



## ***Day One: Believing it ALL***

Last week, we were looking at some of the teachings which can actually get us off track, even though they're not intended to. They communicate to us that somehow, we're not ready, though God actually says to us, '*NOW you are ready!*' Here are some more:

### **'God Moves in Waves & Seasons' Teaching.**

My Bible says (in Hebrews 13:8) that He is '*...the same today, yesterday and forever.*' As Andrew Wommack puts it:

#### **God doesn't move in waves – the body of Christ RECEIVES in waves.**

It was all finished on the cross, and everything has been available to every believer from that point on. Those who believed it, have stepped into it. Smith Wigglesworth wasn't destined above other people in his generation – He just believed above what other people would believe in his generation. He saw it, he believed it and he stepped into it – yet anyone else could have done the same, had they chosen to. God is no respecter of persons (Act 10:34).

Though it has appeared as though God is 'restoring revelations' to the body of Christ, He's only doing what the body has been allowing. We've come to a general understanding of some truths in recent decades, such as healing, baptism in the Holy Spirit and prosperity being God's will. However, *HOW* have these become general revelations in the body of Christ?

Because someone had the courage to believe what Jesus has already done on the cross, and they walked in it - and others saw and followed. As these revelations have been received and declared by some, many more have entered into the discovery of what was already there all the time.

In fact, the very word 'Revelation' literally means 'Discovery'. It comes back again to the treasure chests of glory which are embedded within us (Col 1:26 – 27). You can have a treasure chest within you, and if you don't turn the key and open the lid, you'll never discover the wealth of what is hidden inside of you. Revelation is no different. It's a discovery of something that God has already planted within us through the power of Holy Spirit.

#### **Revelation is awakening to what's already inside of us.**



When we ask God to show us what is already there – and then we have the COURAGE to believe it, we'll discover that God is not moving, but rather that WE are moving.

Jesus made it clear when He spoke to His disciples:

**John 16:12 – 15 (NLT)** *“There is so much more I want to tell you, but you can’t bear it now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me. All that belongs to the Father is mine; this is why I said, ‘The Spirit will tell you whatever he receives from me.’”*

Jesus didn't say that He was tucking things away for a future date. He didn't say He was keeping anything from them. In fact, He made it clear that it was His desire to tell them everything... all truth! And that He was making it all available through Holy Spirit. It wasn't that Jesus wasn't ready to tell them – THEY simply could not bear it!

If we want to walk in depth of revelation – discovery – with the Lord, we must throw away our ideas of timing and season or we won't expect to discover anything until God is 'ready'. He's ready! It's time to be courageous and choose to be ready ourselves.



Let's begin with the word we have already heard. If we won't come into agreement with what we already know to be truth today, we won't be able to bear anything else the Lord wants to tell us. Ask Him what truth has yet to become a revelation in your life, and ask Him for the courage to walk in it all, so that you can bear what He wants to show you.

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## ***Day Two: The Green Light Gospel***

### **'Waiting for the Perfect Season or Timing' Teaching**

If God is not releasing revelation in waves or seasons, and we have everything right now in Christ Jesus, then it begs the question of whether we can get off track by the teaching about 'waiting for the perfect season or timing'.

Is timing important? Yes, it is! God knows and sees things we could have no concept of. Consider Esther, who asked the King and Haman to come to a banquet... yet she didn't share her request on the first night. Rather, she asked them to come back the next evening for another banquet (Esther 4:8). In the interim, two very important things happened. Haman had a gallow prepared for Modecai (which he ended up being executed on), and King Xerxes couldn't sleep and asked for the book of the history of his reign to be read to him – God prompted him that Modecai had never been honoured for saving his life. What an Almighty set up for what happened that evening at the second banquet, when Haman was exposed. Timing, as it seems, was everything.

We've all received or given a word from the Lord which came at just the perfect time. He knows just what someone needs at any given moment... and what revelation they can actually bear because of how they have received previous truth. So this is not to say that God does not have a perfect timing for things, because we must listen to His voice and be specific and when He tells us to move, we need to MOVE! And until He tells us to move, we need to STAY!

***Numbers 9:17 (NIV)*** *Whenever the cloud lifted from above the tent, the Israelites set out; wherever the cloud settled, the Israelites encamped.*

However, if the cloud was off in the distance and the Israelites were still camped, this would be a big issue! And let's face it, there's more 'Israelites' camped while the cloud has gone, than there are those running ahead of the cloud. And sometimes 'waiting for God's timing' is nothing more than a safety blanket to shield and comfort us from facing the fears we would encounter by breaking camp and moving with the cloud.

