

SOME OF THE PROPHETIC WORDS AND PICTURES FOR GRACE GENERATION CHURCH RECEIVED DURING RECENT YEARS

JANUARY 2010

During a January weekend away as elders and wives God gave us a number of significant prophetic words for us to navigate into 2010 from **Isaiah 43:18-20**.

- 2010 is going to be a year in which God will make a way (**direction**) where there is currently no way and bring **refreshing/empowerment** through dry places **Isaiah 43: 19b**. God is building on and expanding / maturing the word that He gave us for 2009 from **Isaiah 43:18-19a about forgetting the past and seeing the new thing God is already doing**. I quote:
“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild beasts will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I will give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert”.
- God also spoke to us about being a church that **actively believes in the promises of God, in that we are shaped and directed by them** (those we have already and those to come). With much **faith** and **assurance** of His promises, we need to actively pursue the fulfilment of the promises of God in our lives, both corporately and individually.

29 JANUARY 2010

At our prayer meeting last night I received a very powerful picture of ripples in a pond – radiating outwards.

As more and more people began to pray, especially for the church and for growth, my understanding of the picture grew, and then when Christa spoke of ‘radiating outwards’ and ‘reaching the lost’ I felt convinced I was seeing something from God. It kept me quiet for most of the night. The picture was this: I saw a small pool of water. Around the water on all sides was a large expanse of dry ground; cracked and parched. As I watched I saw a large stone fall into the pool and all the water in the pool splashed out onto the dry ground, reaching far and wide, on all sides. The dry ground thirstily soaked the water up and it wasn’t dry any more. I had thought that it wasn’t possible for such a small pool to quench the thirst of such a large expanse of land, but it seemed to do just that.

The prophetic picture became clearer to me. **The small pool was our church “Grace Generation”**. The dry land on all sides was representative of all the lost souls around us – not just those who have never met Jesus, but all those who have backslidden from him. I initially thought it meant all those physically and geographically around us – the Scottsville surrounds – but I realised it wasn’t when Christa began to speak. **I realised that God has called this church to be an oasis for a much greater area – extending into all of Africa. Not only will it be an oasis, providing refreshment and rest, but God will be using us as a community to model a new ‘people of God’ – a multi-coloured, multi-cultural, multi-lingual people with a common vision (a peculiar people!) – to love God and to love one another – a model to a desperate world.**

I felt God say that he was calling all these lost souls out; that they were being called to come out from under the fig-trees of their circumstances, and that he was leading them to us so that we might enable them to drink. The large stone that fell into the small pool was the Holy Spirit, so that although there was not much water in the pool, it was the Spirit that was going to cause what was there to provide drink for many. The large stone is in fact a revival – **revival is going to be seen in our generation and within our own church**. We cannot imagine that such a small church (small pool) can provide for so many, but with God, all things are possible.

JANUARY 2011: EQUIPPING AND MINISTRIES

In the picture were many targets - each one unique and different regarding colour, size, shape, distance etc. Each target represented people in the church or ministries that we have (and even those we don't have yet).

Craig and the elders were handing out bows and arrows to people. The individuals then took the bows and arrows and shot the arrows into their specific target - each arrow hitting the target dead-centre. Many of the leaders were handing out bows and arrows after hitting their own targets - creating a snowball effect of new targets arising and targets being hit dead-centre.

I believe for 2011, God's grace will be on the elders, leaders and individuals in the church to grow and be equipped in their giftings. As each person grows, they will in turn develop those same or similar giftings in others around them. Ministries that we may not have at the moment will appear and flourish in 2011. I feel the GraceGen office staff, in particular, will play a HUGE role in facilitating this ... supporting Craig and the elders as they start the process off. There will be an extra portion of grace on us as a church to raise new ministries, to equip individuals to run them and even equipping individuals from other churches around us to do the same. We will experience tremendous times of camping in God's presence corporately and individually. I feel God would want each person in church to PRAY about their target - where they and their giftings fit into the local church. God would want us to pray, to rise up and to take hold of it, and then to RUN with it. God would tell us not to waver - His hand will keep us steady.

