



ESTABLISHING A KINGDOM CULTURE

SESSION 1

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It is our intention over the next couple of days

- to really speak into your life on a personal level in terms of how God sees you and
- to speak into your leadership gift and
- to upgrade the culture that is Aglow and
- to give us all an upgrade in terms of our own identity so that our walk with the Lord can go to a whole different level, a whole different dimension. So our leadership together of this great work can start taking some serious some strides forward particularly in our prophetic, apostolic identity.

SHARED FIGHT

And I want to start today by clearing the ground in terms of who we are in the Lord and what His utmost intention is for us. I do believe that **one of the things that attracts me to Aglow is that we share the same fight.** It is my passion to take on a religious spirit wherever I find it. I came to America really – **the word spoken** over me in 1974 was that one day I would live and work in this country and **I would kill a religious dragon and wake a sleeping giant.** Aglow is not sleeping, but it is a giant.

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There are unclaimed upgrades all over this room and you can multiply that by 100's of thousands of millions of upgrades all over the nations where Aglow is residing and abiding and working. It is important for us that we receive the upgrades that God has for us so that we can walk as Heaven walks, think as Heaven thinks, speak as Heaven speaks, do as Heaven does, and so we can encounter God in new ways – have new experiences, fresh encounters that propel us into a place right now that maybe is only a place of dreaming rather than a place of thinking.

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SERIES OF DREAMS

To set that stage I want to tell you about a series of dreams I had. These dreams really changed the course of my own life personally. The dreams changed the course of my leadership gift. They changed absolutely the course of my ministry. I had been in ministry about 15 years by then. It was enough to know that I did not want to do it anymore. I was bored out of my tree. I did not know what God was thinking. I knew that I could not carry on in the way that things were happening.

I would go into cities and churches and pour out my heart and prophecy until the cows went out in the morning to eat and go back a year later and nothing had changed. Pouring myself out time and time again only to see that all we ever had is business as usual. I remember crying out to the Lord, "I cannot do this for the rest of my life, so if You are disappointed, please kill me. I figure I can get healed as part of the great crowd around Your throne. I really do not mind standing around the back. Just as long as I am included, but I cannot do this any longer."

After several weeks of just crying out, in three evenings I had 3 dreams.

FIRST DREAM

The first dream I was in the passenger seat of an old car being driven by an old man. The car was beat up on the outside and a little bit smelly and trashy on the inside. The seat was really uncomfortable and the engine did not work properly. It was a very uncomfortable ride. We were driving down the streets of a major city and the driver was pointing out all the people on the sidewalks. And he was telling me all their sins, their failures. He talked to me about their behaviors, about their attitudes and what they needed to do to get on track. His voice alternated between anger, frustration, and sometimes dripped with contempt and he was saying that this is the reason God is angry. This is the reason that God is not blessing that family and God is not blessing that woman or that man.

The dream went on half the night. When I woke up that morning, honestly, I was more depressed than I had been in my own life. I believe it was fair to say that I was in despair. All through that day the dream kept reverberating through my mind. I could not think. I could not sit. I walked around the place I was living. I walked around the city all day long thinking about this dream not really understanding why I hated the whole experience of the dream.

The next night I went to bed and I had a 2nd dream.

SECOND DREAM

In this dream I was in a brand new car. It had all the bells and whistles. It was beautiful. I remember walking up to it thinking, "Cool car!" I got inside and everything was in it. It had GPS. Actually this was before GPS was invented. I saw it first! I just did not understand what it was or I would have gone into manufacturing. But the same old driver. The same old man.

We drove the same streets and I saw the same people. And the same perspectives from the old man only this time slightly more helpful. He said, "You see that person there." He pointed out their sins and behaviors and said that we were going to try to put together a training program that will cure that. See this family over here, well they are going through this because the wife is this and the husband is that. And we are going to put together a training program that hopefully will cure that. We need to help them get over this so we are going to provide this series of training initiatives to help people overcome this and overcome that. We are going to provide all these new programs to empower people in their situations. It was the same message that this is wrong, that is wrong, but this is how we are going to try to fix it.

I woke up in the morning still with the same feeling of despair. All through the day I am walking around and I say to the Lord, "I do not understand this dream," but He does not say anything to me. A sense of injustice is rising up with me but I do not really understand it.

That night I go to bed and I have a 3rd dream.

