

New Year, New Mindset

Part 2

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I **SLIDE** Prophetic Word

A) YOU ARE ABOUT TO OCCUPY NEW LAND - Lana Vawser

- 1) All day yesterday I had a burning within my spirit about the "EXTENSION of land" and the word "OCCUPY" was burning within me.

Last night I heard the Lord say "Get ready to OCCUPY new land". This morning as I awoke again the Lord was speaking and burning in my spirit about EXTENSION and OCCUPYING.

As I meditated upon this word this morning, I felt the Lord saying that MANY are going to suddenly occupy new land before the end of this year and many will find an ACCELERATION of occupying new land in 2018.

SLIDE The faithfulness of many stewarding the lands that God has given to them are now about to step into an extension of land, a promotion and a reward of new land.

No matter what has gone on around you or is going on around you, for many of you, the Lord is going to suddenly position you and increase the land He has called you to occupy. This is not something to fear, but something to REJOICE in.

SLIDE I decree over you in the name of Jesus that in this new land you will see greater fruitfulness than you have ever seen. In this new land, you will see greater JOY than you have ever experienced. In this new land, you will experience greater ease in the anointing, refreshment in the Spirit and encounters with Jesus and His Word in a deeper way than before.

Many of you have been battling and fighting over the land that God has given you for SO long. You have been FIGHTING to MAINTAIN the land he has given you and fighting the opposition of the enemy.

SLIDE Get ready, get ready, get ready for the EXTENSION has begun. You are transitioning and about to be catapulted into occupying MORE land than you imagined and it will be marked with JOY, PEACE and GREAT fruitfulness.

Your season has changed and now you will see BREAKTHROUGH at the HEART of this new land. The rain of His Spirit will fall so heavily in the new land and bring such life, refreshment and fruitfulness, your eyes will see the faithfulness of God and the recompense of God exploding all around.

There's new land waiting for you! Get ready! Your new land that you will occupy is MARKED with Isaiah 55:9-13!!!

B) Why start with that word?

- 1) Because it fits with everything God has been saying to us
- 2) Because it fits with what God has been doing in us
- 3) Because it is going to take a new mindset to live out this word

II **SLIDE** Last Week

A) **Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)** ¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. ² Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

a) **SLIDE** Conform: Conform to the same pattern outwardly.

b) Transform: The idea of transformation refers to an invisible process in Christians which takes place or begins to take place during their life in this age.

2) Renewing

a) A renewing or a renovation which makes a person different than in the past.

b) to renew qualitatively, not quantitatively

B) **SLIDE** New ideas need new mindset

- 1) If we try to take what God wants to do in this new year and combine them with old mindsets, we are going to struggle
- 2) These visions and promises fall prey to "That's not how we have done that in the past," or "We tried that before, and it did not work."
- 3) **SLIDE Acts 10:9-17 (NIV)** ⁹ About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. ¹⁰ He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. ¹¹ He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. ¹² It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles of the earth and birds of the air. ¹³ Then a voice told him, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat." ¹⁴ "Surely not, Lord!" Peter replied. "I have never eaten anything impure or unclean." ¹⁵ The voice spoke to him a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean." ¹⁶ This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven. ¹⁷ While Peter was wondering about the meaning of the vision, the men sent by Cornelius found out where Simon's house was and stopped at the gate.
- 4) Building
 - a) Are you getting tired of hearing about building a new building?
 - b) We have been talking about that for years, yet - nothing
 - c) Last year I said we were going to build, but - we did not
 - d) Now, here I am talking about building
 - e) If we resort to the old mindset, we will give up before we start
 - f) We will allow the old mindset - even though it is based upon reality - to limit what God wants to do NOW
 - g) Yes, we have made this statement many times before
 - h) However, we are different
 - i) The times are different
- 5) Ideas
 - a) This has been an exciting year so far

- b) So many new ideas have come forth that it is difficult to keep them straight
- c) But, again, the old mindsets creep in
 - i) We have tried that before, but it did not work
 - ii) That person said he or she would help last time, but he or she did not follow through
 - iii) We tried to have a praise night, but no one was interested
 - iv) And the list goes on and on
- 6) I began last year with the idea that I needed to step down and make room for new leadership
- 7) I felt I had very little left to give
- 8) For a long time, that mindset affected the way I viewed myself and my surroundings
- 9) This year, I begin with excitement.
- 10) I know God will bring in new leadership, but I also know that I still have a lot to give
- 11) That new mindset makes all the difference

III **SLIDE** Fellowship of Believers

- A) **Acts 2:42 (NIV)** ⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.
- B) Devoted
 - 1) Continue steadfastly
 - 2) Endure; persevere
 - 3) Cleave faithfully
 - 4) They devoted themselves to four things they considered to be extremely important to them as new creations
 - 5) They continued steadfastly, they endured, they cleaved and held on to the apostles' teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread, and praise
 - 6) They did not favor one over the other
 - 7) There was no manual for them to follow

- 8) Instead, they were following the Holy Spirit
- 9) The first century church relied on these four areas to renew their minds, to strengthen their faith, and to advance the kingdom
- 10) Let's look at them one at a time

C) **SLIDE** First, Breaking of Bread

- 1) When we hear the term "Breaking of Bread," we usually think of communion or the Lord's Supper
- 2) However, the breaking of bread also referred to what we call Fellowship Dinners
- 3) The first century church regularly gathered together to share meals
- 4) Something happens when we share a meal together because we share more than food
- 5) We share ourselves
- 6) When we eat together, we put away the phones, the tv's, the iPads, and we focus on each other
- 7) We actually talk to and with each other
- 8) Some may bring a lot of food; others may bring little
- 9) However, when we share, all the food belongs to all of us
- 10) Remember the young boy who brought the fish and loaves
- 11) Next Sunday, we are going to have a fellowship dinner AND take down the Christmas decorations
- 12) We will break bread, get to know each other, help put the church in order, and grow
- 13) If you really want to get to know someone, share a meal.

D) **SLIDE** Also, the Breaking of the Bread includes sharing the Lord's Supper with each other

- 1) Nothing can or should bind us together like taking communion together
- 2) We are to do this as often as we can in remembrance of Jesus Christ
- 3) I am to remember all He has done for me

- 4) I am also to remember all He has done for each one of you
 - 5) The communion table is the great equalizer
 - 6) No one comes to this table because he or she deserves it
 - 7) We all come because of the blood that Jesus shed
 - 8) Now, put fellowship dinners and communion together
- E) **SLIDE 1 Corinthians 11:17-29 (NIV)** ¹⁷ In the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good. ¹⁸ In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it. ¹⁹ No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God's approval. ²⁰ When you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat, ²¹ for as you eat, each of you goes ahead without waiting for anybody else. One remains hungry, another gets drunk. **SLIDE** ²² Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you for this? Certainly not! ²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "**This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.**" ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "**This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.**" **SLIDE** ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. ²⁷ Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.

IV Communion