

Radical Renewal

Graham Cooke

2025 Aglow International Virtual Conference – Saturday AM

With Discussion Questions

Our talk today is “Radical Renewal” or “Business as Usual.”

1. Renewal means revitalization, rejuvenation, rebirth, restoration, or repair. Isaiah 43:19 and 2 Corinthians 5:17 speak of times of renewal. What does renewal mean to you personally or as an Aglow person?

You know, **when God calls us to a new level of anointing, there is a new process that He commits us to that is designed to enable us to develop the mindset required by upgrading the persona that will take us forward.** God is living in you, and He is developing His life in you.

2. When God calls us to a new level of anointing often that new place will bump into old mindsets that we developed in the old place. What is the first thought that comes into your mind when you hear that change is coming? Where do you think that thought originates?

He is not developing your life in Him. He is saying, “You and I are one, and I am developing My heart and My life in you so that you always know who I am, how I think, how much I love you, and how much I want to provide the Kingdom identity that will cause you to inherit.”

Inward Development

There are several areas in particular that are totally foundational for this high level of favor and faith, which we must both receive and cultivate. As we know, change comes from the inside out. **Inward development is much more vital than external circumstances.**

3. Inward development is much more vital than external circumstances is an incredible statement. What does this mean to you? How could developing your inner man to be more like Christ – slow to anger – unconditional love – help you navigate external circumstances.
4. List external circumstances that you have allowed to challenge the peace of the inner man.

Now, religion puts that the other way around - your circumstances are the most important thing. In the Kingdom that is not true. We live from the inside out. Inward development is much more vital than external circumstances. **If all you want is your external circumstances to change, that means you are not going to change, because you will never develop the internal life that Jesus died to give you.** The Father will teach us how to get the best out of all our circumstances in this next phase of our Kingdom development so that we are constantly growing up into Christ in all things.

5. Graham said that if we only want our external circumstances to change, we will not develop the internal life – the abundant life – the life found in the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus – that Jesus died to give us. What does this mean to you?
6. Here are scriptures about the life Christ came to give us. Take the time to look them up and read aloud. Romans 8:2; Galatians 5:16; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 John 5:14; 2 Cor. 2:14
7. For more on the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus, see the 5th session of *LifeChangers*.

I love that **Aglow is a worldwide Kingdom community which requires an apostolic anointing to create growth in the Spirit that will facilitate the development of regions to operate in greater fullness. It is also important that we learn to pay greater attention to what God is revealing to us as He upgrades our anointing in the realm of the Spirit.**

8. Aglow does walk under an apostolic anointing. That does not mean that we are apostles, it means that we have an anointing like an apostle does which enables us to take territory, start new works, disciple converts, and establish Ecclesia hubs in communities around the world. When you hear the words ‘apostolic anointing’, what does this mean to you? When you hear the words ‘Ecclesia hubs’, what does this mean to you.

NOTE: For more on what the Ecclesia is see Tim Sheets messages [2022-Tim-Sheets-Friday-PM.pdf](#) and [2023-Tim-Sheets-Friday-PM.pdf](#)

If we can align our hearts with who God wants to be for us,

- We can learn lessons.
- We can grow quickly.
- We can redeem time as we are empowered to cooperate with Divine acceleration.

Steps to Upgrade

It is a process, and **a process is a series of steps that arise out of the desire of God to invest His people with a more powerful Kingdom presence.** It is important to note that **business as usual** is no longer part of an end time revelation because it **cannot produce real change in the world.** Churches and ministries that have become static in word and deed will need to be redefined in order to stay in tune with the Kingdom.

9. **Business as usual cannot produce real change in the world. What does this mean to you?**

In a new move of God, **the first requirement** is

- to take a critical look at the overall function of the movement,
- to take stock of the growth capacity at the top level, and
- to upgrade the renewal capability of the next level below so that we refresh the warriors and the key voices in the movement. And,
- as the movement ages, renewal must empower young people to emerge.

10. **How important are young people to a new move of God? Does this mean that ‘old’ people no longer have a place?**

The question before us is, “**what must we stop doing so that fresh anointing can re-envision a different generational power to emerge?**” Some relationships may change altogether, and others will certainly require some new adjustments because God is taking us to another level, another place of reality in the Kingdom.

There will be:

- new strategies,
- fresh development, and
- powerful crafted prayers that will declare the purposes of God.

Crafted Prayer

A crafted prayer has greater power and longevity because it is not an ordinary prayer of the moment. It is **specifically crafted to provoke a faith that will not let go**. The same Spirit that wrote it on our hearts will abide with us in the process of discovery, alignment, and engagement with purpose.

11. What is a definition of crafted prayer? To learn more about Crafted Prayer, see Graham’s book *Crafted Prayer*. [Crafted Prayer – brilliant-book-house](#) to order a copy.

You know, God wants you all to Himself, right? He wants to be the main Driver in your movement. So, we are calling up everybody in Aglow to stand in a different place of favor in the Goodness and Kindness of God. That is why we need crafted prayers.

A crafted prayer is a call:

- to stand,
- to endure through praise, and
- accomplish with power from on high.

Crafted prayers are prayers:

- **of new purpose and focus.** The more we pray, the more purposeful we become in the center of God’s will.
- of intention that connect our hearts with the future that God has already determined for us.

A crafted prayer puts us in alignment with God’s plan, with God’s will, with God’s power, with God’s Love and Kindness toward us as a people. So, as we pray this type of prayer, the Lord is both creating and establishing a prophetic focus into a faith that will conceive the long-term reality that He has determined.

