

Heart to Heart for the Now Generation

Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of this visionary series of meetings.

It is over 50 years since my conversion and it's still so real today.

I came to Christ having no church background, in fact I was anti church and anything religious and let my deep-seated feelings of contempt for Christians show forth strongly.

So my conversation was quite dramatic. It is a long story, but I ended up in the evening service of the First Assembly of God in Auckland. I had been convicted of sin, but refused to Surrender. Later that night I found myself conflicted and faced with a choice, simply, heaven or hell.

Thank God for His grace, it won the battle for my soul and while the terror of being lost forever laid heavily on me, I cried out to God for forgiveness and surrendered my life to Jesus. The change was instant and dynamic.

Two weeks later after the evening service I approached the pastor and explained that I still felt like something was missing in my life.

He asked, "Son, have you been baptised with the Holy Spirit?"

I said, "No."

So he led me in a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to fill me. As I said the Amen he laid his hand on my head and asked the Holy Spirit to fill me, I fell to the floor and began to speak in an unknown tongue.

Later that night, in bed, reading and praying I knew then, without a doubt, that I was going to preach the Gospel to the nations. From that moment on, the sense of God's call and purpose has dominated my life and influenced every major life decision I have made.

A passion to preach and to reach people for Christ was born.

Within a few weeks Janette and I started going out onto the streets of Auckland late on a Saturday night looking for people to share the Gospel with.

Oh the adventures and encounters we had, but they will have wait for another.

About a year and a half later, 3 weeks after our marriage we were in the Fiji Islands on our first missions trip.

We were taken to a village church where I was expected to speak every night for a week. I had never done anything like that before.

So with apprehension and some shaking I stood and preached, "My God can do anything."

At the conclusion of the service the whole church responded and came forward to be filled with the Holy Spirit and we also witnessed our first miracle. A miraculous healing of a little boy who had been severely injured early that day.

Over the next few days we saw people healed in Jesus name and each time an unsaved person came into the meetings they were saved, in Jesus name.

So the bench mark was set. It's hard to settle for anything less when you have seen Jesus move in power.

Now 50 years later it has not stopped, in fact I believe we walk in a greater dimension of power and authority today than we ever have before and it's getting better all the time.

Jesus said:

John 14:12 (TPT)

I tell you this timeless truth: The person who follows me in faith, believing in me, will do the same mighty miracles that I do—even greater miracles than these because I go to be with my Father!

We can all live and walk in the dimension of power that Jesus promised.

For me a key factor is His presence residing in me and on me; learning to walk with the Holy Spirit every day, trusting in His power.

Just as the apostle Paul reminded the church in Corinth.

1 Corinthians 2:4-5 (TPT)

The message I preached and how I preached it was not an attempt to sway you with persuasive arguments but to prove to you the almighty power of God's Holy Spirit. 5 For God intended that your faith not be established on man's wisdom but by trusting in his almighty power.

I have always asked the Lord for the same two things that Moses asked of the Lord, as we see in Exodus 33.

1. To see His glory
2. To have His presence go with us

And we know that as disciples of Jesus Christ this is the inheritance for each believer.

To experience His glory and presence is not some occasional thing reserved for a particular Holy moment, it should be our daily expectation and experience.

To walk in His presence we must also learn to wait in His presence.

It is this manifest presence of the Lord that I long for. I want Holy Spirit empowering me every moment of everyday.

I believe it was the great Smith Wigglesworth who said:

"If you have to get ready when opportunity comes your way, you are too late."

Yes, we have to live ready.

My expectation is always to see His glory fall, His manifest presence touching and transforming lives.

Even right now I have an expectation that Holy Spirit wants to impact your life. You're there and I'm here, the Holy Spirit is present with you, open up to Him and let Him touch you afresh even now in Jesus name.

Over the years we have seen God move powerfully in so many different ways and in so many different places and in many nations with people of different languages.

Whether it is in a meeting of hundreds or a small group of believers or maybe just one or two.

It is not the size of the meeting that determines the anointing, it is the hunger and expectation of those gathered, believing for God's manifest presence.

