

# 2017 GLOBAL CONFERENCE - BOUNDLESS

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# **EMPOWERED TO OVERCOME**

I want to talk to you about the anatomy of overcoming because we are heading into territory that is bigger than us. We are heading into an experience of the Kingdom that is truly massive.

#### CIRCUMSTANCES ARE THE DOORWAYS TO EXPERIENCE AND ENCOUNTER

One of the reasons I did that first session was to say to us that the way in is the way through.

The way *into* the bigness and fullness of God is *through* all your life circumstances. Each circumstance is a door into a revelation, a truth, an experience, an encounter. You cannot ignore the lessons that are right there in your life. That is the huge part of you growing up into all things in life.



Each circumstance is the entry point for revelation, truth, experience, and encounter.

We do not make things an event, we make them a lifestyle.

- We are learning how to be in Christ.
- We are learning how to grow up in Christ.
- We are learning how to become like Him, think like Him, and so on.

All your life lessons are there in your life situations. Your life is your training ground. All of us right now are in a variety of situations and we are learning so many things about who God is and about who we are in Christ. I bless you when you are life-lesson learning.



What if the difficulty of a situation means the revelation coming is HUGE?

I have some interesting life lessons of my own right now. I have a couple that are really difficult and therefore quite fascinating to me because I expect to see something in Majesty in Jesus that I have never seen before. Sometimes to me, the more difficult a situation is, the more God wants to give me.

That is my mindset. That is my lens. It is my language. I am not going to be overcome because I am an overcomer.

#### LIFE IS YOUR TRAINING GROUND

It is vital for us to experience both favor and vengeance in our life. According to Isaiah 61, Jesus grants us favor and vengeance - the favor of God and vengeance over the enemy.

There is a day of vengeance for all of us where we turn the tables on the enemy and we learn how to push him back. We learn how to overcome him and then we learn how to be more than a conqueror, which takes place when he realizes he cannot beat us and so there is no point of trying. He cannot afford the resources. He does not have the man power. One third of the angels fell and became demons so we still outnumber them two to one. And we have the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, and we have one another. This is not a fair fight. This is a good fight; and, a good fight is one that you do not lose. Right? Because that would be a bad fight.

God calls us to a winnable war. He calls us to have a good fight. He gives us favor and vengeance where we come into a place of favor and God gives us the capacity to overcome. Some of us have had some very difficult circumstances in our life. It is important for us to get revenge on the enemy, to make him pay. I like those days.

### PURPOSES FOR WARFARE

The purpose of warfare in the New Testament is so that:

- We can know the King in all of His Glory, in all of His Majesty.
- We can have encounters with Majesty.
- » We can experience the Kingdom coming down and overlaying itself on the world where we live.
- We can develop faith and favor.
- We can grow up in all things and become bigger.
- We can truly understand our personal inheritance.
- We can truly understand the inheritance over our household.
- We can understand our inheritance over our community.

How many of you know that you are not supposed to be this size when you enter Heaven? Your spirit is bigger than your physical frame. But in order to accomplish that we have to grow in spirit and in truth. You grow so that you can take your identity to a new level.

Isn't it interesting that as the world is spiraling downward, we are spiraling in the opposite direction? We are spiraling upward. We are learning how to go up in to the expectations of God. We are learning how to go up in our identity and our inheritance and in our capacity to lead lives that represent Jesus.

One of the major purposes of warfare in the New Testament is that you would truly understand your personal inheritance, and the inheritance over your household and over your community. That your community can come into an inheritance just because you live there. They come under what you live under joyfully. That you can push it out to them. You can spread that out. It is just called the Good News, the Glad Tidings of Great Joy. We are proponents of Goodness.

Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed of the devil. I believe Goodness has a nuclear power attached to it. It is powerful and it is important that we are moving in the Goodness of God, not the hatred of the world.

**Ephesians 1:18-23** – I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened so that you will know what is the hope of His calling. That you will know what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints. And that you would know what is the surpassing greatness of His power towards us who believe. These are in accordance with the strength and the working of His might, which He brought about in Christ when He raised Him from the dead. And seated Him at His right hand in the Heavenly places, far above all rule and authority. All power and dominion and every name that is named not only in this age, but also in the one to come. And He put all things in subjection under His feet and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

**Ephesians 3:10** - So that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.

I think that means we call the shots.

**Vs 11** - This is in accordance with the eternal purpose, which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord in whom we have boldness and confidence access through faith in Him.

I cannot leave Ephesians 6:11-13 out.

Put on the full armor of God so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For it is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the full armor of God so that you will be able to resist in the evil day and having done everything to stay standing.

