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So, Father, let's just pray together. We thank You for Your Word. I just take any opportunity to pray, you know? I know we prayed before, but let's just pray again, let us just talk to Him. Father, we just are anticipative of Your Word, which is to receive Your Word. Your Word is everything in that song that we sing about, Father. It's so, it's so sweet to us, it's so near to us. It's a fire in us. It's forging Christ in us. It's a seed in us. It's just everything to us, Your Words, Lord, Your Word, Father, and we really know how to receive Lord. Thank You, Father, for Your anointing that is upon me and upon your people so that all things may be done to Your glory, Father; in and through the mighty Name of Jesus. We all say, "Amen." Hallelujah.

So, these are defining moments that we are living in; defining moments. This is what the Holy Spirit spoke to Brother Jerry. So, we're going to be hearing the same things over and over. It's so good to see you. Some of you haven't seen for a while. It's good to see you. Oh, so the Lord said to Brother Jerry, I think it was in June this week. Praise the Lord. Glory. Hallelujah.

Is this getting going live? This service? [*Rain pouring on the roof*] Well, that's the rain. I mean, the heavens have opened. And we just saying; "Thank You to Lord, the heavens have opened."

Glory to God. It's a sign of His goodness. In the book of Psalms, it says He sends rain to earth, to water the earth and make our crops grow; make things grow. Hallelujah. Oh, He's a good God. He's a good, good, good God. Glory to God. Hallelujah.

Well, I'm just going to forge ahead right? Because the people that are watching this live streaming can't hear the rain, am I right? They can't hear it. I'm ready to minister the Word of God to you. So, defining moments. It's an important time for all of us, in our hearts, with God, in our hearts with the Lord. So, God is wanting to define, God is wanting to do some things, so, when we say that defining moments, that's what God is wanting to impart to us; so we can become. Right?

So, what do you want to say to our hearts, so that we can change and so that we can become? We can enjoy more intimacy with Him, right, and become more like Him and know Him more. We want to know Him more, as God's children, we all want to know Him more. Every one of God's children has a desire in their heart to want to know their God more. Hallelujah. Every one of God's children, hallelujah. Sometimes we don't press with that. You know, we don't move with that design in our hearts towards what we know to do. But anytime is a good time to forget the things that lie behind, pack it up in an old kit bag, throw it away, and start fresh and new. Hallelujah, saying, "I am a child of God. I'm a child of God, I want to know my Father. Yes, I want to know my Father more." It doesn't matter that I didn't press into Him and I didn't draw near for maybe the last week, or maybe the last ten years. I'm picking it up right now and I'm drawing near. I'm going to be with Pastor Sharon, in her morning moments, and I'm going to learn how easy it is for her to draw near to God every day. I'm going to just take it, and I'm going to do it for myself and I might even just, you know, do it a whole lot better than Pastor Sharon can even do it. Hallelujah.

You know, and that's what it's all about. This whole thing of my morning moments, with *Being Filled Speaking*. Just showing you a simple way of how you can just speak to God every way, coming to God like a little child every day to activate your joy. Activate your intimacy with Him. Get your heart awake, get your heart going, and get your soul involved and your spirit involved. Just quickly, just like that. You can start to do it tomorrow morning. I know you're doing it right now even in the service. Hallelujah, you're doing it right now. You are not going to allow the enemy to come against your mind and tell you that you don't qualify to know your God and your Father. You say to him; "speak to the blood, speak to the blood, because the blood

speaks for me, it cleanses me of everything; of all my yesterdays, of all my this mornings, and I'm clean and I'm free to enter in boldly, hallelujah."

I enter boldly because of the Blood and I'm not going to allow the enemy to tell me I don't qualify to get to know my Father. Not in this church. We've given you excellent teaching, that you don't allow him to accuse you, no matter what. No matter what you've done. You don't allow him to accuse you ever. That's why He's given us one John chapter one and verse nine. That we can't, any of us can say we haven't sinned. Not any of us can say we haven't sinned, because we all miss the mark in some way or other from time to time. But if we do sin, it says in one John one nine, we have an advocate with our Father, and He is faithful and just to forgive us if we admit and confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from that unrighteousness. Hallelujah, hallelujah and that happens quickly.