THIRD DREAM

I woke up to this beautiful car. It was the same car as the one in the second dream. I loved it - wanted to buy it off the driver. I get into the car but the old man is not there. There is a new man there - a young guy.

We drive the same streets. We see exactly the same people as in the previous 2 dreams. And the young guy begins to point out exactly who they are. "This is what I like about this guy. This is what I like about this woman. This person does not really understand who they are, He nudged me, but they will. This person does not really understand that she could really be this. This girl does not really understand how I see her, but she will. This person is an overcomer but does not really know, but it is going to be really fun when they find out. This one has a breakthrough spirit. You would not believe the things she is going to do in Europe. This one has an anointing so that everywhere she goes, she is going to hear the sound of chains hitting the ground, but she does not get it yet. She has not seen it yet, but she is going to. This one is full of encouragement, but has low self-esteem, but I am going to explode that gift of encouragement and it is going to be so much fun. When she gets on her gift, no one is safe from a blessing. And so all the same people, but he has a blessing, he has a perspective, I see her. I see him. I know this about them. I know who he really is. And I am going to make sure that he finds out."

This driver, he did not dwell on their behaviors. He consistently pointed to their identity.

I woke up in the morning and I felt strongly empowered. I woke up with a fresh call to define who people really are in Jesus. Not who they are in the earth but how Heaven sees them. To define people, not by some religious observances, but to define them as the Father in Heaven really sees them.

When I sat down that day, God began to speak to me about the dreams. You will have guessed it by now because you are clever people.

INTERPRETATION OF FIRST DREAM

The first dream, the old man in the old car. The interpretation is that it is a church vehicle that is totally focused on the old behavior. All it can see is sin, faults, wrong behaviors in people. All it can produce is a negative mindset that can only produce a negative outcome. It deals with problems; it does not deal with solutions. It creates a religious spirit that creates God in its own image so that it can release anger and judgment but also can withhold all that God wants to release and all He wants to be for people.

INTERPRETATION OF SECOND DREAM

The 2nd dream, the new car and old driver. The issue is we are not here just to change the vehicle, changing the church into a system that can fix people that God is not trying to fix, does not really cut it. This whole vehicle thinks that God has only done half the job and we have to do clean up. It is the same focus, on the

same old nature, the same old problems that emanate. This new vehicle is how we can provide some pastoral support, counseling, various help programs geared to help people work on their problems.

I am not against any of that, I just do not think that is what Heaven is doing. I do not think God wants us to work on our problems. I think He wants us to realize that we are dead to them. He has already worked on the problem through Jesus. It feels like we are setting aside part of that and we are saying, "We have to fix you in Jesus name." I think Jesus has already fixed us in His name and the whole idea is that we are meant to understand what Heaven has provided and how we are to interact with that.

It is not about us receiving training so we can manage our problems more effectively. A religious spirit teaches us how to drive our problems underground because it is too much hassle letting them sprout through the surface.

Dreams 1 & 2 represent a church that is not Bible believing. They are not focus on what God says about us. They focus on behaviors and issues that God has already dwelt with in Christ. Romans 6:11 *Consider yourself dead to sin and alive to God.* God gives us permission to consider ourselves dead. The enemy wants you to have permission to consider that your old man is still *alive* and needs to be worked on. God is not trying to improve you or upgrade your old nature. He killed it off. Nudge your neighbor and say, "You look dead to me."

Here is the point.

Our starting point in Christ is not death, it is resurrection. God did it. He killed us all in Jesus. Here is the issue. Jesus did not die *for* you, He died *as* you. II Cor 5:17 *You are a new creation, all the old is passed away.* That is a fact that is a promise. *And everything has become new.* That is a fact. That is also a promise and all those new things are of God. That is a fact that is also a promise.

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I Corinthians 1:30-31 *By His doing, you are in Christ Jesus who became to you, wisdom from God, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption. So that just as it is written, let him who boasts, boast in the Lord.*

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Jesus became to us the four things we need to walk effectively with God in this life. Wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. All the old things are passed away, everything has become new.

QUESTIONS

So I have some questions to get us thinking:

1. **Has Jesus been judged enough for sin?** Yes.
2. **Has He been punished enough for sin?** Yes.

If the answer to those two questions is no, there is not a saved person in this room.

