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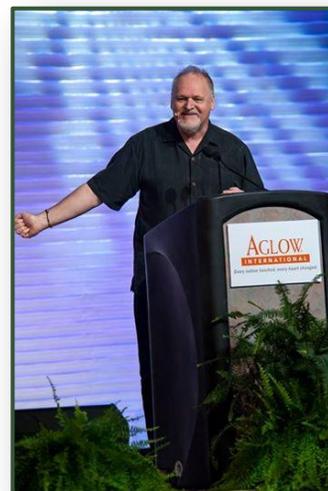
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Aglow National Conference in New Mexico
“Carry His Presence.”

Being with Aglow is a distinct pleasure for me personally. Theresa and I are developing a friendship with Jane and Tony Hansen – Hoyt who lead this amazing work. Aglow International is being re-invented, re-tooled and re-tasked on so many levels by the Holy Spirit. We are not just turning a huge ship we are reshaping it into a Navy; an armada of ships that can take the fight to the enemy in a different way. We are not just a single cell organization; we are an apostolic movement in the making. We are a multi dimensional war machine capable of winning more than battles. Our focus is on fighting whatever makes war on humanity as a whole, and learning how to overcome that in the beauty of Christ.

This event was tough for me on a physical level. I think it was a mixture of things. Coming to the back end of a very busy, challenging year that has taken a physical toll. Being on the third event in a 20 day tour. My general level of physical capability fighting off a serious disease etc. The warfare for an event of this magnitude.

The Convention Center was not a spiritually clean venue for me personally. Each time I went into the complex, I had a headache and felt nauseous. On Friday morning I became very ill; passing blood in my water and feeling incredibly weak physically. My normal routine in those moments is to put all available energy into rejoicing and giving thanks so that I can create a clearing ground in myself to hear and respond to the Lord. Fortunately, we had this great song, “Shake”, to start the morning worship. I pushed my way to the front of the platform to do a thanksgiving war dance. Goodness knows what it looked like because I was operating on pure spirit alone for an audience of One!



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Jane Hansen Hoyt
President/CEO
Aglow International

I find it helpful to get my revenge in first in some battles so that I can focus more powerfully on the outcome that the Lord wants to achieve in the situation. I then missed all of Friday's meetings needing to get rest and be fit for the second part of the fight. I'm used to fighting alone in these circumstances for many, many years. Probably, this needs to open up in the future. However, I knew that Jane was unwell and the team didn't need to focus on both of us and the event.

Becoming **"Carriers of His Presence"** is a vital part of Aglow's re-birth as a warrior community and I wanted to make my contribution in line with that purpose. I didn't realize that I would be giving blood to do that, which is kind of cool. Overall, I donated blood (x 37) to the porcelain throne over a four-day timeframe. ☺ When I came to the Lord all I heard was, "it's a fight son, stay in peace and stay with Me." So, no big deal then... just trusting in the bigness of the Lord. There are times He is our deliverer and sets us free in the moment. There are other times when He is our Keeper and sees us through to His outcome. He was my Keeper therefore the issue became settled in me. I felt I was present to bring the event to a conclusion and create a precedent for being an ongoing "Carrier of His Presence."

Guys, I'm writing these thoughts to offer a guideline in terms of how we approach event warfare on a personal level. It's descriptive rather than prescriptive but there are some good clues as to how we can fix on the Holy Spirit and stay in the fight long enough to make an impact. Good material hopefully for a greater dialogue.

As we go to the next level of our permission so the fight changes. Clearly the enemy has to resist our upgrade and promotion in terms of promises and anointing. We are going into levels of power and significance never before experienced in this way. It's not enough to get an event breakthrough; we must set a precedent for learning to occupy the territory that God is giving us.

This was such an event for me. Carriers of His Presence! What does it sound and look like? How do we have to change to become such a phenomenon? What are the issues that we tackle personally and corporately in order to rise up and police the heavens in this context? One thing is certain; we are no longer doing events and conferences.

We are on assignment and all assignments are about creating a divine appointment where we commission something over a company of people. We set out some new rules of engagement with God and therefore His people and their approach to life with the Holy Spirit and their focus against the enemy.

I tried to do that with my last two messages in particular. **"The Identity of Majesty"** is about understanding the part that His Glory plays in terms of His presence on the battlefield of life. With a majesty mindset we are learning to experience God fully when in the heat of battle because we know that God does what is impossible only when all our possibilities are under necessary conflict in the combat. A mindset on majesty enthrones our thinking (Colossians 3:1-3) and allows no lesser thought! Majesty thinking creates an inner atmosphere and an environment that produces exaltation and courage.



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That level of praise brings consternation to the enemy. We are made more bold...enough to see the impossible being done! We are learning to grow in our identity as warriors in life rather than just events. We are developing our capacity to relish the fight, to increase under pressure and learn how to beat the enemy by staying refreshed longer in the presence of God.

My last message, **“Intimacy, the Source of Power”** was focused on our primary purpose in being called to become the worshippers that God is looking for in these days. He is always taking us higher through a series of upgraded permissions that empower us to both take and occupy that new space. Intimacy involves learning the perception, mindset and language of one who is an intimate of the most high God. It embraces abiding in Christ, the strong practice of being at rest in the Lord, dwelling in His presence as a way of life and relaxing into a “Christ in me, expectation of glory” in all circumstances.

Intimacy is our place of constant refreshing. Worship is where we consciously deepen presence and increase the flow of revelation so that our anointing is re-empowered. Our language in particular is a vital part of this transformation in worship. The negativity of the world with it's emphasis on anxiety, fear, worry and panic is hostile to the vocalization of worship in rejoicing and thanksgiving. There is room for one, not space for both.

In this session my assignment was to create in people the need and desire to learn the language of intimacy since complaining, anxiety, fear, bitterness etc. is more aptly defined as the worship language of hell since the origin of it lies in captive thinking not a mind that is captivated by Jesus. True worship reinforces victory. It is the manifestation of presence, which automatically wears out the enemy.

When we value intimacy more than warfare the revelation we receive dictates the flow of battle. It's like holding up the arms of Moses. Intimacy enables us to perceive God and creates the commission to step into a greater place of rule.

As ever, my fellow warriors, thanks for being on the shield wall in these battles. His presence is growing in us!

