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# WINE, FIRE, AND WIND

Prophecy Bob Jones; wine, fire, and wind.

Once you experience something you have legal access to it anytime you want. He gave it to you as an experience. Keys to Him, you access it as you have hunger. We are moving into the fire stage. God is really bringing to the forefront holiness issue. That is why there are so many oppositions. What grace allows, and what it is. The enemy sees the target of the Lord. I think we are in the fire stage, watch out because wind-driven fire is scary!

Are there any prophecies we have to pay attention to?

Billion soul harvest of youth, it is greater than that, but it is just youth! That is probably the most pronounced. The words that mean the most of us have to do with the Presence, creative miracles where limbs grow out. Not just once on a continent in 10 years, but become normal. Those stir me up. Actual nations coming to Christ and cities presenting Him well. God is confronting what His will is. Most think it is about people going to Heaven, instead of cities built upon the foundations of God.

Before the outpouring they lost Judas, then they put a structure in and the Power came. God wants to change the structure and then He will pour out!

# Inheritance as a parent

You as his son is walking into the fulfillment of what your father's prayer for, and even more of what he was pursuing. How do you pray for what you want for your children while not manipulating them?

You don't want to tell them an occupation, but you do want to tell them potential, purpose, and drive. Parents give identity, purpose, destiny and an awareness of unlimited resources. The occupation doesn't matter, as long as they do that! I would stop one of my kids when they did an unusual act of kindness to his children. He would say: "Eric! That was a fruit of the Spirit." You draw attention to good things.

Ask God if there is anything impossible that you would like me to do. You plant ways of thinking into them. You don’t have to tell them you have to be this to fulfill your call.

How much involved were you in your dad's vision? Very little! I found out afterward. I was here for 5 years, then I was in Weaverville for 17 years. He already prayer for these grounds, 2 other pastors in between and they bought this property.

Who is the man that fears the Lord? The Lord will teach him the way he chooses. His descendants will dwell in everything. You set the stage for the next level of inheritance. You set the breakthrough, they get the bounty! It is Kings day, so let's say you're royalty how does it work like that?

It wasn't ever on my mind that they would work in this house, that was not the concern. If that happens I want it to be organic and natural. I don’t want to force an association that is unnatural to maintain some image. But I do think about what they're gifted at, called to. You find verses, what God says about them. I bring the verses before the Lord.

Jeremiah 24:7 (ESV) I will give them a heart to know that I am the Lord, and they shall be my people and I will be their God, for they shall return to me with their whole heart.

Psalms 144:12 (ESV) May our sons in their youth be like plants full grown, our daughters like corner pillars cut for the structure of a palace;

I find the Scriptures and pray them! Deciding legal issues in Heavenly places, I want to be in on the decisions. That is what you do; you pray!

# Praying and giving thanks

What do you think about praying in a thankful way instead of contending for people’s spirits?

You can never go wrong giving thanks. You pray until you know when you have it, when you have it you give thanks. You start giving thanks the moment you got the breakthrough, even when you don’t see it yet. You don’t muster it up, but you're thanking God for what He promised to do.

Doesn’t mean you will never pray for it again, but maybe for another time. We would see more happen with more thankfulness before we see the answer.

The Holy Spirit knows! We needed provision and I started to pray, but I felt like I violated Him, if I move into this I operate out of fear, not out of Him. The more you operate out of Presence, the more you know you operate out of His heart.

# Relationship to Israel

Blessing Israel, I always thought they were the puzzle piece we needed in the end times. How are we to engage with Israel nowadays?

Good question! We don’t emphasize Israel a lot in our teachings, maybe we should. Israel in the natural is what the Church is in the spiritual. How much more can the original olive branch be grafted in? The original Jew needs to be restored to faith in Christ. My emphasis since 1970 has been on the Church, not on Israel. It would be wrong to ignore Israel. It is a sign post, when things happen in Israel it is usually an indication of what is happening in the Church. You can track it for the last 50 years and see a unique parallel.

What I don't want to do is not believe Israel is important today. That is an error, it is important that God restores the natural Israel. When it matters to Him, it must matter to me. It is part of God's plan. We need to pray, serve. My wife is very heightened in her awareness for Israel, mine is not a neglected sense, but I am concerned about other things.

What can we do? Pray! Walk the streets and pray! Show mercy,! There has not been another country more abused, it is a small country that has been the target of hatred. Why would that happen?