# MAJESTY IS A MINDSET

I think it is so important for us to learn to take our eyes off the world and put them on the Kingdom and come under that place of rule as a lifestyle. Not just when you need to, but as a lifestyle so you never get caught out by situations. Majesty is a mindset; it is a lifestyle. It is a way of seeing and thinking and speaking 24/7.

Do you ever wonder about the Majesty that we could encounter in these days? I think about that all the time. I wrote a book called *Living in Dependency and Wonder* because God took me through a three-year period of just learning how to live as a much loved child. How to have that sense of wonder about everything. Not, I wonder what God is going to do? But having that sense of wonder because you *know* God. You know what He is capable of and you know that He put Christ in you.

We should not have a question about ourselves. We should not ever be thinking 'I do not deserve this.' You totally deserve this. Why? Because Jesus in you deserves it. And if He is in you, you deserve it. You cannot separate the two. That is just double mindedness. Well, Jesus is wonderful but I am rubbish. No you are not! You are in Christ. Everything that made you rubbish, He took it away and nailed it to a tree. He buried it in a grave. And when you rose again in newness of life, your old man did not rise with you. It is still down there. Do not visit the grave site. You cannot resurrect that corpse.

Dealing with your old man is like exhuming a corpse and giving it plastic surgery. It is the dumbest thing ever. God is not going to change something that He has already killed. Big clue, God is not going to help you with your old man; He has already done the best thing for it, He killed it stone dead. Nobody in Heaven wanted the job of changing your old man because that is a futile existence. You are dead. Turn to your neighbor and say, "You are so dead. So dead." Stay dead.

Guys, listen, do not play dead, stay dead. What you are doing in your life right now is you are learning how to be alive in Christ. How to be fully alive. Fully alive to all the Majesty of God. Fully alive to all the blessings and promises. Fully alive to the Kingdom in the same way that Jesus was.

One of my dreams is, I want to pay my taxes the same way He did. Right? Let us go fishing. Send Peter fishing. First fish you catch, open its mouth. Take out that gold coin and pay your taxes and mine. Dear Lord Jesus, would that not be something?

#### A SENSE OF WONDER

I think it is good for us to have a sense of wonder about who we can be, who we are in Christ, about who we can be. And that is part of the anatomy of overcoming. That you have a sense of wonder about everything. You have a sense of wonder about who is Jesus in me and who am I becoming in Him and how is this situation going to help me?

I love the fact that God goes before and then He comes with us. Do you ever wonder what God sees when He goes before you? Do you ever wonder that? When God goes into that territory ahead of you, what is He seeing? What is He putting down? What resources is He laying out there? He sees every problem and He is going to put a promise and a provision right next to that problem. And then He wants to come back and walk with you out into that territory and point out all the good stuff. Here is my question, then. If God has gone before and He goes with you, and there is something already out there in your future, what on earth is the point in being worried?

Do you not want to go and explore what could be out there? Do you not want to stop bemoaning your circumstances and get excited thinking I wonder what God has already done about this? We must have a sense of wonder. He has gone before you, He is going to go with you.

The Kingdom is not a difficult life. The world is a difficult life. We are in the world, but we are not of it. We are in the Kingdom. In the Kingdom different rules apply. Like to me, the world is playing checkers and the Kingdom is playing chess. The world is playing baseball, the Kingdom is playing football. Somebody is going to get hurt. Right? Different rules apply.

Jesus came preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven and doing signs and wonders and miracles. Doing outrageous things. All He is doing is showcasing that this is how the Kingdom works. This is the Kingdom you now belong to. This is the territory that you are a part of. These are the rules. All things are possible because God is with you and God is in you.

It is appropriate for us to step away from the anxiety and the fearfulness of the earth and step into a place of wonder and expectation and exhilaration about the Kingdom of Heaven.

There is a boldness and a confidence that belongs to you now. It is so important that we step into that place. I love that song that Jonathan wrote, We Are No Longer Slaves To Fear. We are children of God

and that is our inheritance. Our inheritance is Jesus. If you want to know what your new man is called, he is called Jesus. Christ in you, the expectation of something astonishing occurring. I wonder what it would be like for us to live in astonishment.

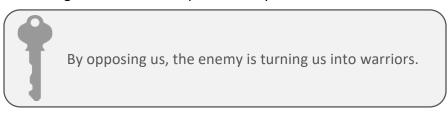
#### WARNING AGAINST DULLNESS

You know one of the last things in the book of Acts is a warning against dullness - to be dull of hearing, dull of thinking. Dullness is where we are too preoccupied with the world to hear the Kingdom properly. The Kingdom is here to make you astonished, to give you lessons in wonder and astonishment. To be shaking your head, to be laughing at things that five years ago you would have been crying over. But you are different now. You have grown up and there is a different preeminence at work in you that does not worry. It does not make allowances for fear or negativity.

