

Gate Post Archives - 2005

February 2005 -- The Father Loves You

Three people that spent the week soaking in the presence of the Lord began to pray for those gathered at The Gate and as they did we experienced the joy and the presence of the Lord. The anticipation and expectation for more increased as they moved from person to person blessing what God was doing in each individual life. They prayed for spiritual eyes to be open and for His spirit of revelation to come that we might know Him more intimately.

As the worship began the atmosphere was charged. Someone rose to speak of a vision that came during prayer. The vision was of the wheels spoken of in the book of Ezekiel. She saw the wheels and the four creatures. She saw them on fire and felt the Lord was fanning the flames and bringing fresh fire. A spontaneous song broke out as someone sang, "I want to ride on the wheels of the Lord" Then another read Ezekiel 1 about the wheels full of eyes moving purposefully without turning in each direction. Another rose to pray for eyes to see in the heavenly realm. For supernatural eyes. Another spontaneous song rose up as we looked to see what the Lord would say. "His eyes are upon you. You can't turn away. His eyes are for you. Burning eyes are for you." A call went out for desperate believers to hunger and thirst to see more of Him. Lord we want more. We want to see your glory was the sound of hungry desperate people praying at the Gate.

The worship was intimate and many began to lay on their faces before the Lord, soaking in His presence. Someone in a vision saw a body of water that had ripples and there was a glow in the distance. In the vision we began to swim toward the brightness, against the tide and one worshipper reached it and became fully illuminated. As we behold Him and continue to move toward Him and our minds are renewed we are transformed from glory to glory into His likeness. Some proclaimed, "We are going into that realm where His mysteries will be revealed to us. It is given to us to know His mysteries." Another rose to read Ephesians 1:17-21. The presence of the Lord was tangible to the senses.

His love flooded our hearts as we remained in His presence. Ears began to hear His voice and eyes began to see as we went deeper. In the deep places of our hearts the Father began to touch us. One rose to speak of the Father's heart and the healing that was coming. When someone asked, "How was it with your father?" Holy Spirit went deeper, touching hearts and ministering sovereignly and intimately in the corporate setting. Jesus healed and set many free from the pain of broken relationships. One after another rose to speak of God's faithfulness in healing the wounds of the heart. The Father's heart was revealed. All who have received the spirit of adoption and become the members of the family of God were encouraged to hear His voice saying, like He said to Jesus "These are my sons and daughters in whom I am well pleased." Our lives are hidden in Jesus and the Father Himself loves us with the same love that He has for Jesus because we love the Son.

"For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ from whom the whole family in heaven and on earth is named, that he would grant you, according to his riches in

glory to be strengthened in the Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height--to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge, that you may be filled with the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. " Paul's prayer is our prayer for all of you.

March 2005 – Resurrection Celebration!

Our three-day celebration of the resurrection was powerful and many of you were a part of it. Friday night we had about 5 hours of just deep intense worship. At one point most were laying on the floor in His presence. Joe worshipped the first three hours followed by Nandy and Marta of Watchman's Sword. What a glorious Sabbath. We paused between worship teams for communion. Joe brought us together as we broke bread and thanked Jesus for His sacrifice. We celebrated our freedom from sin and death as we drank the cup and Tracy read from 1 John 5:1-11 about the witness of the blood. We returned in thankful worship for several more hours as we waited on the Lord, soaking in His presence.

On Saturday we opened The Gate with a baptism. It was a glorious celebration of a young boy's "yes" to everlasting life in Jesus. Grandparents and parents came to witness the event and celebrate. Worship was rich and we were filled with the joy of the Lord and experienced His presence. Throughout the evening the Gospel of the Kingdom of God in Jesus was proclaimed in the music, the prophetic words and proclamation in an example of 1 Cor. 14:26-33. We followed Holy Spirit and celebrated the love of the Father and His love for us. We came as redeemed sons and daughters and ministered to the Lord as His priests. We are called as priests to minister to the Lord and to others.

