

Releasing the Supernatural Ministry of the Holy Spirit

No, page five. Page one was last night. I am going to pray: “Father, we come before you in the name of Jesus, We say Holy Spirit, do what you do best, and what you enjoy most. Take the things that belong to Jesus, and give them to us. Take the things that belong to Jesus, and give them to us even now in Jesus’ name, amen.”

This session we are going to talk about the supernatural ministry of the Holy Spirit. I want to give, this is the one session we are going to give some practical points. We are telling, or giving a road map in this conference of where we believe the Spirit is taking the church. And therefore, what we believe you should be focused on in your life.

Rather, than breaking it down, we have on all of these sessions, on the website, on the IHOP website and the Mike Bickle.org website. By the Mike Bickle.org is one hundred percent IHOP. It is not my personal site; it is just where they are putting my library. But, I gave all my stuff to IHOP, and so IHOP, they own it, they run with it, they do it. Somebody asked, “Hey, you got your own separate website.”

I responded, “No, I do not do that. I am IHOP, I am on the team till the end.” That is what I am about. That is my assignment in the Lord. And so we have, on these teaching session. We have a lot more information, particularly on this one. How to flow in the gifts of the Spirit on the website. So you can. If you want to go deeper in this subject, it is a new subject to you. We only have a little bit time to cover each of these sessions. So I am going to be very abbreviated.

THE SPIRIT IS SPEAKING TO THE CHURCH ON OPERATING IN THE GIFTS

Paragraph A. The Holy Spirit is speaking to the church to operate in the gifts of the Spirit today. A lot of the church is not paying attention to that, but the Spirit is speaking this. Operate in the gifts of the Spirit today, and that is training ground to operate in the gifts of the Spirit more tomorrow. However, what we do today is good because it delivers people, and it exalts Jesus. At the same time, it is preparing us for a greater release of power in the future. We need to be able to understand the authority that we have in Christ. And I am going to touch that a little bit, which is the next session in the notes.

In a few minutes I am only going to hint at it. But I want you to know that the Lord is speaking to “learn how to operate in your authority in Jesus,” and your authority against the works of the devil. 1 Corinthians 12:1: Paul said, “Now concerning spiritual gifts, I do not want you to be ignorant.” The Holy Spirit does not want us uninformed about the spiritual gifts. He is basically saying, “Get informed. Learn them. Study them. Flow in them. Be hungry for them, and start now.”

Many of you in this room are so hungry for revival, but not all of you are hungry today to operate in the gifts of the Spirit. Say, “I want revival.” And the Lord says, “I am speaking to you right now, about you moving in the Spirit today.” Not just revival, some distant day in the future. Faith comes by hearing, the Bible says, “When we hear the Word of God.” And that is what we are going to hear in a minute. Your faith is stirred up. So I am going to give you some teaching from the Bible to stir your faith up about spiritual gifts.

DESIRE EARNESTLY THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Paragraph B. 1 Corinthians 12:31, Paul says, “desire earnestly” the best gifts. Desire spiritual gifts. 1 Corinthians 14:39” “desire earnestly.” So three times Paul says “desire” this. And twice he adds the word desire it “earnestly.” Be red hot in your desire to operate in the gifts of the Spirit. I want you to pause a second and ask yourself: “Do I even think about this subject?”

Now many of you do, but the Holy Spirit is saying, “I want you to do more than think, and desire it. I want you to be red-hot. I want you to be earnest in your desire for this.” Now the way we desire it, we study it in the Bible. When you study the subject in the Bible, your desire is awakened. Read biographies of people who moved in the Spirit, and it will stir your faith up.

Pray, ask the Spirit, “Release the gifts in me.” Make that a prayer. I hardly have a day go by, but I sure sometimes miss it. Almost every day, I ask the Holy Spirit to release the gifts in me today. Today. Not tomorrow, today. Holy Spirit, release your gifts in me today. Are you praying that on a daily basis?

And then you desire them by actually giving expression to the faint impressions? I will talk about that more in a minute. But, you actually have to operate. You have to express them. As we will get to in a minute, the gifts typically start as faint impressions. And many believers just ignore those impressions, and they do not give expression. Do not speak them out. And as people who desire earnestly the

gifts, you read about them. You pray for them. And you step out in faith, and you use the little bit that you have, you use it. If you do that, you will increase your experience of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

JOHN G. LAKE

Now, when I think about reading books that stir me up in the gifts of the Spirit, one man comes to mind above everybody. His name is John G. Lake. How many of you have heard of John G. Lake? Okay, about a small percent. For thousands of you, this is going to be good news. John G. Lake, we have all this material in the bookstore. I have read his stuff for thirty years regularly. He died in 1935, so he is modern; he is not back in two thousand years ago. He had the strongest anointing for miracles of any man who I have ever heard of in history, besides the book of Acts—the most remarkable incredible stories that have been backed up by many eyewitnesses. For instance, in one five year period in 1905 to 1910, while he was in South Africa, He was born and raised in America, then he went to South Africa for a few years. He saw five hundred thousand documented healings in five years. Rose from the dead, paralytics, blind eyes opened. Then, in America, in Spokane, Washington, the next five years, he saw another five hundred thousand documented healings in five years. Again, I could go on and on. John G. Lake is one of the heroes of the faith to me. We have most of his material. I guess our bookstore is that way. You want to read John G. Lake; you really do.