Graham

It's evident that Graham has had an impact on Aglow International. You can hear him in their language, their vision and with their approach. I'm not a part of the Aglow organization, but felt compelled to attend the CARRY HIS PRESENCE conference, when I was invited.

I completely connected with their vision and mission statements. It actually brought clarity and understanding, to some of the things that God has been revealing to me lately. They are passionate pursuers of God and His Kingdom, with great purpose and intentionality. You could feel the synergy of their passion and strength, in their unity, as they gathered. I definitely felt a lift and an upgrade in the Spirit, just being with them.

*Connie Jennings
TWC Member*



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Graham taking to Klaus the worship leader at the conference.



What a gift to have Graham, Theresa, Allison, Jenny and Kristen in New Mexico. An answered prayer. ~ Teresa Morrison

A report to TWC from Graham:



“The Father says to you, “Aglow, you’ve passed your tests. You have endured. You have been faithful. You have been faithful for 40 years, and now you will see the results of that faithfulness in this country, in Samoa, in Tonga, in the South Pacific. You shall see moves of God, unprecedented...”

This is a truly fascinating time to be in New Zealand. We are celebrating the birthdate of the entry of the Gospel into New Zealand 200 years before in 1814. Also, it is Aglow New Zealand’s 40th birthday.

The setting for the conference was the beautiful, elegant Rendezvous Grand Hotel in downtown Auckland. More and more people are beginning to realize the importance of creating an environment that mirrors the excellence and beauty of the Kingdom we represent. Jeanette Ward, the NZ Aglow President, really gets what Aglow is becoming. She understands the requirements of transformation.

Firstly, an environment that is excellent and spacious really does have a physical, mental and spiritual effect upon all delegates. Hearts and minds open, people are rested and relaxed producing a greater sense of expectation and anticipation.

“And you shall see in this country that which you have prayed for, for forty years will emerge, because this is the day of answered prayer...”



Secondly, the venue must play its part in the event. The hotel staff, the food and the assembly “out of meeting” space to relax and talk need to be first class. This hotel was exceptional. Everywhere we heard the joyful buzz of animated excited conversation. Thirdly, the worship band must be chosen with care. They need to know how to cooperate with the Holy Spirit in creating space for God’s Presence. Great worship teams understand about shaping the atmosphere and building the worship experience throughout the event. The songs need to be carefully chosen to reflect the messages and the direction we want to take the conference.

For example, it is counterproductive to have messages about the New Man in Christ and moving now in partnership with the Holy Spirit and then have songs that reflect the old man struggle and have a pre-revival slant that we are waiting for God to “do something.”

We must ensure that the worship and the message do not cancel each other out. The message needs to be in line with what we want to create so that the aligned worship can combine to produce a new level for the conference to rise up to and occupy.

Jeanette had briefed the worship band and had also given me some parameters that would empower me to shape the messages to create the dynamic for a true response in people’s hearts to the Word.

Each session built on the previous one allowing the sense of freedom and empowerment to grow exponentially.

On a personal note, in 40 years of ministry I have been in hundreds of events that had no other objective than to bless people. Many times we never achieved the conference objective enshrined in the title because organizers failed to partner properly in the ‘building of the event’ with the Holy Spirit. The result is an over reliance on spontaneity rather than true prophetic/apostolic planning to achieve a particular purpose.

Speakers come and go as they please just bringing their latest message, which may not be in line with the theme. There is no continuity of purpose or corporate alignment on the platform.

This event was called, **“The Glorious Church”** and the theme was Kingdom Life. The planning was meticulous and the staging of the event was outstanding. The Aglow NZ Board did an exemplary job of producing an event that “rocked” from start to finish. Everyone involved knew what they had to do to partner with the Holy Spirit.

I spent an evening with the NZ Board in a private dining room in a lovely Japanese restaurant getting to know one another and going over the purpose of the event.

I attended a Leaders Summit that was for Aglow Key people and pastors plus other ministries. I spoke on **“Renewing Your Spiritual Lens,”** aimed at getting people to examine current practice and traditions to determine if they are capable of seeing and entering a new move of God or are they in effect blocking our vision and practice from realizing and engaging with the Holy Spirit in a new way?

The worship at the conference was outstanding. A mix of songs purposefully chosen and sung with passion and power. At times the atmosphere in worship was tangible from the front to the back of the ballroom. In the first session I spoke on **“Freedom In Christ”** and the importance of entering into the death of Christ so that we may fully enter His life – Romans 6:5 “For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, CERTAINLY we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection.” It must be read, understood and appropriated in the full context and power of Romans 6:3-11. It is vital that every believer can demonstrably lay aside the old man and put on the new (Ephesians 4:20-24) as part of our reinvention into the whole truth of what it actually means to be “born again”.

In my second session (evening), we had the most amazing celebration. It was Aglow NZ’s 40th birthday. The whole ballroom became a restaurant for hundreds of people. The buffet was unbelievably good, well cooked, hot (!), delightfully presented and plentiful. The desserts were off the charts amazing! How I wish I could cast the calories into some really thin person. It was festive and full of honor. As we ate we could watch a video of how Aglow began in America, then watched scene after scene charting the beginnings and growth of New Zealand Aglow. Worship caught fire, prayers for the nation. Jeanette led the evening with grace, laughter and a calm authority. Definitely not an evening to teach! It cried out for prophecy and the Holy Spirit gave me a word about birthing something new on Aglow’s birthday. Impossible to relate here the fullness of what the Spirit spoke to the nation and Aglow. When we get the transcript, I will post it. *(Note: Boxed excerpts from this word appear throughout this report. A full PDF transcript was attached with Frontline email.)*

The event for me was a fascinating mix of speaking and having some personal times of Q&A with other speakers and some leaders. Therefore, I did not get to attend the other speakers or the various workshops, but I heard some good reports.

In my third session I spoke on the **“The New Man In Christ.”** My particular emphasis in this meeting was to talk in the context of building and reinventing relationships in our lives. People, more than situations, give us the best and most consistent flow of opportunities to grow up in Christ. Choosing to love; to be peaceful, joyful, kind, patient and gentle is the essence of walking with the Lord. Allowing yourself only to be challenged by GOODNESS because it’s an attribute closely aligned with the glory of God (Exodus 34:17-19). Only our old man can be influenced and wearied by the poor behavior and lifestyle of others and when it is affected it will often react against God Himself and contribute to the purpose of the enemy by fanning the flames of crisis and disaffection.

