

Session 3 Healing Anointing: Jehovah Rapha, Dominus, and the Vineyard (Psalm 28)

NO DISEASE KNOWN TO MAN WILL STAND BEFORE THIS PEOPLE (MAY 21, 1983)

I am going to give four or five testimonies of the ways that the Lord has spoken to us about healing. Now the healing anointing operates in every believer in the name of Jesus. There is an anointing on the new birth in the Word of God that is sufficient to do the works of the kingdom. But there is a greater grace. There is a greater measure. There is a greater level that is within reach of the people of the Body of Christ. It is that greater measure that we are contending for while we are faithful in the present tense to the current measure.

It is a completely inappropriate response to wait for the future and be negligent and unfaithful in the present. We have seen many healings over the years in the present; for example, right now in this hour, we are seeing many people get saved. But we want to see numbers that are beyond anything that happened in the book of Acts.

So, we are grateful and faithful in the days of small beginnings in the present tense. We are faithful in believing God, praying for the sick regularly, leading people to the Lord, and contending for the purpose of God in our city now. We are faithful and grateful. But at the same time, we must reach for fullness and for the measure beyond what happened in Jerusalem in the book of Acts, beyond what happened in the city of Ephesus, and beyond any of the great revivals in history. We are not going to give up pressing in for that while being faithful in the present tense. We must be diligent, and we must stand in faith to see the works of God. I have to say that because these promises are all about a significant increase of power even beyond that which was seen in the early church, or throughout church history.

TODAY AND TOMORROW ARE DYNAMICALLY CONNECTED IN GOD

Some people hear these stories and get so excited that they let go of today. Today and tomorrow are dynamically connected in God. For those who are faithful in small things, God gives an increase. On May 21, 1983, I had a very dramatic encounter with the Lord related to healing and a promise of healing for this movement. Again, the Lord has promises for all movements that are obeying Him and going after Him, but He is speaking to us in our little context here so that we can have faith in a particular way.

Every movement has its own prophetic history and its own stories. As I hear the stories of other movements, it builds my faith and I rejoice, as my faith is built up for what God wants to do here. I rejoice because Jesus is being magnified everywhere in the Body of Christ that is pressing in for more. That is good enough even if it just builds our faith. The fact that Jesus is being magnified in other movements should encourage us.

THE LORD SPOKE TO BOB JONES IN A DREAM ON MAY 20, 1983

Bob Jones came to me during the solemn assembly of 1983, during a twenty-one day fast that I have referred to several times. He had heard the audible voice of the Lord in a dream and the Lord said, "Psalm 28. Psalm 28 is for this people." This is about day fourteen on the fast. About a week earlier, He had given us Psalm 27 when He gave us the idea for twenty-four-hour houses of prayer. So, there was something about Psalm 27 and Psalm 28. Those were two psalms that were spoken during the twenty-one day fast.

So, I take that verse on Saturday night on May 21 because our prayer meeting went until midnight. It is 11:15pm; we are all tired fourteen days into this fast, and I say, “I have got forty-five minutes. I might as well connect with God. I am not just going to coast. Lord, here I am. Let’s do something.”

So, I took that passage Bob gave us that he said he heard from the Lord in the dream: Psalm 28. It was the first time I had looked at it. I read the phrase and I am in a completely unanointed, uninspired, tired, I-wish-this-day-would-get-over kind of mood. So, I open the Scriptures to Psalm 28 and I read privately, “To you I will cry, O Lord.”

Suddenly, like a flash of lightning, the power of God hits me in one second, and I begin to travail. I began to weep. I put my face into the pillow because I do not want anyone around to hear it or be a part of it. I am weeping in full travail in one or two seconds, as I am travailing for the release of the healing anointing. I do not know what is happening. The fire of God is touching my mouth like electricity and fire. It is tingling like electricity, but it is burning like fire. I am saying that just so others of you that have had experiences like that can say, “Oh, OK.” I have heard of many who have had these kinds of experiences. I am giving the details not to magnify the details, but as a way of learning and instruction for folks who are out there and do not have other people who talk like this. They go, “Oh, OK, that is what that was.”

THE ELECTRICITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE FIRE OF GOD

This was the power of the Holy Spirit. It is like fire and electricity and was really hot. It actually hurt. It was not comfortable. It hit my abdomen first, then it hit my mouth and my hands, and it went on. I was weeping and travailing. I was feeling heat and fire. I was asking, “What is happening?”

It happens for a few moments, maybe three, four, or five minutes, and then it lifts, and I read the next phrase in Psalm 28:1: “O LORD, my rock.” Boom! It hits again. I was travailing, and I put my face in the pillow. I was just groaning and travailing for the move of God and for the healing anointing to be released. There was fire up and down my body, my abdomen, my mouth, and my hands. I could feel it moving, literally. It was burning and then it went up and down my arms and hands for two, three, or four minutes. Then it lifts and I am saying, “I do not know what just happened.”

I am only six or seven minutes into this, and I am already thinking that I am running out. I thought, “What was this?” So, I get Psalm 28:1 and read, “Do not be silent to me.” Boom! It hits again. I cannot get through the psalm. This goes on for forty-five minutes.

The Lord makes it very clear to me that I am receiving something related to a healing anointing. I am sure this is what it is. It is over. It is twelve o’clock, and everybody is leaving from this twenty-one day fast. Maybe there are a couple hundred people that stay there until midnight; I do not know. I cannot remember. I am walking out. A lot of folks are fasting on water so they are haggard and tired. Others are on juice, so they are haggard and tired. I am smiling. I am so happy. This is the breakthrough. A month before, the comet came. This is the beginning.

I am walking out, I look at Diane and I say, “Oh, I love it.”

She says, “What are you so happy about? I am so wiped out.”

I say, “Oh, it is a great day.”

She answers, “What are you talking about?”

I say, “Just get in the car. Oh, it is a great day.” So, I told her.

I went to bed that night and had a very powerful dream. I will not go into the details of it, but in the dream the Lord told me that He was going to release a healing anointing. Again, there is a healing anointing already on the Body of Christ, but I am talking about another measure that would touch the nations. The Lord spoke to me in the wake of this. He said, “Matthew 10:8, 1 Corinthians 15:10.”

FREELY YOU HAVE RECEIVED, FREELY GIVE (MATTHEW 10:8)

Paragraph E. So, I have those two verses. Matthew 10:8: “Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.” 1 Corinthians 15:10: “But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.”

These two verses were significant. I have this dream, and we have to be back at six in the morning, so it is a short night. We were there eighteen hours a day. We did take a number of naps throughout the day right there in the prayer room, so it was not like Rambo-style. We were all wiped out, taking naps, and taking time off. The next morning, I was there at six o’clock with a bunch of us. It is Sunday morning now, and Bob Jones comes walking in around eight o’clock in the morning.

