



Places In The Father's Heart

That reach out and touch, to bring times of refreshing...

Refreshing Times

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It's Launch Time ~ by Gerri

Back in the Spring of 2007 we began attending LifeSprings Church. On April 29, 2007, Pastor Michael spoke a powerful word to us. In part here is what was spoken to us: "...You are on a launch pad and the next move is going to be like a rocket. The Holy Spirit has restrained you until He completed working some things out that are behind the scenes and invisible. But that which has been done in secret is getting ready to be made public. Get ready for launch. The launch this time is going to be up...not just a change of physical location, but also a change of spiritual location!"

We take it very seriously when Father speaks to us prophetically. We journal the words, and in this case, we obtained a recorded CD of the word so that we could periodically review it and hear once again the Father speak to us.

Two weeks ago in meetings here in Myrtle Beach with Arthur Burk, the things that were behind the scenes and invisible that Pastor Michael prophesied were made public. Honor and validation came straight to our hearts from Father Himself. It closed one season and opened another very quickly in our lives.

The very next Sunday, while in services at LifeSprings Church, I began to sense something very different during praise and worship. It was a feeling of not belonging, yet at the same time a sense of real connection. It troubled me, so I whispered to Roger, "Do you have a word from the Lord?" Initially he looked at me and then in just a few seconds he whispered in my ear, "The word is 'disconnect'." It was exactly what I was feeling in my spirit.

Pastor Michael followed praise and worship with a powerful message on who

Father is and the message of His love. It was like a warm bathing of our souls as the passion of the message of Places In The Father's Heart was being sounded to the entire church! It brought exhilaration to us both and at one point, Roger had to cover his mouth to keep from speaking a verbal 'atta boy' to Michael!

Near the close of the service, Pastor Michael spoke yet another prophetic word over us. Here is part of what he spoke: "You are about to get VERY busy. Your time in Conway has produced much fruit. You have been faithful to wait upon the Lord for His perfect timing of your release. You will look back on these days with great thankfulness to the Lord for His time of rest...you've had time to write your book, spend time in prayer on your porch, and Roger the days are coming when you will even reminisce of these days and you will even hear the traffic noise! You will be reminded that He has given you these days and they will become some of the most precious of your memories."



After the service, when we spoke with Michael, I explained the 'disconnected' feeling I'd had earlier. This is what he said, "That is exactly where you are in the launch process. When the rocket is ready for launch, all exterior support systems are released and fall away. That is the 'disconnect' you are sensing. The next step is that the booster rockets kick in and you hear the countdown...5, 4, 3, 2, 1..."

We know that we are now ready for launch into the next season of ministry. It is an incredibly awesome time as we can literally feel the power of the boosters rockets kicking in and we ready ourselves for that final countdown.

Hope you will get on board with us and enjoy this ride!

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Roger in his place of prayer on the front porch.

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Web News ~

We have been working with our webmaster to enhance and improve the website. We were blessed this past week to see that just since January 1st of the New Year, we have had visitors to the site from **the United States, the United Kingdom, China, Canada, Finland, Australia, the Philippines and Japan**. While some may not condone the use by ministries of the World Wide Web, there is a very good side that comes from its proper use. P I T F H is carrying the message of Father's love around the world through the use of this tool.

Father has blessed us with a fine Christian brother who is helping us with this tool. We are thankful and blessed to have him on board with us.

**There is no
future
in your past!**

Betrayal ~

Betrayal is never a sudden thing; rather, it is an accumulative response to the unresolved anger and disappointment one feels toward another. The offenses that we do not transfer to God in surrendered prayer inevitably decay and become a venom we transfer to others through gossip. In the process, we embrace slander, but we feel justified. We become malicious gossips, but in our own minds we're only communicating 'truth,' a character flaw, that we self-righteously feel we have 'discerned.'

If we are complaining about what's wrong with the people around us, we should be aware: we may actually be more like followers of Judas than followers of Jesus.