In this way, crafted prayer keeps us present to the moment in God’s kind intention. I have been doing crafted prayers for years. I wrote a book about it as most of you know. **It is really important that we write our prayers down so that we don’t lose them.** As we write them down, we get to actually learn how to stay close to God in the process of aligning with His purpose.

A crafted prayer means we cannot lose heart in the process because the prayer aligns us with the purpose of God. So, as we joyfully persist, our joyful endurance becomes divine acceleration that bears astonishing fruit in prophecy fulfilled.

Most long-term prayers seldom bear fruit because we are not changed in the process. Often when we are praying through a problem situation, we let go of Heaven's hold on us and the seeds of our future inheritance cannot come to fruition. So, we do not pray prayers out of fear or even out of concern.

We pray crafted prayers that are in line with the will of God, not only to have fellowship with us, but also, to be with us in the whole process and take us to another level.

What am I saying? **Crafted prayers must change something in our fellowship with the Creator.**

What is being birthed in us is:

- high praise,
- a prophetic resolution, and
- the faith that changes the world.

So, the promise in the crafted prayer becomes the focal point of our own renewal. As faith grows, we are empowered by the seed of God's will in the promise.

12. Graham lists several definitions of crafted prayer. Write down as many as you can find in the above paragraphs.

I love this stuff. Only the Father's great heart can dream up something that is so incredibly powerful and yet also amazingly beautiful. Life in the Spirit emerges in us coming together with the Sovereignty of Kingdom intention in the Father, Son, and Spirit.

I love that verse in the Gospel's where it says, "We will come and make our abode in you." (John 14:23) That is the three of Them all nodding and saying, "We are so looking forward to that."

We are empowered by God's will in the process and what we are determining is that **a new abundant new life can be established regardless of the circumstances because God is with us.** Faithfulness in the process is what creates new life in us at different aspects of the journey. You know, it is the age-old process of the seed producing the plant that creates the fruit in our hearts.

13. Read what Jesus said in John 10:10 about abundant life and who gives it. Graham is saying that even though there is a thief who comes to steal from us, kill us and to attempt to destroy us, we don't have to be moved by what we see rather, we must live out of the life Christ provides for us. Do you think that believers in Christ can live a life filled with victory on earth or is this victorious life only reserved for eternity in Heaven? Offer back up for what you think.

In these coming years, the Word of the Lord will be established through our joyful perseverance inside God's heart.

This will be a good moment to take stock of:

- the previous messages,
- prophetic words,
- crafted prayers, and
- powerful promises previously spoken to you, and over you as a people group.

14. How familiar are you with previous messages spoken to Aglow? Do you know that messages back to 2004 are available on the aglow.org site? Check them out here: [Global Leader Development Resources - Aglow International](#) You can find many prophetic messages with prophetic words pulled out into separate documents for your convenience.

Sometimes we need to go back in order to hear words of the future in a different way. What has been spoken, for what remains unfilled in order for us to bridge the gap between people currently leading and the age groups that are maybe underperforming presently, is a big reality check for every movement.

15. Are you aware of Aglow's YouTube channel? [Aglow International - YouTube](#) You can find full length messages, short clips, prophetic words, and many other topics. Make it a day of discovery. When you know who you are as a ministry, then you know how to stand in the world.

You know what I love is historically Aglow became a movement out of its own heart cry of, "Lord, let Your Kingdom come."

What is God requesting of you that will facilitate new growth in your grassroots?

What is it that He wants to become in you?

At Brilliant we have these life questions that we can ask God and that He is asking us, and they take us to a whole different place of relationship and fellowship.

Take stock of the places where you are invested in His heart.

What new upgrades can be refreshed from previous words? You know, sometimes we get a hold of a word, and we take hold of it for the situation that is in front of us right now and then, when that works out, we let go. Quite often that is just the first stage. So, **go back over those words**, you know, where God is investing something in you. What new upgrades can be refreshed from those previous words? We do not always maximize the fullness of what God is saying. People are growing into a fresh vision, not only for Aglow but especially for our own state, and city, and township. **Wherever Aglow people live, there is a purpose in the Kingdom that we can share.**

Here is my thinking behind this: **Aglow requires less caretakers and more powerful developers of people with vision and purpose, and who have new eyes to see who Aglow needs to become next.** The world is changing all around us. The spirit of this age is rising. A more political power is emerging that threatens to create a counterculture that is not in tune with the newness of life in Jesus. We do not want church changing in order to suit the world, or fit with how the world sees us. **There must be a fresh anointing that is not religious, not orthodox, and not tame.**

16. Graham said that Aglow needs more powerful developers of people with vision and purpose and who have new eyes to see who Aglow needs to become next. As you read that statement, what are your thoughts? Do inadequacies flood your mind? Slowly, let them all go.

Graham also said earlier that Aglow became a movement because of a heart cry that allowed God the freedom to draw us forward. Can you, will you step beyond all inadequacies and fears and let your whisper be, Lord, help me to be one of the powerful developers of people who have new eyes to see who Aglow needs to become next. I am willing. Help me, Holy Spirit.

The Gospels erupted out of nowhere. John was sent by God to create an opening for the Christ to emerge. John was literally a herald of the Lord's coming and **we must learn to step into that role. We will see those same prophetic voices disturbing the religious peace of conventional conformity.** These are the end times that will make all things new. And, Aglow has a great history of renewal and reinvention, raising up new seers, new voices, new acts that create a radical renewal. Aglow has been in the forefront of change, especially in creating women of substance and power - so powerful that it became that men were drawn to this supernatural movement.