MARIE WOODWORTH EDDER

When I read this, it stirs my faith. I got to have what this man operated in, because I know it is available in the Holy Spirit. Another person, Shelley Hundley mentioned, Marie Woodworth Edder. Marie Woodworth Edder, “The Signs and Wonders” book; again, she lived about 1900.

Incredible miracles. This mother of seven, in her forties and fifties, the Lord anointed her with miracles like John G. Lake. It is the most remarkable story—Marie Woodworth Edder. If those are two names that are new to you, write them down, and go read those books. Now some people have said, we are supposed to seek his face, not his hand.

Matter of fact, I am one of those guys who used to say that. Seek his face, not his hand. And that sounds really cool. That sounds right, but it is not right. We are not supposed to seek His face, instead of His hand. We are supposed to seek His face first, but then also seek the release of His hand of power. We do not substitute

them for one another. We put them in right order. We seek his face, intimacy. But we also earnestly desire the works of power from his hand. We do both. We do not have to choose. It is like, in your own life, you do not have to choose between your heart, your liver and your kidney. You get to have all of them. You do not have to choose who you like most, Father, Son or Holy Spirit. You have all of them. We do not have to choose intimacy, or power, we can have both of them.

EVERYONE IS CALLED TO FUNCTION IN THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

Paragraph C. Everyone—a one-day-old believer, every one—I do not care how much bondage you have experienced in your life, everyone is called to operate in the gifts of the Spirit. Everyone is. And I have some verses there you can read on your own.

Paragraph D. Now the prophetic Spirit, or the Spirit of power, the Holy Spirit's power is what I am talking about. Is manifest in our life in two different ways: there are the dramatic manifestations, and that is what we all like. But there are the subtle manifestations, which are the most common way the Holy Spirit releases his power, in subtle ways. That is what we are going to talk about, the subtle ways. Now, the dramatic experiences: the prophetic dream, the open vision, the angelic encounter, the audible voice of the Lord. I have a number of each of these experiences over the last thirty years. I love it. I have heard the audible voice of the Lord a few times in thirty years.

I love it. After you are finished being terrified, you love the memory of it. It is terrifying for a moment, but then it is like, "wow." I have had a couple angelic experiences in thirty years. When it is said and done, you are really glad that you had those experiences. I love the dramatic, but the majority, I am talking about the ninety-nine percent majority. Of the times the Spirit moves in power, He does it through subtle ways in your life. It is what I call the faint impressions of the Holy Spirit. Receiving the faint impressions of the Holy Spirit, now we are going to look at those. There are four different ways I am going to talk about here.

MENTAL PICTURES

Number one: mental pictures. Number two: emotional stirrings. Number three: sympathetic pains. Number four: physical sensations. I am going to break these down for just a moment, each one. Quiet your spirit before the Lord, and the Lord will give you often through the years, reoccurring pictures in your mind. You are not trying to conjure them up. Reoccurring pictures come to your mind. When the

Holy Spirit gives them, they are indicators of how the Lord wants to use you to touch somebody else. There are many examples; I will give you an example. I remember one time I was thinking about somebody. Random, it was so random. When you are thinking about somebody, and it was random, you think, and this person comes to your mind over and over, then ask the Holy Spirit, "Is that you?" That is how the gifts begin. Many times by a mental picture that reoccurs in your mind. It is very subtle, very simple, but it is the work of the Spirit. So I remember, I told my friend, a pastor.

I said, "This person keeps coming to mind. It is the Holy Spirit wanting to minister." It was a woman: "Wants me to call her, or minister to her but she lived in another city." I did not have her phone number.

My pastor friend said, "Why do not you ask for it?"

I said, "What do you mean?"

He responded, "He might give it to you."

I said, "Right." I went in my office. I said, just for fun, "Holy Spirit, what is her phone number?" I was not going to tell my pastor friend. I said, "What is her phone number?" I forgot about, I mean, I moved on. A few minutes later, I mean just a few minutes; these seven numbers come to my mind.

I responded, "No way." But, nobody was around. So what is it going to hurt if I dial? I can always hang up. These numbers which just kept coming to my mind. What is this? No way. A few minutes go by, I respond, "okay." This lady picks the phone up in another city.

She responds, "Hello?" I said, "Are you so and so?" She goes, "yeah." I go, "Oh my gosh." She goes, "Excuse me?"

I say, "Oh my gosh."

She says, "Is this Mike Bickle?"

I say, "Wait a second, oh my gosh."