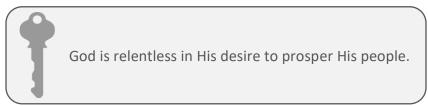


To know that a huge part of living in the Kingdom is now the enemy has to help us. He does not see it that way, but here is the thing, he was created to serve the purposes of God. Nothing has changed. He is still created to serve the purposes of God. If the enemy had known that Jesus being crucified on a tree would take away all of his own power, he would have chopped down every tree in Israel. He did not know that half the stuff he was doing was serving the purpose of God.

He does not know that by opposing us, he is turning us into warriors. He does not get that. He has been away from the Kingdom too long. He has lost the ability to think properly. He does not know that by opposing us, he makes us greater. But it is important for you to know it.



There comes a time when the enemy will quit in the face of Majesty. The enemy will be saying, "This is the finger of God, I cannot do anything here." It is important for us to see how powerless the enemy is in the face of the Lord.



There is this relentless desire of God to prosper His people. Read the account of Moses going into Egypt to rescue people. His job was to bring out over a million people and make sure they got paid when they left. God was there bringing down every household god in that empire. Between the two of them, that messed up the enemy so bad that he could not do anything.

When all of the plagues came into Egypt, they never touched Israel once. It never came to them. They were living in Egypt, but it never touched them.

#### **NEW TESTAMENT INHERITANCE**

There is a dynamic here. The thing that blows my mind is this is Old Testament. New Testament is bigger and it is greater. So if that can happen in the Old Testament, what on earth is our inheritance in the New? Scripture says that the New Covenant is a better Covenant. It is a bigger, bolder Covenant than the Old. The Old is passed away because the New is here and what we are inheriting is greater than what Israel experienced.

This Covenant, this Kingdom that we are a part of, we are going to see greater things than Israel ever saw. They saw some pretty amazing things, eh? But there is something about this Christ life that is so unique and powerful, so oppressive to the enemy. I long for those days when we are not just defending ourselves but we are actually oppressing the enemy. By that I do not mean people. I mean principalities and powers, all that we read of in Ephesians when we are oppressing the enemy in the earth. There is this relentless desire of God to prosper the people, to do good to us, to provide miracles in the face of oppression.

# REVELATION COMES BEFORE THE BATTLE

This is where I think we are heading into as Aglow. I think we are coming into a time when we are going to get revelation before a battle commences. We are going to have prophetic words given to us before a battle starts. We will know the outcome of that attack before we enter the fight. The reason for that is because we need to know what the plunder looks like. We need to know how much we get to rob the enemy of things that we are going to need for all that God has called us to do.



Through difficult times in battle, all the wealth of the wicked is coming to the righteous.

All the wealth of the wicked is going to come to the righteous. But I think it is going to come through times of difficulty in battle. We need prophetic words so we can write crafted prayers, so we can stand in a different way, and so we can partner with Heaven differently and take resources in the locality where we live.

It is interesting, you know, all this nonsense about health bills and Obamacare, whether you like it or not. Who really cares? I think the real issue is, the government cannot afford it anyway. No matter what they choose. But it is tailor made for the church to develop a healing ministry par excellence. This situation is made for us. It is made for us.



All the problems in the world are designed for the Kingdom to arise from the midst of God's people in the earth.

All the calamities of the earth we will face are made for us. Global warming, it is made for us because we know someone who can control the temperature on things. These are made for us to step into, places of prayer and bravery and confidence and power. They say now we can turn the thermostat of the earth down. And we can do this. We can stop that water coming through. We can cause water to come where there is no water.

# PROBLEMS ARE DOORWAYS INTO COMMUNITIES

We used to do a lot going through Africa years ago in missions. We would go to places where the water supply was poisoned and you asked the Lord, 'What do You want to do?' because you realize this is our doorway into this community. They do not have drinkable water. If we can solve that we are in. This is a doorway. This is how evangelism works. When the Lord said chop that tree down and throw it in – I did that and I prayed and the Lord said, 'That is great Graham, now take a drink.' Suddenly you want to bind Jesus. So you take a drink and this audible gasp – you crazy Englishman. Then everyone watches you for three days – you are like a human petri dish. Everyone watches you and on the fourth day when you are still alive and you are drinking the water every day, suddenly everyone realizes this is okay. The whole area opened up to the Gospel.

