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January 2007 – Extreme Worship, a Contact Sport

Extravagant Worship

The first meeting of The Gate in 2007 was devoted to the Lord with extravagant worship. The entire room was electrified by His presence from the start of the meeting. We focused all of our attention on Him and as we did He drew us deeper and closer to His heart. For several hours we pressed into the glory and He continued to open our eyes and ears to see in the beauty realm and to hear His voice. At one point the room filled with the voices of the angelic, far surpassing any sound that could be created in the natural and we were undone and lost in passionate worship.

Several hours of worship passed like minutes and then someone rose and spoke of seeing a vision of the river of God flowing through the city and then it turned to gold. The golden river continued to flow as we worshiped the Lord Jesus. A spontaneous song opened a pool of healing as one of the singers sang of the healing power and presence of the Lord. Many came forward in response. They came into His presence as the musicians continued as the Lord our healer ministered through His people and then we focused again on Him and Him alone.

After several hours in His presence Maryann Levine spoke about Extreme Worship and then we waited to see what the Lord would say. It was as if His heart was moved to pour out His love. Prophetic words of affirmation and with words of knowledge He called forth personal destinies in many. Many were encouraged and empowered by the word of the Lord. First we ministered to the Lord and then He ministered to us and finally everyone at the meeting of The Gate had opportunity to minister to one another in love with great joy and gladness.

The following Friday night we began Washington Worship again and for more than three hours thirty to forty desperate lovers of Jesus soaked in His presence and worshipped the one that is worthy of all praise and worship. He manifest His presence again as we came to Him as worshippers. Worship is our highest priority and in His presence we encounter Him and He empowers us to re-present him to the world but we need to come into worship not as an opening act for teaching or to open opportunities for personal ministry. It is enough if we just come and worship at His feet. It is enough if we just come and hold His hand and be with Him.

In 2007 we will move even deeper into worship. It is a new season of worship. We have not seen the new wineskin of worship or heard the sounds of heaven mingled with the worship of his people as we will in the coming days. This is the hour to move into greater depth in our worship. Jesus is worthy of all our worship. Let us be worshippers. Ones he is searching for. Let us be extravagant and extreme in our worship.

This is the message from Maryann LeVine. She is an Extreme Worshipper.

Extreme Worship

An extreme sport is any sport featuring speed, height, danger, a high level of physical exertion, highly specialized gear, or spectacular stunts. A feature of such activities in the view of some is their alleged capacity to induce a so-called ‘adrenaline rush’ in participants. Some purists repudiate the stereotypical “adrenaline junkie” tag. The practitioners would claim they enjoy developing their physical and/or mental skills, seek mastery of inhospitable environments; look to escape from the mundane rigors of day-to-day existence, or simply love the wilderness environment in which many of these sports take place. Extreme sports are often associated with young adults wishing to push themselves to the limits of their physical ability and fear, in turn pushing the boundaries of a particular sport. (Excerpt courtesy of Wikipedia)

A full-contact sport contains physical contact between the combatants with the aim of causing a knockout or otherwise rendering the opponent unable to continue the match. In full-contact sports the amount of protective gear is often reduced, and the techniques are executed at full power. (Paraphrased excerpts from Wikipedia)

One may ask how worship can equate to an extreme sport.

While we don't need specialized gear; what we do is specialized. One won't find extreme worship and extreme worshippers just anywhere. We don't need spectacular stunts because the spectacle we long to see is the man, Christ Jesus, high and lifted up to the Glory of God the Father. We long to create the environment where worshippers, not solely the musicians, can participate in the rush of the presence of an awesome all-consuming loving God whose heart is moved with sound. In that rush we expect to be changed as we gaze upon His beauty.

Extreme worshippers are out for the rush; the rush of apprehending the Object of our affections. Our thoughts are all about how to sustain that rush; how to push the envelope of intimacy. When the rush is over, thoughts of recreating it at an even more intense level consume us. We want to travel at light speed, soar on lofty heights, plunge into the depths, and have our breath taken away. We are not satisfied staying in a pew or remaining seated during worship. We expect worship to take us to new adventure in God, away from the typical. We expect to be challenged to surpass the levels of intimacy achieved in the past.