That happens quickly, that doesn't take five days of you doing this to yourself [*Pastor Sharon hitting her shoulder*] and beating yourself up for what you did, what you said, what you could do, what you should, it doesn't take; it takes a few moments. If you're going to just believe what the Word says that He's faithful and just to forgive us. If we will acknowledge our sin, and confess that I missed it, Lord, you know, hallelujah. You don't say I even have to say, I've missed it. You say, "I've missed You, Lord, I have missed you, and I know You've missed me. Because I know that I've got a place in You, to come to You, to talk to You anytime I want to. I know that there's a place in You, I can come anytime and talk to You."

It's the realm of the Spirit. Doesn't matter where you are, in your car. It doesn't matter where you are, in your shower. Doesn't matter where you are, anytime, anyplace the Blood of Jesus made that kind of grace available, that we can enter boldly, anytime. Glory to God. He's a loving Heavenly Father. He is a faithful loving Heavenly Father, and He loves us all. Glory to God.

These are defining moments, and then he said this, *this is a defining moment in our lives with what we're going through right now. I sensed in my spirit this is a word for the body of Christ. This is a defining moment in our lives. It's like a fork in the road. It's like coming to a place in your life, where you have to make a decision to go either left or right, go here or go there, do this or do that. And it will be one of those times when you act and respond. Well, this is with God, how you act toward God, how you respond toward God, what you decide in your life with God will determine the direction Your life will go in.*

So, it can take you on a path that God is predestined for you where it is His plan that He knows He has for you that leads to life. Where you are actually in the process of fulfilling the very reason, you were born for Him and His glory. A defining moment shapes you and causes you to become the person you eventually will become.

So, these messages that God is bringing to us right now. If you've missed any of them, I'm just going to fill you in so that God starts with a series of messages with us now. *I Will Take the Children. I Will Take the Children.* It comes from a scripture in Numbers, chapter 14, which I did speak to you about last time I was with you. The people didn't want to come out of Egypt, they wanted to go back to Egypt while they came out of Egypt but then they wanted to go back to Egypt. God said, "Well, I'll take your little ones in then. I'll take the children. I'll take the children."

Our key scripture for that is Matthew 18. verses one to four. ¹At that time the disciples came up and asked Jesus, Who then is [really] the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? (Matthew 18:1 AMPC). You see they've missed it here. They missed it. Because that is the way of the world, who is the greatest? Who came first? Who got the best marks? Who's the richest? Who's the most famous? Who's the most beautiful? All of that is all from the world. It's all from the world. It's not from the Kingdom of God. Not at all.

Who then is [really] the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? ²And He called a little child to Himself and put him in the midst of them, ³And said, Truly I say to you, I mean you got to know that we're sitting here in a moment where Jesus is saying this to us. You got to imagine the truth. That we are sitting here in a moment where Jesus is saying; Truly I say to you, Heritage of Faith church or truly I say to you My people, unless you

repent (change, turn about) and become like little children trusting, trusting who? The Lord. Lowly is humble, humbling yourself to God's Word, loving God, forgiving others, you can never enter the kingdom of heaven at all (Matthew 18:1 AMPC). That is quite a sobering statement. Not, you might be able to slip inside ways, but He is saying here, you can never enter the Kingdom of Heaven at all unless you change and become like a little child. Trusting Your Heavenly Father, believing His Word, believing Your Heavenly Father. Humbling yourself. Do you know what it means to humble yourself? You know what your self is? It's your self.

“Whoever will humble himself therefore and become like this little child [trusting, lowly, loving, forgiving] is greatest in the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 18:1-4 AMPC).

