

CHAPTER 1

KNOW WHO YOU ARE

Jane Hansen Hoyt received a word in April of 2006 while attending a retreat hosted by four Area Teams in California. A portion reads, "The Lord says, "From now on, know who you are. **Know who you are.**" Since then, we have heard Jane say many times, "Identity is the key to our transformation."

Matthew 13:11 says, "It has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom." We are His people; we are all He has. It has been given to you

- To know
- To understand
- To walk with knowledge
- To understand the mysteries of the kingdom
- To know who you are

This isn't some kind of game God is playing with us. Square your shoulders. You know the mysteries. You have understanding. You see from His point of view. You know who you are.

You are His people, called for leadership in this end time hour. You have an assignment to see others awoken to their place and their purpose so they can know who they are.

Many think, "I'm just digging around in the dirt down here trying to make a living, raise some kids, get along with my husband/wife and just make it through life."

No, we have a message for mankind that will turn the world upside down! Everything you do, every meeting you hold, should be impacted with the Presence of God, filled with His Spirit, and excitement.

Jane Hansen Hoyt, 2006
Leaders' Summit, Milwaukee

We are moving from being this parachurch organization that other people have declared us to be, to becoming an apostolic movement in our own right. That means the way in which we build our Lighthouses drastically needs to change because we need Kingdom communities, not just places where we hide out from the world and encourage one another. Our Lighthouses must transform and pulsate with life as Kingdom communities that produces other Kingdom communities and Kingdom people until the whole earth is covered.

Graham Cooke, 2016
Leader's Summit, San Diego

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 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.

Prophetic Word 2010

Prophecy is our history written in advance. It is God standing in our future telling us who we will be when we reach that point in time. Knowing our identity is the key to our transformation and that growing awareness has brought continual transformation.

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Little did we know that with the prophetic message given by Graham Cooke in 2008, another series of messages at the Leader’s Summit in 2011, followed by *GameChangers* in 2013, we were about to embark on a journey that would totally transform the face of Aglow in the earth. Knowing who we are from Heaven’s point of view has been the key to our transformation both personally, and corporately and has increased us in every way.

So, WHO ARE WE?

We are:

- An Apostolic ministry assigned to bring the Kingdom of God to earth.
- We are people who carry the Presence of God wherever we go, shifting atmospheres.
- A pioneering movement mobilized by God with an assignment to deliver and prepare people for the end times.
- Warriors and champions who are arising as a company of GameChangers who are changing our game so others can be changed into His image.
- Beloved, trusted by God, and highly favored.
- A highly competent, powerful army who march with intentionality, passion and perseverance.

In 2009 Jane Hansen Hoyt said,

As a leader, a spiritual warrior, you know that every situation has been designed for us to discover God's Presence in a new and greater way. We walk in peace. We are untroubled and show forth calmness. We are confident in God's nature and His will for us. We know that foremost, we carry His Presence.

Because we live in two realms, we know every situation we face has two solutions. One solution is found in Heavenly places in Christ and that is the only solution that we want. So in every circumstance, we should be growing in a Kingdom mindset. The second solution is found in the earthly realm. We don't live from earth to Heaven. We aren't trying to pull something down. We are a people who live from Heaven to earth. We release the will of God from Heaven to earth.

On earth as it is in Heaven. This is our inheritance. This is who we are as a ministry.

As we have grown in a Kingdom mindset we have begun to see situations as God sees them. We think differently, seeing problems as opportunities filled with possibilities. Our language brings God on the scene and causes faith to rise in those around us. We are about discovering who God wants to be for us in every situation that we encounter.

Our prayers have changed and our declarations are aligning with the declarations being made in Heaven. We are no longer praying *towards* God, we are partnering with Him and making the *same* declarations Heaven is making. We begin every prayer from a place of victory, knowing that God is always for us.

In Norway in 2009, Jane said:

Every situation in our lives is designed to bring us into a greater revelation of God and for us to experience Him in a deeper way. We get to choose. He's designed it to bring us closer and we get to choose who we will trust and believe. Sometimes we have to make our minds stay focused. We get worldly reports. We look at the world situation. We look at our finances, situations with our family. God is saying, "Trust Me! I'm greater than all of that. It's time for us to have a greater revelation of who I am." Every situation is designed by God to bring us into a deeper revelation of who He is and who He wants to be for us.