The new man is above such immaturity. We walk in the Presence of God and we bring the power of His love, grace and peace to the circumstances. It’s impossible to react against people when we ourselves are living in response to the internal Presence of God.

Our final evening meeting was a celebration of 200 years of the Gospel coming to New Zealand. In 1814, a man named Morsden nursed a Maori chief back to health on his farm in Australia over an eight-month period. That chief became a believer and brought Morsden to New Zealand to preach the first Gospel message.

“I will no longer deal with you as with children, but as with sons and daughters of maturity. All of heaven is attracted to Jesus in you.” And the Lord would say to us that these are days of purification. This is like the time of Esther. These are days of beautification and purification...”

“This is your time. I am birthing something new on your birthday. And it will sweep all through the South Pacific...On your birthday I’m birthing something new. And heaven says to you “We’re giving you a big slice of the cake.”

Have your cake and eat it!”

We watched a 10-minute video charting that story and the grand response of the Maori people to the Good News. Immediately after, we sang the New Zealand National Anthem. I had no idea it had so many verses! I have only heard the shortened public version at various sporting events. It is without a doubt the most anointed, powerful national song I have ever heard! It is an incredible crafted prayer over the nation and set to music.

Every national anthem invokes patriotic fervor. This one opened Heaven. [Google the full anthem](#) and if you can, listen to it...the joyful Maori beginning and the amazing words and Presence in the text and song.

As we sang it the Presence of God filled the room. Many people were in tears; the passion was eclectic. This song should be part of every worship event in the country. There is no better song right now than this prayer. Every nation should have a song like this that partners with Heaven. Powerful!!

I spoke on **“The Law of the Spirit of Life”** that is in Christ Jesus. A message of how the new man sees, thinks, speaks and acts as a citizen of Heaven here on earth. For the sake of our nation(s) we must embrace the culture of Heaven and allow it to displace the customs and mores of the world around us. We are in the world but not of it. We express the values of the nature of God and the principles of the Kingdom rather than the customary expressions of the world. We value the fruit of the Spirit as our true state of being in a world of envy, jealousy, lies, deception and lust. We practice the power of wisdom over intellectualism; faith over logic; trust more than rationale. We see in the Spirit; we think with the mind of Christ; we partner with the Spirit for the unseen to materialize. We believe for provision, miracles and the power to create what God is permitting. We trust the language of promises rather than certain situational realities. Nothing is impossible with God and nothing is too hard for Him. In the new man we are alive to majesty and possibility in a way that empowers our situations to be transformed. This is what it means to be Christian - ordinary people with the power to do extraordinary things because we can do all things in Christ.

God is not supernatural and it is not required of us. It is perfectly normal for God to raise the dead, heal the sick, overcome the enemy and talk to people about their future. It is our true normal also. We are in Christ learning to be Christ like and partnering with the Holy Spirit to do the “greater than these” that Jesus promised (John 14:12).

It was a great event and wonderful for Aglow to be seen putting on a cutting edge event in the nation. I hope the CD's will reach every corner of the country and that Aglow NZ will rise up to occupy a place in the destiny of this nation.

I do believe that this event has been a powerful appetizer for our Life Changer and Game Changer initiatives.

Graham

I am always amazed when one has been so focused on ensuring we do all that God is asking us to do, in the lead up to such a ‘moment’ as we have had with Graham being with us in New Zealand. Then suddenly one is on the other side of the Assignment - wow. And, you can feel the focus ‘shift’ to now ensure the ‘word received’ is further absorbed and outworked. Knowing that we are again working with God to ensure ‘His plans and purposes are fulfilled and New Zealand moving powerfully forward. There is such a HUNGER for this teaching and to live in this truth. God has strategically placed people through New Zealand.

We had wonderful feedback from those attending, including the sense of a “tangible oneness” with the Holy Spirit during worship and the messages. We have a lot to reflect upon over our Christmas period and ensuring that we build on it during our Leadership Summit in March. We want this teaching flowing out of our local Fellowships.

Since returning home, many people are saying that they have a sense of “fullness”, while others keep pondering Graham’s teaching and can feel changes happening within. Others have said “I am not the same. The conference has been literally life changing!”

Graham’s teaching on the ‘New Man’, and how ‘God sees us now’, is so freeing and so empowering. It also gives a whole new insight to the importance of prophetic words and the place it plays in the plans and purposes God has for us and the expanding of His Kingdom.

While at the Prophetic Seminar in Lower Hutt I met up with Victoria from Tauranga who is one of the Warrior Class intercessors ‘on the ground’ and someone I know! Many thanks to all the other Intercessors who prayed for us during the time Graham was here.



Love and blessings,

Jeanette Ward
President
Aglow New Zealand

Liberty Church, Auckland
Graham Cooke

This was a day of training on **Transformational Thinking** for leaders and ministries in the area. I spoke on **“Reframing”** (from the Art of Thinking Brilliantly series) and **“Relational Thinking”** & **“Capturing the Thoughts of God”** (from the Mind of a Saint conference).

Reframing is realigning our mindset into an alliance with the mind of Christ. We need to upgrade our identity in Jesus and transformational thinking involves a heavenly perspective, mindset and language.

The language of the world is incompatible with the language of the Kingdom. Even the language of the church, stuck in the mindset of the old man, cannot be fully representative of the Godhead. If our church calls us a sinner but God calls us a saint, that in itself is a major disconnect from the primary purpose of Genesis 1:26, “Let Us make man in Our image.”

Religion focuses on the old man and trying to change its behavior. Heaven focuses on the new man and transforms our thinking about who we are in Jesus.

James 3:13-17 declares that the wisdom of Heaven must affect and override the logic and rationale of earth or we cannot grow in Jesus. We must choose to be in the world but not of it. That means that our experience of being a citizen of Heaven in Christ must cause our thinking to be adjusted by a higher domain.

Learning the culture that exists between Father, Son and Holy Spirit is a key part of our relating with God. “Relational Thinking” continues that dialogue by focusing on two key elements of relationship; placement and portrayal. We must relentlessly practice both as key expressions of our freedom. Placement relates to, “I am in Christ.” This solves the problem of old nature, flesh and carnality. I am crucified in Christ (Galatians 2:20). I am dead and buried in Him; then raised up to newness of life in Him and I am operating in full agreement with His perspective (Romans 6:3-11). I have faith in the accomplishment of Jesus on the Cross (John 19:30). I am complete in Him (Colossians 2:10) and I recognize that I am a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17). These are placement perspectives.