17. In Asher Intrater's 2009 Conference message, he asked Aglow three questions. 1 - will you be the warriors, the Bride on this earth to invite those warrior angels back? 2 - will you be the spirit of Mary and birth Jesus back into this planet again? And 3 - will you accept this Joshua mandate to take possession of planet earth again? Take dominion over this earth and kick the devil out of here and bring Jesus back? Are you willing to do that? [2009-Asher-Intrater-Taking-Dominion.pdf](#) Aglow has already answered this questions by saying YES! Like John who prepared the way of the Lord in the birth of the early Church, so does Aglow have a part in preparing people to be ready for the return of the Lord.

Talk amongst yourselves about how you think Aglow is accomplishing this in your community.

How are you reaching out to those who are not yet born again?

How are you discipling those who are born again?

As we seek the refreshing that is coming from the Presence of the Lord a new spirit is birthing a viral renaissance that will create a reawakening in every age group that encounters the Christ in all His fullness. The Kingdom means business guys, the Kingdom means business.

It is vital for Aglow that we partner with the fullness of the Father's passion for the Glory of God to be fully revealed in and through a new awakening of life in the Beloved Son of His heart. There are those prayer warriors in the earth that are crying out for recompense, recompense. "Father, we want to see recompense for the sacrifice of the Beloved Son. When, when, will He see the travail of His soul being satisfied? When will His church become the great awakening that will usher in the return of the King?"

The Bride is Being Made Ready

I know you guys get it. **This is not just a word for Aglow International alone, but, as a forerunner ministry it is joining countless others in coming before the Throne of Grace and beseeching the Father**

for the Glory of the Messiah to spread through the nations. Jesus is coming. Jesus is coming. He is coming and His Bride is being made ready.

The great awakening will come out of actions that produce an outpouring of joyful adoration. It is the Bride becoming fully awakened and cognizant of the time of times coming to an end. Now is the time to be empowered by utmost love.

For our worship to go to another level, we must seek out the fresh anointing that God is producing through the prophetic passion of songwriters and minstrels and prophets and intercessors.

God wants to overshadow people so that we can live under the shadow of His wings. Read Psalm 91. I love that. That is one of my promise words. He is placing Presence words inside of people who are learning to live the yielded life.

18. A forerunner is one who goes before another preparing the way. What does it mean to you that Aglow is a forerunner ministry? How do you see what you present in Aglow in your community, region or state as preparing the way or preparing the people for something greater? It is not business as usual. Time is short.

What Does it Mean to be Overshadowed?

What does it mean **to be overshadowed**? It means that for a yielded life, nothing is impossible to God. We live inside that revelation. What is our response to being overshadowed? You know, Mary perceived the cost of being pregnant outside of marriage and the only thing she wanted to say was, “be it unto me according to Your Word.” At times there is a stigma in believing the Word that God has imparted to you, but Mary glorifies the Lord and does not feel sorry for herself.

So many times, I prophesied to people, and their response has been, **“Lord, look at me, I can’t do this.”** To which the Lord says, **“You look at Me because I can.”** We know in Aglow that God is not going to let us get away with anything because He wants us to have fullness of life, fullness of joy, fullness of glory in terms of who Jesus is in and through us. **You know, you can’t look like your history when God is declaring to you your destiny.** That is so good. I’m going to say it again. You can’t look like your history when God is declaring to you, your destiny.

19. As you think of the way you walk through each day, are you aware that you are living beneath the Shadow of the Almighty? What does that mean to you? Do you think that you are living in the fullness that God provided for you through Jesus? When God looks at you, He isn’t looking at your behavior or places you think you have failed. He looks at your placement which is found in Christ. He only sees Christ in you and you in Christ. He has placed you in a position to succeed in all things. Ask Holy Spirit to open your eyes to the fullness of this marvelous truth.

Many people have been wounded in the house of the Lord, in the household of the church, and the Lord is saying to you, **“Listen, if you will forgive the people who hurt you, I will make you forget the hurt they caused you.”** What does that mean? No excuses. No excuses. Not that Aglow is looking for any. Set your faith in motion and your feelings will follow. **When you believe God’s heart towards you, then emotions can become God’s passion for you.** If you express your trust and faith in God, His

passion will take hold of your emotions and turn you into a different person. What does that mean? You can learn to be good at self-healing with the Comforter.

20. Most of us have been hurt by another. Take a few moments and make the decision to let go of all hurt. Take a deep breath and say, "Father, I trust You. I let go of all those who have caused hurt and pain in the past. I forgive them now. Take my emotions and bring Glory for Your Kingdom forth as I walk forward from this place no longer tied to the past. Thank You for causing me to even forget that they hurt me. I receive healing now. Jesus, You make all things beautiful.

The Principle of Life in the Spirit

The principle of life in the Spirit is: I do what God says and He does what He promised. That is how it is going to work. **You know when God shows us what is missing, it is because He wants to fill the space with His Presence.** That is why we ask in faith, and if you are going to ask something big, ask it in big faith.

Prophecy creates the will of God as we hold it as true in our own heart. Guys, you are good at this. **Go through words of prophecy that you have in your organization. How many of them have been fulfilled?** It is not a time for going, "oh Lord, we are sorry." It is a time for going, "Lord, we are missing out here, so we are bringing this back to You. Please fulfill it and tell us how we need to grow up so that You can fulfill it to Your hearts content."

21. Graham called Jane the keeper of the prophetic keys and she was faithful to repeat them to us often. Talk amongst yourselves and bring to mind all the prophetic words you remember from the past. If you are new to Aglow, many conference messages back to 2004 are available on the Aglow website. [Global Leader Development Resources - Aglow International](#) Perhaps your group could choose one to glean prophetic promises from. These prophetic promises have to become as real in your heart as they are in God's heart. You can do this!

A dream that does not go away is still God's permission for you to inherit at the appointed time. And, if you are out of time, the appointed time is now. Just saying.