Graham Cooke, author of a series on the Warrior, dedicated his book, **Coming into Alignment**, to Aglow. Hear what he said:

I dedicate this book to a great friend and fellow warrior, Jane Hansen-Hoyt, President of Aglow International and to all her compatriots in arms at H.Q. and the tens of thousands that she commands around the world, both men and women. I dedicate this book especially to the women of Aglow, people who have been around for years and have faithfully served, women who by their dedication and commitment have interceded for the church and the Kingdom. Without them we would not have gotten this far.

Aglow is an elite company of warriors, champions, commanders, Special Forces, and spiritual marines. Women are great fighters – tireless, dedicated, and consistent. There is an ancient curse upon the enemy that he will always be beaten by a woman and by what she produces (Gen 3:14-15). The enemy may bruise her heel, but she will crush his head. Actually, I think it is more that she will so violently stamp on him that her foot will become sore.

No wonder then the violence that is perpetrated on women all around the globe. My association with Aglow has been of huge benefit to me. When you stand in front of these women you need to be moving in something majestic, because they will call it up in you!

They are passionate in their pursuit of intimacy with the Lord and ferocious in their battle against the enemy. There is a good reason why they are called girrrrls!!

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Jane said it like this:

*Aglow is at the sharp end of that fight (Gen 3:15) because it has primarily been a women's organization. But God has brought the men in as well **and together** we are about divine displacement of the enemy. It's why God's giving us an upgrade. It's why He continues to beckon us to live Heaven to earth. It's why He's giving greater revelation.*

The enemy has feared the call on the woman's life and he's worked hard to come against us. The enemy fears what God created us to be in the earth. Aglow is at the sharp end of this fight!

WE ALWAYS HAVE BEEN AND WE ALWAYS WILL BE.

Know who you are. Area Teams: Know who you are! Teach your Lighthouse Teams to: Know who they are! We have great purpose. We have been placed with purpose in our communities and it is time that we rise to a great place of governmental responsibility. We will bring influence into world situations from our identity. Stand firm in what God has woven into your DNA. Let it define you! Lift up your head and walk forth in confidence, knowing that the One who called you, has equipped you for this day. He goes before you into battle. He gives into your hands a sure victory. He looks upon you with great favor and all of Heaven is attracted to Jesus who lives inside of us. Victory is sure!

In Master Plan, Jane wrote:

Today, centuries and generations removed from Eve...a whole host of women are arising. These are women whose hearts are turned toward God, who understand their value and significance as women, who walk in their God-given authority, who embrace their place in God's eternal plan, who have begun to see things from His perspective, and who understand what it means to contend for His purposes to come to pass in their individual lives and in the nations of the world.

As the barrenness of women has been healed through coming to see ourselves like Heaven sees us, men have begun to take their rightful place in partnership with women to walk in dominion as first described in Genesis. God always intended that we would work as one to show forth His glory in the earth. Abraham could not become the father of many nations until Sarah's barrenness was healed. So has it been for mankind.

Know who you are, no longer bound by things on earth. You are of a different Kingdom, one that has no end. Sickness cannot touch you. Lack has no place. Strength is in your right hand. Trust. Believe.

And as you awaken to your true identity individually, your team must begin to relate to each other corporately out of that identity. We can no longer be a people who point out the negative behaviors of others. We have become a people who walk with the evidence of the Fruit of the Spirit in our lives and in our relationships. We see others as Heaven sees them and quickly remind them of who they really are when they are under an attack!

While we may not always agree, our love is unconditional. We stay in unity and we receive the blessing that unity brings. We walk as fully favored sons of God. His Grace causes us to be invincible!

WATCHMEN ON THE WALLS OF OUR AREAS

*From one man He made every nation of men that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He determined the times set for them and the **exact places** where they should live. Acts 17:26*

As Area Team Leaders, God has placed in your hands a portion of land to watch over. From the above scripture in Acts, you can see that your placement in your area was with great forethought. He chose you and just like He sent Jesus to earth for a specific purpose, He sent you and those on your team with specific purpose to set the captive free and to make His Name famous. We are watchmen on the walls, changing atmospheres, releasing Grace, establishing safe places for the lost to come to know Jesus, healing the sick. We are becoming a body of believers that will display God's Glory like it was displayed in the Church in Acts.

The words God spoke to Joshua after the death of Moses ring true for your team today.

I will give you every place where you set your foot. No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people (Lighthouse Leaders) to inherit the land. Joshua 1

You will bring reconciliation to the genders, lead many to Christ, and bring an understanding of the events of the world from Heaven's perspective. Governments will begin to seek you out because you have been prepared for this time. Build relationships with school boards, elected officials, and law enforcement. Neighbors will know where to come in their day of trouble. Now go and possess your land! Bring Heaven to earth and see your area transformed!

