

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO US IN THIS SEASON?

There is an acceleration and momentum happening in our culture, in the nations, and in our IHOP-Miami spiritual family. God is on the move while Satan is increasing his rage and deception. It is important for us to acknowledge the signs and trends happening around us. This is not a time to be hasty in our decisions and commitments. We must continue to discern the Lord's voice and leadership with His corporate family, the Church of Christ Jesus.

I. HEARING WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT IS SAYING

- A. This was the most frequently mentioned command from the lips of Jesus. He spoke this command over 7 times during His earthly ministry and then 7 times during His heavenly ministry. (**Mat 11:15, 13:9,43, Mark 4:9,23, Luke 8:8, 14:35, Rev. 2:7,11,17,29, 3:6,13,22, 13:9**)
- B. **Rev. 2:7** *"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."*
- C. **What God is speaking to our Leadership & Eldership Team:** "Prepare for joy, acceleration, growth, movement, supernatural provision, being uncomfortable, outgrowing your spaces & places, etc.
- D. Share the **"Cow Dream"**!
- E. We must not make the mistake of imagining that life is promised to continue as it has for the last 100 years or even 10 years. If God's Word is true, we will experience two radical extremes: deep darkness covering the earth while also great light exploding in and through the heart of Christ's faithful followers.
- F. **Isaiah 60:2** *For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you.*
- G. **5 Dark Headlines to Weep Over in America:** violence & crime increases, gender & sexuality confusion, economic uncertainties, global governance, religious persecution, etc.
- H. **5 Bright Headlines to Rejoice Over in America:** Gen. Z is turning to Jesus (born 1997 to 2012), Hollywood is being influenced and impacted by Jesus, Roe v. Wade has been overturned, first-fruits of another Jesus Revolution is underway w/ thousands being water baptized & hundreds on college campuses, a remnant awakening in Christ's Church, etc.
- I. I propose that though the darkness is getting darker, the light is getting brighter! Let us prepare for difficulty with Jesus' powerful presence.

II. REMEMBERING THE VISION

- A. **2 Samuel 7:1-5 (1-17)** *Now it came to pass when the king was dwelling in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies all around, ² that the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells inside tent curtains." ³ Then Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you."⁴ But it happened that night that the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying, ⁵ "Go and tell My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: "Would you build a house for Me to dwell in?*
 - a. Interestingly, God never asked David to build Him a house to "dwell in". God never asked any other generation to build Him a house, other than a tent to surround the ark of His presence.
 - b. Where did David get the idea to build God a house/temple/dwelling place fitting for a King in Jerusalem?

- B. *'We are called to be a unique expression of church, centered around the presence of Jesus through night & day worship & prayer for the purpose of seeing families, neighborhoods, and nations transformed as we prepare for His return.'*
- C. This is who God has called us to be and what He has called us to build and how we are to serve Him and this city.
- a. **A unique expression of Church-** We don't look like other church communities. Each local Church family has been given a unique assignment, as we all fulfill the complete picture of Christ's dream for our city and beyond.
 - b. **Presence-Centered in everything-** We have assigned the task of hosting God with worship & prayer, as did King David and as is around the throne of Jesus in heaven.
 - c. **Transformed families, neighborhoods, & nations-** Jesus' presence transforms everything. We believe that as we minister to God and host His presence and invite Him to dwell with us, He permeates and transforms the spiritual environments of our homes, neighborhoods, and extending into nations.
 - d. **Preparing for Christ's 2nd Coming-** We believe Christ has called us to do more than simply wait for His return but to prepare our own heart, watch and pray, as well as warn others of His soon-return.
- D. **Prophetic Word 12-8-09-** The Lord spoke to my heart clearly while sitting in the Prayer Room studying Luke 2: *"There are no accidents or coincidences in my plans. As I have brought together David & Ana, let no man separate this union. In the same way that David established the night & day house of worship and Ana served the Lord in prayers & fastings, I will bring these two together again. Let no man separate what I bring together. You and your wife are a prophetic picture of what I am doing in your generation!"*
- E. God makes a covenant with David that because of his desire to honor Him, He would honor David in return by making his family the eternal throne.
- F. **Prophetic Word March 8, 2018-** On this particular day, while in the Prayer Room, the Lord speaks a strong and powerful promise to our Director, David Futrell and our entire community. The Lord says to David Futrell, *"Because you have not neglected to build My House, I will not neglect to build your house...If you will build My House, I will build your house, both in this life and in the eternal life to come."*
- G. This has been my personal and our corporate pursuit in these last 15 years. Father, let us build You a House that Your Son, Christ Jesus will be worshipped unceasingly. We are a part of the fulfillment of God's covenant with David. (*Night & Day Conf.: November 17-18, 2023*)

III. DAVID'S ETERNAL COVENANT CONTINUES

- A. **Psalm 132:1-5** Lord, *remember David* and all his afflictions; ² How he swore to the Lord, and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob: ³ *"Surely I will not go into the chamber of my house, or go up to the comfort of my bed; ⁴ I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids, ⁵ until I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."*
- B. I believe strongly with **2 Chronicles 6** as a support that Solomon is reflecting on his Father's vow and covenant in **Psalm 132**. Solomon has just completed the building project for the Temple plans he received from his father. Now that the temple is built and he is calling all of Israel to follow him to the Lord in worship & prayer, he says in essence, *"Lord, if this is truly Your desire, manifest Your presence*

and power in the midst of your people. Lord, because You loved my father, David, don't fail me now. Lord, remember David."