3. **Did God pour out every last ounce of wrath, anger, and indignation upon Jesus for sin?** Yes. So He does not have any left then. That is our starting point, right? God cannot be angry because He got angry at Jesus. He turned His back on Jesus. Jesus who had always known fellowship with the Father reached a point where He cried out in desperation, “Why have You forsaken Me?” God forsook Jesus so He would never have to forsake any of us.

So God does not get angry then, because He poured it all out upon Jesus. If we are schizophrenic about God, we are schizophrenic about Him right here. If we believe that God poured out every last ounce of anger upon Jesus, and the Father still gets angry, then the Father Himself is treading underfoot the cross of Jesus Christ. You cannot have it both ways here.

Our problem in the West is that we have a schizophrenic gospel. We believe we are not really set free. We believe that God is still angry about things in our life that we cannot control. I think the whole reason for that is that we have grown up in a system that only looks at people negatively. It is a system that only sees what is wrong and never really sees who Jesus is for that person.

And every one of us in this room, if we are going to be great leaders, we have to be delivered from this mindset ourselves. Not just about ourselves, but about everyone we see whether it is in Aglow or in life, that we have a perspective that comes to people through our hearts through Heaven, that when people connect with us they connect with outrageous good news.

4. **Were you included with Him in His crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection?** Yes. So you are dead then. Well, could you stop grave robbing? Every day we have to do the same confession. Can we get passed this place? Could we stop digging ourselves up and saying to the Lord, “Help me!” That is what we are doing.

When we focus on the old nature, we are saying we are not really dead, “Help me!” The Lord says, “No. Consider yourself dead so you can be alive to Me.” So you are dead. Thank you. You are dead. Please stop digging yourself up.

5. **In the eyes of God, did you die when Jesus died?** Yes. This might be new to some of you. I hope not. Maybe it is something we have forgotten to rejoice over. In the eyes of God, when Jesus died, you died. That is why God is not interested in dealing with your old nature. He considers that He has already dwelt with it. So our freedom is to agree with God and be at peace.
6. **So when Christ was buried, were you buried with Him?** Yes. Do not play dead, stay dead.
7. **In the purpose of God when Jesus rose from the dead, did you rise with Him as a new man with newness of life?** Yes! See, that is the truth that sets us free!
8. **Do you have God’s permission to consider yourself dead to sin and only to be alive to Him?** Yes.

Here is the point of all of the questions. For God to work on the old nature, He must first tread underfoot the cross of Jesus Christ. He must deny it’s over all power to create freedom. That is what it means. That is why God is not dealing with your old nature; He has already dwelt with it.

I was talking with a guy a while back wanting to get to know him. He said, "Graham, if you want to get to be friends, you need to know one thing about me. I have an anger problem." Okay, how long have you had it? "Since I was about 6." So how are old are you now? "42." How long you been saved? "I got saved at 21." For half your life you have not had an anger problem. For half your life you have been dead to it but the problem is, you live in a system that resurrects your behavior every single day.

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Here is the thing. If you were in Christ when He died, when He died, you died. He did not die for you only, He died as you. That means that God rolled your anger problem up and nailed it to a tree. Here is the issue. You do not have an anger problem, you are dead. You have a problem with gentleness. That is your problem man. Your anger problem is dead. You do not have a problem with it. Your problem is you have not replaced it with anything from your new nature, your true nature in God. You do not have a problem with anger; you have a problem with being gentle. And every situation that you come into where you are tempted to be angry, the Lord is trying to establish gentleness.

You see, God is not working on your sin. He has already dwelt with sin. The Bible says He has dwelt with sin once and for all. That means He is not dealing with it again. He is not dealing with your sin; He is dealing with your righteousness. He is saying you are a new person in Jesus.

When God gives you a prophetic word, He is not saying I want you to become this, He is saying, "This is who you are. Now, I am going to teach you how to grow up in this. But you are this now."

So what He is doing is, He is giving you permission to abide in something greater about yourself than you have yet seen.

HOW TO RECEIVE A PROPHETIC WORD/IDENTITY

So when you get a new prophetic word what it means is the Lord says, "I already see this working in your life. All the blessings, all the benefits of being this person, belong to you the moment you heard this word. This is your new identity. I want to teach you how to abide in this place." So every issue you face after that, you face it in the promise of this new identity. So you can step into it straight away and say, "I have a new prophetic word. It has given me an upgrade in my identity. I am facing this problem with my new identity and I am going to find out how powerful it really is."