POSSESS YOUR LAND

Webster's dictionary defines possess as "to take into one's possession; to enter into and control firmly; to bring or cause to fall under the influence, possession or control of."

Imagine that! God **expected** you to live where you live today. He **called** you to be a leader. He has **entrusted** you with the spiritual health of the land. He has **given** you a team to work with to see His plans come to pass for your area. He has given Lighthouse Leaders into your care for you to train and encourage.

Lead apostolically, realizing that you come from a long line of pioneers who have gone before you in Aglow. Expect to do new things never before done. Expect salvations as you reach out into each community with an evangelistic thrust. Expect to see new groups begin in each town within your area.

Equipping Lighthouse Leaders to transform their cities, while continuing to grow in their identity and raising up new Lighthouses, should be the primary focus of the Area Team. Every event should display the tangible Presence of God because we are carriers of His Presence! We are defined by His Presence! When we walk into the room, everything changes. Build that reality into those you lead.

From Headquarters to the Lighthouse, everything that God is must be visible through the people of Aglow. He has prepared us to be His visual aid on earth during end times. We walk in peace. We shift atmospheres. We bring Heaven to earth. We know our God and who He will be for us in every situation.

By answering the call to serve as a leader at the Area level, you became part of a vast network functioning under a strong apostolic anointing. As you move fully into the call and destiny that is upon Aglow, you will see the atmosphere of towns, states and nations change. What you are about is HUGE!

HAVE A KINGDOM MINDSET

Do you know Aglow is a Kingdom ministry? And because it is a Kingdom ministry, we must have a Kingdom mindset. It has been given to you to know, to understand the mysteries of the Kingdom, because we are to bring the Kingdom of God to earth. God is not going to have you walk blindly. He wants you to know and understand who you are and what you are about.

It is important that you, as the leadership team, walk with the big picture, with a Kingdom mentality and a Kingdom mindset which functions under an apostolic anointing so that you can feed your nations, lead your areas in the United States, and lead this ministry forward from His point of view. Jane Hansen Hoyt

Possess:
**To enter into
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influence of.**

Through the years, Jane has continued to draw our attention to the times in which we live. If we view world situations from what we hear on the news, read on the internet, or watch on television, we could find ourselves growing worried. Thank God that we live out of the new man and not the old man who is anxious, worried, fearful, and has no courage at all! We have been continually reminded that even though there is trouble in the world, God has not been caught off guard. He is in control of all things! He has planned provision for every assignment that He gives us. He has prepared us to step into every level of battle that rages. We know who we are and we know Whose we are!

Kingdom:

**The realm
where the
Will of God
is done.**

WE ARE A MILITARY UNIT OF HIS PRESENCE

In 2016 at the newly formed Central Region, Jane said:

We are at war and the times in which we live are very serious. We are a military unit of His Presence. We are an active member of His Body. We are actively preparing the way for His return. We have been called for this! We were called from our beginning. We thought we knew what we were about in the late 60's and early 70's. The final shift is in. The final army has been chosen and we are prepared!

In San Diego at the 2016 U.S. National Conference, Jane Hansen Hoyt said,

I want to say, this is not a Conference, it is not an event, it is an assignment. We are at war with an enemy who has set himself against the will of God. It is an anti-Christ spirit that wants to rule and I believe the enemy is being drawn out and there is a ripening of evil.

We are all on the front line of this war and God has given us spheres, territory, and authority. It is time to push out the boundaries of those spheres and the territory to begin to move out in the earth in an unrestricted way and begin to extend the Kingdom of God and begin to stand against the enemy saying, 'No! You have gone this far, your day is over, you are not going any further!'

We are at war. Whether we like to think in those terms or not, we are at war. God wants to do some mighty things and He wants to make Himself known in His glorious, majestic self. It will come as we dedicate ourselves and we commit ourselves to say, 'I am here. I will not walk out of this meeting with another agenda. I will not take my Aglow off in a different direction. I am going to be purposeful in how I lead my meetings. I am going to be one of those that says to Him you can count on me, and you can count on any of those that I lead, because we are going to make the ground and the atmosphere vibrate with the power of the Holy Spirit that is resident within us.'

Last year, Graham spoke about the difference between family and army. God has been talking to us about a mindset change of what we are about in Aglow. Everything that Graham has poured into us about our identity, how we view problems, and all of the upgrades that have come through him with GameChangers and LifeChangers – this truth has been to prepare us for this moment, this hour.