There are so many stories, I could right a book. Oh I did... But that's another story.

- Sovereign outpourings of the Holy Spirit
- The manifest presence of the Lord
- Angelic visitations
- And so on

On one occasion in a particular nation my interpreter a young woman after interpreting for me all day was powerfully impacted by the Holy Spirit. She went home and shared with those in her house what she had seen that day and people in her house were filled with the Holy Spirit. The next day she testified in her church and people were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Then in February this year I was speaking at a six day leadership school in Malaysia. On the second evening after a time of worship I stepped up to speak and as I did I felt enveloped in His presence and the fire of the Holy Spirit. I knew I could not to go ahead with my plans.

I looked at the my interpreter and could tell she was aware of something happening. I looked at her and said:

"Can you feel that ?"

And as she struggle to stay on her feet she said, "Yes."

I called the worship leader back and asked him to continue to play. By now everyone was sensing that something extraordinary was happening.

I thought it best to get out of the way so moved to the side and laid down on the floor. The Holy Spirit took control and for nearly two hours wave after wave of glory swept over the meeting.

And His presence lingered all week.

Conclusion

As I conclude with this open your hearts to receive as I believe Holy Spirit is going to impart into your life, He is hovering over you even as you watch and listen.

The invitation to speak is so timely, as I have

A now word

Last Saturday morning while Janette and I were praying I felt Holy Spirit put a word in my heart for our network leaders in the various nations.

I believe that I can share some of that word with you today as I believe it is a now word from the Lord, one that we all need to take a hold of and run with it, with a great expectation.

It started with... “Believe for more”

There is coming a wave of power and glory for you to ride on.

As I have prayed my spirit is stirred within me, I have a distinct sense that the Lord wants to make Himself known in your midst and release to you a fresh outpouring of His Holy Spirit and a demonstration of power with healing, miracles, signs and wonders, in Jesus name.

Wherever you are speaking, whatever outreach you are working in, the Lord is going to manifest His presence in a mighty demonstration of His glorious majesty.

As I shared this word with our international friends and so with you today, I have a strong sense that we can take hold of it right now.

Be intentional and step into this moment right now and receive His glory, receive an impartation of His might and power, now in Jesus name.

As Jesus said to at the beginning, so it is today...

Acts 1:8 (TPT)

But I promise you this—the Holy Spirit will come upon you and you will be filled with power. And you will be my messengers to Jerusalem, throughout Judea, the distant provinces—even to the remotest places on earth!

Finally

At the beginning of this story there was an arrogant, unbelieving, 19 year old. Then boom... The grace and power of God, a divine intervention, thank you Jesus! Today we are impacting nations.

Parents and grandparents don't stop praying, your children have a destiny. I am the product of my grandparents prayer who were in Wales during the Welsh Revival they planted the seed of God's Word in a little boy and prayed.

Young people especially, please listen carefully and let me say this to you...

Don't be consumed and overtaken by the present world-wide situation, don't believe everything you see and hear on your social media platforms. Our God has not forsaken this world and He is not about to give up on the world.

- Keep your eyes on Jesus, stay fixed on him
- Read and feed on the Word of God as if your life depended on it... Because it does !!
- Hunger for the Holy Spirit

- Holy Spirit is a Spirit of mission
- He gives us the passion for the lost
- He puts purpose in our soul
- He opens our eyes and says:

"All things are possible to them that believe."

- Stay hungry for the more
- Never be satisfied
- Keep pressing in
- Dream and dream bigger because you serve a God...

**Who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think,
according to the power that works within us. Ephesians 3:20**

Now is your time, don't wait for tomorrow. Today this is your moment.

I declare over you...

Let the breath of God penetrate your whole being, spirit soul and body

From my generation and along with the mantle we carry, I say take it in Jesus name, Holy Spirit be poured out, let each one watching receive the more, for there is coming and now is an exponential increase, it is coming upon this generation, receive it in Jesus name, run with it and go and accomplish more, be bigger and better and do the greater in Jesus name.