

# Places In The Father's Heart

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

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## Change in 2009 ~ by Roger

Hey, have you noticed it is 2009! Like it or not we have changed years. Are you excited about the change? Are you not so excited about the change? Perhaps you are even grumbling about the change. No matter how we feel, we cannot stop the change, so what will we do about it; ignore it and move on or embrace it and make the most of it. No matter what we do, we cannot stop the change. Time moves on.

During 2008 we read many articles from leaders in the Body of Christ that referred to another change that is taking place. They did not give it a particular name or call it the same thing, but they said things like 'the church has entered a new season' or they referred to 'the new era that is upon us' or 'this new time in church history' or 'God is doing a new thing.' In my opinion they are all referring to the same thing and that is, we have change upon us. Father is transitioning us into a new season! Just like the change of years, we have nothing to say about it. We can resist and fight the change by sticking to our old, comfortable ways which will lead us to a slow spiritual death or we can jump on God's band wagon and seek with our whole heart to be a vibrant part of His plan.



Consider what it was like for the church in Jesus' day. I would assume they were going along day to day, comfortable in their tradition and beliefs, and WHAM! All of a sudden unexpected, and out of no where Father released Jesus in their midst! Father changed the season and they did not know it, and when confronted with it, they did not like it. Jesus said and did things that didn't fit their comfort zone of tradition and knowledge, therefore this couldn't be from God. Jesus was a gift of love to the world from Father, but the gift was rejected by church leadership and therefore by many of the people. Did their rejection of Father's gift deter His plan for change? No. He simply moved on to others who were open and receptive to His change in season.

What were God's people missing in their lives when Jesus came among them? They had church buildings, they had their Torah, they gathered on the Sabbath, they worshipped according to their tradition, they believed in their God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, however they were missing an essential ingredient for life, a personal, intimate relationship with their God. Jesus declared to them, "the Kingdom of your God is at hand." Continued on page 2 ~

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### ~ Prayer Ministry ~

None of us is perfect. We are all in the process of being perfected. Use the New Year to inventory your major character flaw, stronghold, or stumbling block that God wants to remove and make an appointment for prayer ministry. If you don't know what God wants to change, ask Him. If you still require clarity, ask your spouse or a close friend, but don't get offended when they tell you. Be gracious, humble and open to learn.

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*When you know how much you are loved,  
you will find trusting Father as easy as breathing.*

## Change in 2009 by Roger (continued from page 1)

He is here, He's present, He's available to you! See, He heals the sick and raises the dead. cleanses the lepers and casts out demons. He loves you! But many could not accept the change. They could not see the gift of Love being offered, they only saw a threat to their tradition and comfort zone. How tragic for them!

Well...Father is at it again! Change is upon us. We all have a wonderful opportunity to embrace the paradigm shift and go with Father's plan or we can resist and miss the opportunity. In Isaiah 55: 8-9, Father says the following, **vs 8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts neither your ways My ways, says the Lord. Vs 9, For as the Heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and My thoughts higher than your thoughts."** I am fully aware that this is Old Testament scripture and I am aware that if we are born again we are new creatures in Christ, we have the mind of Christ and we have a complete cannon of scripture and so on, however in spite of our many blessings and advantages many of us have problems closely related to the people of Jesus day. We are bound by our religious tradition and belief system, so when Father brings change what does it have to look like to gain our approval and cooperation?

In June 2006 Father miraculously brought Arthur Burk into our lives. The first revelation he brought to us was that in February 2004 Father had changed the season of the church. We knew something was going on but we didn't have a clue what it was. The revelation of the change in season was life changing for us. Arthur went on to share what Father had taught him about the seasons of the church age. There are seven seasons of the church and those seven seasons parallel the seven redemptive gifts in Romans 12:6-8. They are prophet, servant, teacher, giver, exhorter, ruler and mercy.

We were all born and raised in the Ruler season

and the focus in the Ruler season was authority, unity, and law. However, the change that is upon us moves us into the Mercy season and the focus has changed to relationship, love and intimacy. Like the people of Jesus day, we are being offered the gift of Love from our Heavenly Father. The Kingdom of God is at hand in a new way. It is an offer from our Father to His children for a deeper, more personal and intimate relationship with Him than we have ever known before. How will we respond? Will we hold tightly to our tradition and the limits of that which we have known and miss the blessing of the gift that is being offered? Or will we embrace the change that

Father is making available to us? Are we willing to shift our security in what we have known to a deeper, more secure place of life in relationship with Father, Himself, or will we miss His gift of Love being offered?