Even the atheists among them have this crazy grace on their lives to contribute to all kinds of places. It is important to honor them and pray for them! Don’t fall for the garbage in the media, they literally make up stuff. They have several goals and agendas in dismembering standards. So many people actually believe what they read. It is important to find other news resources. Things said and stated are completely opposite to what is going on.

# News

France is super pro-Palestine, Germany pro-Israel there is a huge difference! We are often a product of the information we get. We don’t want people without Kingdom values to influence what we think. Be careful with what you influence.

Where do you get your news from Bill? I am not a frequent visitor of any news channel. I like Fox more than others, people I trust more. I stay away from some being antichrist in nature. I have friends in Israel, they can give information that is a little more accurate. Kris’ dealings with Russia and reports he brings home are different than you read in the newspapers.

Interactions with Washington are clarifying. Some are news agencies proven they don't have an agenda without reporting.

Can you tell us more about your reporters?

Sean Hannity has more Kingdom perspective than most in the industry. A number of the news agency are an absolute disgrace to news again. From heroic 30 years ago to the laughing stock of what actually happened. One news agency several years ago reported a great leader in the church back in the 70’s who led a satanist to Christ. This agency did an expose where the pastor was giving him $5000 to keep his story going of being converted. They reported a whole story that was all true, but none of it was true. The pastor gave him that much to have the counseling he needed. The condo was a miniature golf course and a condo.

People will always undermine what is done, there was a moment where the Jesus Movement was reported about favorable.

That is why we pray for integrity and honesty in media. We have gotten good relationships right now. I don't mind people asking questions. Online is a rough place to get news because there are so many weirdos. Online you can be anyone you want, why do so many people choose to be stupid?

# Stories

I love learning from stories, are there specific moments you look back on that were encouraging to you seeing the Kingdom coming?

We all have stories of the miracle breakthroughs. Those are beautiful, an unusual moment of favor, miracles. Those are good but don't shape me the most. Things that shape me the most are moments without eternal value. They gave me a beautiful drift boat over here and it is incredibly shocking to me that God wants to pour and bless that on me. God does little things like that, those still surprise me how interested He is in things that interest me.

They show me what kind of Father He is. You’ve probably heard the story about me sitting at Whiskey Town Lake, enjoying the Lord. I throw rocks at the fish and they soak them up and he said I wonder if they would eat a bee. Then a bee came up and stopped right in front of me and the fish ate it.

He is so intimately connected with my mind that he arranged a bee giving up its life to show me His goodness. Those moments are mind boggling!

# Discipleship

We were leading people to Christ and letting them grow up in Christ. What are we supposed to be when we are kind of done? Supposed to restart or stay a father to these people?

I can’t imagine stopping that fathering discipline role. I think we want to continue to raise up people, but our role does change when we get older because of our responsibilities. I don’t have a lot of personal time, expect for some people on my staff. I try to pour in them, build my schedule around the school. It is impersonal, but the goal is always to raise up people that love Jesus and follow Him with all their hearts. I think our roles change, but we never stop discipline them.

How about the natural and spiritual parallel?

It does apply to having disciples that have disciples. You never stop reproducing, you are at your best older at life to be able to reproduce. I wouldn't want that process to change. God said to me a few years ago: Time to give your time to sons. I knew it was important to do so. I have spiritual grandchildren, as well as natural. Seasons change but your ability to reproduce just gets better!

# Spiritual parents

Regarding spiritual parents what do you look for and still be accountable to people around you?

When my kids were small I was accountable to them when I did something that was not like Jesus I would sit down with them and ask for forgiveness. I wanted them to forgive me for doing so and have them pray for me. It is not a hierarchy, but the more authority you have the more responsible and accountable you have to be. That is how I live life, I invite my wife to speak to me when something is not like Jesus.

I have people I do life with besides Bethel as well, they have the opportunity to speak into my life all the time. We want to keep each other sharpintegrous and accountable. That is just the way we do life. I have been doing it like that for my whole life. I never think about selecting people for that role, they are in your life so we do life together.

Because of that when I have an issue I need counsel on, advice on I go to them.

Randy Clark is the one I spend the most time with besides Bethel and his first question was: How are you doing? Just checking on how I was navigating the loss. Revival Alliance, we spend time with each other checking up and it is a very natural and organic way of doing life. I could say I have selected them, but we have put them together.

Look at naturally who are you connected to? Who is in a place to speak into your life? I like it to be as organic as possible.

# Discipleship and fruit

Pre 64 Winchester rifle is like heaven on earth. It fits into my outreach ministry, I reach out and touch that deer!

In your situation who are the people who really took a hold of your investment?