It was this sense of the priesthood that caused Bill Thacker to lead us in a unique celebration of communion acting out in a special way our calling as Kings and Priests. Half of those present faced the other half in a long line. Acting as Priests one side served the Kings on the other side and then the roles reversed. We broke bread and served one another and then drank the cup of redemption together as one Body. Everyone stayed in line as we ushered each person through what has become known as a fire tunnel. As each passed through they received the prayers, blessing and prophetic words of all the others.

Just a few hours later we participated in the Sunrise service hosted by Capital Church. This has been our tradition for years and as I stood before the thousands seated on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial to pray I sensed God's favor on this great city and nation. There was a special anointing on the message from Amos Dodge, the prayers by Kay Cole James, the choir and orchestra and special music by Sue Dodge and Russ Taff. It is a new day in Washington, DC. When Amos gave the altar call many among the crowd of four to five thousand lifted their hands in surrender to Jesus our Messiah. Russ Taff closed the morning with a song called Somebody's Comin' creating a joyful explosion. We went from the Mall to

breakfast together and then joined extended family for dinner.

Acts 2:42-47. Conversion. Celebration. Communion. Community. Church. His Body.

The prayers that have risen like incense before the Lord are pleasing and God has chosen to visit this city. Open the Heavens. Open the Gates. Let the King of Glory come in. Let this be a city of His presence. A place to worship Him! His Kingdom come and will be done right here, right now in this city where we worship Him, the one true living God.

The best is yet to come!

April 2005 – Visible Worship Drama

Worship at The Gate is most often spontaneous and prophetic. Like many others we believe there is a new and deeper dimension of worship that we have never known. The vocals and instruments seem to draw us into an experience and a deep place of intimacy with God. It seems to change the atmosphere and create a climate where we encounter Him and we understand Him and His plans through the sounds of worship.

In one meeting we were crying out for His kingdom to come and His will to be done in Washington DC. Our voices were raised in intercession for the city and the radical transformation that will come with the coming of His Kingdom. Reading of scripture, declaration and proclaiming Him, peppered the worship and was echoed by the vocalists. “Rise up oh city of Washington. Receive your King.” “Let this be a city where the Lord is worshiped and exalted.” “The King is coming.” “The King of Kings and Lord of Lords.”

Suddenly the musicians moved into a majestic sound. It was as if they were a full orchestra performing a score for a movie. We could sense and some could see the procession of the King entering the gates of the city. The sounds of royalty resounded through the room. The music transported us so that we could see the streaming gold, purple, and blue banners of the entourage flowing in the wind. Our hearts were quickened. It was as if the people who had been crying out for the King to come and were waiting expectantly had their hopes and dreams fulfilled. As if we were lined up along the streets of the city waiting for the coming King.

A shift. Vocalists began to sing the love songs of the Bride. The longing for His presence was now shifting to deep adoration for Him as the procession entered the city. It was like the desperate ones in the city that have stood their watch on the walls and cried out day and night for His coming began to realize their reward is about to be revealed. Thousands or tens of thousands of voluntary lovers whose passion for Jesus will not let them find satisfaction in anything less than His presence are waiting patiently for Him. “We love you oh Lord.” “We welcome you.” “We love you. We love you. We love you.” We could almost see ourselves and thousands of others in the streets worshiping and dancing before the coming King.

And then the love songs stopped suddenly. The guitars and other melodic instruments became silent. We had experienced His majesty and glory. We responded with passionate hearts of love and devotion. People all around the room were receiving ministry. At first we thought we lost it and were not following Holy Spirit. But then the percussion began. Drums, congas, hand drums. The sound rose up like a cry from the streets of Washington. It was a third sound like we had not experienced before. Although the musicians did not know it, the beat shifted into a sound known as DC Go Go. It is the sound that the homeless bang out on plastic cans on the street corners. It was as if the lost were responding to His coming. They are not aware of Him now but as He comes the cry of recognition will rise up on the streets of the city.

