

January 2009 - Dream Big Dreams, Nothing is Impossible

This past two weeks the Lord has moved powerfully at The Gate. One week releasing people into their personal destiny and linking them with the legacy left to each individual by Jill Austin. Last week we moved into a radical time of worship and declarations and released a prophetic word that Jill spoke to The Gate years ago. As we began to worship the team began to sing about the wind. Some rose to declare, "I heard the Lord say he was releasing the wind to get us where we are going. There is a gathering of wind to accomplish his plans and purposes." Another said, "He wants to blow on those dreams you have put on the shelf. The wind will blow on those dreams. Whirl wind blow. Holy Spirit blow. Spirit of life blow" Someone moved to the microphone to break the deaf and dumb spirit so that we could declare the things that God is bringing forth. It began a stream of song and spoken words and we broke through to open heavens.

The word of the Lord and the songs of the Lord echoed through the empty places where dreams will be replaced with fulfillment and reality. Angie sang, "Dream Big because your dreams are true ...and nothing is impossible for you... Dream BIG because your dreams are true and nothing is impossible for you. Someone broke the condemnation and the lie that we can do it on our own. Only God can do it. He will do it...not by power but by his Spirit. Some saw a manifestations like a cloud and some saw feathers floating upward. Some saw Angelic movement and the ministry they were doing was creating break through. Some felt the wind like a whirlwind. Another read from Revelation concerning the 7 angels and the 7 lamp stands and prayer rose to the Throne as someone prayed, "Lord what to you want to do with us?"

One worshipper spoke of the eruption of a volcano named Redoubt and warned that we should not re-doubt those things that God has spoken. This is a time for contending for what God has said and to enter into the blessings that he has spoken over our lives.

Tracy declared that every move of God begins with a declaration. "We declare the things that God has put on our heart to be true."

"We declare what Gods says about us is true. We break the conspiracy of silence. We break the passivity that prevails and prevents us from declaring what God says. We declare that this is a season of breakthrough." The worship team began to sing. "You are the

Wind that I fly on. You give me wings to fly.

Then one by one those at The Gate began to break the conspiracy of silence and the deaf and dumb spirit as they move quickly to the microphone and began to declare their dreams to be true. The declared Gods will in their lives and the life of the Church. They declared what God has spoken over their lives and was bringing forth in their lives. It was a night of breakthrough for many.

Then David released a powerful prophetic word that has hung over The Gate since 2005 and has been partially fulfilled but is unfolding in our corporate life in this season. It is, in essence, a legacy word to the Gate that was delivered by Jill Austin in 2005 and is being fulfilled today.

The flow of the meeting, the dreams, the prophetic words, Scripture readings, songs and the declarations of the Kingdom all confirmed the word.

David and Tracy Ruleman
at The Gate DC

March 2009 - Personal Revelation from Isaiah 61

Today's verse from our daily calendar is Isaiah 61:1; and Rebekah said that this should be our focus for the week. As I read through the verse (one I read or heard hundreds of times), something struck me. So I read through the entire chapter from different translations, and my understanding on this seemed to shift – and I saw the linkage with the current times and words that have been being released at The Gate, especially my new understanding on covenants and Jim White's message.

Background [old understanding]:

I've read through the commentaries and I've heard a lot of discussion on 'the context' of this chapter being that this is the description of 1) The Messiah, His character and office, 2) His promise of future blessing for/on the church, and 3) the church praises God for these mercies. (And I kind of understood that, especially from the perspective of Jesus' reading and declaration of its fulfillment in the synagogue in Nazareth [Luke 4:16-21].) As many translations have subtitled it, Isaiah 61 is “A prophet's mission”. And I always thought of this as a description of Christ's ministry, one that we were 'called' to participate in. But I had the mindset that it was Jesus who would bind up the brokenhearted, comfort the mourners, etc.; and that He would do it through Holy Spirit, with or without us being an extension of Him. I never really sought to understand my role. I read these verses more as a declaration of Jesus' work and left it at that.

New understanding:

But as I read and re-read through the chapter today I was struck by the pronouns. And then I started to see it – these verses are not simply a declaration of the works and promises of Jesus (past and present): this is a sequence of events; an implied if-then statement; a new understanding of what the 'calling' is for in this time, in this country.