There is a grace on all of our lives, that is divine enablement. So when they are with me they will function better. If they produce fruit that is good that's great! When it isn't like that we go back to the drawing board. Not only in mentoring, but also in living like friends. We are supposed to be iron sharpening iron, provoking sometimes, but making each other sharper!

12.000 people healed from metal, 64 pacemakers as well. He prayed for me and Randy, then we were together at the Revival Alliance. I said: I have seen metal disappear in recent days, so they were telling each other about it. The testimony I gave encouraged him to find out what is in his bank account. Now he has way more than I have!

Randy did his doctoral dissertation on that phenomenon. We provoke each other through testimony, breakthrough and do it for each other.

# Sabotage

Leaders, other people and I don’t really know what it means.

Sabotaging leaders, it means to undermine or destroy them. Talking bad about other people, I would misuse trust when I talk bad about people. David and Saul, David went out of the cave. He was repenting that he had damaged the image of the king. Even though he was evil David was repenting of what he had done.

When you destroy the image of a person.

# Family

Why is it sometimes harder to see your family healed?

It is always harder, because of familiarity. Jesus talks about this in Luke 4. Why? Because He was family. The miracles that started to happen were shut down. They realize He is the carpenter. The familiarity removed from them the respect that this is the Son of God and the Anointing of God.

Paul talks about knowing another Jesus, the Son of God or the one that is the great teacher, motivational speaker.

If you transfer that idea to the home rarely is the anointing on a person celebrated by other family members at home as they are on the road. For that reason many people travel but don't settle down in one church.

Vital is to recognize the Holy Spirit and the Presence on another person, and that is the hardest when it is on a familiar person.

To draw from family you have to have a fear of God for the gift and grace on their lives. You can’t make family respect what you carry. You pray that Jesus uses whoever He needs to bring a miracle to that person. I prayed for my mom once, but she had such a respect for the anointing on my life that she was healed very quickly.

Always invest in the value of the Holy Spirit on another person.

The reason God allows your friends to see you idiocracies is because when the Holy Spirit comes they say this must be God!

Realize the challenge, so pray for another person in their life.

# Difference between the Old and New Covenant

I have been wrestling with the idea of God in the Old Testament and in the New Testament, can you speak into that a little? And how can we convince the people who always disagree?

If I keep the inferior revelation higher than the superior revelation that is a problem. If you do it to one area of the Covenant you have to do it for all of it!

Easier to make up doctrine for not seeing breakthrough in healing. The Church has picked up healing in the past 3 centuries everyone reinventing the wheel without momentum. The momentum of conversion has been building for hundreds of years. Anyone can lead people to Christ in moments. We are riding several hundreds of years of momentum.

I may never see what I have longed in my heart for to see, but if I don't, I at least put it in my grandchildren for them to pursue it. What do you do for the person that is not healed? Usually pastors ask this question because they have to walk people through crisis. We like answers, but often they are the ones guilty of creating theology because it seems to bring comfort in a moment!

When I working with someone one on one. They don’t need answers, but presence of a friend! When I am standing at a distance my answer is we create answers because of this, and we don’t like the mystery. To blame Jesus for taking the life of a child being 3 years old, He didn't do it! I refuse to blame Him for that stuff!

We have to cry out to God: It wouldn't happen if You were in my shoes! Do it in me! I have a moral obligation for God to do the best in my life what I can do.

It doesn't sit well, especially pastorally, but often we create beliefs that are so anti-Biblical!

# Being a child or violent?

Matthew 11:12-13 (ESV) From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force.

Mark 10:15 (ESV) Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

Two extremes show the 2 ways of getting it. Sometimes it is taking it by force, sometimes it is being like a child and just sitting down. Many parts of our lives where we have testimonies of this happening. Times where I have to work, emphasizing my authority. Then there are other times where I sit back and am blessed and the emphasis is me being a Son of Him.

Knowing the moment we’re in is the essence of Wisdom. You don’t want to fight when He wants you to sit, or sitting while He wants you to fight!

A bull in a bull ring charging everywhere, but there was a gift with a bow sitting there. Then a child walks in and it opens up automatically. Some of the seasons here, any Christian toys we have them! We have done all the stuff! There are times where we fight, but there are times you can fight all you want, but you have to come as a child.

Those are the ways of advancement in the Kingdom, knowing your moment is important.

# Favour in your life

How were you dealing with favor on your life when you were younger?

How young? I didn't know the word favor existed as a teenager. I was just trying to stay alive, didn't have a passion for God.

You always want to use favor for the benefit of other people. God will promote you, you promote others! Celebrate them! The more faithful you are, the better off you will be!

