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Dear Friends,

I am looking forward to my two weeks of ministry in England from March 13th to the 26th. **Please take special note that on March 16-17th, I will be the main speaker at a conference near Liverpool, sponsored by the UK branch of the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem.** Please check my itinerary below for the other meetings. We would love to see you there!

I have recently published two books, “So Deeply Scarred” – A history of “Christian” anti-Semitism and its companion “Standing Against anti-Semitism” an expose of the demonic nature of this spiritual battle. To order a print or ebook copy, [just click here](#)

### **[THE POWER OF YOUR CALLING AND VISION](#)**

We are all watching our world change on many levels. Governments, cultural norms, morals and just about every part of society is being shaken. Isaiah 60:1-2 speaks of our times:

*“Arise, shine; for your Light has come, and the Glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness will cover the earth, and deep darkness the peoples; But the Lord will rise upon you, and His Glory will appear upon you.”*

We see spiritual darkness increasing as the activities of the twin demonic forces of anti-Christ and anti-Semitism are growing bolder and more and more people are “...calling evil good, and good evil, and who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness...” (Isaiah 5:20-21).

One of the strategies of Satan is to keep us focused on his actions and on the growing spiritual darkness. He wants to discourage us, weaken our faith and hinder our fruitfulness. But God has strategically placed in those same verses a great promise to His people for “*such a time as this*” (Esther 4:14). He declared that when this great darkness covers the earth, that His Light and Glory will rise on us!

I see within that promise an expectation that the Lord will create new opportunities for each of us to become greater and greater “Vessels of Light” (Matthew 5:14). Think about that for a moment. What does it mean to be a “Vessel of Light?” What does that look like in your life? What will it mean for the “Glory of God to shine upon you?”

As I meditated on this, I began to understand that the way to “Pierce the Darkness” was to become an “Arrow of Light.” One of the foundational truths you must have in place in your life to become such an “Arrow” is to understand God’s calling and vision for your life. (For more about being “Arrows of Light” see my 8 cd or mp3 teaching series by that name).

Knowing your spiritual identity, understanding who you are “in Christ,” and what God has called you to do, are crucial components that you need to have securely in place in your heart, mind, and spirit for you to be able to move forward as an “Arrow of light.” Just as an arrow has a flight path and a target, so we are called by the Lord to be on a mission.

Everyone in the Kingdom of God has a ministry, a work of service. Are you fulfilling yours? Are you allowing other things to eclipse your destiny in God? Are you burying your talents? Are you being a good steward of your gifts and calling?

The Lord Jesus knew who He was, and what purposes His life and ministry were to fulfill. For example, He said of Himself:

*"I must preach the Kingdom of God to the other cities also, for I was sent for this purpose" (Luke 4:43).*

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me because He anointed Me to preach the Gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are downtrodden to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord" (Luke 4:18-19).*

*"Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill." (Matthew 5:17).*

*"... the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28).*

In a similar way, the Apostle Paul's life was firmly built upon the vision of God for his life. He understood His calling. When standing trial before the Roman King Agrippa, he testified in this way:

*"I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew dialect, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.' "And I said, 'Who art Thou, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. 'But arise, and stand on your feet; for this purpose I have appeared to you, to appoint you a minister and a witness not only to the things which you have seen but also to the things in which I will appear to you; delivering you from the Jewish people and from the Gentiles, to whom I am sending you, to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, in order that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.' "Consequently, King Agrippa, I did not prove disobedient to the heavenly vision" (Acts 26:14-19).*

Paul continually affirmed his identity as an Apostle and the purposes for which God had called him. Because he understood his identity – he knew who he was, and his responsibilities - what he was called to do, and his ultimate accountability to God, his calling and vision empowered him. He was unstoppable in the face of great suffering and persecution. Nothing but death stopped him.

Here are just a few statements Paul made about his calling:

*"For if I preach the Gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach the Gospel. For if I do this voluntarily, I have a reward; but if against my will, I (still) have a stewardship entrusted to me" (1 Corinthians 9:16-17).*

*"Of this Church, I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, that I might fully carry out the preaching of the Word of God" (Colossians 1:25).*

Paul is an example for us of a man who had received a heavenly calling and obeyed it. We are all called in different ways with different gifts and anointings (Romans 12:6; Ephesians 4:7; 1 Corinthians 12). **What we must all do, if we are to pierce the spiritual darkness coming upon the earth, is to truly embrace our calling. We must surrender our lives to the Lord so that we can faithfully steward the anointing and gifts the Lord has given to each one of us. As you learn how to live in the power of these inner realities, the light of the Lord will shine upon you and through you!**

You must be willing to stand boldly and obediently in faith upon God's Word to you. Jesus said that this is the life built upon the rock that will never be destroyed (Matthew 7:24-25). What has God spoken to you? What has He called you to do? What vision do you have in your spirit?

If you are not sure of these things, stop and seek the Lord for His will. If you are sure but have not surrendered to your calling, then today is a good day to repent and embrace your calling and your destiny!!

You must be willing to take the risks necessary to fulfill the vision the Lord has given you. You have to face your doubts and fears and not let them define you or control you. You must be willing to *"fight the good fight of faith"* (1 Timothy 6:12), as you press into the fulfillment of your calling. You must be willing to take

the risks that walking in faith requires. You cannot let your own negative thoughts and feelings control you. You cannot let anyone stop you. You cannot let anyone's words define you. If someone does not receive your ministry, "knock the dust off your feet," and go to the next person (Matthew 10:14).

Keeping your heart fixed on fulfilling your vision gives you focus. It gives you the ability to "not look" at the wrong things or listen to the wrong voices. You put on "Holy Spirit blinders" so that you can keep your eyes fixed on the Lord and the plans and purposes He has entrusted to you. As you do that, you will increase in the knowledge of God and bear much fruit for the Kingdom of God. Remember this, with the vision, will come the "provision" you will need to fulfill it.

When God first called me, as a very young believer, I had a hard time receiving it. Then he told me to read Hebrews 3:12. I picked up my Bible and read, *"Do not depart from the living God with an evil heart of unbelief."* As I continued to read the book of Hebrews I came to chapter 10 verses 38-39 *"But My righteous one shall live by faith; And if he shrinks back, My soul has no pleasure in him. But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul."* The fear of God entered my heart. I told the Lord that I wanted Him to be pleased with me. I repented and asked God to help me to obey Him. Thank God, he did and does! I did what Hebrews 4:16 encourages us to do. *"Let us, therefore, draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need."*

I believe that the Lord will give us further insights into how we can go "higher and deeper" in the fulfillment of His calling and vision for our lives in the meetings in March. Please keep these meetings in prayer, and if you can come, we would love to see you!!