I am down in the front in about a 700-seat room. I look at the back and right when I look up, Bob Jones walked in. I looked at him, and I’ll never forget this. He walked in, he looked straight at me, and he put his thumbs up. I said, “No way. There is not a chance.” Then he pointed to the back room.

Bob Jones said, “Now, meet me in the back room.” He was shaking his head. I am there going to the back room saying, “Lord, could this possibly be that he would know this?” It is already getting extreme. It is the first of spring, the snow melts in March, the comet comes on May 7, and Bob Jones tells me Daniel 9 and Gabriel. Things are starting to click for me.

He tells me the deepest secret of my heart that an angel told him—the secret I told my dad. I say, “Surely, this cannot keep going on.” I am in the back room now, and Bob is shaking his head and says, “It was quite a night last night, eh?”

I said, “Yes. Tell me about it, Bob.”

He says, “Yes, I will, I will. The Lord appeared to me last night, and He had a banner on, a sash. On the banner, it said Jehovah Rapha, I am the Lord that healeth thee.” Already, I know we are tracking. I said, “Go ahead.”

He said, “He took the banner off, this sash, and He walked over to you and He put it on you last night.”

He says, “You were visited by the Lord in power last night. I know that you were.”

I answered Bob, “I was.”

He says, “I am positive it was about the healing anointing.”

I said, “Yes, it was.”

He said, “The Lord told me to tell you Matthew 10:8 and 1 Corinthians 15:10.” These were the same two verses. I am so excited. He said, “The Lord said those verses when He put this banner on you,” and I represented the movement. It was not about just me individually.

NO DISEASE KNOWN TO MAN WILL STAND IF WE ARE FAITHFUL TO WALK IN OBEDIENCE

Bob said, “The Lord told me He looked you in the eyes in this vision experience, and He looked right at you Mike, and He said, ‘No disease known to man will stand before this people.’” The idea is “if.” A lot of times we quote that phrase, but I do not often hear the “if.” “If they will be faithful to walk with Me and love Me with all of their hearts,”—it is an essential “if.” The “if” typically gets lost in the shuffle. Not that you have to say the “if” every time, but you have to understand that the “if” is critical.

Now, as I said the other night, this “no disease known to man,” we are talking about “a greater works than these” healing anointing. This is going to happen in many places in the Body of Christ that will press in with a whole heart to God’s heart, as we approach the coming of the Lord.

I am sometimes a little bit saddened although I know that we will get this corrected. I hear some new ones say, “No disease known to man will stand before this people.” They read it as it being about us: “We are going to be anointed.”

We want to have faith for the Lord to touch us and use us, but it is about the fame of His name. It is not about the fame of our name. The way the phrase should be read is, “No disease known to man will stand.” It is the idea that “no disease” will be able to prevail before the authority of the name of Jesus in the mouth of His servants. We are going to see this type of anointing in many places across the earth.

THIS IS BOTH A PROMISE AND A WARNING TO THE WORLDWIDE YOUTH MOVEMENT

Paragraph F. The Lord showed Bob and said very strongly, “I am giving them a healing license.” That is a parable as in a medical analogy. A doctor has a license to heal, and the Lord speaks so often in these parables: “I am going to give them the license to heal.”

Again, every believer has the license to heal in that one sense, but we are talking about more dramatic levels of manifestations. Blind eyes instantly opened on a regular basis. We are talking about limbs being restored instantly on a regular basis. We are talking about a healing anointing far beyond what we have seen in the Body of Christ over the centuries. The Lord told Bob, “Tell them that if they use this anointing to make money for themselves, to manipulate for immorality, or to open doors for their own pride, I will take back the license to heal at this level.”

Bob said that this is a very great promise that God would cause no disease known to man to stand before His name, as it is used in the lips of His people, but it is a warning. It is not just a promise. It is a warning. He said

that He would revoke this privilege to operate in that level of the anointing except in the midst of a people who will be faithful to Him.

THERE WILL BE SOME INSTANT HEALINGS THIS MORNING

Paragraph G. Bob told me, “This morning, there is going to be a token.” Bob Jones said, “You are going to see the power of God today.”

I answered, “Oh, I am so excited.” It is eight o’clock, and I cannot wait for the ten o’clock Sunday morning service. Bob said, “But, I want to tell you this, it is only going to be a down payment. The movement is not ready for this. It is only a down payment to build your faith. The consistent manifestation of this is yet in the future.” He said, “You are going to see it today.” Now, throughout the years, Bob has taught us this principle because it happened a little bit.

He said, “When the power of God is operating, whether it is preaching or healing, whenever there is that dynamic of the power of God, that lightning strike of God, that electricity of God, sometimes it will cause people to go into a realm where they have an open heaven for a season.” He continued and said, “You are going to see some of that kind of stuff take place as well.” You pray for the guy, and he gets healed; then he has visions for the next three months. This is way beyond anything, but more of an open heaven.

MARIE WOODWORTH-ETTER OPERATED IN THIS ANOINTING

Now, Marie Woodworth-Etter, some of you know that name, has a very powerful story. It was around 1900, or 1910, and it was the most powerful signs and wonders—the sort of signs and wonders that John G. Lake moved in. One of the characteristics of the healing anointing that was on her was that she would pray, and people would get healed. Then they would have open visions. But she said, “You will see a little bit of that as well.”

Well, I get up Sunday morning, and I can hardly contain myself. They are worshiping, and I just cannot take it. I stop the worship. They do not even have to hear the story. If it is God, they do not even have to hear what happened. They will see it. So, I said, “We are going to have prayer. If you want prayer, come on up.” We started praying for people, and of course, I shared the message too; we prayed for people a couple of times that day. I do not actually remember the numbers, but I am guessing 100 or 200 people came up.

We had about 500 in the church back then. I remember that I prayed for a long time—a half hour to an hour. I was so tired because of the fast. It seemed like it was going on forever. I remember that we started praying for people and the power of God was hitting them. I do not want to exaggerate it because it was dynamic for our experience, but nothing like the things God said. I remember times when I would pray for one person, and three people would get knocked back by the power of God, or instantly touched, or delivered. It had an electricity dynamic to it. It was really something. I remember praying for someone, and three of them getting thrown back and healed. They were thrown back against the people in the front row. Those people in the front row were thinking, “What is going on?”

Afterwards, I was so happy and Bob said, “You do realize this is going to lift?”

I said, “In the name of Jesus, it is not. In the name of Jesus, I bind that word.”

