

Friends of the Bridegroom Forerunner Messengers

I. REVIEW: OUR PRIMARY CALLING AND SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENTS

- A. The primary calling for every ministry is to work together to fulfill the Great Commission and build the Church. This includes winning the lost, making disciples, building godly families, healing the sick, doing works of justice (compassion) and impacting the seven spheres of society.
- ¹⁹ Go...and make disciples of all the nations...²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. (Mt. 28:19-20)*
- ¹⁸ I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. (Mt. 16:18)*
- B. The Lord gives specific assignments in addition to the Great Commission, ours include:
1. Keeping a 24/7 sanctuary of worship with intercession in the spirit of the tabernacle of David
 2. Calling people to intimacy with Jesus as our Bridegroom God and to the first commandment
 3. Raising up end-time messengers who proclaim Jesus as Bridegroom, King, and Judge in preparing others for the unique dynamics related to Jesus' return and the salvation of Israel
 4. Jerusalem House of Prayer (virtual): a worldwide 24/7 prayer network utilizing technology to partner with others to mobilize 100 million intercessors worldwide to establish a virtual 24/7 house of prayer with fasting teams (365 days) along with the Global Bridegroom Fast
 5. Strengthening the "Praying Church" and planting churches as praying communities in many nations (by establishing houses of prayer or prayer furnaces that are not under IHOP-KC)

II. FRIENDS OF THE BRIDEGROOM

- A. On May 7, 1997, in Assisi, Italy the Lord said, I will raise up "friends of the Bridegroom forerunner messengers" who hear the voice of the Bridegroom and prepare people as the Bride. We prepare ourselves to prepare others for the unique dynamics of the generation in which Jesus returns, by gaining understanding of God's end-time plan to transition the earth to the age
- ²⁹ The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled. (Jn. 3:29)*
- B. In July 1988, while reading Song 8:6, I prayed, "Jesus seal my heart with Your love." Bob Jones called to say the Lord spoke audibly to Him promising to **release grace across the Body of Christ worldwide to walk in Song 8:6-7** and that I was to focus on this throughout my ministry.
- ⁶ Set Me [Jesus] as a seal upon your heart...for love is as strong as death, [God's] jealousy as cruel [demanding] as the grave; its flames are flames of fire... (Song 8:6)*
- C. In November of 1995, I had a prophetic dream exhorting me to call God's people "Hephzibah." I was on a large platform and heard a loud voice like thunder say, "Call them Hephzibah, the Lord delights in you." (This is the Song of Solomon message). **Note:** the Spirit does not want any to sexualize the message of intimacy with God by seeing Jesus as their "lover" or boyfriend.
- ⁴ You shall be called Hephzibah...for the LORD delights in you...5 For as the bridegroom rejoices (enjoys) over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. (Isa. 62:4-5)*

- D. On November 30, 1996, I was touched by God's presence in an all-night prayer meeting as I continued to speak one statement. From about midnight until 5:00 am I said, "**Jesus, You are so beautiful.**" Every time I said it, I felt a surge of His presence on me. I said, "Body of Christ, open your gates to the beautiful God." The prayer meeting was over at 5:00 am. I went back to the church at 9:00 am that day and said, "**You are the beautiful God**" for another two hours. Again, every time I said it, I felt a surge of His presence on me. The Spirit was bearing witness with His presence about declaring Jesus' beauty. The next week, a lady sent me a letter that said, "I had a dream about you on November 30, in which the Lord said He would open up to you the revelation of His beauty and He wants you to call the church into His beauty."
- E. On August 27, 1997, I had a dream that part of my ministry was to be found in Isaiah 40:3.
³ **Prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. (Isa. 40:3)**
- F. On September 17, 1997, during a prayer meeting, the Holy Spirit highlighted Isa. 63:1-6 to me. I felt the wind and fire of the Spirit manifesting on me for several hours. It spoke of Jesus the King wearing the red garments of a judge as He walked through the nations. I began to say, "Your red garments are glorious. Why are they red? A king should be in white garments."
¹ **Who is this who comes from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah, this One who is glorious in His apparel, traveling in the greatness of His strength?-- "I [Jesus] who speak in righteousness, mighty to save."** ² **Why is Your apparel red, and Your garments like one who treads in the winepress?** ³ **"I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, and trampled them in My fury; their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, and I have stained all My robes."** ⁴ **For the day of vengeance is in My heart, and the year of My redeemed has come.** ⁵ **I looked, but there was no one to help, and I wondered that there was no one to uphold; therefore My own arm brought salvation for Me; My own fury, it sustained Me."** (Isa. 63:1-5)
- G. Jesus will tread the winepress alone (Isa. 63:3). The Lord was saying to me, "There are no governments on earth that will agree with My judgments. They are against them. I will trample the nations alone even though none agree with Me. Will you agree with Me?" I repeatedly said yes. The wind and the fire of the Spirit came on me. He said, "You will be rejected even by some of My people. Some will rise up against you." I promised the Lord: "I will preach the Jesus in the white, dazzling garment from Song of Solomon 5:10 and the Jesus in red from Isaiah 63."
- H. Terry Bennett (a prophetic friend) came over and prophesied to me saying, "An angel with fire and wind is here. Jesus is coming to you in red garments. He is putting a mantle of Isaiah 63 on you. You must preach the Jesus in red. He summoned you and many other ministries to prepare the way of the Lord which will include teaching on the end-time judgments of God." I was to proclaim that God's judgments are to remove all that hinders love as they confront injustice.
- I. In the prayer room we contend for breakthrough of our heart, God's power (justice), & revelation
1) **Intimacy**: cultivating intimacy with God for personal transformation (in love and holiness)
2) **Intercession**: laboring for healing, the harvest, and for justice by interceding for their release
3) **Forerunners**: growing in revelation by eating the scroll (studying with prayer and fasting)



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