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Opening Session

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There has always been a sound that came from Aglow.

I became part of Aglow back in the 70's and worked with the first President, Ellen Olsen, and the second President, Margaret Moody. I was Margaret's assistant. Ultimately I was asked to be the interim President. They are still looking. She will show up one of these days.

The Sound of Worship


I often think back to those early days in Aglow. I was a local President. What sticks in my mind is the sound of worship. It was the predominate factor in our meetings. It was not all about the speaker so that everything was cut short so the speaker had a lot of time. It was really about Him. It was about our worship and praise.

It was in those days that we were really beginning to move in the things of the Spirit.

When I think back to those early times, I think of the various prophetic words that have been spoken over Aglow - not only from people within our own ranks who we love and trust, but from outside voices - leaders that we also know and love and trust.

What Do You Want to See?

A year or so ago, we were having a Board of Directors meeting at Headquarters. We were talking about what we want to see in Aglow and Glenda Fleming asked a question. "Jane, what do you want to see in Aglow?" We had a sense that it is a new era. It is a new time and we were pondering what that means for us. We know that God is not through with us. How does He want to transition us in this new place?


 **Key:** God's Presence is paramount for all Aglow events.

Remember that Chuck Pierce said to us to watch how you transition. It was an encouragement for us to make sure we were on the right path as we move forward into our future. So, in this discussion, Glenda asked the question, "What do you, Jane, want to see in Aglow?"

I Want to See His Presence

My answer came back swiftly, "I want to see the Presence of the Lord."

To me, Aglow is not about meetings, although meetings is included in what we do. It is one of the various things that we can get caught up in and that can become your activity, your focus. Yet, what Aglow is really all about is His Presence.


 **Key:** What Aglow is really about is His Presence.

I believe that in this hour He is calling us to dwell in His Presence.

You may be thinking, “Well of course we do.” But as the prophetic word said, He is calling us up higher.

I have found in my personal life - in a book I read as a daily devotional – it is good, it is rich, but, do you ever find that what you read is not quite hitting the mark? It isn’t anything wrong with the book. But there is something stirring in you. It is like you have an itch you cannot scratch. That is the Holy Spirit. He is stirring us in a sense, to become dissatisfied with what we have known. And I do not mean grumbling and talking negative about it.

You have heard the phrase ‘been there done that’? We are not leaving things behind. We are cutting off familiarity and we are beginning to move into a new place.

 **Key:** In moving into a new place, old things are left behind.


The New Place – A Higher Place

The higher place that was spoken in the prophetic word - it will be a faith walk. I think it is human nature that we want to do it right. We watch the leader. We watch others and we all kind of fall in line and do what we think is the new thing. But I believe in this new era, it is almost like you have to feel your way after God. That is why your time spent with Him is so crucial.

Christ is All

I have been reading in a book by Nee that focuses on Christ. The title is *Christ the Sum of all Things*. In the book he is talking about things - we pray for patience, we pray for provision, we pray for health, we pray for the kids, the dog, the cat. We have all these things we ask for, right? I believe He is taking those things away from us. I do not mean that He is going to take away your job and you are not going to have food to eat. I am saying that by His Spirit, He has a way of adjusting things. He sharpens your focus and all you see before you is His Son. It is His Son who is all. He is all in all. There is not anything to be added. He made provision for us and it was His Son.


Jesus did not just come to save you so you would go to Heaven. He is redeeming every aspect of your life. As He redeems every aspect of your life, you will find yourself saying, “I cannot say that. I cannot go there. I do not want to do this or that.” You are being adjusted. He is making ready a people prepared for the Lord.

 **Key:** In Aglow, God has made ready a prepared people for Himself.

You have heard this story before about when Tony and I were in Jerusalem in 2014. We were sitting at a coffee shop and a man kept looking out and finally walked over to our table. He said “I do not know who you are, but you are important in the Kingdom.” He did not mean ‘you are a big deal’. He was drawing attention to the fact that this was going to be a Kingdom statement. He said, “I have a sense that many people follow along with you. I want to tell you it is time just as Esther went in to be prepared to be the bride, it is time for your people to be prepared to meet the King.”


Prepare to Meet the King

As I relate this to you, I do not say it fearfully, rather, I say it with a certain sense of expediency. It is time for us to be prepared to meet the King. None of us know the day or the hour; however, we certainly can read some of the signs of the time. Things are stirring.