Bob said, “I am really sorry, but this is about something else. It is about building your faith. Stay in the middle of that stream. Do not go to the right or to the left. The Lord is encouraging you that He is really watching you.”

DOMINUS: MINISTERING FROM FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD (MAY, 1985)

Roman numeral II. Let’s go to the next one. I call this the Dominus dream—or vision experience—that Bob Jones had, and then that I had. I appreciate a man or a woman who has a vision, but the ones that touch me are the ones when Bob saw something that happened to me, ones that I can verify that in and of themselves, Bob Jones knew nothing about them before time.

A little bunny trail here: on five occasions I had a dream, and the very next day, Bob Jones told me not just that I had the dream, but he told me what the dream was without me saying a word to him. It happened at least five times. He would say, “Last night, the Lord visited you.”

I would say, “You are right.”

Bob would say, “And this is what He said.”

I would say, “This is remarkable.” It is not like I went and told him my dream, and then he interpreted it. He told me that I had it, and he never missed it. It was five for five, or eight for eight. He never said once, “You were visited,” and I said, “Well, actually, I was not.” In other words, it was not guess work.

JESUS APPEARS IN DIFFERENT FACES TO PORTRAY DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF HIS HEART

The Dominus vision or dream was in March 1985. These are his words now. “I saw Jesus last night. I did not recognize who He was.” Now, when the Lord appears, He can appear with many faces. He can appear with His glory fully manifest like He did to John the Apostle in Revelation 1. When John saw Jesus with His glory openly manifested, he fell down like a dead man. John was His good friend. Then, He can appear with another face, like on the road to Emmaus, and they did not even know it was the Lord. Or in the garden, they thought that Jesus was the gardener.

He can show His glory. He can hide, or veil it, and there is a parable dimension to how He visits His people. I do not fully appreciate the parable dimension. I wish that it would be more straightforward, but I trust His wisdom and His leadership. He speaks often in parables, and He never changes. My guess is God will do this for a long time.

BOB JONES SAW A GREAT ANGEL WITH THE NAME “DOMINUS” ON IT

He said, “I saw Jesus in a vision, and I did not know it was Him. He was looking straight at me. I thought it was an angel. He had a name written on Him: Dominus.” Now, Dominus is Latin for “the Lord,” but Bob did not know that. The Lord said to Bob, “Dear friend.”

This kind of struck Bob; it touched him, this friendly style, because Bob was mostly terrified by his heavenly experiences. I remember once Bob had a little debate with Augustine. Bob said, “When I have seen the Lord a few times, I am terrified.”

I remember Augustine would say, “No, no. My God is a God of love. I feel joy.”

Bob responded, “Oh, I am terrified when He comes to me. I do not know what is happening with you, but He terrifies me when He comes with power. My spirit trembles today sometimes.” So, Bob said the Lord came, and He said, “My friend.” The Lord showed Bob that He would show Himself as a friend to this movement. John 15:15: “I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.”

The Lord was looking at him, and He said, “Stop worrying about this young movement, this leadership.” Bob told me later, he said, “I was fretting, ‘Are they really going to stay steady? Are they really going to stay in the middle of the stream?’”

In the dream, the Lord said, “I started this movement. I will finish it. I am going to move among them,” and the Lord was smiling. Bob said, “He appeared to me as a friend, and He had the word ‘Dominus.’” The Lord said to Bob, “I want you to tell Bob Scott and Mike Bickle that I am going to visit them.”

JESUS REVEALS HIS HEALING POWER IN THE CONTEXT OF FRIENDSHIP WITH HIM

Bob said, “When the Lord comes, you may not even know that it is the Lord. He is going to visit you in a dream. He is coming as a friend, as a familiar friend.” Often in parable language of dreams and visions, the Lord will come in a face to reflect a certain part of His personality.

He said, “A friend named Don is going to visit you in a dream and show you the healing power of God. The Lord will show you what the Lord has promised you about moving in your midst in power.” That is kind of a strange statement. “A friend who looks like Don is going to be the Lord, and he is going to show me healing power?”

Bob said, “Yes.”

I said, “OK, that is a little odd, but if it happens, it happens. Bob said God is going to show Himself as a friend to this movement. He is going to show Himself in power, but it is going to be in the context of friendship. There is going to be an intimacy dimension to it.”

TWO WEEKS LATER, BOB SCOTT HAS A PROPHETIC DREAM ABOUT THE HEALING POWER

Paragraph D. Two weeks later, Bob Scott has a dream, and he comes and tells me. He says, “I had an amazing dream.” Bob Scott did not have many dreams, and it startled him. He got a dream once every year or two. It was so exciting. He said, “I had a dream. It was amazing. The power of God came, and people were getting healed. The only part that I do not get is that at the center of the dream, the main character was my friend Don from St. Louis.” I am not even putting it together with Bob Jones’ dream, and I said, “Why?”

He said, “I do not know.” We go over to Bob Jones’ house, and he said, “I told you that you would see the healing power. Is that what you saw in the dream?”

Bob Scott said, “Yes.”

“Your friend Don, the Lord is showing you that He is going to move in our midst as a friend in friendship and in relationship with us, not in a mission-oriented feel like, ‘OK, troops, go to war.’ No, ‘I will be in your midst as your friend. We will be doing the work together.’”

I said, “Wow, I remember you telling us that.”

Bob Scott said, “Yes. I kind of forgot, but now I remember. Of course.”

A FEW WEEKS LATER, I RECEIVED A DREAM WITH THE LORD AS MY FRIEND

Paragraph E. A couple of weeks pass, now it is May 1985, and it happens to me. I have a most dramatic dream on a Sunday morning, and in this dream, my friend Don is in it. Again, when this dream is over, I am not even remembering, or connecting it with what Bob is saying, “The Lord is going to appear to you in a dream about the healing anointing as your friend Don.” I do not even connect it until later that day.

I am in the back of a vast auditorium, and the auditorium is as big as Bartle Hall. It was a vast auditorium. It was many times bigger than this building. The worship team was up at the front, and I was at the very back of this huge auditorium. I am leaning against the wall, and my good friend, Don, is leaning against the wall with me.

I say, “This is a great worship time.” He is smiling. And intuitively, I just knew it, there was an altar call. The worship team did not stop and say, “Anybody who wants healing, come forward.” Rather, it is what we call “presence worship” where right in the midst of worship, the demons are coming out, and there are creative miracles. There is not a preacher on the microphone. I appreciate preachers on microphones, but the presence worship, the miracles, the glory dimension is happening unrelated to stopping the worship, and people talking. Again, I appreciate the biblical principle of people talking, but there is a sovereign dimension of presence worship that we are contending for.

