

## **January 2008 – Breakthrough for His Ambassadors**

At the first gathering of The Gate in 2008 Holy Spirit began to speak through the drums. Several had visions of Jericho and the armies of angels surrounding the city and then at the sound of the shofar they pulled the walls down. The people of God did not use the language of their hearts or their origin but Joshua has been told to circle the city and use the shofar. Someone encouraged people to begin walking in a prophetic act around the room and soon everyone was circling the room as the drums echoed the language of angels. Someone said the walls all had names written on them and urged everyone to see the words on the wall and believe that those walls were coming down. Another began to sing and named some of the strongholds of life like greed, rage and lust. Others silently looked in the spirit to see words like fear, financial needs, poverty and loneliness. Some saw the walls around the city of racism, sectarianism, and other giants in the land. Faith is growing. These walls are coming down.

Another had a vision of waves breaking on the walls and breaking them down and someone responded with a word about breakthrough. The words of Micah 2:13 were read a short time later: “The breaker goes up before them; they break out, pass through the gate and go out by it. So their king goes before them, and the Lord is t their head.” This was followed by Isaiah 62:10 “Go though, go through the gates. Clear the way for the people, build up, build up the highway; Remove the stones, lift up a standard over the peoples. Behold, the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth, “Say to the daughter of Zion, “Lo, your salvation comes.” So shall your walls come down. So shall you break through. So shall your new gates be open and you will follow your king through the gate to prepare a way for the people to come to know him.

Yvonne testified about a night of prayer at an African embassy. Earlier in the year she had begun to pray around the deserted embassy. Over time as she prayed workers began to restore the embassy. At one point she was able to enter in and Holy Spirit told her it would be the Ambassador’s residence. Later Holy Spirit opened doors to meet the ambassador and his staff. Then she was invited to facilitate 24 hours of prayer at the embassy. At the holiday gathering she joined in a circle for prayer. As she took the Ambassador’s hand one of the representatives from the embassy came and stood near them and speaking of Yvonne, said to the Ambassador, “She is an Ambassador of God and represents a much higher government.” Only someone from the embassy could say such a thing to the ambassador of their nation.

The words were spoken with revelation and Biblical understanding. Yvonne is and you are an ambassador of Christ the King and the Kingdom of God. There is absolutely no higher government. In 2008 you will enter into a new gate of revelation of what it means and who you are as an ambassador. You are seated in heavenly places with Christ Jesus. He has given you his authority to accomplish his will on earth. His name is above every name and he has been given all power and authority. You are the highest representative of the Kingdom of God on the face of the earth. You represent the King of Kings and you have been called and chosen to fulfill his plans and purposes on earth as you pray, “Our father who is heaven, let your kingdom come and your will be done on earth just as it is in heaven.” In 2008 you will proclaim the gospel of the kingdom with signs and wonders and miracles following, until your city and your region is filled with his glory as his kingdom comes on earth. David @ The Gate

## February 2008 - The Key of David Unlocks Your Heart

The musicians had already assembled and what was a sound check ushered in the manifest presence of the Lord. Those entering The Gate were swept up into a place of his glory and the gathering had begun. Deep worship continued with songs of his holiness interspersed with readings from the book of Revelation and spontaneous song in different versions releasing the key of David. Like fog on a lake in the early dawn the presence of the Lord settled upon us and he filled our senses with his presence and his glory.

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty. This is the key of David. The gates of the temple are open. Take the key of David. This is the key of David. The dancing hand of God touched one singer and then another. Someone said. The key of David is the key to our hearts. The heart is the temple. Open your heart to the Lord. Another affirmed it in another way and as someone read from Revelation 4 and it was as if we heard a voice saying, "come up here" as we worshipped. Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord god Almighty.