Do not lose heart. "Instead, fight the good fight of faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses." 1 Timothy 6:12. That was my baptismal word in 1974. I am still working it.

Present/Future Mindset Leads to Evidence of Transformation

Developing a present/future mindset is crucial. We cannot go back to the future. We have to know in the present now. In the present is where we develop the future mindset that will be a crucial part of us inheriting the next phase of our relationship with God. **If we are to know who we are in the present and who we can become going forward into the future, we have to develop the heart and the mindset that goes with that.**

22. How can you develop your mindset so that you have the thoughts in your heart that you need going forward?

You know, **the difference between the present and the future that in itself is the evidence of our transformation.** Knowing that when we started this journey, this is who we were in the present, and

this is who we are now in the future. So, the transition there is the evidence of our transformation. **It is really important in our groups that we talk about what is the transformation that you have undergone because you have to give evidence of your transformation so that we know that you can be trusted for the next thing that God is doing.**

23. Graham has talked to us before about having evidence that you are changing more into the image of Christ. Take the time to share with others the transforming changes that you have seen in their lives. Listen closely as they share about you. Name a few places where you need to see more growth in the future.

When you practice giving God the evidence of your transformation - "Lord this is what I have learned. This is who I have overcome," we have to learn to turn inspiration into achievement. If you have a prophecy that you are going to be a warrior, but currently you are acting as a wimp... I won't say that word, I am sorry. If you have a prophecy that you are going to become a warrior, but currently you are acting below that level, then the difference between a warrior and a wimp is development, especially in current.

Don't focus on what you lack, concentrate on what God intends to develop now. And for Aglow, that is always going to be courage. Courage, then with joy, then with peace, then with power, then with the relationship building, having a greater sense of your presence in the Kingdom throughout the world.

24. Many of us will default to what we lack. Think about the words of life that have been spoken over you. God sees you one way. That is the place that He speaks to you from. He doesn't see lack. He sees all the ability that He wove into your DNA. Believe what He has said to you and promised to you. Step out in see those truths developed in you. If He has told you that you are a warrior, what are some ways that you could begin to develop warrior qualities within yourself?

If you see the difference as the focus of God to enable you to realize your future, then you will know that all your circumstances now are about becoming a person of courage. **Transformation occurs when we perceive truth and learn to think as God does about our life going forward.** Our present/future mindset must engage fully on developing courage in every situation we face. This often, mostly, occurs as we count it all as joy in every situation because we understand what God is developing in us.

These are the key verses in this process that I have used countless times:

- John 8:36, "He whom the Son sets free is free indeed."
- Galatians 5, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free."
- 2 Corinthians 3:17, "where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

When God shines a light on the part of your life that is not working, He is not highlighting sin. Jesus dealt with sin. He, God, is declaring His intention to be with you. Let me say that again, when God shines a light on a part of your life that is not working, He is not highlighting sin, He is declaring His intention to be with you. He knows who He wants you to become now and next. And, He is always going to be saying, "this is what we are doing together." He is showing you where He intends to bring freedom next in your life.

Development is Key in the Kingdom

So, the key Kingdom issue is always development. He will give you a promise, an increase, and an upgrade in that area. Then, we must choose to cooperate with Him and be aligned in that purpose. What I want you to have and get is the joy of moving forward into the greatest realm of power we have ever experienced. We must choose to cooperate with that and be aligned with that purpose.

Becoming both present and future with the Creator is about pressing into what lies ahead with the Lord. Guys, you know that **owning the future starts now, in the present.** Not when something happens, not when there is a move of God. It starts now, when we say, “Lord, we are here. We are ready.”

It does not start when something happens positive or negative. **It really begins when you align your thinking to the Lord’s intentionality.** God is getting hold of you in a new way, and you must take the opportunity to take a fresh hold on His heart. Whatever is in God’s goal for you also carries His provision. That means, you can count on it.

Sometimes, He has given me provision and I haven’t even asked for it because I am fixed on the goal and for God that is enough. “Look at that, boy he is ready. Let’s give him stuff.” **Whatever is in God’s goal for you is also His provision. He would not give you a goal and not provide the means to do it. That means you can count on provision all the time.**

25. Development is key in the Kingdom. When God gives you an assignment, He also will provide the means for you to complete the assignment. One of the things Graham says in the next paragraph is that there comes a time when we should stop asking God over and over for the same thing – as though He isn’t providing – and to begin to thank Him before you receive it because you believe that the provision will arrive right on time. Talk amongst yourselves about trusting God to provide for the assignments He has given to you. Do you have mindsets that need to shift? If so, talk about how to move to a new place in believing God and taking Him at His word. Take a few minutes to begin to thank God for things that you have been asking for, for years.

Maybe, as a movement we should stop just praying for provision and thank God for His kind intention to give it to us. “Father, thank You. You are going to provide. Thank You that You are with us. You will give us the resources to carry out Your will and Your purpose. Thank You for trusting us and putting us into this place. I know whom I have believed and I am fully persuaded that You are able to guard what I have been entrusted with. Lord, You are going to provide because You give a promise, You give a purpose, and You give power. Thank You. The provision is coming. **We are coming into a time, Lord, when we spend more time thanking You for things rather than asking You for things.**”

Philippians 4:19, “My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” I really believe that we are coming into a time when we are going to be praying crafted prayers that God has given us. But, when it comes to the work and the provision, we are going to be thanking God for the provision, not asking for it.