We worship with all our hearts, minds, souls and strength. We expect full contact with God, nothing less. All padding is discouraged; our hearts must be naked before Him. Remember Jacob who wrestled the Lord until his hip was dislocated. He said to God, 'I won't let you go until you bless me.' So the Lord changed his name to Israel and blessed him. Then Jacob said, 'I have seen God face to face and yet my life has been preserved.' (Gen 32) We worship not only to seek His blessing but to see Him face to face. He gives us His name and writes it on our hearts as we come near to Him. It is said of Jacob that he limped for the rest of his life as a result of his encounter with the Living God. Our lives are marked forever by the time spent with the Glorious King. We won't let go of Him as we apprehend Him.

It is for these reasons I believe **worship is an extreme full contact sport**. I couldn't have it any other way. My life is spent in pursuit of Him. How extreme are you?

Maryann Levine

February 2007 – A Little Bit of Heaven

The presence of the living God at The Gate was so powerful every week in February it was as if His manifest presence never lifted from the room from the first week through the last but steadily increased week after week. Worship exploded in the first week and was followed by revelatory teaching as Deborah Jenks made the relationship of the eternal Kingdom of God and our existence in this time-space world clear through with teaching and simple demonstrations that helped all of us get "out of the box" of our own limited thinking. Tracy and Deborah followed up in the second week with more teaching and more "show and tell" and revelation continued to increase as we all grew in understanding our calling in Christ Jesus to hear the inaudible, see the invisible and do the impossible because we are not of this world. When the heavens are open and the presence of the Lord is manifest understanding is enhanced. These first two weeks of teaching in the Kingdom of God prepared us for a manifestation of power and demonstration in the third week.

We began on Friday night as part of our annual Malachi IV Healing in His Wings conference. It quickly became a "un-conference" and instead was an intimate but corporate encounter with the Lord that opened

new realms of revelation and glory and visitation. In four meetings over two days we encountered the Lord. The worship team exploded with passion and the heavens opened and angelic visitations followed.

Barbara writes; In the midst of worship a friend, (Garlinda) and I began to laugh and laugh...we laughed into the aisle. It was as though every time we would catch our breath we would laugh that much more. We were in very strange positions, halfway bending over and up again. David Ruleman began to shush us, and at the same time he was fanning this fire in us even more. We eventually ended up on the floor intertwined. We managed to un-pretzel ourselves. I remember my hand being under Garlinda's head. We than attempted to muffle our laughter and we still could not contain ourselves, until we were overwhelmed by the presence of the Lord. From deep within my spirit, a strong awakening occurred (it's hard to describe) I felt consumed and an awesome peace came upon us.

Then I saw us surrounded in the center of a whirlwind ascending on high. I saw this large, very large angel and I was looking up at him, he was very tall. I was kneeling. The angel had his hand on my head and I thought to myself, "where is Garlinda?" I saw her kneeling and the angel's other hand was on her head. In an instant he scooped us up and we soared upward into a cloud of glory...we began to dance, and dance; leaping, twirling, swirling...dressed in shimmering gold skirts and read tops. The angel said to me. "Come, I have something to show you. Come and see!" I went with the angel and I heard a voice to the side of me (the right side) and the voice was saying "Mom! Mom! I looked and saw my son, David, dressed in a white robe...and his hair was curly and blonde, his blue eyes sparkled. "Everything's ok Mom, I am with Jesus. Jesus said you are doing a good job, be encouraged, keep going, keep going forward."

David said,"Come with me." And I walked with him into a place where the cloud was very thick. We danced together and I saw the Thrones of the Lord. We danced before the Thrones. In the Holy of Holies we danced and danced. A golden flamed torch was extended to me, as I reached for the torch, oil poured out over me. I bowed and as I came up I twirled about. Then the torch was extended to me again and as I touched it, I was consumed by fire.