A spontaneous song declared; "My favorite place is the secret place." And another; "I lay my crown down in the secret place of holiness." The focus shifted from worship to declaration and we began to sing. "I will run the race set before me. I will seek your face as the prize of my life. I will run." As if God responded someone sang, "You are the apple of my eye. I will never stop loving you." Another said, "God will run down in love those he is looking for and bring them to himself. He will capture their hearts. Pray for those he is looking for. Pray for those he will run down with his love.

Pulling on a vision released weeks earlier of an angelic host with horses and chariots waiting at the gate someone prayed. "The horses are at the gate with chariots of hope; chariots of liberty; chariots of fire; chariots of love. Lord release hope. Release liberty." As singers began to sing, "Let the kingdom come, let the kingdom come" others began to pray "release chariots of grace, release wisdom" and sing, "chariots of fire releasing your presence" and we continued to intercede for the lost and release hope for those that have turned away from the Lord, like hope for the tree in Job 14:7-9.

The spontaneous songs of the key of David returned as Worship-Intercession continued. Someone read Isaiah 62:1-5 and we prayed for the peace of Jerusalem, for Israel and other nations. Let your glory fill the earth Oh Lord because we are made for your glory. Someone read 2 Chronicles 7 of the glory filling the temple and then John 17 of Jesus prayer that we would be one and share the glory of the father and son. We prayed that the glory and the fullness of the Lord would be revealed in the bride. We prayed for spiritual fathers and mothers to help the next generations carry the burden of the presence of the Lord and as we prayed someone saw angels tipping bowls on the generations.

All generations were worshipping together at The Gate and one young woman rose to read a poem and opened the heavens for ministry to release the creative anointing of the Lord. More than 20 writers came forward and the Lord ministered to them and imparted creativity to them as only the creator of all things can do. Revelation 4:11. Our Lord and God, you deserve to receive

glory, honor and power because you created everything. Everything came into existence and was created because of your will

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## **March 2008 - All Things are Possible**

In mid February God was speaking to us on a Saturday night about pressing in and on and up into those things that we think are impossible. He is calling us to do the impossible and when we do it will totally change everything around us. There are times when we feel like nothing will change and everything will remain the same. Nothing could be further from the truth. We, ourselves, are being changed from glory to glory. The earth is being changed by the growing number of believers in Jesus. You are in Christ. Christ is in the Father. The Father is in Christ and Christ is in you. In the Fathers house are many dwelling places and you are in the Fathers house.

Continue to press in to lay hold of those things that you thought were impossible for ALL THINGS are possible to those who love the Lord and are called according to his purpose. Nothing shall be impossible for you. Your life is in Christ and because he has risen and is with the Father you can ask ANYTHING in his name and he will do it. Let us believe what he has said and let us press in to be partakers of the Kingdom of God on earth and see our God in the land of the living. This will glorify the name of the Lord Jesus as we continue to pray. Our Father, in heaven, your name is holy! May your kingdom will come and your will is done on earth as it is in heaven. These are days to catch the wind and fly. There is momentum as the kingdom of God advances on the earth. .

A week later The Gate team was in Israel to tour, worship, and pray. We stood one morning in Kursi among the ruins of a 1700 year old Byzantine church built where Jesus delivered the demoniac of legions of demons. A gate in the heavens opened like a portal. Someone cried out, “discernment” and began to pray for spiritual discernment for the people of Israel. Others wept and some trembled in the presence of the Lord as we declared that the heavens were open and a new season of deliverance had come. We prayed for signs and wonders and miracles. A whirlwind seemed to hit us in the open space between the ancient walls as we prayed.

Someone began to declare the words of Jesus reminding us that he always spoke of those “who have eyes to see, ears to hear and a heart of understanding.” We prayed that he would come and break the deaf and dumb spirit off the people and he would open ears to hear as he opened blind eyes to see. We declared a time of signs and wonders and the power of God to be released as we worshipped singing, “this is a new day and this is a new hour, this is a new season to show your power.” We declared a new season of deliverance and breaking chains of oppression and that the Lord would complete his plans and purposes to destroy the works of the evil one.

