

Session 2 Explosion of Light, the White Horse, and the Chariots

INTRODUCTION

We have eight sessions on our prophetic history. When I talk about our prophetic history, I’m talking about some outstanding and significant events that the Lord released in our midst. Most of them occurred in 1983 and 1984. At that time, the Lord was laying the foundation for things that are happening now, twenty-five or thirty years later.

Roman numeral I. I want to remind you of what I covered in the first session. The first encounter I had with the Lord related to this movement. The Lord Himself said, “I will change the understanding and expression of Christianity in the whole earth in one generation.”

The Lord committed to do this. I don’t want to explain that experience again; I went into detail about it in the first session. The Lord right now in the nations is working very purposefully to change the understanding and expression of Christianity in the whole earth. We want to be a part of that new expression of Christianity. He’s giving this invitation to millions of ministries all over the earth. He has requirements. He has a way that He wants us to carry our heart and a way that He insists we live before him.

THE FOUR MOST NEGLECTED HEART STANDARDS IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Go to the next paragraph. God spoke about four different heart standards that were necessary in this new expression of Christianity. I’ve heard some people misquote this and say, “These are the four standards.” No, there are about twenty-five standards in the Bible, values that we’re to live by. These aren’t all the values in the New Testament church; these are the four most neglected ones. We value the Word of God, we value relationship, we value outreach, we value godly families and godly marriages, we value healthy bodies, we value godly finances. We have many, many values. These are the four the Lord highlighted that are the most easily neglected. Some years later, in 1996, He gave us an acronym. These are the same four values He spoke to me way back in 1982. The acronym was IHOP. As a matter of fact, we named the ministry “IHOP” three years later because of these values. We didn’t have the ministry, “The International House of Prayer,” and then come up with the four values. No, it was exactly the opposite. For three years we were saying, “God has called us to I-H-O-P.” We weren’t talking about a prayer ministry; we were talking about living with these four standards.

INTERCESSION, HOLINESS, OFFERINGS, PROPHETIC

“I” stands for intercession. “H” stands for holiness, for the whole Sermon on the Mount lifestyle that’s energized by intimacy with God. “O” stands for offerings to the poor: extravagant giving by living simply. It’s not poverty; it’s taking less to give more. In fact, it’s the things Allen was talking about: believing God for supernatural finance, not so that we can live more comfortably, but so we can give more to the gospel. “P” stands for the prophetic, for the intervention of God, for the move of His Spirit and His vision, His direction, His protection, and all that’s involved in it. I just wanted to say that so that I could remind you of what I covered in the first session.

WE DON’T BASE OUR MINISTRY ON WORDS OF PROPHECY

Let’s go to Roman numeral II. Bob Jones was used so prominently by the Lord in those early years, particularly in 1983 and 1984. There were maybe ten very dramatic experiences where the cement was wet and He was

allowing it to dry. He was forming the understanding by which we would be inspired in order to obey the Lord with a full heart and not draw back in faith and unbelief and fear.

As I give this entire eight-part session of our prophetic history, I mention Bob Jones in several of them. It's important that we all understand this, and most of you do: we don't base our ministry on prophetic words. I've had people say, "Wow, that was so awesome. You based your ministry on that!"

I say, "No, we base our ministry on our relationship to Jesus and the written Word of God." Prophetic words inspire us in our obedience and faith. They inspire us to persevere. We don't base our ministry on prophetic words. We're inspired by prophetic words so that we don't give up on prayer or holiness or serving and giving. I have a few details about Bob here on the handout. I won't go through all of them, but if you're interested, you can read it.

BOB JONES ANTICIPATES THE COMING OF THE SONGBIRDS

Paragraph B. He was born in 1929. He's about eight-two years old right now. He was raised in the hills of Arkansas. That's where the Lord met him initially. I could hardly make sense of this the first time I met him, but he said he had had about 100 prophetic revelations from 1975 to 1983, in a seven- or eight-year period.

I said, "How many?" He said, "One hundred visions, dreams, and revelations about this youth group." I'm sure 100 wasn't a specific number; I think he meant just a whole lot. I can hardly relate to that.

Typically I speak on about ten dynamic things that happened in those early years, as well as in 1983 and 1984, the years that followed me meeting him. I remember meeting one of Bob's leaders in the church Bob attended. I had just met Bob a few months before. Bob told me about these hundred experiences. He told me nearly all of them. He had so many dreams and visions about this future youth moment, this prayer movement made up of young people. He called the singers "songbirds." He always called them that. He said, "These songbirds, when they start..." Again, he had had numerous visions about them.

I met one of the leaders of his church and said, "Do you know a man named Bob Jones?"

He said, "Yes, I do."

I said, "What do you think about him? I've only known him for a few months."

He said, "He has the strongest prophetic ministry I've ever seen. It's remarkable. We've been with him for several years now."

I said, "What do you think about him? He's been hanging out in our prayer meetings and some of our church meetings."

He said, "I bless it 100 percent."

I said, "Why?"

He said, “Bob told us that when these young people came in the spring of ’83 to south Kansas City, when they came, he needed to go join them. He told us about this several times. We knew it was coming.”

That was an interesting feeling. I thought, “Really?” He really talked about this throughout the city. Then of course, over the next few years I met many people who told how Bob had told these stories for five, six, and seven years about this youth movement coming.

“YOU’RE TOO IMMATURE TO BE THE YOUTH PASTOR YOU’RE GOING TO BE”

Paragraph C. I want to give a brief summary of six or seven highlights of what he told me in those first three or four months. Every time I talked to him, he told me nearly the whole thing over again. He was so excited. Over time I became excited as well. At first I was perplexed, and then a bit overwhelmed, and then I didn’t even know how to relate to this information. He told me most of these the very first day I met him. Soon after, he told me the rest. Again, he said them many times. I have a lot of different transcriptions of different quotes to pull from his specific words. I’m so glad we wrote a lot of those things down in those early days.