This is what was happening. I am against the wall, and I said, “I’ve got to go.”

And I looked at Don, and he said, “You better go up there right now.” He smiled at me, and as I was running up this big aisle I have this urgency. Nobody said that there was an altar call, but all of the sick people begin to rush forward spontaneously.

I was kind of jogging down the aisle thinking, “I have got to get up there.” I do not know what I am going to do when I get up there, but I am just going up there. I was compelled. There were about ten people ahead of me. I can remember it vividly right now. They were sick, and I put my hand out.

IN THE NAME OF JESUS, BE HEALED

They were still facing forward running toward the front, and I say, “In the name of Jesus, be healed,” and all ten or twelve of them fall out under the power of God, and they are instantly healed. I do not touch them. They are five or ten or fifteen feet away. I say, “Wow.”

I turn around, and there is a bunch of sick people behind us. I am still going up. I point my hand and I say, “In the name of Jesus, be healed.” All of them fall out under the power of the Holy Spirit and are instantly healed. I am amazed. Nobody laid hands on anybody although I believe in the laying on of hands.

That is biblical. I say, “This is intense.” So, then I put my hand over an entire section instead of the people in the aisle. I said, “In the name of Jesus be healed,” and an entire section fell under the power of God. They all fell out of their seats. Some of them were healed and some of them were just being refreshed under the

anointing of the Holy Spirit. I am saying, “What is this?” I look through this vast auditorium with many sections, as big as Bartle Hall which seats nearly 40,000 people.

There were leaders all through the aisles, and they were doing the same thing just spontaneously. Sections were falling out under the power of God everywhere. Thousands of people were lying on the ground being healed and refreshed under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. They were doing it everywhere. Nobody announced it. The worship team was up there just worshiping. Nobody stopped. They were worshiping. They had their eyes closed. They do not stop for anything. They are just singing, “We love you Jesus. We love you. We honor you.” The Holy Spirit moves best in an atmosphere where Jesus is honored and exalted like that.

“THE LORD HAS COME!”

Paragraph H. So, I go to the back of the room, and Don is still there. He did not move. He is still like this, and I lean against the wall and I say, “Wow, that was the Lord.”

He was smiling and he said, “Yes, it was.” He had the biggest smile. So, I get up that morning, and I am so excited again. I cannot wait to get to church. We are meeting in a high school auditorium, and I go up on the stage. The leaders are meeting beforehand, and so is the worship team. I say, “I just have to tell you, I had the most remarkable dream last night. Oh my goodness.” Bob Jones was there, and there are six or seven of us in a circle.

I said, “They were worshiping, and we went up. Everybody was falling under the power of God, but the only odd thing was my friend Don was there smiling, and he did not do anything.”

THE LORD IS COMING AS A FRIEND

Bob Jones said, “I told you this was going to happen. It is the Lord coming as a friend. This is a promise for what He is going to do.” Now, let’s look at divine poetry, as this is just odd. I am throwing it in because it is fun. We are talking, and I say, “Oh, my goodness.”

I said to Bob Jones, “That is what you said two months ago when you saw the vision, and that is what happened to Bob Scott a few weeks ago. It was the Lord. This was the most dramatic dream I have ever had. Amazing.” We are sitting there, five or six of us, and Mark Hendrickson points this out.

We are at the school stage, it is at the end of May, and they have had their school play, and the congregation is starting to come in. Mark Hendrickson says, “Look. Look.” I look down, and I am standing on what must have been the stage manager’s position for the school play. A big two-foot block letters in tape: “D-O-N.” I am standing on the *D* and the *N*. I look down and I say, “Ahhhh!” I am standing right on *DON*. Bob Jones says, “That speaks of just the poetry of the Lord.” My guess is that I will probably meet that guy someday. He will say, “Oh, my name is Don. I used to do the stage production back in high school.”

I will say, “What school? What year?” Oh my goodness. Just the way the Lord works, I am sure I will probably meet that guy someday. But, I just assume the Lord was smiling and just thinking, “This was My idea.”

The Lord was saying, “I love it when I make you smile.” That is just how I read that tape thing. I do not know what the tape thing meant. Beloved, presence worship is coming. People get touched in worship services now. I love it. I am not just waiting for tomorrow. I love it. I get touched in services many times for five and ten

minutes. There comes a beautiful tenderness, a weeping, an impartation, and inspiration. It is not just for tomorrow, but I tell you there is a measure far beyond anything we have ever imagined that is coming.

OCTOBER 5, 1990: FULLY EXPERIENCING GOD’S POWER

Roman numeral III. This is a very serious one. I am in Cardiff, Wales. I am traveling with John Wimber and Paul Cain, which would have been John Wimber’s largest month of ministry in terms of numerical response that I know of. He had five big conferences and satellite conferences in thirty days in England with 50,000 people registered for the conferences. The London one had 8,000 people, and the conferences were all throughout Great Britain. The Vineyard [Vineyard Christian Fellowship] came in and just filled the land with these conferences for thirty days.

It is the very first day, we are all excited, we are in Wales, and there is a buzz. All the ministries are talking about the Anglicans, the Catholics, the Presbyterians, and the house churches. All the streams of the Body of Christ are coming. It was quite an amazing thirty days. But it was the first night of this. I remember at four o’clock in the morning at Cardiff, Wales, I woke up. We went to Wales, Scotland, and Ireland. Then, we went back to the middle of England, to the Midlands. Then, we went down to the Docklands in London for these conferences, plus we attended many satellite conferences on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. What a thirty days!

But, on the first day, October 5, 1990, I am in my hotel room and I have a trance. Now, here is how I define a trance, because a trance is different than a dream—not that you have to know the distinctions. It still works even if you do not put them in categories. But a trance—the way I understand it—is that you are in a dream-like experience, but you hear everything in the natural happening around you.

So, the Lord was standing in front of me in a dream experience, but I heard everything around me. It was the strangest thing. I cannot interact with my environment, but I hear everything that is happening. I hear cars (I am in a hotel room). I hear people. It is four in the morning. I could hear everything, but the Lord is standing in front of me in a dream state, and I am thinking, “I am trying to see the people, but I see Him.” It is an odd thing. That is what a trance is. And He stands in front of me.

“NO ONE WITH A CONTROL SPIRIT CAN FULLY EXPERIENCE MY KINGDOM”

Paragraph A. He looks in my eyes with sternness, and He says this: “No one with a control spirit can fully experience My kingdom.” He meant the power of the kingdom. What He means by a control spirit is a possessive spirit—that was the highlight. He was talking about leadership. He warned against people who own their people. They try to own everything: “It is my stuff. It is my people. It is my reputation. It is mine. Do not mess with me.” The Lord says a control spirit, a spirit of possessiveness. I understand intuitively, instantly, that it means possessiveness in religious opinions—meaning against others.