The next night Rick Ridings began to minister from the verses in Genesis 28 that caused us to name our gatherings The Gate. As Jacob slept the heavens opened and a ladder appeared and

angels descended and ascended to the Lord. Jacob said, "How awesome is this place, this is none other than Bethel, the house of God and this is the gate of heaven." We were using the management conference room in the hotel at the Dead Sea. A huge motivational poster of a man climbing a ladder into a hole or portal in the clouds was hanging on the wall. At the top of the ladder the Hebrew words on the poster proclaimed: To achieve what is impossible to achieve.

As we welcomed Holy Spirit into the management suite and worshipped together we understood how significant his leading and guiding our time in Israel really was. Tracy said she understood that one of the reasons for our trip to Israel was to intercede for holes or open heavens. We had been declaring a new season where the people of God would have ears to hear and eye to see and would be able to achieve the impossible. Holy Spirit came to affirm our words in the marketplace as well as the open spaces along our journey. Two nights later on Mount Zion the heavens opened in worship and the word and works of Jesus as we ministered. Anointing for deliverance and healing flowed into the people of God as well as a fresh anointing to gather generations together in harmony for worship and to fulfill the plans and purposes of God.

In Jerusalem and in Washington DC his plans and purposes are for the cities to be cities of light. A place of worship. A place of healing, signs and wonders. He has opened the heavens in Jerusalem and Washington DC. He is gathering a company of believing believers who have their hearts ablaze with passion for Jesus; People with eyes to see the invisible. (Who have eyes to see) People with ears to hear the inaudible. (Who have ears to hear) People who believe they can do the impossible.

(In Jesus all things are possible) Desperate, passionate lovers of Jesus who are filled with compassion for the lost and will not stop worship or prayer or ministering until his kingdom comes and his will is done on earth as it is in heaven. He is calling you to according to his plans and purposes to achieve what is impossible to achieve.

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## **April 2008 - Bring it to Birth**

Worship began on a runway of known songs before taking flight on the wind of Holy Spirit. The voice of the Lord could be heard in the song of the Lord. "You are the morning star. You walk among the stars. I am walking among the stars. I am walking among the lamp stands. I am walking among you." Someone read from Revelation, and to he who overcomes I will for each of the 7 churches represented by the 7 lamp stands. He who has an ear, let him here what the Spirit says to the churches. Another said it was as if he heard angels saying, "Come up here, come, come, come"

We rose on our feet. We moved forward. We came up front and we came up higher. The instruments created visual worship and we could see storms and clouds gathering in the spirit. Then some spoke of sun spots in Seattle when the sun breaks through the clouds and began to proclaim that the Son of God was creating Son spots and breaking through in provision, in

healing, in reconciliation, in unity. Portals were opening in the heavens. Open portals and open heavens of mercy and grace over the city.

Images of the storms with the sound of thunder and roiling clouds formed in our minds as we continued looking to see what the Lord would say. Someone prophesied, "Outside storms are raging, but He is in His temple and all His people cry glory, glory, glory. And the walls of worship will protect against the wind and rain and driving storms and in His temple they all will cry Glory. Glory." And the instruments seemed to echo the words as they expressed the sounds of glory, and then slowed as the atmosphere shifted.

At the microphone a woman spoke of a word brought forth in December of a woman in the early stages of child birth. She spoke of the time when the water breaks and then said, "Tonight I saw a break and the water began to flow but we need to PUSH. It is time to push and the glory will come."

Another woman began to proclaim. "We must come with hungry hearts. We must be desperate for more and we must push. Lord we come with passion. We come thirsty. We come to push. Push. Push for your glory. Push for your bridegroom. Push" The instruments began to sing. Another woman said, "This is like corporate birth. We all have to push in unity. Lord, we come now and ask you for this think you are birthing. We come as one and we say, Push. Push" Another began to sing. "Lord we long for you. We want you. We want your presence in every part of our lives. Be present Lord. Come and be present"

One of the singers began to read from Isaiah 66:7 "Before she was in labor she gave birth: before her pain came upon her she delivered a son." And continued through verse 9 "Shall I bring to the point of birth and not cause to bring forth? Says the Lord, shall I who cause to bring forth, shut the womb?" says your God" and on to verse 13.

