that stuff because it is not you anyway. That is not who you are. We are not going to call you out on it, we are going to call you up to something better. But neither are we going to do things for you because you will be too busy doing stuff for yourself. But more than that, you will be too busy helping somebody else to really step into that place of inheritance. There is a place set aside for every one of us and you need to step into the fullness and the favor of it. Maybe not leave it to other people to receive their inheritance, but not you.



## **WHO DO YOU WANT TO BE?**

It is great to celebrate a Caleb in our midst, but I want to be one. Who do you want to be? Do you want to be one of those people who are telling stories about somebody else and what they did? Or, do you want to be the person that other people are telling people stories about?

Joshua was a man of Presence. He would take every opportunity to remain in the Tent of Meeting. Even when Moses went back to the camp, Joshua had his sleeping bag laid out and he would sleep in the House of the Lord.

When Moses went up the mountain to meet with the Lord, Joshua went part way with him. And when Moses said, “You have to stay here”, he stayed there. And he was the first one who spoke to Moses when he came down. That means he was on that mountain for more than five weeks waiting. Why? Because Presence meant that much to him.

Joshua attended Moses from his youth and God chose him to succeed Moses. God said about Joshua, “He is a man in whom there is the Spirit.” One of the most iconic words of encouragement to a human being by God was said to Joshua – *just as I have been with Moses, so I will be with you*. That is Presence.

You know, we get something one better than what Joshua got. *Just as I have been with Jesus, so I will be with you*. Scripture says, “As He is so are we in this world.” *Just as I have been with Jesus, I will be with you. Just as I loved Him, I will love you.*

- » You are an overcomer, take some territory.
- » You have strength, show it.
- » You have leadership, step into it.



Everything comes to us through Presence.

## **WE ARE OVERCOMERS**

I really believe that in Christ we are created to transform the planet. The enemy got booted out of Heaven so God put man on earth to subdue all things including the enemy.

This is the truth, Beloved. We cannot allow a theology that empowers the enemy. We cannot allow a theology that empowers the enemy and disables humanity. We are in the fight to win all fights. Our attitude has to be, *I am in Christ, He is in me, I am a guaranteed overcomer*.

I think God is challenging us in these days to see our lifestyle in Presence.



Worship causes Majesty to rise in us.

We are great at doing worship in worship services. It is important to worship on every occasion. When something difficult happens, the first thing we do is rejoice – and again I say, rejoice and give thanks. Why? Because that is what causes Majesty to rise up in us.





Our worship must cause Majesty to rise in the earth.

We are great at worship in Aglow, but we have to worship in a context that enables something to rise up in the earth, *not just in our conventions*. When your city is in trouble, it needs a bunch of believers in cars with the windows down going around worshipping and doing drive-by blessings all through the city. When your city is in trouble it needs a believers going to where a riot is and praying down peace.

Years ago, someone asked me if I would go to San Francisco to the Haight-Ashbury area and pray judgement on the homosexual community. I said, “Thanks for asking, but no. Tell me when you are going, and I will go down and stand on the opposite corner, and I will pray down the Goodness and the Kindness of God, and we will see who wins.”

It is *only* Goodness and Kindness that leads us to repentance. Judgement will never do that. You cannot scare people into the Kingdom – that is illegal behavior. We delight them into the Kingdom because of who Jesus is.

I think our lifestyle in the Presence of God is an expanded expression of fullness that dominates our life. When you are in that place of Majesty, you know that God will give you anything to get the job done. You can ask for things.



In Majesty, you can ask God for what you need to get the job done.

Years ago my daughter, Sophie, has always been like a barometer to me for insane thinking. We were going through some difficult times in the ministry and she looked at me - when she calls me Father, I know I am in for a sermon. She said, “Father, you need to go to India.” I said, “Why?” She said, “Because there are over 300 million gods and you need a good fight. A good fight will knock some sense into you. You will come back full of Majesty and God will give you stuff.” It is like, who are you and what have you done with my daughter? Bring her back. On second thought, stay another week. She is astonishing to me. She still has that kind of vibe about the Kingdom. All things are possible.