At the Leader's Summit in 2015, Graham taught two sessions on gaining an army mindset in addition to a family, relational mindset. The transcripts for these messages are available to download by going to the Aglow website. Look under Resources/Global Leader Development/2015 Conference messages.

In 2008, Graham Cooke said:

God needs and requires a company of people who are going to go off the deep end. He needs a company of people that He can use as a visual aid to the earth.

We are that company of people who are going off the deep end with God! He has called and we have answered, "Yes!" It is no longer business as usual. We have awakened to who we are and to who God will be for us in all situations. We are the family of God and we are the Army of God. We are relational and when the objectives require it, we are an Army that takes ground and keeps it!

One of the greatest dangers you will face as an Area Leader is that you will become satisfied with what your team has accomplished and you will not press in and "go off the deep end" with God. He has a plan for the area you lead – a Lighthouse in every town showing forth the beauty and Majesty of God. Your team and Lighthouse teams are to be part of a living visual aid of what Heaven looks like on earth.

You will find your team bringing Heaven to earth in so many ways, many of which you would never have considered in the past. You are a team of pioneers, forerunners, creators, inventors, ones who establish, ones who open up new territory, ones who break new ground, initiators, and ones who forge a way without a map!

A COMPANY OF PIONEERS ON THE MOVE

As seasons change, stay in the move of what God is doing. One of the greatest hindrances to a new move of God is something of the old that still has the appearance of working. When God unplugs you from the past and rewires you for the future it is because you will be doing things differently. You *must* lean into Him to find the way because you haven't been this way before. Because Aglow was born of the Spirit in 1967, and has continued to follow where the Holy Spirit leads since that birth, wait upon the Lord and He will show you the way.

Graham Cooke said:

Whenever God begins to do something new, chaos comes to the order of what we are familiar with. Chaos comes to us because God is changing the order by which we know Him and by which we function with Him in gifting. There comes a point when the old way of doing things is going into the ground but the new thing is barely visible and God messes with our vision.

Leader of Aglow, mighty warrior, we have come out of the season of chaos! We know who we are! We are equipped for the end time fight. We know who God will be for us each step of the way. We see like Heaven sees. We think like Heaven thinks. We speak like Heaven speaks! We are pioneers, not settlers! The words, "that is not how it was done in the past" have been removed from our vocabulary.

PROPHECY IS HISTORY WRITTEN IN ADVANCE

Our heritage is rich with prophecy. God stands in our future telling us who we are becoming in the earth. He has deposited into our hands truths that are turning the world upside down, just like the early Church in Acts. God expects us to take those prophetic words to heart and partner with Him to see them come to pass.

While we are moving into a season where God is giving clear vision regarding relationship with Him rather than vision with how we are to function, we can use prophetic words that have been spoken over the ministry to clearly define who we are. Your team will have a Lighthouse in every town and village, city and community in the boundaries of your area. Expect it! Pursue it! Speak about it! You are partnering with the plans of God for your area.

I am going to describe to you what I saw in the Spirit. I saw a Lighthouse in every city, in every state, in every country on the whole planet. I saw the beam of that light going around and connecting with the Lighthouses around it. It became a wall of pure light that surrounded the whole world. And that light illuminated the darkness and the name of Jesus was glorified and the power of God was brought down out of the Heavens. The glory of God was revealed to men and all men saw it together.

April, 2006

Area Teams who **know who they are** and where they are going will find a way to see this word come to pass. Begin to grasp the power and authority given into your hands. All teams will have obstacles to overcome – turn them in to possibilities like Caleb who said, “We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it!” Take time to lean in and hear what God is saying. God wants us to occupy, to guard, to keep what He has given us, and to possess new land!

NOT BUSINESS AS USUAL

In an email to intercessors, Jane Hansen Hoyt said:

Don't let the only thing you do (as a team) be praying for healing or functionality. Pray for revelation. Pray that we (as a ministry) will enter a place in God we have never been before. The enemy tries to scare us. He wants us to be affected by the affairs of the world. He wants to remind us of past failures, but I say to you, THIS IS A DONE DEAL! The prophetic words God has spoken over the ministry are coming to pass. We will be in the earth what He has intended.

Jane also said:

God is calling the body of Aglow to serious business. It will be a time of greater laying aside of some things. It's a serious, serious time. God is calling us to a dedication and a depth of holiness unlike anything we have ever known. It is a time to seek Him. And it is a time to know and hear for yourselves as teams. No longer is it business as usual.

