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**1) Hanging in the Balance**

*Excerpt taken from the Book, Words to Ponder by Sandy Warner*

You have much concern over impending judgments, for the velocity of these judgments hang in the balance and are slippery as eels. Yes band together with other believers and stand in the gap against impending judgments. For the greater the stand against unrighteousness and the greater the commitment to Me, the lesser the judgments will be.

The earth must shake and tremble and go through it’s impending storm. Yet I am now drawing near to hover over My people in abiding Presence. Like those in the wilderness, protected with the cloud by day and the fire by night, I draw near and protect My own. This is the time to draw near to Me and commit to My call. Pursue righteousness and you will not be caught in the storm. You will rise above it and walk through it untouched. At that point, you will no longer be hanging in the balance.

*" And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night: He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people." (Exodus 13:21 & 22)*

**2) David Come Home**

*Dream - God Weeps When He Spanks  - Posted 2/10/99 from Sandy Warner*

Hi Loved Ones,

The last week of January 99 a historical conference (National School of the Prophets) took place whereby approximately 16 prophetic people/ministries joined together, standing as one voice to declare the state of our nation. In compiling and reading 58 pages of testimonies, I saw a serious intercessory theme in which God is speaking to the prophetic at this hour: repent and leave carnality behind, then return to kingdom business which it to stand in the gap for our nation and our children.

The same week as the conference, my husband Wayne was given the following prophetic dream about David in the Old Testament. While pondering the dream, I realized that God was not speaking about the lost who will come in during the great harvest — He is speaking to David — the king, the leader, the prophet, the intercessor, the worship leader, the anointed one, the warrior! God is weeping over His chosen ones who are entangled in carnal entertainment.

DREAM: I was in a palace that looked like a palace in Napoleon’s day. There was a great sadness throughout the whole palace. I am standing before some kind of a booth and there was an angel who was working a video game controller really fast. Many other angels were standing around him and they all had on long white robes. When the angel was done, he handed it to the angel who was in control of that station. That angel said, "You have 200. David at his very best only got 15." They were speaking of David of the Old Testament. The angel started to hand me the controller and said, "No, I just can’t do that, it belongs to David." He had been David’s teacher and he walked off crying for David.

Another angel came by and said, "Jesse is coming home." At that moment I knew in my spirit that David had been wounded in battle by a sword. I walked out on the portico and I could see a big long fountain in the courtyard. The whole palace belonged to David and it was filled with many angels, all dressed in long white robes. All these angels were dedicated to David’s service. I could see that God had done all this for David while he was a young man, and now he had left the palace and gone out into the world. The angels had been waiting for David a long time, and had nothing to do but wander around the palace. They were all extremely grieved and at the point of tears.

As I looked down the long courtyard, I saw a jeep driving into the palace grounds. Two children angels were with the jeep. One was driving and the other was laying on top of the hood. David was in the passenger side. As I watched David coming down the driveway to the palace, I knew David had been living with the Romans and partaking of the debauchery of their world.

The jeep stopped where all the angels were standing. David got out and climbed on top of the short wall surrounding the fountain. Dressed in a fool’s outfit like the court jester, he began to talk about all the wine and the women and the song and joys of living in the debauchery. I could see a wistfulness in his demeanor and eyes — that he still wanted to live that life. When he finished talking about his longings of the world, he said, "A sword has brought me home."

I looked at his body and he wasn’t wounded in a physical sense. David, with great submission and even compassion, said, "The sword of the Spirit." At that moment, all the angels in the courtyard raised their hands in unison to the Lord in heaven and began worshipping God. I did the same thing and could not see anything because I was sobbing so much.

[end of dream]

I recently read someone’s revelation a while back (I am sorry not to have the reference for this) that said the word "tain" in entertainment meant to hinder or restrain. The Lord gave the revelation to this person that entertainment was hindering people from entering into God’s Presence. In the conference some of the testimonies said that Cindy Jacobs was given visions of warring angels waiting to be summoned to fight for America. They had been waiting a long time. She saw God deal death blows to "entertainment spirits" in New Orleans, Hollywood, and Las Vegas. She called for those in bondage to sin -- especially sin of a sexual nature, ie. pornography, masturbation, lust, porno on the internet, etc. -- to come forward and confess their sins and repent. There was an enormous response from the crowd, going forward, confessing, repenting. When I read this testimony I grieved so deeply because this was a conference message to the school of the prophets! I said, "Lord how can we be involved in pornography and be prophetic????" I was shocked at the answer - movies.

Also stated at the conference was ‘what we got away with in the outer-courts will get us killed in the holy place.’ We are about to adventure into history’s most unprecedented hour whereby the glory of God will fall upon earth. The Holy One is going to visit us. Are we going to be killed? Are we going to kill our children because we, the kings, the leaders, the prophets, the intercessors, the worship leaders, the anointed ones, the warriors have caused a breech in the covering over our nation?

Recently I read an article called "The Pride Virus" on grievous prophetic "Words" that are on the Internet. The article talked about the prophets apparent boastfulness and pride in prophesying coming judgments. Like the author, I too have spent countless hours reading the prophetic on the Internet sites and came to the same conclusion... a deeply grieved spirit. In addition to witnessing the prophetic pride emanating from such "Words" I have also deeply grieved over the anger behind so many. I have received dreams from the Lord about these things and His heart is that mercy still triumphs over judgment. And even within judgment, it does not mean that He is angry with us. He can weep when He spanks.

What the prophetic people do not understand is that we have authority in our vote. And every time we speak anger and judgment we are casting our vote for such to occur. On the contrary, those who are prophetic intercessors are standing in the gap, asking for forgiveness and weeping for the sins of a blind nation. They are still begging that even in severe chastening, God will have mercy and release us from our blind eyes and help us come to a quick repentance. May the Lord have mercy upon us all.

*"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14 NKJ)*

**3) To Take The Heat**

*A story about standing in the gap written by Sandy Warner - posted 2/15/98*

Hi Loved Ones,

For several seasons the Holy Spirit has been wooing the hearts of His people and literally fulfilling the following verse: "And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse." (Mal 4:6) When this massive move of the Holy Spirit began to unfold, I witnessed this turning in many ways (especially in the Promise Keepers movement) but I never understood the curse part until recently.

Now everywhere we turn, we hear the prophets speak of coming judgment. Many of us have felt so overwhelmed by the stacked deck we do not realize that we still have a vote in this matter. Scripture tells us that mercy triumphs over judgment whether it is averted totally, or reduced to a spanking. Simply put, judgment hangs in the balance and our vote still counts. At this late hour and with so much against us, how do we cast our vote and stand in the gap for the sins of our nation, our world, our children?

The gap is a breach in our hedge of protection, where the enemy is allowed to start a fire then take advantage of the course it takes. To stand against this, it requires courageous fire fighters, willing to take the heat and battle the flames. There are many ways to fight a fire and it all depends upon the tools we are given. The following story was forwarded to me this week. I believe it portrays God’s answer to the greatest tool we can use, and it also sheds light on the verse, "And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse." (Mal 4:6)

The author writes about reading an article in the National Geographic several years ago: "After a forest fire in Yellowstone National Park, forest rangers began their trek up a mountain to assess the inferno's damage. One ranger found a bird literally petrified in ashes, perched statuesquely on the ground at the base of a tree.

Somewhat sickened by the eerie sight, he knocked over the bird with a stick. When he struck it, three tiny chicks scurried from under their dead mother's wings. The loving mother, keenly aware of impending disaster, had carried her offspring to the base of the tree and had gathered them under her wings, instinctively knowing that the toxic smoke would rise. She could have flown to safety but had refused to abandon her babies. When the blaze had arrived and the heat had singed her small body, the mother remained steadfast. Because she had been willing to die, those under the cover of her wings would live." [author unknown]

"This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." (John 15: 12,13) If you feel the heat of judgment coming your way, consider what you may do to make a difference for those under your wings. Your vote counts. How do I know? Because love still covers a multitude of sins.

**4) Story of the 1989 Yellowstone Fire**

The above post sparked a moving moment I had while visiting Yellowstone the spring following the 1989 fires. The devastation was incredible. you would look as far as the eye could see from a hilltop and see nothing but charred toothpicks left standing where a lush forest had once stood.

In the visitor center they showed a remarkable film. You could see the firefighters who were obviously exhausted, all with blackened faces. It was November and they'd been after the many fires for almost 5 months. Many fighters were laying on the ground too tired to do anything but sleep wherever they were. Their faces showed the weariness and the hint of hopelessness and yet the tenacity of their will's to prevail could still be seen. In the midst of all this agony it began to snow.... to see the faces of these men and women as they looked up and saw the answer to their need, having done all that they could do, knowing it was never enough, was almost indescribable. they all stood in awe of the hand of God, and wept... so did I! The center had the gear of 11 fighters that had died on display. It was sad to think of their sacrifice. Sometimes we forget that every battle has it's casualties and losses, just like that mother bird.

From Cherie

**5) Understand the Nature of the Battle**

*Taken from the book Words to Ponder by Sandy Warner*

There is much you do not understand when suddenly there is a victory and just as suddenly there is a defeat. This is because you have entered an era where the final battle is in the making. All of the spiritual forces are at work to take ground once and for all. And you are caught in the middle. This is not a time to sleep and be taken unaware. For when the waves of darkness come, they can sweep you off your feet and suddenly you are left sifted and upside down wondering what hit you.