The meeting was like a prophetic drama. We were experiencing in music the desires of our heart. It was as if we were listening to the score of a movie that was being played on the screens within our minds, individually and corporately. We declare that Washington DC is a city where the King of Kings and Lord of Lords Jesus will be worshiped. His Kingdom come, His will be done, in this city as it is in heaven and in all the earth just as it is in heaven.

May 2005 – The Father’s Kingdom

Our hunger. Our passion. Our desire is Jesus. His presence. His glory. We come together to meet Him and meet with one another and we want to encounter God in a way that causes us to be changed in His presence. We are desperate for more of Jesus so we come together and we ask Holy Spirit to lead the meetings of The Gate. Even the worship team responds to what we call “the dancing hand of God” as the lead moves from vocalist to vocalist or musician to musician. Like a river the worship flows and at its best the entire meeting flows at The Gate.

We listen to Holy Spirit and watch to see which way He leads. Often we are prepared to teach or focus in an area but we will change everything to follow Him. In April I planned to speak on the Kingdom of God but for five weeks Holy Spirit had other plans each week. In May He said, “Review your notes” and I knew He wanted me to teach on the Kingdom. That night, however, as we moved into worship the flow of the meeting once again went a different direction.

Deep intimate worship flowed from the musicians and vocalists. Everyone in the room was swept up into a place of intimacy and then Holy Spirit began to reveal the Father’s heart. The songs of the Lord were cries of the Son to His father followed by the cries of His children. He began to bring revelation to some that “The Father loves you because you love His son.” Holy Spirit began to move powerfully as different people around the room revealed His love expressed in the Word. Love songs to Him and cries of “Abba” and Daddy filled the room. As if all his children were surrounding Him in His living room. We were swept up into His presence. We began to minister to those who had been wounded by their own fathers and found relationship with Heavenly Father difficult but each time we moved through the room praying quietly we recognized the sovereign move of God that was taking place as He touched the hearts and minds of those He loves with an everlasting love. Oh how Jesus loves us and how the Father loves us.

As this powerful move in our presence began to subside, I asked the Lord, “What do you want to do next? I don’t see how what you have been doing fits with the teaching. How can this incredible time in your presence move into teaching on the Kingdom of God?” He asked. “Whose Kingdom is it anyway?” We have learned that when He asks a question He follows with revelation that causes us to look at things in a different way. Immediately my thoughts were flooded with understanding surrounding Jesus words. “Do not be afraid, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the Kingdom.” It is the Father’s Kingdom and he gladly gives it to us.

We must come fully into deeper revelation of the Father. We must know Him. We must know His heart. Kingdom living requires obedient subjects that know His love and His heart in all matters. We cannot enter the Kingdom unless we are born again, recreated, a new species, if you will, not born of flesh but born of the spirit and the blood. These things we know but a much deeper revelation is coming. We must know the Father more intimately. God is looking for fathers that know His heart and a people that will express His heart as His kingdom comes and His will is done on earth as it is in heaven. The Father's heart is the key to understanding His Kingdom.

Jesus said He only did what He saw the Father doing. As we listen and obey and do what we see the Father doing then we advance the Kingdom of God on earth. He will transform us and everything around us until the kingdoms of this world become the Kingdom of our God and of His Messiah. Your Kingdom come and Your will be done on earth.

June 2005 – A Month of God’s Favor

From the first chords the Father drew us closer to His heart. The spontaneous songs that erupted expressed His love for His sons and daughters. One began to sing a love song of our destiny to run into Him. “Run to me, run into me, walk in my desire” Another began to sing as if the Lord were calling us, even at the moment, to come behind the veil. Jesus rent the veil so that we may approach the throne of grace boldly. May His spirit of revelation come upon His Church as He calls us to come up and into His presence. Someone said that this is our destiny and a song rang out about accelerating our destiny. Another song followed, the voice of the Lord sang out, “My heart. Go after it.” He continues to bring fresh revelation of His love and the heart of the Father.