Being made in God’s image gives us Divine Advantage.

## **DIVINE ADVANTAGE**

Here is a key – being made in God’s image gives us a divine advantage. You should use it. If you have a ‘get out of jail free card’ and you go to jail and you do not play it that is just dumb. If you have a divine advantage in Jesus and you do not play it that is not using everything that is available to you.



The more you use the favor of God, the more favor you have.

You have a divine advantage – play it. You cannot wear it out. It grows the more you play it. The more you use the favor of God, the more favor you have. You give and it will be given back to you. You give favor to someone, it comes back. Everything you give away comes back including the bad stuff. Do not be giving bad stuff away.



To be favored is our right because of Christ in us.

## **FAVOR IS YOUR POSSESSION**

You have favor as a right of possession because Christ in you possesses you and you in Christ possess Him. You have favor as a right. Do not treat favor like it is a stranger or like it is borrowed - like it does not really belong to you. It is your right in Jesus and you must exercise that right, not just for yourself or your family, but for anybody close to you who needs some favor. Exercise it. No one is safe from a blessing because you are around.



In Majesty we can go into hard places and overcome the enemy.

These are things we practice; this is all part of Majesty. This is the ordinary stuff of Majesty. We are learning to take Majesty with us into places where people are beaten down, overwhelmed by circumstances and overcome by the enemy.

- » You see yourself as the gift of God in that moment.
- » Stop second guessing yourself. Stop checking yourself out – am I worthy? I do not think I am good enough. Jesus in you is good enough.
- » It is Christ in you that is the expectation of Glory. This is where we learn how to put all our game changing stuff into action.

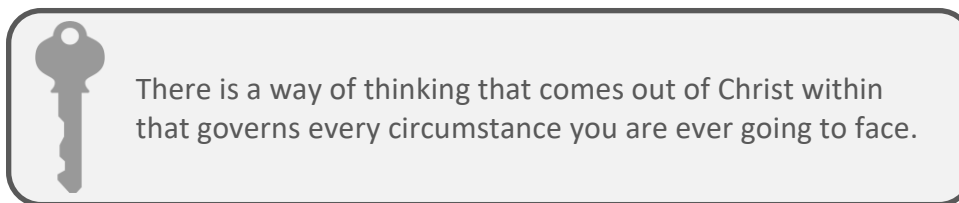
## **GOD IS THE SUPREME RULER**



It is really important for us to practice an enthroned mindset rooted in God as Supreme Ruler who always triumphs.

I am an unashamed triumphalist. I do not care what you think about that. I know what I think about it. I do not want to back down when I could be stepping up.

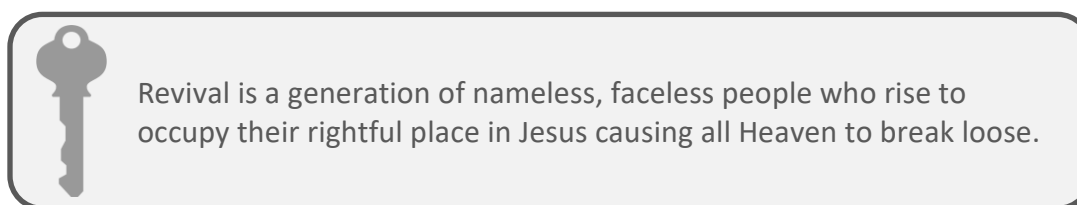
Colossians 3 tells us, “Set your mind on things above not on things on the earth. Your dead and your life is hidden with Christ in God.”



You cannot be resistant to that. You have to embrace it, own it, possess it, rise up in it, and step up in it.

## **REVIVAL IS A LIFESTYLE**

The only way we are going to get a revival in our nation, is if we all recognize that we are a revival. Revival is not an event, it is a lifestyle that becomes an event. All the prophetic words I have ever heard about revival all say the same thing – it is a generation of nameless, faceless people who are going to rise up and occupy their rightful place in Jesus and all Heaven is going to break loose.