This is a time to prepare for battle and understand the nature of the battle. There are seasons of war and seasons of rest. Likewise, there are seasons of victories and seasons of resting in the victories. These times are just like the waves in the ocean. The enemy forces ride in, gathering strength in numbers, while raising the tides of evil onslaught upon the earth. When this happens, this is the time to stand. Stand with the power to tell the enemy no. Command the darkness to retreat in Jesus Name. Stand armed with the Words I have given you. Do not bow under the circumstances, but stand knowing it is but an enemy wave. Command, praise and trust Me through it and you shall rise above its destructive path.

As My believers stand firm and the strength of the enemy depletes, the evil forces retreat to gather energy for another round. Take advantage of those times to draw near to Me and gather your own strength for the battles to come. Angelic activity and blessings have greater access during this time. Take advantage of this understanding. Gather food to feed your soul, and gather supplies for nurturing those in a weaker condition. Take this time to rest from the heat of war, and seek Me, enjoying the blessings of My Presence. For in those times I draw near to Mine Own ones, and reveal Myself to them. If you understand the nature of this long war, you will learn to ride the waves. Rise above the enemy circumstances when they hit and ride the blessing waves when they arrive.

Always remember that in it all, I AM in control. Everything the enemy does is with My permission. This is a time when the enemy has been allowed to touch the earth with swift judgment. It is a wake up call. I use this for good, to cleanse and bring forth repentance. The enemy intends it for complete destruction. The measure it touches your own life is the degree in which the intercessors stand in the gap against the incoming waves of evil as well as the degree in which you yourself need repentance. If something has touched your life, see the truth, repent and then find the secret place hidden in Me and you will ride out the storms in a place of safety.

There will come a time when it will be impossible to rest in circumstances without genuine faith in Me. To truly understand this is to understand the fear of the Lord and understand I will no longer wink at sin, but bring swift judgment. Take heed and find your covering under the shadow of My wings.

*"They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon. For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded…. In what place therefore ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us: our God shall fight for us. " (Nehemiah 4:17-18, 20)*

**6) Intercessors Stand Guard**

*Taken from the book, Words to Ponder by Sandy Warner*

I AM raising an army of intercessors who understand the significance of standing in the gap. They may be unseen by others, but they are not unseen by Me. These carry My authority into the spiritual realm and fight on behalf of others. They have been trained to stand strong against the enemy tide, and resist the forces sent against those they encircle. Together, they form a mighty wall of protection for the weaker vessels within.

Now is the time for those trained to defend and stand on behalf of those they love. Be strong, for the heavenly hosts fight with you. Be of great courage, for there are more with you than with the enemy. Stand in My favor and My grace. Know your own sins are forgiven and come into My courts with boldness, declaring defeat of the enemy’s destructive forces, and victory for the overcomers who believe in My Name.

Arm yourselves with weapons of My authority. Keep your shields of faith high and quench the fiery darts with My Word. Command the evil forces to retreat in the Mighty Name of Jesus. Loose the angels to go forth and fight. Use the battering rams of praise, worship and speaking My Name. Each blow causes a retreat. Be persistent and use your weapons over and over again, and the strongholds will fall. You will see victories all around you as you are willing to stand guard when I call you to do so. Be on the alert. I give you times of rest and times of war. Learn to discern them and you will learn to take advantage of both for My Kingdom’s sake.

*"And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it:" (Ezekiel 22:30)*

**7) Stand in the Gap**

*Taken from the book, Words to Ponder by Sandy Warner*

As Achan’s sin caused the entire camp to fall, so it is when there is a breach in the hedge of protection. However, the reverse principle works as well. Through one man’s favor, standing in that gap can cause safety for all those within.

If you could but believe it, I can use you to stand for those you love. Your obedience, your sacrifice, your Godly decisions, your standing against an enemy onslaught on their behalf makes all the difference to their safety. I need someone who is willing to stand in the breaches along the hedge to help form a solid protection around those you love. Will you consider standing for their sake? Do understand the breach is where the enemy rushes in, so you must be willing to stand against such. Yet I give the grace and power to those I call to do so. And if these loved ones belong to you, I have already given you the authority.

*"And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." (Ezekiel 22:30)*

**8) Bible Study of Isaiah 58 - God’s Chosen Fast**

(Taken from the book 101+ Ways God Speaks And How To Hear Him, by Sandy Warner)

ISAIAH 58 - THE FORMAT OF GOD’S FAST

*" Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, To undo the heavy burdens, To let the oppressed go free, And that you break every yoke?" (Isaiah 58:6 NKJV)*

1. SHARE YOUR SUSTENANCE WITH THE NEEDY (verse 7)

Literal

a. Divide your bread with the hungry

b. Bring the homeless poor into your house

c. When you see the naked, to cover him

d. Don’t hide yourself from your own flesh

Spiritual

a. Share God’s Words with those in famine

b. Pray for the captive to come home

c. Forgive and cover your brother’s sin

d. Pray for your family

2. TAKE AWAY OPPRESSIVE HEAVINESS (verse 9B)

Literal

a. Remove the yoke from your midst

b. Remove the pointing of the finger

c. Remove speaking wickedness

Spiritual

a. Don’t oppress others - not only in deed, but in thought and expectations

b. Do not criticize or judge your brother’s walk

c. Pray and think kind words

3. SPEND YOUR OWN ENERGY FOR THE NEEDY (verse 10 NASB)

Literal

a. Give yourself to the hungry

b. Satisfy the desire of the afflicted

Spiritual

a. Lay aside your own goals for those hungry for God

b. Give hope to those in torment

THE PROMISES OF GOD’S FAST

1. LOOSE THE DARKNESS (verse 8 and 10B)

Physical, spiritual or emotional deliverance from darkness:

a. Your light will break out like the dawn

b. Your light will rise in the darkness

c. Your gloom will become like midday

2. QUICK HEALING (verse 8 NASB)

Healing for body, mind, soul, emotions, spirit:

a. Your recovery will speedily spring forth

3. YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM WILL GUIDE YOU (verse 8B, 11, 9)

He will answer your plea for understanding:

a. Your righteousness will go before you

b. The glory of the Lord will be your rear guard

c. You will call, and the Lord will answer

d. You will cry, and He will say, Here am I

4. QUENCH THIRST AND STRENGTH (verse 11)

In trying times, He will give physical and spiritual strength and refreshment:

a. He will satisfy your desire in scorched places

b. And give strength to your bones

c. You will be like a watered garden

d. Like a spring of water whose waters do not fail

5. RESTORATION OF THE FALLEN (verse 12 NASB)

You will repair other’s brokenness:

a. Those from among you will rebuild the ruins

b. You will rise up the age-old foundations

c. You will be called the repairer of the breach

d. The restorer of the streets in which to dwell

THE RESULT AND PURPOSE OF THE FAST IS:

1. DELIVERANCE (verse 6 NASB)

Break satan’s chains that immobilize, restrict, and restrain us from freedom:

a. Loosen the bonds of wickedness

b. Undo the bands of the yoke

c. Let the oppressed go free

d. Break every yoke

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| *"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14 NKJ)*  Isaiah 58 fast - Humility before the Lord and before one another  **When the heart is right before the Lord, one will not oppress others, or  seek self satisfaction, as recorded in Isaiah 58:3. When the true humility before the Lord comes from the heart, it will show on the outside. For instance how we live and treat others.**  **In summary, the promises of the fast the Lord chooses in Isaiah 58 are to disperse darkness, quicken healing, provide guidance, quench thirst, restore strength and restore that which has fallen.** |

**9)** **Rhema - Stand in the Gap**

*Heard via Grandma Anna 9/3/92*

"We have a war on our hands. A country to gain. It's not in the sky. My kingdom on earth. I will open eyes to see it. Fight the good fight of faith. Stand in the gap. There are fallen ones out there. Stand on what you know. Trust me to bring it about. That's standing in the gap. A good soldier never really dies. That's because I give eternal life."

**10) Word study on STANDING in the GAP**

**"And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand <05975> in the gap <06556> before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none. (Ezekiel 22:30)**

STAND IN THE HEBREW:

05975 `amad {aw-mad'}

¤ a primitive root; TWOT - 1637; v

¤ AV - stood 171, stand 137, (raise, stand...) up 42, set 32, stay 17, still 15, appointed 10, standing 10, endure 8, remain 8, present 7, continue 6, withstand 6, waited 5, establish 5, misc 42; 521

¤ 1) to stand, remain, endure, take one's stand 1a) (Qal) 1a1) to stand, take one's stand, be in a standing attitude, stand forth, take a stand, present oneself, attend upon, be or become servant of 1a2) to stand still, stop (moving or doing), cease 1a3) to tarry, delay, remain, continue, abide, endure, persist, be steadfast 1a4) to make a stand, hold one's ground 1a5) to stand upright, remain standing, stand up, rise, be erect, be upright 1a6) to arise, appear, come on the scene, stand forth, appear, rise up or against 1a7) to stand with, take one's stand, be appointed, grow flat, grow insipid 1b) (Hiphil) 1b1) to station, set 1b2) to cause to stand firm, maintain 1b3) to cause to stand up, cause to set up, erect 1b4) to present (one) before (king) 1b5) to appoint, ordain, establish 1c) (Hophal) to be presented, be caused to stand, be stood before

GAP IN THE HEBREW

06556 perets {peh'-rets}

¤ from 06555; TWOT - 1826a; n m

¤ AV - breach 14, gap 2, breaking 1, breaking forth 1, breaking in 1; 19 ¤ 1) breach, gap, bursting forth 1a) bursting forth, outburst 1b) breach 1c) broken wall 1d) outburst (fig. of God's wrath)

**11)  2 Visions - Intercessors Arise**

Posted on 4/7/99

From Sandy Warner

On March 2, 1999 Kathie Walters (kathie@hom.net) posted a vision given to Bob Jones: "He said that he was sitting with some other folk at a table eating. The Lord came to the table and Bob thought 'Oh good, He has come to eat with us', but Jesus said, 'I have not come to eat with you now, I have come to ask you to pray with me, I am raising up the school of intercession.' Bob said this is the time when the Lord is anointing Intercessors and inviting them to pray with Him, out of a spirit of revelation."