A spontaneous song expressed the heart of the Father. “I want you to see what I see.” “I want you to hear what I hear.” “I want you to see what I see” “I want you to hear what I hear.” The words continued to open a realm, breaking the deaf and dumb spirit that often overtakes the people of God. Someone followed with Paul’s prayer in Ephesians. “I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places.” We are seated with Him in these heavenly places. Someone prayed that our eyes and our ears would be open to see Him and hear His

voice.

Many different men and women rose to read the Word, sing spontaneous songs of His love or prophetic songs and words that revealed Jesus' love for us -- "For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." Someone read different sections of 1 John 3 and 4, 4:7-11 "...let us love one another, for love is from God and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God, for God is love. By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent his only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." In Word and worship we experienced His heart and love.

David reminded us of some of the significant words and direction Holy Spirit had been taking us. Keys had been given to us by Chuck Pierce and Rick Riding with encouraging words to open doors that cannot be shut. To embrace the key of David in worship. Cal Pierce had prophesied of keys to the city and keys to the kingdom and then told us the key was in our mouth to proclaim and declare with authority the word of faith. We would have ears to hear and eyes to see and hearts of understanding. There was a Joel 2 release of transformation and creative proclamation. We would see an increase in the expression of the Father's heart and healing during the year.

David reminded us of the many ways His life was manifested among us in May and June. Georgian Bonav encouraged us to minister to the poor and we launched an outreach to the poor in Washington DC. The Father's heart was revealed. The Kingdom of God preached. Freedom was proclaimed. Tracy taught on the authority of being sent to proclaim the Kingdom of God. Jill Austin joined us to release the heart of the Lord in visitation. John Scotland encouraged us to be intoxicated with God with a revelation of our home with Him in the third heavens. When Joshua led Israel over the Jordan, the piled up rocks were to remind them of the way they had come. David stacked up memories of meetings and words spoken to remind us of our journey.

He reminded us of a meeting where we were encouraged by 1 John 1:1-4. "What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we beheld and our hands handled, concerning the Word of Life --and the life was manifested, and we have seen and bear witness and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us-- what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, that you also may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ."

June was a month of experiencing God's favor. We tasted and we could clearly see that the Lord is good. We listened and just as Jesus said, "My sheep hear My voice and follow me," we had ears to hear. We looked to see what He would say. We closed the meeting with many coming forward to testify of the things they had heard, and what they had seen concerning the eternal life which was with the Father and manifested to us in His presence.

May you also have fellowship with us, with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

July 2005 – Called to Serve

Visitors to The Gate at different times often come away with totally different perspectives. Those that come more frequently understand the flow of the meeting changes from week to week as we follow Holy Spirit. One week there may be hours of worship punctuated with the Word, exhortation, or prophetic utterances. The next week the musicians may be silent and the focus in on teaching and the following week there may be 25 people rising to minister in song, words or declaration. 1 Corinthians 14:25 When you meet together some will sing, another will teach or tell some special information God has given him, or speak in an unknown language, or tell what someone else is saying who is speaking in the unknown language, but everything that is done must be useful to all, and build them up in the Lord.

We are to serve God and serve one another!

The first week of July, visitors found people sitting or laying on the floor, just soaking in His presence as another aspect of our lives in Him was expressed at The Gate. The musicians and vocalists were joined by Joe Beynon. Joe leads worship on the fourth Friday of each month as we gather for Washington Worships. His desire is to open the heavens and touch the heart of the Father in intimate worship. Regulars in the Soaking Prayer Center each Thursday found themselves at home at The Gate Saturday night. After several hours of soaking in His presence we formed two lines and one by one we all moved between the lines as the others spoke words of blessing, healing, and declared His love for us. Everyone ministered and everyone came out of the "tunnel of love" laughing, blessed and encouraged.