The first thing he told me was, “You’re a youth pastor,” which I didn’t appreciate. I was twenty-seven years old and I had just finished being a youth pastor. Now I was getting into the big leagues. He said, “No, not now. You’re too immature to be the youth pastor I’m talking about. It’s years down the road before you’ll grow up to be that youth pastor.” He told me that the very first day I met him. He said, “You’re going to be involved in a worldwide movement of singers and musicians.” Again, he called them *songbirds*. “They’ll be used in power evangelism.” He constantly linked it to power evangelism and healings.

“THIS PRAYER MOVEMENT WILL HAVE A MINISTRY LIKE HARRY S. TRUMAN”

Then he said, “The Lord will use this group to mobilize prayer for Israel globally.” Not only this group, but many groups would work together, many ministries around the world, and they would mobilize prayer for Israel. I had no grid for Israel at that point in time. He said, “This youth group, this prayer movement, will have a ministry like Harry S. Truman.” He went on to explain that Harry S. Truman was a political intercessor for Israel. He said, “I don’t think Harry S. Truman knew that, but he was a political intercessor. The Lord is going to raise up this youth movement of singers and musicians.” Of course they’ll be old and young, and there will be many who aren’t singers and musicians, but that was always what the Lord highlighted: young singers and musicians. Bob Jones said, “He’s going to make them spiritual intercessors for Israel.”

Our church was over in Overland Park. It’s about fifteen minutes from here, more or less, depending on traffic. He said, “You’re going to move over to Grandview”—which is where we are now—“and you’re going to be next to Harry S. Truman, and it’s going to be a sign and a wonder to you that you really do have a ministry to Israel, a spiritual ministry, just as Harry S Truman had a political ministry.”

I remember saying many times, “Bob, Overland Park is an affluent part of town. I just don’t really see our congregation moving fifteen minutes over to a different economic community. I don’t see it happening. Our people really don’t shop over in Grandview.”

He said, “It doesn’t matter; they will.”

I said, “I don’t think so.”

He said, “I promise you, you’ll be in Grandview, they’ll shop there, and you’ll be next to Harry S. Truman.”

Bob said he saw a banner over Kansas City; over the whole Midwest, in fact. The banner said, “Prophetic and Intercession,” and he said the Lord was going to release an unusual grace in the ministries of this part of the earth in the realm of prophetic and intercession, and that it would be connected to his end-time purpose on a global level. I’m expecting God to touch ministries in Dallas and Minneapolis and Denver and Indianapolis and St. Louis and Chicago, cities of the Midwest, with this particular emphasis of the Holy Spirit.

“THROUGHOUT ASIA I SAW THEM WITH UNPLUGGED TV SETS IN THEIR HANDS”

Paragraph D. This was probably the strangest of all. He said, “Your greatest connection in terms of numbers will be with believers in Asia.” He said, “I saw them all throughout Asia.” He had some particular words for China. He said, “Throughout Asia I saw them with unplugged TV sets in their hands.” You’ve heard me say this over the years. Of course he saw smart phones. He said, “Throughout Asia they’re watching the songbirds in Grandview on these television sets in their hand, unplugged, out in the rice paddies. They’re watching the prayer movement. Even on their wristwatches, they will be watching.” That was too much.

Several times Bob asked me in those first several months, “Are you a singer or a musician?” He asked me that on the very first day.

I said, “No.”

He said, “Do you ever pray for Israel?”

I said, “No.”

“Do you have a burden for Asia?”

I said, “No.”

Then he made his statement that he delighted to make many times after. He said, “The Lord told me you would be dull. I didn’t think you would be this dull.”

He said, “You don’t know anything about this youth movement. You don’t know anything about Truman. You know nothing about moving to Grandview.”

I said, “No, I don’t see any of that happening.”

His big thing was, “You will.” We’re going to show a video from Bob in just a few moments. On one of the videos—I can’t remember if it was on this one or one of the others, but I remember seeing it on the screen—“I told you that you would be over next to Harry S. Truman. I told you that you would be in Grandview. Not one of you believed me.” He chided us a couple of years ago for not seeing so clearly twenty-five years ago.

Top of page two. I’m going to give four different experiences that are very dramatic experiences. They weren’t just dreams. I believe in spiritual dreams, but they were dynamic experiences. Bob would use this term.

Remember, back in 1983 I was twenty-seven years old and I had no experience of this. I said, “Did you have a dream?”

He said, “No.”

I said, “An open vision?”

He said, “You can call it that if you want.”

I said, “An open vision sounds pretty awesome.”

He said, “It was more than that. I was there.” I said,

“There? Where is *there*?”

He said, “I don’t know, but when you go there you’ll know.” That was a strange answer. In a few moments I’ll tell you about one time when I went there. It’s right; he was *there*. That’s it. That’s a good enough answer for me. The first one I want to talk about was in August 8, 1978. This is seven or eight years before I met him.

A DRAMA SET UP LONG AGO FOR THE YOUNG TO STEP INTO

Paragraph A. I wrote this down on the notes so you can read the details later so I don’t have to cover them right now, but this is something that should interest every one of you, because this story isn’t about what happened in the late 1970s and early 1980s. It’s the story line of those who are twenty years old right now. It’s a whole drama that has been set up for them to walk into. The stage has been set for decades. Really, it’s your story. It’s not our story of the “good ole days.” It’s the Lord setting the stage for a global drama that He has invited us to be a part of with other ministries all around the world.

Paragraph A. His first prophetic experience related to the young adult movement starting in Kansas City. He saw a great explosion of light and the glory of God coming out of Kansas City and going to the nations. That’s the power of the Holy Spirit, but it also suggests the media. He said it went like bright light to the ends of the earth, so there’s an anointing dimension of the raw power of God, but there’s a media dimension that will be connected around the world with all of these folks seeing what’s happening on unplugged TV sets in their hands. We now know that those are smart phones, and it might even be more than that before this is over. Who knows what’s happening in the next twenty or thirty years?

“I WILL KILL YOU IF YOU SPEAK AGAINST ABORTION”

Paragraph B. Before Bob had the experience on August 8, the day before, the Lord spoke to him in a dramatic experience. Bob says, “It was like a ball of light came towards me. My eyes were wide open, and the Spirit spoke out of the light and told me that I should prophesy against abortion.” He had never done that before.