It is not that now I have to try to become this, I am this and now I am going to learn what it looks like. I am going to face this situation in my new upgrade. Otherwise, it is like going out and buying a car and you do not really drive it until all the payments are made. So if you are on a 5 year payment plan that thing has just sat in your garage waiting until the last payment is made. That does not work in the natural and does not work in the Spirit.

When God gives you something new it is yours from the moment He spoke it. And now He says, "I am going to teach you how to abide in it and what all the fullness of it looks like and now you can take it for a spin in any direction you please and just start to believe Me in a different way. This is who you are now. This is your upgrade. These are the resources that come with the prophetic word, and they all belong to you. Go out and

take it for a drive. Take it for a spin in any direction. Use it on any situation, any problem. Use it on any difficulty. Use the upgrade you received.”

You embrace it. You take it on. This is now mine. I am going to face tomorrow in my new identity. I am going to take this thing for a spin. I am going to give it a work out. I want to see my problems differently; I’m going to see issues differently. I am going to look at people differently. I cannot wait to have a problem so I can see what this new identity is all about.

How many of you have had prophetic words? God already has been speaking to you about who you are. It is not about you - now I have to process my way into it. *You already are this.* You are this. You have become this. Because that is the power of the word of the Lord because He comes to you and says, “This is how I see you. I have engineered every problem for the next 6 months to help you get into your upgrade.”

Let me read from the Bible.

Galatians 2:20-21 *I have been crucified with Christ. OMG! It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me Oh my goodness! And the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain.*

Galatians 6:14 *May it never be that I would boast except in the cross of our Lord, Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.*

What that means is that you are not subject to anything in the world. You are dead to recession. You have been crucified to the world. Anything in the world that is problematic to the Kingdom, you are dead to. You are walking in a newness of life. We do not need the news from CNN to know what God is doing in the earth.

Our problem is that we sit and listen to the news rather than sitting and listening to God in our circumstances. We are now so worried that we are in a recession. We have to downscale. We have to try to do things more cheaply. **You are dead to the world.** That is what that means.

I am so not in a recession. I have given more money away since this so called recession hit than I have in the previous 5 years before the bankers messed it up. I am giving more money away now than ever before. I am not in a recession. God is not broke. It is the devil that is on a budget, not the Lord. He is scared stiff that too many Christians will start to claim their inheritance so the wealth of the wicked will get robbed from them to feed the righteous. He is worried about us finding out about that.

If you are in Christ then you are subject to Heaven, not to the world. You are crucified to the world and the world is crucified to you. That means we do not take any of our cues from that is going on around us. CNN has no value to us as a news outlet in terms of shaping what we think or the way we believe or how we move around this world. We are citizens of Heaven. All the old things have passed away and everything has become new. And the critical part of this is if you really see yourself as a new person in Christ, then it means for you that you have become a citizen of Heaven, your resources are from Heaven so you have access to things the world does not understand and cannot receive unless they get it from you.

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Ephesians 2:13-22 *But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.*

I have just described Aglow. I have just described Aglow. That is your identity in the world. That was Eph 2:13-22. Let's carry on.

Ephesians 3:1-8 *When I think of all this, I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus for the benefit of you Gentiles, assuming, by the way, that you know God gave me the special responsibility of extending His grace to you Gentiles. As I briefly wrote earlier, God Himself revealed His mysterious plan to me. As you read what I have written, you will understand my insight into this plan regarding Christ. God did not reveal it to previous generations, but now by His Spirit, He has revealed it to His holy Apostles and prophets. And this is God's plan: Both Gentiles and Jews who believe the Good News share equally in the riches inherited by God's children. Both are part of the same body, and both enjoy the promise of blessings because they belong to Christ Jesus. By God's grace and mighty power, I have been given the privilege of serving him by spreading this Good News. Though I am the least deserving of all God's people, He graciously gave me the privilege of telling the Gentiles about the endless treasures available to them in Christ. (New Living Translation)*

That is what you are a part of. There is a richness in your life. See one of the things that a **religious spirit** does is that it **creates a poverty mindset**. It creates a poverty spirit. A **poverty spirit** is not about economics **it is about living with meager possibilities**. It is about not understanding your real identity in Christ.

