

The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me (Lk. 4:18)

I. TAKE AWAY POINTS FROM THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 9-12

- A. We are entering a “new season” in the Lord, and we are to be very intentional about walking in the truths and promises associated with Luke 4:18—compassion for the poor, power for healing, etc.
- B. We are to be intentional about recognizing sovereign alignments with other ministries and reconnecting in a deeper way with some who have served on the IHOPKC team in the past.
- C. We are to believe Him for stronger kingdom “family dynamics” in which people are healed from a broken heart—including the pain of isolation, feelings of rejection and abandonment, etc.

II. THE LORD HIGHLIGHTED LUKE 4:18 TO OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM ON APRIL 9, 2021

- A. On November 20, 2019, Chris Reed recorded a prophecy about the death of Prince Philip. Chris understood that it would be a timing indicator for an important season in God’s kingdom. Then he received a prophetic riddle about ***“When the prince will pass, it will be 418 at last.”*** Chris’ first meeting with our leadership team was on Friday morning, April 9, 2021. On the way to the meeting, Chris heard the news that Prince Philip had just died, so he asked if ***“418”*** meant anything to us.
- B. The Lord promised Paul Cain’s mother, Anna Cain, a son, and then she had 5 miscarriages in a row. When Anna Cain was 45-years old, she became pregnant with Paul. When beginning her 8th month of pregnancy, she was suffering with 4 terminal diseases (tuberculous, a heart disease, cancer in both breasts and 3 tumors in her womb). One night after midnight, the angel of the Lord appeared by her bedside and said, ***“Daughter, be of good cheer, you will live and not die! The child you bear is a male, you shall name him Paul, and he shall preach the gospel and bind up the sickness of My people and shall stand before kings.”*** She was healed and lived another 60 years to the age of 105.
- C. Paul’s mother had a strong prophetic gifting operating in her life. Towards the end of her life she told Paul that she would give him a significant prophetic word before she died. She went into a coma for two months just before her death. When she came out of the coma, she prophesied to Paul that what the Lord did in Luke 4:18 would happen in his life and those connected to him and many others. ***She died on April 18 (4/18) at 4:18pm after giving him the scripture on Luke 4:18!***
- D. Jesus’ first recorded message was given in Nazareth; Jesus declared that the Spirit was resting on Him (Lk. 4:16-21). The favorable year of the Lord referred to the year of Jubilee (Lev. 25:8).
¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind...²¹He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled.” (Lk. 4:18-21)
- E. The anointing on Jesus that was declared in Luke 4:18 came in context to Jesus’ 40-day fast. In this encounter we see the first recorded “Trinitarian conversation” in Jesus’ earthly ministry.
²²And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, “You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.” (Lk. 3:22)

III. SOVEREIGN CONNECTION WITH JOHN WIMBER AND THE VINEYARD MINISTRIES

- A. In January 1984, Bob Jones told me that God would connect us with a movement based about 35 miles southeast of LA which had a banner in the spirit over them called “*compassion and worship*.” He was speaking about the Vineyard Ministries in Anaheim, California under John Wimber (1934-1997). Neither Bob nor I had heard of the Vineyard Ministries. He said that the Lord wanted the “*prophetic and intercession*” of Kansas City to cross-pollinate with the “compassion and worship” of the Vineyard Ministries. There are about 2,500 Vineyard congregations worldwide.
- B. In October 1987, Bob heard the audible voice of the Lord saying that John Wimber would call me three months later in January 1988. I was amazed when John called my home in January 1988 to invite me to speak to his staff the following week at their annual retreat that January.
- C. On June 5, 1988, Bob again heard the audible voice of the Lord saying that John would call me within the week because the Lord was going to open three large doors in the Vineyard to me.
- D. Bob said this was going to be a “Holy-Spirit-seminary season” for me that would last for three years. Bob said this was a *warning and not a promise* because I did not know how to “go out and come in” before the Lord and the people in the context of a million people. John asked me to go with him to Scotland and England for two weeks in November 1988.
- E. *Paul’s visit to John*: Paul prophesied two earthquakes—one local, to occur on the day of his arrival in Anaheim (Dec. 3, 1988), and one international (Soviet Armenia), to occur on the day of his departure (Dec. 7, 1988). This story has been documented in *Equipping the Saints*, January 1990.
- F. Bert Waggoner, the National Director of Vineyard (2000-2013), said that if he were asked to pick one scripture that defines who the Vineyard is and what their ministry is, he would pick *Luke 4:18*.

IV. DIVINE POETRY—TIMES THAT APRIL 9 AND APRIL 18 HAVE BEEN HIGHLIGHTED

- A. The Azusa Street revival began in LA on *April 9, 1906* and continued until 1915. Nine days after the start of Azusa Revival that the great San Francisco earthquake happened on *April 18, 1906*.
- B. *Eric Metaxas interviewed Ken Fish* (who served closely with John Wimber) on *April 9, 2021*. I recommend Eric Metaxas’ biographies on *M. Luther*, *D. Bonhoeffer*, and *W. Wilberforce*.
- C. *Martin Luther* took a courageous stand at the *Diet of Worms* (an imperial assembly in the city of Worms, Germany) which occurred on *April 18, 1521* (4.18—500 years ago). Many historians consider this to be the most important day in church history since the book of Acts. Luther was faithful in the face of the threat of his death—*his stand epitomizes a “faithful witness.”*
- D. *Dietrich Bonhoeffer* was killed on *April 9, 1945* for standing for the Jews and resisting Hitler.
- E. *Paul Revere* made his midnight ride on *April 18, 1775*; the Revolutionary War began the next day. Revere rode his horse past the midnight hour to prepare the people with his forerunner cry.