When I became aware again of laying on the floor, tears were streaming down my face. I said Lord, was that really my son? (He died 20 years ago this Mother's Day, I didn't know if he was saved. I had been asking the Lord to bring him back, so he could fulfill his destiny)... I just laid there, still and breathless. Garlinda and my eyes met and I said, "We were in heaven." She said. "I know. It was wonderful." We

Eventually were able to sit up and brace ourselves against the wall. We did not say much, just sat next to each other as the meeting went on. I could have stayed in that realm for a long time. We eventually were able to get up off the floor. It was AWESOME!

Each of the four meetings included close encounters with the Lord. During the day sessions Jim White stepped out into a new area of ministry moving to the key board and releasing the sounds of heaven. He released the Gospel of the Kingdom of God with new revelation from the book of Romans. There was an ease in ministry and easy access into the presence of the Lord with an awareness of this season of open heavens. God moved powerfully through different ministers and many were touched and healed. This was more of an intimate encounter with the King than a conference. In the final meeting Saturday night it was if the Gates of heaven opened wide. As the worship ascended and the presence of the Lord was manifest Jim moved in revelatory teaching on the Kingdom of God with healing, deliverance and celebration following. In the final meeting heaven kissed the earth and those in worship kissed the Son. Jim rose to speak but was not able to teach and quickly called for more worship. Corporately we went deeper and higher and instead of teaching Jim began to proclaim healing and deliverance. At one point it was as if a lightening bolt struck the room in the center of the people gathered at the altar. Jim and others dropped to the ground. When he rose the gift of healing and faith were released and it was as if the virtuous power of God flowed through him and others to minister to the sick until all were touched by the presence of God.

The last week of the month was a celebration of joy as Georgian Bonav joined the worship team. For two hours the Lord was exalted as people danced and praised Him and worshiped Jesus with great joy. During worship Holy Spirit would bring words of knowledge about conditions and issues and those needing prayer would rush to the front for ministry. Worship and praise was peppered with healing and the release of freedom for the people of God. Georgian released the songs of the Lord and the sounds of heaven filled the room. Then with joy and passion he ministered and proclaimed the gospel of the Kingdom of God and encouraged everyone gathered to press in and possess that which has already been provided by Jesus and then boldly give it away to everyone in need wherever they are around the world.

We encountered a little bit of heaven at The Gate in February and we are hungry for much more. The Kingdom of God continues to advance and nothing will ever stop it. There is coming a move of God on the face of the earth like none we have seen before. Millions will come to know Jesus. The hungry will be fed, the poor will hear the good news, the sick will be healed and justice and righteousness will be found in the land. May we never cease to pray until it is fulfilled on the earth the prayer He taught us to pray to our Father. We pray Lord, Let your Kingdom come Lord and let your will be done on earth just as it is in heaven.

David and Tracy @ The Gate

March 2007 – Eagle-Dove Hovering Over the East Coast

I grew up surfing some of the best waves on the west coast of the United States. When Tracy and I first arrived in Washington DC, I sensed in the spirit a movement like riding up over waves waiting for the biggest wave in the set. I told Tracy that a huge move of God was coming. Tracy has had dreams of a massive wave that she would run into rather than run from. We both knew that a move of God like we had never known was coming to Washington DC and the East Coast.

Over the years the anticipation has intensified and there have been prophetic words spoken at The Gate about the Dove and the Eagle. At the Sword of the Lord conference The Gate hosted late last year, feathers floated down and then rose up suddenly during worship beneath a stained glass window of an abstract rendering of an Eagle and a Dove forming a flame of fire.

In 2007 these combinations of images and themes have flowed in worship and the word. In March, Hope Reeder from Praise Alive Ministries released a word about an Eagle-Dove and the gathering of waves along the East Coast.

We are posting it here at The Gate with her permission. As you read it, we encourage you to get ready for the next powerful move of God. The best is yet to come!!

David @ The Gate

(To read Hope Reeder's prophecy on the Eagle-Dove, paste this URL in your Web browser:
<http://www.hopereeder.com/pages.asp?pageid=55917>)

"The Eagle-Dove is bringing the Spirit of Holiness that will usher in the power of the decreed word in the Apostolic movement that we have yet to experience."