## **THE ARMY OF GOD IS RISING**

There are no super star ministries any more. That day is coming to a close. It is the Body of Christ that is rising up. It is the army of the Lord that is rising up. Yeah, this army is going to have Generals and Admirals. It is an army that appears to be ordinary until they begin to manifest from a place of Life in the Spirit.

A mind set on Majesty entwines our thinking in a particular way. We have been learning over the last few years how to get a different lens, how to get a different mindset, and to learn a different language. That revelation is escalating in our midst. It is not enough to have it just for you and your life, you need to have it for the street where you live, the community that you are a part of, and to let it loose on a bigger scale so that people who do not know Jesus are quoting you who do.

Theresa and I were at a cocktail party recently for people on the floor of a condo building. We were in our next door neighbor’s condo meeting other neighbors because we only moved in to the condo this year. We were chatting away and just being ourselves. Theresa is talking to a couple of girls and they are talking in this really kind of down-beat, negative way. So Theresa just says, “What if it is not like that, what if it is like this? What if you do not have to think like that, what if you can think like this? What if right now you have this situation because you are unlearning something about yourself and you are learning something new? What if you do not have to think like that because there is a much better thought here?” The lady looks at her and goes, “Whoa! Are you a therapist?”

## GOD'S ARMY SEES FROM HEAVEN'S VIEW POINT

We have a different take on things. Right? We have a different way of seeing stuff now. We have a different way of thinking about stuff now. We have a completely different language that people in the world do not know how to use because they do not know people like us yet. Or, maybe we have not made our presence felt yet.



It is impossible to grow up into all the fullness of Christ when everything is going well.

We have so much to look forward to. We have so many people we get to practice on all around us. It is impossible to grow up in the fullness of Christ when everything is going well. Take a deep breath. It is impossible to grow up into all the fullness of Christ if everything is going well. You need some difficulties to become great. Do not go looking for them. That would be dumb. Do not pray for them because that would be dumber. But when problems get here, rejoice that they are here because now God is going to be something to you in a different way. Thank the Lord for that.



The purpose of our engagement with Presence is to elevate our own identity to the level of Majesty that is appropriate in overcoming.

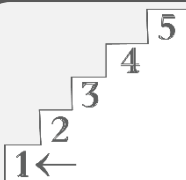
You are going to be more than a conqueror. That is our destination. That is our destiny. That is our promise. That is our inheritance. It would be good for us to stop moaning and whining and complaining because that is the worship language of hell. We need to rejoice and give thanks because that will elevate everything in us to be more than we need to be for the situation that we are in.

## RECORD STORIES OF OVERCOMING

In the next year all of us need to have a record of stories, situations, where we overcame, where we saw something, we learned something, we came into something, and we inherited something. A promise became real, a prophecy got fulfilled. A scripture worked out. Something happened out of the ordinary and that is what makes us extraordinary.

## FIVE STEPS FOR LEARNING MAJESTY

In learning Majesty, I just have five simple steps that I follow all the time. I want you to study them in your own life. Study them in small groups. Study them in your Lighthouses. Study them in situations you are in because these steps delivered for me time after time after time.



**Step One:** Find a new way of looking at this situation by looking to see who God is for you in the situation before anything else.

Upgrade your lens by which you view what is coming against you right now. Part of that is, do not look at the situation first, look at who God is.

My favorite question to the Lord is, “What is it You want to be for me now that this situation is here?”



You need a radiant idea of who God will be for you in every situation you face.

I like David’s perspective in Psalm 34:5 when he says, “They looked to Him, to God, and their faces were radiant.” I like that. When I first really started to think about that, 10-15 years ago, I said to the Lord, “I need a radiant idea of You that covers everything I am going to face.” I think that is who we are in Aglow.

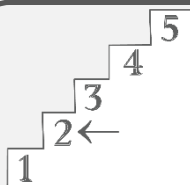


In Aglow, we are a company who have an incredible sense of Majesty and we have this understanding of who God will be for us in times of difficulty and we will not be moved as we walk through those situations.

We are a people who have incredible sense of Majesty but this radiant idea of who God is or what God is like and we are not prepared to back down from it. So for me, for my lens, is I want to see God first. It is like I am pushing the situation aside because I want to see who God is first.