As I stand in my placement I get to partner with the Holy Spirit in my portrayal of the nature of God towards me in full.

“Christ in me” is the release of His presence internally into my circumstances. “I will never leave you nor forsake you”, “I am with you always” means that all my circumstances are primarily about who I am becoming in Christ. Being made in His image is everything.

I am now a habitation of God by the Spirit and I live from that indwelling presence in terms of how I view people and situations (Ephesians 2:2). I am constantly being renewed in the Spirit of my mind (Ephesians 4:23), and my location is seated with Christ in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6). Practicing a heaven to earth mindset and thinking is essential (Colossians 3:1-3).

The Holy Spirit processes all our thinking through our relationship with God as sons. Therefore, all our situations are about our relationship with God first and about the issue of the circumstance second! Our partnership with the Holy Spirit is to make the presence of God present.

As we practice relational thinking all our circumstances must cause us to become conformed to His image (Romans 8:29). The kind intention of His will (mentioned 3x in Ephesians 1:5-11) means He has marked us out beforehand to walk in His fullness. Relational thinking is asking the question, “what does this situation mean for my relationship with you Lord, and your relationship with me?” (Acts 2:12)

How do we use the circumstance to advance our relationship with the Lord to a new level as our primary response? Processing everything through His Nature means that the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) become our prime focus in our relational development.

Our disconnect occurs with God because we come to Him in our functionality not our relationship. We want Him to solve this problem; help with this situation; rescue us from that circumstance. We want Him to give us things so that we can do things. He wants to be something for us and empower us to become someone in him. All of God's dealings with us are relational (Hebrews 2:9-11)...to produce sons; to bring many sons into glory. "All who are being led by the Spirit...they are the sons of God" (Romans 8:14).

In every situation the Father declares, "this is Who I Am for you" and we discover who we are becoming as a son. All our life circumstances exist and take place between these two points. We are always discovering the Nature of God and we are constantly exploring the nature of a son.

My final message was, "**Capturing the Thoughts of God.**" The way we think rules our life and governs our experience as a positive or a negative. Our mind is a fortress for the enemy or a temple for our habitation in Christ (2 Corinthians 10:4-7). A fortress is built to keep something out. A temple is built to invite someone in. Our mindset works the same way!

The Holy Spirit destroys any thinking that is oppositional to our relationship with God. He is devoted to changing the way we think so that our lifestyle reflects both His freedom and His affection for us. When we believe a lie, we empower the liar to harass us. The world's focus on thinking can never be used to challenge the goodness of God.

We allow our circumstances to become bigger than our relationship with the Lord. In Christ our favor and promises in Him form the biggest part of our situation. If you are in Christ so are all your circumstances!

We have a default position in our thinking where under pressure we revert to being anxious, fearful, angry and distressed. Destroying speculations is primarily about recovering our peace in Jesus. Peace is the gentle pressure of God's cheerfulness on the inside that has ten times the power of stress on the outside.

Strongholds in our thinking cause us to believe the worst; replay the negative scenarios constantly, leading to doubt, fear and unbelief, which mean we are captured by contradictory images and emotions. We feel weak, gloomy, unenthused and we neutralize the majesty of God. We invent negative pronouncement that invalidate Scripture.

In transformational thinking the Holy Spirit restores our confidence in Christ so that we can consider the issue from within through the inner man of the Spirit.

**When we connect with God's intention we learn how to explore His grace and presence.
Trust is built on His passion for us!**

The day was received very well and there was an excited buzz in the room. As part of the day I attended a pastors lunch and took questions on a range of subjects from the new man; prophetic ministry; reinventing the church, and the apostolic.

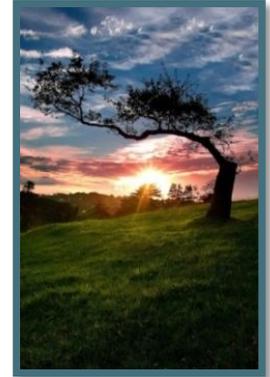
A key day in Auckland and some new possibilities for ongoing encounter and possibly some new friendships.

Graham

A short flight south to Wellington at the foot of the north island. A beautiful natural harbor surrounded by hills making the descent into the airport (right off the coast!) extremely rocky with various crosswinds.

From the airport we drove to a Samoan church for a regional meeting of Assembly of God pastors. My brief was to talk about the role of the NT prophet in the context of church and ministry. I had about an hour before we had question time. These are some of the main points I covered:

- To teach everyone how to hear the voice of God.
- Create a river (a flow) of encouragement in the body.
- Develop a team who could move in the gift and who had a passion for upgrades.
- Speak to the new man, not the old.
- Cultivate personal and corporate identity.
- Call people to a higher level of faith and trust in the Lord.
- Increase presence through promises. (2 Peter 1:2-4)
- Promises are the currency of Heaven. (2Peter 1:2-4)
- Specifically target people who are:
 1. **Struggling...empower them to stand firm.**
 2. **Doing well...empower them to go further, higher up.**



Auckland, NZ

The importance of crafting prophetic words rather than relying on the purely spontaneous.

I gave some anecdotes as examples and had a lively time of Q&A for an hour or so. I'm satisfied that I helped people to think differently, maybe unlearn some things, and gave them lots of creative options in using the gift and cultivating prophetic people with more intentionality.

I met the next day with the Aglow NZ National Team and their advisors to review the conference and begin to think about the future development of Aglow in NZ and the South Pacific islands of Samoa, Tonga etc.

Using our own experience as a conference guide we talked through some upgrades in terms of creating the environment and setting the atmosphere for worship and presence. The main key for keeping on time and doing the business of conference is to write an excellent and succinct script beforehand and do not deviate from it. Relying on spontaneity in business issues wastes time and is often considerably less powerful. It's like watching an adolescent communicating in public for the first time! People used to taking meetings can often carry it off (though with some difficulty), others unused to a large spotlight develop the spirit of waffle ☹. Spontaneity is best saved for the spiritual direction of the gathering. Being led by the Spirit is as much about proper preparation as it is being 'in the moment'. The ideal scenario is both. Have a good script but keep listening.