JULY 2011: OIL WELLS

As I was praying for Grace Generation on the Saturday I saw a picture of a massive desert with many oil wells (steel structures could be seen silhouetted against the nighttimes sky), but the desert was in darkness. Suddenly I saw a Mighty wind began to blow and I knew it was the Holy Spirit. One by one these oils began to light on fire as the Holy Spirit began to blow on each one, until the whole desert was ablaze with light from the oil fires. I felt the Holy Spirit say there are many people in Grace Generation who have deep wells of the Spirit (the oil wells go down very deep and there is abundant oil!) but for some or other reason their fire had gone out, resulting in an outer oil well shell only. However, the Holy Spirit wants to blow on those latent gifts, dreams, visions, faith and desires in God...there is no striving, the wind of the Holy Spirit will just blow and suddenly fires will ignite and continue to blaze, as people hold such deep wells of the Spirit.

Really feel God is going to set people on fire again, where many have grown cold, mediocre in their faith and love for Jesus has grown cold. They will begin to burn again with a heart for revival, desperation for His Presence, learning how to be fuelled from resting in God's presence. There will be many arsonists for revival being birthed in GraceGen. Forerunners of revival; mighty kingdom-breaking; powerful, visionary, community changers spreading the fire of the good news of Christ. I feel to add again, there is no need for striving or working things up as the Holy Spirit alone will begin to blow and ignite latent oil wells of the Spirit. Feel it would be really good to keep praying for those warriors who have grown tired, weary, discouraged, despondent or disillusioned, as God has many oil wells he wants to ignite in this church. He is pouring out his fire and glory for revival in PMB and the nations!

The scriptures:

2 Chronicles 6:14-15 "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven or on earth, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart, who have kept with your servant David my father what you declared to him. You spoke with your mouth, and with your hand have fulfilled it this day.

2 Chronicles 7:1-3 As soon as Solomon finished his prayer, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple. And the priests could not enter the house of the Lord, because the glory of the Lord filled the Lord's house. When all the people of Israel saw the fire come down and the glory of the Lord on the temple, they bowed down with their faces to the ground on the pavement and worshiped and gave thanks to the Lord, saying, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever."

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God will level the ground for us and give us hidden treasure (people) in the City.

Isaiah 45:1-3 God will break open doors of bronze for us in GraceGen. He will go before us and level exalted places ... open doors ... and give us treasures of darkness. (We walked around and declared God's promises for Scottsville as a Church).

Light to shine from here, people from around will be delivered, freedom will come. God will send people really hungry for God, not just "normal suburban" people, God will send people with all sorts of needs and we should not look down on them, God will prepare our hearts for the harvest to come. The harvest will not come from a known direction, but from where we do not expect. Scottsville School seemed to be the only place we could find, but it was meant from the Lord.

5 August 2012

I feel the Lord would say to this congregation that there is a time of healing for each of you and that he is taking us to a place of restoration as the word of God brings healing and life to your bones. The word of God penetrates the very DNA of your bones and brings transformation. You're thought patterns are being transformed by the word of God.

The Spirit of God is hovering over you and you are being transformed into the image and likeness of Jesus Christ. The Lord has not forgotten you. The Lord has not forgotten you. Each of you God knows the very hairs on your head and when they fall, God says I know you and I am your provider. I provide for you and you should not worry because I have more than sufficient. And the Lord says I am pouring out more and more and more of my Spirit, and joy comes in the morning says my Lord. More and more and more says the Lord; and you will dance and celebrate and you will lift up your voices and your eyes and see that I am the Lord God Almighty. I own the cattle on a 1000 Hills and I can do all things. I can do it all says the Lord for I am God Almighty and I can move this way and that.

And you will be a haven for many to come to and even leaders of this nation will come here. They will come here to be restored. And they will come here because you will be a safe place - you will be like a cave where they will come to be healed and restored and go out again. And then they will lead and be strong again. And the Lord says to you sons and daughters this place will be a place of healing and restoration and you will speak my word into their lives. You are not to see yourselves as nothing but you are mighty in me says God. You are mighty because of me says God.