I'm talking about the depth of Almighty God speaking in the depths of your spirit in a way that breaks your heart. When I think of Saul, who became Paul, the Light cast him to the ground. It caused him to fall before Almighty God before the Light gave him the ability to perceive.

- *It's a time of humbling.*
- *It's a time of bowing low before Him.*
- *It's a time of intense listening.*

And whatever He says to you, Do it. You dare not turn back and walk in old ways. This is a new and very different hour.

And in 2016, she said:

God has given us spheres of influence, territory, authority, and it is time to push out the boundaries and move out in the earth in an unrestricted way. Extend the Kingdom of God. Stand against the enemy say, 'No! You have gone this far and you are not going in further. Your day is over!'

Linda Jones, Executive Director of the U.S. Field/Chief of Executive Relations continually reminds us although the lights have long gone out in “real” lighthouses along the coasts of America, those lighthouses still stand as monuments to the shipwrecks they long ago averted. Linda said, “The same is true for Aglow Lighthouses that have closed. In the Spirit realm those Lighthouses still stand. They wait for leaders to return. We need to go in and possess our land!”

Remember: We are not settlers. We are blazing new trails for others to follow. We have taken to heart the seriousness of the hour and the call to be watchmen on the wall.

There is no other agenda than the one to which the Lord has called Aglow. Don't try to take your Area, your Lighthouses off in a different direction. Be like Headquarters in that we choose speakers who speak into who we are in the earth. Be purposeful in how you lead and how you present Aglow at your Area events. God is counting on you to make the ground and atmosphere vibrate with the power of the Holy Spirit Who is resident within us.

Worship over Lighthouses. Worship over leaders. Worship over finances. Worship and allow God to open your eyes to the new ways that He wants to release His Spirit into your area. Begin to declare that the apostolic anointing that is over this ministry will change followers into leaders who will begin to take their rightful place in the ministry of Aglow. He has equipped us for this day! He has revealed to us how we are known in Heaven.

CLEAR COMMUNICATION IS IMPERATIVE FOR AN ARMY

The vision and purpose of Aglow has been confirmed through the years by prophetic words and messages from many different apostolic and prophetic voices, sent through the Holy Spirit to the ministry. Recognized as an apostolic leader by renowned members of the Body of Christ, Jane Hansen Hoyt picks up threads from the various words and messages along with insights she receives through prayer, study, and mediating on the Word. Through conference messages, letters to the field, e-blasts, blogs, and Facebook posts, she continually releases a sound that reveals the heartbeat of Heaven. It is a clear sound for all to follow.

This vision is received by Aglow leaders at every level. That vision is spoken into nations by National leaders, into regions by Regional leaders, into states by State leaders, into areas by Area leaders, and into local communities by Lighthouse leaders. With that intentional response and delivery, the plans of God are released on earth in such a way that we deliberately align our realm of influence with Heaven's purposes and, most importantly, we are all marching to the same beat.

Shelly Morales, Central Regional Director had this experience,

I was walking through our pastures in the early mornings to pray and worship. Our dog, Tyson, was with me. As we neared a stand of thick brush with some very tall grass in the middle of it, something felt different and I stopped dead in my tracks. Tyson, who is not usually one to hold still for long, stopped still, too, and cocked his head, listening intently. It was actually so quiet in these early morning hours there was so sound at all, but something was definitely up.

I wondered if I was missing something Tyson was hearing, and then I realized what it was.. There was a constant, intense vibration. I followed the direction it seemed to be coming from, and Tyson got very antsy, trying to jump on my legs, not wanting me to go further. As I got right by the stand of brush, the vibration was palpable; I could feel it vibrating down deep in me. I could hear it, too, and it was so powerful it filled every bit of hearing capacity. I wasn't fearful and didn't feel a check in my Spirit, so I pushed on into the brush and suddenly it became clear what it was.

Thousands and thousands of honey bees, clung to long strands of grass, piled on top of each other on available limbs, hanging on anything they could get a hold of...in fact, now that I knew what I was looking at, I realized they filled every open space in this tight stand of brush.

And they were buzzing! However bees make their sounds, they were buzzing, all together. Not one of them stopped for a second. They put their whole beings into it. As I watched, it seemed incredible that such a small creature could produce such a mighty sound and it felt like my insides were vibrating. Together, the bees were a formidable force, waiting for the commander to lead them into new territory.