People with a control spirit will say, “That group is so off-base. They do not get it. I get it.” Those were the two descriptions that the Lord gave me. Now, I would have thought a control spirit meant something different, but that was how He made it crystal clear, and I am going with those definitions.

“ALL PERSONAL RIGHTS MUST BE RELINQUISHED”

Paragraph B. His second sentence: He said, “All personal rights have to be relinquished. All of them must be given over to Me. All of them—your own right to be honored. You have to give up your right to look good

when you obey Me. It all must be relinquished.” It was that sentence that really strengthened my heart. It was out of the power of that sentence where I began to say in the IHOP–KC world, but I reference this: “our copyright is the right to copy.” I am not saying that everyone who has a copyright is violating this, but I said, “Lord, you looked at me face to face and said to relinquish everything. I am not messing with this.”

When I have leaders come and visit us, and when I talk to the leaders in the city-wide pastors meetings, I tell them, “You can recruit anyone at anytime at IHOP–KC and never ask me. They are not mine.” Trust me, it is this experience that I am thinking about. The right of IHOP–KC is that you can recruit anybody.

My own personal policy is: “My copyright is the right to copy. Anybody can have any of my stuff and boldly use it as their own.” The Lord meant it when He looked me in the eyes. He said, “I want you to know this, all personal rights must be relinquished if you are going to operate in the higher dimensions of My power.”

Of course, this is like what the Lord told Bob Jones that they couldn’t use the healing anointing for their own money, to manipulate people for immorality, or to just open doors for their own pride. They have to be under a strict obedience, a banner of obedience, and a restraint.

“I HAVE A CONTROVERSY WITH MY PEOPLE”

The Lord says to me the third sentence. I am looking Him right in the eyes, and I feel like it is happening in the natural, but I cannot see the room, though I can hear everything. I can only see Him. He says to me, “I have a controversy with My people.” This is so uncomfortable in that He wants me to say that. Now, we are going to talk to thousands of people in these big conferences. I am the junior guy on the team. I am probably the youngest preacher on the team, though I never did a survey. It is John Wimber’s platform. It is in England, and I am the one being charged with heresies by different guys who rose up against me, and many around England are talking about the Kansas City controversy.

I tell the Lord, “I cannot talk about a controversy. I am the one that is under suspicion.” John Wimber was telling them all, “Mike Bickle is biblical, he is godly, he is an A, B, C, D teacher type of guy. These false charges are not true.” He was saying this at many of these different meetings when we went over to England.

We would have leadership meetings, and I would tell the Lord, “I cannot say God has a controversy because I am the guy on trial.” The Lord does not really care. I mean it. He said, “You will say, ‘I have a controversy with My people.’” And He meant the leaders in the Church of England.

I said, “Oh! This is going to be terrible. They are all fifty, sixty, seventy bishops, leaders, or cardinals. I am a little whippersnapper; I am just Wimber’s little guy who he is bailing out of trouble. There is no way.” But, the Lord said in essence with His eyes, “You will do this.” It is funny now, but it was terrible then.

THE LORD WANTS HIS PEOPLE BACK FOR HIMSELF AND OWNERSHIP OF HIS CHURCH

The Holy Spirit says the earth is the Lord’s. Everything. He wants His Church. He wants His people back. He wants the ownership of the ministry, the buildings, the money, the databases, and most of all, the people. He wants it all. They are to be completely His—not part His. I am really touched by this.

So, now the trance lifts, and the strangest thing happens: the Holy Spirit hits me, touches me, and my body begins to just shake and wail under the power of the Holy Spirit. I had never had that happen before. It is the

strangest thing. My arm is shaking. I am saying, “I have seen guys do this at meetings, but I have never done this.”

I remember I take my left hand, and I grab my right hand, and I say, “What is happening?” My whole body is hit by the power of God and is just shaking. When the power of God comes, sometimes it is just like electricity and fire. My whole body was just consumed. That happens for a few minutes, and then it lifts. That was four in the morning. Now, let’s say it is 4:30am. I get up, go downstairs, and I say, “I have got to figure out what just happened.” So, John and Paul Cain come, and I tell John. He said, “I want you to share it.”

I said, “Well, John, I am thinking.”—I am in my low thirties, and he is in his fifties—“You are the senior guy here, I would submit this revelation to you in the spirit of humility, so you would be the one in the apostolic authority.”

He said, “No, you share it.” I want to add this as a strange point of humor. I met Bob Jones when he was fifty-three. I am fifty-four now. I was in my twenties, and he was fifty-three. Additionally, I met Wimber when he was fifty-three. I was in my late twenties, early thirties, and I thought that they were both like seventy. I really did. So, I get what is happening when you look at me. I am fifty-four years old. I am older than John Wimber, and Bob Jones at that time when they first met me. I just want to make a note to the young people that I get it. I get what you are thinking.

SHARING THE LORD’S WARNING IN SCOTLAND

OK. I go to the conference in Edinburgh, Scotland with a couple thousand, and John says, “Share it.” It is an afternoon session. I get up, and I just simply share the story. I looked down, as I am intimidated. I am in a foreign land with all of these older leaders, and I am the one who is under suspicion. I was just kind of reading my notes, and then I lowered my voice and said, “And the Lord has a controversy with the leaders in this nation.”

So, I actually said it; in this experience, the Holy Spirit said, “I am going to release power. I am going to confront this controlling spirit with power.” So, I said, “Anybody who would like prayer, just come on up.” So, they come up, and this is truly a remarkable thing in terms of my ministry experience. Let’s say that there are 2,000 to 3,000 people at the conference, and 200 or 300 come up. I just said, “Lord, touch them.” That was it. I just stood there, and the power of God starts hitting people. I am talking about grown men and leaders with their church uniforms on (the collars and this and that). It was good. I appreciate their collars. They are on the floor though with their collars. I am talking about forty or fifty of them. Demons are coming out of them. They are growling, rolling, and throwing up, and the power knocked people three rows back. I am looking up there, and I just said one thing, “Lord, touch them.” I did not talk during the ministry time.

It was like that one dream that I had—that presence worship thing, except it was not worship. I was watching people thrown backwards with nobody laying hands on them, and demons coming out. It was completely amazing to me. The Lord said, “I am going to deal with this with power.”

So, then we went to London in the next week or two, and John says, “Share it in London.” I thought, “No.” He said, “Share what you shared in Edinburgh.” Again, there were 8,000 people at the London meeting, and most of them are in leadership at some level. It was mostly a leadership event, although certainly it was more than that, but that is what was on my mind.