She goes, “What do you want?”

I said, “I do not even know, to be honest. You were on my mind, and I just called.”

She responds, “How did you get my number?”

I say, “That is for another day, I will tell you that story. Do you need prayer?” I did not even know why I was calling her.

She responded, “Oh, this is the most painful day I have had in years. I cannot believe you called me.” Now what if I would have just ignored that mental picture? Now it is a little dramatic to get a phone number. It has not happened, that kind of clarity has not happened many times.

MENTAL IMPRESSIONS AND WORDS OF KNOWLEDGE ARE KEYS

The real thing I want to focus on, the person came to mind. Whether it is a small group meeting with ten people, or whether it is a big church service or a conference, I ask the Holy Spirit, “What are you saying?” This is how Wes and Allen are operating on the platform. I just open my heart. I focus on the Holy Spirit, and suddenly just the phrase “kidney” comes to my mind. Kidney. Kidney. So I ask, “Anybody need prayer for their kidneys?” A lady raises hand, pray for her, she gets healed of her kidney problem. I could have so easily just ignored that impression. I did not understand in the early days that the Holy Spirit spoke through impressions.

When I understood that, then I began to step out on them a lot more. Now I do not say them so much publicly. But when I am praying in the prayer line, sometimes I do this many, or most times, I do not. But in small groups, I will just go and pray for somebody, and so many times, the Lord will organize it to where I end up praying for a person with that situation. Or the idea will come, and I will ask them. And many times, they will say “no.”

And I say, “Okay, so what?” I will say, “Hey, do you have a problem with this?”

They say, “No.”

“Do you know somebody?”

“No.” Oh well. So what? No harm done. A bunch of times, they say “yes.” Cool. And, I pray for them. The Lord moves many times when that happens.

These faint impressions, they are like keys that open the door. If you use them, they open the door, and more happens. If you ignore them, it just goes on, business as usual. The second way, is through emotional stirrings.

EMOTIONAL STIRRINGS

I will be in a meeting. You want to say this in every meeting you go to. Again, I do not do it every time, that would be exaggerated, but I do it most of the time. I say, “Holy Spirit, what are you saying?”

I quiet my spirit. When I go down to pray in the prayer line last night. I was saying, Lord just anything? I do not care. It is not my responsibility to come up with anything. “What are you saying?” I open my spirit. And sometimes, He will give you emotions that are not your normal emotion in that hour, that evening, or that setting. It is an emotion that comes suddenly, and it seems random. Pay attention to it. Suddenly you have a burst of joy, or maybe a burst of sadness. Sometimes I will just have this overwhelming love for Jesus that just touches my heart. Now, sometimes it is the Lord touching me. But many times, it is the Lord saying, I am going to release this through you to other people. All you have to do is give expression for it. Say it out loud. Sometimes, you will be praying for somebody, you will feel a burden.

Ask the person. You do not even have to say, “I feel a burden.”

Just say, “Hey can I pray for you for this. For a pain in your life.” And they will line up and say, “Yes, I am really got a trouble with that.” Meaning you do not have to give super-spiritual language to it. “Yes,” says the Lord, “I have a burden, it is rising up and thee are the one the Lord has chosen.” You do not have to do that. Ninety-five percent of the time, I do not tell the person what I am feeling or thinking. I just ask them, if I can pray in that direction.

They say, “Wow, yeah, thank you.”

I call that being supernaturally natural. Do not get into a super hyper spiritual mode when you receive these impressions, but just staying low key but giving expression to them is the key.

SYMPATHETIC PAINS

The third is what I call sympathetic pains. I will go to a meeting, and I will say, “Lord, touch me.” The example I used the other day, is how I felt a pain in my left shoulder. I do not have a pain in my left shoulder, but a throbbing pain. So I prayed. I could have said it on the microphone. I have done that a number of times. But, I will pray down the line, and I will pray for a guy, and I will say, “Hey, do you need prayer for your shoulder?”

Guy responds, “Yeah, it is my left shoulder. How did you know?” and it stirs my faith up. And it is good to say it on the microphone, but do not always think microphone. Most of the gifts of the Spirit happen out in the everydayness of life. So, I pray for the person. My left shoulder is hurting, but it does not typically hurt. I pray their left shoulder gets healed. And then, the thing lifts. It is the Holy Spirit speaking to me, just through my own body, and senses. Many times, like when Wes is up here, he will call up different diseases. He is seeing, sometimes, mental picture. Sometimes, he is feeling pain in his body. Many who move in the word of knowledge that is how they are doing it. Their ankle just starts hurting, and they say, “Anybody have ankle problems?” People raise their hand, and a few people get healed. But many people, because they do not know how the Spirit operates, they ignore those impressions, they do not do anything with them, and they do not ask for them. They do not eagerly the spiritual gifts.