 **Key:** It is time for Aglow to prepare to meet the King.

Birthed by Prayer


As I said a few minutes ago about Aglow, from the earliest days, it was never about speakers. It was always about His Presence. I would say that from the beginning - because that is how Aglow was birthed, prayer was a major focus. That has increased as the days have gone by.

 **Key:** Aglow was birthed by prayer and is sustained by prayer.

Prayer is taking front and center in our lives. A word was spoken - I think it was last year, it would have been at the US National conference. Dutch Sheets said that Aglow has moved from being prayer warriors to being apostolic-prophetic watchmen on the walls of the nations.

 **Key:** Aglow women and men are apostolic-prophetic watchmen on the walls of the nations.

When I hear the word apostolic, not that we are all apostles, but that there can come an apostolic hovering over a prayer group. The whole purpose of prayer is to *peer into the future* to get a sense of what God is doing and what He is saying and then you pray into it. So we are apostolic-prophetic watchmen on the wall.

 **Key:** The purpose of prayer is to peer into the future and make declarations that align with Heaven's will.

We have 48 nations represented here in Jerusalem at this Convocation. There is an Aglow presence in over 170 nations. I know we have been in more nations even if it is only two people, even just one. Usually it is at least 2 or a small group as they begin to see God's vision for their nation.

Remember Asher Intrater speaking to us about the nation and how God views the nation? We look at things with the natural eye and we think, well this government, and this person, and this and that needs to change. Yet when we begin to look from Heaven's point of view, we speak out in prayer what we are seeing and knowing that God wants to fulfill.

Jeremiah 9:17

This word was spoken early on in Aglow. You will know it as soon as I start reading it.

Consider now, call for the weeping, wailing women. Tell them to come. Send for the most skillful of them. Let them come quickly and wail over us until our eyes overflow with tears and water streams from our eyelids. The sound of wailing is heard from Zion. Now you women, hear the word of the Lord. Open your ears to the words of My mouth. Teach your daughters how to wail. Teach your daughters how to pray, how to get in touch with Heaven, and how to make a difference in the earth.

 **Key:** Pray apostolic-prophetic prayers without ceasing.

I do not know about you, but I do not always just kneel down by my bed and spend 3 hours in prayer. I feel like a constant line of prayer is going forth from my mouth. I am driving. I am in the grocery store. I can be going about my daily business. Prayer is going forth from my lips.

I remember Chuck Pierce saying earlier this year, "I do not live on earth anymore." Chuck did not die. He said, "I live in Heaven." I pray that for us. We need to get acclimated to Heaven. That is where we are going.

This verse is talking about women hearing the Word of the Lord.

Open your ears to the word of His mouth. Teach your daughters how to wail. Teach one another to lament. Because death has climbed into our homes. It has removed the children from the streets and the young men from the public squares.... So call, for the wailing women.

As I was looking at things last night I kept coming back to that scripture. I do not know if I am hearing correctly, but I felt like He said, "They are here. They are in My city. I would love to hear the congregation of people begin to wail."

I believe there is to be a cry. I am not talking about extreme weird things. I am talking about what happens in a woman as she prepares to give birth. There is a natural thing that happens in her body. She knows her time has come and she gives herself to it.


Hovering of the Holy Spirit

I believe as Dutch Sheets said to us in the US last year at our conference, there is a hovering of the Holy Spirit over Aglow. That hovering of the Spirit has a birthing nature. What is it we are to birth? You from the nations, do you feel yourself birthing something within your nations, within your church, within your home, with your children, your grandchildren?

There is a stirring up within us and it is the Holy Spirit calling us to wail. This sound of wailing came from Zion. Here we are!

A Key Time in Aglow

Dutch said, "This is a key time in Aglow." In this key time, we need to think differently. Old thinking needs to be cut away from us. It is a transformational time. Dutch said, "Aglow has always been known for light and fire." I believe Aglow is one of the brightest spots of light in any nation. I also believe He wants to increase the fire.

 **Key:** Old thinking has no place in Aglow.


Even as we were birthed in the beginning out of the book of Acts - where it was saying He poured out His Spirit on all flesh, on the sons and the daughters - Full Gospel Business Men had started and many wives were going with their husbands to Full Gospel. There came a point when one of the wives, Joyce Doerflein said, "I feel there needs to be something like this for women."

In those early days, the 70's, there was such a sweet move of the Spirit. You remember, Father Dennis Bennett who wrote *9 O'clock in the Morning*? He was an Episcopal priest whose life was transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. From that point, the move of the Spirit began to spread across the world.