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Colosians 2:6-14 *Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving. Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, **past tense**, who is the head of all principality and power. In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. And you being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.*

There is no bad word over you in Heaven. God does not have a single bad thought about you ever. You are in Christ, having His life established in you. You are dead. Stay dead. You are dead to the old. You are walking in newness of life and you are learning how to abide in all the things God is showing you about your identity. Every time God speaks to you it is to put a smile on your face.

John 15:11 *These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.*

Colosians 3:1-3 *If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.*

DEMONSTRATING AN ASCENDED LIFESTYLE

We are here to demonstrate what an ascended life style really looks like. We are here to learn how to think from a place above. I hear it dozens of times a week when I am talking to Christians. Oh well yeah, in the Spirit I know I should not be thinking that way, in the natural this is what I am struggling with.

So my question all the time is, “Why would you want to live in the natural when the Spirit has already overcome? Why would you not want to think like Jesus? Why would you even want to even have a choice of thinking on a natural level when you could think with the mind of Christ?” It is like you are giving yourself a choice. Shall I think like Jesus or shall I think like me? Well, what day is it? Why is that?

You have the option of thinking like Jesus and you are not going to take it? Please. Get over your bad self. You have a capacity to think like Jesus. What does that really mean? It means that if you are going to abide in the mind of Christ, there is no capacity for you to entertain anxiety, fear, worry, panic. This is the bad news, no more pity parties, no more looking for sympathy. You are dead to all of that. You are so dead to worry. You are dead to anxiety. You are dead to fear. You are dead to low self-esteem.

You cannot think like Jesus and have a spare room in your heart where anxiety lives. You know if you let anxiety stay for the weekend it will stay for 10 years. It is not going to leave. You are a new building. You need to clean house.

God is not dealing with your sin. He is establishing your righteousness. Let’s prove that.

Romans 6:1-5 *What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection.*

We are proving the resurrection every single day. That is how we abide in Christ. We prove resurrection power. If you set out to prove resurrection power, you will have it.

Romans 6:6-8 *Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him.*

That is where we are parking the bus. We are dead. Yahoo! All that is over. I am learning about how brilliant I really am in Jesus and all my focus is on the fact that I am living with Him. Who is Jesus for me today in my circumstances? What is it that God wants to be for you now that He could not be for you at any other time?

Romans 6:8-17 *Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Therefore, do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace. What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.*

You are so dead to your old nature. You are alive to God every day in every situation, in every problem, every difficulty in every circumstance. You are discovering who your true, real, new self is in Jesus. Everything in your life, God has ordained that there is something that you should abide in that gets you through this problem, this difficulty - not by the skin of your teeth, but by some glorious encounter with God. You can overcome that thing and get victory over it so that it never bothers you again. If the enemy even thinks about bringing the problem to you again, he knows he is not going to win.

You become more than a conqueror, because more than a conqueror never has to fight, because the enemy never shows up, because there is no point. He cannot affect you. He cannot influence you. You are a new person; you are not walking in the old things he wants you to walk in. You are walking in newness of life. You are in Christ. You have an ascended life style. You are thinking like Jesus. And he cannot get the same hooks into you like he always used to do.

RESPONSIBILITY OF LEADERS, CALLING UP, NOT OUT

See as leaders, this is our business. We have no business seeing problems, difficulties, or behaviors of people. We are learning how to see with the eyes of the Father. We are learning how to see through Jesus as the lens of God's goodness in our life. We are learning to see peoples' identity. Every time someone gets or does something wrong, it is an identity issue.

So my question to people is, I am not calling them on their behavior, I am calling them on their identity. So tell me something here. What is it you are not seeing about yourself that makes you think it is okay to talk to this person in this way? It is an identity issue. It is not a behavior one. You understand that, right? The reason they are doing that is because they do not understand their identity. *So if all you ever do is attack their behavior you are never going to set them free to become who they really are.*

Accountability is not calling someone out on their behavior; it is calling them up in their identity. How can you do that when this is who you are? Did you forget that this is who you are? If you were this person, you would never be found doing that. How can we establish you in the real you, the true you, the new you of who you are in Jesus?

I was talking to a guy and he said, "I just want you to know that I hate myself and I cannot think of anything good about myself." I said, "Okay, I appreciate that, I do not understand it, but I can appreciate that is a perspective, but it is not the real one. Here is my question. Which self is talking? Is it your new self or is it your old self?"

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He sat back in his chair and said, "Huh. I guess you are going to tell me that it is not my new self."