They came forward, and I said the same thing, “And the Lord says that He has a controversy with His leaders in England. He says, ‘Let My people go.’” I muttered it. I am guessing 500 to 1,000 people come up. Same thing happened. I do not pray. I just say, “Lord, touch them,” because I remembered what happened in Edinburgh. Then, the same thing happened. Demons were coming out of people. I would just look, and it was like the wind of the Lord came through; four, five, six, eight people all just fell out under the power of the Holy Spirit.

I was thinking, “What is going on?” So, I talked to Bob Jones, and he did not know anything about this. He is in America. Right off the airplane, I talked to him. He said, “I saw you, and the Lord showed me that He took you up on Jacob’s ladder. He told you that He would release power to deal with the Jacob spirit, the swindler spirit. There are a lot of guys in the leadership in the Body of Christ who have a wrong spirit, and God is not just going to woo them. He is going to confront them with power.”

He said, “You wait and see.”

I responded, “Bob, I saw that last week with my own eyes.”

Bob said, “You wait and see where this is going and the hour when the Lord enforces this.”

MAY 7, 1990: I WILL USE THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE

Roman numeral IV. Paragraph A. May 7, 1990. I saw the Lord in a dream, and now this time, He is smiling. The omniscient God says, “How are you?” If you have theology problems, do not challenge Jesus. “How are you?” He asks smiling. He said, “Put your hands out.” He is smiling. I am trembling in my spirit. I am standing in front of the Lord. I do not know what to do. I do not know what to think. I do not know what is happening. I put my hand out, and He begins to touch my hands. Then, the power of God begins to hit my hand. He says to me, “I am going to use the hands of this people.” He is talking about you.

He puts His hands in mine, and He says, “I am going to use the hands of this people.” I woke up overwhelmed just with joy. I thought, “Wow. He is smiling. In power, He is going to use us.”

Bob Jones called me an hour later, and he says, “The Lord visited you last night.”

I said, “Yes.”

Bob Jones said, “He showed me that He visited you last night, and He told me to simply say this to you, ‘Hold onto what He said to you. Hold onto it.’” Now, I did not know why God would speak to a prophetic man to tell me to hold onto something because I was thinking the power of God would start happening in an extreme way right then, but now I know that over the years He is saying, “Do not ever let go. Hold onto this. I am going to use the hands of these people.” Now, God is using our hands right now, Beloved, we need to even press in more right now for all the works of the kingdom. But, I am telling you that there is a significant increase that is coming.

MY FAITH NEEDED TO BE STRENGTHENED

Paragraph B. This is just a point of observation, and maybe this is more for me than it is for you because it builds my faith. But, three times in all the years, the Lord has touched my hands; all three times, the next time I

talked to Bob Jones, he told me he saw it in a vision. I did not tell him anything. All three of the times, on his own initiative without me saying anything, Bob said, “I saw the Lord and he touched you.” I am thinking, “Why is this?” I was just in that place of wanting to understand. All I can get is the Lord saying, “I gave it to a prophetic person so that your faith would be built, and so you would know I insist on you believing this. I insisted on it so much so to touch you is one thing, but I spoke to a prophet in the night in a dream to tell him what he did not know. I told him the very next time you talk to him, to confirm this just to build your faith. I want to you to know it is really going to happen.” This is all I can conclude from this.

PAUL CAIN’S OPEN VISION OF THE STADIUMS

Roman numeral V. The Paul Cain stadium vision: this is one of my favorites. Paul Cain claims that he saw an open vision like a movie screen in front of him some 100 times. Again, that is not an actual number, but I have heard him say, “I have seen this like 100 times.” In the stadium, he sees almost a Technicolor film like a screen, and he sees an announcer at the back of the stadium. He is showing the camera like an anchorman. They are showing it and saying, “This great event. Look at this. The stadium was filled with thousands on the outside trying to get in.”

And the announcer said, “There is no news tonight, but good news. Look at what is happening in this stadium. They have gone three days and three nights without food or water or change of clothing.” The same worship team was up front. Supernaturally, they have gone three straight days, and the stadium is filled. It is presence worship. It is not even preachers preaching. It is just worship and power hitting them, and the stadium is filled. The football area is filled. The people on the outside are trying to get in. It goes night and day and the glory is being released. After the worship team leaves after three full days—could you imagine singing for hours? Could you imagine singing eight hours? Could you imagine singing twelve hours? It did not say they were singing the whole time. They might have been playing.

I do not know what this means, but Paul said, “I saw it over and over and the dead were being raised. Limbs were growing out. The paralytics were walking out of wheelchairs and thousands were coming to the Lord, and the anchorperson said, ‘Nobody knows who they are on the platform.’”

These singers and musicians were mostly young people. The anchorperson said, “They seem nameless and faceless. Nobody knows anything about them, and their eyes are closed. They are just singing up to heaven.” That is when Paul Cain began to talk about presence worship. He said, “That is going to be a primary feature of the activity of the Lord before the Lord returns.”

Those of you who are new with us, this will not mean much to you, but for some of you who have been around for a while, I am not saying this for sentiment. I am saying this for strategic understanding of God’s strategic plan. This was very significant what happened, and it matters to our future. It was not just something that happened, and “Hey, that was neat. It is fun. It is good to remember.” It has a strategic purpose even in our future.

SOVERIGN CONNECTION WITH JOHN WIMBER

Roman numeral VI. Paragraph A. This is a very remarkable scenario. In January 1984, Bob Jones comes to me, and he said, “The Lord visited me, and He said that there is a ministry thirty-five miles southeast of L.A. and we are going to connect to them.”

I said, “Thirty-five miles south?”

He said, “Yes.”

I said, “Who?”

He said, “I do not know, but as we have a banner over us called prophetic intercession,” and that does not mean that that is all we do. But, it means that there is an abundant grace. There is an exaggerated focus, or a heightened focus of Holy Spirit power in those two areas. We have got to do all the mandates of the kingdom. Bob said, “They have a grace over them, an abundant grace called compassion and worship.”

I said, “OK. Who?”

He said, “I do not know. We will meet them in the Lord’s time. Do not even think about it.” The Lord wants compassion, worship, and their worship is intimacy worship. That is what they were famous for. Vineyard worship was so strong in the 80s and 90s, and I have not kept up with where it is at today on the world scene, but it was really prominent in the 80s and 90s.

Vineyard worship was mostly focused on intimacy and the Father’s heart. The tender heart of “I love you, God.” I remember when I first went to a Vineyard conference, I was struck because they would go an hour with just simple love songs, and thousands of people would be just focused for an hour at a time—nothing intense or heavy, but just wooed by the love of God. I thought, “Wow, this is remarkable.” I had never seen that before when I went there, and that is what the Lord meant by worship.

