



We are in a transitional season. And quitting is not an option. I want to bring light to where I believe we are as a congregation. I also want to bring some correction to some areas where I have been silent. And I want to encourage you this morning! So let's get to it...

**I. DREAMS AND VISIONS**

A. Cheryl Amabile had a dream and I feel I should share it with you. I believe the dream will bring insight to where we are and how we should proceed.

**DREAM 1:** I dreamed about an ocean vehicle... some kind of transport. It wasn't sailing the open sea, it was going short distances from one station to another on the water, making progress towards a further destination. Each station was like a stationary square platform and the boat-like vehicle would float across the surface of the water until it got onto the next platform and it would rest upon it for awhile.

At one point in the dream I saw someone I know stretched out on top of the transport vehicle laying face-down, holding on. At another point it seemed as if I was the one on it holding on.

The main focus of the dream was I got to see the transport go from one station to the next, but there was a hesitation right as the transport was about to get onto the next platform. It was slanted - half in the water and half on the landing and it was suspended there for a time. The "pause" had a sense of real threat involved in it for the person on the vehicle and for the observer... Would it sink?! Would it make it?! It seemed urgent to get ON the pad. There was suspense and tension and a great sense of "holding on!" Then I heard the word: INTERRUPTION!!!! It was from God. I suddenly realized that the real point was IN, not ON, and the threat was not as it seemed. The suspended pause was INTERRUPTION, and it was of God. His purpose was in it, and His purpose was "IN". He was doing things within us.

**DREAM 2:** In a following dream I was aware of the IN v. ON concept/tension again. This time I heard the word W-I-N! It was another affirmation that what God was doing IN us was a "win", or would cause us to win.

**interrupt** |,intə'rɒpt|  
verb [ trans. ]

1 stop the continuous progress of (an activity or process) : *the buzzer interrupted his thoughts.*

• stop (someone speaking) by saying or doing something : *"Of course ..." Shepherd began, but his son interrupted him* | [with direct speech] *"Hold on," he interrupted.*

2 break the continuity of (a line or surface) : *the coastal plain is interrupted by chains of large lagoons.*

• obstruct (something, esp. a view).

B. God is focused not so much on getting us to a different destination, but rather surfacing our inner life... maybe our inner issues. There is not something wrong with you. This is the corporate season we are in right now. We are participants in the INTerruption.

**II. ALL TRANSITIONS ARE DANGEROUS.... PAY ATTENTION**



- A. This is not the time to let go. This is not the time to stop pursuing the Lord. Don't make a sudden theological shift to accommodate the discomfort you may feel during this transition. If you begin to struggle with sin, or sin is being exposed.... Don't suddenly change your doctrine to justify what's surfacing.

### **III. CULTIVATING A TRUE PROPHETIC SPIRIT**

#### ***Malachi 4***

***[5] "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. [6] And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."***

- A. The enemy of the prophetic church will always separate the generation. Satan will pit fathers against sons and sons against fathers. This separation of fathers and sons is one of the greatest hinderances to the Spirit in the church today. We can have absentee or abusive fathers, and we can also have prideful and arrogant sons. The coming together of the generations is the prophetic blessing! Guard your heart from allowing separation in this.
- B. I see a great move in the church, even this church, where there seems to be a tendency to cut off the fathers or the sons... this will leave a devastating mark. Be careful to keep you heart submitted in this. Sons and daughters be careful to regard your parents, and your spiritual parents... This is right and pleasing. Fathers be careful to bless and speak into the sons.

### **IV. REMINDING US OF OUR VISION AND MANDATE**

#### ***Matthew 22***

***[1] And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, [2] "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, [3] and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. [4] Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast."' [5] But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, [6] while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. [7] The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. [8] Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. [9] Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' [10] And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.***

- A. This is the verse that changed everything for us a community. We were loving God together and praying together... but this verse directed us to gather together here. This scripture, preached by Marcia Thorsell was a directive for us to be here. This is our assignment. We are inviting seemingly unlikely people to the wedding feast.
- B. We will not be ashamed of it! We will not be embarrassed of where we have been assigned. This was directed by the Lord.