We went to places where there had been no rain for like 10, 20, 30 years. The Lord said gather all the men and digging equipment. We ran for a day and a half and He said, 'Stop here, dig there.' We dug down 50 feet. That is a lot of soil to move. We found water. Then we moved the whole community there.



God places us in communities to showcase how wonderful Jesus is.

You have not got to worry about anyone getting saved at that point. People want to know who is this God? You know that is your job, right? To showcase how wonderful Jesus really is. We are not here to showcase our own uncertainty, inadequacy and fear. I believe Jesus can do it but I am not sure if I am the one to pray for it. Get over yourself. You are exactly the one.

This is what we are stepping into. This is what will make us distinctive. Nothing is impossible. Every government is going to build a highway straight to your door because you will be able to do things that they cannot afford to have done in the natural realm. You need a sense of wonder.



We must have a sense of wonder and astonishment at who God is for us.

You need to learn some astonishment because I think you will not survive without a sense of wonder and astonishment. You might get through, but you will not prosper in the difficulty. And you will fight at a lower level, which might mean you get victories, but it will not mean that you become more than a conqueror.

I like reading all the stories in the Old Testament and then realizing, those guys did that and they did not have God living inside them. We are a new creation. All the old things have passed away. You are new creation. What does that mean?

You are race of people never seen in the earth before Jesus. Before Jesus, no one had God living inside them. He visited. They had a visitation relationship. They did all those things through visitation. We are a habitation of God. We have God living in us — we are capable of doing a million times better. Somewhere you get to inherit a sense of wonder and astonishment.



Our language must be filled with trust and faith, favor and vengeance, wonder and astonishment, and awe and worship.

The way we travel is important in the Kingdom. The way we travel in the Holy Spirit is important. It is important to travel with a sense of wonder and astonishment. And when we talk to each other, we use that language. It is the language of trust and faith. The language of favor and vengeance. The language of overcoming, of wonder, of astonishment, of awe, of worship. We will come to the days when our prayer meetings will be 55 minutes of worship and 5 minutes of prayer because that is all it will take. We get lost in the sense of wonder and our ability to pray gets built up and built up and built up until you know that the prayer you are praying is the same prayer that Jesus would pray. There is only one prayer to pray and that is the one that He is praying.



The only prayer to pray is the one Jesus is praying.

Supplication with thanksgiving means you give thanks more than you supplicate (if that is even a word). You give thanks more than you pray because you give thanks to get into that position of awe and wonder and astonishment and Presence and Majesty. Then the Spirit of God is going to come rising up through people and just one prayer is going to be prayed and that is it. Prayer time is over.

# **EXODUS 3 CONTAINS STRATEGY FOR OVERCOMING**

Let me read Exodus 3:7-13a The Lord said, I have surely seen the afflictions of My people who are in Egypt (just substitute your country's name right there whether it is China, Korea, America, or even England), and have given heed to their cry because of their taskmasters, for I am aware of their sufferings. So I have come down to deliver them from the power of the enemy, and to bring them up from that land to a good a spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite and all the other 'ites' and now, behold, the cry of the sons of Israel (the cry of the sons of Korea and China and Peru and whatever your country is), the cry of the sons of that place has come to Me; furthermore, I have seen the oppression with which the enemy is oppressing them. Therefore, come now, and I will send you. I will send you. So you may bring My people out of that place of bondage and oppression.

Sometimes it is fun to take Old Testament and modernize it with the new.

Exodus 3 is a classic strategy session for overcoming. You need to study it in your groups. It is where we learn the anatomy of an overcomer. God is aware of everything going on in your Region, your city. He is listening to prayers of agreement, not complaint. He is looking at people who want to rise up in power, not sink down into helplessness. It is time to write crafted prayers that empower overcoming.

# GOD'S PLAN IS TO REPLENISH CITIES

It is not just running the enemy out, it is replenishing cities. It is restoring, renewing in a waste places, the ruined cities, the places of habitation that have been torn down. People are talking about the bill to put Houston back on its feet, and Florida, wondering whether we can afford it, what it is going to do to our economy. What if there are miracles there? Seriously. What if there are miracles there?

My daughter had her 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and she texted me and said, "Dad, do you remember this?" She had a photo there of a note that I sent her on her wedding day because the rain was pouring. I came to pick her up in a Rolls-Royce with all of the brides' maids. We are going out to get married out in the country and everyone is saying that we need to call the wedding off, we need to try and rearrange something.