The following is a vision of hope, whereby the Lord is restoring intercession. If you do not consider yourself an intercessor, please consider the possibility as you read the following vision. There are people worldwide, whose callings are hidden even to themselves, and the Lord is wanting to restore their position in Him. He is trumpeting a timely and an urgent call to prayer, and it is happening right now.

Vision given to Jeff Ching   
worldflair@yahoo.com  
(Mercy Seat Church in Lynnwood, WA.)

3/25/99

Part I

I saw a very large mass of intercessors stuck in what I was impressed to be miry clay. I saw different people struggling with this miry clay, most were engulfed up to their hips and some up to their arms. I noticed that they struggled in vain not being able to free themselves. Along the banks I saw many people yelling and they were stretching out sticks and boards and some throwing ropes to help pull out the intercessors. The intercessors reached out to those that were trying to help them but none were being pulled out. I became aware of another large group of intercessors at the right hand of God in Christ. They were interceding to God on behalf of the intercessors stuck in the miry clay. Suddenly I saw the hands of all the entrapped intercessors being lifted heavenward accompanied with great praise and worship from their mouths. Through great open heavens the hand and arm of God reached down and pulled out the intercessors stuck in the miry clay.

*Ps 40:2 He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. (KJV)*

Part II

There was before me a very vast forest. In this forest I saw multitudes of intercessors. All in this forest were lost and wandering around not seeming to have direction or purpose. At times a few would meet by accident and pray but because the forest was so thick with brush and blackberry bushes over a persons head they soon lost each other. Most were wandering trying to find a way out of this vast forest. There was a semi-darkness caused by the huge trees that grew everywhere. Things seemed so confused, I had a lost feeling.

Then suddenly there was an extremely bright light that appeared at a distance. I saw all the intercessors in this vast forest turn and head toward that light as if urged or compelled by some great force. At first it was very difficult for them because of the thick underbrush. They beat paths with large sticks through this brush as they made their ways toward this light. As they got closer they found it easier and easier as others closer to this light had made paths for them all heading in the same direction. Soon I looked and started to see at first a few people, and then many on paths all heading toward this great light. An excitement could be sensed in the air. All of these small paths started to join into larger paths until at the edge of the forest their was one large path filled with intercessors praising and worshipping God.

*Prov 4:18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. (KJV)*

Part III

The next scene was a desert place with sand dunes, and at some places, large rocks. There was little to no plant or animal life. It was a very hot and dry desert. As I looked upon this desert there again were God's intercessors. They were all prostrated in the desert sands. Very little movement came from them and as God showed me a closer look I saw that they were all dying with many near death. Vultures hovered and swooped down on many of these intercessors trying to pluck out their eyes and hearts. It had appeared by their tracks that many had wandered for sometime searching for water and food but could not find any.

They were scattered all over this desert with small groups here and there but mostly individuals separated for some reason or another. I saw a few lift their head, stand up and walk toward what seemed to be an oasis. At first it seemed to be an illusion of some sort that often accompanies such desperate situations. Maybe angel messengers from God? Suddenly, I was standing in the midst of this oasis which was not very large, nor ornately beautiful. It was just an oasis with a few trees and a pond of water. As I looked toward the sand dunes in the distance, I saw a figure of a person rise forth silhouetted against the sky coming toward this oasis. Then looking in other directions a few more. These few soon arrived at the oasis and quickly refreshed themselves and immediately started to praise and worship God.

They started to intercede for others they had met in the desert and soon afterwards more and more started to arrive. Soon the oasis was overcrowded with vast numbers of people. I then realized that the oasis had started to expand and expand and expand. The desert was turning into a beautiful oasis farther than the eye could see. I could see no end to the expansion of the oasis. The oasis had expanded to encompass the intercessors.

*Isa 35:1-8 The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God. Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes. And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therin. (KJV)*

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**12)  Vision:  Canons of Intercession**

Date: 4/7/99

From: whitehal@cfw.com (James and Linda)

Dear Sandy,

I just received your latest email (Intercessor's Arise). I had a vision recently that reminds me of what you sent. I had just returned from a ministry trip and an awesome anointing stayed with me for about a week. When I was alone with the Lord during this time, I saw, in the Spirit, a golden chariot with 4 white horses and an angel driving. I knew I was to get in and commented to the angel what a wonderful chariot this was. He said, "The father thought You would like it". We traveled away from the earth and I saw a giant vortex with a dark tunnel in the center. People were being pulled into it in a terrible current from which they couldn't get free. ( This seemed to be the entrance to hell.) We viewed this for several seconds and I told the Lord not to show me this unless He gave me the power to do something about it.

We traveled some distance and I saw another vortex this one was filled with light. People were walking into this tunnel. We also entered it and found ourselves at a reception area of heaven. When the horses were led away they had no halters or ropes attached to them - they just walked obediently behind the one leading. I stopped to touch one of the horses. (I have horses and was curious how they would feel) The horse was warm to touch and had soft silky hair. He put his face against my chest affectionately and I felt love emanating from Him. The angel said, "the Lord will return on a horse like this.

Jesus met me there. We walked together and I had the feeling of being glued to Him. I seemed to be going with Him without making a decision to do so. I realized I would be glued to Him even when I returned to earth. We are always glued to Him we just can't see Him when we are here.

We sat under a tree by a beautiful body of water and talked. It seemed so natural to be there and to talk with Him. I kept saying, "I don't want to go back", but I knew I had to go back. He told me He wanted me to teach on intercessory prayer. I was surprised, although I considered myself an intercessor, I didn't feel it was my area of expertise. (That may be why He wanted me to do this because since then I have received teaching by revelation from the Holy Spirit.) I talked with Him about my family. Then I explained to Him I had such a heavy burden after returning from my last ministry trip. On this trip I had asked those I was praying for what they wanted me to pray for. They almost always answered, " I want to have a closer relationship with God". Those words had started to burn within me. I didn't know what to about this.

He didn't answer me directly but as I was leaving I said, "I won't leave until you bless me". This was an involuntary statement and I was embarrassed when I heard the words come out of my mouth. He reached His hand toward me and I felt a giant bolt of electricity go through my body. I sensed the blessing was an anointing that would be released when I ministered. It would break the yoke of the oppressed so they could enter into an intimate relationship with Father God.

The next day I received the first revelation about intercession. I saw the steep slope of a big mountain. This slope had rocky ledges. On each ledge there was a cannon. The higher up you looked the bigger the cannon and the further it could shoot. These canons were shooting Glory. They shot into a vast valley. Little areas of Glory (they looked like little towns centered around a church) would arise at the target areas of these guns.

At almost all of these canons there were people with either hands stretched towards heaven in praise or on their faces in intense worship. The Lord seemed to be saying we gain authority (bigger guns) as we are proved faithful in our prayer walk. It all arises out of praise and worship.

Linda White

**13)  Experience Open Ears - Shofar Blast to the East, West, North & South**

Date: 4/7/99 10:32:57 AM Pacific Daylight Time

From: ParkerBean

Hello Sandy,

I just received your post Intercessor’s Arise today and had to respond. Just about 3 weeks ago for 2 days I literally heard a shofar blast twice in the morning, I went outside to see or should I say hear if it was coming from somewhere in the community. I waited a long time but did not hear it anymore. Same thing happened the next day.

That Sunday we had our family prayer meeting and the Lord showed up. We baptized one of our foster children and then ended up delivering her from fear. As we were worshipping I felt a strong desire to go outside to our patio and yell "Release the intercessors from the east" facing east then facing west "Release the intercessors from the west" and so forth until I had yelled out on all four directions. I really sensed a darkness hovering over them. By the way I live in San Diego. We then prayed for the church here.

A week later I went to a Women's Aglow meeting and someone from Mike Bickles church was there who had just been released by Mike Bickle to head the intercessors there in Kansas City spoke. First thing he did was what I had done. He spoke to the four directions releasing the intercessors. I really believe God is really going to move in His intercessors in a really awesome way. Anyway just had to let you know.

Your sister in Christ,

Tassia

**14)  Vision: Saints Tears are a River of  Mercy for the Nations**

TEARS OF THE LORD AND OF THE ANGELS AND THE SAINTS

The Vision

The Spirit of God showed me a well. In the vision I could see that there were many angels weeping around the well, along with many, many saints. They were all weeping and filling the well with tears. I looked up and I could see Jesus and tears were running down His face, and the tears of the Lord joined those of the saints and the well began to overflow.

The tears flowed out of the well, pouring like a mighty river. The tears had become a torrent of water. Suddenly an incredible wind came and as it blew it dried up the waters. I could see that once the water had subsided, that only salt remained. As far as the eye could see there were lines of salt. The angels and the saints then appeared with baskets and began to fill the baskets with the salt. The salt was then taken in the baskets to the nations where it was scattered on every land.