~ Francis Frangipane, November 2007

Declarations for 2007 Become Reality

In January 2007, we made the following declarations and gave them to our intercessors to pray over throughout the year. As we review them now in the beginning of 2008, we realize that Father has been faithful in providing each one. Here they are:

- We are blessed with the joy of favor in the eyes of others, both in the household of faith and with non-Christians.
- We are blessed with people who come alongside us eager to help us in the work God has appointed us for.
- We are blessed with knowing people who will help make us successful; who believe in us; who are encouraging and life-giving to us.
- We are blessed with people who propel us along in life and who take the initiative to serve with servant hearts and who serve our God-given vision.
- We are blessed with having favor that is not poisoned with jealousy so that when we receive favor others will not covet what we have, but they will honor, affirm, and give blessing for the favor we receive absent of any idolatry.
- We are blessed with those of the household of faith and with non-Christians providing resources necessary to accomplish the work God has set before us.
- We are blessed with those who give their time, attention, talent and practical assistance to help us build the Kingdom of God.
- We are blessed and we are a blessing!

A Faith Walk with Dad ~

Isn't it great when Father confirms His word? He is so good to recognize that when we are taking new steps an occasional 'something to hold onto' is a good thing. This morning during my prayer time I was thinking about how organized my life is. I have a desk-top calendar with appointments written on them and I also use Outlook on my calendar. I get email prompts regarding upcoming appointments and they can be set to remind me a week in advance. I like being able to tell someone what I am doing any day next week, who I plan to see, meetings I will be attending.

Walking with Dad (Father) is so different. It's going out when you don't know where you are going (Abraham); it's being delivery boy and finding a giant (David); it's getting on a ship and ending up snake-bit (Paul); it's being exiled to an island and seeing Jesus (John). A faith walk is uncomfortable to me, but it is His walk and I want to walk with Him.

RW—Florida

The Change of Seasons ~ by Roger

Happy New Year to you all. I pray our new year of 2008 will be a tremendous blessing for everyone.

I can remember in the late 1950's reading a magazine article that was projecting what cars would be like in the year 2000. It was exciting to think about, but the overriding thought in me was I'll never live that long.

To my complete surprise, the year 2000 has come and gone and I'm still here! Many seasons have transitioned through my life and as I look back I can see I missed many once-in-a-lifetime opportunities. The reason I missed them was because I was focused on the wrong things and the season came and went and I was oblivious that anything had happened. Can you relate here?

I don't live in regret because I don't focus on what I missed, instead I focus on what is ahead for me in my relationship with my heavenly Father, my Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit. That is more than enough to bring hope and excitement for my future.

It is hard to imagine that there are very many people in today's world that do not realize that we have transitioned into 2008. However, what if you decided you didn't want to change to 2008? In your rebellion you continued to date everything 2007. I'm sure you can imagine the difficulties you would encounter.

What if the first half of 2008 turns out to be a very bad time for you and you decide in June to change your year to 2009? It won't work, will it? You will be out of step with everyone else and your troubles will only increase. Not changing with the time or season will bring trouble and consequence.

I know this may seem ridiculous, but bear with me, I really do have a point to make. We all live with an established sequence of times and seasons. We know them; we anticipate them and in most cases we prepare for them. We are comfortable with the transition that comes year after year. We cannot stop or alter natural time or seasons, can we? God established our sequence of time and seasons and only He can change them according to His will.

Now let us consider spiritual seasons on the earth. Did you know that God has established these spiritual seasons for us as well as natural seasons? We did not until June 2006 when Father miraculously brought Arthur Burk into our lives. Arthur revealed to us that in February 2004 Father changed the spiritual season of the church. He told us we had transitioned from the Ruler Season to the Mercy Season. He said there are seven seasons of the church and they parallel the seven redemptive gifts which are: Prophet, Servant, Teacher, Giver, Exhorter, Ruler, Mercy. (See Romans, Chapter 12). Since Arthur brought us this revelation, we continually hear more and more church leaders referring to a new

season. They are saying things like, "we have transitioned into a new season, a time of change" and so on. Arthur is the only one we have heard who has put a name on and put the new season in context to something.