Opposing a person that is favored is dangerous! You have to respect the favor of God on a person. Make sure it is for others, secondly make sure it is for somebody else. Some people have such a favor that they stand out immediately. You always want to celebrate who He celebrates!

# Rest

Do you have wisdom in rest?

Knowing your best, be okay with making choices for yourself. I never bring my work home. I am not married to my work, but to my wife! I will not have my phone on when we’re together. There has to be that rest, and that starts with your heart. Live outside of anxiousness, valuing peace is a very big deal to me! There is a moment where I will backtrack until I can figure it out. God forgive me, I embraced fear instead of listening to Your Promises.

Peace as a pronounced part of my life. I have crazy schedule, but I try not to be busy in my heart. There is a difference, I still need to take rest. Sometimes I do it on my place, I am for almost every session of conferences I speak at. When I get a chance to cut out early I will go back to the hotel room I will rest for 2 hours. I have to do something to wind down.

Sunday is a long day for me! I wake up at 4 in the morning and go home late at night. When I go home I don’t go to bed directly, I have to unwind. I can go through the tv channels and see how I don’t want to watch all of them. I look at Instagram, keep it light weight. I value rest, I rarely have a hard time going to sleep. I monitor my own need for rest. Sunday is a crazy day, but I try to make up for it and try to recover.

My wife, I can go pretty had and strong. I don’t get jetlag! I have 2 people on my team not getting it either, Heidi and all others don’t. It is not a problem for me.

The problem is: I can abuse it, I still need proper rest. I need days coming up where I can sleep in, take care of yourself. None of us are superman! Bob Jones called him once, the only times I heard him anxious in his voice. He came out of a trance and called me. Spiritual laws are more powerful than natural laws, but if you disobey natural laws the enemy will take you out!

You've got to eat well, have activity, make sure you get rest, time together. You have to plan out! Some of the parts in my life I plan one year or one and a half ahead. My work is never done, I never do everything. That is liberating!

Don’t allow anyone to pressure you, there are certain things with projects and deadlines, but don’t adopt anyone else’s anxiety as yours!

# The season you’re in

Important to know what season you're in, what season do you think you're in right now?

I hardly ever know what season I am in. What it means to me is the heart of God for the moment I am facing, not a three-month season for me. All that works for me is sensing His heartbeat for this moment. Could be day to day, fight for one thing today I rest in tomorrow. At the end of the year I can look back and think that was a rest season! Always in hindsight.

It sounds like a contradiction of what I encourage you to do. I am not as good in recognizing the season, but I do know his heart and I do it in hindsight. What was your most recent one you can look at?

I had a prophet identifying this for me, I was in New Zealand with Michael Mayden. He prophesied over me for about 7 minutes.

You’ve gone through a 3,5 year period of time where the enemy has tried to work against your family members. My daughter was close to death, then my mother, Brian went through his nervous breakdown. Different members have been in an unusual time of assault.

Mayden stood up and said that season is over! So frustrating how you gave God thanks through everything. My own physical attack was in that as well. I needed the prophet to see that clearly! Yeah! Nobody is going to die ;) Sometimes you get it from other people, additional insight through the prophetic people in your life.

# Multiple burdens and callings on your life

Homeless around town, what does that look like for Bill? Called to teach, minister what heart posture do you have being called to 2 things?

I have a real hard for several nations around the earth, some of them I will never go to, but I can send someone! Sometimes I can not be involved, 43 years ago a specific word out of Ephesians 4: let him who stole steal no longer! The Lord dropped this into my heart then and getting people trained, being productive in society and then everyone began to contribute to society by performing for each other's needs.

I thought that was how I was going to spend the rest of my life, but then it became clear that I wouldn't have a lot of personal involvement in. This was one I send, pray for and give money to. You can use your influence with other believers to take care of that need!

We throw money at other people so that they can complete what they're gifted to do, and we are burdened to do! Drug rehabs homes in Redding, we could duplicate it, but why not standing by what they are doing. Let's support these guys!

# Peace and ignorance

How do you know when you're functioning out of peace and rest or ignorance?

I don’t know, I probably have functioned a lot out of ignorance, the peace is having a consciousness of a Person that is upon you. You may be ignorant, but I can know nothing about a situation or person and you tell me what to tell that makes me look smart.

I may be ignorant, but the journey with Him is what trains me. I can be simple, He a genius and He tells me what to say and I can look like a genius, but I actually don’t know.