The key board, the bass and the guitar along with the violin and the drums all seemed to sing of deliverance and created an atmosphere of a delivery room for the things of the Spirit. Someone said. I had a picture of the delivery room and I saw the father get behind the mother and he said, "Push. Push. Push. Push" I saw the father get behind the mother and he said, "PUSHHHH." And another said, "I heard God tell us. "Be like A child and believe. Believe. Expect his presence. It is time to believe like a child."

And from Isaiah 66 "Shall I bring to the point of delivery and not give birth or shall I shut the womb. Of course not says the Lord." She said it and it sound like singing and then another responded, "You will not bring to birth and not deliver. You will not leave us barren. So we believe you. We believe you. We believe in every word you say will come to pass. We are not barren. We declare to the heavens. We are not barren. We have dreams and we have destinies. We are not barren. He will deliver and bring it to birth."

The guitar began to release sounds that were like the language of our hearts and a singer began to sing. "I hear the guitar singing, "It's a spiritual thing and it's done spiritually.

It's a spiritual thing and it's done spiritually." And the sounds of the instrument punctuated the song and then she sang, "So teach my spirit to push Lord, teach my spirit to push. For you will not bring to delivery and not bring to birth. So teach my spirit to push." And the sounds of the instruments were the sounds of groaning and birthing.

Then a chorus of spontaneous songs erupted. "I give you strength. I give you strength. I give you strength to push. Strength to push." And another "Don't be afraid. Don't be afraid. Don't be afraid for the time has come." And a together they sang, "I give you strength. I give you strength. I give you strength, to push."

A man spoke clearly. "When the Father speaks, it happens. When the Father speaks, it happens. When the Father says push, there will be a push. We open our hearts to your push. We open our hearts to your Word. It is like the word we had about roots. I felt roots go into the ground and so it is with the word push. Push. Push. Push. On earth as it is in heaven. On earth as it is in heaven. On earth as it is in heaven."

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## **November 2008 - The Best of Times, the Worst of Times**

Charles Dickens famous quotation, "*It was the best of times, it was the worst of times...we had everything before us, we had nothing before us.*"

Let us be those that decide that we will embrace the best of times with everything before us.....with an attitude of thanksgiving and optimism giving thanks for all things even in this climate where everyone around us is saying that this is the worst of times ...with nothing before us but more of the same....

The best of times are forged on the anvil of difficulty and fashioned with the different tools that others use in the worst of times. Attitude. Optimism. Thanksgiving. Faith. Hope and Love. These are the tools that will help us shape our future. If we have any other view we need to be transformed by the renewing of our minds.

We give thanks for all the blessings God has given us and especially for those people he has brought into our lives. We know that we are all blessed with his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. We want us all to have the same attitude he had. Full of joy and optimism, knowing his plans for both our present and future are good.

Our faith is in him. Our hope is in him. Our love is for him. Because he first loves us he has become our first love. Out of that love grows our love for one another and for others. Let us love one another for love is of God for God is love. Love is the greatest because when we see him as he really is and faith and hope are no longer needed. Love remains!

**He loves you. He has loved you from before the creation of the earth. He loves you with everlasting love. Let us live with our lives hidden in him, expressing his love to others and transforming this world into the dwelling place of the one true living God as we worship him and do his will until all of plans and purposes are fulfilled on earth as they are in heaven.**

These are the best of times and we have everything before us. Let us enter into what he has prepared for those who love him and are called according to his purposes. Let us give thanks for all he has done and will do in this season of great harvest. We thank God for you and look forward to walking with him with you in the coming days.

We were created for such a time as this.

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