Interpretation

A short study will follow this vision, because I felt the Lord gave a considerable interpretation and that the vision has greater significance once I had studied the Word in more depth (with regard to the breaking of the 7th seal). For this reason I will give a very short interpretation, followed by the prophecy, followed by a more in-depth teaching.

I believe the Lord is calling us to agonizing intercession. It is time to fill the well of salvation with the tears of the saints. The waters speak of the nations and the well of salvation for the nations. The Lord desires that His children join with Him in weeping His tears for the lost. Now is the time to weep. The wind in the vision speaks of the mighty coming of the Spirit of God. The salt in the vision speaks of the Lord's everlasting covenant with His people and it speaks of tears. It speaks of purification and sanctification of the nations through the Water of Life. The Lord calls us to be salt and light; I believe part of our calling to be salt - is to weep tears for Him - salt is a part of our tears. It is a part of our calling. Jesus Himself made his pleas and petitions in loud cries and with tears to the Father during his time on earth (Hebrews 5:7-10). We are called to be like our Master.

It is important to note that in the first part of the vision, the salt is being used to bring sanctification and purification - the tears of the saints and the angels, and of the Lord around and into the well indicate that the Lord is still upon His mercy seat. The tears become a river that flows to the nations - this is the work of sanctification. The wind blows and dries up the waters and there remains only salt that is then carried in baskets and scattered on the land. The scattering of salt upon the land would cause plants and vegetation to die - this is a sign of the Lord upon His judgment seat. The vision speaks of both the mercy and the divine judgment of God.

There are many reasons why we weep, the Bible shows us many - and these will be discussed in the teaching.

Prophecy

"My children, I have called you to be salt and light. I have called you to be like Me and I have ordained that you might share My heart. We are in the days of thunder, we are in the days when the winds are being released from the four corners of the earth. My children you must listen carefully to My words. Bring your tears to Me as an offering of your love, bring them as an act of worship, wash my feet with them, for in this act, forgiveness will flow for the sins of the nations.

The days are fast approaching when the 7th seal will be broken. My children listen to the Spirit. Look again to My word, the great and terrible day of the coming of the Lord is at hand. Weep with Me for the time of judgment is nearing. I desire that none should perish and all should come to repentance - share in the desire of My heart. Weep with me for My lost sheep, weep with Me as you have never wept before. There will be great reward in heaven for those who will do this end time work. It is not a ministry, but a calling I place upon each one of your lives. It is not for the few, but for all of you to be a part of this labor of love.

Turn your faces to me once more, My tears are an everlasting covenant, those who sow in tears will reap with much joy. Even though you may feel the weeping remain for many nights, it will bring with it rejoicing in the morning.

Oh that your tears were a thousand wells, for your tears precede the coming of the Son of Man in glory. Oh that you would see as I see, that the tears of the saints are a mighty and a rushing river of mercy, to be poured upon the nations in the time of the pouring out of the Lord's judgment. It is with great anguish that I hold My children before My Father's throne. It is with great anguish that I weep for you who are being lost. My tears are an expression of the depth of My love for you, join with Me in this agonizing Love. Tears precede the coming harvest of joy - know the seasons My children. This is the season when tears will run like streams bringing restoration, when those who plant in tears will see My Word bring forth seed for the sower and bread for the eater. For My Word goes forth and it does not return to me empty, for it accomplishes all that I purpose and desire for it.

The choice wine was diluted by water, but I have restored the wine and I have restored the Righteousness of My People by the pouring out of My grace upon the cross.

Children, know the seasons and weep with Me, that with joy many might draw water from the Well of Salvation, for the tears of the saints will hold back the floodgates of God's judgment until the mercy cup is full. And as this is poured upon the nations judgment will come upon the land, but the Lamb will return in all glory and will wipe the tears from all faces and remove the disgrace of His people upon the earth. This is My everlasting covenant with you and it will not be forgotten."

Amen

Catherine Brown

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**15)  Vision: Intercessors Come to Life**

Date: 4/9/99

From: hisgloryfire@yahoo.com (Maranatha GratefulHeart)

The setting of the vision was like an open field. Jesus was with me and taking me somewhere. In front of us were people humped over on their knees with their faces bowed to the ground. They had brownish, monk-type outfits on: hooded and robe-like. They took no notice as the Lord led me through their midst, and I wondered why we didn't appear to harm them as we walked seemingly "on top" of them.

These people were facing the direction the Lord and I were walking. When we had passed through their midst, I saw bodies all over the place, lying immovable on the ground. I knew they were casualties of a war, but there was no apparent life in any of them. Then Jesus and I turned around and faced TOWARD them. These people had different garb on- like battle fatigues.

Jesus didn't "tell" me what to do verbally- but the communication was clear: speak the Word to them. As I spoke Scriptures, they began to move and get up, at different paces, until they were ALL up, standing erect and strong, whole, at which time a roaring shout of triumph went up through the whole "camp."

I knew that prophetic intercession is what had brought them back to their feet, whole, triumphant and ready to go.

Our Lord comes! First the "harvest," then HOME!

Isaiah 60:1-3 Love, Raymonda

16) Angels Waiting to Bring Revival, but First Drop our Stones and Pray

CINDY JACOB’S TRANSCRIPT

http://www.generals.org/

The following is a transcript of Cindy Jacob’s prophetic experience recorded at the end of Dutch Sheets message, at the National School of the Prophetic, Colorado Springs, CO, on 1/29/99.

"…The angel of the Lord has come into our midst and he showed me a vision… (the same angel that came to me in 1984 and I saw the finger of God outline South America in fire)… and the Lord spoke to me. The same angel that appeared to a young prophet in Argentina in a 30 foot pillar of flame, 2 years before I came to the nation - then he told the pastors of the nations, "I’m going to use this women for revival." He had not come to me again until this time, (even though many had seen him in America) until I was in Columbia with Bill & Evelyn Hammond. Before I went to the platform, the angel of the Lord came. I didn’t see him, but I heard him. He said, "I am here" and I was given to understand he was here for revival. I said, "Lord how will I know it is really the angel of the Lord?" (We were in a stadium of about 14,000.) "To show you I am here, when you stand in front and raise your right hand every one will fall under the power." I didn’t tell anyone and when I raised my right hand everyone fell under the power and then he stood in front of me and spoke to me of the revival in Columbia.

And tonight he’s here. I didn’t think I’d see him here (she broke.) I’m so glad He is a merciful God - I don’t deserve to see him. I realized when Bill called the angels to come - they couldn’t because of these stones in our hands. We had to drop them. He who has no sin, cast the first stone. The body is in sin. He can’t bring what He wants to bring. He can’t do it - it includes me too. When the angel came, I can’t tell you, it’s like a thousand, it’s like a thousand bolts of electricity - you think you’re going to die - to perish - it’s like Daniel falling dead. I don’t know how to tell you, but you need to hear it! Because He’s a loving God and there is no One like Him. You must heed the Word of the Lord.

That same angel went to Germany - but they didn’t hear (she broke again), this is the same angel that is here. The same one that was warning over those 40 million Jews and as the Lord says, the blood will be upon your hands if you do not pray - oh God, there’s something so holy - we don’t understood. You must hear, you must hear, you must hear, or your children will die. You don’t understand destruction. Famine came to Egypt - oh God, make Your people understand, make Your people understand.

Oh. I’m in another place. I’ve never been here, its a scary place, a holy place, for the salvation of this nation. I’m unclean. God You know, I’m unclean. God we are unclean! God unless You send Your angels we can’t make it, we can’t make it. Oh God, supply the blood of Jesus. Give, give, give oh God. More angels are coming. Oh now, I can see. I must tell you what I saw. I’ve been struck with the thunder from heaven. Don’t you hear what the angel said about the Jews? They didn’t hear, they didn’t hear, they didn’t hear. England didn’t hear either. None of them heard. There is no peace without cost.

Washington, I saw the army in Washington. The Lord says "I can do all things." But I saw the mall area laid like a coffin. God with His laser beam finger reached to the soil and said, "I will destroy death in this nation." It’s a holy time - be careful. I saw the hand of God take the Washington Monument. "I’ve longed for a generation who will take this evil from this land!" Then I saw the hand of God rip it out of the floor and He cut it down. I don’t know if it is literal, physical, I saw the White House, the dome taken off. Be careful this is such a holy place I am in! And I saw the hand of God scoop up the dirt and the filth. He wanted to cleanse the blood from President Clinton. But we did not intercede.

I saw the waterfall and the hand of God gave Gabriel the message from Genesis to Revelation and then he walked into the supreme court. Opened the Book, and the Lords says, "Because My people did not pray, My Word has been a closed Book." I see their black robes come off and their white robes of righteousness. Throw down your stones of judgment of the supreme court. Throw them down. Oh the angels were flying without your prayers. And all the Word, Scripture, He’s picking them up off the floor and saying, "Do you see this? "Thou shall not murder."

I saw Him put the plumb line in Congress. I saw all of the stones the free masons planted and I saw them plucked up. And the Lord said, "There’s been an angel waiting for each stone and one coming upon the White House lawn and a company of angels waiting. And the Cornerstone removed and He became the Chief Cornerstone Himself. "Do you believe I can do anything?" I saw the ax of God strike the roots! There’s going to be a revival among the masons and the Baptist Church and bring a revival to the Southern Baptists.

