

2015 GLOBAL CONFERENCE

GRAHAM COOKE - ARMY AND FAMILY



In the work of the Kingdom, we are both the household of God and we are a disciplined army.

In the work of the Kingdom, we are both the household of God - caring, loving, and supporting people, and we are a disciplined army called to fight to overcome and to take territory. Every spiritual organization must operate within that paradox. To do so, we must understand and practice the primary objectives of each area of growth and operation.



The family of God is built upon a foundation of relationship promoting love, acceptance, exploration, support, and a sense of unity.

PRIMARY OBJECTIVES OF FAMILY

A family has primary objectives:

- To build a relational community of friends who are exploring the nature of God together.
- To create a place of fellowship where we love and accept one another.
- To cultivate a safe place where we can unlearn and learn how to be in Christ.
- To shape an environment where we can take an active interest in the lives of other people.
- To establish the DNA of the Godhead in our relationships.
- To develop a language of oneness and unity, appreciation, security, belonging, support, and protection.



The Army of God is built upon achieving objectives with a people group who are resilient, focused, able to receive under pressure, and have developed a culture of winning.

PRIMARY OBJECTIVES OF ARMY

An army has primary objectives:

- To develop a warrior mentality and a successful approach to warfare. We are not in this fight to lose. We are losing the fight by default. That has to change.
- To empower people to endure hardness. It is a tough fight; it is not an easy fight, otherwise everybody would be doing it.
- To learn to be resilient.
- To have focus,
- To be able to receive under pressure and be powerful.
- To create a culture of winning, taking territory, and achieving objectives.

Our questions are always about how do we get to victory? How do we overcome? How can we produce people who are more than conquerors? People who are more than conquerors are people who the enemy is scared to fight. We have to learn to fight, and how to operate on a battle front.



People with an army mentality know how to be deployed into battle while keeping all the foundation of the family yet knowing how to take and receive assignments without taking offense.

An army is about deployment, how we use people. It is about the relationship between the individual and the corporate body. You have to know how to rise above your circumstances. You have to have a majesty mindset like Caleb who saw the giants and was rubbing his hands with great anticipation: *they shall be our prey*.

LANGUAGE OF ARMY

It seems to me warfare is about extremes. It is about extremes of language; you are either going to have that mindset – *they are going to be our prey* – or, you are going to have a grasshopper mindset, which says *we cannot do this*.

- **The language of an army is the language of command.** It is about orders; it is about obedience.
- **The language of an army is the language of objectives, assignments, achievements, and time frames.**



The army of God needs leaders who inspire others, who understand alignment and authority, who can form strategies to accomplish goals, and who are scouting for others to place in strategic places.

To win this war we need certain types of people.

- **We need leaders who have a leadership gift to inspire, to encourage, getting the best out of people.**

We need to achieve agreed objectives, work to a plan and succeed - no excuses. We have to overcome the odds that are against us. We are always going to be outnumbered, and the reason for that is because the enemy is scared of us. He is scared of who is in us. So, there is a language of intimidation that every one of us needs to get above. If the enemy is intimidating you, it means he is the one that is scared. You have to learn how to talk to yourself.

- **We need people living under authority and in alignment with the primary objectives of the organization this year.**

What are we doing this year? What are the important things that we simply must achieve?

- **We need people who can take authority in the field and get the job done.**

We need field commanders. Field commanders that cannot achieve an objective, will lose us the battle and maybe even the war.

- **We need leaders who can form a strategy for engagement with primary objective, and see it develop quickly.**
- **We need leaders who know how to deploy people, how to upgrade the team base, always looking around, always talent scouting, always seeing who are the people that God has His hand on in our midst and how can we elevate that?**

How can we upgrade what God is beginning to do there? How can we put a plan around this person that sees the rise up and stay in a high place? The critical issue in a battle is can this person take orders and seize the day?



We live in the space between being a much loved child and a fully mature son of God.

MUCH LOVED CHILD/FULLY MATURE SON

One of my mentors, who was mentored himself by Smith Wigglesworth, taught me how to be a child of God. He said, "Before you can go on to do anything, you need to learn how to be a much loved child. You need to learn to believe simply. God said it, I believe it, that settles it." Once we have established that, we need to teach you the process of how you walk between the relationships of a much loved child to become a fully mature son. A fully mature son never leaves the much loved child behind – it is a paradox – it is both ends.

