

# What I Hear the Lord Saying for 2018 and Beyond: Five Grace-Filled Mandates

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## The Days of Acceleration

In October of 2017 around the Head of the New Jewish Year I began to feel things speeding up in the natural all around me and it felt that my body couldn't quite keep up; yet there were times I would feel my heart skip a beat and other physical symptoms of acceleration in my body. I have learned that Holy Spirit speaks to me in many ways. We are called to live supernaturally natural and naturally supernatural. I also began to feel Holy Spirit speak about acceleration in the days to come. Plans, revelation, miracles, and kingdom activity is speeding up. "Suddenlies" and things falling into place quickly will become the norm for us as believers.

As we partner with Holy Spirit, angels, and the Hosts of Heaven, we will see the swirling activity of the spirit increase and accelerate us in all things like never before!

*"The Lord replied, "Look around at the nations; look and be amazed! For I am doing something in your own day, something you wouldn't believe even if someone told you about it." - Habakkuk 1:5 NLT*

*"Yes indeed, it won't be long now." GOD's Decree. "Things are going to happen so fast your head will swim, one thing fast on the heels of the other. You won't be able to keep up. Everything will be happening at once--and everywhere you look, blessings! Blessings like wine pouring off the mountains and hills." - Amos 9:13 MSG*

## Increase of the Gifts of Wisdom and Discernment. Blueprints from Heaven Released.

We are going to see the gifts of the spirit desired and needed like never before. Wisdom and discernment will be necessary as things move quickly and we connect globally to advance the Kingdom of God. The devil will try to thwart, kill, steal, and destroy us. He will do what he does but we must remember that we are equipped to advance forward and negate the plans of the enemy.

I specifically see the gift of wisdom and discernment in operation as we advance into the mountain(s) of culture which we desire to influence. Individuals called into government will be given secrets of wisdom and discernment that will be keys to unlock and change nations. Wisdom and discernment will also be given to those called to help cure cancer and major diseases. I personally know and am praying with men and women doing just that!

*"A warrior filled with wisdom ascends into the high place and releases regional breakthrough, bringing down the strongholds of the mighty." - Proverbs 21:22 TPT*

*"Ask me and I will tell you remarkable secrets you do not know about things to come." -Jeremiah 33:3 NLT*

*"My child, never drift off course from these two goals for your life: to walk in wisdom and to discover discernment. Don't ever forget how they empower you." - Proverbs 3:21 TPT*

## An Increase of Holy Spirit Power, and More Holiness and Love to Go With It!

"We've got the power!" We just need to access it and use it! We will be a people totally dependent on the power of Holy Spirit. We will give all of the glory to God our Father and Jesus our Savior who has equipped us with the Holy Spirit to fight this battle and win. With the increase of the power gifts, we will walk in humility, love and true holiness. This level of power will require it! We have learned and will continue to

learn both what to do and what not to do from the great men and women of God that have gone before us. I was blessed to grow up in and around ministry. I was a small child at the end of the tent revival days in the late sixties/early seventies that had been greatly affected by the Voice of Healing Movement, which helped to transition into the Charismatic Movement. I saw the power of God in action but I also saw the breakdown of families, the lack of integrity and the decline of personal intimacy, and a greater emphasis on the gift, charisma, and individual operating in the gift. Much of that M.O. is still with us to this day. It's time to take off that old wineskin and get ready to be a container for the raw, pure power of God to operate and be released through the sons and daughters of God!

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*  
- Acts 1:8 NLT

*“For the Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk; it is living by God’s power.”* - 1 Corinthians 4:20 NLT

*“And a great road will go through that once deserted land. It will be named the Highway of Holiness. Evil-minded people will never travel on it. It will be only for those who walk in God’s ways; fools will never walk there.”* - Isaiah 35:8 NLT

*“We worship God in the power and the freedom of the Holy Spirit. We are those who boast in what Jesus Christ has done, and not in what we can accomplish in our own strength.”* - Philippians 3:3 TPT

### **A Year to Wait on the Lord and Bear Fruit**

The anointing and increased desire to “tarry” and the spirit of prayer is returning to the church. Our time is precious and it means everything in our always on-the-go culture, which is why this will be such a sweet sacrifice of praise to the Lord. Our desire to wait and tarry, or to linger in expectation, as the word is defined, will release greater intimacy which will release a spirit of prayer and intercession like never before. The church will intercede and will be gripped with praying for the harvest, for unity in the body of Christ and just a desire for more of Him.

