

ROAD TRIP

This sermon is inspired by a dream I received from Zeporia Bell-Johnson on August 20, 2024. I don't normally reveal the names of those who send me their dreams to interpret. However, I had to reveal the name in this case because the names in this dream are important to its meaning.

For those who may be new to our church or new to hearing dreams interpreted in church, let me remind you that God does speak to His people through dreams and visions. In fact, dreams and visions are a form of *prophecy*. The only difference is the prophecy that is contained in a dream God is in the form of pictures rather than words. Therefore, you have to interpret a dream in order to reveal the prophetic message.

Now, I'm calling this dream ROAD TRIP.

“In this dream, me (Zeporia), Sherida, and Duke were all traveling in a car. At some point Bishop Bogan came to the car and greeted the whole congregation but it was only us in the car (Zeporia, Sherida, Duke and Bishop Bogan).”

These 4 individuals represent everyone that will be a part of the Church in the end times. Everyone will fall into 1 of 4 categories, each represented by one of the names appearing in this dream—Zeporia, Sherida, Duke and Bishop Bogan. (I don't have time to go through them today, but we will cover them later when we talk to you about the end times.)

“Duke was standing up in the car preaching like Bishop Bogan as we traveled to a church located on Martin Luther King or the old Detroit St.”

The fact that Duke was up preaching tells us the kind of trip this is. It's an evangelistic road trip. And, apparently, the people in this car are being sent, not to the world, but to God's people! Now, the “church” they were going to was located on Martin Luther King or the old **Detroit St.**

Detroit gets its name from the fact that it's located along a narrow passage of water or strait. Moreover, the words ‘narrow’ and ‘strait’ are associated with tribulation in the Bible. Therefore, this church is located on Detroit St. to show that it's about to go into tribulation!

Revelation 2:20–22

20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. 21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. 22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

God is threatening to cast this church into great tribulation BECAUSE they were “suffering” (to let someone do as they please) a woman with a Jezebel spirit to teach and seduce (deceive) them into committing fornication and eating things sacrificed to idols. (When you “eat things sacrificed to idols” you are indirectly participating in an evil act. You’re guilty by association.)

1 Corinthians 5:1, 6

1 It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father’s wife. 2 And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. 6 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?

The Corinthians were being very tolerant of a man who was committing fornication without shame. Paul points out that this ‘tolerance’ was like leaven that was corrupting them and exposing them to God’s judgment.

1 Corinthians 5:7

7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

Notice how “leaven” puts us in jeopardy of losing our “passover.” (Passover is what protects us against the judgment of God.) Also, we should point out that “leaven” doesn’t just come from false prophets (or inside the church). It also comes from outside the church (from politicians and other influential people).

Mark 8:14, 15

14 Now the disciples had forgotten to take bread, neither had they in the ship with them more than one loaf. 15 And he charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod.

Jesus identifies two forms of leaven in this verse—the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod. “Herod” means hero. Therefore, the leaven of Herod is a hero leaven, or a leaven that causes men to put their trust and confidence in men (heroes). I believe this is the reason why in the church in our dream was located on Martin Luther King. Apparently, the Church has a hero “leaven” that is influencing how they respond to crisis.

“Before we arrived at the church we all agreed **not to go into the basement.** In fact, we were specifically told to **stay away from the basement!**”

A *basement* is that part of a house that’s located *underground*. In our dream the “basement” represents the worldly church, or that segment of Christianity still under the dominion and influence of the devil.

Ephesians 2:1–2

1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

The “children of disobedience” are in the basement of the Church. Moreover, we are not to go among these individuals lest they leaven or corrupt us.

1 Corinthians 15:33

33 Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

“When I arrived at the church **they tried to send me to the basement.** But, I refused to go. They said to me, ‘Other people have already gone to the basement.’ They began naming different celebrities and people of influence, like John **Legend** and **CeeLo Green.**”

The names John “Legend” and “CeeLo” Green represent the kinds of people that are used to lure Christians into the basement. (A **legend** is a *very famous person*. The name **CeeLo** is short for *Carlo*. Throughout history, Carlo has been associated with many influential rulers and leaders.)

“I decided to leave this church and return home. As I left the church, I noticed that I had on **high heel shoes.** I thought to myself, ‘My feet will begin to hurt the more I walk in these shoes.’ So, I decided that when this happened, I would simply **take them off.** After this I noticed that instead of walking **South** towards home, I was walking **North!** Then I woke up.”

First, we see that in order to escape the worldly church, we have to *elevate* our walk (i.e. put on high heel shoes)!

Ephesians 4:17

17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

Secondly, doing this could cause some discomfort to the flesh!

1 Peter 4:1, 4

1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; 4 Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:

Don't set limits on what you're willing to put up with. The moment you do this that's the moment you start heading in the WRONG direction! We have to say what Christ said when He was pressed to His limits, "Not my will, but let thy will be done!"