You are always going to have some situation in your life where the much loved child needs to step up. When God takes you to a higher level, you have some learning to do. He taught me how to enjoy that process being part of the household of God. Years later, He said to me one day, "Graham, do you want to be a servant of the Lord?" And I said, "Yes with all my heart." He said, "Well do not get upset if I treat you like one." I realized something is changing. I said, "What do You mean?" He said, "You are about to come into a different kind of relationship with Me, where I will not hold your hand and I will not speak in that same voice that I do with a much loved child or the son that I trust. I will give you orders. I will give you time frames. And, Graham, I do not take excuses. You have to learn this relationship now."



The Army of God has primary objectives to take and keep territory.

ARMY OBJECTIVES

I was fortunate enough between 1978 and 2002, to serve on two great apostolic teams, both church planting communities. I was constantly sent out to do a specific job in a specific location, to fill a certain role while I was there, to cause something to happen. I was given a **primary objective** for that visit. I was maybe gone for a month and I had to achieve that objective.

So, I would be called into the office and there would be two or three guys there and I would get an apostolic briefing: this is what we want you to do, this is what we want you to achieve, this is the time frame, and while you are doing that we need you to be looking at certain people. We need you to talent scout for us. So, I got a briefing of things to do and what to look for in this people group that I am being sent to.

One primary objective in Malaysia was to develop leaders. I had to look for specific things in people; specific traits in people who we wanted to upgrade. (I am saying that because there are a lot of people here that need to be upgraded. You know you are ready to go to a different level, the issue is, are you going to put in the work to go there? Are you going to take on a different mindset so you can go there and stay there?)

The questions I had to ask as I looked at people were:

1. **Could this person advance this work?** Or, are they just going to maintain the status quo? Big question.
2. Are they receptive to new things or are they too engaged with business as usual?
3. Does this person have self-starter zeal, or do they require constant input and inspiration and encouragement?
4. Is this person a thinker or a talker?
5. Do they have ideas of their own or are they just open to advice?

6. My favorite question, which actually as always the biggest questions, **is this person a cart horse or a race horse?**

We never planted churches with talkers or race horses. We always planted a church around a thinking person and a cart horse because we needed someone who could pull more than their weight. We needed someone who had the strength and the passion and the mindset to pull this thing forward no matter what, a person who would take the strain.

7. Is this person a builder or are they a blesser?

None of those questions were meant to disqualify; they were meant to enable us to get a picture of a person and how to use them best.

DEBRIEFING

When I would return from the field, I would get debriefed.

- I would pull my note book and I would have names of people. I would name the people who I felt were ready for specific mentoring.
- I would have to detail their qualities and their characteristics. They would ask me questions. What did I mean by that? Where did I see that going?
- I would have to talk about what I felt this person's personal skills were with people, with tasks, and so on.
 - ✓ Are they an introvert or extrovert? Both of those people are necessary for they both require a different style of mentoring. We need to know that.
 - ✓ What are their gifts and capabilities?
 - ✓ What areas of development will be required?



The right leadership must be in place to keep and build upon ground that has been taken.

TRAINING HAND-SELECTED PEOPLE FOR UPGRADE

Then we would put a plan together. We would go back and we would hand-select people for training for upgrade because we never wanted to be in a position where we had too much going on and not enough good leadership to carry it through.


We were developing leaders more than anything else because:

- We expected to succeed.
- We expected to plant churches.
- We expected to open up territory.
- We expected to take ground, to hold that ground, and to build on that ground.

Both of the great apostolic organizations I mentioned are great at family effort. By God, they knew how to fight and they knew how to take ground and hold ground and with one church, one organization, we planted over 4,000 churches in 44 countries.

The key issue in having a main leadership team is:

- Can these people advance this work at this time?
- Can they grow people into power?
- Can they take territory?
- Are they creative?
- Are they receptive to change and growth?




The main leader oversees a team who oversees the people who do the work.