"BUT to you Charismatic & Pentecostals, throw down your stones for you have not loosed them. You have judged them therefore the judgments will be turned backwards. Justice will fall in the streets because you said they were sinful when I said, ‘Pray!’ Your body is diseased, you’re killing yourselves." Throw it down right now, right now, do it, do it. A critical spirit is a disease in My members. It’s a sin.

"Even if this happens, I will move in Salt Lake City." I saw Him take that same ax and the Lords says, "Even these Mormons you’ve taught against and you’ve called a cult, your lack of zeal judges you, even though they have been deceived, you did not cry out - for My angels are all around Salt Lake City. They are there with their chariots of fire, waiting for you to throw down your stones! You cannot judge those who have more zeal then you. Throw it down. Surely I will send a host of angels to Salt Lake City and I’m going to send Gabriel this time. There are some of you here who will preach revival in the temple."

"Lord, tonight, - reach with me to the Mormons - The Lord says, "I have waited for so long. I will surely cleanse the land of the sexual sin that came with Brigham Young. I’m going to bring a purity to the youth of Salt Lake City and Utah will be Mine! It will be a jewel in My crown. I’ll send revival in the last likely place."

The Lord showed me another line going from Salt Lake to Las Vegas and I saw that same ax cut that sexual sin from Salt Lake and break it. The Lord said, "I sit in judgment of My body that has not loved the prostitute and those bound in sexual sin and have judged them for selling their bodies. But it is your sin that has stopped them. You have allowed this through your lack of love. Throw down your stones. I will bring lightening to Las Vegas and the electricity of this city will go out for 6 days and you’ll know that God of heaven has spoken." I don’t know if 6 days is a sign of man or literal 6 days.

Mardi Gras. Oh I see a river. The Mardi Gras spirit is the spirit of entertainment. Because of the hours you give over to TV, video, filth, you have no power and jusge Bourbon street. You have worshipped at a temple of idols, made by the god of entertainment. Repent now, repent now. The Lord just tells me, "You don’t know how to repent." Lord teach us how to repent! I speak to the god of entertainment. You have made a covenant with the spirit of entertainment and with Hollywood and with death. Loose ‘em, leave ‘em. Loose ‘em now. (spoke in tongues) I break every soul tie.

We’ve spent more time with the computer than with the Living God. Oh God do this all over Your church in America. The Lord is showing me. Oh we can’t even touch that! But when it gets enough, and His bowl, cup in heaven is full. He’s going to rain on New Orleans, for surely destruction is coming that way. BUT if you will pray - - - He is going to tip the bowl, then the river of His Spirit will fall. Bourbon street will have new wine and the Lord says, "I’m going to send the young, my young people, the righteous into these streets and they’re going to heal transvestites. They’ll have sex change operations just like that. I’m going to give them what they need. I’m going to be their Lover!"

Lord You’re here, Lord You’re here, Lord You’re here! The Lord says, "I’m choosing generals, I’m choosing captains, and sergeants and lieutenants and privates." Some of you have been told that already. Even in the United States of America, they can’t fill the quota. You must go to war, so there won’t be a war. And you from many nations you must take this back. There’s a mighty angel going with you. Take it, take it, the rain, the Holy Spirit is here. Some of you even now are standing back and saying is this a circus or is this really You? The one who said that, has already been judged in your heart and in the next 5 days God is going to show you His reality.

Take it, take it, more, more, more, take it, Oh God I’m feeling really weird. I’ve never done this before God. (Over and over "Take it!" Evidently Cindy was putting her hand out over the crowd of 3,000 as they were falling under the power of God.. and people were weeping and yelling.)…"

**17) City Prayer & Warfare - How to Battle Safely**

by Sandy Warner

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Sometimes we can get ourselves in hot water when we do not understand how to pray for our city, and safely take authority over it. We are in a war, and we can expect some suffering as a part of the package. (2 Tim 2:3) However there are things that open the door to backlash and we can learn to war without excessive suffering.

HOW TO FIGHT A SAFER BATTLE:

1. PRAY FOR PEACE

Just like praying for the peace of Jerusalem (Ps 122:6), we can pray for the peace of our city. A guest speaker recently said that he had gone to Ireland several years ago when it was in great conflict. When he returned, he found a totally different city. The troops were gone, people felt safe in the streets and the heavy spiritual oppression was gone. He asked the spiritual leaders about this and they shared their secret. They had sent little prayer teams to walk the streets praying for peace… for 8 years. That’s all they prayed and it worked!

2. PRAY FOR GOD’S WILL ON EARTH

If we only knew how vital prayer was, we would never stop praying. (I Thess 5:17, Phil 4:6) It is the pipeline that brings heaven to earth. Prayer is a safe and powerful weapon to make a difference for our cities without causing strong enemy retaliation. We are to pray that God’s kingdom comes to earth and His will be done in our city. In these last days it is God’s will that His glory shine upon the earth, all enemies come under His/our feet, and that all men might be saved. (Matt 6:10, Eze 43:2, Isa 60, Hag 2:7, I Cor 15:25, Rom 16:20, John 3:17)

3. PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS

We are all called to pray and make requests for our leaders. (I Tim 2:2,3) There is a reason for this. All of heaven, both angels and demons operate under a hierarchy of authority working down from the greatest to the least. The same government principle operates on earth and the enemy understands this, therefore he targets leaders because it gives him the greatest area of influence. Leaders on earth have the spiritual authority (both good and evil) to open spiritual doors to bless or curse those whom they govern. We need to raise up the standard of prayer for our leaders so their authority will be used to bless and protect. We can forgive their sins, then pray for their repentance and God’s mercy, revelation, wisdom, integrity, Godly counsel, protection, salvation, etc. Praying for our leaders is a very powerful weapon against darkness.

4. PRAY IN TONGUES

When we pray in tongues, we are praying the mysteries of God because our minds do not understand what we are praying. (1 Cor 14:14-15) "Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God." (Rom 8:26-28 NKJV) We can pray in tongues over our city and know in confidence we are praying the mystery and will of God. I have had some of my best warfare breakthroughs, during or right after I have earnestly prayed in tongues.

5. SACRIFICE

In these last days many will become volunteer intercessors where they are willing to sacrifice to stand in the gap for their city. If we understood how powerful just one intercessor is, we would all volunteer, no matter what the cost. (Est 4:16) Each act of intercession is a mighty tool and makes a difference in conquering enemy territory. There are many forms of sacrifice, and too numerous to mention. Sacrifice is basically giving up something we deem valuable, and offering it to the Lord to use for His purposes. [FYI: A Word study called "The Characteristics of an Intercessor" is at my site under 1999 postings.]

6. WORSHIP

Psalms 149 says the high praises of God in our mouth and a two edged sword in our hand brings judgment upon the enemy and binds their rulers with chains. (These swords are the Word of God. Eph 6:17, Heb 4:12, Rev 1:16, 19:15) In this Psalms, he tells us to praise Him in dance, song, tambourines and stringed instruments. Worship is a powerful tool in warfare. I have been in meetings where the worship is so powerful that people are delivered without any hands-on ministry. Demons can’t stand to hear the high praises of our Lord Jesus Christ! I have also seen people delivered when I waved my tambourine over them during worship.

HOW TO CLOSE OUR DOORS TO BACKLASH:

1. BUILD OUR METRON A STEP AT A TIME

The above examples of prayer, sacrifice and worship are ways to fight a safer battle without taking a direct "hit" from the enemy. These examples are important positions in the overall battle, yet are fought further away from the front lines. Using these weapons are different than actually addressing the enemy head-on.

The word "metron" comes from the scripture: "But we will not boast of things without our measure, but according to the measure (3358) of the rule (2583) which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you." (2 Cor 10:13 KJV)

Metron is the Greek word metron (met'-ron) (3358) meaning a measure; by implication a limited portion (degree). Rule is the Greek word kanon (kan-ohn') (2583) from kane meaning: 1) A rod used to measure distance 2) A boundary or fixed space within the limits of which one's power of influence is confined as in (a) the province assigned to one (b) one's sphere of activity 3) metaphorically, any rule or standard, a principle or law of investigating, judging, living, acting. [From Thayer’s Greek & Strongs]

The Lord has given us authority to bind the enemy and loose God’s will. (Matt 16:19) He is wanting us to grow in our measure of authority against the enemy — first over the lack of freedom within our own lives, then our loved ones, then onto outside circumstances and territory that influence our lives - like work, school, church, etc. As we grow and overcome in the areas that touch our own lives then move onto bigger assignments, our circle of authority over the enemy grows and we are able to stand against greater odds. It is a step by step process of learning to obey the Lord and following Him in what He is asking us to overcome.

Problems arise when we step outside our metron. When the Jewish travelers were trying to cast out demons, one demon replied, "I know Jesus and I know Paul, but who are you?" (Acts 19:15 TLB) The demon injured them and they ran away naked. The demonic world knows us: our faith, our waverings, our strengths, our weaknesses. We must cover our own hedges first before we can expect to war safely on bigger issues.

The comforting part of learning to war in this manner is that He is sovereign and as long as we don’t become presumptuous and take on more than He has assigned, then what He allows to touch our lives is strictly portioned one step at a time. (Ps 139) Everything must be cleared by Him first. We are the last day overcomers, and we will place the enemy under our feet and we will be victorious. But that only happens with Him divinely positioning us, and giving us our individual portions to complete. We will each have different assignments, but together we are taking territory. [FYI: A more detailed teaching called "Finding Your Metron" is also in this file.]