August 2007 – Andre Ashby at The Gate

You chose the right name, literally, The Gate of Heaven. Angels are ascending and angels are descending. People are going up and people are coming down. This is an awesome place – amazing. Have you seen the movie “Evan Almighty”? You need to go see it. I believe it is a prophetic picture – it ends up with Washington, DC being flooded. God is about to flood Washington, DC – God has not forgotten His promises that He made to our forefathers. Don’t be afraid of the shakings to come. There is going to be great pressure but don’t let that discourage you. The Lord is going to release the glory over this region. The things you’ve been crying out for are coming but there is great shakings and great pressure.

The Lord has called you all here as forerunners to declare and proclaim the Lord’s coming – He’s raising up spiritual follow the leaders who are not afraid, like Paul Revere’s calling “The British are coming”...you are those who cry out, “Behold the Bride is coming”. This is the mandate I feel is over this particular body, to declare and decree, “Behold the Bride who comes.”

If you’re here, God has a special purpose for you. You have been born and brought to this place for such a time as this. There is also an anointing of Esther on this congregation. The Lord has extended a scepter to you guys to go into the very throne room of heaven but you should not stay there but you are coming out of that place and you begin to legislate justice in the earth – the Lord has called you all as justice legislators. You will begin to seek the truth of the Word of God and then you will begin to release justice in this region.

I tell you there is a shift coming that will change the very atmosphere and things will not be as they have been. I feel the Lord is saying, “Don’t be caught up in what you see with your natural eyes.” In the natural it seems that things are getting worse and worse but the Lord says His glory is increasing – the Kingdom waters of His Presence are rising. Yes, the shaking is coming. There’s a wind that is about to blow over Washington, DC that’s going to shift everything. It doesn’t matter who becomes President – God sets up kings, He sets them down. He turns the heart of kings in His hand. I’m really feeling for this body, this is a time not to be caught up in the politics of earth but to be caught up in the politics of heaven. As you begin to think from a different perspective – its not taking sides and going before abortion doctors but its going to be caught up before the very Presence of the Living God and seeing a fresh charge in heaven and coming down and declaring into this region what you’ve heard.

He’s inviting you to the strategy room. He’s inviting you to the war room in Heaven. I tell you, there is a Warrior Prince that God is releasing in this region. The Lord is bringing fresh warriors from the Kingdom of God who are angels that sound the trumpet. They are angels that know how to battle. They are angels that know how to pull down principalities. There are new angelic princes that have been assigned to this congregation. The Lord has called you. You all are dread champions – warriors who will begin to declare the glory of the Lord in all the earth. You know I know Michael is over Israel but there is something about Washington, DC and Michael the archangel that God is releasing in this region.

God is releasing in this body what the real apostolic really is. It’s not putting on a card you’re an apostle or putting on a door you’re an apostle but it’s true apostolic order from Heaven. God is going to begin to use this body as a prototype of what He wants to do in the earth with the church. I tell you, in the next 10 – 15 years what we call church will not be church any longer. The Lord is calling this church as a forerunner and will begin to decree to the earth what true apostolic order is. You don’t have to say you’re apostles or prophets you just have to do the stuff.

I see a lighthouse and a gathering of eagles around the lighthouse. If you are in this place, God has a call of leadership on your life and I feel God is going to raise this up as an Antioch movement of God. There is going to be people coming in to be trained and equipped and they’re going to be seeded in the ends of

the earth. Not as those who would carry tracks but those who would be filled with the glory of the Living God. Everywhere you walk the very earth would tremble because of the Presence on you. I tell you, the anointing that was on Peter is about to rest on the Gate. Where you walk, your shadow will be dangerous. You are called to walk under an open heaven. You are to invite people into your open heaven. This is a hub, this is a place where different streams will flow together and will form one river. Gatekeepers. I never heard this phrase before but I felt like the Lord just said, “there is going to be a release of true apostolic unity.” Not ecumenism but apostolic unity for the streams will come together and flow as one river. You’ll have the best of different moves of God that are going to converge over this place.