The worship team, song selection and capacity to actually lead rather than merely incite people to worship are vital elements to the atmosphere we want to create.

Choosing not just a conference theme but the titles/context of teaching/impartation required from speakers is essential if we are to use this event to build something into our national identity and make people aware of our corporate upgrades in destiny. We get one shot per one or two years at national/international level to say and do something that can filter powerfully into the regions. The planning of the event months beforehand, the preparation in intercession must be hugely intentional.

We talked about taking inventory of the regions and leadership, key ministries. We need leaders with a leadership gift and a warfare capacity. We need administrative people and organizational ability. We need particular ministry gifts working in team to edify, exhort and develop people into a new place in the Spirit.

We must re-energize groups, create new relevance in Aglow identity, train and equip to build up new muscle and power at grassroots. Cultivating core values that are relational along with operational principles that guide how and what we want to accomplish are very important for the longevity of the work. There is a need for local groups to provide evidence of their upgrade and transformation.

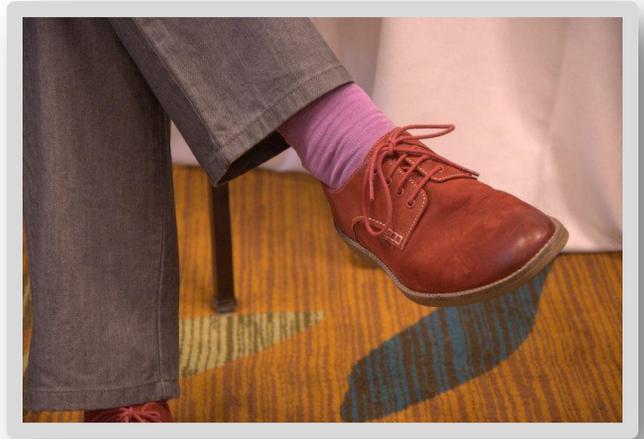
It is essential that we are able to measure what we are producing at local level. It was a good time of questions and input from everyone. Jeannette has a good board with excellent freedom of thought and expression.

Pastor's Training Day

Sept 13, 2014 Graham Cooke

We met at The Victory Center to talk to leaders from the greater Wellington area and the Aglow NZ Board. I had two sessions:

- Cultivating a Leadership Style
- Establishing a Breakthrough Community



The first session is concerned with the methodology of discipling, which is asking the right questions. Discipling is not pastoring nor is it mentoring. We disciple people into maturity in relationships with God and man; areas of faith, trust and expectancy; equipping them in promises and training them to walk with God in process and understand how He sees them, thinks about them, speaks into their lives and causes them to act in alignment with the Spirit. This is where the Life Changer initiative can be embedded.

We mentor people into gift and ministry; train them to lead; to govern in warfare; to inspire people; to be intentional in overcoming and how to open up territory, lead people into it and occupy new ground. Identity is key in this development.

- We influence from our identity.
- We mentor people in the core values of great perception of God and themselves.
- We train their mindset to operate from heaven to earth.
- We cultivate their voice as an instrument of power, unity, faith and expectation.

This is where we place the Game Changer initiative.

The second session is concerned about how we infiltrate the world and establish a heaven to earth community that can create breakthrough for the pre-Christians in our midst. Using 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 I wanted leaders to consider what it meant for the church to be Ambassadors of Reconciliation. The Body of Christ is a redeemed community living in a reconciled society. Our principal role in the gospel is to upgrade reconciliation to redemption by giving pre-Christians the favor of God so they can taste and see that God is good.

The ministry of reconciliation is to call people up to the goodness and kindness of God; render them favorable; bring them to agreement with the good news; restore them to a place of rightful relationship with the Lord. To do that we are joyfully using our own favor in Christ Jesus to provide people with the opportunity to discover the grace of God and come to the foot of the Cross.

Both sessions were very well received and I believe that an environment has been created for people to step into a new place of revelation and experience.

Graham

"This is the year that New Zealand will rise like a hot air balloon, and that which tethers you to the earth will be cut, and you will soar in the Spirit in a way that you never have in your history before."



Prophetic Training Day 11-22-14

Graham Cooke

Several hundred people from a wide variety of church affiliations gathered together on a cold, wet and windy day.

I spoke on the **Practice of Prophecy** using appropriate scriptures from 1 Corinthians chapters 12-14. It is vital to pursue love as the highest motivation for life and ministry. It is important to delineate the classic difference between Old and New Testament prophecy and allow it to move from a functional, visitational context in the old covenant to a relational, habitational context in Christ.

An important pre-requisite for developing prophetic language is to upgrade and safeguard our normal conversational speech.

A fountain cannot bring forth sweet water and bitter. Our way of talking must have the same grace base...Colossians 4:6, Ephesians 4:29, Colossians 3:8, Philippians 4:8.

If all negatives are dealt with on the cross then it is essential that we do not prophesy from that place but "instead" speak in the opposite spirit to set people free. A negative diagnosis must become a favorable prognosis that creates freedom. Prophecy in a habitational culture requires an objective that imparts the very presence of God to the people.

Moving in prophetic ministry to example that context was fun, powerful and life changing. Some leaders received a massive upgrade, new ministries were created, resources released and the city of Christchurch still recovering from the after effects of a powerful earthquake were sent a word that stood in direct opposition to words of judgment spoken by so called prophetic ministers. Many of who spoke "prophetically" after the event, not before, which is commentary and not prophecy.

It was an excellent time, which I believe can be built upon at a later date.

Graham

Victory Center Sunday meetings 11-23-14

Graham Cooke

In the morning meeting I spoke on "**The Responsive Life**" from the Radical Permission 1 conference. We are saved on a fragment of the Truth because the Father took the initiative in sending Jesus as the Lamb of God to take away the sins of the world.

God takes the initiative and we respond. Jesus said, "My Father works and I work" (John 5:17). Both Jesus and the Holy Spirit never took the initiative themselves but responded to what the Father was doing (John 5:17, 19-21, 30; 8:42; 17:1, 7; 16:12-15).

Nothing originates in us (John 3:27; 1 John 4:19; James 1:17; Romans 11:35, 36; 1 Corinthians 8:6). This kills off any need or possibility for performance Christianity. There is a gift waiting for us to receive in all our life situations. Make sure you come behind in no gift. Knowing the particular gift of God is the key to our current circumstances (John 4:10).