2. RESIST SIN

The Lord said that we can not stand against our enemies until we remove the sin from our camp. (Josh 7:12) Disobedience to His Word is an open door for demons to set up camp in our lives. We are living in the day when the accuser has become very powerful because the hedge over our lives, cities, and countries has fallen through sin. God doesn’t want the accuser having a foothold, but it leaves little choice when we are the ones giving the accuser ammunition. It all boils down to knowing and following God’s Word. (Ps 119:11)

3. AVOID PRESUMPTION

Spiritual warfare is a serious business because we can not see with our natural eyes what is taking place. Therefore we are blind sided by unknown enemies, wondering what hit us! Our only hope is to learn to wait upon the Lord, who does see, and only move forward in battle as He says to move. This means we do not make plans for our lives, our families, our ministries, our churches, our neighborhoods, our towns, our countries, without first praying and asking God for His plan. If God is not behind the plan, we have no hope of ever standing against the obstacles that will come our way. It is hopeless before it ever gets started. The best remedy against presumption is to give God time. Revelation of His plan takes time as well as waiting for confirmation. (2 Cor 13:1) Waiting may be hard, but it is a lot easier than suffering great loss.

4. CLEANSE THE HOME

Sometimes cleansing the home is necessary. Countries with other religions actually send curses and spirits attached to the objects they export. There are millions of idols today, including children’s toys. Many companies are turning to spiritual forces to manipulate the public. When searching your home and heart remember Romans 14 about eating meat sacrificed to idols. Pray and even anoint with oil things in your home, rebuke enemy attachments and loose blessings. Also remember 1 Thess 5:22 that says, "Abstain from all appearance of evil." If the item actually represents evil, why live with it? (Josh 7:12)

5. OVERCOME JUDGMENT WITH MERCY

Twenty eight years ago I learned a powerful lesson about opening the door for judgment to come upon my own life. I had become offended by the behavior and motives of a youth leader and started praying for him. The more I prayed, the more upset I became, and I finally talked to him, saying I had a Word from the Lord for him. Right after I delivered this "Word" the Lord showed me that I had pointed one finger, but had 3 fingers pointing back to myself. I suddenly realized I was guilty of the same motives and I repented. The deeper lesson I learned that day was that when we pray for our leaders we must cleanse our own hearts first. If we stay humble and pray for mercy, this will close doors of judgments to hit our own lives. If we judge, we will be judged. This is a biblical promise. (Luke 6:37) The sooner we truly believe this, the sooner we will stop judging.

6. STAY IN UNITY

The demonic forces are gathering and uniting for greater impact. This is not a time to be an isolated believer, rather it is a time to unite, for we will all be much safer when united. There is greater authority in group prayer, and there is also a greater canopy of protection. The Lord is starting to unite His army, even joining leaders and ministries together for a synergistic effect. He said that 5 can chase 100 and 100 can chase 10,000. (Lev 26:8) That is the power of gathering in His Name.

Tackling territorial strongholds is for groups gathering and taking authority together, united in one accord against a common enemy. I personally think that the reason why some of these strongholds will not come down without the gathering, is so that we WILL gather. Some have asked me how big of a group is big enough? It is my personal belief that the size of a group is not as important as the maturity, training, unity and actual experience of the warriors. On the other hand, the unity of a larger crowd shields individuals, because of the combined synergistic authority to fight stronger powers. (Lev 26:8)

7. KEEP OUR FOCUS

The enemy wants to challenge us into fighting a war on his terms. When this happens, our focus changes and we get our eyes onto the enemy instead of the Lord. I would like to share a story of some recent experiences because I believe it demonstrates the importance of what it means to keep our focus on the Lord.

Recently our city had a small riot that erupted from 200 anarchists demonstrating against capitalism. At the time the riot began, I came down with a very deep heavy burden pressing against my heart and stomach. I prayed, I warred, I spoke in tongues, I worshipped and it still lasted for about 5 hours before I found relief. Since I am fasting TV, I didn’t know about the riot until the next day. Anarchists said their demonstration "got out of hand" causing $18,000 damage to local businesses, also busting driver’s windows, and terrorizing motorists. (I wondered what "got out of hand" meant when they came prepared with metal bars, chains, rocks twice the size of softballs, and hoods to cover their faces?) Next they announced they were going to do their "demonstrations" the 3rd Friday of each month. It was easy to figure out where my burden came from especially when it lasted the same duration of the 5 hour demonstration.

I had received a dream in October 98 when I understood that the enemy’s desire was to bring the spirits of lawlessness and riots to the streets, so that it would drive the righteous out of the cities. I felt sick. I had just witnessed a beginning seed of this lawless spirit and knew exactly what the enemy wanted to birth. I kept thinking, 200 people inspired by anarchy can eventually cause the righteous to move away? Yes, when empowered by some unopposed heavy-duty principalities.

After the understanding came, I started asking the Lord to raise up the local churches to pray against this. I said, "Lord, it isn’t right that we can just let the enemy walk in and take over!" Within days of the riot, our little church happened to have a training conference on demonic warfare and deliverance. Unbeknownst to us, evidently Goliath listened and came knocking on our door that night.

That night the Lord told me the enemy was wanting to break through the hedge and He wanted me to stand. (Eph 6:13) I had no idea what He meant, but I found out. Around midnight a demonic presence appeared in one of our intercessor’s bedroom. They got up, took authority and anointed their place with oil. One hour later the same presence jumped on the foot of another intercessor while she was sleeping. The next hour I saw a hole open in the spirit realm and I felt an overwhelming evil presence. I woke up screaming. (I have had many warfare experiences in 15 years and only woke up screaming one other time.) In spite of it, I stood against it and went back to sleep! The next night, I not only felt it, but heard it. It was a union of 6 powerful forces that had joined together and had come to challenge. Two of the names were intimidation and rebellion. I stood against them for hours, and awoke feeling like I had gotten nowhere. That morning I awoke to a TP’d and fouled yard. My husband and I anointed our property, and everything we could think of with oil, praying and commanding the enemy to stay off our turf. That night my husband and I both saw them. I also felt and heard them, literally wrestling in hand to hand combat for 2½ hours. During all of these experiences, I continued to plead the blood of Jesus Christ, bound them, and commanded them to go to their judgment in Jesus Name. The next night, the minute I closed my eyes I heard and felt the same presence. It felt significantly weaker by about 70%, but I had HAD IT. "THAT’S IT! I’M CALLING IN THE TROOPS!" I called Anna (there is nothing like a mother bear’s prayers for her cub) and told her some of this, and she began to war over the phone. As she was commanding, I heard the Lord say, "Warrior." I felt very comforted and had enough peace to go back to sleep.

I slept some, then finally I heard the Lord! "She belongs to ME says the Lord. MY bride!" When I heard this, the emphasis was on ME and MY. I had instant peace! I felt like a love-sick bride whose chivalrous Husband stepped in to rescue her. I felt so deeply loved after such intimidating experiences. I turned over with a smile and slept blissfully the rest of the night. The next morning I called Anna and she was joyfully laughing. She heard the Lord say, "I perceive guard duty is a bit too heavy!" The first words out of my mouth were, "DUH!!!!" That made her laugh, because that is exactly what she had said too!

"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." (Eph 6:12-13 NKJ)

There was a lesson in this. During this four day "adventure" I kept searching my heart and asking the Lord for understanding. I have received some heavy duty intercessory assignments, and because they were given by the Lord, they were successfully completed with some big dudes torn down… but they took anywhere from weeks, to months to years to overcome in tiny increments. I searched my heart to make sure that I personally had not challenged this "challenger" when the riot came. I don’t remember doing so, rather I prayed that the Lord would raise up intercessors and prayer in the churches. Lord, have I unknowingly sinned? Have I been presumptuous? Have I gone outside my metron? I could not come up with any reason why suddenly this blast would come to our door and want to force its way in. Finally I understood. One of our intercessors shared a vision she’d had years ago when she had been in heavy warfare, and was taken up to the Lord. She kept looking behind her and the enemy was standing right behind her. The Lord took her face several times and turned her eyes back on Him. As she did, she got closer and closer to the Lord. Some time passed and then He told her to look back. The enemy was very small and in the distance. She got the point. We are called to keep our eyes, our focus on Him. We are to pursue Him.

Because we pursue the Lord, we naturally suffer resistance from the enemy. However, it is a result of going after the Lord, not after the enemy. Without giving the details of our warfare conference, I could see so clearly that our focus changed for a brief moment and opened Goliath’s door. Warfare should always be a result of our pursuit of the Lord and keeping our focus upon Him. If you are suffering backlash and have covered every breach in your wall you can think of, perhaps all that is needed is to get your eyes back onto the Lord. I am reminded of Smith Wigglesworth’ life when he saw satan appear at his bedside. Smith said, "Oh, it’s only you," and turned over and went back to sleep.

May we learn to use our weapons of prayer, sacrifice, worship, and authority safely. May we learn to cover the breaches in our own lives so that we can stand for our cities without retaliation, in Jesus Name.

Lovingly,

Sandy Warner

**18)  Finding Your Metron**

A Teaching to Protect Intercessors Against Backlash

By Sandy Warner

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At a conference a few years ago, I overheard a man worshipping the Lord behind me. As he was worshipping, I heard the Lord whisper to me, "A man of authority." This of course stirred my interest and so I had to turn around and peek! I stared right into the face of a loving, prophetic intercessor (soon to be Apostle). I knew his testimony and yes he had definitely earned that title of a man of authority.