PHYSICAL SENSATIONS

Number four, now this is the one that I have more than the other three, physical sensations. Everybody is different. You will have number one, number two, or you will have three, or four, whatever. I will wait on the Lord before a meeting. I will feel a sensation of heat in my hands, my shoulder, my leg, and my stomach. I will feel wind, heat, or the feeling; I will say electricity—it is not really electricity. It is that tingling, energy, feeling of the Holy Spirit. It is not really electricity; it is the feeling of the Spirit. I will wait, and I will feel that in my body, and that is what I will pray for, for other people.

Many times, my hands will be burning. I will be in ministry time, or I will be waiting before a meeting. My hands start getting hot. So then I know the Lord is going to release impartation of healing to other people, so I lay hands on their hands. I do not have to pray for their hands, but I say, “The Lord is going to release a healing impartation.” The lady cries, “That is what I was praying for this very

minute.” Or, I will feel like a real subtle wind, like a current around my face, or my head. I pray for people: for a spirit of wisdom and revelation, or for prophetic anointing. Many times, they begin to receive dreams, and visions after that. I do not always know what the sensation means but the more that you express it, the more confidence, and the more comfortable you get with it.

BE INTENTIONAL ABOUT RECEIVING THE PROPHETIC LEADING

Paragraph E. Be intentional about receiving the prophetic leading of the Holy Spirit. When you are in a small group, when are going to be in a social gathering, I am talking about tonight, in the hotel room, or lunchtime, just whisper to the Lord a ninety-second prayer. Remember, they really matter. Your five, or ten people at lunch. You are in the bus. You are waiting somewhere.

You are at the mall with them. You just ask the Lord, “Lord, do you want to do anything right now? I am available.” By simply asking the question, you posture yourself to receive these impressions. If you simply ask the question, you will receive many more impressions, than you will, if you do not ask the question.”

HOW TO GROW IN THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Top of page six, how to grow in the gifts. Paragraph A. We need a right perspective of how the gifts function, and that is what I am giving you right now. I am giving you a right perspective; meaning, everybody knows when you see the angel with your eyes, something big is about to happen. The wrong perspective is that the Lord only moves in power when something dramatic happens. That is a wrong perspective. He will move in power when subtle things happen. That is the perspective I want to train you in.

And the Holy Spirit is saying, “I want to use my people in the gifts. I want them to desire them. I want them to study it, read about them, pray about them, and begin to use them in the days of small beginnings.”

Paragraph B. This is a very important principle of the kingdom. The demonstration of the Holy Spirit’s power follows the declaration of a believer. When they are speaking in the will of God, what do I mean by that? The Holy Spirit, for instance, I will get the impression the physical pain. My left shoulder is hurting, so I will call it out. Maybe, I will pray for the guy one on one, or I will say it on the microphone. Or, I will say it in the group. There are ten people in the small group. Whatever the setting is, get out of your mind waiting for the big conference. Do this in the van, in the bus, coming, and going. But, so I will feel the pain. You have

to declare it, and you have to say it. If you will declare what you think the Lord is going to do, the Spirit will back the word up with power that he gives you. Many times, the Lord will heal people, but until his people declare it, he holds back. He will not do it. He says, "I am waiting for you to say it." So we must give expression. We must speak out these impressions. We have to say them, and the Spirit of God will follow it with power. The Spirit moves when we speak words that are in agreement with him. Now let us look at, I have five different ways to grow in the gifts of the Spirit.

WE GET EXPRESSION TO THE IMPRESSIONS THAT THE SPIRIT GIVES US

Paragraph C. We give expression to the impressions. Expression meaning we have to speak them out loud. We have to say them. Paragraph D. Often these impression are the still small voice of the Holy Spirit.

In 1 Kings 19:10-12, it is a famous passage where Elijah was on the mountaintop. In verse eleven, the Lord came by, and there was a great wind. Wind, dramatic, then a little later, an earthquake, and everything is shaking—thunderous shaking, wind, and earthquake. Verse twelve: then, there is a fire. The fire of God breaks out. Everybody knows that when the wind, the earthquake, and the fire are happening, something big is taking place. I mean when they come from God like this, it is as if there was something big. But the Lord was basically saying to Elijah, "I am speaking to you." Notice the phrase: "In a still small voice" (1 Kings 19:12).

We think of Elijah as the man with the dramatic signs and wonders, but many times, God spoke to Elijah in the subtle ways of the still small voice—the impression in the heart. A lot of people ignore the impressions, because they only want the thunder and lightning. They make a deal with the Lord, "If you will show me an angel, then I will step out."

Lord says, "No, it is not going to work that way. I will give you an impression, and you step out."

We might say, "I do not want to mess with an impression, and it might be wrong. I may look dumb. And it is all that waste of time, and energy, forget it. You give me the audible voice, then I will move in power."

The Lord says, “No, you will move in power on my terms, not on your terms. I will give you the still small voice. These impressions. Whether they are mental pictures, whether they are the stirring of your emotions, whether it is the physical sensation, or whatever. I will give you the impression, the still small voice.” Be attentive.