In the morning when I saw the rain, I said to the Lord, "Seriously, it is raining? You know this is Sophie we are talking about. This is Sophie's wedding day." He said, "I know. I know." "Well, help me out if You are not going to help her out." He just said, "Graham, I have sent a strong east wind. It will dry off the ground and by the time she needs to take photographs, the sun will be out, the ground will be dry, it will be cool. I have it covered."

This is what I wrote down in the message – "Sweetie, the Lord promised me a strong east wind. By the time the ceremony is done and you go out for photographs and all that stuff, everything will be dry." I wrote on the bottom "everything is as it should be." She has kept that. Why? That is her promise. On the biggest day of her life to that point, marrying a guy she adores, you want the perfect wedding. She has kept it and she sends it to me, a photograph of it. That is who we are.

#### TODAY IS THE DAY

We do not settle for "no." And we are learning to ignore "wait" because, honestly, there is no point in waiting when we are behind the time. We need to catch up with what God wants to do. I think God is going to tear out "wait" from the Bible and put it on one side for like maybe a decade. He will slip it back, but it will not have any meaning then, because we will be too used to "now is the day, now is the time, this is the accepted time."

I think God is saying that the word is now. The word is now. Now. This is the day. Today while it is still called today. "Do not tell Me what I cannot do," says the Lord. "Tell Me what you are prepared to believe for and we will start there. When I do that, I need you to upgrade your faith so we can do something bigger."

The word for Aglow is now, today, here, now. Getting a little carried away, a little passionate about that.



During times of warfare, there will be plunder to take from the enemy's camp.

In warfare, we learn what we can receive from God. You notice every time David overcame the Philistines, there was always a lot of spoil that had to be carried away, then everyone got their share. In warfare there is always something to receive. I would have a sense of wonder about that. Really. You have problems with rioting in your city? What is the city meant to receive? You could speak that into being. There are miracles here. There are signs and wonders here. This is the Kingdom we are talking about and you are a new creation. You are not subject to anxiety or angst or inadequacy. We should be over confident in Jesus.

I look around the world at what is happening and, honestly, I feel absurdly optimistic. Totally optimistic. This is made for Jesus. Could this be any better for us right now? Let us wait a few days and it will get even better for us.

The worst things get in the world, the better things are going to be for the Kingdom. The real question is, "Where do you want to live? What ground do you want to come under? The world or the Kingdom?"

This is the anatomy of an overcomer. We have a sense of wonder about the realm we belong to. We have a sense of astonishment about what God is really like and we bring that. There is no power on earth that can stop it from happening.

Governments. You know they think they are so powerful. It is amusing. All through the scriptures you realize God ignored every government. He did exactly what He wanted to do and nothing has changed. Except that now instead of working through a few prophets and a few key people here and there, a few individuals, now He has hundreds of millions of people who are going to work with Him. That just makes it even worse for the enemy.

There is an army on the march – not a few key people who can call things down - not a specialized favor that belonged to a few key people. We are all walking with God and even you walking with God on your worst day is more than a match for some of the things going on in your city or your Region.

#### NEED A MIRACLE? ONE IS AVAILABLE

I think experiencing a miracle is a requirement in the Kingdom. It lets you know that you are a member. If you need a miracle, it is probably because one is available.



What if a miracle is not an exception, it is the rule? I think we are heading into territory where miracles are normal - they are normal currency. We will get to a point where they are not even used anymore because there are so many of them, they are common place.



You are not free from bondage until you are in total blessing.

But here is the beginning of that. You are not out of bondage until you are in total blessing. That is why we are always saying to you, take responsibility for your blessing. You are blessed – show it. Step into it. There are so many blessings around you right now. Israel, a rebel of slaves - half of them did not even believe that God could do anything, but they still ate breakfast that flew in every morning. Right? They still gathered up manna and ate it.



You are not being opposed by the enemy because you are weak. You are being opposed because you are strong!

Sometimes I think God makes sure that you need a miracle because He is so intent on giving you one. I love about God that He adores to move in the opposite spirit. That is part of the anatomy of overcoming. Whatever opposes you, you are already bigger. It is not opposing you because you are weak. It opposing you because you are strong for goodness' sake. It is opposing you because it does not want you to get any bigger and it thinks it can frighten you out of that. The guys who went to spy out Israel, they were all tough men. Big guys, strong guys, powerful men, warriors.

Ten of them got completely deceived by what they saw. Two of them were ecstatic. "Oh my God, they are giants – this is so good for us. This is exactly what we need. This is exactly what we need. My God, there are giants in the land – yes! The thing in which I greatly desire has come upon me. I am going to fight a giant. Oh my God! I cannot even wait!"



God loves to move in the opposite spirit.

