

## ESTABLISHING A KINGDOM CULTURE

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**Note:** This teaching on *Establishing a Kingdom Culture* lays the foundations for the teaching Graham Cooke and Jane Hansen Hoyt presented during International Council sessions in 2011.

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In his book, *A Divine Confrontation*, Graham Cooke makes a statement that sums up the season we are in:

*Whatever we think we know, understand, and have experienced about church has probably not prepared us for all that God will be doing in this next phase. He is doing a new thing! We must position ourselves where we can hear and bear all that the Lord wants to make known.*

*Revelation is not just centered on our ability to hear the Lord properly and receive progressive truth. It is also about our capacity to carry that truth and to be built into the new thing the Lord is creating. Revelation challenges our capacity to become what God is making. It is about bearing the weight of new responsibility, fresh anointing, and significant change. A prototype church must bear the weight of the new revelation, new expectations, and new opposition if it is to become the prophetic model to fulfill God's end-time purpose.*  
(p. 37)

In 2008 part of a prophetic message declared to us:

*You have a new persona (personality, identity) as a company. A word has been spoken over Aglow from Heaven and the church must hear it. It is a Kingdom word and it can only be heard, understood, and acted upon by apostolic personnel - people who really understand the nature of the Kingdom and what the Kingdom is.... There is a fresh wind blowing in this movement.... A new spirituality is forming within this movement. New perceptions of the Kingdom, wisdom of Heaven. It is time to trade in what you know for what God knows. Truths and experiences that you have loved will now seem old.*

In 2010 a prophetic word was given to Aglow International that said:

*I saw a lighthouse with a sign posted "under renovation". That which had become worn and dull was being renewed and the colors were vibrant. The light in the lighthouse was being replaced with an upgraded model. In the spirit, I saw that this new light would be vastly more powerful. It would shine brighter; it would shine further than what it was able to do before. It will push back the darkness. It will reveal hidden dangers and it will give warning. It will become a beacon in the night in which people will run to. They will want to see. They will want to taste. They will be drawn to the glory that rests upon you.*

*This is God's lighthouse, He is the one doing the renovations which are inconvenient and uncomfortable, but very necessary.... Aglow is being upgraded big time. Its former light will be nothing compared to the new. The glory of what He is forming in the latter house – that is you. The glory that He is forming within us will be greater than the previous house. Aglow will reach farther. Aglow will make more impact for the kingdom than even the leaders have envisioned. Watch and see what the Lord will do.... You are carrying something that the world has not yet seen.*

Beginning in 2003 the intentionality of God for Aglow International shifted into high gear. Each year since has brought increased revelation to the plans God has for us and further revealed our identity. A fresh move of the Spirit has steadily grown within us changing old mindsets and shifting old ways. Something new has formed and with the emerging of the new has come the need to fully let go of the old. God has been changing the order by which we know Him and by which we function with Him in our gifting.

### **The biggest hindrance to a new move of the Spirit is something of the old that is still working.**

Following the 2011 International Conference in Houston, TX, Jane Hansen Hoyt wrote, “As I have had time to reflect following the conference, I sense that *the door to the last season has closed. Not IS closing, but has closed.* There was a sealing of our future, our destined purpose, and our inheritance. I also sense that there has been a ‘rebuilding of the foundation,’ both personally and corporately. New ways of thinking and seeing are overtaking old ways and old mindsets. Something new is arising! Walk in your new identity!”

What we will experience will be like what Israel experienced when the Messiah came. The old truth that had sustained them for centuries was swept away by Christ and He became an embodiment of a new way, a higher truth, a radiant life. We are being caught up in Christ in ways that astonish us. We are being amazed and confounded by the glory and majesty of God.

When Jesus stopped by the pool of Bethesda in John 5, the Kingdom of God was at hand. The Kingdom had been at hand since the birth of Christ. It was there when He turned the water into wine at the wedding in Cana. And now, the new way of doing things was standing beside a lame man who had been laying at the pool for 38 years. (38 is the number that represents slavery or bondage.) The man had been enslaved by his infirmity for a long time.

**John 5:6** *When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, ‘Do you want to be made well?’*

The lame man began to tell Jesus how healing comes – you must be the first one in the water when an angel stirs it and I have no one to help me in. And Jesus said, “Rise, take up your bed and walk.” And the man did!

With the birth of Christ, a whole new way of doing things entered into the earth, yet the people were caught in an old way of doing things. Everything Jesus did while on earth was to demonstrate to people that yes, I know how you have done it up until now, but I have come to show you that this is how it is done in Heaven, and this is what you can have on earth. Jesus did not become human to be like us. He became human so we could be like Him!

The foundations of a new culture are established by knowing and understanding who we are in Christ. We need ears to hear what the Father is saying. As God’s Kingdom people, we can no longer be accountable to a religious system that is not living in the light of fullness. When Jesus stopped at the pool of Bethesda, He was exposing the powerless religious system of the day.

This is our time. This is our promotion. This is the year of our rising. This is when God begins to lift us out of an old way of doing things into a whole different dimension and we will **have** to learn to think out of a renewed mind because everything that we know how to do is not going to work in this new place. The door to the old is closed. We have moved from a place of limited possibilities to a place of unlimited possibilities.

It is time for us to walk in the fullness of our identity!

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. God has spoken incredible prophetic words to Aglow through the years. Since 2003 He has spoken to us with increased intention. What part of your current identity needs an upgrade for you to begin to believe that God means what He has spoken? Behavior echoes belief. (Upgrade means to raise or improve or to advance to a higher level.)
2. The biggest hindrance to a new move of the Spirit is something of the old that is still working. What challenges are you facing as you awaken to the new season and how will you overcome the challenges?
3. Aglow is in the process of being reinvented by God. In your current leadership role, what do you no longer have grace for?
4. At the same time you may be realizing that you have lost the grace for some things, what passion is growing inside of you?
5. In order for Heaven to come to earth, we must establish a Kingdom reality in the hearts and minds of the people who are walking with Aglow. We are no longer in a visitation culture. God is with us *always*. He is more than an experience at a monthly meeting. What must be dismantled and rebuilt in order for your local group to become a powerful expression of the Kingdom that sees attendees living in Kingdom realities as a lifestyle?