The Lord said, “I want you to prophesy against abortion,” and gave him some details about that.

Right after this experience, the light left; Bob was overwhelmed at seeing this bright light and hearing the voice coming out of it. He was excited, because he knew the Lord had visited him. Then a demon appeared to him. He

had seen demons with his eyes more than once in the years before. A demon appeared to him and, initially, terrified him. He said, “I will kill you if you speak against abortion.”

Bob says, “I rose up and said, ‘In the name of Jesus, you can’t touch me and I will do the will of God.’” He said his faith was stirred up, and he did it.

BOB JONES HAS A NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCE, AND STANDS BEFORE GOD

On the next day, August 8, he prophesied against abortion. He talked to some people and said, “God is going to expose abortion!” and so on. Then, about thirty minutes later, right after he gave this prophecy, he said, “I’m standing there, and all of a sudden I became so sick in my stomach and various parts of my body became hard as a rock and I began to hemorrhage out of my mouth and nose. Blood began to squirt out of my mouth and nose and I was bleeding to death.” He said, “I had no idea what was happening. I was in so much pain.” They rushed him to the hospital, and the doctors were mystified by what was happening.

What happened? Bob had a near-death experience. He all but died. His spirit went before the Lord. He said, “Lord, how did this happen? You gave me a commission to prophesy, and a demon threatened me and the demon was right. I don’t understand what happened.”

His spirit was before his body. His body was laying down there on the bed and he was completely confused, but he said, “I was loving the presence of God.” He saw those who had just died in different parts of the world. They were all coming to stand before the Lord. He said, “Wow, this is amazing. This is pretty exciting.”

“I AM RAISING UP A YOUTH MOVEMENT OF SINGERS AND MUSICIANS”

Then he stood before the Lord, and we’re going to hear his own story of this in just a few moments on the video. When he stood before the Lord, the Lord put his hand up and said, “I want you to go back.”

Bob said, “Lord, I don’t want to go back. I love this.” He said, “I felt pure love and joy and the power of God.” He said, “I love this.” He was looking right in the eyes of Jesus. He describes this on the video you’ll see in a moment.

The Lord said, “I have a very specific assignment for you. I want you to go back and touch a few leaders, because I am going to raise up a youth movement, a prayer movement of singers and musicians, that will touch the ends of the earth.” The Lord explained this to him, and then He said, “I want you to touch some of the leaders in the early days of this. I want you to go back.”

Bob actually said something like, “Lord, I really want to stay here.”

The Lord said, “I want you to go back, because if you do, this movement is going to result in a billion souls being saved.” I’m talking about the whole end-time move of God.

Bob said, “I’ll go back for the sake of the souls.”

The Lord said, “I want you to go back, because this is about souls.” It’s not just about good music. The music is good, and it’s going to be really good in the decades to come worldwide.

IN THE WAKE OF THE NEXT WORLD WAR, A BILLION SOULS WILL BE SAVED

Paragraph C. I summarized it. I have about ten or fifteen transcriptions of Bob's words. I'm mixing and matching, because the story would be so long if I told each one. I'm pulling some phrases from some of his own words. He had this near-death experience on August 8; I don't know what else to call it. He said, "As far as I'm concerned, I died. I don't really know how to describe it, but I was before the Lord."

The Lord said, "I will anoint some young people in Kansas City. I want you to go back and touch a few of them."

Then he told them several other things that he'll cover in the video. Then the Lord told him there's going to come a third world war. Bob said, "The Lord told me this directly. It's going to wake up many people in the earth."

The Lord said, "In the wake of this, I will bring over one billion souls into My kingdom."

That's when Bob said, "I will go back for souls." Again, the billion is the whole body of Christ worldwide working together.

Paragraph one. The day before, when this light appeared and the voice of the Lord spoke out of it, He said, "Men in the days to come will perfect abortion." He described partial-birth abortion, and Bob described it many times in 1975.

I met several people who said, "He was telling us these graphic details that didn't seem possible." He talked about the abortion pill. The Lord said, "They're going to make a pill and abortion will happen through taking a pill."

Then the Lord talked about homosexuality. He said, "In the days to come homosexuality is coming out of the closet, into the streets, and into the governments." He wanted Bob to raise his voice on this subject as well. I have some more details about what happened with Bob.

"IT WILL BE A HOUSE OF PROPHECY THAT GOD CALLS A HOUSE OF PRAYER"

Paragraph III. Bob said, "I was coming back. The angels were bringing me back. I had stood before the Lord, and now I was coming back. I came back to my room and I looked down and there was my body with blood all over it. Aagh! I didn't want to enter that thing."

There was pain. He saw two angels. These angels began to prophesy. He said he saw an open vision, but he saw the angels with his eyes. Again, he was still looking down at his body. That's a little odd if you've never heard that sort of thing. Plenty of people through the years have had near-death experiences; I've heard these kinds of things over the years. He said, "These two angels were talking about Kansas City."

One angel said, "There's going to be a great explosion of the glory of God, and it's going to start in the inner city and it's going to travel rapidly, instantaneously, like a crystal light, to the ends of the earth." We know media is involved in this.

Another angel said it would start at Truman Sports Complex, the big football stadium in which the Chiefs play. One angel said the inner city, and the other said the stadium. I've never reconciled that, but it doesn't matter; I just want it to start.

Then one of the angels said to Bob, "I will bring some of the first young leaders to you, and I want you to help them. The first anointing I will release is an anointing on prophetic singers and musicians." Then he said, "Multitudes in the future, in the years to come, the decades to come, multitudes will come to Kansas City, because it will be a house of prophecy that God calls the house of prayer."

Bob said, "I heard that phrase, that it would be a house of prophecy that God calls a house of prayer."

Top of page three. My point is, there will be a lot of prophetic inspiration. I don't just mean a lot of foretelling, but there will be the unction of the Spirit. Don't think of prophecy as mostly and only telling about details in the future. It certainly involves that, but prophecy involves the testimony of Jesus being made known. Of course, the term we use is "the forerunner ministry."