ROLE OF THE MAIN LEADER

We need to produce good teams who can run the work and oversee the process. If a main leader is in charge of everything, that work is not going to go everywhere. It cannot go anyplace.

The main role of the leader is to oversee the leadership team, and the leadership team oversee the people who do the work. That is how we build a church.



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PARADOX AND PRECEDENCE

Listen, guys, it is not family **vs.** army. It is a paradox. A paradox is two apparently opposing ideas contained in the same truth.

Like you have to be last to be first. You have to give to receive. You have to die to live. Paradox. Two opposing ideas contained in the same place. It is both and. We need the family. We need the army. The key issue in the paradox is what takes precedence. **Precedence is determined by the needs of the moment or by the needs of the group.**

MARY AND MARTHA

Let me tell you about precedence – it is the Bible. In Luke 10:38, we read the story of Mary and Martha. As they were traveling along, Jesus entered the village and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. She had a sister called Mary who was seated at the Lord’s feet listening to Him, probably hanging on every word He was saying. But Martha was distracted with all

of her preparations, and she came up to Jesus and said, “Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all of the serving alone? Then tell her to help me.” But the Lord answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things, but only one thing is necessary and Mary has chosen the good part, which will not be taken away from her.”

He is not saying that, “Hey, I only want fellowship.” He is saying, “In this precise moment, Martha, I did not come here for hospitality. I came here for fellowship and Mary chose that.”



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When God shows up you have to be with Him in the way that He wants to be with you. That is called walking with the Lord. He chooses what *precedence* He wants at this point in time. And we say, “yes Lord.”

PRIMARY OBJECTIVES OF JESUS

The church is primarily a Kingdom organization. There should be fighting on several fronts. In relationship, therefore, we must learn how to show up in the context of what is currently happening.



We choose our role currently based on primary objectives.

What is fascinating to me is that Jesus had a *primary objective* as a child and as a man.

As a child, His primary objective was:

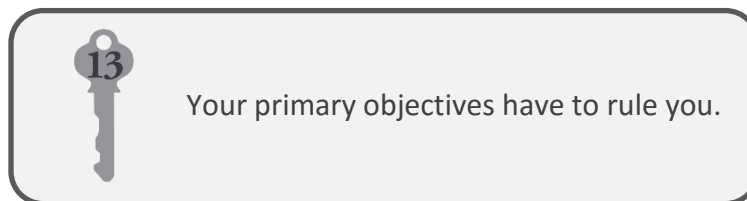
- **To know the Word.** That is why at the age of 12, He sat in the temple confounding everybody with His wisdom. He had an objective to learn the Word and to understand what His Father was saying and what His Father meant.
- **To learn obedience** with both Fathers – Heavenly and earthly.
- **To maintain purity.** He had to keep His hormones in check, and be spotless. Imagine that, having a teenager like that in your house. Would that not be a blessing?
- **To work in the family business and to learn it thoroughly and to honor his father.** Primary objective – Jesus growing up.

As a man, His primary objective changed. He has:

- **To become the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.**
- **To confront the enemy and take his authority from him.**
- **To set people free in every way possible.**
- **To challenge religious mindsets.**
- **To introduce and model the Kingdom coming to earth.**
- **To make disciples.**

Primary objectives for Jesus. I must be about My Father's business.

OUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVES

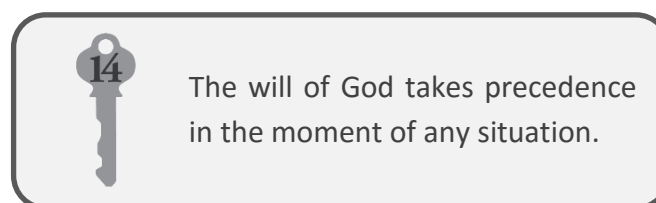


They have to drive you. I do not mean that you have to be driven; but, those objectives must bring you to a place where

- they govern your life,
- they govern your thinking,
- they govern your planning, even over the course of a year.

When I set my objectives for the year, I have to set a time frame to think and pray through every objective I have and make sure I have the resources I need to develop that thing in the moment that I have with it. That is why I have a team of intercessors around me called the Warrior Class. Their job is to pray months in advance and give me military intelligence about what is going on, on the ground in this city, in this church, in this region. What is the real fight? What is the real battle? What do we need to overcome? How do I take this people group from this level to this level in a weekend? How do I open something up? How do I establish something? How do I call something to order? Primary objectives – I never leave home without one.