I said, "Here is your sign. The new self would not say, 'I hate myself.' The new self would be so overflowing with gratitude that it is in Jesus that it would be saying, 'I love this life in Jesus! Every day I am finding out something better about myself. Every situation I get into, God shows me something new about myself that I never appreciated. I love all the difficulties and all the problems to solve because I am finding out who I am. I am finding out that my new identity already conquers all that. So I am having a blast!' That will be your new self."

So which self is talking? When you downgrade yourself, which self is talking? When you get panicky or fearful or worried, or you start to entertain doubt, which self is working? See your new self does not have access to any of that. To tell the truth, your new self is too busy rejoicing. Your new self is too busy giving thanks in everything. Your new self likes every situation it encounters. It enjoys every problem every difficulty. Why? Because it counts it all joy.

JOY IS OUR INHERITANCE

Here is the question: If the Lord said to you today, "Look this is a one-time offer, good for today only, but it will work for the rest of your life. If you want it, for the rest of your life, I will cause you to see every problem, every difficulty and issue with a real sense of joy. I will cause you to inherit joy in every single situation whether it is good, bad or ugly, would you take it?"

About 17 people and Kay would say yes. The rest of you would say, "No, I like being depressed. I am so in love with stress, I cannot imagine us ever being parted." (JOKE)

Would you take it? (Crowd answers, "YES!") Well you have it. It is part of your new nature. It is part of who you are right now. What it means is, the Lord says, "I give you the power to be happy no matter what is occurring. Count everything as joy. And if you enter into that with Me, I will make sure you enjoy everything. It is part of the new you, the real you, the true you."

He that is dead is free knowing that your old self is crucified with Him and it can never come back to haunt you, unless you are a grave robber. That is your starting place.

Right now in this place we have 100's of people who are learning the truth about who you really are in Jesus. When God looks at you He does not see anything wrong with you, because He has already killed it. You are

dead. What He sees is what is missing from your identity and He is committed to showing you who you are. That is why you have dreams, you have visions, and you get prophetic words. It is why sometimes you have scriptures jumping off the page and wrapping themselves around your face. God wants you to know you are not that person, I killed that person off. This is who you really are. I do not have any problems with you. I see you in Jesus and when I put my finger on a part of your life that is not working; what I am doing is, I am introducing you to the site of your next miracle. I am introducing you to your next upgrade.

There is no condemnation. Why? Because God is not pointing out what is wrong. He is saying this is who you are. He is pointing out your identity. When the Holy Spirit calls you on something, He is not calling you out on your behavior; He is calling you up to your identity.

I was doing a prophetic conference and I had just given an altar call and I am watching people coming out. The Lord fixed my heart on a guy coming down. He must have been in his late 20's early 30's. He had a really hard face. He stood at the back with his head bowed. Several on the prophetic team went up to him and he shook his head no. I am thinking, "Why is he here if he does not want anyone to pray for him?"

I asked the Lord what was going on with him. The Father said, "He does not understand who he is. He has a problem with pornography, lust, masturbation, and he thinks I do not like him. He does not understand how clean he really is. You go and tell him I how really see him."

So I am walking up and I ask the Father, "Why does he not let people pray for him?" And the Father said, "He has been down into these meetings before and when he tells people what his problem is, they judge him. People condemn him. People are disgusted with him. The Father said, "I am not disgusted with him because he is already dead. I do not see any of that. I just see the cleanness he will not take from Me."

He had his eyes closed, so I walked up and touched him on the shoulder. He opened his eyes and looked at me and it was that "Oh dear God, no! It is like that thing that I greatly feared has come upon me." It was that moment captured in his eyes and I said, "Please just listen to me. I have a word from the Lord for you." And he flinched. What kind of **religious system** does that to people?

I just said, "There is suspended over your head this huge bowl of oil and God is going to pour it out over you. For the next three years you are going to have encounter after encounter and God is washing you clean for He has heard your prayers. For you have always been clean and He is going to prove to you how clean you really are." He grabbed hold of me and just wept. He completely ruined my shirt. He just wept.

I saw him the next day and he walked up to me. I was in the coffee line and he asked if he could buy me a cup of coffee. I looked at him and asked, "How are you doing?" He said, "I have never felt this way in my life before. Today I woke up and I realized I do not hate myself anymore." I said, "This is just day one of being clean." I told him, "You are not struggling with sin; you are learning how to abide in righteousness."