The conviction of the Holy Spirit, you know, it is not just about sin, but it is also concerned with our identity in Christ. **Conviction will always focus you on God's nature because He wants us to live fully persuaded lives.**

So, keeping short account with God allows us to stay in tune with His righteousness, and also remain fixed on the beauty of His Holiness. Think about that. Keeping short accounts now, it is not about apologizing for sin. **Keeping short counts is remaining fixed on the beauty of God's holiness to make you splendid in the earth.**

Like the Bride, His heart is so beautiful that every connection creates health in our hearts that then flows into our thinking and our believing. **When our heart is fixed on love, our mind can be set on purpose.** It is the very definition of a healthy lifestyle. Heart first and mind together creating a yoke of fellowship that cannot be broken by life events, or warfare.

26. Graham says that when our heart is fixed on love, our mind can be set on purpose. Take a few minutes to talk about what that means to you.

Colossians 3:2 "Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things."

Matthew 22:37 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

I John 4:8,16; Phil 4:18

This is a great place that is ushering you into, probably bigger than anything you have ever known. This is a huge part of our focus there, a Heaven-sent way of being with God that will empower our overcoming in every circumstance.

So, question, why would I do something as foolish as worry when the peace of God that surpasses all understanding is actually guarding my heart and mind? (Philippians 4:7) **A prophecy or a key scripture specifies an outcome which guarantees that when we follow the process, we will be successful.** Set your heart on the Father's promised outcome.

That is why it is good to go back over previous words. Have you got everything you should have had? My thinking is, when you look back over previous prophecies, you will see some things that either we did not move into, or we did not move into fully enough. Not a criticism, it just might be an observation. You know, I love you guys. **Set your heart on the Father's promised outcome and let the mind of Christ take you to the place of fulfillment.**

27. Graham is telling us that when we have a key scripture (inheritance scripture, life verse, etc.) or a prophetic promise, that we are to set our focus on the promised because God said it and it cannot fail when we follow the process, and let the mind of Christ take us to the place of receiving what God has promised.

Take some time and make a list of promises or prophetic words that have yet to be fulfilled in your life. Read Habakkuk 2:3 and talk about how this relates to what Graham is saying.

Live a Life of Celebration

I think **celebration is such a key part of your forward momentum**. It is impossible to quench the Spirit when we rejoice always, pray constantly, and give thanks in everything. It is God's will for us in Christ Jesus. This is the very essence of a dynamic relationship. Read it in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19. That needs to become a reality at a higher level. **The will of God becomes the will of His people through the practice of intimacy in fellowship with Him**. You guys know how to be intimate, but it is going to go to a different level and a different level of joy and peace, and the Glory of God is going to be connecting and staying and abiding. **We are going to come into a place of fellowship with God that He has long wanted to give us, and now it is time.**

The Father knows that in order for us to be fully released in His will and provision, our heart must be in a certain posture before Him. Thanksgiving is a guaranteed posture. I am not saying that we don't give thanks. I have seen you guys go for it. **What I am saying is that there is a higher, wider, and deeper level coming into Aglow. We are going to make thanksgiving an art form in the Body of Christ. Thanksgiving is a guaranteed posture that enables us to receive even when everything is against us.**

It is as we constantly rejoice and give thanks that our will becomes massively open to faith, provision, and power. We become wonderfully vulnerable to the Majesty of God as we magnify Him. **Rejoicing and thanksgiving is our agreement with Heaven concerning who God is for us now. Agreement and alignment is created in us by the faithfulness of the Father to Jesus in our inner man.**

I have heard many people say, "I do not deserve this blessing and this provision." This is not the point. We are a new creation, learning to walk properly with God. Jesus paid the price for us to belong to the Father and to receive help from the Holy Spirit. So, the reality is, Jesus deserves for us to be fully blessed. You cannot earn the gift of God. You must *learn* the gift of God and how it works in the Redeemer.

You can read this in Matthew 11:28-30, "Come to Me all who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." Wouldn't it be fascinating to be in the biggest battle of our life and have our hearts easy and light before God?

28. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." NIV As Graham has said that giving thanks for all God is doing can open up a deeper level of receiving for you personally and in your Aglow group. What does it mean to you to give thanks in all circumstances?

In Philippians 4:11-13 the apostle Paul says that he has learned to be content whatever the circumstance. In verse 12, NIV, he says that he has learned the secret of being content. Then he reveals what gives him the ability to be content. Look up this passage of scripture and read aloud vs 13.

Stop and pray, asking God that this same mind that was in Paul be formed in you as you walk through each day of your life.

Thanksgiving is Vital

Thanksgiving is a proper acknowledgement of who we are in Christ and what we have been given by God. When we pray before giving thanks, often our posture is reduced to pleading and begging so that God will feel sorry for us. A lot of churches operate that way. It is because they have lost sight of the Sovereignty of Christ in us.

Difficult circumstances require a giving of thanks that is loud and boisterous. I would love to see you guys getting totally out of hand in being boisterous before the Lord. That will be amazing. Our posture and thanks is exuberant, lively, and wild.

The purpose of high praise is:

- to boast in the Lord,
- to speak confidently,
- to express our amazement, and astonishment in His Goodness and Kindness.
- to express how proud we are of belonging to a God who fills our hearts with a constant sense of adoration.

You know, when thanksgiving becomes full, we receive a boldness to pray confidently in and through the permission of the Kingdom at work around us. Such thanksgiving will root your heart into the place of agreement with thanks. **This is an alignment that positions you in the Throne Room.** We enter His gates with thanksgiving in our heart.

What am I saying? **I am saying the truth that sets us free is rooted in a spirit of proclamation.** The process actually lightens our heart so that our identity and relationship with God can become more Glory in us. **If you want the manifest Presence of God, learn to give thanks so that your heart is expanded and you can pray bigger, better, and more bold prayers of agreement.** Rejoicing actually helps us to establish God's focus and intention in our own heart. Then, our Kingdom reality of the circumstances can move from an earthly dimension to a Heavenly one.

