

There was at table one of His disciples, the one Jesus loved, reclining with his head on Jesus' bosom.
John 13:23

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This is a time when a burning passion for Jesus, a passionate love that will be considered extreme even to many Christians, will be the only thing that brings us into the fullness of God's will and purposes for the advancement of his kingdom. We are seeing that, increasingly, Christians are falling into worldly mindsets. But God is calling us to press in even further to His heart, for only a holy obsession with Jesus will carry us victoriously through the extreme circumstances and persecutions that are approaching.

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A YEAR OF TESTING AND PROMOTION

The time of year around the Jewish feasts of Rosh Hashanah (the Jewish new year) and Yom Kippur (the day of atonement) is one of heightened activity in the Spirit. It is a time when God seems to open his heart specifically to reveal His plans for the year ahead. In the last number of years, especially since I became aware of this, God has spoken to me a great deal at this time of year.

As a seer, one of the ways that God speaks to me is through the events of my life. This is a common phenomenon with seers: God causes something about their natural life to give a message about something in the spirit. As Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15:46, "...the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual." In other words, the message is not only what the seers say; it is who they are. They become an instrument upon which, or through which, God communicates. A well known Biblical example of this is Hosea. God told him to marry a prostitute as a symbol of God's relationship to Israel. Jeremiah and Isaiah are two other examples of seers whose lives or whose experiences were messages from God to His people.

This year, on the night of Rosh Hashanah (the Jewish new year), I began having very

sharp pains in my chest. As the pain increased, my wife Elizabeth drove me to the hospital. Upon arriving at emergency, I was admitted at once and the hospital staff began to perform a battery of tests including a cardiogram, blood tests and a chest x-ray to discern if I was suffering a heart attack. In the meantime, the emergency doctor questioned me about my medical history. Was I a smoker or a drinker? Had I ever had heart problems before? Was there a history of heart trouble in my family? The answer to all of these questions was "No".

It is a Heart Matter

This experience had me truly shocked and puzzled. Although I did not think I was dealing with a real heart problem, it certainly felt like one. And then, as I was lying on the bed, I felt as if the Lord winked at me and suddenly I realized that what was happening to me was a message. The Lord began to speak to me saying, "This will be a year of testing! I will test the hearts of my people in order to graduate them into the next level of walking with me. No graduation or promotion comes without first passing tests. But these

tests will not be tests of strength, endurance or achievement. Rather they will be tests of the heart: its attitudes, intentions, and motivation. The testing is not for the purpose of failing you or of bringing difficulties into your lives but, rather, to draw you closer to Me and to lead you into greater life and greater release.”

During the time the Lord was speaking to me, the pain was slowly subsiding and, by the time He had finished, it was totally gone. An hour later, the results of the tests came back showing no trace of a problem. The doctors could not say what had caused the pain.

All You Need is Love

After this intense experience the message was very clear to me and I was left with one persistent question: “Lord, how do we pass these tests?” The following morning I awoke with “All you need is love!” (a line from a well known

Beatles’ song) reverberating in my spirit. Then, again the next morning, a phrase from a song by Kelanie Glockler was playing in my heart: “I am my Beloved’s and He is mine. His banner over me is love. How high, how wide is this love that burns inside? How long, how deep is this love that’s holding me? My soul is free!” The Lord spoke to me saying, “My love is all that you need to pass the tests.”

I believe that the Lord is calling us back to basics — love. Are we truly in love with Jesus? Is He our daily fascination? Are we captivated by Him? Do our hearts long for Him? Our perspective on the tests will depend on the depth of our love for Jesus. If our hearts are not fixed upon Him, the year will feel like one onerous test after another. But the more in love we are with God, the more our perspective will change to see His purposes in our lives and the more we will see the year as one of graduation and promotion. ✚

THE OLD IS GONE, THE NEW HAS COME

“Now the Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel?”
1 Samuel 16:1a

God is predictably unpredictable. He is forever taking us by surprise. And although we inwardly long for His new move, frequently we find ourselves resisting the very change that would bring in the new, because we are attached to the old ways. We want to *add* the new to the old, or we try to make the new move *fit* our old paradigm. When it comes right down to it, we have a hard time letting go of the familiar, the comfortable.

The prophet Samuel encountered this same dilemma during the reign of King Saul. Due to King Saul’s disobedience--his failure to heed the voice and instructions of the Lord--God rejected him. Samuel no longer visited him but continued to lament and to pray for him until God rebuked him and told him to go and anoint the new king.