If you look at a situation, you will react to it.  
If you look at God, you will respond to Him.



**Step Two: Change the way you think right now.**

Right now. Right now change the way you think.  
What is the better thought?



Never start a conversation, question, or thought with a negative.  
All the time you focus on negativity, your frustrate God’s Grace toward you.

Negativity does not belong to you anymore. Jesus died. He paid a price for it. It belongs to Him and He is not letting you have it back. Change the way you think. See who God is and change the way you think. This enables you to ask questions in line with Majesty. Ask questions in line with who God is.



If you do not change the way you think, you will be asking questions in line with the difficulty, in line with the opposition.

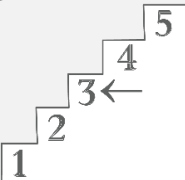
When you get a lens of seeing God and you change the way you think, you will be asking questions in line with who God is and with what God wants to do. Then you will be fascinated and not intimidated.

The measure of terrorism is not in the number of people killed. The true measure for terrorists is in the number of people they can frighten.

Do not ask questions in line with your current difficulty, ask questions in line with your identity in Christ. Like Paul does in Romans 8:31-39. "What shall we say to these things? Question: if God is for us who on earth can be against us?" That is a great mindset.

Study the questions in that passage in Romans 8 and work on the answers for yourself because it is genius writing. It is genius teaching right there.

- » What then shall we say to these things?
- » If God is for us, who can be against us?
- » He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?
- » Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.
- » Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.
- » Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: 'For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter, yet, in ALL these things, we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us, for I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, not any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.



**Step Three: Your language interchange with Jesus must be clear.**

Look at the conversation between Jesus and Peter in Matthew 16:15-19. Jesus is asking, "Who do people say that I am?" He got back four distorted images. "Some say You are John the Baptist" which is a little disturbing because he had been murdered a few months ago. "Some say You are Jeremiah, Elijah, or one of the prophets." Four distorted images.



When God asks us questions, it is to discover if our thoughts toward Him are sure or confused.

Jesus is not asking the question because He is having an identity crises. He asks us those questions to make sure that we do not have an identity crises about Him. He says, “Who do you say that I am?” Peter just blurts out, “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God! And Jesus grins at him and says, “Yeah and you are Peter.” He was Simon until that moment. Then Jesus said, “yeah, and now you are Peter. And on that revelation, you have of Me, I will build this church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.”



Nothing prevails against the truth that you hold in your spirit about who Jesus really is for you. Nothing can contest against that truth.

I like language.

“Who do you say that I am?”

“You are the Christ.”

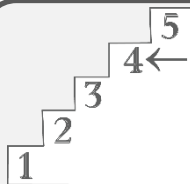
“Blessed are you, Peter.”

If you want to be blessed, tell Jesus who He is.

That is another one of my daughter’s things. She said, “Dad, I can always get blessed. I just tell Jesus who He is and then He has to bless me.” I said, “Where did you get that from?” “Dad, Matthew 16:15-17.” I read it, it is right there. “You are the Christ.” “Blessed are you.”

I love promises. I love prophecy. I love scripture. I love promises. I love dreams. I love visions. I love all of that creative language. But you need to get promises that you can quote in situations.

## NEW TERRITORY REQUIRES NEW PROMISES



**Step Four:** You need to get powerful promises that you can quote in all your circumstances.

I like Joshua 1:1-9. God gave Joshua a whole bunch of promises. Why? Because he is coming into a place he has never been in before. He has to lead this people across the Jordan into the Promised Land. They are going to go to war, they are going to be fighting for territory. He has to resupply all these people. He has to fight all these battles. He is going to take territory. He needs a whole bunch of promises. And so do you.



In the context of who you are becoming, you need 20, 30, 50 promises over your life that you get to quote.