Everyday is about receiving something from God. The gift of the Holy Spirit is given so that we may know the things freely given to us by God (1 Corinthians 2:12).

In every situation we have revelation that can lead us into an encounter or a lifestyle experience with the Lord. We overcome by what we can receive from the Lord when we are under pressure in our circumstances.

We are learning to live a stress free life by entering into the same partnership (yoke) that Jesus has with the Father. Being in Christ and having Him in us allows us to enter the same space and inhabit the same relationship with the Father that Jesus constantly enjoys!

What should you have received from God in your present situation? What prevented you accepting delivery? In the world, when we are expecting a parcel from the mail (UPS, FedEx, Royal Mail, etc.) we are given a tracking number so we can locate the gift. Scripture is our tracking number that we quote to the Lord. We call it confession, declaration, proclamation. We confess it to the Lord; declare to our circumstances; and proclaim to the enemy.

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This message provides us with a key that unlocks our circumstances to the divine “Yes” of God. This key must be used daily...God is always initiating, therefore we are always responding.

My evening message was the **Prophecy of Scripture**. It was a packed house with numerous church leaders and churches from the region attending. Everything that God does is both relational and intentional. When we read Ephesians 1:3-11, Romans 8:14-17, 19-20 we realize that God’s plan for us is predetermined upon our response. He predestines us to walk a particular path with a specific calling that requires a defined provision and promises. Into this setting He provides inheritance words in scripture that allow us to pursue life with maximum focus and develop a concentration in alignment with the kind intention of His will.

We are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. His inheritance words of scripture are designed to bring us into a place of maturity and joy in intentional partnership. Jesus quoted His inheritance word in Luke 4:14-21 when He identified Isaiah 61:1-3 as His radical permission from the Father. Scripture given specifically is like prophecy when it’s released into our life and circumstances. It is God saying, “This is how you are known in Heaven.”

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The Bible is a book of encounters and experiences. It tells us how to know the Lord, how to walk with Him, how to hear His voice, understand His ways and live in His favor. The language He uses with us is always prophetic because it is rooted in the eternity of His purposes for us back before the foundation of the world, yet allows us to explore the future as God unfolds it in deliberate fashion.

I shared my own story using specific scriptures that God has given me. Those inheritance words have released so much faith, anointing, promises and resources that have provoked me to determine my inheritance and step into that specific moment with God’s intention. We use our inheritance words on the enemy.

Allison was brilliant at texting me particular parts of my prophetic words each day throughout this tour, giving me opportunity to step into the space that each promise provides. That is how we use our inheritance words.

Take your promise out of the place of measure into the place of fullness. We often treat promises circumstantially when we should regard them in a relational context as a priority.

We can call them down into our life situations, which is good and provides an excellent measure of release and provision. However, fullness is attached to an ever-growing relationship with the Father, not just to our constantly changing circumstances.

Remember? Everything is relational!

Promises/inheritance words are therefore primarily designed to lift us up into a fresh encounter and experience as sons of God. We are permitted to call a word down into our situations but it is given to primarily call us up to our real and powerful identity in Christ so that we rule through our inheritance words rather than just receive blessings.

“(New Zealand) will be a prototype for nations across the earth. And many will come to this nation to see what God is doing...”

Continued...

God uses scripture relationally to enable us to understand our story and go on the journey with Him using His promises as currency and signs along the way. In the impartation that followed, everyone stood to acknowledge personal words and to receive empowerment to respond to how they are known in Heaven. Brilliant.

On a personal note, after this last meeting in Wellington where I believe we did serious damage to the enemy operating inside the church...a front tooth snapped off right to the gum! Seriously!! I love it when a ruling power is reduced to being spiteful. That's funny.

A quick flight back to Auckland to take a regional leaders meeting on prophecy for the **Elim** Movement and then I'm on my way home.

The venue was two thirds full. I spoke on preparing the way of the Lord. New Zealand is being coached by the Holy Spirit into a state of readiness never seen in its 200-year history as a nation partnering with the Gospel. It's great to think that Aglow has a role in that context. Certain things need to be in place for a move of God to come. The doctrine of the new man in Christ must be established. The Holy Spirit must be central to our ongoing encounter and experience in the Lord Jesus. There needs to be a tangible unity across the one Body. A deeper level of interpersonal relationship that is characterized by One Voice. We must make war on negativity in the Body and overcome a religious, legalistic spirit in our midst.

A tough but joyful two weeks in a country that is hungry to be reinvented on their 200th birthday in the Gospel. Thanks to all in The Warrior Class. This was a hard flight for all of us. I wanted you to know the blow-by-blow effect of all your praying.

Somewhere back there we crossed a line into a bigger place than we realized. I think from this point we are no longer tackling events based upon what God has given us but now founded on what He is opening up. Present/Future just got an upgrade!

Have a great ebb time and a Happy New Year!

Graham

We've got you covered Graham!

Thanks to the Warriors who prayed in real time during the New Zealand flights...



Eileen Kiely Tretter

Graham & the Holy Spirits BITE are significant & gaining territory -- blessings on you Graham and covering for you safe and speedy return home.

Kathy Brown

Praying for Graham this morning I saw Graham with a trumpet in his hand. He sounded the trumpet over the people. This trumpet sound was a call over the people. Some of those who heard this sound turned towards the call. The call resonated in their ears and heart. They turned towards the call and started walking.

Nette Rose

Praying!!! Can't wait to hear details on all God did during Graham's time there!!!

Lisa Smidt

When praying for Graham last night, I saw him walking, and I heard God call his voice, he stopped and turned around to face God. The Father opened His arms and Graham fell into the sweetest embrace. A proud Papa letting His son know how pleased He was with him. Graham laid his head on Papa's shoulder and God held him while he rested. It was absolutely beautiful!

Janis Morgan

Praying all the week long!!

Lower Hutt New Zealand

FRIDAY

Our dear friends that we were staying with attended the leadership sessions on Friday with Graham, and said he covered a lot of ground and it was like rindrops of revelation. What he shared was rich and dense.

SATURDAY

On Saturday Graham spoke 3 sessions on the prophetic. The workshop was attended by people from all over the City, with a good number from the host church.

The first session Graham laid prophetic foundations through a lens of grace. Love is to be our goal in all that we do, including the prophetic, and Jesus Himself is the model in how we are to represent the heart of God. What I felt the Holy Spirit doing during this session was gently drawing hearts to encounter, and preparing us to see and hear who we are in Jesus. Graham skillfully and lovingly partnered with the Holy Spirit to prepare the soil in the place.