The spirit of prayer that will be released as a result of waiting or lingering in His presence will birth new, fresh vision that will produce real fruit in our lives.

I have experienced the spirit of prayer and intercession and specifically the prayer of travail. Again, this is somewhat of a “back in the day” term and type of prayer, but it is returning because real revival is always accompanied by unprecedented manifestations of prayer and worship. I love how Beni Johnson describes travail in her book “The Happy Intercessor,” saying “I don’t choose travail, travail chooses me.” I have personally been experiencing an increase in the spirit of travail or birthing prayer in my personal and corporate times of worship and prayer. This means we are getting ready to birth the new. This new present move of God is birthing and producing abundant fruit in a fresh new way. Fruitfulness happens with intimacy. Our increased intimacy with Holy Spirit will produce fruit.

*“Pray passionately in the Spirit, as you constantly intercede with every form of prayer at all times. Pray the blessings of God upon all his believers.”* - Ephesians 6:18 TPT

*“Encourage the believers to be passionately devoted to beautiful works of righteousness by meeting the urgent needs of others and not being unfruitful.”* - Titus 3:14 TPT

### **“When The Clock Breaks, Revival Will Come”**

One Sunday after service at our church we had an open house for a small green room we had renovated and dedicated in honor of an elder that was killed in a car wreck. People were walking through the small space and one man accidentally knocked the clock off of the wall and the clock broke. The man came out to tell us about the clock and when he did, another man who was a prophet overheard him and quickly out of his mouth came the words, “When the clock breaks, revival will come.” We knew it was a word from the Lord for us and our church. We were desiring and praying for revival and we knew it would take the “clock breaking” in our personal lives as well as in our corporate times together. That meant giving God time and not being in a hurry, both personally and during our worship times together.

Interestingly enough, we have had two physical clocks fall off of the wall since then. One fell off the wall one day when my husband was worshiping at the piano in our House of Prayer and the other fell off in our church office. Both clocks fell and broke. It was an encouragement and prophetic sign to us to keep waiting.

### **Anointing of Sustainability**

Sustainability means “the ability to be maintained at a certain rate or level.”

We will be anointed and commissioned to sustain increased levels of the presence of God! Not by our own efforts or our own power but by His spirit (Zechariah 4:6)! There will be a canopy of glory that we will abide and live under. His presence will hover over groups of people as they worship together. Sustained outpourings and times in the presence of the Lord will become more of the Christian norm. This will take place in churches, houses of prayer, revival hubs, businesses, homes and on the streets. We must not put a limit on where He can and will show up. People will desire peace, love and joy that will be released in these times of refreshing.

A continual hunger and thirst for His Presence will lead to a sustained outpouring and movement. Increased desire for God’s presence will also release new realms of glory, which will produce supernatural miracles that will change and transform communities, regions and nations. We will also receive accurate prophetic revelation that will help us to navigate in these times and seasons.

We will be a people who will live under His Dwelling, His presence. We will get our marching orders and bear fruit!

*“The day The Dwelling was set up, the Cloud covered The Dwelling of the Tent of Testimony. From sunset until daybreak it was over The Dwelling. It looked like fire. It was like that all the time, the Cloud over The Dwelling and at night looking like fire. When the Cloud lifted above the Tent, the People of Israel marched out; and when the Cloud descended the people camped. The People of Israel marched at GOD ‘s command and they camped at his command. As long as the Cloud was over The Dwelling, they camped. Even when the Cloud hovered over The Dwelling for many days, they honored GOD ‘s command and wouldn’t march. They stayed in camp, obedient to GOD ‘s command, as long as the Cloud was over The Dwelling, but the moment GOD issued orders they marched. If the Cloud stayed only from sunset to daybreak and then lifted at daybreak, they marched. Night or day, it made no difference—when the Cloud lifted, they marched. It made no difference whether the Cloud hovered over The Dwelling for two days or a month or a year, as long as the Cloud was there, they were there. And when the Cloud went up, they got up and marched. They camped at GOD ‘s command and they marched at GOD ‘s command. They lived obediently by GOD ‘s orders as delivered by Moses.”* - Numbers 9:15-23 MSG