If we are in a new spiritual season, what does it look like? What will happen? What is God's plan? Obviously, we have never been here before, but not to worry, Father's plan for us is good. An initial evidence of the change of season was that for many around the world what worked in their ministry in the Ruler Season no longer worked after February 2004. Some panicked, others pondered, and then Father began to reveal. Some ministries were shut down completely and the people were isolated and stripped of every crutch and every idol and healing and transition began. If this is you, take heart. You are not a failure. Your calling is irrevocable. You are simply being retooled for a new season with a new ministry by your loving Heavenly Father. That's right. This is a gift of love from Him.

It seems obvious that Father has not notified everyone all at once about His change of season. His notice seems to be progressive. Those He initially made aware of the change are receiving those who are struggling and do not know why. Oh what a relief it is to find out you are not a failure; you are not crazy, but in fact, you are OK and right where Father wants you. Now it is your turn to watch for others who are struggling and offer to help them with their transition to the new season.

Are you willing to lay down what you have always known and are comfortable with if that is what is necessary to make this transition? Are you willing to change your focus, if necessary, from ministry to relationship? It seems at least initially that the focus

of the Mercy Season is Father God Himself and Who He truly is. The purpose is developing a deep, intimate relationship with Him.

I believe our loving Heavenly Father will give everyone the opportunity to make the transition to the new season. Yes, there will be struggles ahead for those who choose to go with God, but for those who refuse to leave the old and embrace the new, for those who won't leave their comfort zone for the unknown the price will be much greater.

Historically it is obvious that not everyone embraces the seasonal change. They typically become the adversaries and persecutors of those that do. Woe to those who fight against the Lord and His plans and purposes for His creation.

I hope this short narrative is a blessing to you. If you want more information regarding the Mercy Season, we recommend to you Arthur Burk's new CD series entitled *The Mercy Season*. You can obtain it at his website at www.plumblineministries.com. There are also many other wonderful teachings appropriate for our growth in this new season of the church. Blessings,

Roger



Testimonies ~

Dear Roger and Gerri:

The Lord said, "he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed." I had been praying and crying out for a VERY long time for the Lord to send someone who could minister to the needs I had. Though you may say He could have used others – I searched long and hard to find someone who could – you and Roger are a very, very rare find. I am not putting you on a pedestal – I don't do that with people. The Lord is my God. But to say the price you have paid – the storms you have endured – and your willingness to let the Lord heal you is more precious than silver or gold. No money or worldly possession can compare to the work and the deposit the Lord has done in you both. As a result of your love, surrender and yieldedness to the Lord – every life you touch will bring a title wave of healed lives into the Kingdom. I have experienced 46 years in a dead zone. The Lord is using you and P I T F H by HIS SPIRIT to breath life into my nostrils...can these bones live? Lord God you know. Every life that I touch in my ministry you will touch also.

I love the two of you dearly! Thank you!

FS – Tennessee

Roger and Gerri:

There are no words that can explain how much the two of you mean to me. The professional expertise of Roger's counseling in my times of stress has been so valuable to me. He 'cuts to the chase' in 500 words or less and makes my mountains become a molehill without making me feel small or worthless. He handles me like fine china, yet gives me the help I am begging for in my very real world. Gerri, you have been the rock with the nerves of steel/iron to sharpen an old girl with a little girl inside. The death of my mother was the stepping stone I needed to continue into my destiny. Your thoughtfulness to me is now a sweet savor in our Most High God's nostrils. My mother thanks you so much for steering her daughter's life down the right pathway.

Love,

RJ, Daughter of the Most High God - Alabama

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