I like the idea of that. “I have a difficult situation; I am just thumbing through my notebook, just hang on a minute, Lord. I am just finding a promise. Oh yeah. Let me read this one to You.” And then read it out and then just say, “Lord, You said... Lord, You said... Lord, You said... Lord, You said... Lord, You said... Lord, You said... Lord, You said... Lord, You said... You said and now I am saying what You are saying and that means that You and I are in agreement. That means Heaven is going to bust loose right here, right now, because that is how it works. My daughter told me. That is how it works. Lord, You said...”



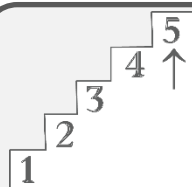
God gives you a promise so you can speak it back to Him when you need it.

You have to have promises. You need more than 10. If you want to be big, you need around about 50. Then when you grow up and you fit those 50, God will give you a couple hundred more because of the people group He is sending you to.

Do not think that I do not have promises for Aglow.

Joshua’s promise: “Josh, every place where the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you. Do not worry about all the fighting. Every place where the sole of your foot treads, I have given that to you. I will be with you wherever you go.”

Here is a promise we all have from the Lord: “I will never leave you, I will never forsake you. I am with you always.” Take that one to the bank.



**Step Five: Is anything too hard for the Lord?**

This is my favorite question. It comes out of Genesis 18:14 – “Is anything too hard for the Lord?”

The real definition of the word “hard” here is, is there any situation where God cannot be Magnificent?



If you start with Majesty, you end with Majesty.

If you start with Majesty, you end in Majesty, and everything in between can be Majestic. What if your peace could be Majestic? What if your joy could be Majestic? I like that.



David said, “This is the Lord’s doing and it is marvelous in our eyes.” (Psalm 118:23)

I like the word “marvelous.” It is good for us to marvel – that is not a comic you read, it is an attitude of heart and mind – to marvel in who God is. Even to marvel in the question. I am not quite sure...I know you are up to something. I am not quite sure what it is yet, so I am just marveling in advance. Why? Because there is a certainty here.

## CLOSING THOUGHTS

Final thought and then I am going to prophesy.



It is not enough to deliver people from bondage to the enemy; we are here to displace him in the earth so that we can transform the planet.

There is a poverty mindset about the end times. The people in all this chaos are just crying out to be rescued. We just need the Lord to come back so we can escape. No. I do not want to escape. I have not done enough yet.

## NO RESCUE FOR US

I do not think Jesus is going to come back to rescue us from the world of flesh and the devil. I think He is going to come back to rescue them from us.

- » We are made for chaos.
- » We are made for war.

A third of our language is about war, is about overcoming, is about being more than a conqueror. It is about victory as a right of relationship.

These are great days for us.

- » These are the days to rise up.
- » These are the days to overcome.
- » These are days to go to a different level above what is happening in the world.
- » These are the days for us to have money.
- » These are the days for us to have favor.
- » These are the days for us to be praying that all we own is greater than what is around us.
- » These are the days to be calling forth water supplies where needed.
- » These are the days to be calling for food to multiply.

A rebel of slaves came out of Egypt and got formed into an army in the wilderness to take territory. Then they went because the promise on them was, “I will give you a house you did not build. You can eat from vineyards you did not plant. Drink from wells you never had to dig.” A turnkey operation. And when they came out of Egypt, the Egyptians were throwing money at them. Gold and silver, and they came out with enough money to kick start an economy.

Jesus was just a few hours old and kings who had been in transit for months came and gave His dad a gold brick. I mean, He is in diapers. He is a noise at one end and a smell at the other. He does not even know who He is yet and someone gives Him a gold brick – welcome to your world. Welcome to the Kingdom. Extraordinary things are supposed to happen. They are meant to happen. Make them happen.

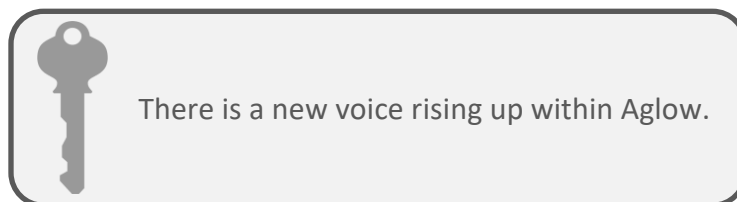
## EXPECT GREAT THINGS

- » These next 50 years, we can do 10 times more than what we did in the first 50. Maybe more because we know who we are. We know what God is capable of. What is the expanded vision of Aglow that the Lord wants to bestow on us?