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Decades ago we formed the following mission statement for our personal lives. "Serve God. Serve His people and serve a dying world by helping as many people as He gives us to get one step closer to Him." Our heart is to create an atmosphere in His presence where each person can find themselves drawing closer to God. Our desire is to encourage each person to seek the Lord with all their heart and fulfill their destiny in Him. Our passion is to see each person equipped and empowered as a minister of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, on fire with passion for Jesus and compassion for the lost. Our hope is that we will be among the people of God functioning in all the power and authority Jesus gave to the Church to set the captives free until His Kingdom comes and His Will is done on earth as it is in heaven.

It could happen. It could happen here. It could happen now. It could happen with you. As A.W. Tozier wrote: Anything God has done in any place, He can do HERE. Anything God has ever done at any time, He can do NOW. Anything God has ever done through anyone He can do for YOU. He has opened the heavens for us. He has called us boldly before His throne of grace. "God has raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in heavenly places in Christ Jesus in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not the result of works, that no one should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:6-10

August 2005 – Prophetic Evangelism

His presence was tangible at The Gate as worship opened with someone reading from the Song of Songs as the Bridegroom continues to be our focus. Passionate love for Jesus and the sheltering of the love of the Father. The songs of the Lord focused on His holiness as we joined the angelic host singing Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord. The spoken words and declarations proclaimed the power of the blood of Jesus to heal, deliver and save. We were encouraged to break free of unbelief concerning the power of the blood of Jesus. The precious sacrifice. Many declared the power of the blood to redeem all people in all ways. .

The worship was punctuated by the release of testimonies of the goodness of God. Testimonies of the expression of His love. Testimonies from one who had reached out to unwed mothers and invited them all to come to worship but brought the one who was willing. Many of these were testifying about going out from The Gate the previous week to speak prophetic words of destiny. The testimony of Jesus. The spirit of prophecy. The worship and the words set the table for a feast of training and equipping in prophetic evangelism. The week before was the warm up, we opened the door, and this week we pressed on with anointed teaching and impartation as everyone began to minister prophetically in various ways.

Some created simple art work and then spoke words of destiny over others. Some sang prophetic songs over others. Everyone received the word of the Lord to encourage, edify and exhort them to press on in the Lord and press into their destiny. Some were healed by the word of the Lord that expressed the Father's heart and broke rejection and past wounds. Others were inspired to press on. All were blessed and all prophesied and left The Gate empowered to move in prophetic evangelism, taking the ministry of Jesus to the streets.

Prophetic Evangelism Notes

What?

Prophetic Evangelism is sharing the Father's heart of love and grace to the unsaved without being "religious" or "preachy" in order that they will be drawn to the heart of the Father. Prophetic words may be words of destiny or encouraging, but they should not include correction, judgments, condemning words, babies, mates, or moves.

Prophecy is....

Words or expressions given by God and released to others (Jeremiah 1:7)

Words of God given by the leading of the Holy Spirit (Ezekiel 37:1-4)

Creative (Psalms 33:6-11; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 4:17)

The testimony of Jesus (Revelations 19:10)

Jesus, the word revealed (John 1:1,14; Revelations 19:13; 20:4)

A way of serving the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 14:22-55)

The Word of God is able to...

Light the path (Psalms 16:10-11, 119:105)

Guide (John 16:13-15, Luke 1:70-80, Isaiah 58:11)

Bring life and brings fragmented pieces all together (Ezekiel 37:1-14)

Make the crooked places straight and straighten out whatever is bent, twisted, or wicked (Isaiah 40:1-5, 42:13-16; 45:2; Luke 3:3-6)

We can find the precedent for prophetic evangelism in the Bible. An example of prophetic evangelism can be found in John 4:4-30. Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit to go to Samaria, which was located near Jacob's well. Once Jesus arrived in Samaria, he met a woman near the well with whom others from his culture did not associate. Still, Jesus had to go to this location and he had to speak with this woman (Acts 1:8). It did not matter what ethnic group, political party, or how she even looked. We also have to be willing to share the Father's heart to others who may look different, speak differently, and act differently than us. Still, God loves all of us and does not want any to perish regardless of their lifestyle, habits, or sins. Everyone has sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We all have missed it before (Romans 3:21-24). As Jesus began his dialogue with the woman at the well, he asked her for water. Shortly after, he gave her a word of knowledge about her relationships and they discussed worship. She realized that he was a prophet and spoke of the coming of the Messiah. He revealed himself to her by saying who he was. After the Samaritan woman recognized the Lord, she told others about him and they sought after him.