So, the pronouns... The first thing that struck me was the use of 'me'. I had always looked at the 'me' as a third party. I guess I originally attributed 'me' to be the writer (Isaiah) or Jesus the Messiah; I never laid it out in context of myself. As I read it, I suddenly saw this 'me' applied to **me**, the person. God has anointed and qualified **ME**. God has sent **ME**. **I** am the one (with the help of Holy Spirit) to:

- bring the good news
- bind up and heal the brokenhearted
- proclaim liberty/freedom to the physical and spiritual captives
- open the prison and the eyes of those bound
- comfort all who mourn

- grant consolation and joy to those who mourn
in Zion

I know that this is not really a great revelation, but to me it was (and is) the beginning of shift in my mindset. And as I pondered this and read on I started to see the other pronoun, 'they'.

The first use of 'they' was in verse 3, and refers to those who mourn in Zion – and I began to realize that the ones 'who mourn in Zion' are the believers, the saved, the ones who have been brought to the cross/brought to Jesus but have not yet been brought thru the cross. As Jim White said Saturday night, they are the evangelized, frustrated, disillusioned ones standing on the porch, not yet having been led through the door of Jesus into the palace.

And to them, Zion's mourners, I am to give them 'garlands instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, a cloak of praise instead of a heavy spirit [despondency]'; so that 'they may be called oaks of righteousness', planted by God, for His glory. As one translation puts it 'give them flowers in place of their sorrow, olive oil in place of tears, and joyous praise in place of broken hearts. They will be called "Trees of Justice," planted by the LORD to honor his name.' But I think I like the Amplified translation best:

Isa 61:3 [AMP] To grant [*consolation and joy*] to those who mourn in Zion--to give them an ornament (a garland or diadem) of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, the garment [*expressive*] of praise instead of a heavy, burdened, and failing spirit--that they may be called oaks of righteousness [*lofty, strong, and magnificent, distinguished for uprightness, justice, and right standing with God*], the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.

So I am starting to better understand my role and seeking knowledge from Holy Spirit on the how. But my part is just the beginning, once I have done that then 'they' – the healed brokenhearted, the freed captives, the unbound, the comforted – the witnesses of Grace AND the saved (imbued with resurrection power) will be the ones that [in verse 4]

- shall rebuild the ancient ruins
- raise up the former desolations
- renew the ruined cities
- renew the devastations of many generations

And as I read the part on 'the ruined cities' and 'the devastations of many generations' I saw that this is referring to America. Not to destroyed building and a physical wasteland I always envisioned, but to corrupted cities and moral wastelands. At that point, I remembered Jim White's prophesy: God is giving the Bride one year, and then it is the end of the dress rehearsal.

Then Isaiah 61:5-7 made sense from the perspective that if the Bride brings the good news and binds the brokenhearted, etc.; then the healed, unbound, etc. will renew the ruins; and THEN the promise will come to fulfillment that strangers/foreigners will come forward to take care of the 'worldly' matters ('feeding your flocks', being 'your ploughmen and vinedressers') so that we [the church] can be priests of Yahweh, ministers of (and to) our God. For a declaration of this, go [here](#).

I know that there is more that is coming from this, and that this shift in thinking, this new mindset is taking me somewhere I do not yet know; but I wanted to share what I have to help me commit to it as well as seek confirmation of it. Because I know that time is getting short and the season will start to change soon...

Greg Foltz

April 2009 – Feathers

Sometimes the Lord speaks to me through circumstances and events in nature. It's as though I suddenly take notice of something that's ordinary, but it strikes me, causing me to take a second look. I catch myself saying, "This means something," and then I begin to ask Him questions. That happened to me again this morning. As I took our dog for a walk, I noticed rays of sunlight gleaming through a feather fallen on the path. As I walked by, I heard Him say, "I'm showing you something horrible." As I walked, I wondered what He meant. I spied another feather on the ground. Now these feathers are not the kind of feather your little girl would bring you: long and beautiful, in perfect condition, the ones that are 'safe' to touch. They are more like the ones your little boy would bring you: old, dirty, matted and broken. I began to understand. He was showing me anointings that had fallen to the ground, never picked up, treasured and shared, or appreciated for their innate beauty. I began to cry.

I continued to walk, but now I was determined to pick up the feathers along the way. I didn't want to let the cast-off anointings go unnoticed. I came across several more when I was impressed to turn around and find the one that had the sunlight passing through it. We made our way back down the path, but I couldn't find those first feathers. Because I knew I was acting on His direction, I became determined to find them. I came across the second feather, but not the sunlit one. I felt Him say I'd find it on the third pass. In obedience I made two more passes, and there it was! To my surprise the feather was actually two feathers, soft and downy with orange red tips, more beautiful than I had remembered. My obedience resulted in a double blessing!