The second session Graham took us to the next level, and had us consider what we could do for individuals and for our City if we could demonstrate what the kingdom is like. He brought it close to home for us as he spoke about a city in our nation that has an opportunity to pour blessing, provision and words of life into right now during a time where they have great need. The atmosphere felt alive with possibility and I felt many deposits of gold were being imparted.

After laying foundations in the first session, this second session Graham opened up insight into how the prophetic operates. Graham drew on a deep reservoir of wisdom and revelation that the Lord has given him, and I felt as though mindsets were being deeply challenged and some shifted.

The final session, Graham demonstrated how he operates in the prophetic by pulling a number of people out and prophesying to them. Through ministering to each of these, he also ministered to many others, as he encouraged us to stand for any word that the Holy Spirit gave witness to in our spirits. The presence of the Holy Spirit felt gentle, rich, warm, and affirming.

SUNDAY

Sunday morning we attended the regular service at the host church before driving home.

Graham shared on living the responsive life, and how everything is initiated by God. Nothing depends on us, and everything depends on him. As he shared on performance Christianity, I felt the atmosphere shift, as though hearts were starting to receive understanding at a heart level. It felt like many were hearing this for the first time. The environment was a little different from the previous day, and it was such a privilege to sit there on the side and pray for Graham and for the atmosphere in the place. I enjoyed hearing what I believe was an 'instead' being spoken into a community of believers.

Victoria Boyd

By: Victoria Boyd
TWC Member



PS. sneaking in a photo here of me with my spiritual Mum, Jeanette, who is the President of Aglow NZ and the person who lent me a Graham Cooke video on the prophetic 18 years ago when I was a new Christian - she had this tape with her this week at the Aglow conference.

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From our TWC Facebook...

 Christine Anne Taylor and 35 others like this.

Seen by 93 people.



Loren Teresa Morrison
Beautiful! Cheering with heaven over NZ!!
November 21 at 9:03 PM · Like



Sheila Chater
How Nice! Did you get to have a good chat with Graham?
November 21 at 9:10 PM · Like



Victoria Boyd
Not this time Sheila - he was in hot demand. :) But I was more than content getting to pray for him from in the front row, and just enjoy who Jesus was in our midst. Such a special time that I'll never forget.
November 21 at 10:04 PM · Like



Sheila Chater
It is a privilege praying for Graham. I feel it too :-)
November 21 at 10:05 PM · Like



Lisa L. Pessecow Cummings
Wow! Such a beautiful blessing!
November 22 at 5:16 AM · Like



Rita Poole
Beautiful!
November 22 at 11:55 AM · Like



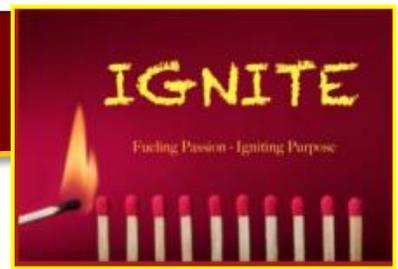
Eileen Kiely Tretter
Wonderful!! Lovely photos too - Graham looks fabulous - Grace & Blessing
November 22 at 10:41 PM · Like ·  1



Lynn Hare
Thank you, Victoria. Sounds rich. Full. Filled with expectancy. Great write-up! It soothed my soul to read.
November 23 at 6:29 PM · Like



Jane Love
Thank you for sharing with us.
November 23 at 6:53 PM · Like



IGNITE Has Sparked!



In November, we officially launched our IGNITE Workshops in Hollister, CA, Vancouver, WA and Westlake Village, CA. We walked across the initial threshold to take our practical equipping into communities and share a one-day immersion into the world of Identity, Joyful Intentionality or Conversations with God (intercession). The mix in every gathering was diverse and delightful, which is exactly what we wanted. We had pastors, new believers, college students and seniors.

These first three events all focused on Discovering our True Identity - and what an exploration it was! I never lose the wonder of it. With the keys of the Father's true nature, His kindness and empowering grace, people begin to not only grasp what is possible in the discovery of who He really is and who they really are, but leave encouraged, with the tools to begin a new process-based lifestyle.

While it is not a requirement that an IGNITE take place in a community where we have TWC members, we want to make the most of the ones that do. In Vancouver, Christine Taylor not only pioneered this venture, but her crew also reserved a fabulous private room at a historic restaurant, knowing how much I love such things - and I did! It was also a moment of profound thanksgiving, as I looked around the long table at the dozen or so TWC members, their families and even one of their pastors! There were times to chat with members that I simply don't have at our Team Brilliant conferences, times driving from place to place that gave us a chance to connect at a new, relational level that was heaven on earth.

With Team Brilliant, I've learned that the first events that you do are always a valuable learning curve. We've already learned a great deal, both of what were fabulous successes and those things that we need to realign. You'll see some of the new, adapted information on the TWC website by clicking on the new IGNITE logo on the home page.

One of the best discoveries in this new adventure was that it was ground worth contesting. On the Thursday before the first IGNITE workshop in Hollister, I stepped on a sharp, small funnel, creating a lovely 1" wide, 1" deep hole in my foot. At the time, I also had no voice and a 102' fever, having gotten sick for the first time in seven years after returning home from my recent 17 day tour. The fight never takes a holiday and the enemy mistakenly calculated that the previously long trip would leave me vulnerable, spitefully hoping that I would cancel our first IGNITE. I didn't... though there was a bit of hobbling during the next three events. It was a very one-dimensional, ground level tactic and with time to finally prop it up for more than a few days, it is healing well. God wins... again.

I was extraordinarily proud of our members in each location, especially our coordinators: Carlos Munoz, Christine Taylor and Connie Jennings. Their passion for Jesus, for their communities, their redemptive lens for every obstacle and their intentionality in utilizing their training in this new way, was deeply encouraging. What an amazing team we are. Thank you.

We expect to collect new TWC members through IGNITE and we appreciate your vision and action that will contribute to more, geographically centered TWC groups in 2015. Keep your eyes out for folks to join you on your Warrior Class adventure.