Andre Ashby at The Gate

September 2007 – Cow at a New Gate

We opened The Gate on the first of September by talking about the 21 days of focused prayer we are in. We talked about the forming of doors and about the prophetic word that we are entering into a new gate. Someone said that every time we talked about that she was reminded of the phrase about a cow and a new gate. She explained that cows do not like to go through a new gate. Another added that a farmer has to go and get a disinterested cow and lead it through the new gate so the others will follow. The conversation led to humorous exchanges but as Holy Spirit led us through worship He used these images to teach us. We all realized that as we come through a narrow place we all feel like cows at a new gate. We are afraid to enter in. We are afraid to take the land and enter into our destiny. But God is forming new gates in front of us so that we can enter in. He is leading us through the new gates. He is calling us into his promises and deeper into intimate relationship with him.

Worship was explosive and visual. From the beginning the Lord was exalted above all else and we were in awe of his majesty. The words of the songs resonated with our spirits and declared truth to the city. “Righteousness and Justice are the foundations of His throne” Then we erupted into spiritual songs with everyone worshipping in the language of the heart simultaneously caught up in His presence. He was enthroned in our praises as we declared His kingdom and His righteousness for the region. The majesty of the Lord was our focus for an extended period of time. Then it was as if the Lord began to speak to us through the words of Isaiah. Those that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They will rise up and fly like the eagles. People around the room stretched out their arms as if to catch the wind. There is a fresh wind blowing in the land and those that have been waiting and sitting at His feet are being renewed. We were encouraged from the prophet Isaiah to sow in mercy, reap in kindness and to break up our fallow ground until the Lord reigns down righteousness. Then as if we had reached new heights from which we could see into the distance the coming harvest some began to intercede for the lost and then we became a house of prayer for all nations.

Spontaneous songs seemed to lead us to doors that are forming in front of us and the prophetic word of the Lord came repeatedly telling us to enter into that which He had prepared for us. The sound of the shofar echoed through the room from front to back calling us to rise up into the place of our calling and enter in. The Lord spoke to us in song and through scripture about the land of our destiny. Someone began to sing about the ten that went into the Promised Land and felt like grasshoppers and were chased away by giants. Another declared that the spirit of Joshua and Caleb was released upon us now that we would be bold and courageous and enter in. Later as the sound of the shofar and the sound of the drums increased someone said that this was a time like that of Jericho and there was a new sound of the drums and of warfare to take the land. We broke off fear and declared that this is the season for the people of God to enter into all the promises and all of the benefits of the Kingdom. Someone read from Micah 4 how the King is the breaker and he breaks through so the people can follow and then from Isaiah where it

says that we are breakers and we must also break through the gate. Words and worship continued in a circle of life flowing from the throne into our hearts. As the meeting started to shift from worship one woman related her vision of the bride coming toward Jesus, having made herself ready, and coming in eagerness. Oh the look on his face as she continued to come. Nothing can keep her from coming as he draws her to himself.

As we began to speak of the first seven days of the 21 day prayer focus it was clear that the Lord had already taken us through them in worship. Many in the room had felt the oppression of a narrow place in their lives and at one point during worship we had everyone place their hand on their heart and say to themselves, "Be strong and courageous" On the second day we read, "Do not allow jealousy, rebellion and accusations to blind you." We spoke of the need to forgive immediately and not take up an offense. We will always offend one another. Forgive and press on. We prayed that God would heal past hurts and set us all free. We ask the Lord to forgive us for complaining and being upset that we are not further along in our walk with Him and then proclaimed: God has given us every spiritual blessing in heavenly places. It is time to possess all that he has provided. We prayed that the Lord would stir the spirit of leaders and the remnant in this day so that the latter house will be formed and will be much greater than the former. The things we prayed on the fourth day. As we did on the fifth day we did again corporately. We broke the spirit of religion off all of us and asked the Lord to fill us with new wine. He wants to shift us from where we have been into new freedom and new relationship with him. We encouraged one another to call upon the name of the Lord and listen and watch for his answer. There is no limit to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. We are more than conquerors in Him and there is no condemnation Christ Jesus. Nothing will separate us from the love of Christ. We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. If God is for us then who can be against us? This is the good news of the gospel of the Kingdom of God. We preparing for a wedding. The Bridegroom calls the Bride and she is responding. He is giving us the land and he is giving us his hand. .