“SPIRIT, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING OR DOING?”

Paragraph E. So we ask the question, wherever you are at. I mean, even today, right now, I am talking about. You can say, “Lord, we are going to have a break in a minute. We are going to have a worship time. Do you want me to pray for somebody? We have a fifteen-minute worship time between now and the next session. I am going to go back, and get a drink or go to the restroom. Do you want me to say anything on the way to somebody.” Simply ask the question, and you open yourself to receive these. I try to ask this question, three to ten times every day. Just throughout the day, I say, “Lord are you saying anything? Anything? Just give me an impression, give me a phrase.” I do not care who, what, when, where, why. I just want to do the stuff. How many of you want to do the stuff? I did not sign up just to read the book, I want to do the stuff to. And the Holy Spirit would say, you have to do it on my terms, not on your terms. And, I require that you step out in faith in the small measure.

THE PROPHETIC IS LIKE PUTTING A SAIL UP N A BOAT ON A LAKE

Paragraph one, under Paragraph E. I compare this functioning in the prophetic to putting the sail up in a boat in a lake on a calm day. So picture a lake: a little sail boat, and here is no wind blowing, it is very calm. It seems like there is no wind at all. You put the sail up, and the boat moves ever so slightly. Because there is seemingly no wind, but there is a little bit of wind, every so subtly, and the boat moves a little bit. Well, in the spiritual sense, just using that analogy. If you put your sail up—meaning—you ask the question. You open your heart, “Holy Spirit are you saying anything? Anything?” And many times, there is a little breeze on the lake, using that analogy, meaning you will get a little impression.

It seems like that boat will not move, but when you put the sail up, it moves a little bit. You ask the question, you get an impression. Your faith will be stirred a little bit. And you give expression to it, and you begin to operate in the gifts of the Spirit. Put your sail up on a daily basis.

Paragraph F. We often do not have prophetic impressions simply because we do not ask for them. Simply, we do not ask for them. I do not want you to raise your hand, but how many of you—do not respond—how many of you today, have asked the Holy Spirit to use you in the gifts today. How many of you two to three times today have already said for sixty seconds, “Holy Spirit, are you saying anything to me that you want me to say to others?” And it is not always he is going to give you some big phrase. He will give you just the beginning, the still small voice, those impressions. Okay, so the first thing we do, we give expression to the impression, and we have to say them.

DIAL DOWN EMOTIONALLY TO LISTEN TO GOD

Paragraph G, the second thing we do. We need to dial down emotionally. What I mean by that is quiets your soul, and asks for these impressions. It is the opposite of stirring yourself up in fervor. “Oh praise God, I am going to move in the power of God.”

The Holy Spirit responds, “Hush! Go the other direction.”

I respond, “I thought if I got really fervent in God I would get breakthrough.”

Holy Spirit says, “No, dial down, get quiet and I will give you an impression.” Then when He gives you an impression, do not preach it with fervor. Do not go into a rapid fire-preaching mode over the poor person you are praying for: “name of Jesus, glory of God.” Take their head, shake them, and bend them over. Spit all over them. I have seen a lot of that over the years.

I will say to the guy, and I will say, “Hey, not only is it better not to spit on the poor girl, and shake her to death. If you will dial down, you will actually receive an impression. In fervor, in a storm on the inside. You may still receive something, but you will not receive near as much. If you will quiet down, you will receive a lot more.”

When I pray for people, mostly I listen and I say simple phrases. I may pray for somebody for three to four minutes. I may only say three to four sentences in three minutes. I am listening. I say, “Holy Spirit, release your glory.” I wait. I am waiting for feelings: the wind, the fire, the emotions, touching my body, mental impressions, a Bible verse to come.

I get quiet. I do not get active. It is the opposite. I settle down, instead of rev up. It will make a huge difference in operating in the gifts of the Spirit, if you learn to dial down. That is why after preaching a message; it takes the preacher a while to calm their soul down. So they can actually move in ministry time more effectively. So they can receive impressions more clearly. When I get through preaching a fiery message, my soul is stirred up. Maybe I already have the direction, and I just stay with it, and I just go hard. But if I can quiet down, more times than not, I will receive a couple more directions. It is not always that way, but that is just a general rule of thumb.

WE MUST VALUE THE POWER OF GOD

Top of page seven: the third way to grow in the gifts of the Holy Spirit is to value the power of God in small measures. When somebody gets healed of ten percent of their headache, I do not even mean the whole headache. I got a headache. Well, what is that? I tell you the headache really matters if you are the one with the headache.

You pray. “The headache gone?”

“Well a little bit.” Was that the devil? No. Was that the flesh? No. How did that headache just go away, even a little bit? Even the smallest measure of the power of God is still God. It does not have to be dramatic before it switches over into the ‘that is God’ category. It is God, when the power measure is small. If you will give expression to those impressions, the power of God will operate. That does not mean the person will get slain in the Spirit. That does not mean they will cry. That does not mean they will be instantly healed.