A WHITE HORSE IN THE MIDDLE OF A DRY RIVERBED

Top of page three. Now we're going to go to the next experience. Strangely enough, this experience also occurred on August 8. The first one was on August 8, 1975. Seven years later he had another encounter on August 8, 1982. I asked Bob, "What's the significance of that?"

That's one of the few times I remember Bob being a little dumbfounded: he said, "I don't know."

I thought, "Wow."

That seemed like a great opportunity to have a parable, but he said, "I don't really know." There you have it.

Seven years later, he had another very dramatic experience. He said he saw a white horse in the middle of a dry riverbed. Again, I said, "Is this an open vision?"

He said, "Mike, I was there."

I said, "OK, I know the drill."

"I was there."

He said, "This white horse was in the middle of a dry riverbed." He went on to explain that this white horse represented a company of young leaders in the early days. It was those leaders who were involved in this purpose back in 1983, 1984, and 1985. The Lord gave a symbolic picture of these leaders as a white horse. Of course, that symbolism could be applied to many different ministries around the world. He said, "I saw these white horses. I saw this company of young leaders, and they were in the middle of a dry riverbed. There was a small amount of water—about four inches."

He said, "There were these mad dogs on each side of the river. These mad dogs had rabies and they were barking and accusing and trying to bite this horse."

The Lord told Bob, “Your assignment is to keep these young people, this white horse, in the middle of the stream. Keep them focused on Me in the middle of the stream because these mad dogs”—He talked about different religious leaders—“will accuse them and try to get them into the fear of man and into timidity and to take their eyes off the Lord.”

He said, “Bob, I will anoint you with prophetic revelation to help them stay focused.” One of the key things that we were to stay focused on was the four values that God gave us in Cairo. We were to believe for this great young adult prayer movement in the future, but we were to maintain night-and-day prayer even in those days. Even without the music, we were to press and challenge people to holiness of heart; even though many weren’t pressing in or calling people to that. We were called to go for that. We were to maintain a simple lifestyle and believe God for billions, but to give away, not to keep for ourselves. We were to view money as a way to reach souls, not a way to enhance our own personal lifestyles of comfort.

That has always been the most troubling message through the years to leaders in the Church. That’s the one that bugs people more than any other, the message of money. They said, “Do your prayer meetings, call young people to holiness, but leave the money thing alone.”

The Lord said, “No, you must stay steady on that issue, in addition to the whole realm of the move of the Holy Spirit and prophecy.”

So I describe some of that. Bob said these dogs would be like barking dogs. Leaders would come from many places to try to get you to be intimidated, to draw back in fear; they would say, “This is extreme. It’s legalism. It’s unnecessary. It’s not God.”

The Lord told Bob, “You must keep convincing them, and I will give you prophetic revelation, Bob. Convince them of how important these things are. They can’t draw back on these things ever. These aren’t just preparation; they’re the way of the kingdom, but they must be there in the years of preparation.”

“I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW DEAR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE TO ME”

Paragraph B. These are some of Bob’s word. Again, I have ten or fifteen transcriptions, so I pulled from those. The story is much longer than this paragraph or two here. Bob said the Lord appeared to him. I love this. He said the Lord appeared to him, and Bob says, “I saw him with my eyes. This was no mental vision. He literally stood in front of me. That’s only happened a few times.”

This was in 1982. The Lord said to Bob, “The white horse is coming.” Again, it’s this group of young intercessors in 1982 and 1983 and 1984 who were going to gather together, and Bob was going to meet them. He said, “This is a group I will use.” From Bob’s point of view, what’s happening here is still the white horse. In other words it’s just a continuation of what he saw in that vision, twenty-five years later. It’s still the same reality. Bob said, “I saw the young people again. I saw them so many times; maybe a hundred times I saw this young adult movement.”

Here’s my favorite part. The Lord said to Bob, “Look at them really closely. I want you to know, Bob, I love them.”

Bob says, “He said it to me over and over.”

“I love these young people who are coming. I want you to be tender with them. I want you to know how dear they are to Me.”

Beloved, you can take that as a personal word. Of course, the Word of God says it, but it’s powerful when the Lord speaks this prophetically. This is about your life.

“MY LIGHTNING IS GOING TO BE RELEASED THROUGH THEIR HANDS”

Then the Lord said this very dramatic statement. He said, “Bob, my lightning is going to be released through their hands.”

Bob said, “Your lightning?”

He said, “Yes, My lightning will be released through their hands.” Then he was directed to read Habakkuk 3:4. In that verse, Jesus is described at the time of the second coming, when He’s marching up to Jerusalem. Here is what will happen to Jesus: rays of lightning will flash from His hands. The power of God will be hidden in His hands, and when Jesus raises His hands, or however it works, the power of God will be released in the context of His second coming.

The Lord told him, “A portion of this is going to be released in this youth movement.” Beloved, this is your story. This is about you. This hasn’t happened. Maybe a little, here and there; but this is a prophecy that is yet to be fulfilled.

Paragraph 1. Bob said, “The Lord showed me different people among the young ones. They would simply raise their hands. They didn’t do anything but raise their hands, and the power of God would begin to hit people in big, vast gatherings in the auditorium.”

He said if someone needed a new kidney, instantly the glory of God would appear on them and a kidney would be formed. If people needed healing, whether the lame, the blind, the deaf, they would simply raise their hand and the power of God would enact it. This was something so dramatic that no one could trace it back to the guy or gal on the platform.

Paragraph 2. The Lord said this to Bob: “I want you to know this. I’m going to use them in this way, but I will prepare them first for some years. They’re like a white horse in a stream. They’re going to have accusing voices from church leaders on both sides barking at them all the time to intimidate them to get them to give up and give in. I will put you behind their back and I will give you insight to reveal the tactics of the enemy when they happen.”

“I’M STANDING BEHIND YOU TO KEEP YOU IN THAT STREAM”

There were many times—I don’t know the number, ten or twenty or thirty, again, it was some many years ago, and I have a lot of them written down—a man would call me on the phone and make some negative statement, and I would think, “I want to be teachable. He may be right.”

Bob would call me within an hour and say, “The Lord showed me an open vision. A man just called you and said this.”

I said, “He did about an hour ago.”