My step father once said he always wanted to parachute out of a plane, but he knew he'd have to take someone along who would be willing to pry his fingers loose and push him out the door of the plane because he didn't believe he could do it himself! Well, Father has opened the door before us. Change and opportunity are at hand. Will we go voluntarily with excitement for the privilege or will we need a friend to pry our fingers loose and boot us through the door? I'll choose the former, how about you?

Blessings for 2009,

Roger



**We are called to be fruitful - not successful, not productive, not accomplished. Success comes from strength, stress, and human effort. Fruitfulness comes from vulnerability and the admission of our own weakness."**

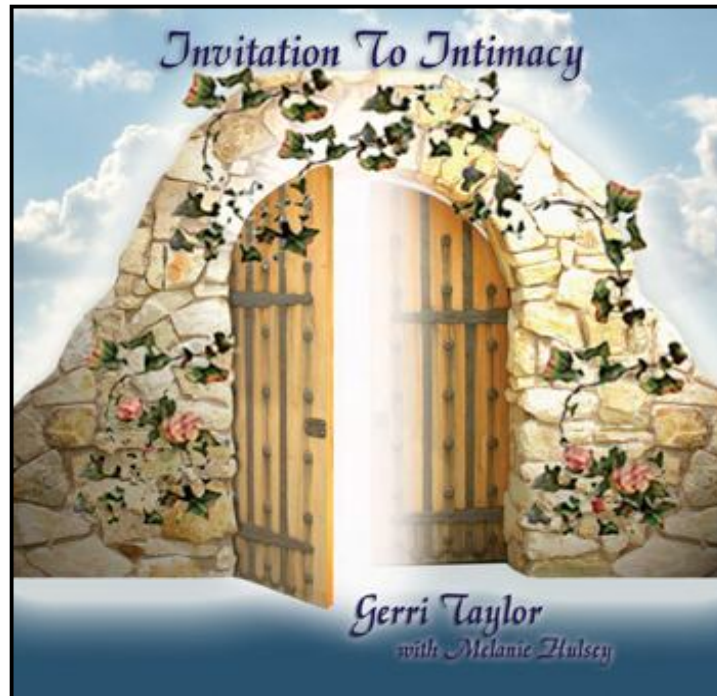
Henri J.M. Nouwen

**2009 ~ The Year of Fruitfulness**

## Invitation to Intimacy

*This project began when I asked Father in my quiet time to take me into the Heavenlies with Him. I simply journaled what I saw and the conversations I had with Him. It was not until later that I realized Father was doing something very significant in my life and that He wanted me to share it with my world. The entries are written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and the content has not been edited.*

**Gerri**



*"When I heard the sound samples of Invitation to Intimacy on the website, it was like opening a box of fine chocolates and taking a pinch off of a few to see which one I really wanted to eat! My mouth watered and my appetite stirred to consume the entire box. When my full copy arrived in my mail box I couldn't wait to open it and begin the journey with Father. This recording will take you soaring into the Father's presence and you will never be the same again." Sandra Fullilove, Fullilove Ministries, Nashville, TN.*

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## Book Review - He Loves Me by Wayne Jacobsen

If your spiritual life feels more like performance than freedom, like an empty ritual than a joyful journey, let author, Wayne Jacobsen, help you discover:

- A Father who loves you more than anyone on this planet ever has or ever will
- A growing confidence in His affection for you through whatever circumstances you face
- A vibrant relationship with Him that will free you from the torment of shame while it transforms you to live as His child on earth

Be prepared to know God better and love Him more. This book will one day be a classic. It is a

great follow up to THE SHACK—an exploration and adventure into the heart of God we always hoped was truly there, and who loves each of us in particular with an everlasting love.

About the author—Wayne along with Wm. Young co-authored THE SHACK. He travels around the world helping people sort out how to live deeply in the life of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He has written numerous books on spiritual intimacy and relational church. You can visit his website and order HE LOVES ME here: <http://www.lifestream.org>

We encourage you to read HE LOVES ME!

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