The word "horrible" means very bad, ugly, unpleasant, or dreadful. Why did He use that word? I recognized when I establish a value of Kingdom gifts using earthly measures, I can miss what God is trying to say or do. My heart isn't keyed in to His desire, and I'm looking to outward aesthetics rather than to the beauty of serving Him. The anointings we believers value are the ones that create platforms. We love healing evangelists, prophets who deliver personal words, and power teachers. We think we have a lesser anointing if we are called to the prayer closet or left to care for the widows and orphans. The anointing we need to value is the one He places on us for the moment. It may never be seen by men, but it is seen by Him. Perhaps it is truly horrible when He gives us an anointing, and we decide to let it fall to the ground without ever exploring its properties or assigning it a Kingdom value. We, upon first glance, decide it's worthless and never give it a second thought. My tears were tears of repentance.

Those sunlit feathers were soft and from the breast of a robin. I searched until I found the feathers closest to the heart. I think those are the anointings that enable us to rest our heads upon His breast hearing the rhythms of His heart. Those are the anointings that are mostly

unrecognized by men, and are underestimated in terms of power. I found a total of eight feathers today. The number eight speaks of new beginnings. I think I'm starting again, again; this time with new eyes and a new measuring stick. I want to see what He sees and value Kingdom gifts by Kingdom measures all the while hearing His heartbeat as my head rests upon His breast. Selah!

Maryann

May 2009 - A Night of His Presence and Testimonies of His Acts

This past week at The Gate the worship was explosive and expressive. It did not build. The opening notes exploded and the atmosphere became electrified and it just continued to expand. Many were swept into the presence of the one true living God and the encounter was life changing. But Jesus had already been changing the lives of the people through amazing encounters and experiences in the marketplace, at home and in the streets as the Kingdom of God has come near.

Plans for the evening were dramatically changed by Holy Spirit and as we followed him the testimonies of God's intervention in the lives of His people began to flow. One after another came to the microphone to testify of God's Father Heart and His goodness to His sons and daughters. One testified about leading a young woman into relationship with Jesus that week. Another testified of being healed of infirmity that lasted 40 years. Another spoke of being healed of grief that lasted 20 years. Several spoke of going on a Treasure Hunt in the city the night before and of the many lives impacted by the Lord. One described being renewed during a supernatural encounter with her father and the Lord. Another exalted the Lord as healer. She had removed her leg brace and her leg was healed. Another had run over his foot with a roto-tiller but there was no damage, no broken bones and not even a scratch. Finances for another were restored. A prophetic word about finding "hidden treasures" in Jamaica was confirmed during a mission trip the word was spoken to prisoners who had been released to minister on the streets. They called themselves "hidden treasures" Someone testified that their cars that had a blown head gasket and was smoking but after inspection the mechanic found nothing wrong. A back was healed when the woman entered The Gate room that night. A baby healed of Downs Syndrome in the womb had a hole in her heart healed before surgery during the week. An entire Subway store full of people that became quiet to listen to one man express the love of God to a homeless lady.

Somewhere between 16 and 20 different stories of miracles, provision, healing, deliverance and his goodness and loving kindness were shared. The only interruptions were when we sensed open heaven creating an atmosphere of faith for the Lord to do more. The words to the song "I breathe you in, I breathe you out" become reality and in His presence there is fullness of joy and expectation. The short listings do not come close to giving you a feel for the presence of the Lord as the atmosphere changes and is filled with His glory. Here are some written testimonies that were spoken during the meeting.

Pain and Kidney Stones Go

Saturday Afternoon, as Washington Worships was underway, I met a dear sister which attends a (conservative mega church.) When I asked she was doing she responded, "Oh I'm just miserable from kidney stones. This has been going on now for days. I am on medication; I have tried to get some rest and relief from this thing all day long and nothing".

I said, "Let's pray". She agreed. She is extremely proper. When I tried to lay hands on her but she grabbed my hands (which for me was very awkward) and began she to weep like crazy. I rebuked the spirit of pain and commanded the stones to pass in the name of JESUS. She then went on to marvel over and over that the pain left instantly and her life was back to normal. 24 Hours later I saw her again unexpectedly and she went on tell me that she had enjoyed being completely healed since we prayed. I responded, "He Reigns!"