Therefore I am going to allure her; I will lead her into the desert and speak tenderly to her. There I will give her back her vineyards and will make the Valley of Achor a door of hope. There she will sing as in the days of her youth as in the day she came up out of Egypt. In that day declares the Lord you will call me my husband. You will no longer call me my master. I will remove the names of the Baals from her lips; no longer will their names be invoked. In that day I will make a covenant for them, with the beasts of the field and the birds of the air, and the creatures that move along the ground. Bow and sword and battle I will abolish from the land so that all may lie down in safety. I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you in righteousness and justice in love and compassion. I will betroth you in faithfulness and you will acknowledge the Lord. In that day I will respond to Jezreel. I will plant her for myself in the land. I will show my love to the one I called "Not my loved one. I will say to those called "Not my people. You are my people and they will say "You are my God." Hosea 2:14-23 We shall be those who are called the Bride of Christ saying come and fill us with your glory and then one day. Come Lord Jesus. The Spirit and the Bride say Come Lord Jesus. 9/2007

David at The Gate DC

October 2007 - The Gates of Love

Worship was punctuated with blasts of the shofar and the voice of the Lord in prophetic words and songs as worship teams, worshippers and intercessors came before the Lord to present an offering prepared for an audience of One. Ten different worship teams ushered in new season in the presence of the Lord in Washington DC. The weekend opened with deep worship, readings from Revelation and proclamations from Psalm 34 which begins: "I will bless the Lord at all times and his praise shall continuously be in my mouth" Our focus on our first love continued for hours in deep worship love for Jesus

We moved into a season of prophetic intercession in the early morning hours Saturday. A spontaneous song broke out with the words “My love opens the door.” Someone spoke of a vision of a fist pounding on huge double doors and the Lord said: “I will not be kept out any more” The vision shifted to the White House, the Capital and buildings in the city. Someone sang; “Spirit of intercession lifts me up, leads me through the darkness into his light” and another “I call the north, I call the south, I call the east, I call the west. Come, come, come all you who are lost” And we cried out for the lost in the four sections of the city. The Lord responded; “I have promises in my heart. I have put those promises on your lips. Speak the words of proclamation over their lives and your lives.”

At dawn came the call to open wide the gates and to not grow weary but to be strengthened and encouraged in the Lord. The room filled with songs of his mercy and the words of the Psalms. In the mid morning watch we called to the lover of our soul in love sick abandonment for the Lord and the instruments seemed to prophesy of the beauty of the Lord. Someone sang of setting the Lord as a seal upon our hearts and another of being love sick for my God. Revelation 21 was woven into word and worship. Moving under open heavens worship ascended like a sweet fragrance before the Lord.

The mid day watches were punctuated with the sounds of the shofar and the Word of the Lord spoken and read from James, Galatians and Ephesians as the children of light came to worship the Father of lights in the full freedom that is Jesus our Messiah. Someone said, “The shofar sound is not to remind you of past victories and traditions of Israel It is the sound of your joy and your future. Now is the time for salvation and many blasts of the shofar.” The drums seemed to speak of foundations and someone began to speak of righteousness and justice, the foundations of his throne. When the drums were silent the words that were spoken encouraged us to wait on the Lord, to run and not be weary, walk and not faint and rise up with wings like eagles and fly.