But, a little bit of the power of the God will always touch them if you will give expression to the impression. You cannot always measure it. You do not have to measure it, but they are moving forward in the process of their healing every time a person is obedient to express the impression the Lord gave that person.

Many times I will pray, I cannot see anything happen. In my early days, I walked away and said, “Nothing is happening.” And the Lord corrected me and said, “Do not ever say that.” You cannot measure it does not mean I cannot measure it. You cannot see it, does not mean that I am not releasing power. So it is not only power when it is big. It is power, when it is small. That one shifting of perspective or

paradigm will cause you to value praying for people in the everyday mundane-ness of life. I pray for the guy, seems like nothing happens. The Lord whispers, “Don’t you dare write that off as nothing happens.”

It is kind of cool to say that nothing happens. You know the guy says, “What happened?” Nothing. That means, you know you are real discerning, and you are not into hype. You can be so not into hype that you get yourself entrenched in unbelief. And the Lord dealt with me some years ago; I am totally against hype. “But do not be so into being negative, as that way you are safe, and that way you put yourself down. So nobody else puts you down, do not even evaluate it. When you pray, just say whatever the Lord says, and do whatever He does. Do not try to bail out, by saying nothing ever happens when I pray, there you go, so what. Throw that step away. That is just a negative spirit. It is unbelief. And you do not have that much insight anyway as to when the invisible power of the Spirit is working on somebody in an invisible way. I do not know. So someone says, “What happened when you pray?”

I say, “I do not know for sure, but I am glad I prayed.” If I had to do it over again, I would do it over again. I would pray again, if I had to. So when seemingly nothing happens, I do not buy into that, I stay with it. I keep praying.

DO NOT BE PREOCCUPIED WITH MISSING IT

Paragraph J. Do not be so preoccupied with the fear of missing it. A lot of people, I do not want to be into hype. And that is one of my biggest values. I trust that you will not see hype in the IHOP world. I mean there is bound to be somebody who will hype something up. Our leadership team is really against hype, and exaggeration when they are talking about the things of the Spirit. Every now and then, there will be some. I do not like that. I mean because we are humans that will happen occasionally. But as a value, we are really against it. But sometimes the no hype people—which are us, all of us, we are the no hype people with many others—we can get entrenched in unbelief too. And we get so fearful of missing it. Well I want to give something different to you. I can tell you. I will tell you something to be more fearful of than missing it.

What if you miss an opportunity for God to use you to heal somebody? What if you are so preoccupied with giving a wrong word, you never give a word? And the Lord says, “What you really missed is many opportunities over a decade that I would have used you.” I am more concerned with missing an opportunity than I am missing in a word of knowledge, than saying it wrong. I do not want to spend my life never releasing the power of God, waiting for the perfect moment. Those moments do not happen very often, as mostly it is subtle impressions. I have had the privilege to meet, and fellowship with some of the most well known healing ministries in this generation.

I can think of five to six guys who are household names in the Body of Christ around the world who I have had a chance to be with on a fellowship basis. They will all tell you; mostly they operate by impressions. I thought, quote, the famous guys had open visions all day, and that was it. No, ninety-five to ninety-nine percent of the time, I would say, most of it, they get an impression, and they express it.

BE NATURALLY SUPERNATURAL AND SUPERNATURALLY NATURAL

Paragraph K. I love this point. I say it all the time: “be supernaturally natural.” What I mean is, use softer language, when you are not sure. A lot of times, I am sure when I get an impression, and a lot of times, I am not sure. I like it when I am sure. That is my favorite. But a lot of times, I am not sure. The Lord says, “You cannot disconnect. You have to stay plugged in. You have to stay connected, and you have to be steady. Keep speaking the impressions. So what we do is we bring the language down meaning, “Thus says the Lord, he is going to heal you today, rise up, and walk.” You do not have to be at that level all the time.

Matter of fact, I rarely am at that level. I typically do not say, “thus says the Lord.” Matter of fact, we have a rule in our leadership team. It is kind of a fun rule, but I actually mean it too. I said, you only get three “thus says the Lord” a year. If you use them all up in January, you got to wait for eleven more months to say, “thus says the Lord.”

What I mean by that is that, I do not want a culture where everybody, in order to be taken seriously, they have to say, “God told me.”

I say, “you just tell us what you think, and you let us tell you, ‘God told you.’ I would much rather say something to someone. I have had this happen many times. I know I received it from God, I saw it in a dream, I heard the voice of the Lord in a dramatic way, and I will say something. But, I will not even tell the person the dramatic thing that happened before I even gave them the word. I will just give them the word. The Lord is going to touch you in this way.”

And over the years, I have had different ones go, that was the Lord. And I say to myself, “I know, I would much rather have them tell me it is the Lord, than me to tell them that it is the Lord. If they are moved, they will say, ‘that is the Lord.’ You do not have to say it. You can just let them say it, and enjoy the Lord.”