Awakened by God-Depression Gone

I want to share with you that our time at the Gate tribe has been crazy amazing. My sister who has been on medication for depression (for 2 years) was totally delivered. I talked to her and told her about dreams and visions, and how 2 angels had stood by my side (during worship) and that God would deliver her from the depression. She had a dream that night and she saw her whole life pass before her. She woke up and said to herself, "I have been asleep for 20 years and now I HAVE BEEN AWAKENED BY GOD". Her depression left and she is ministering to people in a small coffee shop. What else is so amazing about this is she was so shy she could barely talk to people and now she is boldly standing up in a coffee shop in public telling people of God's love.

Encounter in Nebraska

The night (at The Gate when) Tracy said that God was drawing people and we were to call out their name, so they could come running to God, I called out my brother's name. Well that same night (just about the same time) Tracy spoke, my brother was sleeping. He ran from his bedroom to tell my Mom that something had happened to him. He was awake and saw (with his eyes open) a gold sparkling blanket come and cover him. He was so startled by this because the presence of God was so strong that he could not move and he was emotionally undone. This is so amazing because this happened in real time during the praise service, but my brother lives in Nebraska WOW! GOD. I COULD GO ON AND ON ABOUT THE TESTIMONIES OF GOD'S goodness that we have experienced since coming to the Gate. Thank You all for your obedience and exuberant joy that is displayed here. ~ Jill

As we began to close The Gate we gathered in small groups of ten to pray for one another and the Lord continued to manifest His presence in supernatural ways. Many lingered in the presence of the Lord and there will be fresh testimonies of Jesus from that time of ministry and this week as we pray let your Kingdom come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Let us proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom of Heaven and see the Kingdom of God on earth.

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July 2009 – Blaze Testimonies Heard at The Gate

July 3, 4 and 5 more than forty people from The Gate joined musicians, intercessors, drummers and lovers of Jesus for The Blaze. The Blaze was birthed in a vision by Josiah VanFleet. He saw Jamestown, Yorktown and Williamsburg ablaze with worship and intercession in the womb of the nation. They came from all over to intercede in the Historic Triangle and pray that America would return to its roots and be “born again” in the plans and purposes of God. A few weeks later The Gate opened with 45 minutes of testimonies of the powerful Presence of the Lord in our lives including these that directly relate to our experiences as a people of His Presence at The Blaze.

Financial Breakthrough during Blaze Manifesto

My mom and dad had their house for sale last year and it didn't sell so they took it off the market. They just put it back on the market. The realtor said you can't sell your house for what you are asking for. My mom and dad are Christians and they said, “We're not going to take the price down because that's what we have to get for it and God is going to sell our house.” Then they got three offers that were not enough and the realtor was trying to tell them to sell it for that price. They said, “No, No, the Lord said no. We're going to get what we ask for.” So the weekend of the Blaze Manifesto (3 days of worship intercession in Jamestown, Yorktown and Williamsburg) I felt like the Lord said there was going to be breakthrough for everybody, and I said, “Wow, for everybody?” and the Lord said, “Yes for everybody.” So for those things you have believed for, that you're pressing in for I believe the worship we did for three days and the declarations are going to release a shift for things to come. On the second day of the Blaze my parents called me and said, “We sold the house for what we were asking for!” Angie

Emotional and Mental Healing During Blaze Manifesto

The militancy of the worship and praise at the Blaze was extraordinary. The drum circles were fantastic. Oh my goodness. Very impacting. But what especially impressed me was when Josiah got up on Sunday evening and led us in militant worship and praise. Two and a half hours of militant worship and praise. The darkness cannot stay with that at all. I was impressed. Then we did the drum circle.

I was amazed. The militancy and the aggressiveness of the intercession that Josiah led us in, I was astonished. We did not want to stop going with drum circle. We had been going for an hour and we did not want to stop. I have been battling with unemployment and severe depression. I was. I got home and the extent of emotional and mental healing this week because of the militant worship and prayer and praise on Sunday night. The level of, I mean I, was plummeting in depression. I was plummeting in depression. Glory to God in the highest. That generational mental illness has been broken. Emotions are being stabilized. God is good and His mercies endure forever. ~ JG

Culture of Honor Revealed at The Blaze

At the Blaze Manifesto I saw the Body of Christ honoring and loving each other. Total strangers would come up to people. This woman came up to Jay who was just abandoning himself in worship in the hot sun and this total stranger went and got an ice cold water and handed it to him as soon as he got done. I just saw honor like that all weekend long. ~ Kathy