God loves to move in the opposite spirit. That means you get to turn mourning into joy. You get to turn bondage into deliverance and freedom. You get to learn the economics of freedom. There is more freedom available to you. For where we are going, we need to exercise way more freedom than we have right now. Stepping into your own freedom gives you the permission to let the community around you borrow from your faith. Borrow from your freedom.



When you step into freedom, the community around you can step into freedom too.

If you have ever been healed of anything, you have a healing ministry. Why? Because now the freedom to heal is in you because you have been healed. If you have ever been healed now in your testimony is the power for you to bring healing to somebody else. Whatever you have been set free from, now gives you freedom to set other people free and that is vengeance. That whatever the enemy has done against you, you now have freedom to release other people from the same thing that he used you to oppress you from.



When you step into freedom, you have the power to bring that freedom to others and that is vengeance.

You are moving in the opposite spirit. Slaves living in huddles in Egypt received homes and vineyards and wells in a land of promise. Listen, we do not really have to cross Jordan. Jesus is our land of promise and He lives in you. That Territorial Spirit lives in you. What you need is the Grace and the freedom of the Holy Spirit to stand up and walk forward into the territory that belongs to you and claim it in Jesus' name. Expect to fight.

# **OUR VICTORY IS NOW!**

When that fight comes, you can win that fight with wonder and astonishment because you know there is only ever going to be one winner. Father has never lost a fight, Jesus is undefeated, and the Holy Spirit always leads us in triumph.

Where there is a barrier against us, where there is an obstruction that prevents us moving forward, where the enemy has hindered our progress and placed limitations upon us, where we experience difficulty and frustration — all these restrictions are lifted in the Name of Jesus. They are lifted now. They were lifted when He got raised from the dead. That was the ultimate game changer — He gave us power over everything. He lives far above all rule and authority and power.

We need to come into the now of that. Stop putting off victory until a later date. That is like saying, "Well I will be happy when this is over." Why can you not be happy now? Why are you willing to postpone your happiness until the enemy leaves town? Seriously? That is no way to live.

#### CHARGE!

Freedom now. Overcoming now. Fullness now. Glory now. Presence now. Now is the day. Now is the accepted time. This is the day of the Lord. It is upon us, it is with us, it is all around us.

We need to charge – Aglow, we all need to link up to that power outlet. Aglow is getting charged up. Every Lighthouse: you are going to have face up to being charged up to do something different. Stop doing business as usual and start doing things in a different way.

I think in the church, if we had less meetings we could accomplish more. Jesus did not say, "I have come that you might have meetings and have them more abundantly." He said, "I have come that you might have life and have that more abundantly." We should stop having meetings where we talk about the possibility of having life, how we need to believe for life, and we need to start having life!

I think that is our value. That is who you are. That is how we need to show up. We are a movement that is living in the now of who God is. Not waiting anymore. I want to step into something.



Aglow is a movement that is living in the now of who God is.

Here is the thing I discovered about God, He is not afraid of presumption. He is so not an evangelical. He is not afraid of presumption. Do you think God is going to get mad because you believe Him for too much? Seriously? Do you think He is going to get annoyed because you are exercising too much favor?

There are times when I have stepped beyond a line and I cannot honestly say I heard from God to do so, but the situation demanded something so I am thinking, well right now something needs to happen so He does not want me waiting for Him, He wants me stepping out where He is. So when I have stepped out, something has happened.

Then there have been times when the Lord has said, "It is not time to be out here yet, but you look pretty good so I will just draw another line in front of you." Sometimes He says, "Okay you can have that victory, but we need to go back there because there are a couple of character things we need to sort out because when you get out there, son, I want you to be able to stay out there." He has never once been annoyed with me because I believed Him for too much. Sometimes He just laughed and said, "I love you, you are so English."

#### BELIEVE GOD FOR MORE

I am learning in the Grace of God there are no rules. It is just the rule of Love. There is the rule of trust, and if you think He is going to get annoyed because you trust Him too much, you do not know what He is like. He is not bothered about presumption. He is bothered about unbelief. He calls it an evil heart of unbelief.

What He is saying here is not that people in unbelief are evil, He is saying that unbelief is evil to your heart. He is not bothered about you believing Him for too much, He is bothered about you believing Him for too little.

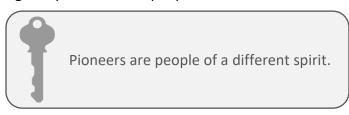
Some of us need to be playing catch up. You have a lot of leeway in front of you. There is a lot of territory you can move into right now. It has always been yours, it has just been waiting for you to step in and claim it.