- C. We have been placed on the front lines. We have been faithfully positioned to be sure... but I believe it's time that we ask the Lord for words of victory. This area starts with you.... Breaking free in a real way out of poverty and perversion!
- D. We are a front line kind of church. Other churches are called and positioned to be more like hospitals... and this is good. Every church has an assignment, a directive from the Lord. And we are called and assigned here. I am not going to apologize for our assignment. How can I? It's our assignment.
- E. I was listening to a man speak about encountering angels... and at one point he began to mock the church who had a military understanding. He said, the military front line revelation had no place in the church.

### **Ephesians 6**

***[10] Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. [11] Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. [12] For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. [13] Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. [14] Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, [15] and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. [16] In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; [17] and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, [18] praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, [19] and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, [20] for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.***

- F. Intimacy is found in obeying the assignment. If your assignment is to count feathers, then by all means do it!!! Give yourself to it. But if your assignment is to snatch souls, don't give a second thought to the feather. Do you hear me? The issue is simple obedience. What have I to say about another mans field? What business is it of mine? My job is to speak courage to the ones serving this field alongside me in this assignment.

### **Matthew 16**

***[13] Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" [14] And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." [15] He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" [16] Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." [17] And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. [18] And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. [19] I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."***



- G. Jesus is not misguided. There's a real battle going on, and if you're assigned to the front line you had better be at your post. You had better be ready... for your own sake and for the sake of your friend who fights beside you!
- H. I want to address something that I have been watching for the last year here. I want to correct it. When we were praying on Tuesday I heard the Spirit speak to me about going AWOL.

**In the United Kingdom, United States and Canada, military personnel will become AWOL when they are absent from their post without a valid pass or leave. The United States Marine Corps, United States Navy and United States Coast Guard generally refer to this as Unauthorized Absence, or "UA". Personnel are dropped from their unit rolls after 30 days and then listed as *deserters*; however, as a matter of U.S. military law, desertion is not measured by time away from the unit, but rather:**

- **by leaving or remaining absent from their unit, organization, or place of duty, where there has been a determined intent to not return;**
  - **if that intent is determined to be to avoid hazardous duty or shirk contractual obligation;**
  - **if they enlist or accept an appointment in the same or another branch of service without disclosing the fact that they have not been properly separated from current service.**
- I. I cannot give my time to chasing down those who have gone AWOL... I cannot leave my post! And you cannot leave your post. Hear me, if the Lord is moving you to another branch, or into another mandate... then do it right. There is a way to transfer rightly. There is a way to be sent. But mark my words, there will always be order in the body, just like there is order in the family. If you refuse order, you will be left with chaos.

#### ***Matthew 24***

***[10] And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. [11] And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. [12] And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. [13] But the one who endures to the end will be saved. [14] And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.***

- J. We don't get to choose our assignments. We're a deployed people. We are fitted according to our gifts and talents... but we are an assigned people.

## **V. UNDERSTANDING THE PRODIGAL STORY**

#### ***Luke 15***

***[25] "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. [26] And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. [27] And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' [28] But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated***



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*him, [29] but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. [30] But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' [31] And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.*

- A. Serving in the field is not foolish. For those of you who have stayed... you've served in the field, you've given your heart to the assignment... thank you. Please forgive me for not speaking into this. I am now. If you're here... then I'm asking you to re-enlist. Sign up again. Don't be discouraged by those who have left... don't let that hinder you in your assignment.

***Psalm 91***

*[7] A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your right hand,  
but it will not come near you.*

- B. Quitting is NOT an option. Take heart! Jesus has overcome the world. Give yourself to the Lord and the assignment. Don't grow weary. Rise up! Be encouraged. Don't give up!

***Galatians 6***

*[9] And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.*