I used to go to his Friday night meetings because even though I knew the Holy Spirit - I had been raised in church - but I knew something different was happening and I wanted it. I want that for Aglow. My answer to Glenda's question of what did I want to see in Aglow was, "I want God's Presence."

We Want More of God

We have been at this for a long time - over 50 years. We love it, don't we? We treasure what God has done in Aglow. We treasure what He has done in our lives. But we are at a place in the road where it is almost like God is saying, "So, is that enough for you? Are you content? I have more." And it is the "I have more" that I want, and that is what I want for Aglow.


 **Key:** In Aglow, we want all that God has to give.

The Enemy Fears the Apostolic Role of the Woman

Dutch went on to say,

|| *It is the apostolic role of the woman that the enemy fears.*

While I know there can be some controversy about who can be an apostle or not, I recognize an apostolic role - a place that God has given us. To possess the power to pray into nations - to even realign nations, you have to have an apostolic sense of where God wants to take things. So with Dutch's statement, "The apostolic role of the woman is something the enemy fears," the reason he fears our role is because, Dutch says, "Aglow is paving the way." Say 'paving the way.' Aglow is paving the way for what is about to happen, a new day is breaking.

 **Key:** Through our apostolic role, Aglow is paving the way for the new that is coming forth.

Dutch said there is a new mantle coming on women as we pave the way. Picture that. You are paving the way, but you are not really sure where you are going. This whole thing is about faith and trust.


I do believe God will keep us united. I do not see contingencies going off here and there doing their own thing. There will be a corporate witnessing that this expression fits in with what is being said. Is that clear? So this new mantle coming on women - she is paving the way.

Dutch went on to say,

|| *It is a season for pulling down and wearing a new mantle. Men will not look at you the same.*

That statement says to me that there is a merging of the body of Christ. As God planned from the beginning - and you have heard me speak of this so often - when He said to the woman in Genesis 3:15 that He has put enmity between her and the enemy - His seed and our seed - And there would be a seed from the woman that would be to the enemy's complete destruction.

What God planned in Genesis 2 when He saw that Adam's aloneness was not good was to bring forth a helpmate. He brought forth a woman to walk with Adam and to begin to show the world what dominion looked like. I believe that that is a great part of what is taking place in Aglow. It will grow. It will become louder and louder. It is going to be heard.


 **Key:** Aglow is a visual aid in the earth that demonstrates what dominion from Genesis looks like.

Timing is Everything

We have heard for many years that Aglow has a voice that needs to be heard. Perhaps it is heard here and there, but I was thinking also of Abraham and Sarah. They had the promise that they would have a son. They waited a long time and Sarah said to Abraham, "Go in to Hagar. We have got to do something about this." So, Ishmael was born.

Then there was another waiting period. I think it was something like 13 years, if I am remembering correctly. That would seem like a very long period of time. If somebody tells you that you are going to be expecting a child you think, "Okay, let us get this show on the road."

The thing that strikes me is, Abraham for sure was willing to wait, yet when the promise came, Sarah laughed. I do not know what your take on it is. I think at her age and having waited so long because the promise was "this time next year". There are probably a few of us in the room that would say, "You are kidding me, right? We have waited a long time. I think I am out of the notion." But I believe in the waiting time, God surfaces what is in us and removes what needs to go.

 **Key:** Waiting brings out what is hidden.

We have been hearing for a long time that a powerful, powerful move of the Spirit is coming *again* to Aglow. We see the evidence of the Holy Spirit. We gather together. We feel His Presence, right? We rejoice when we sing our worship songs.

A Time for the New

I feel like He is saying, "It is a new era. You have not seen anything yet." And I do not know what I mean by that. I am not talking about swinging from the rafters. There is something about His Presence, His hovering, His birthing over us that is going to shift us into a higher place as came forth in the prophetic word. Are you in agreement?

Yesterday the Board of Directors met and it might have been Nonnie McVeigh who said that a tsunami is coming. It is like a tsunami in the church, a tsunami in the world, a tsunami in the body of Christ, a tsunami in Aglow. It is a tsunami of His Glory.

A Time to be Deployed

Another word that was spoken was the word 'deployment'. To be deployed means *to be sent out*. And the word was, "The time of deployment is now. You are being deployed. You are prepared."

A Time for a New Sound

Etta Swan from Iceland said that she had a dream or an open vision. She said “I could see the trumpet - the long trumpet. I could hear the sound of the trumpet being blown.”