He said, “Throw it away. It’s not from the Lord. It’s like a leech designed to steal your lifeblood. The Lord says to throw it away and stay focused, stay in the prayer room, and keep focusing on holiness. What they’re saying is not from God.

That happened a bunch of times. I don’t have the exact number, but it happened ten, twenty, or thirty times where a conversation would happen, and within hours Bob would call me and tell me about the conversation, and then he would always say, “I’m standing behind you to keep you in that stream. Stay focused on those values and that vision that God gave about the young adult movement, and the values God gave us in Cairo, Egypt.”

Anyway, there are many more stories I could tell about that. Let’s go to the top of page four. The reason this vision of the white horse touches me is because, having lived it, I can remember vividly so many ways where God helped us see what would normally have confused us, then derailed and taken us off to the point where we became spiritually passive and docile. That’s what the enemy wanted. He wanted us spiritually passive and docile. He didn’t want us pressing hard for the things God was promising for this young adult movement in the days to come. The part that moves me is that the Lord invested so much in this movement. He raised up Bob Jones, and Paul Cain had a very key role, and another man named Augustine. There were others, but I don’t want to go down the who’s who list. I don’t want to be impressed by personalities; that’s not the point. Some folks are fascinated by the prophetic vessels. I’m more interested in the reason God sent them than how fun or weird the experiences were. I care about the point God had in his heart; the fact that He invested so much. He was thinking about you. He was thinking about the people who are twenty years old now, and He was thinking about their children when He was setting this thing up. He wasn’t thinking about how good ministry would be in Kansas City in the 1980s. He was thinking of 2020, 2030, and 2040 if the Lord tarries. What an investment! What a commitment! He was thinking of the global prayer movement and our role in it, though many will have a major role, many ministries in many different nations, and the Lord will bring them together into a gracious cooperation together.

A PROCESSION OF YOUNG PEOPLE MARCHING DOWN BLUE RIDGE

I’ll go now to the third experience. This is the most dramatic and powerful experience I’ve ever had. This is the one time—although I trust it will happen again—when I could say to Bob, “I was there. I understand a little what you mean. Yes.”

Someone said, “Was it a vision?”

I said, “No, it wasn’t a vision.”

“Was it a dream?”

I said, “It was more than a dream.”

“Where were you?”

“It’s hard to know for sure. I was there.”

I looked at Bob and said, “It felt good to say this, that one time, because you said it to me so many times.”

It was in July of 1983. We’re at the top of page four on the notes here. Bob had an experience where he saw the Lord high and exalted. He was being carried by a group of young leaders. Again, he was looking at some of you. This was over twenty-five years ago. He was looking at young leaders in the future. Bob went on to say, “Some of these leaders are only infants; they’re only a few months old right now. Some of them aren’t even born yet.” The Lord was giving us a picture. Anyway, the Lord was being exalted by a group of young leaders. There were thirty, forty, or fifty of them. Bob said, “There were thirty-five of them.”

I said, “How did you know? Did you count them in the vision? How do you know there were thirty-five of them?”

He said, “Because the Lord spoke Isaiah 35, that they must walk on the highway of holiness, so there must have been thirty-five.”

I said, “Well, OK...” I don’t really go with that number, because I don’t necessarily do my math that way, that the number is the Bible verse that God highlighted. It might be; it really might be, but I don’t know for sure. He saw this group of thirty, forty, or fifty young people. They were carrying the Lord like the ark of the covenant, like in the days of David. They were carrying the Lord like the ark of the covenant, and Jesus was actually sitting on the top. They were marching down Blue Ridge.

THE LORD HAS CONSECRATED THIS PLACE TO HIMSELF

Blue Ridge is fifty yards from this intersection, Blue Ridge and Grandview Road. This is where he saw them. That’s neat today, because it’s only fifty yards from our building, but when he gave us this word, we were fifteen minutes away in a more affluent part of town.

He said, “You’re going over to Grandview Road and Blue Ridge.”

I said, “I don’t think so.”

He said, “I promise you that’s where you’re going. The Lord has already established it.”

I’ve had a few folks over the years, me included, who don’t really like this building or the layout or the parking or the bathrooms or the sound or about ten other things, but I want to tell you one thing: whenever I get into that attitude, which I have many times, I remember that I was in another part of town and God literally showed this corner to Bob. I say, “Here we are. Let’s do it.” The people who owned this building, who knew nothing about this, came to us and made us an offer we couldn’t refuse. It was remarkable. That’s another story for another time, but here we are. We’re fifty yards from that intersection. I didn’t have any idea that was going to happen. Of course, Harry S. Truman’s property is just several hundred yards away from here. When we moved here, I said, “The Harry S. Truman property! The prophecy has come to pass.” I had no idea we would actually be on his actual property. I was content just to be next to it. The Lord had more on His mind than just being next to it. We’re on it, with the 125-acre property He gave us.

Anyway, this group of about thirty, forty, or fifty young people was carrying the Lord on the ark of the covenant. They were marching down Blue Ridge, starting here at the corner at Grandview, just fifty yards from

here. They were marching twelve miles to Arrowhead Stadium, which is called Truman Sports Complex. It was a twelve-mile parade. There were thousands of people on both sides of the street—thousands of them. They were lined up all the way to the stadium. That’s a twelve-mile walk. I don’t know how literal this is, but I’m taking it; I’m aiming for it; but the Lord always has a different little turn and twist in the way things happen. You can’t tell for sure, but I believe for that actual parade.

“I WILL RELEASE AN UNUSUAL DEMONSTRATION OF POWER”

There are thousands of people on each side of the road. There are these thirty, forty, and fifty young people carrying the Lord, and the Lord said, “These are the ones I’ve anointed in an unusual way.” Every believer is anointed to heal the sick and preach the gospel, but throughout history the Lord sometimes releases here and there an unusual demonstration of power. He said, “I will release an unusual demonstration of power.”

Behind these thirty or forty people there was a long line of people who were healed. They were pushing their wheelchairs. They had been paralyzed, they were instantly healed, and now they were pushing the wheelchair. They had been missing a limb and now they were carrying that prosthetic limb with them. All these thousands of people were in the road, those who were healed by the Lord through these young people. Multitudes across the city were on the sidelines cheering. Then the Lord looked at Bob and said to him, “Tell Mike that I will visit him, and I will cause him to stand before Me, and I will show him these young people.”