Why?

To reveal and glorify Jesus

So that none will be lost or perish (2 Peter 3:9)

So that a shift or change of mind occurs (2 Peter 3:9)

To present the good news

To bind up the brokenhearted

To proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD

To comfort all that mourn

To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion

To give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD That he might be glorified. And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.”

(Isaiah 61:1-4; Luke 4:18-19)

To destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3:8)

To fulfill the great commission (Mark 16:15-20, Acts 1:8, Matthew 28:18-20)

To bring him glory and produce a lot of fruit (John 15:8-10)

To be established in Him (2 Chronicles 20:20-22, Psalm 1:1-3)

So others will be reconnected to God, our Father (2 Corinthians 5:17-6:1)

Because the Lord desires to show himself strong (2 Chronicles 16:9a)

Who?

All can prophesy (Numbers 11:24-29, 1 Corinthians 14:1-3)

Sheep (John 10:27)

Sons & Daughters (Joel 2:28-29; Acts 2:17-18)

Babes (Luke 10:21-22)

Prophets (Amos 3:7)

Those in the company and under the mantle of prophets once the Holy Spirit is moving upon them (I Samuel 10:5-13)

How?

Pray, ask, and expect the Lord to reveal His heart to the ones that He wants to speak to now (Jeremiah 29:11-14, John 14:10-14, Acts 17:26-28, 1 Corinthians 2:12-13, Colossians 1:16-17, Revelations 4:1)

Call out to the Lord and speak what he says speak, do what He says to do (Jeremiah 29:11-13; 33:2-3, John 2:1-11)

Ask the Lord to give you a God-thought, picture, impression, movement, song, and drawing and expect for him to answer. Then discern what you received by the word of God, the Bible. If it does not line up with the word discard it. (John 15:8-10, 2 Corinthians 10:3-6)

Release the love and compassion of God (Songs 2:4, Matthew 5:44-48; 12:35-37, Luke 10:25-27, John 3:16-18, Romans 2:4; 5:5-11; 12:14; 14:16-19, 1 Corinthians 13:8-14:25, Titus 3:3-7, 1 John 4:7-16, Ephesians 2:2-5)

Use wisdom and ask the Holy Spirit for the words to say and how to express it. He is able to help you put words in another person's culture and lingo (Proverbs 11:30, Matthew 10:16; 1 Corinthians 9:22-23)

Through the demonstration of the Spirit and the power (1 Corinthians 2:4-5)

As you flow in prophetic evangelism, be willing to step out and minister healing and power evangelism as the Holy Spirit leads and draws people into the kingdom through you (Matthew 4:23-25; 9:35; 10:8; 12:28, Mark 16:15-20, Luke 10:8-9)

Power Evangelism – healing, deliverance, miracles signs, wonders that are laid (or released) down so that the manifest presence of Jesus and the kingdom are presented. Flowing in Power Evangelism is a service in the internal and external church whereby Jesus is lifted up in their lives and drawn to him.

Just as Power Evangelism is a way of serving the body of Christ, so is Prophetic Evangelism. As Moses laid down his rod and it became a serpent that swallowed up all the other serpents (Numbers 21:6-9, Exodus 4:1-4; 7:9-12, John 3:14; 13:5-10; 12:32-34, Galatians 3:13-14; Philippians 2:6-11), so must we lay down what we think and grab hold of what the Holy Spirit

is saying and speak it forth. As Jesus laid down himself and took up a towel and served others, so must we by providing others with a word from the Lord.