It is interesting. My brother was a trumpet player. Just recently I came across something on the internet with Yo-Yo Ma, the cellist. Then there is a jazz musician, Chris Botti. He puts his lips to the trumpet and the sound is buttery. It is soft, but loud. It crescendos and it diminishes. I have listened to that music over and over and over again. I love the cellist - what a soothing sound, what an eloquent sound. But when the trumpet comes in you can almost see - it has nothing to do with Chris - I do not even know if he is a believer. But with the sound of the trumpet, it is like you can see the Heavens opening. Is it a precursor? Is it something He is stirring within us so that we are familiar with the sound?

A Futuristic Seed Sown to Bring forth New Life

I am going to close with this next thought. I may have sent this out in a letter, but it is good to repeat things.

This was a powerful word that Dutch Sheets spoke at the US National Conference about the hovering of the Holy Spirit and how that hovering brings forth birth. He went on to say “this ministry is about to come into an anointing to birth.” He was referencing a fresh new move of the Holy Spirit. “Aglow is part of a major work that God is doing in the earth at this time.” His Spirit is stirring us. His Spirit is leading us. It is like the seed in the belly of a woman - in her womb. You cannot see it. You cannot feel it at first. You take by faith that what the doctor has told you is true. You are with child.

A futuristic seed has been sown into Aglow. Now get ahold of that. A futuristic seed has been sown into Aglow. I believe we are an integral part of the unfolding plan of God in the earth.

 **Key:** Aglow is an integral part of the unfolding plan of God in the earth.


Dutch went on to say,

|| I see Aglow geographically and spiritually positioned in a very purposeful way.

When I look out at this audience, this group of people, knowing there are people here from 48 nations, different sounds, different cultures — yet we are all of one culture — Kingdom culture. There is a knowing of one another. It is like we are all focused on this sense of our future and where God is taking us.

Called to a Higher Place


I think at this time that it is not something He is giving us a roadmap for. I think we have been called to a different place, a higher place. And I feel I want to say this - and it was something that was stated in the Board meetings. It is time to trust the leadership of Aglow. These women and men on the Board of Directors, the women in your nation, your national leaders - they spend time in prayer. They spend time in worship. That is how our meetings begin every day with extended periods of worship and prayer.

 **Key:** This is a time of trust and faith in the leadership of Aglow.

I believe that the Holy Spirit is nudging us along the path. None of us have a desire to go our own way or do our own thing. In fact, I am going to say - I do not want this to sound harsh. If you are a person whose tendency is to be independent, you are in the wrong ministry. He is calling us as a body.

Aglow is not a church per se. We are not a church with four walls. We are a living entity in over 170 nations in the world. You carry the Presence of God wherever you go.

I am going to add something here. How do I want to say this? Do not look to your behavior as evidence of "I am good, or I am not good." That is after the flesh. You are good. You are powerful. You are redeemed. You are sanctified because of Who lives in you. It's totally about Him and not about you.

 **Key:** All we have is given to us in Christ.

What He does is, He works quietly on the inside and keeps aligning us with Heaven. He keeps aligning us with Him. We do not want just good works, we want Christ. We want the Spirit of Christ. We want to see Him reproduced in the earth. And here we are, His children, His disciples, His followers, singing His praises, worshipping Him in His hometown!

I believe that we are going to see some new things. Maybe they will start here. Look for the new. Do not make it up just because you heard something new was going to happen. Let it be Him. Because when it is Him, there is no doubt in anyone's mind. It is supernatural.

Lord, I just want to say, we are looking. We are watching. We are waiting with expectant hearts. We know You are here with us and we know You want to appear in a greater way. So we welcome You, Holy Spirit, and we ask You to feel right at home with us and have Your way with us during this time together.

We worship You. We honor You for You are worthy to be praised. I will say again, just continue to come Holy Spirit because there is going to be a fresh outpouring of Your Holy Spirit. We are not running on fumes from the last 50 years. We want a full tank of fresh new Holy Spirit oil. And we know that is in Your heart as well. So we thank You for this morning. We thank You for the worship. We thank You for the adoration that has come so easily. I thank You for every man and woman in this room and the overflow room and those watching the webcast. The same Holy Spirit is flowing out throughout this ministry. In all of the nations there is fresh oil. The light is brighter. The depth is deeper. The truth is explosive in the best possible way. It is a new day. It is a new era in Aglow. And everybody gives thanks.