Everything I do has an objective behind it. Every CD, every teaching I have ever done has been to a primary objective. Every book I have ever written – primary objective - to take people from one place to another place. You will not find a product out there on that table does not have a primary objective attached to it. Why? Because it is just how He thinks. It is how He operates.



Jesus knew His primary objectives. In Matthew 12:46-50, *While He was still speaking to the crowds, behold, His mother and brothers were standing outside seeking to speak to Him. And someone said to Him, "Behold Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside seeking to speak to You." And Jesus answered the one who was telling Him and said, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?" Stretching out His hand towards His disciples, He said, "Behold My mother and My brothers! For whoever does the will of My Father who is in Heaven, he is My brother and My sister and My mother."*

He is not saying that family is less important than ministry. He is saying that the will of God in Heaven takes precedence in this moment and in this situation. *I have this crowd, I have to achieve something with this crowd and I cannot allow anything to intrude on a primary objective.* I must be about My Father's business. When that business is building the household of God, let us build. But we need to build the household of God - not just have a room and fill it with people that we are blessing. We need to build people into being good brothers, good sisters, good fathers and mothers.



We need to build people who can reproduce.

We need to create an environment where everyone feels safe and secure because the last thing we want to be doing is endlessly inspiring someone to rise up to a level that they cannot get to by themselves. You create an environment where people walk in and it affects them. You have to develop people to grow up into Christ in all things. The last thing you want to do is 20 or 30 years with a bunch of people and they are still acting like babies.



Relationships have to go somewhere or you are not relating.

That is a simple truth. When we are taking territory, we need a different identity. When we are in warfare, we need a warrior identity.

When I know what my primary objective is, I call up the person who can do that. If I am doing a warfare event, I am going to call up the warrior. For me, it is not just a matter of packing a suitcase and getting my game face on; I will be calling up that warrior a few days, if not a few weeks, beforehand. I need specific intel so that I get into the mindset, get into the vision of what is needed because I have to go and I have to achieve an objective, and I am going to have some resistance. I have to overcome that.



Primary objective affects who you are and how you operate.

This is what it takes to take ground, to take territory, to build something, and to establish something at a higher level.

The thing that fascinates me about Aglow right now is, we have done an amazing job on these levels and now God is calling us up higher and we are seeing more. We are learning there are different ways to do things when you get into a higher place with God.



How God builds with you changes as you upgrade in your identity.

How God builds with you in the valley is different from how He builds with you half way up the mountain. It is different when He builds with you on a summit. You have to learn how to walk with God in a high place.

Now you can pitch your tent at Basecamp One at Everest and dream about climbing from that base. But you have to go to different levels to acclimate, and you are there for weeks before you even get a crack at it. That mountain dominates you. I have been there. I only got to base camp twice, but the weather closed in. I do not know if I would have made it up, but I would not have minded trying. The mountain dominates you because you are in its shadow all the time. In talking to people, they say, you know, you have to stay in the zone because any day the weather could lift and you might just have a few hours to get beyond a certain point. You have to stay in the zone and be ready to move in a moments notice.

In Matthew 16:13, Jesus asked His disciples a question – *who do people say that I am?* He was not asking it because He was fishing for a complement. He was asking the question because He wanted to know if people really understand who He was and what He was about. Or, are they just like, “Hey there is this ministry and you can get this and this and this and you can get them to pray for you and lay hands on you.” *Do people really understand who I am?*

He got back all these different ideas. Some say you are Jeremiah, some say you are John the Baptist – which is a little weird because he had been murdered a few months ago, that was kind of strange. Are you one of the prophets? And He asked His questions of His disciples, and I would imagine He looked all of them in the eye – *who do you say that I am?*

He wants to know if they understand His primary objective because He has been with them a while now. Sometimes I think we are just content to be in the same room as Jesus and that is it. That is our big deal; just want to be in His Presence. And who does not want that?