### RESOURCES ARE WAITING

I think the reason it is important for us not to wait is because we have waited too long. Now is the day. This is the time. Our resources are already out there. God is not going to give you everything you need before you move. He wants you to take a step of faith. So, the resources are out there, you need to get out there where they are, because if God is going before you, and then He is going with you. He has already gone before you to make sure the resources are out there. Then He goes with you because He wants to point them out. He wants to fellowship with you as you are exploring and pioneering.

# WE ARE PIONEERS, NOT SETTLERS

There are explorers in Aglow. People who are going to explore God for all that He is. People who are going to ask questions. People who are not going to accept the status quo. People who are not going to settle for things the way they are. Because we are pioneers, we are not settlers. Pioneers want to go into different territory. They want to see what is out there. They want to explore things. They want to go prospecting. They do not want to buy a gold ring in a jewelry store. They want to go out and find some gold and make a ring. They are different people.



There are warriors here, so many tens and hundreds of thousands of warriors in Aglow. And Champions. People who have a cause. That cause might be your city. It might be your Region. It might be your country. It might be the sick. It might be terminal problems in society and culture. Whatever it is, you have a cause. You are a champion.

You know something about champions? They like to be first. You do not call somebody who finishes second a champion. Champions are first. They are winners. They are overcomes. They want to be first. And Champions have a cause and they want that cause to win.

That is why I like working with "Not For Sale." For me, it is one of the best anti-human trafficking agencies in the world and I love the emancipation of women and children. I love setting people free from economic slavery. I am a champion. Every spare dollar we have goes into that. We are GameChangers.

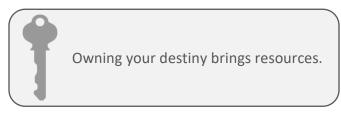
We are GameChangers in Aglow. We are leaders in Aglow. So when you go back to your Region, you go back to your Area, you go back to your Lighthouse, back to your nation, you have to think like a GameChanger. "How do we change this group of people? How do we change the game?" Let us stop playing baseball and start playing football. Let us play by Kingdom rules – there are none.



Kingdom is Yes and Amen in Christ. It is like God says, "The answer is yes. What was the question?" We are catching up. We are not waiting. Overcomers do not wait. They step in. We are so not waiting. This is now. You are in the now. You are in the know and you are in the now.

I was talking to a friend of mine from Scotland and we were talking about something that he really needed to do, and I said, "So you are going to do it?" He said, "Know the now." I said, "That does not even make sense. That is not a Kingdom sentence – know the now. That is not Kingdom. It is now and

you need to know it is now. Right? You cannot be denying your destiny when it is right in front of you. Come on."



You cannot deny your destiny when it is right in front of your face. If you own up to your destiny, your resources will come with it. God does not resource your ministry. He resources your identity in Jesus. That is why we are growing up in Aglow. We are having to grow up quickly.

That is why I need to give you this prophetic word. So put everything down.

When you get these messages, I want you to take these prophetic words out and play them in your Lighthouse. Play them in your own circumstances. Play them with your friends. Play them when you have situations that need something more than you feel you have.

# PROPHETIC WORD

The Lord says, I know every circumstance of your life without you having to tell Me. I am thoroughly acquainted with your sorrow and grief and tears. You need to talk to Me about those issues that affect you adversely because it is in the prayer of your heart that I get to exchange your negatives into My possibilities. There is a divine exchange that you have come into. It is present right here, right now, says the Lord, because I say it is.

You have not because you ask not is always true, but as you ask and keep on asking, I can become your divine exchange as I teach you to always receive. You are a receiver. That is your destiny, it is a part of your ministry. Your ministry is to receive things from the Kingdom into the earth. Things for you, things for your neighbors, things for your family, for your place of work, for your neighborhood, for your city. You are a receiver in that city. I am relentless in My pleasure to supply all your needs in My Son. You must become as equally relentless in joyful prayer.

I am uncompromising in battle. I am very oppressive to the enemy of your soul. This is a conflict that I enjoy. Whose side do you want to be on? You need to deliberately line up on My side. I am uncompromising in battle and very oppressive to the enemy of your soul. I am the very essence of unfaltering persistence on your behalf. Stay the course, Beloved. Remain in Me. Dwell in My calm. Stay in My peace. Let your mind capitulate to My joy.

My Presence in you will depress the enemy. He is Mine to do with as I will. Let the joy of the Lord strength you and weaken the opposition. Our joint determination, our happy endurance together will debilitate the enemy to the point where all his efforts will best serve our own purpose. He will quit when I want him to quit. He must serve My purpose so that My intentions are fully released. This is the anatomy of overcoming.