The point is not that everybody knows you got it. That is not the point. The point is the person got touched. You can, I have some examples here in Paragraph L. When I pray for somebody, I can say, “I believe the Lord is going to touch you. I do not say how much. I do not say, ‘You are going to rise up, and walk out of the wheelchair.’”

Or I may say, “the Lord wants me to pray for people who have pain in their left shoulder.” I don’t have to say, “Everybody with a left shoulder problem is going to get healed right now.”

I can say, “I am going to pray for people with pain in their left shoulder.” You can do softer language, and you are still being faithful to the Holy Spirit. I found, if you use softer language, you will not draw back near so often. If you always say, “God says,” it will. Thus, says the Lord, “You are going to wear out everybody out around you. And you are going to end up drawing back from operating in the gifts.” Just be natural about it. You do not have to kick into the anointed man of God gear. You know, like I am now under the anointing. You can be under the anointing without announcing it. And the person you pray for, they will say that was the Lord. You can just privately say to the Lord, “yes, yes, thank you.” Every now, and then you can tell them, “I knew it,” if it is a good friend. That is not how you want to do it all the time. My point is not to be known for it. My point is for them to be touched, and then to love Jesus.

THE NINE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

Let’s look at Roman numeral III: the nine gifts of the Spirit. Paragraph A. The manifestations of the gifts of the Spirit are for everyone. They are for everyone. Look at 1 Corinthians 12. The manifestation of the gifts of the Spirit is given to only leaders on the platform. That is not what it says. It says the manifestation of

the Spirit is given to every single born again believer. So what you say in your heart is, “I am going to take hold of this. I am going for this. I am not going to be denied, I am taking hold of this.” This is going to be a part of my life. It is your destiny: 1 Corinthians 12:7, “The manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all; for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another prophecy to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. The Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually.” Verse eleven of chapter twelve of 1 Corinthians, “The Spirit works all of these things, distributing”—means giving—“to each one individually.” Every one of you receives these. But the problem is, they will often come as subtle impressions. And if you do not know that is how the Spirit usually works, you will ignore them, instead of express them, and grow in them.

THERE ARE THREE CATEGORIES WITHIN THE NINE SUPERNATURAL GIFTS

Paragraph B. All the gifts of the Spirit are supernatural; meaning, these nine gifts, they are supernatural gifts. They are not natural gifts. The meaning the word of knowledge is not the gift of Bible knowledge. I have heard people say that. That brother has the word of knowledge. He knows Bible verses. I say, “that is not what the word of knowledge is.” I like the idea of knowing the Bible, but that. These are supernatural manifestations of the gifts of the Spirit that come on a person for a moment, or are expressed through a person for a moment. These are not traits that you are born with, personality traits. Like one guy is smarter than the other guy so he has the gift of knowledge. No.

REVELATION GIFTS, GIFTS OF POWER AND THE GIFTS OF INSPIRATION

These are supernatural manifestations, not natural ones. These nine gifts are commonly categorized in three categories. This is common. I have heard this many times. There is the “gifts of revelation.” These are the gifts that reveal something: word of knowledge, word of wisdom, discerning of spirits.

Then, there are the gifts of power. They do something: gift of faith, working of miracles, healing. Then there are gifts of inspiration. They say something. So the revelation gifts reveal, the power gifts do, the inspiration gifts, they say something that inspire people. Top of page eight. Now I am going to come to an end in just a

few moments here. I want you to know that on the website, the Mike Bickle.org website. You. I have more information. And we have books on this in our bookstore. So, I am only giving you a jumpstart on this subject. This is not a comprehensive teaching. This is only to push you forward.

And the message today, is the Holy Spirit is speaking to the church, rise up and start desiring to operate in the gifts of the Spirit. That is the point I am making here. I gave this teaching just a few weeks ago to our Body, and broke it down with a lot more detail because I had more time.

WORD OF KNOWLEDGE IS TO RECEIVE SUPERNATURAL REVELATION

The word of knowledge is when you receive revelation. It is supernatural revelation about the past or the present. It is not called the gift of knowledge, but it is the word of knowledge. It is a fragment of information. It is a piece of information given by the Holy Spirit. Now again, it might come through a mental picture. It may come through an emotional stirring. It may come through a dream. It may come through a vision. There is many ways this fragment of information. It is called a word of knowledge, because it is. The word 'word' means a fragment. A piece of information is what it is talking about.

But if you use that piece of information, it is a key that opens the door for much more information to flow. So in a word of knowledge, like you know I mentioned earlier, whether it is the left shoulder. This lady came to my mind. I did not even know it was a word of knowledge. But because it was so random, and it kept coming, then I understood it was the Lord speaking. But you can get a word of knowledge in a dream, in a vision, by the audible voice of the Lord. There is many ways a word of knowledge comes.