The issue is, what are you going to be in His Presence for? What does that Presence look like to you? What if that Presence changes according to primary objective? What if I want to be in God's Presence as a prophet, but He wants me to be in His Presence as a warrior because He has this objective that He wants me to achieve in a certain place. Do you understand what I am saying?



Precedence is determined by the objective that you have.

How God wants to be with you is determined by the primary objective that He is creating in your life right now. I think that is what we are learning.

Peter blurts out – *You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God! You are the Messiah!* Jesus grins at him and then tells him his primary objective – *and you are Peter, and upon that revelation of Me, I will build a church and the gates of hell will never work against you.* He tells Peter, this is your primary objective. Matthew 16:17-19

Just a short while later in Matthew 16:21-22, From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and be raised up on the third day.

Peter took Him aside to give Him a little talking to. He began to rebuke Him saying, 'God forbid it, Lord. This shall never happen to you.'

Jesus did not say to him, "That is all right Pete, do not worry, it will all work out in the end I am sure." He did not say that. He got right in his face and He said this: Get behind Me Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me. You are not setting your mind on God's interest, but man's!

Whatever happened to the gentle Jesus - the meek and mild person? That is a pretty hefty rebuke. What is Jesus doing?

Here is the issue here, I think. Peter gets the idea of Jesus, but he has not grasped the implications. So, Jesus shocks Peter into a right relationship and the right mindset that helps Peter be ready for what is coming.

RELATIONSHIPS ARE IMPORTANT BUT OBJECTIVE IS KING



In the army of God, objective is the top priority.

In a family, relationships are important. In the army, objective is king. The objective matters more. You do not get commanders in the field giving orders, or generals giving orders to a captain like, “I want you to go up that hill and take that objective – if you feel like it. If you would rather not do it, I can probably get somebody else.” No.



When you are on a battle field, there is no family. Precedence is the army and the precedence is required to achieve that objective.

I think we are coming into a time in Aglow where we are redefining our relationships. We are not redefining our friendships, but I would imagine that all of our friendships will go to another level. I cannot see how they would not if we all love Jesus together. But we are redefining our friendships and our relationships in the context of primary objective.

We will be learning how to talk to each other a little differently, and have different conversations. I will talk a little more about that one tomorrow.

In the army, the objective is king. Everyone needs to know personal dimensions of their own calling. We all need to be able to speak passionately about that and give evidence of achievement.



On every level you must understand who you are and what God is calling you to do.

In the Warrior Class we are taking people up several levels. We have about four or five levels. On every level you have to understand who you are and what God is calling you to. You have to understand the objective on that level and you have to give evidence of your achievement. You have to give evidence of your transformation.

That, to me, is what GameChangers and LifeChangers is all about. Bringing people up to a certain mindset where you see yourself in a certain way that God sees you and you attain to that level and you stay there. You never fall below – you never default on your identity.



We give assignments so you learn the process of who you really are; how to become that person; and how to live out of that identity.

You have to learn the reason we give homework and assignments is because you have to learn the process of how to become that person and how to stay there. There are always two battles you face over everything: one battle to get free, another battle to stay free. How many of us know people who won a battle to get free, but lost the battle to stay free? How many of us have done that ourselves?



Identity is not just about you seeing something about yourself; it is about you becoming that person in reality and truth. Aglow is being reinvented as an apostolic movement.

Your life becomes dominated by the identity. *This is who I am regardless of circumstances. You put me in a good place, this is who I am. You put me in a hard place, this is who I am. You put me on a battle field, this is who I am. You put opposition against me, this is who I am. This is my identity regardless of circumstances.* You take ground in yourself, then you hold that ground until it becomes a lifestyle.

I was told when I was being developed in ministry by my mentors, “We expect you to be on top of your gift and calling no matter what is occurring.” So, I got trained in that way. No excuses. No crying. *Graham, you are here to do this job – do it. Do it.* When I was mentoring people - I always did the training evening once a month and then when they got to the third level, the time of that training evening changed. The normal session would be 7:00 to 9:00 pm. When the class got to level three, I started the training evening at 11:00 pm till 1:00 in the morning. Because one of the requirements for reaching the third level was that you have to do with two hours less sleep one evening a month. That room was always full. Eleven o’clock till one o’clock in the morning training. And if you annoyed me, it will be 3:00 to 5:00 am.