More Honor

I wanted to honor a few people that were at Blaze Manifesto. First Hugh, tambourine man. Pictures from the event have been posted on the internet and someone commented and said, "He needs to be MVP of the Blaze Manifesto." Another guy said, "That guy has bionic legs" I wanted to honor you because you kept going and pressing through. You know how Holy Spirit comes some times and it's just so thick and then it lifts but you just kept going. And then there's Francis, Word man. Word man comes over to me on July 4th and says, "Read this Scripture" and I was like whoa...so then he lets me go ahead and go up to the microphone and read it and everyone is going "whoa that is so great" I am thinking Frances needs the "whoa" He did this many times during the Blaze. He opens up the Word to what God is doing and that is just awesome so I just wanted to honor Frances. Then there's Wally who was Mr. Workaholic, praise-aholic and crazy man with his drum and I just wanted to thank you. You did so much. And Thomas who was everywhere doing everything all three days. And I want to say the worship band. I just thank the Lord for helping us with endurance. ~ Maryann

Calling the Levites and Overcomers

One worship team at the Blaze released the spirit of adoption. There were flags behind the stage and the wind would blow occasionally, but when they released the spirit of adoption, she started sing about the spirit of adoption and the flags blew right over the team and straight out in front of them. It didn't stop until she stropped singing. The Lord said, "I am here" and I heard Him say, "When I come I am coming with my entourage." And He showed me the hands of the entourage and they were the angels that came with Him and they all had white stones in their hands with different names on them. They were going to deliver the stones to those they belonged to. When you read that in Revelation, in one place is speaks of the compromising church but it says of the over comers that I will give you a white stone with your name on it that only you know. I believe He is calling the Levites in Williamsburg. He is bringing them back.

A second thing that happened was that there was a de brief meeting in a home in Williamsburg. People that are 60 or more years of age who have been meeting in prayer groups and homes sowing into that area. They told Josiah and Ashley and everyone, "We had grown weary in our prayers and we never thought we would see this." It made me think about what we do at The Gate. We will see what's going to transpire from what we do here and what other churches do as well so Take Heart. Thomas

More Testimonies

Many more testimonies that were released during this midsummer gathering of The Gate and other gatherings are posted on the Testimonies page. We rejoice in the presence of the Lord and the powerful things He is doing in our lives and we praise Him for all that He has done and all that He is doing but we are first and foremost worshippers and we worship Him for who He is. We rejoice that we do see the Lord moving in the land of the living!

David at The Gate

October 2009 - Revival Culture Means the Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand

One evening in October we planned to show a video of an incredible testimony of God's supernatural intervention in three school prayer court room situations in Florida through angelic visitation and strategic intervention. As we began to worship Holy Spirit filled the room with the tangible, manifest presence of the Lord. Many among us experienced the close contact of the unseen realm. It was if angels entered in to hear our praise and worship and to rejoice with us in the spirit of adoption. We worshipped, declaring in song and spoken declarations that we have been adopted into the family of God. We rejoiced, declaring that "we are not orphans anymore." In song and the spoken word along with the reading of scripture the truth of our adoption and our inheritance was proclaimed, prophesied and declared. Pools of deliverance and times of healing opened up in the room for all of us as we moved deeper into his presence. Our heart is to be a people of His presence and we welcome His manifest presence in worship His works and the Word.

When we showed the video and testimony the level of anticipation for the present move of God and visitation increased dramatically. We moved into a time of prayer for Washington DC with many declarations over the city. We prophesied of it calling and destiny in God. With groans of intercession we prayed for the city. It was a perfect way to end the month focused on releasing the supernatural and experiencing God. We will continue to release the supernatural as we press in. We are hungry for more encounters with God and we owe others an encounter with Him. We are creating an atmosphere for revival at The Gate and in the city. Each month we focus on a new area of kingdom or revival culture. Jesus taught us to pray that the kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. If we are to bring heaven to earth we can expect more experiences in His manifest presence.

In the coming months we will be digging deep into what revivalist Jonathan Edwards called His Glorious Grace and we will focus on the Prophetic. One of our most important assignments is to create a culture of Grace at The Gate and our other ministries. We want to be a people of grace and a people that demonstrates grace and empowers others in grace. As we grow in grace and the other areas of revival culture and kingdom values we will see Washington DC changed by the presence of His glorious grace. We will enjoy the culture of the kingdom and begin to declare that the kingdom of God is at hand.

David at The Gate