In Hebrew the name Samuel is “Shemuel” which is derived from two words: *shaw-mah*, meaning *to hear, listen or obey*, and *El*, meaning *God*. We can, therefore, take Samuel to represent those Christians who hear and obey the Lord. King Saul represents a type of church, ministry, program, work, system, movement, government, organization, etc. that was birthed out of human agenda, desire and ambition instead of the heart of God.

Time to adjust our hearts

“Behold, I will do a **new thing**. Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it?” Isaiah 43:19a

Like Samuel, there are some in the Body of Christ who are still praying, lamenting, and interceding for the existing, old system. Yet God has already determined what He is about to do, and He is calling us to stop focusing on the

past failures or current poor conditions and to move into His vision for the future. This is the year where the Lord is saying to us, “Enough! Shift your focus and come with me. I will show you the new thing I am doing. I am not concerned about ‘Saul and his kingdom’ anymore, for my plans for the future are already in motion.”

Discerning Saul and David: The Test of Initiative

One of the basic differences between King David and King Saul is **who** took the initiative to anoint each of them.

“Then **all the elders of Israel gathered together** and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, ‘Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now **make us a king to judge us like all the nations.**’ But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, ‘Give us a king to judge us.’ So Samuel prayed to the Lord. And **the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them.’**” 1 Samuel 8:4-7

In the case of Saul, it was the desire of men that initiated him into kingdom. Whenever we initiate for God we simply reject him. It is like saying to God, “We know what we are doing and we do not need you or your opinion. Step aside and we will do it.”

Amazingly, even though Saul was chosen by men, the scriptures indicate that God prospered him and gave him victory for a time. In the same way, in the beginning God will deal kindly with the organizations, ministries and projects that have originated from our desires so that we may change our ways. However, the time will come when He will withdraw His hand and show us a new way.

This was the case in the anointing of David. It was God's desire that initiated him into kingdom.

"Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have provided Myself a king among his sons." 1 Samuel 16:1b.

The Vessel of Anointing

The vessels used for the anointing of each of these two kings are significant as well.

"Then Samuel took a **flask** of oil and poured it on his [Saul's] head, and kissed him and said: "Is it not because the Lord has anointed you commander over His inheritance?" 1 Samuel 10:1

A flask is a man-made vessel, fashioned from clay or stone or other material. But the oil for David's anointing was poured, not from a man-made flask but from a horn.

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The difference in the vessels used to anoint each king speaks of the difference in each one's authority. Saul was anointed using a man-made vessel. But David was anointed using a horn, the chief means of attack and defense for animals endowed with horns. A horn is an emblem of authority, power, dominion, and glory. And, they are not created by man but by God.

What is Holding Us Back?

"And Samuel said, "**How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me.**" And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; you shall anoint for Me the one I name to you." 1 Samuel 16:2-3

The first two obstacles keeping us from walking into the new thing are the spirit of fear of man and the man-pleasing spirit. Just as Samuel had to overcome these two spirits we must do the same in order to move into that which God has called us.

The fear of men can be the fear of being assaulted by the existing "Sauls" in our surroundings. Fear of how they may perceive us and what harm they could do to us. Fear of being ex-communicated. Fear of being alienated. Fear of disapproval. Fear of being dishonoured. In this test, our hearts will reveal whether or not we love the praise of God or the praise of men. In other words, are we in love with God or men?

"Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him (Jesus), but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue;

for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God." John 12:42-43

"How can you believe, who receive honour from one another, and do not seek the honour that comes from the only God?" John 5:44

If God has commissioned us to do something and yet we go about seeking the approval of men before obeying, then we are walking under the influence of a political spirit rather than the Holy Spirit. More often than not, this results in our lacking the faith to do the "possibly impossible" things that God has called us to do. Only when the zeal of His house consumes us (John 2:17) are we able to move with the God of the impossible.

"For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ." Galatians 1:10

The Test of Allegiance

Our hearts may be divided for any number of reasons. For the Pharisees who believed in Jesus (see John 12:42-43 above) it was their love of position and their allegiance to the synagogue that kept them from confessing their faith. For us it could be our friends, our job, our political position, or our position in our family that keeps us from confessing our faith in Jesus or from walking into the new thing that God is doing. But a young prince shows us a better way.