We are not raising babies. We are producing warriors, champions, GameChangers, people who can act under pressure.

You understand it is about more than just getting your game face on? It is about having the DNA of a warrior 24/7.



The corporate company that you belong to – Aglow International - needs to know that you will align and execute primary objectives.

In my case, it was the apostolic teams that I was mentoring. We are both in the business of sending people out.



We are not sending people out *hoping* that something will happen; we are sending people expecting that something is going to happen.

Each leader has to know the assignment. They have to know the strategy. They have to fulfill that vision. How do we take territory in people?

ESTABLISHING THE DNA OF A SOLDIER IN AGLOW



We are developing soldiers in Aglow - men and women who know the objective and know the timing and how to take and keep ground.

What we are doing in this time frame, beloved, is we are establishing a whole different DNA in Aglow. I know there are fighters and warriors here; but, not everyone is a soldier – yet. We have more ground to take. There are seven something billion people in the earth and we are only effecting seventeen million. I know seventeen million is a big number. 1.7 billion might be a better number.

What if the Lord wants to trust us with a billion people? Do you ever think about stuff like that? You may be in your region and in your nation and it is a struggle for you to do all kinds of things.



The struggle you face defines where you are going.

The struggle is important. The struggle is what defines you. The struggle tells God that He can trust you because there are two things God is doing with us.

- One, **He is teaching us to trust Him with everything.** Too much money, not enough money – you are learning to trust the Lord.

We are learning to trust the Lord for everything. He is taking a good long look at us and He is asking the question: *can I trust him with this work?* And that has been my prayer for years. My prayer for myself right now is, Lord would You trust me enough to give me a reformation? Can I be involved in that reformation? Would You trust me with a reformation?



We are currently identifying key areas of battle Aglow is facing and preparing objectives, strategies, and tactics so that everyone in Aglow knows what is expected.

Under pressure we have to identify the key areas of battle and prepare objectives and strategy and know who is under our command and how to use them. **Strategy** is the game plan; **tactics** is how we use people in that game plan. Strategy is about what we attack and why; how do we take that objective? What is the time frame involved? What are the criteria of success?

Back on our Lighthouses –

1. How do we change the current practices in every Lighthouse to create a new dynamic of spirituality?
2. How do we develop leaders and builders who can take territory?
3. How can we take this Lighthouse from 50 to 500 maybe to 5000?
4. How can we upgrade our worship, our intercession?

Our strategy for redeveloping Lighthouses is LifeChangers and GameChangers.

- We are upgrading everyone in relationship with Christ.
- We are teaching people to develop freedom as a lifestyle.
- We are leading people in redefining their personal identity and turning their focus to become who God sees in them.

Tactics are about how we use people in that context.

- What gifts are required? Who has that?
- What roles do we need in this team? Roles are not based on seniority; they are based on Presence, they are based on primary objective – who can do what?
- Is everybody in agreement with this objective? We need to define people's level of involvement and commitment.



We are defining the level of involvement and commitment of our current and future leaders.

I do that all the time in the churches that I am working with. Some people might only have time for a ten percent involvement. I know a guy who runs two businesses. He has two businesses and he has four kids under the age of 8. He does not have a lot of time. He says, give me ten percent; give me a couple of hours of your available time outside of work and stuff. Give me a couple of hours a week. I want one hundred percent commitment to that ten percent. That is two hours – give me two hours a week. Some people have a bit more time than that. It is about defining involvement vs. commitment.

Normally people would say, “Well if LifeChangers is the base program, why are you doing a program above – GameChangers - first? Should we not be doing it the other way around? Get everybody on LifeChangers and then bring people up to GameChangers.” I am thinking, no not in this case, no.

This is the way God told me to do it because we needed to talent scout people who could actually do those courses, who were self-starters, who have the hand of God on them now, who could rise up now because we need to get this thing off the ground. We need some pilots. We need some people who can fly this plane, who can make things happen. So we did GameChangers first and that is why we hand selected people. We sent out that letter – *you are specially chosen to do this*. Because we needed people who could rise up and understand that this is critical for our development. People who would then teach and train and disciple and mentor people, but also talent scout people and put them on a fast track. We are learning things about ourselves at a new level in a new way.