COMPASSION AND WORSHIP

Bob Jones meant that there is an intimacy dimension, and the compassion means healing. It means healing by compassion because there is healing that comes through faith and healing that comes through compassion. They operate together, but compassion is like a passion-based healing ministry.

I am talking about signs and wonders because that is what the Vineyard was famous for in their healing ministry—their signs and wonders. That is why John Wimber was so well known in that hour. I considered John Wimber to be one of the most prominent leaders in the Western world in the 1980s and 1990s. He would call leadership meetings in Frankfurt, and 7,000 pastors gathered. I do not know anybody who could call a meeting for four days and have 7,000 pastors show up. He went to Melbourne, Australia, and the same thing happened. Then, 7,000 came who were mostly leaders. He had this anointing for leaders everywhere.

In England, there were 8,000 people, and the majority were leaders. They would come for four days and take notes, and he would tell them how to operate in the Holy Spirit. It was truly a remarkable calling John Wimber had. He was a tremendous man of insight and wisdom and tenderness for God.

JUNE 1984, I ATTENDED THE FIRST CONFERENCE BY JOHN WIMBER

Paragraph B. I had never heard of the Vineyard, and six months later in June, a guy said, “Hey, there is this healing conference in California. Do you want to go?”

I said, “Healing? I want to operate more in healing. Yes. Let’s do it. I had this promise the year before that no disease known to man will stand in Jesus’ name. I want to learn more about healing.”

John Wimber said, “These guys are being anointed in healing.” So, I went there to Anaheim, California, in June 1984, and there were 3,000 to 5,000 people jammed into this building. I thought, “What?” I had never heard of any of the people. I was at the back of the room and just tender worship was going on for an hour. I thought, “This is remarkable.” John Wimber comes up, and he starts talking. I remember the thing that struck me. He said, “Some of our main values are worship and compassion.” I caught that instantly. He said, “The compassion is for touching the heart of Jesus. That is when the signs and wonders happen the most. That is what we have seen in our midst.”

I said, “Worship and compassion. This could be the place.” So, I ask the usher. I say, “How far is L.A. from here?”

He said, “Well, we are about thirty-five miles southeast from L.A.”

I said, “Wow.” So, I get home, and I talk to Bob Jones. I said, “Bob, I think I found them. Then, he prayed about it, and he said, “Yes, this is the group.”

I say, “What do we do?”

He said, “Absolutely nothing. Do not do anything.”

I said, “OK.”

He said, “The Lord has the timing. Just let it unfold.” So, 1984 goes by, and onto 1985, 1986, and 1987.

BOB JONES HEARS THE AUDIBLE VOICE OF GOD THAT JOHN WIMBER WILL CALL

Paragraph C. In October 1987, it is almost four years later. Bob says, “I heard the audible voice of the Lord this morning in a dream. He said that John Wimber is going to call you in January. In three months, he is going to call you, and I am telling you now just so you are getting ready. He will call you on his own.”

I said, “OK.” The reason that was important, and the reason that I took it so seriously is I had this commitment in my heart not to travel, and I had to know for sure that it was the Lord. The Lord spoke to me clearly not to travel. Bob Jones said, “John Wimber is calling you in three months, and you are going to connect with him. And in three months, in January 1988, he is going to call you, and the Lord says, ‘Go, and take it very seriously. Go and learn. It is going to be a very important thing.’”

Bob is explaining to me with urgency how very important this is. I do not think there is much chance that John Wimber is just going to call me on the phone to chat one day. He is an extremely busy man and sought after across the whole Western world. That Saturday night in January, Diane answers the phone. It is late at night.

She said, “Yes, he is here.”

I said, “Who?” because it is late.

She said, “It is a guy named John Wimber.”

I say, “Hello?”

He said, “Hello. Mike Bickle? John Wimber.” It is January.

I answer, “Hi John. What is happening?” I am startled.

He said, “A friend of mine named Jack Deere is a professor at a seminary; he gave me a couple of your tapes.” He said, “You were telling these stories about these prophets and a guy named Bob Jones.” He was hearing the prophetic history from before. He said, “Are they true?”

I said, “Yes, they are.”

He said, “I believe you.” He said, “The Holy Spirit talked to me as I was listening to these tapes. We have got a staff meeting with about 150 people, and we go on a retreat for three days. The Holy Spirit spoke to me, and He said this. It is a spiritual retreat. It is not just a relaxation time. We have a nine o’clock session, a two o’clock session, and an evening session. There are three long sessions like a conference, and we want our people to be touched. He said, “The Holy Spirit spoke to me and told me to give you all nine sessions. The conference will be three a day for three days. I know I do not know you, but He told me and I obey Him. I know His voice. Will you come?”

I answered, “Yes. When?”

He said, “Well, that is kind of the tricky thing. It is Tuesday.”

I answered, “OK, so Tuesday, I am there.” I will bring my partner, Noel Alexander, with me and another one of our leaders. So, I talk, and I just tell them intercession and prophetic. Bob Jones said to just tell them the banners: prophetic intercession. Do not try to be profound. Just tell them what you tell the people in Kansas City. Just forget who they are.”

So, I just told them and after the three days, John Wimber said, “I know we are connected by the Holy Spirit.” Of course, I knew the Bob Jones story. I said, “Yes.”

He said, “This is very important.” He said, “My life is really busy. I have a lot going on around the world, but I know we are supposed to be connected.” So, I leave in January, and that is it: February, March, April, May, and June. Six months go by.

Paragraph D. Bob Jones comes on a Sunday morning, June 5, and he said, “Hey, has John Wimber called you since last January six months ago?”

I said, “No.”

He said, “Well, get ready. He is going to call you right away. Immediately. I think this week. I had a major encounter with the Lord last night. There is something very important coming right away. I would not be

surprised if it was this week. He is going to open three large doors, and the Lord says to go through all three of them.”

He said, “The Vineyard has 50,000 people in it, but John Wimber’s ministry impact right now is a million people. A million people are tracking with him around the Western world who are following his teaching.”

HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY SEASON

Paragraph E. Bob Jones said, “This is going to be a seminary season that will last three years. It is a training time. You are going to receive impartation. It is going to be a time to receive. It is a time to learn way more than to give. It is going to last for three years. So it is June 1988 to June 1991.”

I said, “Wow. I really like John Wimber.”

He said, “I know. He is a wonderful man, but remember this. These three years are a warning, not a promise.”

I said, “How can it be a warning? He is a godly, dignified man who moves in power, walks in humility, and knows the Bible. The Holy Spirit said we are going to connect to him way back, four years ago. How could this be bad?”