Reveal Jesus by simply giving the words and doing what the Holy Spirit has provided as He leads you to an area and a person. The Holy Spirit reveals Jesus and leads us into truth. The truth is that we all were created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-31) and that we all have fallen from the original intent of God. Still, the Holy Spirit releases the word of God through his words so that we can come back to his original plan for all mankind, which is to reconnect us to the Father so that we can live life more abundantly (John 10:10).

Note: God's heart for the lost can be shared by providing encouraging words or words of destiny through verbal or written words including poetry, songs, drawings, and portraits, through the leading of the Holy Spirit (Zephaniah 3:17, 1 Chronicles 25:1-7)

When?

As the Holy Spirit leads you and it lines up with the word and counsel of God, the Bible

Where?

In the streets, your neighborhood, community, state, or region

Activation

The world is waiting. It is time.

October 2005 – My Sheep Hear My Voice

During a recent meeting of The Gate we worshiped until we sensed realms of his glory open and then the worship created an atmosphere where many began to hear the voice of the Lord more clearly in the many diverse ways He speaks to His people. Some with vision, some with impressions, some with words of knowledge and wisdom. Bob Highland rose to read a prophetic word he had written down earlier in the afternoon. Here is the encouraging word:

Each of you have a profound and unfathomable call on your life, which I have placed there. It is completely beyond your natural ability to accomplish. You can meditate on it for the rest of your life, strategize it to no end, even try to seize it. But My call is beyond you. Your inability to accomplish it is exactly why I selected you to carry it. You are the foolish and the weak that I have called to shame the wise and the mighty.

How are you to enter in? You must learn to consistently live in My nature. When you do, you will walk with me in the unpredictable and the outrageous. Your life is to be an adventure, full of courage and miracles. You are to see the invisible, hear the inaudible, and do the impossible -- to walk on water, raise a child from the dead, see axe heads float, part a river's

water. I am pushing you to the place where even creation obeys you. Creation itself longs for that breakthrough. You are to be a different Christian, part of a tribe with the power of the Holy Spirit indwelling your life. The mighty works you will do won't matter nearly as much as I, the one making them possible. You are to enjoy the experience you are having, but adoring Me, the One who is giving it, above all else.

You are to behold My glory and intimacy and become like my Son -- to come into a place of rest where everything "I am" can come and touch you. Stop striving. Simply be! Be like Mary sitting and waiting at the feet of Jesus, not like Martha running about behind the scenes. If you search the Scriptures, you'll find that all I want to do is come and live with my children.

As the worship subsided into an instrumental flow we brought up one of the Pastors and his wife who are being sent out to Texas, then Australia and the world. As we began to pray for them and speak over them at least a dozen people came forward. Some who had seen visions, others who heard words, some who had impressions and others who came to read the Scripture in season. The prophetic flow encouraged, edified and exhorted them to press on into their destiny in the Lord. This is the function of the prophetic voices in the Church in this day as Paul describes in 1 Corinthians 14.

Another couple came forward. This time a man with a heart for ministry who had just lost his position in the highest echelons of government. As the worship continued quietly, people began to rise around the room and come forward to prophesy, build up and encourage the couple. The words flowed like water from a fountain: refreshing, filling, and reviving areas of wounding. "For you can all prophesy one by one so that all may learn and all may be encouraged...." These were just ordinary people being used in extraordinary ways as the presence of the Lord was manifest and they responded to the prophetic anointing.

The ministry moved into teaching. We continue to press in to understand what it means to have unprecedented hearing. For weeks this theme has surfaced in the meetings. We are in a season where our hearing from God will become unprecedented. Like the days of Noah.