GameChangers and LifeChangers are courses that are designed to raise people to new levels of knowing who they are in Christ so that Aglow is being reinvented from the inside out.

THE REINVENTION OF AGLOW

It is important that every one of us understands that our DNA just got an upgrade because we have come up to a different level. We need to understand that Aglow as we knew it is dying off gradually. God is reinventing Aglow. He is retooling. He is upgrading Aglow and so our DNA is changing as an organization. We are going to become much more territorial. Everything we touch needs to get an upgrade. So we are producing people who can do that and *we have to have a leadership team who are compatible with that primary objective*.



We are building, training, and equipping people to rise about their circumstances in order to lead while modeling the process that demonstrates that Aglow is becoming new in the earth.

What is needed is people who can lead and model the process of upgrading our DNA so we become a completely different proposition.



We are changing from a para church organization into an apostolic movement.

AGLOW: AN APOSTOLIC MOVEMENT

I talk to people all the time and they say, *why on earth are you involved with Aglow?* And when you talk to them you realize their ideas about Aglow are at least 15 years old. I look at them and say, *Dude, you need to get up to speed in what God is doing in the Kingdom, because I tell you, the reason I am involved is because I think Aglow is the best apostolic gig on the planet.* Here is the thing about us – we are changing from a para-church organization, which is a title that other people gave us, because they have to be able to put us in a box – we are moving from that perception of a para-church organization to becoming an apostolic movement in our own right.



We are stepping into the unfolding of prophecies over Aglow and that is causing us to grow up in the fullness God saw in us from 1967. There is no more powerful place to live than this.

LIVING IN THE UNFOLDING OF PROPHECY

Our DNA is changing and all of us are growing up into different kinds of fullness than we imagined when we joined Aglow years ago. I think we are coming into a time and a place where, no doubt, Jane is going to stand on the platform and say, *this is that which was spoken. We are living in the unfolding of prophecy over our own lives.* I suspect we have been in that place for a few years now. This is that. We need to have more of those conversations. This is that which was spoken. We are in it, it is happening. What God spoke about previously is now starting to occur. I am living in the unfolding of prophecy.

I still remember the moment when I was in Heathrow Airport leaving England to come and live in America. I only have my little briefcase with my Bible in it, a copy of the London Times, and I changed all my English pounds into this foreign (U.S.) currency. I had all these dollars and I just had my passport and that was it. I realized that when I stepped on that plane; I am stepping into the unfolding of prophecy. That whole trip across the pond was just me thinking that *oh my God, this is it – 1974 – thirty years previous – that word was given and here I am. I am thinking, when I step off this plane, I am stepping into a country that I am going to live in for the rest of my life in accordance with the word of the Lord.*

There is no more powerful place to live than when you know what you are doing today and tomorrow and next week and next month was prophesied years before and you are living in the unfolding of that dynamic.



Living out of the unfolding of prophecy creates primary objectives that govern identity and how you live out of it.

It creates a primary objective. That is the purpose of prophecy. It creates an objective that governs your identity and governs how you live.

We developed GameChangers and we have gotten a bunch of great guys together in Dallas. It was a great event, I loved it because you could feel the energy in the room. People getting hold of it. Then later on we developed LifeChangers because we want to take people out of this victim, poverty spirit. It is a low-level mindset of mediocrity and things being against me and blaming everything on the devil, which is a really poor place to live.

We created LifeChangers because we want everyone to know who you really are in Christ and who He is in you. We want to create this new man culture.

This is not a fad. This is not a trend that we have for a couple of years. We will be doing this for the next 10, 15, 20 years. Everybody who comes into Aglow is going to get life-changed. They are going to go on GameChangers. Everybody who goes on GameChangers is going to go on LifeChangers. Then the next training on top of that and the next training on top of that because we are going to be a world-beating supernatural power, and for that the army runs on training.



What is taking place in Aglow is not a fad. It is training for army of God that is rising from within us.

We are training people to live at this height, to live at this level, to live above their circumstances, to be extraordinary, to learn to live astonished and amazed, to have a sense of wonder, to have a majesty mindset, to know going into any situation, is any situation too hard for the Lord? Is there any situation in my life where God could not be magnificent?