The evening watch opened as someone declared that the gates of the city are open for the glory of the Lord and for the King of glory to enter in. Someone began to sing “The saints in the city say welcome. You are welcome here Lord. Welcome. Welcome.” We moved deeper in worship and touched the heart of the Lord and although his presence had been manifesting in many ways during the previous 24 hours it seemed to increase. As we moved from one watch to the opening of The Gate someone said this was a season for renewed passion and love for one another and someone else rose to read a prophetic word he had just written down saying: “You have heard the word that a new gate is forming and I am preparing a new gate for you. You have entered into my gates of thanksgiving and you dwell in my gates of praise but I am opening another gate. I am calling you out of the courts and into the sanctuary of my love. I am calling you to live in my love and to love one another with renewed passion and zeal. Passion and zeal for the house of the Lord. Zeal and passion for one another because you are my dwelling place. You are my sanctuary. I live in a house, not built with human hands, but one made of living stones, even my sons and daughters. You are my dwelling place and my resting place.” (Suggested reading 1 John 1-5)

The Gate opened radical spontaneous worship and a demonstration of that prophetic word. With the blowing of many shofars we circled the room 7 times and called down all the walls and barriers in our lives and those preventing the Lord from taking the city. At one point someone rose to call upon everyone to shake off religious spirits and enter into the freedom of the Lord. People began to shake their hands and bodies in a prophetic act and the worship team broke into a version of The Twist, with the words, Shake it off baby, Praise and shout. During worship someone called all who were feeling depressed or oppressed. Many were healed and many set free as we expressed our love to God and one another.

David at The Gate DC

November 2007 – Hosanna in the Highest

Worship at The Gate watch accelerated quickly from the first notes and picked up on the themes of the previous 25 hours of Washington Worship. It was as if the wind of the Spirit were blowing in the room. Words and songs of the wind blowing on the garden gave way to songs about the city on a hill that cannot be hidden and about our calling as salt and light of the world. “Let your Light shine, let the world see, the glory of the Lord. We are the light. We are the salt.” Then someone began to sing, “You give me wings to fly on” and someone released the sounds of an Eagle and we soared in the spirit.

Someone spoke of the word of the Lord to Moses that the sign of freedom for Israel would be that they would come out and worship on Mount Horeb. The sign of our freedom in Christ is to break strongholds and worship freely. Someone read from Micah declaring that the breaker would break through the gate so the people could follow. The breaker anointing was released in the room and all the people began to say; “Yes Lord. We will follow you.”

The worship team began to sing over and over Hosanna, Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. The drums and the instruments began to create a visual environment as the atmosphere was filled with the presence of God. Some began to hear the processional of the King. Some one said it was like a procession of, “majestic ones” As if the seven spirits of God were entering before him. A song erupted with the call to “Open the gates. Open wide the gates. Open wide and let the King of glory come in. Open wide and he will usher you in.” Sounds of the shofar and then another spontaneous refrain, “A city on a hill cannot be hidden” You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world” and “Hosanna in the highest.”

We could see in the spirit the procession which was the presence of the Lord coming into the city just as they cried out “Hosanna in the highest” as Jesus entered Jerusalem. Hosanna is both adoration and a prayer, “Oh Lord, Save us!” Save this city Lord we prayed for him to come and the worshippers shifted from Hosanna in the Highest to Hosanna in the City. Our worship shifted into intercession for the full salvation of the city. We cried out: Arise! Arise. Fill this city with your glory. Someone read Isaiah 60. Arise and shine for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you declaring that the glory of the Lord would rise upon his people and cities and nations will see his glory. Another repeated the blessing that will be heard in Jerusalem at the coming of Messiah, “Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord” and then said that we are speaking it now in Washington DC. “Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.”

Holy Spirit took us back into the wind as some read from Ezekiel 37 and declared that the wind of God, the breath of God would bring the dry bones to life. “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain that they may live.” So we prophesied that they would rise up and stand on their feet, an exceeding great army. We prayed for the churches and leaders in the Church. We prayed that dry bones in the city and region would be filled with the Holy Spirit, the breath of God. With the sound of dry bones crackling in the microphones the entire room rushed forward and everyone began to dance like a mighty army filled with the breath of God before the Lord. Someone said, “They went out with a great shout.” And the voices of the whole room full of love sick worship warriors lifted a mighty shout to the Lord as we were sent out filled with Holy Spirit to represent the King of Kings and to be the salt of the earth and light of the world.

David at The Gate DC