Noah heard the word from the Lord and embarked on a 150 year mission to build an Ark. Unprecedented. We are not only going to be hearing things we have not heard before but we are going to be hearing God in places and in ways we have not heard Him before. We are being called to move beyond sin consciousness, forgetting what is behind and pressing toward the upward calling in Christ Jesus. He is calling us into the Ark or the sanctuary that is not built by human hands but by God as He places living stones where He chooses. His bride and His body and He has given apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teacher to equip us for the work of ministry for building up the body of Christ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. Ephesians 4:11-16

May the Father bless you with His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His great might that He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at his right hand in the heavenly places far above all rule and authority and power and dominion not only in this age but in the one to come. And he put all thing under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the Church, which is his body the fullness of him who fills all in all. Ephesians 2:17-23

Let us press on to know the Lord and keep praying for eyes to see, ears to hear, so that in seeing we SEE and in hearing we HEAR what Holy Spirit is revealing to us in this season.

December 2005 – Time of Testimony

At the last meeting of The Gate DC in December we opened with a time of testimony. One after another the people of God came forward to testify of the faithfulness of the Lord Jesus and the powerful move of God taking place as He manifests His presence at The Gate, in The Healing Rooms, at Urban Outreach, the market place and homes of believers. This is just a sampling of the testimony of Jesus expressed at The Gate at that December meeting.

KH came to the Healing Rooms of Washington DC facing an uncertain future and diagnostic testing. After prayer her sister wrote:

My sister's diagnostic mammogram showed nothing! Praise God, GOOD TIDINGS! Just as we prayed, they found nothing! She had a golf ball size lump with a blood discharge(not a good sign!). My cousin recently had very aggressive breast cancer and my mom has the bad gene ! ".....the lump is gone!! I knew it! Thank you so much for your prayers! God is So GOOD! ~ EH

KK came to the Healing Rooms of Washington DC with four prayer requests and found spiritual and emotional healing and met a comforter, guide and advocate in Holy Spirit.

The Holy spirit came into me and God gave the healing team the visions and words he wanted to tell me. Tears filled my eyes because He shared the response to the questions that were at the deepest part of my heart...accepting His love, forgiveness and His presence. I did not tell the healing team this and to see God speaking to them (by) Holy Spirit is amazing. ~ KK

Jesus, the Healer is meeting people on the streets of South East Washington DC as team members pray for the sick while serving food and distributing clothing with Urban Outreach. This report was given at The Gate.

We prayed for a man who had his wrist in a cast. A week later it was out of the cast and he was moving it so we prayed again. We also prayed for his finances. He came up while we

were serving soup and said that his wrist was healed and during the week a check arrived in the mail that resolved the financial crisis we prayed for. ~ GF

As we started to pray for God's peace upon one of those that had come for a cup of soup all the other people in the line gathered around and put their hands on him and prayed for God's peace to come upon him. The people that came to receive were freely giving Gods blessing. ~ GF

These and many other testimonies were reported at The Gate on Saturday night. Then as we began to worship a woman fell to the ground weeping. Different people came and began to bless her and speak of God's great love for her. A spirit of fear was broken off her in the process and after some time she began to dance in the back of the room to the worship. Someone spoke a word of knowledge. "You have been in the dark but the Lord says that when you are in the dark and afraid I will come and hide you in my hands. You will begin to see light and it will be flowing through my fingers. I will open my hands and breathe on you and you will be free to fly." I saw you like a blue butterfly being set free from the hands of the Lord. She came forward to testify:

I have never been able to express love toward others and I have not been able to receive the love of God. While I was on the floor, people kept coming and laying their hands on me telling me how much God loved me. All of a sudden it was like a bright orange light lit up the darkness and then I began to rise up and I could see a blue light. I felt a great release and experienced the love of God and I believe I am free to express love to others. I felt like the Lord breathed upon me and set me free.

Oh how the Father loves us. He loves us with an everlasting love because we love His son Jesus. Jesus loves us in the same way and we are blessed in all ways in the presence of the one true living God and precious Holy Spirit. He loves you dear ones. May you experience His presence in the coming days.