I want you guys to be in the forefront of that move of prayer. **Never allow anything to get bigger than your awareness of God.** It is in our DNA in Christ to magnify the Father. What am I saying? There is a bigger, more powerful sense of being wholehearted before God. **Rejoicing means that we stay close to God's ability to do the impossible. Rejoicing in prayer, with thanks, empowers us to reach a level of life in the Spirit where we can hear God as we pray and receive His empowering Presence in the same space.**

29. Here are some scriptures on praise. Psalm 150:1-6; Psalm 100:1-5; Psalm 103:1; Psalm 95:1-3; Psalm 63:3-6; Acts 16:25-26; Isaiah 25:1; Psalm 28:7; Psalm 9:1; Psalm 145:3; Psalm 42:11; Psalm 34:1; Psalm 139:13-14; Revelation 5:13; Psalm 71:8; Colossians 3:16; Jeremiah 17:14; Isaiah 12:4; Psalm 108:3; Ephesians 1:3; Acts 2:46-47; Psalm 66:17

Take time to read each one slowly aloud and watch as the power of praise released by His Word changes the atmosphere in the room. Consider reading these scriptures in your gatherings and daily in your home.

Now, I have said all that because I want to say this and this is prophetic word so I have not couched it fully prophetically, but it is a prophetic word from the Lord to this movement and it is this:

Prophetic Word

We are only ever challenged by Goodness. We are not challenged:

- by the enemy.
- by difficulty.
- by the world, the flesh, and the devil.
- by what is going on in the world.

We are only ever challenged by Goodness.

30. What did Graham say that is the only thing that can challenge us?

It was the relationship between God and Moses that first gave us the revelation that Glory and Goodness were bound together in the heart of God. In Exodus 33:18-19, Moses said, “I pray You, show me Your Glory.” And God said, “I, Myself will make all My Goodness to pass before you and will proclaim the Name of the Lord before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will show compassion on whom I show compassion.” The Glory and the Goodness of God was so strong that Moses in his earthly dimension needed to be protected from the power of it by the hand of God, He had to wear a veil over his face so other people would not pass out.

Guys, what if these next 10, 20, 30 years are all about the Glory of God in His unending Goodness? We know that His Goodness in His Glory must fill the earth even as it fills Heaven. Why? Scripture says on earth as it is in Heaven. God’s passion for Goodness is so strong it changes everyone that comes in contact with it.

David knew from his encounters with God that Goodness was following him all the days of his life. Goodness and Mercy followed that boy. Psalm 23. He knew that **Goodness had the power to overcome any negative**. That is why he wrote Psalm 27:13, “I would have despaired unless I had believed to see the Goodness of God in the land of the living.”

31. What has the power to overcome any negativity?

Do you think that complaining about your circumstances are helpful in any way?

Do you think that it is possible that complaining could be blocking the good things God has stored up for you and wants to release to you?

In the New Covenant in Christ, Romans 2:4 states this, “do you think lightly of the riches of His Kindness and tolerance and patience, which are all the ingredients of Goodness, right? Not knowing that it is the Goodness of God that leads you to repentance.” That is in the Nelson Study Bible. I like that. “God has stored up Goodness for each of His beloved children who revere Him.” Psalm 31:19. Obviously in the New Covenant in Christ, we have a huge deposit of Goodness given to us in Jesus and also, in the Holy

Spirit as the Fruit of His empowerment in our lives. **Goodness creates a radiance of the Presence of God in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

Goodness, A Hallmark of Believers

What am I saying here? **Goodness is the hallmark of every true disciple.** A good Christian receives the treasure of Goodness for the world around him. Matthews 12:35, “and walk in a manner worthy of God’s nature because Goodness pleases the Lord.” Colossians 1:9-12.

It has been fascinating to me to understand that **as we commit ourselves to Goodness, we partake of an increase in knowledge and an experience in the beauty of the Lord.** The Bride needs this.

Never separate Goodness from Glory. The Glory of God is that He is Good. We fall short of Glory when we fail to practice Goodness. We do not react to other people’s behavior. We simply respond to the Goodness of God in Jesus who lives in us.

32. How important is the Goodness of God in your life? Do you possibly need an upgrade in your thinking about God’s Goodness and its place in your life? Take a minute to reflect and perhaps have a talk with God about this.

Move in the Opposite Spirit

I have received thousands of pieces of hate mail from around the world from 1996 through recent times. For years I found it hard to get above the hatred and spite and the effect it had on my thinking until the Lord talked me into **moving in the opposite spirit** like 1 Corinthians 4:12, “when reviled we bless.” Jesus gave us examples of how to deal with savage criticism. In 1 Peter 2:21-24, check it out. “He suffered accusation and after being reviled, He did not revile in return.” You know, **if you meet an accusation with an accusation of your own, you are doing the work of the accuser** too.

33. “If you meet an accusation with an accusation of your own – you are doing the work of the accuser, too.” Think about that statement. There is something within the soul of mankind that wants to be right, to defend itself, to even have its way. However, as God’s people, we live from a higher place. Now might be a good time to repent and ask Holy Spirit to give you a new way of thinking so that your responses come from your born-again spirit rather than the soulish area of the old man that Jesus died to kill. No condemnation at all.