How do you position yourself for a season? I only have one drum, I pay attention to His heart. Try to respond quickly to what He tells me to do. Seasons is all in hindsight. Introspection has gotten met into so much trouble, I don’t evaluate but just ask God what do you want me to do and involve myself in?

I try to stay away from evaluation as much as I can, introspection almost killed me! It is not my friend and I don't want to get back to them.

# Thinking change?

How did your thinking change between 20 and 40 years back? What is the relational change between those?

Most changes in my thinking are gradual, some are sudden! An encounter with the Lord changing your perception is also a part of that. When you discover His will, miracles for today, that He still cares for sick people, still weeps over cities. When you see that it changes how you think, that is my journey. The more I discover His heart, mind, and thoughts that changes me. When I have encounters a lot changes in one moment.

As far as mistakes go, repent fast! There is no sense in trying to make excuses. I took longer to forgive myself 40 years ago than I do now. It doesn't work to be bitter to myself, no positive result, so why even do it?

# Teaching how to hear God’s voice!

How do I teach people how to hear God’s voice?

When I was in Weaverville I got to a church with zero operation of the Spirit. The most ungifted atmosphere I have been in my life! A wonderful group of people with wisdom and very nice, but no gifting at all. We had a man’s meeting every other week and we would sit around. One meeting I turned and said if Jesus walked into the room right now what would He say?

They all said and use a common thread, not trying to prophesy, but speaking out of their heart. I made a connection which enabled them to operate in the future. Kris wasn't even in the leadership circle back then, but there was a connection made where they were sensing their heart and realizing it was the Voice of the Lord.

Reading Scripture, you need an encouraging verse, can he find one for you? He will have on that stands out. You heard the Lord speaking to you back then! Connect the Scriptures to hear the Voice!

Teach him without him knowing he is being thought. Sometimes in healing meetings I can feel the striving to get well, so during worship I will go and pray for people in the back. It will position them to receive from the Lord, without the official time. Sometimes even before a meeting begins!

Instead of waiting for a proper moment, because when we’re not trying it is easier!

# Being a soldier right now

Going to war in the OT and the NT, what does going into the military like a Christian look like?

I hate war, I think everybody does, I hate the thought of war. Is it necessary on a political scene? Yes, I am thankful for someone taking out Hitler and the Japanese attacking Hawaii. I am thankful for that.

I like Kris’ approach, I found a place to rest my heart when he spoke. Political leaders, civil leaders. He brought out a Biblical approach out of the New Testament that I had not heard before, and a number of political leaders heard it and it helped them out greatly!

I don’t know what to say, if you can’t take somebody’s life you can take in another way. A number of things you can do to serve in the military. He was a medic where he runs to serve and help. I don’t have a problem with somebody fighting in war, I am glad I don’t have to. I wouldn't have a problem pulling the trigger if somebody was about to kill my wife.

Some people can't jump that hurdle, I think there is room in the New Testament to function in the military. Jesus didn't try to pull people out but honored the faith response of the centurion. Even though I am in it, I would pray for it constantly, don’t lead me in temptation. Don’t put me in a place that is not sanctified by You.

A lot of the Church right now has an impractical approach to crime, political crimes. The seem ideal and from Jesus, but they’re not. We have to ask really hard questions, and honestly I think the word of Kris is very important in this!

I lock the door to my house, not because I hate the people on the outside, but love the people on the inside. We also want to protect our nation, people that are going to contrive, not steal, kill and destroy.

# Awakening transparency in people

My dad, how he grew up the way he shows love is fighting for his family, working hard acts of service. Put God first instead of my family when I am here. When I talk to my dad hey why don’t we talk anymore?  How do I love him the best way as a son so we can go in a deeper way?

You want to talk to him about something that is his weakness, the worst way is to talk about it. How can we make a stronger connection, we don't talk anymore. What I would do is work and talk. Don’t identify the problem, but work towards the solution.

When Jesus is displayed in a life like that it awakens the consciousness in people, but when I identify the problem I unintentionally created a place where he needs to defend his stance. You have the time together, take advantage of what you do and what is happening.

Celebrate whatever measure of openness he gives you! I have friends who had never heard their dad say I love you, and now the way their son has lived life has awakened something inside of them. Now their parents say I love you and am proud of you.

Be a part of their progress, but don’t try to change them.

When you’re not there you can’t. Honestly there are things you can do, don’t wait for a long pause to bear his soul, just do what you can to make the connection. Just make a comment, make a deposit and send a card/note.

If you have a child that doesn't open up the worst time to expect them is in disappointment, ask them when they do it winning the contest! Capture moments that are the easiest to talk about, then you develop a muscle.