So, to humble yourself means to put yourself down and put God on the top of yourself. That's all it means. To humble yourself doesn't mean, I must have a look on my face or must have a way I stand or something you know? Humbling yourself means you humble yourself, your self life. You put God on top of yourself with what He says about you. What He says about your life, what He says about everything you put, you humble yourself under what He says. You believe what He says. Right, that's what Pastor John always says, “He comes to save us from our self, our self, right?” Our willfulness, what we want, what we want to say, what we want to do. You know being wise in our own eyes, these beautiful scriptures, Pastor John's been reading to us what it means.

So He's saying here; unless you repent (change, turnabout) and become like little children [trusting, lowly, loving, forgiving], you can never enter the kingdom of heaven [at all] (Matthew 18:3 AMPC). You can never enter the kingdom of heaven at all. You can't enter into the kingdom of heaven. Now, what that means it doesn't mean that you're not His child. If you have received Jesus as your Lord and Savior, and you've received Him and you, you know that Jesus died for your sins and you're born again now. It doesn't mean you're not born again, doesn't mean when Jesus says you can't enter the kingdom of heaven. This is not saying you can't enter heaven when you die one day, of course, you will. Because the Blood is that powerful. That actually you can be a child of God, and live willfully for yourself all the days of your life, and still confess Jesus as Lord and when you die, you will live with Him eternally.

Doesn't that make you want to though? Know Him and want Him? Doesn't that fact, make you want to put yourself down and make you want to become like a little child so that you can enter into the kingdom of God?

You see, a kingdom of heaven. When you are like a little child, and you believe His Word, and you believe things, you experience a dimension of God Himself. You experience and you get to know things about how He works because it's real to you in your heart because you really believe His Word and you take it for yourself. So you enter the kingdom of God. Jesus said it doesn't come with outward signs. It's not like, “Oh, there's the kingdom. Oh, that's what the kingdom of heaven looks like. Oh, there it is. Oh, that's what it looks like.” No. Jesus said the kingdom of God is within you. Here, in this place where you become like a little child, trusting, loving God with all your heart.

That's the greatest commandment. When someone asked Jesus; “What's the greatest commandment of all?” He said; “To love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your strength with all your soul.” Love Him from... the Amplified Bible says; love the Lord your God, with all your heart, out of all your heart, with all your heart, out of all your heart. Love Him out of your mind. How do you love Him out of your mind? You love Him because you take all these thoughts captive, that are self and that are not of God. You take them captive to God, the obedience of God. You love Him with your mind by thinking of things that are good and honest and of good report and true. That's how you love Him with your mind. How do you love him with your heart? Your heart receives Him. Out of all your heart, your heart receives Him, receives His words continuously, every Sunday and then during the week you want to speak His Word to yourself too and you want to read the words, the scriptures aloud, that's how you love Him with your heart and you want to obey Him. It comes from your hearts. So you love him with your heart, hallelujah.

To love Him with your strength, as my days are so shall my strengths be. While I'm in my days, I don't want to give, there's Scripture that says, "Don't give your strength to another", that, you know, give your strength to God. With your strength is what makes you able to get up in the morning and get in your car and go to church and go to the prayer meeting and do. I love Him with the strengths of my life. I love Him with what I can do with my strength of my body. I love Him with that. Hallelujah. Glory to God.

So, this is a very important time for us that He wants us to be close to Him. He wants you close. He wants you close. Let's go to one of our key scriptures here. A key, a key scripture is an essential scripture. It's a central scripture, we've got a few central scriptures of *I Will Take the Children*, fundamental important scriptures. Galatians one verses four and five, New Living Translation; ⁴Jesus gave his life for our sins, just as God our Father planned, in order to rescue us from this evil world in which we live (Galatians 1:4 NLT). So once again we are looking at this Scripture that God sent Jesus to save us from this evil world in which we live. So, God says that the world in which we live is evil. The kingdom of God is where we live. The kingdom of heaven is where He wants us to live. God says the world in which we live is evil. Well, that is because, in the book of Corinthians, it says Satan is the god of the world. So that's why whatever God says is evil, it is evil. Isn't that interesting? What God says is evil in His Word is what is evil. Right?