This experience with Bob is over, and I have in paragraph C some of his own words. You can read some of that on your own. I’ll mention one more thing in the middle of page four, a very important word that the Lord spoke. Then I’m going to tell you what happened when the Lord visited me and allowed me to stand before Him. It was a month later, and I saw this company of young people. They were coming in the future, and I believe it’s possible we’re in those days right now. It may go on a little longer; I don’t know. I’m talking about an operation of the power of God that was like those in the book of Acts. “It’s like what was common in the book of Acts,” is how Bob described it.

“HELP, LORD! FOR THE GODLY MAN CEASES”

Here’s what the Lord told him. Look at number 2 in the middle of page four under C. Here’s what the Scripture says in Psalm 12:1: “Help, Lord, for the godly man ceases! For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men” (Ps. 12:1). By the way, among this company of thirty, forty, and fifty, he saw both men and women. I just want you to know that. The Lord was anointing in power to heal the sick and preach the gospel, and he saw both of them. He was bold about that, and that stirred up some folks back in the day, and it still does, both positively and negatively.

“WHERE ARE THE CHAMPIONS WHO ONLY WANT TO GLORIFY JESUS?”

The Lord spoke Psalm 12:1 to Bob Jones. Look at number 2. The Lord said to Bob, “I want you to pray Psalm 12:1.” Of course, Bob didn’t know that psalm, and the Lord spoke it to him. He said, “I want you to cry, ‘Help, Lord, for the godly man perishes’; or this: ‘Help, Lord, for we don’t have any champions anymore who will only lift You up.’” In other words, “Your servants want You plus something else.” They want a little of the glory, they want a little of the money in a way He didn’t ordain for them to take it. They use it for license for compromise in their life. God said to Bob, “Where are the champions who only want to glorify Jesus?” They have no agenda for themselves in their anointing, their power, their money, or their license because they’re so powerful that no one will challenge them, so they get away with their secret sin.

The Lord told Bob to say, “Help, Lord.” He said, “Cry out to Me. Cry out for young people so that they will persevere in their godliness.”

The Lord said to Bob, “I will answer this prayer, and I will answer it in the midst of this group of young people in Kansas City.” Of course, He will answer in many places in the earth.

“THEY WILL SERVE ME ALL THE DAYS OF THEIR LIFE”

Paragraph three. Bob went on to say that the Lord was telling him how many of His anointed leaders have brought shame to Him through immorality or gold, or they handle the anointing in an inappropriate way and draw attention to themselves. He said, “But I’m raising up leaders who won’t sell out on any of these points.” Here is the part I love. The Lord told Bob, “They will serve Me all the days of their life. They will be faithful to the end in purity, in money, in humility; they’ll be faithful to the end with great blessing and increase coming to their life. It won’t turn their heads at all.”

Wow! Bob told me this on July 3, 1984. Again, I’m covering so many details. That’s why I have it written down for you, so you can read it more later. A month passed. Bob told me, “The Lord told me to tell you He’s going to visit you. He’s going to allow you literally to stand in His presence.”

I said, “What do you mean?”

He said, “You’re going there.”

I said, “Where?”

He said, “You’ll know when you get there.” It’s funny to say, but he meant it. He was very serious about this. He said, “He’s going to let you see these young people ahead of time.”

“I KNOW A MAN IN CHRIST WHO . . . WAS CAUGHT UP TO THE THIRD HEAVEN”

Paragraph D. One night a month later, a man named Augustine, who was very instrumental prophetically in 1982, 1983, 1984, and 1985, called me on the phone from out of town. I had just come home from the evening prayer meeting; the meetings went from seven to ten every night. Right when I came home at ten, the phone rang. I was getting ready to go to bed. I would go right home and go to bed, because I had to get up early. We had prayer meetings the next day. Our prayer meetings normally had ten people in them, no instruments, and they were incredibly boring—just so you know. If only I had just gotten some singers going! What was I thinking? That’s another point for another day.

Paragraph D. Augustine called me. He said, “The Lord wants me to tell you that tonight is the night that He’s going to visit you.”

I hung up the phone and Diane said, “Who was that?”

I said, “Augustine.”

She said, “Wow. What’s going to happen?”

I said, “Tonight is the night where I’m going to stand before the Lord or something.”

I’ve never had an experience like this and never one since, although I believe for more. I thought, “Wow.” How do you go to bed? But I did, and I started off in my sleep, but I didn’t end up in my sleep. I was standing before the Lord in a room that was fifty feet by fifty feet. I didn’t know how big the room was, actually, but it was a fairly small room. It looked like it was made up of clouds—the roof, the ceiling, the walls, were all clouds.

I was standing at the Lord’s left, and He spoke to me very strongly. I was standing there touching my arms and my hands. I said, “I’m not dreaming. I’m awake. I know I’m awake. This isn’t a dream. I’m awake.” I stood there for a few moments just getting oriented. I said, “This is real. Where am I?” I had no idea where I was or how I got there. This is biblical, by the way. There’s a verse in 2 Corinthians 12 about being caught up in the Lord somewhere. Paul described this, talking about himself: “I will go to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago”—here’s the part I like—“whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven” (2 Cor. 12:2-3). In other words, “It felt like I was there physically, but I can’t be sure I was there physically, but I think I was, but I don’t know for sure. Only God knows. I was caught up before the Lord. I know such a man.” He can’t let this go. You can tell Paul is still captured by this: “Whether in the body or out, I don’t know. Only God knows.”

Someone could have said, “Paul, you just said that.”

He says, “Yes, just give me a moment here. I’m still processing this for a minute.”

WE CARE NOTHING FOR EXPERIENCES THAT CONTRADICT THE WRITTEN WORD OF GOD

My point is, it’s biblical. Go ahead and turn to page 5. The reason I care about this is that we don’t want to accept any “supernatural” experience that’s not firmly grounded in the Bible and exalts Jesus. We have no interest in weird angelic encounters if they’re not biblical, if they don’t exalt Jesus; and if they don’t motivate people to love and holiness I’m not interested in them at all. I’ve heard these bizarre stories for years; I can’t find them in the Bible, I don’t see how Jesus is the focus, and I don’t see how it’s motivating anyone to love or holiness. I’m not interested in any of it.