Sometimes there will be anything from 6 to 12-page letters, double-sided, that I would receive with no punctuation, no paragraphs, which tells me maybe they did not spend too much time in school. I am trying to read this stuff and the Lord said to me one day, “Graham, what are you doing? Stop reading this bile. It will hurt your eyes.” He taught me to **respond and not react.**

So, He said, “this is what I want you to do. You do not even have to read it. There is no point. Just write a short note saying this, ‘Thank you so much for writing. The Lord showed me four things He wants to be for you.’ And then I would tell them that. Then I would say, ‘I hope that helps.’ That is kind of like my paraphrase. And it was brilliant, what happened next was the whole thing lifted off me. And, when I got these words, you know, from people, I would just write back, “Hey, thanks so much for writing. I really appreciate it. This is what God likes about you...” That is going to hit them right in their spirit.

We never suspend the power of God to do good in any circumstance. Goodness has an extraordinary power for the giver as well as the recipient. It is incredible how Goodness and Kindness can take us into a deeper place of relationship and fellowship with the Lord.

If you are in this place of difficulty, the learning is powerful and deeply transformational. **In the world, we overcome evil with good. Why? Because Goodness is the source of real power.** That's Romans 12:21. **All true disciples have a passion to prove that God is Good.**

34. Take a moment to write out Romans 12:21. What does Graham say is the source of real power for us?

A Move of Goodness is Coming into Aglow

So, what am I prophesying here? **That there is a move of Goodness coming into Aglow and we need to, you know, make the decks clean and look around us and get rid of stuff and worries, and things that are not working; and put all of our money on Goodness. And walk with the Lord as a people group throughout the world, start walking with the Goodness of who God is.**

35. How are you walking in the Goodness of who God is in your family? In your Community? Towards those who do not believe like you believe?

We can cleave to what is good. Be devoted to Goodness because it is a key part of walking with God. And then we can start to do things like touch our neighborhood, touch our city, touch people who are poor, touch the impoverished. We can start to do works of Goodness, acts of Goodness that God will provide. He will provide blessings. He will provide money, He will provide buildings, He will provide clothes, He will provide for the areas of need that we want to swamp with the Goodness of God.

So, abiding and Goodness, they express God's passion for generosity. All of God's attributes of Love, Gentleness, Grace, Mercy, Patience, and Kindness are acts that are rooted in Goodness. **Goodness is your superpower in terms of ministry. Aglow will have an extraordinary capacity for Goodness that will see a multiplicity of healing for members of this community.** Deliverance will be manifested through Goodness. **All worldly negatives that create ruin and disorder will be overcome by rank and file members of Aglow, embracing Goodness as a way of life.**

You will see extraordinary miracles of health, wholeness, and new life emerging from the dead will be seen around the nations in Aglow. That which the enemy is trying to kill will come to new life in the Spirit. Provision, employment, blessing and favor will shower down upon people as they are apprehended by Goodness.

36. As we begin to walk more fully into Goodness being a way of life, Graham has prophesied that there will be evidence happening around us. List some of them.

The Kingdom is expanding in the earth through the power of God working through the unity of Love, Joy, Kindness, and Goodness. For Jesus' sake, the Church must abound in all acts of Goodness. It will be the lifestyle of God's people, rooted in Kindness and Goodness. It will be an overwhelming power in the earth, ordinary people showcasing the willingness of God to overcome evil with Good. That is what

Jesus did. It is not a ministry per se, it is a simple life-giving force in God's people. It is not a gift, but rather an expression of God's nature expressed through faithful people who adore Jesus.

37. Jesus overcame evil with Good every day of His life. The blind saw, the dead were raised. Years ago, Graham asked this question: What if the only thing missing in America (and the nations of the world) is the Goodness of God?

As you have read though half of this prophetic word, can you see how Goodness must come to the forefront as you go about the assignments God has given to your group in your community?

Can you see that living out of the Goodness of God will bring the provision needed to do complete the assignments God has given into your hands to do?

To walk in the Spirit is to be careful to maintain acts of Goodness as our lifestyle. It is not an option that we can pick and choose, Beloved, rather, it is the only visible expression of the Kingdom in our midst in the end times. The Lord made His Goodness to become an unstoppable power on earth. **Everything negative in the earth will come under the challenge of the opposite anointing in the Kingdom.** There is a lot of fun to be had here. We are going to move into a whole new area of provision with God. Some of us are going to be living either in a treasure house or next door to one.

38. Graham said that Goodness is the only visible expression of the Kingdom in our midst. Selah.

What about Love, you might ask? The two go together and cannot be separated. God is both Good and He is Love. You cannot piece mill out who God is. It is all interconnected and where Goodness abounds, so does Love. So does Joy. So does Peace. So does provision. So does healing.

Do you feel that you are beginning to see or understand something that you possible haven't considered before this prophetic word was given?

The Body of Christ will rise up in an unprecedented level of power, reminiscent of the 40 days of Spirit breakthrough in Acts 1:1-3. If, and we are, settled with Christ in Heavenly places, far above all, and if, and we have, Christ living in us as His expectation of Glory, if, and we do, have access to all that Heaven is happily making available, if, and we can, bind what Heaven is binding and be loosing what Heaven is loosing, then surely we are being challenged by Heaven on earth.

What if we are not challenged by the enemy any longer? He would like to, but I think we are going to be challenged by Heaven on earth. And what we are going to see is Kingdom normal. **Kingdom normal is to do what the Father is doing, to say what the Father is saying.**

39. What if everything you thought you knew about being a Christian in this world has just been turned upside down by the simple understand of the power contained by the Goodness of God? Take time to share your thoughts, or if you are alone, journal them.

Who around your life, in your city, your neighborhood needs an encounter with Goodness? What difficulties need to be overcome by Goodness? What if Goodness is greater than any political power? **In every situation, there is only one challenge facing you. It is the beauty of God's Goodness in you being revealed.**

Come on, be the first to move in Goodness and maintain the lifestyle not using God's Goodness as an evangelistic tool. **We are moving in constant Goodness because it is the true testimony of His nature living in us.** It is the way He demonstrates His Glory.