The Spirit of Jonathan

"Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. And Jonathan took off the robe that was on him and gave it to David, with his armor, even to his sword and his bow and his belt." 1 Samuel 18:3-4

We need to embrace the example of Jonathan, the son of King Saul, and the heir to the throne. He aligned himself with God and His purposes by covenanting with David -- despite the risk of his father's wrath, and the knowledge that it could cost him his rightful position as the next king of Israel. Paul the apostle demonstrated this same selfless spirit and called himself a bond-slave of Jesus (see Galatians 1:10 above). A bond-slave has only one desire: to please the Master. Are we dead to all other desires?

The Trap of Achievement

But even in seeking to please the Master there lies a potential trap. The Israelites of Jesus' time, in particular the Pharisees and teachers of the law, were doing their best to please the Master. Yet they failed and instead the Gentiles entered into righteousness. Why was the new life in Jesus outside their grasp? We must understand in order to avoid falling into the same trap.

Paul's explanation of how Israel failed is an eye opener and a warning for us.

"Now, how far have we got? That the gentiles who

never had the law's standard of righteousness to guide them, have attained righteousness, righteousness by faith. But Israel, following the law of righteousness, failed to reach the goal of righteousness. ***And why? Because their minds were fixed on what they achieved instead of on what they believed.*** They tripped over the very stone the scripture mentions: Behold, I lay in Zion a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence; and he that believeth on him shall not be put to shame." Rom 9:30-33. J.B. Phillips

enemy to keep our focus on ourselves rather than on the Lord. Only as we gaze upon Him, and upon His power and majesty; only as we rely on what He can do will we be able to see and enter into the new thing He is doing in the earth.

Prayer

Lord, relieve us from the grind of achievement,
The harshness of heart
That marks the start
Of a life of dissonance.
Fill us with receptivity
For your mystery.

(Prayer taken from "The Roots of Christian Joy", by Fr. Adrian van Kaam) ✚

It is easy to become wrapped up in what we are accomplishing for God, how much we have achieved, and how far we have come.... But this is one of the ploys of the

LONG-TERM VISION

In a vision, I saw the bow of a ship as it was adjusting its course in preparation for a long overseas voyage. I believe 2007 will be a year of re-positioning and realignment for individuals, families, and organizations. This is a crucial time to seek the Lord concerning the long-term purpose for which we are born or for which our ministries, churches, or organizations exist.

This is a year of destiny decisions. Where we are today is the result of the decisions we made one, three, seven or ten years ago. The decisions we make this year will help position us to reach the destination God has ordained for us to attain fifteen or twenty years from now. There's a real openness in the Spirit this year to hear the Lord for long-term vision. As we press in, some of us will discover that we need to totally change our direction in careers, business or ministry focus. For some, this adjustment may take merely a few weeks; for others a year or two, depending on what is involved.

If a ship setting sail from Newfoundland miscalculates its direction by just a few degrees, it could end up docking in Morocco instead of in England. In the same way we need to set our course with as much clarity, focus and precision as

possible. Therefore it is important that we hear with precision and clarity.

As we set sail, we must continually re-examine our course lest we get carried off track by strong currents that are not from the Lord. However, even if we've made some errors in our direction and drifted a while, it is better to correct the errors as soon as possible instead of waiting. With the Lord there is always grace for making mistakes.

"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come." John 16:13

The privilege of seeing the future belongs to the Christians - not to the 1-900-psychic. The keys of knowledge of the future were given to us through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us. It is one of the primary passions of the Holy Spirit to tell us the future, for the sake of God's glory and to advance His Kingdom. And it is a vision of the future that spurs us to walking into our destiny. The Holy Spirit is waiting to impart this vision to us. Are we expecting it? ✚

CANADA AND THE NATIONS

I believe that 2007 will be a year of major release of Canada into the international scene. This year will mark the 40-year anniversary of the 1967 Montreal World's Fair, Expo '67. Approximately 50 million people from all the nations of the world came to Montreal to experience the Expo. The number 40 speaks of the completion of one generation and the beginning of another. Also it is the

number of releasing into destiny. (For example, the people of Israel spent 40 years in the desert and at the end of the 40 years the new, younger generation was standing on the shores of the Promised Land getting ready to enter it.) Likewise, I believe that in 2007 Canada will again have the opportunity to leave its mark and influence on many nations. ✚