Bill Johnson says it the best:

*"Many believers live with the concept that God will lead them when it's time for them to do something. And so they wait, sometimes for an entire lifetime,*



*without any significant impact on the world around them. Their philosophy – I have a red light until God gives me a green one. The green light never comes! The Apostle Paul lived in the green light district of the Gospel. He didn't need signs in the heavens to convince him to obey the Scriptures. When Jesus said "Go!" that was enough. But He still needed the Holy Spirit to show him what was at the forefront of the Father's mind concerning missions." Bill Johnson*

In other words, He gave us a commission and said "GO!" We're on a green light unless God tells us it's orange ("hit pause") or red!

## Soak Time

Do you live in the red light Gospel or the green light Gospel? Why?

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Has the cloud lifted from above your tent? Have you been using 'waiting for the perfect season or timing' as a reason to stay when the Lord has said to go?

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### ***Day Three: Unbelieving Believers***

Yes, sometimes the Lord is leading us to stay, to REST, to learn to abide in His Presence and eliminate force from our lives. This is vitally important... and even in the time that we feel like we're 'doing nothing', there will be fruit (see more about this in the One Heart devotionals, 'Life from the Secret Place', and 'Recover Your Life & Arise' [www.oneheart.net.au/devotionals](http://www.oneheart.net.au/devotionals)). However, right now we're addressing the fear that we're not ready – even when God has said we are!

What happens if we DON'T go? If WE don't go, HE doesn't go! He has limited Himself to us! We are His body in this earth (Eph 5:30). The Bible says that 'As He is, so are we in this world' (1 Jn 4:17). That means we are to be like Him, and that we carry His life in this earth. And it equally means that however we are... that's how Jesus is being represented in this earth. He is seated on the right hand of the Father in heaven, and we are literally His hands and His feet on this earth. If our feet aren't moving here, His feet aren't moving here. If our arms aren't loving here, His arms aren't loving here.

If God was going to do whatever He wanted to do outside of mankind, don't you think He would have done some differently in the garden? But He didn't. That's because He'd already given dominion of the world to mankind in Genesis 1:27 – 30 and He's not a man that He shall lie (Num 23:19). He limited Himself to us.

*"The Holy Spirit is imprisoned in the bodies of unbelieving believers." Bill Johnson*

Do we think that Jesus sees the Gospel as a red light Gospel or a green light Gospel? Knowing what is at stake and what He has already given us, my guess is definitely GREEN!

*"The future is now and it belongs to us...His Kingdom only knows increase and acceleration. It is the hunger of God's people that helps accelerate the process of development and growth, and actually speeds up time. It is my conviction that God is trying to get rid of our excuses concerning "seasons". Many have lived in a spiritual winter for most of their lives and called it God's dealings. The metaphor of the seasons has become an excuse for...unbelief...inactivity and*



*the like...Trees planted by God's river bear fruit 12 months of the year...It is the season to apprehend, because we see!*

*There's a message for us in the cursed fig tree. Jesus cursed it for not bearing fruit out of season... was He showing us something about His expectations for our lives that we'd just as soon ignore? **He has the right to expect the fruit of the impossible from those He has created for the impossible.**" Bill Johnson*

Wow! We have been created for the impossible! That's why we can produce 'figs' 12 months of the year.

**Matthew 21:19 (NKJV)** *Seeing a fig tree by the road, he went up to it but found nothing on it except leaves. Then he said to it, "May you never bear fruit again!" Immediately the tree withered.*

Jesus is not unfair! He didn't create us with the ability to only produce sometimes – when the 'season is right'. He created us to produce at all times. Why? Because we're connected to the vine.

**John 15:1 – 5 (NKJV)** *"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing..."*

Jesus makes it clear – the Father is desirous of fruit. This says nothing of seasons. If a branch doesn't bear fruit – at any time – it is taken away. The prophetic picture here is that the vine continually produces life and the branches – when they abide with Him – continually produce fruit. Anything else is less than what we were created for.



What is Holy Spirit speaking to you through the fig tree and the vine?

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## ***Day Four: Awakening Breath***

And finally, we'll look at the last teaching which risks taking us off track:

### **'I have to Heal, and Deal with my Past' Teaching**

Do we need to have time with the Lord and allow Him to deal with our trauma and pain? Absolutely! However, this is not an endless journey. **It takes as long as it takes for us to believe the truth of what the Lord has spoken over us.** (2 Cor 5:14; Rom 6:6; Eph 4:22 – 23).