He said, “No, no, it is good. But it is a warning, not a promise.”

I said, “Why?” He said, “Well, you are going to be on John Wimber’s platform before the whole world which is a million people.”

He said, “And you do not understand this, but you do not know how to come in and go out.”

A WARNING AND NOT A PROMISE: TO LEARN HOW “TO COME IN AND TO GO OUT”

That is the phrase he used. That is right from the life of David. Some of the kings of Israel would say that too, “that the king would come in and go out before the people.” He said, “You do not know how to come in and go out on a stage of a million people.”

I said, “OK, I do not know what that means.”

He said, “You do not know how to carry your heart. I do not think you are going to stay connected to the Lord in the way you are connected to Him now. You are going to have so many opportunities and so many people coming your way. You are going to have all kinds of negatives and positives, and it is a warning. But, the important reason that I am telling you this is because it is a training ground. This young adult movement, when it comes, this is a training ground now for years down the road. It will not be easy. You think it is going to be fun. It will not be easy. There will be jealousy stirred up and strife from your friends and your enemies at all different levels. You do not know how to operate at this level, but it is a season of training.”

SCOTLAND WITH JOHN WIMBER IN NOVEMBER 1988

Paragraph F. John Wimber calls me the next day on a Monday. “Hello, Mike?” He said, “I know it has been six months.” He said, “I really did not mean to make all these statements that we are connected back in January and then never talk to you again.”

I said, “John, it is totally cool. Trust me.”

He said, “Well, I was stirred up. I have three things I want you to do.”

I said, “Yes, yes, yes.”

He said, “Boy, you are easy.”

I said, “Not always.” And later, we laughed about that when he got to know Bob Jones and how Bob had said he would open three doors. I said, “I have never had that happen before where the guy called the next day and said it.” So, I went to Scotland with him.

He said, “We are going to spend a lot of time together at this conference because my friend Jack Deere tells me that you have all kinds of stories that you did not tell me in January. I want to hear every single one of them.” He said, “I love this stuff; we are coming to establish our friendship, but we are going to talk and you are going to tell me everything.” I am guessing it was a ten- or twelve-day trip. We had a big conference and three or four days in between, and we talked hours and hours and hours, story after story, over and over again. He said, “I want to meet these guys, Bob Jones and Paul Cain.”

I said, “OK, that would be easy. They would love to meet you.”

He said, “OK, you have told me these signs, these comets, and other things. Would you call them on the phone and ask them if there is going to be a sign?”

I said, “OK. I do not know if it works that way, but sure. I would love it.”

PAUL CAIN PROPHESED TWO EARTHQUAKES ACCURATELY AS CONFIRMATION

So, I talked to Paul Cain. Jack Deere and me talk to him, and Paul Cain is going to come visit a week later in December and John is excited. Paul Cain said, “Yes, here is the sign. The day that I come, there will be a local earthquake, and the day that I leave, there will be an international earthquake.”

John said, “Well, what day is he coming?”

Paul Cain said, “You pick the day.”

John says, “I pick the day and an earthquake is going to hit? That is odd.” So, he said, “OK, December 3, 1988.” I might be a day off. I am doing this by memory, but it is all documented, and I have got the notes here. The Vineyard magazine told the story. He said, “OK, come on December 3 and leave on December 8.”

Paul Cain said, “Here is the message. When I come, it is going to be Jeremiah 33:8 because there had been some troubles in the Vineyard and the Lord says Jeremiah 33:8. That He is going to give you fresh mercy, that He is going to touch you and give you mercy, mercy, mercy as in Jeremiah 33:8.”

John said, “Man, I am going to meet prophets, and there is going to be a sign and it is going to be all exciting.” So, December 3 comes, Paul Cain visits, and John Wimber calls me at home. It has been a week since our Scotland trip. I told him every story nearly. He calls up and he said, “Oh my gosh. Oh my gosh.”

I said, “What?”

He said, “It is happening now.”

I said, “What?”

He said, “He said on the day he came an earthquake would come, right? And he gave me Jeremiah 33:8. The earthquake came today at 3:38 in the morning.” He said, “I am paying attention.” And the day that Paul Cain left, there was the Soviet Armenian earthquake that killed approximately 50,000 people on the day that he left. Paul’s message was a very heavy message: “When these two ministries cross-pollinate, there will be an earthquake, a disturbance locally in John’s life and ministry, and it will go to the nations. It will cause a disturbance. It will be like an earthquake of people aroused in their anger, their jealousy, and their concerns.” He said, “It will be an earthquake, but the Lord’s glory will be on it.” I was thinking, “Oh, the earthquake has a message in it. Oh, that is intense.” Again, you can see the story documented there.

TRAVEL WITH JOHN WIMBER; CONTOVERSY OVER THE KANSAS CITY PROPHETS

Paragraph H. I traveled two or three conferences most months or many months a year. I was so tired. We went around the world. I spent so much time learning from John. Controversy broke out against Kansas City and against me. We had so many people visiting us around the nations, people getting excited, mad, and our church was stirred up. A lot of people were happy. A lot were sad, saying, “You are gone too much. What about me? How come I do not get to go with you?” Some of our leaders were upset that other leaders got to go. There was jealousy inside and jealousy outside.

Leaders in the city became jealous. Leaders in the nation were stirred up. “Why are you letting these heretic prophets in?” At one point and time, it was on the front cover: “The Kansas City Prophets Controversy” and was printed in most Christian magazines in the entire Western world. I have such a large profile of copies all over England.

“Kansas City Prophets Coming.” Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong. I remember the one Anglican newspaper that went to fifty million people worldwide in the whole British world. “Prophets Come. Anglican Church Says They Are OK.” It was just everywhere.

I LOST MY FIRST LOVE

I came to John in the parking lot of Denver, Colorado, in June 1991. I said, “John, I have got to tell you something.” I said, “I am backslidden.”

He said, “What?” And he is thinking that I was involved in some scandalous thing.

I said, “No, no.” I said, “When I pray, my heart does not move. I used to weep almost every day in prayer and over the Word. I could feel tenderness. I do not have that tenderness. I do not have my time with the Lord. It is not the same.” I said, “I have to go back home because I am operating on automatic pilot.”

John said, “No, you are doing great.”

I said, “No, look John, my heart does not move any more. It did for years. It does not move when I get quiet with Him.” So, he blessed me, and those three years were over right there in June 1991. He blessed me, and the Lord wants us to learn from the turbulence of those years, from the wisdom of John Wimber, and from the impartation of the healing anointing. There are many lessons from those three years. Amen and amen.