- C. Israel experienced the favor, protection, provision, and manifest presence of God directly for 80 years as a people.
- D. **2 Chronicles 6:40-42** *Now, my God, I pray, let Your eyes be open and let Your ears be attentive to the prayer made in this place. ⁴¹ "Now therefore, arise, O Lord God, to Your resting place, You and the ark of Your strength. Let Your priests, O Lord God, be clothed with salvation, and let Your saints rejoice in goodness. ⁴² "O Lord God, do not turn away the face of Your Anointed; Remember the mercies of Your servant David."*
- E. When God is pleased with the sacrifice and offerings of His people, He often sends fire from Heaven to receive the offering. Then, He manifests His presence in a tangible and powerful way. Revelation begets Worship! Worship begets Presence! Presence begets Transformation!
- F. Behold & Becoming is the discipleship plan of Heaven in the human experience.

IV. HOW DOES GOD MEASURE IMPACT?

- A. **Acts 15:16-17** *'After this I will return and will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will set it up; ¹⁷ So that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, says the Lord who does all these things.'*
- B. Nothing has changed! Human history continues to be drawn into this eternal narrative of God and Man together in love, unity, partnership, and power. From the Garden, to the Mountain, to the Tent, to the Temple, to the Human Heart, God looks for the heart of a people to reveal Himself to.
- C. God has established David's Covenant in a majority of the regions of the earth. Why?
 - a. God desires to reveal Himself to His creation.
 - b. God desire the worship of His creation.
 - c. God desires to restore His creation.
 - d. God desires to bring Heaven & Earth together forever.
- D. Miami and this region needs a worshipping people. *"The rest of mankind"* needs to encounter and experience the power and presence of the Living God. There is no other way for salvation. The Lord is recalling us into this divine narrative! You are being invited into this privileged again.

IV. A CALL TO ACTION

1. **Praying Weekly**- We ask you to find a time in our current Prayer Room schedule to join us. Consider joining us for our Wednesday, 6:00 to 8:00pm as we cry out "MARANATHA! COME LORD JESUS!"
2. **Gathering Corporately**- We ask you to join us consistently for Sunday worship, even if you aren't scheduled to serve.
3. **Faith-Giving Monthly & Consistently**- We ask you to offer your first-fruits as a tenth of regular income. Consider our monthly budget and expenses. Our designated tithe is used for making our monthly financial commitments, including funding of our Prayer Room Staffing. ***IHOP-Miami is also tithing on our tithe! (Total Average Monthly Expenses: \$18,000)***
4. **Fasting Regularly**- We ask you to consider skipping one meal or one day of meals and seek the Lord in prayer.

5. **Rejoin Our Forerunner School-** We are refreshing our Forerunner School to restart in February 2024. Consider rejoining our courses again as a refresh.

V. Share the prophecy from George Sotolongo on June 4, 2008... (transcript & audio)

There was a corporate word given to IHOP-Miami about being an oil well and oil field that has been built and positioned to draw out costly oil and to distribute it in the needed seasons. All parts and tools and instruments needed to receive this breakthrough overflow oil is already in place. "The Lord says, He is promoting you in the Spirit with more influence, not only in this city but beyond. The size of your Church does not determine my influence on you, My son. You have been faithful and you have been humble and you have raised up people and you have not abandoned your post. And the Lord says that He is going to increase the anointing of the Holy Spirit and I'm going to increase the laborers. You have already seen a seed of it. You have seen a seed. But these laborers are going to come and help you. And those new laborers...be humble...God told me that God is going to honor the humble. He wants your experience but He also wants humility. So right now...I lay my hands on my brother and my friend. I thank you today, as I talked about David, he is David. Lord Jesus, he is entering a breakthrough season with his family; a breakthrough season Lord God, with his children; a breakthrough season in the finances with Your church. I declare an open Heaven of finances and open Heaven of the reign of God and the anointing of God. You have already seen a seed, but that's just a seed. Because of your faithfulness, I will give more. And I declare by faith, I prophesy something I've never prophesied before, an ownership anointing now to come upon Pastor David and IHOP-Miami. Lord, speak to people, Lord God that will be able give lands or open doors to provide the finances to do it. We declare that the season of the moving, the season of the moving back and forth is over. That You will plant them with a place of their own. Reveal it to them Lord and provide. I pray Lord God even before this year's over, I pray that there will be an ownership anointing. Graduating and promoting from renting to owning, a place that they call their own, so that they can build from Miami and beyond. For I am sending new laborers. I see musicians coming. I see seasoned people coming, Pastor David. They are filled with humility. You guys are the first seeds, the first fruits of many more to come. He can't do it by himself. I release this anointing 'oil', 'oil rigs' 'oil rigs'. This house is an oil rig. You are pumping. You are grinding, but you are going to produce oil. And I hear the Lord say, those oil rigs are usually in dry places and in desert places. But I've placed them there on purpose so that they can dig and dig and it is tiring, but the instrument is already in place. You don't need any new instruments. I have given you the instrument to strike oil. And it's in the middle of the dessert and the middle of the wilderness. But you are about to strike oil. And your prayers will be dispersed to the city and beyond. It is no wonder that people come to visit this House of Prayer from all over, this little small place because I have extended your influence, son; because of your humility. Your people...love you. I see that. I sense that. You're a true shepherd. They will run through a wall for you, my friend."