THE RELEASE FROM THE CAVES

In this year, I believe that we will see the release of warriors that have been locked up in caves by mistakes of the past. This is due to the immensity of the battle. Those

in church today will not be adequate for the on-coming fights. Those who are in the caves whom we have considered bound up by death will rise to the call of the battle of the end-times. ✚

NEW WIND COMING TO MATANE

From November 16-18, 2006, eleven team members from the School of the Heart formed the caravan which found its way from Montreal to Matane, Québec. We all felt a strong desire to visit this small town. At first we were not sure why, but there was a real sense of expectation among us that God was preparing to work there. Confirmation came soon after we decided to go—we saw a Montreal newspaper headline that read: “New wind coming to Matane”. The article spoke about numerous new windmills that are to be built in that area: a prophetic sign that the people of Matane will stand in the power of the wind of the Holy Spirit, power that will affect their entire region and beyond.

For most of us, this was a return visit to Matane. We had taken the “Québec Je T’aime” experience there this past August and had seen God move powerfully among the people. They were so excited that a group of them invited us to come back to give the School of the Heart course in November so they could learn how to effectively reach out to their town.

When we arrived to teach the first course of the school, the people from Matane went overboard to welcome us. They provided billeting for the whole team and by their own initiative they cooked a huge meal each day not only for the team, but for all the people attending the course. Their spiritual hunger and their generosity were such that I had never seen a group so quickly join together. This was a feast for them and for us as well.

As the weekend went on, we saw many telling examples of God having pre-arranged this visit. At one point in the course, Hany mentioned the value of film as a tool for speaking to people in non-religious language. He used the movie *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* as an example. The movie is the story of four young people who had been prophesied to bring an end to the rule of the evil witch in the land and restore the kingdom of Narnia to greatness. The four siblings meet two beavers who welcome and help them in their quest, and prove to be instrumental in helping them fulfill their destiny and save Narnia. As the symbolism was being explained to the course students, Hany pointed out that the national symbol of Canada is the beaver, so these industrious animals represent Canadians. Then the class began to whisper among themselves and one of them excitedly told us that the emblem for the city of Matane’s coat of arms is a beaver. In fact, the name “Matane” means “den of the beavers” in the First Nations language. Beavers and their dams once covered the whole region.

As the group excitedly discussed the significance of these symbols, we discovered that in the class that day there

were exactly four young people, mirroring the four siblings in the movie. The older generation felt strongly that they needed to show their support of the youth of their region. We agreed that a prophetic action was in order. As a group, the older people present declared their support for their youth and promised that they would see them on to their victory. One of the four young people felt he needed to respond by prophetically calling out to the youth of his nation using his musical gifting. He played a Spirit-inspired call to action on his saxophone that greatly moved everyone there.

This was only the beginning of the significant events of the weekend, however. Matane is known as the “Gateway of the Gaspé peninsula” because of its strategic location at the mouth of the St. Lawrence where the river widens and flows into the Atlantic Ocean. As the inhabitants of the “home of the beavers”, creatures who build dams to hold back water, the people of Matane have a great spiritual destiny to influence the rest of Québec, and from there, the world. As a sign of their acceptance of this, we all went out as a group to the man-made dam in the heart of Matane which is actually built on the site of the former beaver dam. We brought the biggest jug of water we could find, and amidst much rejoicing, the people of Matane poured it out over the river, prophetically releasing the water of the Spirit into Québec.

In my entire life, I have never seen such an excited group of people. For years, they thought of themselves as isolated and of little importance. But once again we saw how God loves to raise up people to step into their destiny, and what a powerful impact they can have when they step out in faith. When we left, the group was preparing to watch *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* together, already eager to learn more about their spiritual influence.

When we returned to Montreal, we discovered yet another confirmation of God’s work in Matane. During our weekend away, the Montreal Gazette had published a feature story about three tourists who had been murdered in Gaspé in 1953. Three years later, in 1956, a man named Wilbert Coffin was convicted of the crime and executed. The case caused much controversy at the time and held the attention of the entire Gaspé area. This year, exactly fifty years after Coffin’s execution, the case was reopened and investigators have discovered the real murderer, a man who has since passed away. The significance of the innocent man who died and has now been vindicated struck us powerfully. For now in the 50th year, the Jubilee, the debt has been paid and the curse removed in Gaspé. The people can go forward, led by the “new wind” that is carrying them into their destiny. ✚

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