A few years ago, this powerful intercessor asked the Lord why so many intercessors were receiving spiritual backlashes and why they weren’t covered. He asked the Lord this question for a long time. After unrelenting requests, the Lord finally answered him: "I will build My structure."

Frustrated, he said, "Lord, after my asking all this time and You didn’t answer, then You finally answer, and you say THIS?" "What does THAT mean?" I laughed when I heard this, because that sounded so much like God! Through time and revelation, he understood that God would build His government, and did not want the intercessors isolated, but under the covering and protection of the Apostles and Prophets. He applied this personally by asking the prayer backing of God’s chosen, when he was taking on assignments against heavy demonic forces.

In recent weeks I also have noticed that the intercessors are suffering backlash, some severely, and I have pondered the above and asked the Lord the same question: "Why is this happening?" The answer was immediate: operate within one’s metron. This word metron, also has to do with God’s government.

Metron comes from the scripture: "But we will not boast of things without our measure, but according to the measure (3358) of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you." (2 Cor 10:13 KJV) Metron is a Greek word meaning: (3358) metron (met'-ron); an apparently primary word; a measure ("metre"), literally or figuratively; by implication a limited portion (degree).

We are each given a measure of authority, and it is important to understand our metron, or sphere of influence and authority in which He has placed us. We each give (pray, stand in the gap, and war) according to our own ability. He doesn’t ask us to give what we don’t have, rather He asks us to give what we do have. "If you are really eager to give, then it isn't important how much you have to give. God wants you to give what you have, not what you haven't." (2 Cor 8:11-12 TLB) And therefore, it is important to understand our metron, or sphere of authority. If you are not sure what your metron is, hopefully this small outline will help kindle your thoughts to find it.

1. KNOW TO WHOM YOU ARE CALLED. Whether you a parent, a teacher, a pastor a prophet, a public servant, etc you have a sphere of loved ones in which you have been called to nurture. If they belong to you, you have the authority to pray over what they are facing.

"And he will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the land with a curse." (Mal 4:6 NASB)

2. KNOW YOUR GIFTS. If you don’t know your calling, your giftedness can be a mirror of what your cup contains. The Lord equips whom He sends — what equipment has He given you? If you have the gift of mercy, your gift offers mercy for those deserving judgment, needing forgiveness and or needing healing. If you are a warrior and you fight demons, your gifts of discernment, hearing and seeing will reflect that function. If you have the gift of mercy and have never fought a demon in your life, God is not asking you to single-handedly tear down a stronghold. If God has placed within you the tenacity of a bulldog to knock, knock, knock, ask, ask, ask, then keep on making supplications! These are all gifts and He is calling you to function with what He has given you, not with what He has not.

"For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them…" (Rom 12:4-6 NKJV)

3. KNOW YOUR ASSIGNMENTS. As an intercessor, I have been given dreams and visions of specific assignments needing completion. I then "stand" (pray, war, hold onto His promise of victory, sacrifice, follow my conscience, etc) until it is completed. God gives each of us assignments according to our callings and when we face enemy obstacles that are a direct confrontation of completing that assignment, God gives us the authority and grace to complete it. If you have completed that assignment, then you have also won that authority for future battles.

"His master praised him for good work. `You have been faithful in handling this small amount,' he told him, `so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Begin the joyous tasks I have assigned to you." (Matt 25:21 TLB)

4. KNOW YOUR MEASURE OF FAITH. We each have been given a measure of faith, and that faith can grow as He builds it via spiritual exercise. These faith muscles grow as a direct result of pressing against resistance. (When we are standing in the gap and praying, our faith directly affects the angels freedom to go forth and fight battles on our behalf.) We are called to stand, and standing takes some effort in order to resist wavering. That faith can wobble if we live a life that is not pleasing Him. Faith and favor are directly related to following our conscience. The accuser is the first to point out the flaw and that will affect our faith to stand against onslaught. Our metron will be no larger than our faith to be able to stand in His favor.

"For through the grace given to me I say to every man among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith." (Rom 12:3 NASB)

"Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they have become doomed to destruction. Neither will I be with you anymore, unless you destroy the accursed from among you. Get up, sanctify the people, and say, 'Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow, because thus says the LORD God of Israel: "There is an accursed thing in your midst, O Israel; you cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the accursed thing from among you." (Josh 7:12-13 NKJV)

5. KNOW YOUR PATTERN OF SUCCESSES. When entering into new territory, the Lord will build your faith with confirmations, to help you to understand His approval of your moving ahead in prayer. If you can look back and find a link of similar prayer successes, this will be a good indicator of your metron. We have a fellow at our church who began getting Words of knowledge of prayer needs. He took courage and started sharing what he believed the Lord was saying. Each time he did this, someone responded and he prayed for them. Each time they received answers to the prayers. This is a good indicator through a pattern of success, that he has been given a metron to pray for those whom he receives Words of knowledge.

"I will drive them out before you little by little, until you become fruitful and take possession of the land." (Ex 23:30 NASB)

6. KNOW YOUR OPPONENT. It is true that your greatest gifting (and or promise) will also be your greatest testing. Sometimes if you are suffering a backlash it is because the devil considers you a threat and he knows you are influencing his domain. If that is the case, be encouraged that you are making a difference. I know a man who bound the territorial spirit over Kosovo in Jesus Name. Suddenly he was standing in the west, looking east across Europe to Kosovo. He saw a small ball of light from Kosovo, shoot straight towards him and hit just above his head at someone standing right directly behind him. (He figured it was his angel.) I told him that his prayer must have had an impact or threat for the enemy to have noticed!

"Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan River, being urged by the Spirit out into the barren wastelands of Judea, where Satan tempted him for forty days. (Luke 4:1 TLB)

7. KNOW REVELATION. The Lord will send you supernatural revelations of your portion. This comes through the many ways to hear Him and they puzzle together to give a good indicator of your sphere of influence. Ask Him for revelation to teach you your metron.

"But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him." (1 John 2:27 NKJV)

8. KNOW YOUR COVERING. God is raising up His government, and He is divinely moving His chosen leaders into place. If the leaders are saying to pray corporately against a demonic stronghold, then that is the covering and guidance in which to safely operate your gifts. Corporately means standing in one accord with other believers against a common cause. There is a synergistic effect when joining with others of likemindedness to fight a common enemy.

"You will chase your enemies, and they shall fall by the sword before you. Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight." (Lev 26:7-8 NKJV)

I close with a precious forwarded story that has a 2 fold theme. It reflects the heart of any true covering appointed by God, and it also reflects the Lord’s heart to us all:

"A mother took her 8 year old son to a great concert hall, black tie event to hear Paderewski the famous composer-pianist. The boy became restless waiting for the concert to start so as his mother visited with friends he slipped from her side and onto the stage. He was drawn by the Steinway and climbed up on the stool and stared wide-eyed at the keys. He placed his small trembling fingers in the right location and began to play "Chopsticks." The roar of the crowd was hushed as hundreds of frowning faces turned in his direction. Irritated and embarrassed, they began to shout: "Get that boy away from there. "Who'd bring a kid that young in here?" "Where's his mother?" "Somebody stop him!"

Backstage the master overheard the sounds out in front and quickly put together in his mind what was happening. Hurriedly, he grabbed his coat and rushed toward the stage. Without one word of announcement he stooped over behind the boy, reached around both sides, and began to improvise a counter melody to harmonize and enhance "chopsticks". As the two played together, Paderewski kept whispering in the boy's ear: "Keep going, don't quit, son. keep on playing.. don't stop....don't quit."

And so it is with us. We hammer away on our project, which seems about as significant as "Chopsticks" in a concert hall. And about the time we are ready to give up, along comes the master, who leans over and whispers: "Now keep going; don't quit. Keep on...don't stop , don't quit!"

**19) The Characteristics of an Intercessor**

Word Study from Sandy Warner

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An intercessor is a person who by calling or by nature chooses to be a mediator on behalf of those who cannot intervene for themselves. Intercessors make requests, urge, plead, beg, counsel, discuss, risk, sacrifice, and make war on issues relating to the weaker ones, and thus they have an impact on the final outcomes for those they serve.