We are not struggling with sin. We have a struggle with our identity - who we really are. Every one of us needs someone to point out to us the beauty of who we really are in Jesus. That is why prophecy is such an incredible gift. That is why the pastoral ministry and the prophetic gift need to come together. The pastoral ministry is here to establish what the prophetic opens up.

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CALLING PEOPLE UP

When we are taking people into pastoral ministry, the first thing that happens in our own church is, we give them to the prophets for an hour or so. Then they get to write out their prophetic word and they take that into their pastoral session.

Counseling is not about present past. It is not about dealing with things in our past that are affecting our present. Counseling is about saying, “You are dead to that and this is who you really are.” Counseling is about how I help you become this that God sees. Counseling is about the establishing of a real, true identity. It is based on the prophetic. So let’s look at what your prophetic word is. Let’s start looking at issues in your life according to the word that God says you are.

The antidote to your past is not to your present being sorted out. It is about your future being determined. God is not present past; He has dealt with you past. He is present future. To give you a future and a hope. *I know the plans I have for you, plans for your welfare, not your calamity, to give you a hope and a future.*

Real counseling starts with where we are and moves forward. It does not start with where we are and move back. We are looking at establishing our real righteousness. We are looking at establishing our identity. **It is a new man in a new vehicle** saying, “This is who he is. He does not get it yet, but he will. This is who she is. She does not quite understand it yet, but she is going to. Why? Because I am the God of promise.”

There are unclaimed upgrades all over this room. Identity is the key to transformation. You do not become a new person by changing your behavior. You discover the person you already are in Christ and you behave accordingly. We need to be relentless about that.

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So we are not focused on ‘you have to stop doing that.’ Our focus is, ‘you do not have to do that, this is who you are.’ I talk to people all the time and I say, “Yes, I understand the struggle, but that is not who you are, this is who you are. Yeah, I get where you are right now, but that is not who you really are. I am not sympathizing because I am really excited about who you are. I know I am kind of blanking out while you are talking about your problem. That is because every time I look at you all I can see is the solution. I know you are focused on the difficulty, but you know what? This is your identity, and if you would focus on that this whole dynamic would change because we are changing people from the inside to the outside.”

That is our job as leaders. That is establishing the new culture in the people around us, in your family, and in your relationships. I want to be relentless good news. This is who you are. I get that is your struggle. If you want to own that struggle that is cool, but this is who you are and trust me, that person is not going to own that struggle. That person is going to own a victory over that struggle. So if I can raise you up, then your circumstances have to change because your identity provokes change.

God is not asking us to deal with our old nature. He is asking us to lay it aside.

Ephesians 4:20-24 *But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.*

Let me read that last part again, “And be renewed in the spirit of your mind.” Think about this the way God is thinking about it. You put on the new self who in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth. Your new identity has no problem being holy. It is not a struggle. It is a pleasure. It is a joy. We are not working on the old nature; we are putting it on one side because it is dead. We are putting on the new nature and we are being established in that.

ESTABLISHING A CULTURE BASED ON IDENTITY

So in our leadership groups and our regions that we are responsible for what we are doing is we are establishing a culture of Heaven to earth in every individual that we meet. Identity, identity, identity is the key to everything. It is the key to everyone.

- Every relational difficulty is about identity.
- Every problem in life is about identity. It can be transformed by identity.
- Victory comes through identity.
- Resources come because of identity.
- Promises are realized because of identity.
- You get your needs met because of identity.
- You get your inheritance granted because of identity.

All kinds of provisions come to you because of your identity. We need to be relentless about the good news of Jesus Christ in the identity of the people around us.

In saying to this guy, you do not have an anger problem; you have a problem of gentleness. What if the real problem is not the display of anger, but that you are resisting the grace to be gentle? What if gentleness overcomes anger? You do not have to deal with anger to overcome it. You cannot turn a negative into a positive by focusing on it. You just become more negative. You need to focus on the positive that God has set aside for you. You need to focus on what God has provided for you. If you are relentless on what God has provided for you, then the problem has to diminish because the solution is already in view and it is in your hands.

God is not working on your anger; He is trying to give you gentleness. That is the antidote.

What if all your negatives are dead and the real problem is that you have not yet replaced them with something wonderful in Christ?