They say, “What if it’s true?”

I say, “So what? I’m just not interested in it.”

All I’m interested in is the Bible, Jesus, love, and purity. I think we, as a community, need to really line up fully on that. I know the vast majority have already settled on that point.

“IF YOU’RE IMPATIENT, YOU WILL CAUSE GREAT HARM AND MUCH TURMOIL”

Top of page five. I’m in this room, this small room, forty or fifty feet in each direction. I don’t know where I am; I don’t know. I haven’t heard the Lord’s voice yet. I’m looking around and I’m mystified. I keep touching my arm and my hand saying, “I’m awake. I know I’m awake.”

I don’t know where I am or how I got here. I don’t know what’s happening, but I know I’m awake. Then suddenly this voice, the voice of God, speaks this very perplexing, painful sentence. He said, “Young man.” I

was at his left. I never looked at him, not once. He said, “Young man.” This voice had authority, and a tone of slight correction in it. It didn’t feel warm to me. “Young man, if you’re impatient, you will cause great harm and much turmoil to many people.”

It was a thunderous voice. I was just staring, completely confused, but with pain in my heart. Then the voice of the Lord came even more loudly and sternly: “Young man, if you are impatient, you will cause great harm and much turmoil to many people.”

It jolted me. I said to myself, “I have no idea why I’m getting rebuked or where I am, but I know it’s God, and I can’t make sense of it.”

I have it on the notes here, and I won’t go through it again. *Patience* is a word that in many translations of the New Testament is translated as *perseverance*. I was thinking of patience like being nice to people if they fail. I thought, “I’m nice to people when they fail! I get criticized for giving people too many chances!” I was thinking *impatient* means the man blows it and you fire him.

But the Lord was saying, “I don’t want you quitting. I don’t want you quitting.”

He was talking about these four heart standards and all of the persecution that’s going to come against this young adult movement. He was talking about that, but I didn’t know that. I was saying, “Impatient? I do interrupt some people sometimes when they’re talking. I need to quit doing that. I’m standing before God because I get excited when I tell a story? What?” None of it made sense to me.

I said to myself, “This is God. He’s right, you’re wrong, just agree and when you get out of here, sort it out, because it has to be right.” I didn’t say that, but I decided just to agree with Him; it had to be right.

The third time it was even louder and sterner: “Young man, if you’re impatient...”

I said, “Yes, Sir, yes, Sir, yes, Sir!” I began to weep, and it’s a terrible feeling. I said, “I have to get out of this place.”

UNUSUAL GRACE TO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL IN POWER WITH SIGNS AND WONDERS

I’ll skip a few parts of it. Then a scene or two later I was in this clouded room: it was all clouds everywhere, or so it seemed. I didn’t know what they were. Over there, just a few feet away, the clouds opened and this golden chariot came shooting up. I looked at the golden chariot and I thought, “Wow, what is that?” I didn’t know what was going on.

The Lord said, “Go and get in it.”

I had just been rebuked; I was in pain and sorrow. Now I was having completely the opposite experience. I walked over there and I saw a line of people, which I’ll describe in a moment—the thirty, forty, and fifty young people who were coming in the days to come. All of them were standing in line, preparing to get into a chariot. What the chariot spoke of in that hour to me was an invitation. It wasn’t a commissioning; it was an invitation. The chariot spoke of unusual grace to proclaim the gospel in power with signs and wonders. I know it means at least that. I don’t know exactly what it means, but for many people through history, the Lord will anoint them in

a really blessed way and they don't see a chariot, but in the spirit language, chariots are probably involved. We don't know what it looks like on the other side. I understand it's a calling; it's a powerful calling to proclaim the gospel in power.

“I WILL UNVEIL THE KNOWLEDGE OF MY HEART TO YOU”

Again, I saw a line of them. There were these young people; I didn't see anyone's face, but there were thirty, forty, or fifty of them. I don't know the exact number; I didn't count them. I just gave them a glance. Then I walked over, and I was overcome with grief. Not the grief of rebuke; I fell down weeping. I wasn't asleep; I was fully awake. Again, I didn't know exactly where I was or what this room was exactly. I fell down weeping and I said, “No, no, I can't get in. It would be an injustice for a man like me to get into that chariot.” I fell on the ground and said no. I was in pain on a completely different level. It was very different from the rebuke. It was the pain of something. It was terrible. I was screaming, “No!” Two angels picked me up and touched me; I felt their hands, and they put me in the chariot, and I was crying and saying, “No!”

I went into this vast ocean of sapphire blue, endless miles of the vast blue expanse. Ezekiel saw that blue expanse in Ezekiel 1. The Lord spoke to me clearly: “This is the unveiling of the knowledge of God. I will unveil the knowledge of My heart to you.” No matter how much you get of the knowledge of God, you'll only get a fraction of 1 percent of what God can give. The greatest man of God, Moses, in the glory, didn't surpass even 1 percent of what God could have told him about Himself.

THE CRIES OF THE YOUNG AS THEY ASCENDED INTO THE EXPANSE

Anyway, as I was going up in this vast expanse of blue, I looked over my shoulder and saw the young people from the future. Some of them are you. These guys and gals fell down and screamed, “No!” They were taken and placed in the chariot and brought up into this vast expanse of blue. Then it happened again: the chariot came, they shouted, “No!” and they were taken away. I couldn't hear it so well now; I was getting further and further away. One after the other, they cried, “No!” Each one of them was captured with God, and not themselves in that hour.

“THE SIGNS OF THE APOSTLES WERE ACCOMPLISHED . . . WITH ALL PERSEVERANCE”

Now I was in this expanse, and suddenly, in one second, I began to fall. I was falling. I don't exactly understand it, but I landed in my room, wide awake. I wasn't asleep; I had all the sensations of travel. I had no comprehension of the details of this. I thought, “I just saw the young people Bob Jones saw in this youth movement who will preach Jesus and heal the sick and be a part of this great parade marching down Blue Ridge Road.”