So, if He says that the world is evil, and He sent Jesus to come and save us and rescue us out of this evil world, then that's the truth, isn't it? Right? He gave His life for our sins just as God our Father planned in order to rescue us from this evil world in which we live. So that's what God's been saying to us; "I want you out of Egypt. I want you out of Babylon." He's been saying to us now, Revelations 18 verses one to five Amplified. ¹Then I saw another angel descending from heaven, possessing great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his radiance and splendour. ²And he shouted with a mighty voice, She is fallen! Mighty Babylon is fallen! (Revelations 18:1-2 AMPC).

That's the evil world. It's fallen. It's in a fallen state. The world system is in a fallen state. Why? Because Satan is the god of this world and Satan fell. He's a fallen being. He fell from heaven like lightning when he came against God. He got lifted up in pride. So, it's fallen. Babylon is fallen, the world system is fallen. It just is fallen. God says it's fallen. Jesus said I saw Satan like lightning falling. Satan, the god of the world system, the whole system is fallen. Babylon is fallen. Hallelujah.

This angel goes on to describe this Babylon, this evil world She has become a resort and dwelling place for demons (Revelations 18:1-2 AMPC), demons in this evil world. According to the book of Ephesians, principalities, powers, rulers of darkness, spiritual wickedness in the heavenly places, it's fallen, and it's got demons, running it, running the people too that are without God and also imprinting, influencing people that even God's children that are in the world, and they're of it. We're going to get to a scripture where He says; "Don't love it." You're in it but don't be of it right? The fallen Babylon system will, that is impacted and imprinted and influenced the whole world system. That's what God wants us to come out of.

She has fallen, She has become a resort and dwelling place for demons, a dungeon haunted by every loathsome spirit, an abode for every filthy and detestable bird. In this context, it's talking about the demons. ³For all nations, all nations in the whole earth. This is the truth of God's Word speaking to us here today.

³All nations have drunk the wine of her passionate unchastity, and the rulers and leaders of the earth have joined with her in committing fornication (idolatry), and the businessmen of the earth have become rich with the wealth of her excessive luxury and wantonness. Can you see the picture of Babylon? Fallen Babylon? ⁴I then heard another voice from heaven saying, Here's Jesus speaking now; Come out from her, my people, Or God, same thing God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. Come out from her, my people, so that you may not share in her sins, or neither participate in her plagues (Revelations 18:3-4 AMPC).

That's why plagues come upon the world. Plagues have always come upon the world. This, what we're experiencing now is not new; plagues that come upon the world. Come out from her, the fallen, come into the Kingdom of Light. So, it says here, verse five. ⁵For her iniquities (her crimes and transgressions) are piled up

as high as heaven, and God has remembered her wickedness and her crimes [and calls them up for settlement] (Revelation 18:1-5 AMPC).

They just comes a time where God calls things up for settlement. God doesn't want His people to be part of that. He wants them out. He wants them fully coming out and being fully allowing Him to place them by His Spirit, by His Word into His kingdom firmly, squarely. Right. There is another one of our key verses, is 1 John two, 15 to 17 from the New King James. ¹⁵Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world if anyone loves the world the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that is in the world—the lust or the desires of the flesh, another word for lust is desires, the lust of the eyes, the flesh, “I want to do what I want to do, I want what I see.” The lust of the eyes and the pride of life status, importance —is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷And the world is passing away, it's fallen, it's fallen. The world is passing away and the desire of it and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever (1 John 2:15-17 NKJV).

You will live forever with what you've done with the will of God for your life. ¹⁷... he who does the will of God abides forever (1 John 2:15-17 NKJV). So, you will live forever with what you've done with the will of God, for you. The will of God, the plans of God for your life. You will live forever, but this world is falling, it's passed, it's passed away, it's passing away.