There is a difference between a person who is called an intercessor and a person who prays. Any person can pray, but not all praying people are intercessors. The opposite is true also - an intercessor may live his entire life and live to make only one great act of intercession. The differences of an intercessor are subtle - hidden in the life and heart behind the prayer. There are many examples of intercessors in the Bible, and they walked with the favor to impact and change God’s heart. Consider the following role models and their characteristics:

[I] THE FUNCTIONS OF AN INTERCESSOR

TO RISK & SACRIFICE

1) Moses was willing to be blotted out of God’s book. (Ex 32:32)

2) Abraham was willing to suffer God’s possible displeasure by negotiating Him down to 10 godly men in Sodom & Gomorrah. (Genesis 18:22)

3) When king David disobeyed by taking a census, he was willing to be destroyed in order to seek safety for his people. (1 Chron 21:17)

4) Daniel was willing to talk with God when He was very angry. (Dan 9:16)

5) Jesus was willing to become sin and lay down His life so that others could find forgiveness. (Isa 53:12)

6) The Centurion was willing to approach authority as well as subject himself to it. (Matt 8:5)

7) Martha dared to risk her friendship with Jesus to challenge His decision of delay. (John 11:21-22)

8) A father risked public exposure, fear of man’s opinions, and disappointment for the sake of interceding for his possessed son. (Mark 9:17)

9) The Nobleman risked his self-sufficient pride. He could not help his son but he knew who could. He also risked public exposure and reputation. (John 4:49)

10) Stephen was willing to face the murderous rage of a crowd and asked God to forgive them. (Acts 7:59)

11) Esther was willing to perish at risk of defending her people to the king. At the very least she was willing to face a life of ill-favor, isolation and banishment from the king’s court. (Esther 4:16)

12) David as a young boy was willing to face death from Goliath for the sake of Israel. At the very least he was willing to face humiliation, failure and defeat. (1 Sam 17:37)

TO BOLDLY DEFEND

Each of the above role models defended with boldness. This does not necessarily mean they had naturally bold personalities. Watch a mother or father bird when a threat comes too close to their nest! God has placed within His creation an instinct to defend the young. An intercessor’s heart comes to the surface when they perceive a threat. Suddenly the heart of a pussy cat turns into the roar of a lion. (Heb 4:16)

TO VOLUNTEER

One of the marks of an intercessor is a willingness to do something. A volunteer is someone who is not necessarily asked, rather he/she steps forward in order to accomplish something. Jesus said there is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for his friends. (John 15:13)

[II] THE HEART OF AN INTERCESSOR

MERCY

As in the above list, intercessors stand in the gap for another, seeking mercy instead of judgment, life over death. They are willing to face a risk and sacrifice in order to obtain mercy. (James 2:13)

HUMILITY & SERVICE

In each one of these cases, these powerful intercessors wanted to serve those they were interceding for. Their willingness to serve resulted in humility, laying down that which they highly esteemed. (Matt 23:11)

[III] THE RELATIONSHIP OF AN INTERCESSOR

FAVOR

The above role models lived in a place of favor, having a personal and loving relationship with God. They knew what it was to walk and talk with Him, and trust in His goodness. (Prov 12:2)

Others who did not have a personal relationship with Jesus prior to their request, knew His works, listened to His Words, understood His authority and nature. Thus, they anticipated His favor in spite of the risk.

[IV] THE RESULTS OF AN INTERCESSOR

MULTIPLIED SEED

Jesus said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain." (John 12:24 NKJV) The most powerful intercessors, past and present, are ones who have laid down their lives, their dreams, their ambitions, their own personal agendas, everything they have held dear, in order to follow Jesus’ footsteps to their own personal cross. The results of such a journey is His promise of multiplication. These intercessors can pray a prayer, make a request, make a stand and have it bear fruit for the masses.

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In the Old Testament, the word intercessor comes from the Hebrew word: paga` (paw-gah'): 06293 paga` {paw-gah'}

¤ a primitive root; TWOT - 1731; v

This Hebrew word is translated:

¤ AV - fall 12, meet 11, reach 7, intercession 4, intreat 2, entreat 1, misc 9; 46

¤ 1) to encounter, meet, reach, entreat, make intercession 1a) (Qal) 1a1) to meet, light upon, join 1a2) to meet (of kindness) 1a3) to encounter, fall upon (of hostility) 1a4) to encounter, entreat (of request) 1a5) to strike, touch (of boundary) 1b) (Hiphil) 1b1) to cause to light upon 1b2) to cause to entreat 1b3) to make entreaty, interpose 1b4) to make attack 1b5) to reach the mark

In the New Testament, the word intercessor comes from the Greek word (en-toong-khan'-o): (# 1793 entugchano from NT:1722 and NT:5177.

This Greek word means:

1) to light upon a person or a thing, fall in with, hit upon, a person or a thing 2) to go to or meet a person, esp. for the purpose of conversation, consultation, or supplication 3) to pray, entreat 4) make intercession for any one

Scriptures share that He wants our input. He still makes the final decisions, but He listens and what we say can have a part in the outcomes. For those who like to study, here are some additional scriptures stating that God is looking for volunteer intercessors, those willing to lay down their lives for a cause: Isa 64:7, Jer 30:13, Isa 59:16, Jer 27:18, Isa 53:12, Ezek 22:30-31, Psalms 106:23.

The Lord is restoring the callings of intercessors to the body of Christ. He is raising up an army of volunteers, who are willing to count THEIR cost because they see what is AT cost.

**3/04/18  INTERCESSORS PLANT YOUR SEEDS**

**SAW AND HEARD**

**SEEDS TAKE TIME TO PRODUCE FRUIT**

*I saw someone looking at the following from my intercessor teaching on line:*

**FROM THE TEACHING:  THE CHARACTERISTICS OF AN INTERCESSOR**

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There is a difference between a person who is called an intercessor and a person who prays. Any person can pray, but not all praying people are intercessors.

**THE FUNCTIONS OF AN INTERCESSOR**

       To risk & sacrifice

       To boldly defend

       To volunteer

**THE HEART OF AN INTERCESSOR**

       Mercy

       Humility & service

**THE RELATIONSHIP OF AN INTERCESSOR**

       Favor

**THE RESULTS OF AN INTERCESSOR**

       Multiplied Seed

**HIS PURPOSE FOR INTERCESSORS**

*Intercessors are for 2 priorities.  Intercessors plants things.  And they wait for the harvest.  To call forth things that are not as though they are.*

*Prophets spread seeds.  Intercessors plant them.  I don’t want you to feel like this.* [Hopeless in the wait.]*Let’s be honest.  It takes time to see the fruit.*

*Romans 4:17 (As it is written, I have made you a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead, and calls those things which are not as though they were.*

*Hebrews 11:1 (Voice) 1 Faith is the assurance of things you have hoped for, the absolute conviction that there are realities you’ve never seen.*

*1 Corinthians 3:6-9 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. 7 So then neither is he that plants anything, neither he that waters; but God that gives the increase. 8 Now he that plants and he that waters are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor. 9 For we are laborers together with God: you are God's field, you are God's building.*

**WORD TO PONDER:  INTERCESSORS PLANT THE SEEDS 3/04/18**

Dear intercessors, your commission from heaven is to listen and catch the prophetic seeds that are liberally spread into the winds via the prophets.  Take the seeds that are quickened to you and plant them.  Plant them through prayer, authority and decree.  Stand upon them and put them into the ground. Now wait upon Me as I send the rain of My teachers to nurture these seeds.  Together you shall witness a great harvest of fruit.

Do not be weary in well doing.  Some of these issues are so big, it takes a lot of time for you to see the fruit of these promises and your prayers.  Much that was planted 20 and 30 years ago are coming to fruition now.  Rejoice as you see the fruit ripen and get ready to be used.  You are in the days of acceleration and results will flabbergast you as the wheel of prayer turns faster and faster between reaping and sowing.

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*Amos 9:13 Behold, the days come, says the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that sows seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it.*

**I WILL BLESS THE INTERCESSORS**

**HEARD:** *The gift of prayer.  I will establish My intercessors.  One on one.  Landmark.  To see where they are.  I will bless them abundantly.*

*1 Thess 5:16-18*

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

**WORD TO PONDER:  I WILL BLESS THE INTERCESSORS  8/15/10**

Beloved intercessors, thank you for responding to My call to pray.  I will bless you abundantly for staying in prayer.  I will establish you and confirm you.  I will grant you individual confirmations to what you pray - one on one.  I will send you confirmations like signposts and landmarks to see where you are.  These will greatly strengthen you and encourage you to see that I DO listen and dispatch angels with assignment as you stand in the call to pray.

*Ps 55:17 NKJV*

*Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, and He shall hear my voice.*

**SHARE YOUR BURDENS WITH INTERCESSORS**

**VISION:** *I was near the top of a high mountain in the midst of a wind storm.  I looked above me at the pinnacle and the wind was fiercely coming over the top of it and swirling.  I needed to snow ski down to the bottom of the mt and saw that the wind was violently blowing in every direction below me.  I realized it was not safe for me to descend, so I was stuck in that nook/ cleft in the rock to wait on the Lord.*

*Then I saw a lady below whom I know always stands for "He will make a way where there is no way!"  She was in a large, safe concrete building and looking harried and then astonished as she looked behind her.  I saw all the elephants standing at attention, in rank, aligned in that warehouse type place!  The elephants were various sizes from small to large.  One was massive.*

*I heard the Lord say to me, "This is your army!  Use them!"*

The elephants are the intercessors/ burden bearers.  I felt the Lord was saying this isn’t about numbers, but about authority as there were only about 30 elephants there, but boy where they intimidating and huge. The lady that also saw them, she was shocked to stand among them. I felt the concrete warehouse represented a safe refuge away from the fierce wind storm and it was a safe place to pray and intercede.

**WORD TO PONDER:  SHARE YOUR BURDENS WITH THOSE WHO PRAY  7/03/14**

I AM calling you into your places of refuge dear ones, away from the storm.  Yes there are fierce winds blowing, and as you wait upon Me for escape, I will hide you in the clefts of the rock and you will be safe.  I will make a way where there is no way.

Share your heavy burdens with the intercessors.  I have hidden them in a place of safety and they shall pray, war and intercede from a hidden place.  A way will open and you will feel lighter in the morning.  I AM with you dear ones, trust Me no matter how strong the winds blow.

*Song of Solomon 2:14 O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the cliff, let me see your face, let me hear your voice; for sweet is your voice, and your countenance is lovely.*

*Isaiah 26:20 Come, my people, enter you into your chambers, and shut your doors about you: hide yourself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation is past.*