40. Thinking about your reactions to situation in the past, can you see that it wasn't an evil spirit in someone that was challenging you, it was the Goodness of God within you, calling out to you to continue to move in Goodness? Why? Because if Jesus, and He did, moved in Goodness to overcome evil, so can you! Read that again. Read it out loud. Make it a personal statement now. In every trying situation, I CAN overcome evil with God's Goodness that lives inside of me! Go ahead, say it in your own words. Do you feel a real sense of freedom, authority, and power rising within you?

Read the Gospels. I have been reading the Gospels for 40 years. I am totally awestruck and fascinated at the way Jesus went about. He did not hire a ministry to get a platform - to get microphones and stuff. **He just stood on the hill and chatted to people.** It was the way He demonstrated the Glory of God, the certainty. He knew that Lazarus was alive before He went to the grave.

The world needs to encounter the beauty of the Lord in all His Glory. We know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose, Romans 8:28. Be a lover of God and live according to His purpose. Remain in God's Goodness and Goodness will become a constant outcome.

Goodness will make the Body of Christ radiant, prepared, equipped, and ready. And that is what life is about in the Spirit. It is about being ready for God to do His best through the willingness of believing saints. As citizens of Heaven living on earth, we can become partners of His Goodness. Think of it. **We become His partner in Goodness.** That would be amazing.

41. As a citizen of Heaven, you can become partners of God's Goodness. Talk amongst yourselves about how this will shift what you are doing in your gatherings? How will it shift how you walk out your assignments?

Our testimony of God's Goodness creates a power and an authority to overturn all the degradation of the enemy wherever we find it. The beauty of God's nature is such that no one is safe from the power of Goodness. Not just random acts of kindness, but a growing lifestyle of bringing intentional Goodness into the lives of people.

Will we be taken for granted? Certainly. Will people think we are foolish? Definitely. Here is the real truth behind all the imposition - **1 Peter 3:13, "who is there to harm you if you prove to be zealous for what is good?"** Verse 14, **"even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed, and do not fear their intimidation and do not be troubled."** Verse 15, **"but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts always being ready to give an account for the hope that is in you with gentleness and reverence."**

42. Read 1 Peter 3:13-15 with the new lens you have been receiving through the revelation in this prophetic word. How does it challenge you to live out the rest of your days walking and releasing the Goodness of God to all those around you?

Aglow, we are being challenged by Heaven to look at life through the lens of God's Goodness. I believe this will be the greatest move that Aglow has ever experienced. We are being challenged by Heaven to look at life through the lens of God's Goodness. This I think is your prophetic destiny and it will cause Aglow to be lifted up into a higher place than they have ever been at before.

43. Graham is saying to us, Aglow, if we will purpose to align, to partner, to live from God's Goodness, not only will Aglow be lifted to a higher place, but so will all those who come in contact with us. We are becoming those people spoken of in Acts 17:6 *But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, "These who have turned the world upside down have come here too."*

Determine together to live from Goodness in all that is done going forth in your group.

God is looking for people who will be prepared to be a visual aid to the earth so that people can touch Heaven. Ask God for money. Put yourself in a place where He will make provision available to you. Miracles, signs, and wonders. Feeding of the 5,000. What about the feeding of the 20,000? We can be the physical, tangible evidence that God is brilliantly, incredibly, astonishingly, full of Goodness.

44. Graham spoke an entire message about Aglow becoming a visual aid back in 2008. [Graham Cooke](#) Things that Graham said in 2008 will become revelation as you go through this message again. (The message is about God's dream of the Church and how Aglow has part in that dream.)

Father, I pray for this beautiful gathering of people. I pray for exponential power. I pray that numbers will increase. I pray, Lord, that You will give them tens of thousands of people, hundreds of thousands of people around the world, millions of people giving themselves to God in an extraordinary way. **These are the end times. Goodness is the start of it** - an incredible astonishing Goodness.

And Your love of Aglow makes You want to say to them, "you have been faithful, you have been wonderful, you who worked through so much, and this is what it is all for:

- I will trust you with miracles and signs and wonders.
- I will trust you with Goodness if you will make My Goodness your Primary Intention.
- And I will be to you everything you ever imagined, but never really thought about too much."

This is an extraordinary time, extraordinary growth, extraordinary provision. It is not going to happen all at once, but you are going to build your way into the Goodness of God, because Goodness is His ministry in your hearts, in your lives, and He is going to pour Himself out through every one of you. Yeah, and churches will come to you, for sure, wanting to be a part of what you are doing. Ministries will want to join up in what you are doing. Businesses will want to be part of it because that is a brilliant tax write off right there. But, Goodness. You can be the physical, tangible evidence that God is brilliantly, incredibly, astonishingly, full of Goodness and, He's looking at you guys. Other people will come in, but He's looking at you guys.

45. Go ahead and let those preceding two paragraphs sink in. This is the future of Aglow. And it is possible because God has said it is how He sees us.

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, may it be unto you, according to His Word.

Father, I ask that You will take hold of every heart in Aglow, every leader's heart, every ministry. Take hold of every person and take us to a new level where the astonishing Goodness through God is an amazing, incredible part of our lives and nothing will be impossible for us. **May it be so for Jesus' sake, because He deserves that.** He went about doing Goodness and He healed all who were oppressed - and we are being made in that image. His image. So, Father, for this wonderful, generous, beautiful group of people who just want to be in the thick of it with You, may that be so in Jesus' Name.

Thank you for listening, I appreciate it.