I believe, honestly, there is another level that is yours now. Right now. You can step into something at this event. Do not go home on the same level that you came.

- » Write down lens changes that you are going to pursue.
- » Write down new thoughts that you are going to use to control your circumstances.
- » Write down the words of a new language that you are going to be speaking.

## A NEW VOICE IS COMING FORTH



It is rising up in every member, in every Region, in every nation. There is a voice rising up that is longing to speak into your circumstances. You are going to have to get used to hearing that voice. Whatever voice you have grown up with in the world is not the voice that speaks to you from the Kingdom.

I have said all that just so I can say this – Aglow this is your time to arise. We have known it for years now. But I believe the Lord is here saying it will be great if you could arise a bit quicker.

- » This is not the time to ponder things.
- » This is a time to get the mind of Christ and think in a different way.
- » This is not a time to wonder what is going to happen.
- » This is a time to get a new lens and use it.
- » This is a time to get rid of any language that is unsuitable. Get the language of the Kingdom, not the language of the church that may not know the Kingdom, but the language of a Kingdom-minded people.
- » This is time to get the language of the Kingdom and lose the language of the world around you. The world says you cannot – God says, “You will.”
- » It is your time to arise.
- » This is Aglow’s time to cross over the Jordan of your circumstances and live in the place that God has provided.

## OCCUPY THE FIELD

He is going to teach you occupancy, but you must believe that I AM is your footsteps of power. I AM is with you every place where you tread.

- » When you are walking down your street, it belongs to you.
- » When you are walking around your place of work, it belongs to you.
- » When you are walking through your neighborhood, it belongs to you because you belong to Him and He is a territorial spirit.

He is the one, true, great, original territorial spirit. Joshua in the book of Judges marks out territory for every tribe in Israel. What is that? That is a territorial spirit in action. Anything else is just a copy. He is the one great original territorial spirit.



God has marked out territory for you in the city where you live, in the community that you inhabit, in the circumstances of your life. He is going to teach you how to occupy that ground until He comes.

## PROPHETIC WORD:

The Lord says to you, “Walking in the Spirit is about acknowledging that every place I take you belongs to you for the time that you are present. I will teach you to occupy in the place where you live. I marked out the places where I will give you specific authority to overcome as you learn the secrets of Majesty. There is no power that can successfully oppose you on the level that you inhabit in the Beloved’s Son.

You are a habitation of God. Live there. Do not live in a lower place of expectancy or faith. All your low places will become high places and as you reign in your low places, so I will elevate you to inherit more.

There is more that I need you to have. There is more that the world needs you to have. The world is crying out for wisdom, for vision, for leadership, for power, for faith, and for consistency. The world is crying out for Goodness and Kindness and you are it.

As I was with Jesus, so I will be with you so that the power of My Words will reside within your heart and My favor would abound towards you.

Favor is not a small thing. It is not a parking place on a busy day. Favor is a huge thing, a massive thing. You are growing up through all the stages of favor so you will have favor for a people group.

Think of it. Aglow turning all their favor on Israel. Think of that. In the Islam mandate, Aglow turning all their favor on the Islamic world. They get turned over by Jesus. No need for weapons of mass destruction, the Bible is enough. Truth, power, Presence, Majesty, favor.

And the Lord says *I will not ever leave you nor will I fail you in any way. I will be with you always.*

- » Look for Me in your circumstances and you will find Me.
- » Look for Me in your neighborhood, I will be right there.

- » Look for Me in the chaos, I will be the One smiling and grinning, thinking of something marvelous to do.
- » But look for yourselves in those places.
- » See yourselves in those places.
- » Hear the words of wisdom that can come out of your mouth.
- » You be the one who prays.
- » You pray the one prayer that matters, that opens up, that causes the Kingdom to descend.