The old man is dead and buried – GONE! Did you notice that in the Song of Songs, when the Shulamite first speaks to the Bridegroom King, she tells Him who she sees herself to be (dry and dark), yet He only ever tells her how lovely and beautiful she is. And never once – NEVER ONCE – does He mention her past. Not then and not later. Nor does He ever refer to what she is doing or how she is acting in the moment. His version of her is always the truth of who she is in the spirit, and that's all He ever says to her.

He leads her to come into His Presence and to rest. That's it. And in His love and rest, she finds herself healed. He never told her she couldn't minister to others, or that she needed three years to get 'cleaned up'. It was as if her old life had never existed – because to Him, she was new.

Jesus set the captives free (Isa 61:1). We're not here to SET the captives free, because He's already done it. We're here to TELL you the captives that they are ALREADY free!

We need to stop seeing ourselves as captives, waiting for a supernatural move of God to be set free, when He already supernaturally moved 2000 years ago.

***Philippians 3:12 – 14 (TPT)*** *I run with passion into his abundance so that I may reach the destiny that Jesus Christ has called me to fulfil and wants me to discover. I don't depend on my own strength to accomplish this; however I do have one compelling focus: I forget all of the past as I fasten my heart to the future instead. I run straight for the divine invitation of reaching the heavenly goal and gaining the victory-prize through the anointing of Jesus.*

Let this be our prayer – that we absolutely forget our past because it is as dead as our old man, and we instead run as a new man!





And this brings us back to where we began, at the beginning of this devotional. The Shulamite finally agrees with His declaration that she's ready (SOS 4:6 – 8), and she prays this awesome prayer:

***Song of Songs 4:16 – 5:1 (TPT)*** *Then may your awakening breath blow upon my life until I am fully Yours. Breathe upon me with Your Spirit-winds. Stir up the sweet spice of Your life within me. Spare nothing as You make me Your fruit-filled garden. Hold nothing back until I release Your fragrance. Come walk with me as You walked with Adam in Your paradise-garden. Come taste the very fruits of Your life in me."*

In other words, "I'm willing to agree with You that I'm ready – do what you need to do to awaken Your Life in me, so that I can walk this out with You."

## *Soak Time*

Do you believe this? If you are willing to believe that you are ready, pray the awakening breath prayer of Song of Songs 4:16 – 5:1. Describe your experience with Holy Spirit as you do, and anything He shows you:

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## ***Day Five: Fulfilment of Destiny***

Once our hearts have said “Yes” to His “Yes”, there’s no stopping it. It’s inevitable. We WILL fulfil our destiny.

**Ephesians 2:10 (AMP)** We (are) a recreated people that will fulfil the destiny He has given each of us, for we are joined to Jesus, the Anointed one.

We need to accept the reality that we are a new creation. If we’re afraid of failing as we’ve done in the past, we’re not seeing ourselves as new. We must realise that we’re a re-created person from the person that attempted anything before. We are not who we were or who we THOUGHT we were. Nothing in the past has any power over us, because even if we’ve ‘failed’, that person is now dead and the new person is alive in Him, ready to begin again as though it were the first ever attempt.

And the second reason why the fulfilment of our destiny is inevitable once we’ve agreed with His “Yes”, is that to see our old man as dead and to see our new man as ‘ready’, we must have an understanding that we are one with Christ Jesus and joined to Him. Therefore we WILL fulfil our destiny! Not might, should or could. We WILL, for we are joined to Him, and He is the victorious One who has already fulfilled His destiny and He certainly knows how to lead us into the fulfilment of ours.

He doesn’t want us to hold back, stay encamped when His cloud has moved, or disagree with Him when He invites us into our day of destiny. He doesn’t want us to fall short of His glory. This is actually what He identifies as sin. It’s not a specific action that we can describe... sin is simply ‘failing to miss the mark’ of Christ Jesus. Any time we fall short of His glory, we sin.

**Romans 3:23 (NIV)** ‘...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...’

*As Danny Silk explains, ‘Sin is falling short of the glory...not living our dreams, not giving our all, holding back my life...not living my passion but to be trapped in some bunch of excuses why my life’s not really happening yet... that is sin.’*

Jesus deserves all glory, and His glory is revealed when we are revealed. When He says to you, ‘Now you are ready!’, agree with Him and step out in courage. And you’ll find that indeed, He speaks the truth.



## Soak Time

When you think about stepping out into destiny, do you feel the fear of failure that is associated with your old man, or do you feel the excitement and anticipation of victory that is part of your new man?

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