GameChangers and LifeChangers builds Lighthouses on the new man. It is not an option; it is a necessity. And if it is a necessity, then it is a command. It is a command from on High.

Consider yourself to be dead to sin and alive to Me. That is a permission. It is a promise, but it is also a command. *I need you to consider yourself to be dead. Will you just stop messing around with the old man and let us get on with the new one!* It is a command and at some point, God is going to be in our face saying in the nicest possible way, “you had better shape up because only these people – the ones who are dead to the old man and alive to the new - inherit.



Corporately and individually, Aglow has an inheritance.

WE HAVE AN INHERITANCE IN CHRIST

The old man cannot inherit anything. He has a poverty mindset. The new man is a co-heir with Christ and he has an inheritance and the whole point for me with this is not just that we grow up, not just that we become warriors, not just that we have primary objective, but it is that every single one of us receives our inheritance because we are a co-heir with Christ and we are an heir of God.



Everyone in Aglow has a capacity for leadership because there is a lot of territory to take.

What does that mean? It means somewhere in Heaven is trust fund set up with your name on it. If you do not want that inheritance, I am going to ask Him to give it to me. Seriously, you have to want your inheritance. It is yours. But your inheritance is not down here, it is up here. It is not in the old man, it is in the new one. We need, in Aglow, we need millions of people living in their inheritance, thoroughly enjoying who they are in Jesus. Trained, disciplined - *everyone has a capacity for leadership*. They can take initiative because there is lots of territory to take.

The reason we are doing GameChangers and LifeChangers is because we badly need to create a different momentum. Create a movement in every region. Open up new regions, create more Lighthouses.



We are not abandoning the relationships we have forged as the family of God as we move forward into being the army of God. Those relationships are non-negotiable and are upgrading us to be more businesslike and minded with each other.

We are on the move. It is important for us, I think, that we do not abandon family in favor of army. That is not what we are saying. Nudge your neighbor and say, he is not saying that. What I am saying is that in this season we need to pay attention to army and in the context of building army we do need to be thinking about upgrading our relationships and friendships. Being more business-like and business-minded with each other. We will talk about that tomorrow.

Let us pray.

Father, I thank You. It is a great time for us. This is Your time and You set aside things for us to inherit. There are things that are going to come to us because we are ready, because we are looking up, because we are believing more about ourselves than we ever have. We are seeing ourselves in a new way in line with Your primary objective – *let Us make man in Our image*.

We are being made in Your image and we are realizing that not only are the chains falling off, but promises long spoken over us are starting to be fulfilled. We are living in the Promised Land right now and promises are our currency. Prophecy is our destiny and we are learning the identity of who we are in Christ and we are having the joy and the peace, the delight in practicing that.

We also recognize, Father, that everything is changing. Everything is changing and we are gearing up to be something that we have always wanted to be and now we are realizing that it is actually in our hands right now. It is in our grasp. It is not just in our line of sight, it is actually in our grasp right now to do this, to become this, to rise up in this, to walk in this.

We are actually walking – not just in a new identity – but we are walking in our destiny. We are walking in the destiny of the organization that God called into being nearly half a century ago. He saw something when He started with that group of women. He saw something. He knew what He wanted to achieve and we are right on the threshold. We are at the tipping point right now of coming into that dimension, that primary objective that He had right at the very beginning.

I thank You, Lord, for being faithful to us. For being consistent with us. For continuing and walking with us, for trusting us. For moving in us and for having that defined sense of purpose that is going to make a tremendous difference to not only all of our lives but all the people we touch and connect.

I pray, Lord, I thank You that You are the One True Great Original Territorial Spirit. You are the One who marked out Israel's territory in Joshua Chapters 14-21. That is a Territorial Spirit in action, and we are learning to worship that Territorial Spirit and we know that because He is here and He has territory in mind, our DNA is changing in line with what You have always seen about us.

I thank You, we thank You, together, rejoicing in Your faithfulness and Your goodness to us. Lord, we understand that everything is changing. I pray that Jesus will be honored and satisfied by all the great decisions that we make in this space that we are in right now with the Holy Spirit. Amen.