WORD OF WISDOM

A word of wisdom is not a person who makes good decision in business. So, he has the gift of wisdom. I appreciate guys and gals who have wisdom in practical issues, but the word of wisdom is the same thing. It is a supernatural piece of information, but it is related to the future, not to the past or the present.

DISCERNING OF SPIRITS

The discerning of spirits means to discern, to perceive, or to see into the spirit realm. The discerning of spirits it not the gift of suspicion, and the gift of criticism.

Like I know a lot of guys who say, “I have the gift of discerning spirits” which is really the gift of suspicion. They know, by the power of observation, who might be a little bit messed up. I appreciate that discerning spirit in every day life, that is wisdom. But the discerning of spirits is actually meaning to perceive into the spirit realm.

Like in September 2005, I was at home, and I saw an angel with my eyes wide open. Only had an experience, or two like that over the years. I saw an angel with my eyes. I mean I was so shocked. And the angel did not say anything. But the angel, I spoke this last year at the conference, he put a trumpet to his lips. He did not touch his lips. Then he disappeared. And I wiped my eyes, and I thought, “What was that? He appeared again a moment later; he put the trumpet to his lips, and he was gone. So, I perceived, or I discerned, into the spirit realm. I received information about the future.

Now, exactly what that meant, I am not one hundred percent sure I understand all that it mean. But, I believe I understand the main point—that a trumpet, an alarm. The Lord is saying, “Blow the trumpet. There is an alarm. There is trouble coming, put the trumpet to your mouth.” Now the angel did not put the trumpet on the lips because the crisis was still a little bit down the road. But that is a combination of a discerning of spirits. Seeing into the spirit realm, and seeing a little bit of what is happening in the future. So that is discerning of spirits, and word of wisdom operating together.

WORKING OF MIRACLES VERSUS THE GIFT OF HEALING

Let us look at Roman numeral V. Working of miracles. Now, working of miracles speaks of the instantaneous creative miracle. Now, I do not know this for a fact, but I believe what I am saying is accurate. I cannot prove it, but I have observed it, just an opinion. That many people who move in the working of miracles, they do not have feelings when they are happening it.

It just suddenly it happens. They are like. It just suddenly takes place. It is the instantaneous creative miracle. Now, the gifts of healing, they are different. Healings are process. Healings happen over time. Some guy says, “I want the gifts of healing.” What they mean is, “I want the working of miracles is what I really want.” When you pray for somebody, it looks like nothing happened.

Six weeks later, they are healed little by little. That is the gifts of healings operating in your life. I remember I went to a meeting once, and there was the guy

on the platform. I mean the guys came up from the prophetic guy, Bob Jones, really established, and came on the microphone.

I remember I did not really like this. He came out on the microphone and said, "I had a dream last night, and Mike Bickle is going move in creative miracles, working of miracles tonight. So any of you that need a creative miracle, a miracle of creating something, or something super dynamic thing, come up now, and get your healing."

I said, "Great." Everybody clapped except for me. I am on the platform thinking, and I tell Bob Jones, "Do not every do that again. Next time, come to me in private."

He responded, "No. If I had went to you in private, in your unbelief, you would have dismissed it."

I say, "Yeah, good point." So, he says it. One lady comes forward. She says, "I have this. I am getting a hysterectomy tomorrow. I have gone through all the process of believing God. And God told he would heal me, and he has not." She was crying. She said, "It is going to be a radical surgery tomorrow. So, I need a radical miracle, a big miracle right now."

I said, "Uh oh!" I looked at Bob, and said, "Thanks."

So everybody is watching. I muttered out, "In the name of Jesus, be healed." I did not get into the, "And the glory of God be released now, the power you will see." I just said, "Oh, in the name of Jesus be healed. Bob if you ever do this again to me. In the name of Jesus be healed." I said, "There you have it." I mean it is not like if I get revved up it is going to work.

She said, "That is it?" I think. She walked away, and she says, "Man so much for the man of God up there."

She came the next day, instantly healed. Instantly! I was more shocked than she was. I said, "What?" I said, "I did not feel anything."

She said, "Neither did I." And I have learned over the years, many times there is not feeling at all. It is just a creative miracle that takes place. Well I am going to end this session by referencing; I am going to take just two minutes talking about

the next session, the authority of the believer. You do not even have to look at it. It is just the next session on page nine.

THE AUTHORITY OF THE BELIEVER

Jesus has given us the authority to use his name against the Devil. We have to use it, using our authority. I was going to spend time on this, but I ran out of time. But again, on the websites we have teachings. You can get the audio, the video, the notes, or the transcriptions.

We even have the transcriptions all worked out, and edited. So you can run with these. Again, if you want to use these for yourself, you can put your name on any part of it you want. Our copyright is the right to copy. But some of you understand your authority in the believer, as a believer in Jesus. We can use the name of Jesus, whether we feel it or not. And the Devil has to move when we will not back down using the name of Jesus.

Now I am excited about that, but I am out of time. So I just commend that session to you. Amen, let us stand.