- Allison

Scheduled 2015 IGNITE Workshops

February 5-8 – Denver, Colorado

February 28, 2015 – Eagle River, Alaska (Anchorage area)

June 27, 2015 – Reno Nevada

Please contact Teresa Morrison for times/locations

Planning now for:

(Dates and locations will be posted on our website when confirmed)

Seattle / Southern British Columbia

Pennsylvania (Gettysburg area)

Lynchburg, VA

Livingston, TX (Houston area)



Comments from those attending IGNITE:

"It was life changing to realize that we weren't meant to do any ministry because of "need" because the "need" is endless - but as I discover my true identity as God designed me, I'll find my real Kingdom assignments. I know better now what to say 'yes' to and what to say 'no' to - with joy, not guilt!"

"I discovered that I am someone who sees treasure in others and knows how to dig it out with encouragement! I never knew that about myself!"

"I am leaving today with powerful Questions for Exploration - and the freedom to know that God's questions are rarely about having the right answer quickly - but having a continuing conversation with Him about who He made me to be!"

"Wow! How people see me on earth (and even how I see myself) isn't always how God sees me. That's my question now: 'How do YOU see me God? And the picture activation gave me some insights already! Thank you Allison!"



IGNITE Vancouver
Coordinator: Christine Taylor

On November 15, 2014 Vancouver WA was intentionally and deliberately set ablaze.

This workshop ignited hearts and then fanned into a roaring fire by the incomparable Holy Spirit. A Holy Fire that burnt away lethargy, passivity, performance, shame and guilt.

What has been left in the aftermath of that Holy Fire started by Allison Bown has been a place for new life, new growth and an unquenchable thirst to know more:

- More of who they are in Christ and who their Father God has called them to be
- More of how God sees them
- More of this wonderful life in Christ

For many who attended the words they heard at Ignite were completely foreign and life giving. For so many they had never, ever heard anything like this before.

What I witnessed being birthed in those tender hearts was: Hope, dreams, wonder and awe that the God of the universe loved each of them so much and wished to speak to each of them personally and directly. Some heard this message first the first time.



What a stellar job Christine Taylor did in putting IGNITE Vancouver together!

IGNITE Workshop Vancouver

Unpacking Your Truest Identity



Dinner at the Vancouver Historic Site



TWC members: Sam Penny and Doris Chapman get new insights from the picture activation



Picture activation in action!

IGNITE Southern California



Discovering the True Nature of God

Saturday's IGNITE was Amazing and set us Ablaze! The day exceeded any of my expectations, but as usual, that's what the Holy Spirit always does! I wish I could have shown you the faces of those who attended. The impact was evident as their eyes got bigger and their faces brightened. Such excitement, expectancy and hunger was in the room.

My dear friend Lisa led worship, we were all bathed in God's love, peace, joy and unity... our hearts were ready and we were prepared to receive our gift, Allison. Her wisdom, revelation, humor and powerful testimonies opened a door, that everyone gladly entered. She hit many home runs!

Many drank deeply from a well they had never experienced before. One woman hugged me, while shaking and crying saying "I feel like I can breath again." Everyone thanked us for the day and would tell us how much it meant to them. Emails are coming in with gratitude for what happened and how they are looking forward to the next IGNITE. There is a community rising, who are wanting more, going deeper and excited about what they will discover on our journey together. THANKS ALLISON! We are forever GRATEFUL!!!

Looking forward to when you will be coming back!



IGNITE Coordinator:
Connie Jennings

Originally from The Wirral, near Liverpool, UK, I am now living in Christchurch, New Zealand. I am husband to Lindsey and a dad to Ben, Jess and Scott. I am delighted to be Team Leader for the wonderful LightBearers of The Warrior Class. (Hello guys!)

In Jesus, who I am and who I have been, no longer limits who I can become.... Such outrageously Good News surely deserves a focused and intentional response. The Warrior Class provides me the framework and environment I need to keep my own response to God consistent and intentional. I find the Warrior Class is a company of like minded people who understand me. I feel very much at home here.



What part of God's nature am I discovering?

The Indwelling Presence. God's tenderness.

I find He is always encouraging me to move forwards. I am becoming ever more conscious of Him as a gentle and permanent fixture inside me. Whereas before, I may have been prone to stop for a while if things became too hard, now I am determined to at least shuffle onwards. His tenderness keeps me moving in response.. Sometimes my walk is more like that of a penguin than a gazelle, but that's fine because if its all I can manage, then it is a means of worship to Him. His tenderness is always at the front of my mind as He talks of the next steps in my personal journey.

My Identity Statement summarizes the Lord's revelation to me of my true identity in Jesus and is a prophetic declaration of who I am becoming in Him. It is mirrored in the Psalm, which follows. I celebrate because I see...

I am a beloved son, perfect in Christ. Approved by the King and bound to Him forever. I am....

...Armed and dangerous. A determined, warrior, anointed for service so I may deliver God's glory to the nations.

...A Master Builder who raises expectations of God's goodness, removes obstacles to faith and releases God's people into their destiny as His children.

...An olive branch, teacher and father of lights, who sees as God sees, hears with his heart and dreams as God dreams. (He dreams BIG BIG BIG).

...Fashioned as a polished arrow in His quiver, to pierce darkness and sever chains of religion.

A Psalm

Father, You called me from the womb, loving me just as you love Jesus and Your ways, Lord, are irresistible to me. Your peace envelopes and strengthens me. You take my hopes and dreams and turn them around as anointing. You give me rest.

The Lord speaks of things ordained from the beginning of time. He sings to me while I sleep. Songs of blessings and provision, joy and hope. My heart resonates with His song and I catch the flame of His desire. Delight is mine. It is His gift to me.

In me, Father, You see Your Beloved Son. Amazingly, I have His likeness. The light of His Majesty grows within me and I shine, joyfully reflecting glory back to You.

The Lord has planted in me the heart of a master builder. The plumb line is in my hand, and with it, I will serve Him. He has anointed me to bring strength and raise the expectations of His people... To build them up for His purposes and release them into their destiny as His children.

The Lord reaches out His hand and beckons me to jump into new life with Him. Favour surrounds me. He stirs up my senses, and lifts me upwards towards the stars of heaven... onwards, to heights and places I could never have dreamed of. He reserves a place for me by His side delighting to show me the kingdom.

I smile and bow before You now, Father to bring You joy. Be blessed. Be delighted. I offer my adoration to you this day for it is You who are the Beloved.

Yes, it is so.

Neil