TAKE AWAYS

Identity is the key to transformation. See **as leaders, we are building on the right foundation which is the new man**, not the old. **I want you to go away relentlessly determined to deal with people according to their new nature and their identity, not their old nature and their behavior.** Call people up, do not call people out.

If you have a problem with people the solution to that problem is that you see them the way God sees them and that you deal with them the way He would want to deal with them Himself which is joyfully, righteously, lovingly, graciously.

Call people up, call yourself up. Make it a point in all your Lighthouse meetings that this is what we are doing. We are going to be relentless good news. **We also need to go to war with the things that we have allowed to coexist with our faith.** We need to go to war with anxiety, worry, and fear. We need to banish them by saying, "There is no place for this here. This is who we are. In Christ we trust, we do not worry. We have faith. We do not have doubts. We are seeing it through the lens of God's goodness."

All our focus, all our identity, all our anointing must be on establishing people's identity based on the new man in Christ. So we need this relentless exposure to grace and truth about our new nature. God does not see what is wrong with us; He sees what is missing from our experience of Him and He is absolutely committed to giving us that experience.

You know that when you talk to people, you know that you can lay hands on them and they can have an experience about what you are talking about because that is the word of God in action.

Good leaders are relentless good news. It is our privilege to empower people to discover:

- Who they really are in Christ.
- How to become the Beloved.
- The realities of life in the Spirit.
- The power of abiding in Christ.
- How to put off and to put on joyfully.
- How to walk with God in every eventuality.
- How to grow in Christ in all things.
- Their true identity and to practice that lifestyle consistently.

JOY IN LEADERSHIP

There is a joy in leadership. Often, the main cause of leadership becoming weary is that they are always focused on a negative. You are always focused on the old nature so it wearies you. When you are involved in that amount of stress and weird behavior, it has an effect on you psychologically, physically, spiritually, emotionally.

When you become focused on the new man, every encounter with people energizes you. It makes you stronger. It makes you happier. It makes you more vital. I do not sit with people and talk about problems. I talk about who they are. I talk about what God wants to be for them. And then my question is, "Do you really want that?" Yes. "Then are you prepared to put this away and have this?" Yes. "Well you put that off. Put off the old and lay it aside. Put on this and let me pray for you."

Every situation from now on is about you learning to abide in that. You have already got an overcomers anointing. God will establish you in that mindset, in that truth. That is what your circumstances are about. Go out and have fun with it. Take that vehicle for a spin. It has real power under the hood.

These are the issues that we talk about, not the problems, not the difficulties that we face in the lives of people, but in all the possibilities about who they could become. Transformation comes by the renewing of your mind.

So we need a dialogue that will transform the work that we are doing. So we need to be asking the questions that we need to ask that will aid transformation.

The biggest problem in this room, and I include myself, is that most of us do not really understand the fullness of who we are in Jesus yet. That is our journey. That is our passion. That is our joy. That is going to be an endless source of enjoyment for us. We are in Christ, learning to be Christ like. We are in Christ and learning to be Christ like and abiding in what He has already done. We are learning how to abide in our identity and face everything from the place of who we are in Jesus.

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The devil is losing his hold over us. We are learning to become more that conquers simply because he is the one that does not show up for the fight. He is on a tight budget and there is no point in fighting this woman if she is just going to kick his butt again. He will not go up against somebody if he knows the results beforehand. He will not waste his resources. That is when you become more than a conqueror because he fails to show up. That is your identity. That is your inheritance. That is the kind of leadership we are looking for in Aglow. We are looking for leadership that brings relentless good news. We are looking for leadership that is relentlessly focused on the new man because the old man is so dead.

Let's pray.

Father I thank You for what You have provided in Jesus. Thank You that You have given us a place to stand in this life. And You have given us an identity that we can choose every day in every situation. That we can abide in and we can glory in. That we can be joyful, and thankful and grateful over. Thank You that You are calling us up in our rightful place in the Lord Jesus and You have bestowed upon each of us an anointing that means we can call others up to the same high place of ascension and resurrection and ascended lifestyle in the Lord Jesus Christ. Holy Spirit just continue with us as we tease these things out, as we ask the right questions, as we dialogue together in the purposes of God. For Jesus' sake, Amen.

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What if Aglow was known as a radiant group of encouragers who continually spoke of who God is and who God is for us, moving from the negative, putting off the old and walking truly in a resurrected life style which is the truth?