I allow the enemy a certain level of power so that his presence may provoke you to reach into a higher level of relationship and effective prayer. My grand design is that he would inspire you to ask Me for miracles. It is vital to Me that the enemy would provide for you.

I give you the wealth of the wicked. He must pay for his oppression by being oppressed in return. The slaver is always enslaved to do the will of God. I use the devil to teach you to stand, to press in to Me, to fight, endure, to calmly persist.

It is on the battle ground of life where you discover Majesty. It is impossible to become fully Christ-like when everything is going well. It is your conflict with all the opposition that empowers you to receive the full weight of My Presence and provision.

Here, in the place of opposition, be provoked to explore My heart. Be prompted to ask Me for miracles. Behold, it is I who put you in the place of needing a miracle. I am in charge of all your conflicts. Come to Me. Let us use them effectively. Let us prosper together. I allow in My wisdom what I could easily prevent in My power. I use the enemy to develop you so you may grow in strength and power.

I used Goliath to make David a king. I use giants to make Caleb an inheritance in the nation. I allow the enemy to touch your possessions that you may encounter the Provider in a bigger way. Vital that you ask Me for favor in any conflict. It is essential for you that you know that because you have found favor in My sight, that you have a strong expectation of being resourced by Me in the heat of battle.

Promotions are won on the field of battle. Identity is always upgraded in conflict. Territory is won when a strong man is defeated. His possessions are looted when you bind him and cast him down.

Beloved, this is your opportunity to become the warrior, the explorer, the pioneer, the GameChanger, the champion that I see when I look at you. I want you to be engaged with My joyful intentionality. I want you to have an untroubled expectation of Me. I am the relentless One, unyielding, unstoppable, insistent, persistent, unflagging, in My desire to bless you and see you grow up in all the fullness and the abundance of My Son.

To make you like Him is My heart's desire, says the Father. Jesus is a Warrior King.

Hell is hard, but Jesus is Tenacious. Hell is strong, but Jesus is all Powerful. Hell is ruthless, but Jesus is Supreme. Jesus – tougher than hell.

I want you to learn to persist in His nature. Do not persist in the situation. Persist in the nature of God above the situation. Persist in joy. Persist in peace and patience, and you will always outlast the enemy and receive all that I want to give you. Sometimes you have lost the race when you were in front and the tape was in sight. Stay the course. Persist in My nature, not the circumstances. And know this, in opposition I have provided a divine advantage. Warriors learn how to stand firm and be resourced.

Beloved, this is your time to learn. It is your time to learn Majesty and to receive authority. Wear the armor. It looks good on you.

The time is now. The day is here. We are in the now of the outpouring of God. When God grants you something, you should take Him for granted. He loves that. Let us pray.

Father, I thank You. Aglow is coming into our own land of promise where extraordinary things are happening and will happen and will continue to happen. And by the intent of all extraordinary things, we will become powerful and confident. The people who know their God will be strong and do exploits. We are all about to live in Ephesians 3:20 moments knowing that You are able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that works within us now.

I declare in Jesus' Name. I declare Ephesians 3:20 as a life scripture for Aglow and all its members. I declare that every country in Aglow will have Ephesians 3:20 opportunities. I declare that nothing will be impossible. That we will go on the battle field with a flag that says, Ephesians 3:20 – you are so dead.

Ephesians 3:20 will be in our eyesight, it will be in our mindset, it will be on our lips, it will be our hope, our expectation. We are Ephesians 3:20 people and we are going to live from the place of dreaming and creative thinking. This is our moment to step into a place that honestly we have longed for, for a long time. We prayed for, for a long time and now it is here. So the days of prayer for it are ended. Now these are days of confession. Now we are in days of declaration. Now we are in times of proclamation where we get to proclaim the things that we use to pray for in supplication.

What we used to intercede for, we now proclaim as a reality. And God will give us new and different intercession. Go back over your prayers and turn them into proclamations because the time is now and the seeds of the Kingdom are being sown in our midst all the time. Things are growing around us and we are growing up in Christ. I bless you in the Name of Jesus.

I call you up to go and lead the revolution. Lead the onslaught. Lead the growth. Lead the outrageous movement of the Holy Spirit in the midst of your own companies and let us see what God will do in this new day. This next 50 years, we have turned a corner and we are now in a different territory. We are not at different levels and now we are at the jumping off point into times of plenty, into outrageous miracles.

We will be like Israel when the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like those who dream. I think these are days of dreaming for us. I hope you dream big and I hope you realize every single one of them for Jesus' sake and in Jesus' name. Amen.

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