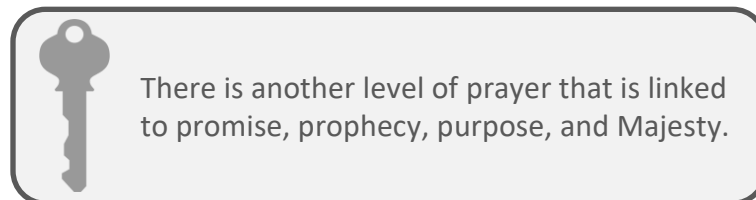
I believe one of the things we will be doing in Aglow is writing crafted prayers for our city asking the Lord:

- » What are the promises for this city? For this community, this town?
- » What are the promises about employment, about sickness, about marriage?
- » What are the promises over this place?

Then we will write prayers in line with those prophecies and promises and pray them. We will walk the streets and release those prayers of blessing.

I believe the Lord will say to us, “You know I can always do more. Work with Me.”

The enemy seems powerful right now because the church is doing very little. The church is too busy looking at ourselves when we should be looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith. We should be writing crafted prayers and praying them week end, week out, month in, month out. Praying until something happens. They are called *push* prayers. Pray until something happens. Those push prayers will push the enemy right out of your community.



There is another level of intercession that is not linked to supplication. It is linked to promise and prophecy and purpose. It is linked to the Majesty of God.

## **THE RIGHT TIME**

The Father says, “Be careful to follow in My wisdom. Receive My perception and think the same thoughts as I do regarding your favor and your blessing. Do not turn away from favor, step into My abundance. My will is to promote you. This is your time to regain My strength and power to learn the way of courage, to overcome and to see yourself as the giant. To see yourself as the eagle. To see yourself as a man and as a woman of power. It does not matter what is against you because you know who God is in you and who God is for you.

None of that is going to be easy. But it can be really joyful. It can be energizing. It will be exciting. You will learn how to overcome when everything is against you and then nothing will be impossible for you.

## **WE ARE THE END TIME ARMY**

If these are the end times, we need an end-time army. If these are the end times, then we need to start reading the book of Revelation as a devotional tool because when I read the book of Revelation, all I see is the Majesty of Jesus. He is the One who calls the shots. He is the One who releases this and releases that. And unless He releases it, it is not going to happen. The whole book of Revelation is a huge exercise in Majesty and Sovereignty because in the midst of all of that He will do far, far more than what the enemy is released to do.

We are learning our real identity here and we are not grasshoppers.

Let us pray. Father we are not tired and we are not weary and we are not beaten down by life and circumstances. We are not broken. We are unlimited. We are boundless. We have this huge amount of favor. We have a lens that sees You. We have a mindset that understands Your way of thinking. We have a language that came out of Heaven that allows us to talk to things in the earth and make changes. That allows us to declare and proclaim and confess. We confess to You that we are those people who can take territory. We are those people who live in proclamation, who love declaration, who always have a fascinating confession of who You are.

I thank You for where we stand. We are poised on the edge of Your greatness and You are going to push us over the edge so that we free fall into Majesty.

## **WE ACCEPT OUR PLACE OF LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITY**

We just want to say to You, we are ready. Not just to be in it ourselves, but we are ready to be leaders in this movement who will lead Aglow across the Jordan into a new land, a new state of promise. That we are leaders and we are going to stand up and we will make a difference because it is given to us. Not in doubt any longer, we are those men and women. Those women and men. We are those people. We confess to you we can do all things through Christ who will strengthen us. We are those people.

Lord, I bless the leadership gift on everybody in this room. I ask You to take us to levels that we never thought on, have never seen, have never spoken about, have never touched. There is a place set aside for us, a place that is around for us to inhabit, to move up, to step up into and it belongs to us now and it is within us now and we can leave this place walking at a new level because that is the good pleasure of Your will toward us. I ask, Lord, that we would have the blessing and the permission to fully inherit all that belongs to Aglow. For 50 years we have worked and stood and prevailed, and now Lord bring us into Thy inheritance for Jesus' sake, for our sake, and for the world's sake. Amen.