The Holy Spirit dropped into me the word Chuck Pierce had for us several years ago. I looked it up and then re-read Jane's blog where she quoted from it. It said, "There is going to be a new move of God through every women's structure in this earth. My miracles in the days ahead will come from

women standing in the midst of the honeycomb and speaking My Word in a way that My Word has never come forth in the earth! And when you do that, the enemy will be able to only go so far and not be able to go any further."

Jane also shared some of what was spoken over her at Chuck's Head of the Year conference that year, "I saw the Lord transmit the anointing that was on you into the whole meeting. I saw the feet of people being released. Wherever the soles of your feet step, I will soften the ground. I will open up that place and release the anointing of honey on that place. I will sweeten the ground because of you and I will bring healing to a whole generation."

As an Area leader, you will begin to hear a sound like this when you attend conferences and regional events. It will be a sound that grows within you as you hear the vision repeated in expanded ways and made into personal revelation. It is a sound or thread that will be woven into your DNA and you will find yourself releasing the same sound as you speak to Lighthouse leaders. In that way, the entire ministry of Aglow will speak with one voice, making one sound. And we will be a formidable force in the earth!

CONFERENCE MESSAGES

Each year Area Teams will take the responsibility to purchase a set of conference DVDs that include the Leader's Summit and will require all existing Lighthouses whose leaders did not attend conference, along with all new Lighthouses that will start that year, to hear the vision from conference. Lighthouse leaders must understand the importance they carry in their communities. All groups must know who they are!

Presenting these messages to Lighthouses and others is an excellent way to make sure you are speaking forth the same sound into your area. We ask you to:

- Watch the messages, again, as a team, so that you are well able to speak that same message as you share with Aglow groups.
- Make a date to watch the DVD with your Lighthouse leaders, especially those who did not attend conference. If Lighthouse leaders do not recognize the size, the power, and the authority packed into Aglow, they will not function as God intends them to function.
- Go through any discussion questions that come with the transcripts of the messages (found on [aglow.org/Resources/Global Leader Development](http://aglow.org/Resources/Global_Leader_Development)) and feel free to tailor the questions to the needs in your area.
- Show portions of the messages at Area events. As you do this, many women and men will become exposed to what God is doing in Aglow throughout the world who may not attend a Lighthouse group. Expect them to catch the vision and become part of many new groups.

Each Aglow Team must function from the same page, understanding who we are and what God has placed into our hands. These DVDs, along with the transcripts and discussion questions, are tools to use as you train Lighthouse leaders.

AREA TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

Because there are many Lighthouse leaders who have never attended a conference, it is vital you bring the sound of conference and the DNA of the ministry to your people. As an Area Team, it is one of your main responsibilities. Take time at each event where Lighthouse leaders are gathered to expand their vision, not only for the ministry Global, but for their individual communities as well. Lighthouses should be impacting their communities with tangible results that show transformation is occurring.

In Debbie Macomber's book, *One Simple Act – Discovering the Power of Generosity*, she tells what her local pastor once said, "We don't want to attend church. We want to be the church." That is what a Lighthouse should also bring to the community. It isn't about a monthly meeting. It is about being like Jesus when He went out among the people and gained entrance into their lives. This same pastor asks this question of his people, "If our church were to close down tomorrow, would anybody notice?" That is a question each Area and Lighthouse leader should ask each other. If our Lighthouse closed down tomorrow, would anyone in the community notice we were gone? If our Area Team was dissolved, would Lighthouse leaders notice?

God has placed you where you are with great purpose. Be intentional in all you do.

The responsibilities of the Area Team are extremely important. While the Lighthouse is the face of Aglow to the community and the place of hands-on ministry, it takes the leadership of the Area Team to ensure that the vision of the ministry is being cast in every community. Build strong relationships with Lighthouse leaders. Know them and let them know you. Be a leader who speaks faith-filled words as you lead. Be a leader who sets a good example by serving and keeping open communications. Make sure your team is more about relationship than rules. Set the example by having gone through GameChangers and LifeChangers as a team who completed their assignments.

This chapter will conclude with comments from Graham Cooke's 2016 message, *Cultivating Leaders for Times of Chaos*, at the Leader's Summit:

It is not enough for us to wait until the war comes to us. It is here. It is on our streets and it is in our neighborhoods....we must find a place to make a stand. We cannot act as blind people any more. We cannot simply go to our meetings and hope that something is going to happen. YOU have to turn up! That is why GameChangers and LifeChangers is required. Those teachings will bring transformation in your inner man. If we aren't transformed, we will not rise up, but we will always find an excuse. We need Aglow people to rise up by recognizing the battle raging around them and to step into it.