January 2013

Zechariah 2 (ESV) A Vision of a Man with a Measuring Line

When I was reading this scripture, I felt God saying that He's built a wall of fire around this city and our church and that ALL PEOPLE will be hemmed in by His Spirit. Our eyes need to be lifted up from the boundaries and walls we see around us and focus on the greater picture - the people that He will send our way. Jerusalem having no walls is significant to us - it's like God is saying that there are NO LIMITATIONS as to what He can and WILL do through us.

Verse 5 says He will be the glory in our midst! Expect it. WANT it. He repeats that promise in verses 10 & 11. Many will come to us and to the Lord in this year. My prayer was for us to keep this promise from the Lord before us at all times. We must look past our own limitations and walls and see that He will equip us and use us in a way that we do not expect. We will not be able to measure of His goodness and mercy to us. There WILL BE no limits!

I feel that some people who are surrounded by God's fire around them, will try and escape, but I believe that they will not be able to escape as they will be confronted with the fire & power of God and they WILL yield to Him.

Mark 11:22-25, 22 And Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God. 23 Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. 24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. 25 And whenever you stand praying, forgive; if you have anything against anyone, so that you're Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."

God wants to move some mountains, wants to remove hindrances, have faith. Mountains to be removed: disbelief, unforgiveness. We need to move in freedom, Christ has set us free.

2013 ENLARGE YOUR TENT Isaiah 54:1-4

1 “Sing, O barren one, who did not bear; break forth into singing and cry aloud, you who have not been in labour! For the children of the desolate one will be more than the children of her who is married,” says the Lord.

2 “Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes.

3 For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left, and your offspring will possess the nations and will people the desolate cities.

4 “Fear not, for you will not be ashamed; be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more.

JULY 2013 POWER OF GOD’S LOVE

Michael Eaton brought to us a powerful prophetic exhortation during his visit in July 2013 to reach our city through the power of Christian love demonstrated in the gospel. This word about God's love has come to us a number of times this year as the key to reaching our city... 1 John 4:7-12 ‘ beloved, let us love one another, for love comes from God, and who ever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this way the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only son into the world, that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God and that he loved us and send his son to be the sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one is ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us’.

LEADERS TRAINING SCHOOL (2007)

1 Timothy 1:18-19

A word for Craig and Shannon Botha regarding leader’s training:

Son, there is much releasing that I have set for you. There is much training that I have set for you. And surely you shall begin to move in the new realm of teaching. For son, your teaching shall become more fashioned for leaders. I even hear the Lord saying, “Son, they shall come even from Africa, and they shall come and sit at your feet. And there shall be a training school and a place of equipping where they shall be raised up.

Son, you’ve been investing in the multitudes of people. But now I am going to cause you to invest in generals and captains. I am going to cause you to invest in other men of God that shall become apostles. And men that would plant twenty, thirty, forty churches in days gone by. For the lightning's of God have fallen on you. And the God of Glory has thundered over you. And the Lord says, I have spoken over you and there shall be a clear word in you. And the training school shall come forth. But it shall not just be in one region, it shall be in many regions. It shall be connected together. Even on the internet they shall begin to study. And even on the internet they shall begin to get their degrees. Even this country shall oppose this thing. But, son it is not for them to oppose. For surely I breathe upon it. Son you have a ministry to breathe into dry bones. And there are many dry bones that shall come and you shall breath into them and you shall prophesy into them, and there shall come much light out of it, says the Spirit of the Lord.

And surely the Lord says, daughter, your day of standing on the sideline is over. For surely you shall begin to preach and you shall begin to shine, and there shall be a lion inside of you.

And those that have trampled on you in days gone by shall begin to fear you. Not in the fear of evil, but the fear of God shall come upon them. You shall have a word of wisdom and a discerning of spirits like you have never had before. And you shall begin to see in the realm of the spirit even the dangers that lie ahead.