Again, I'm assuming that's an actual event and not just symbolic, but it could be symbolic. I don't actually know about the march itself; I do know the Lord is going to raise up young people in that way.

Let's look at paragraph I. The word *patience* is *perseverance*. Look at what Paul says in 2 Corinthians 12: “Truly the signs of the apostles were accomplished among you with all perseverance” (2 Cor. 12:12).

When we think of the apostolic calling, we think of miracles, but actually, perseverance was one of the signs of a true servant of God in the days of old—the fact that they didn't quit. The anointing not to quit was one of the signs of the early apostles and prophets and pastors and evangelists and teachers. I mean the anointed of the

Lord; one of evidences of the glory of God in your life is that you don't quit. You have perseverance. It means you don't quit. I give a couple of examples of this, and more verses on it on the bottom of page 5.

BE STEADY, BE STRONG, AND PERSIST IN OUTRAGEOUS HUMILITY

Paragraph J. A few ways in which we're tempted to quit. In many ways we're tempted to quit, but it's critical that we don't quit. The message was for me, but also for every single one of those leaders who would be placed in those chariots. Not that they'll actually see a chariot in this life; I don't think they will. I think the chariot is something in the spiritual realm that God and angels see. I don't know how that works, but it speaks of a calling. My point is this: when the Lord releases a great blessing of His presence on your life and ministry, He demands that you don't quit. He demands it for everyone who loves Him, but it's serious to Him. This is for every one of these people whom the Lord anoints, not just related to this movement here, but all over the earth. The Lord is earnest. I felt that hot displeasure, I felt that rebuke: "You must not quit. If I invest My presence in you and cause the people to have some confidence in you, you can't quit. You cannot quit." This is the same message to every one of you who have ears to hear this. You can't quit. Humility; hold the line. I'm talking about outrageous humility, not get-by humility. I'm talking about giving our money, our time, blessing our enemies, having a servant spirit, and all the different ways. We're not looking to get by so that people pat us on the back. I'm talking about the sword of the quality of response of which the Lord Himself says, "Yes, that's what I was after."

VERY FEW PEOPLE STAY WITH THIS UNTIL THE END

Paragraph K. I'll tell you a really sad truth. I've been preaching this now since Cairo in 1982, over twenty-five years. I've been telling the prophetic stories of 1983 and 1984 for twenty-plus years. I've been telling them right in this auditorium. I want to tell you this. I told the story in the mid-1980s and the room was full of people: the same exact stories. People heard the stories, and they said yes. There are a lot of new ones to tell in the 1990s and 2000s, but I mostly tell the stories from 1983 and 1984. I would say over 90 percent of all the young people said, "Yes until the end!" Five or ten years later, they were disconnected from it and living like all the others. In the 1990s we had another group of people fill this auditorium. I would tell the prophetic stories. They cried "Yes!" Many of them were young people; not all but most of them. "Yes until the end!" Five, six, seven, and eight years later, they got a little more money, a little more opportunity; they got a little busier, a little older, and they drifted away from it. I want you to know, this is my third group of people in a full auditorium that's hearing this story. When I look back over these years, very few of them stay with this. I'm being negative because I want this to sting you in the fear of God. Most people in their twenties are really sincere. They stay with it for five, six, or seven years. Then they get in their thirties, and between the family dynamics and the money and having a bit of success in their ministry, by the time they're in their forties, there's rarely even a trace of these words of Cairo in their lifestyle and in their spirit. They've already figured out Bible verses where it isn't necessary, but they were cheering and full on and they did it for five, six, seven, or eight years.

My point is this: don't assume that you won't drift from this, even though in your spirit you're saying yes to it even now.

"I AM CALLING FORTH THE BEST OF THE BLOOD LINES OF THE BODY OF CHRIST"

There's one more. Top of page six. I won't tell this story; I'll leave it with you and tell it at another time. Well, I guess I will. I want you to stay a few extra minutes, because I want you to see the Bob Jones video coming up in just a moment. I'll give the abbreviated version. January of 1979. Bob was having one of these open vision encounters where he was there. He said, "I was standing on the seashore out by an ocean." The Lord walked up

to him. The Lord was standing next to him, and he saw these leaders throughout history. They were putting their hands down into the sand. They would put their hands in there and get a box, and they would open up the box, and there would be nothing in it. I'm making this up; Bob never gave the dates. He said, "Throughout history." But this went on through the 1300s, the 1500s, the 1800s, and so on. Again, I'm adding that commentary in. He said, "Men throughout history would put their hands down in the sand, pull out the box, and there was nothing in it."

The Lord told Bob, "Put your hand right here, down in the sand."

Bob said, "Why, Lord? There will be nothing in it. I just watched a number of them do this."

He said, "Put your hand down here, because out of the sands of time, I am calling forth the best of the blood lines of the body of Christ, and I will bring forth a generation of young people who will have an obedience. They will have a faith and operate in a power that will surpass their parents and their family lines."

"I'M CALLING FORTH A GENERATION THAT WILL SURPASS ALL OF THESE"

He put his hand in and came up with a box. He opened it, and the Lord told him, "In this box are draft notices that I will send out and I will begin to enlist men and women into my end-time army, even now."

That was in 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, and 1985. The Lord told Bob, "I'm beginning to draft and enlist them into my army even now." Many of them are moms and dads, spiritual moms and dads, if they haven't quit. Many of them have quit. They still love Jesus, but they're not pressing into anything. They're just licking their wounds, feeling sorry that they didn't get the deal they should have gotten. They're not pressing in anymore; they're consumed with themselves.

The Lord told Bob, "Out of the sands of time, I'm calling forth a generation that will surpass all of these."

Anyway, you can read more about that on your own. Let's go ahead and show this short video in celebration of our anniversary. It starts back in 1988, five years after our Solemn Assembly in 1983. Bob and I were on the stage. Then we're going to fast-forward to twenty-one years later. Bob is eighty-one or eighty-two years old now. We have this testimony where he relives what happened in the 1970s and 1980s. It's only a few minutes long.