So, I want to go now. The will of God for us is also His plans for us. So, we're going to go to include these plans for us. Jeremiah 29, verses 11 to 13 and I will be reading from the Amplified Bible. This is also God speaking directly to us this morning. ¹¹For I know the thoughts God says and plans that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts and plans for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome. ¹²Then you will call upon Me, and you will come and pray to Me, and I will hear and heed you. ¹³Then you will seek Me, inquire for, and require Me [as a vital necessity] and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart (Jeremiah 29:11-13 AMPC).

Can you see? God wants you to search, you and me to search for Him with all our heart. He wants us to love Him. He wants us to want to know Him and want to draw near to Him. He says we will find Him. He knows the thoughts and plans that He has for you. For good for peace, He knows them. So, He's saying, “Come seek Me with all your heart. Come love Me with all your heart. And I'm going to, you'll find Me, you'll find My plans for you.” Right?

So something we can all do is draw near to Him and seek Him with all our hearts. So the New Living Translation puts it this way. Jeremiah 29, ¹¹For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. ¹²In those days when you pray, I will listen. ¹³If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me (Jeremiah 29:11-13 NLT). Now I am going to tell you something very important about this Scripture because you have heard it lots of times in your life if you have been born again for a long time, that God says He knows the thoughts and plans He has for you, right?

I want to tell you that the context in which this verse is written, He speaks to His people while they are in Babylon. This verse comes from God speaking to His people and they are in the midst of Babylon. He says, “I am going to bring you out of captivity because I know what I have got planned for you, not what you think Babylon has for you, or the evil world has for you. I know what I have got for you.” Right? “You are going to find out what I have got for you when you seek Me with all your heart. I am going to show you, I will be found by you.”

In this house, He wants us to be clear, that He is wanting gold, it is all here for us. Two Timothy two, 20 to 21 in the Amplified Bible says this; ²⁰But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also (utensils) of wood and earthenware, and some for honourable and noble (use) and some for menial and ignoble use. ²¹So whoever I am a whoever, aren't you a whoever? Whoever cleanses himself (from what is ignoble and unclean, who separates himself from contact with contaminating and corrupting influences) that is Babylon, okay, that is the evil world that Jesus has rescued us from will (then himself) be a vessel set apart and useful for honourable and noble purposes, consecrated and profitable to the Master, fit and ready for any good work (2 Timothy 20-22 AMPC).

The reason the Lord wants to bring this scripture to you this morning is He wants you to know, He has got gold for you, you can go for His gold. You know the world has got all these gold medals that you can go for, but God has got things of gold that you can go for, and it involves coming out, out of Babylon, it involves coming out. Right? To go for His gold, because it means nothing to Him that you got the gold here and the gold there or the silver here and the silver there, really? Really? Because those are the accolades of the world, you know? He has got things for you to set yourself apart for Him, to come to get to know Him, that is part of God's gold too, to separate yourself from contact, from contaminating, corrupting influences of the world. Right?

So, I will take the children, I will take the children. I'm just going to go through this one last key scripture with you before we get into the more meaty part, or the more focused part of the message this morning. Numbers 14, 28, I actually just want verse, 31, just verse 31. Numbers 14, 31 I want you to see here. ³¹But your little ones whom you said would be a prey, them will I bring in and they shall know the land which you have despised and rejected (Numbers 14:31 AMPC).

That was God's response to His people who said "I don't want to go into the promised land anymore, I want to go back," and He said, "You are not going to go in. You are going to wander around here for 40 years, and you are going to die, then your children that you said, your little ones that you said, I was going to prey on them, because I asked you to come out of the Babylonian system, I was there to rescue you from Egypt, you said you don't want rescuing, you want that back.

Well, there is no going back now, because initially, you said, "Yes" first that you would come out, and now you say, "No, I want to go back. Well, there is no going back for you now, so I will still take care of you, you will get water out a rock, you will still get manna every day, but you will wander around and you'll never know what it could have been like if you've gone all the way with Me, even though you didn't know what it was going to look like, and how you are going to get there, you were just going to have faith in Me and believe Me and see then, this is God." Right? It takes a little child to travel that way, right?

So, He says, ³¹But your little ones that you said I would be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised (Numbers 14:31 AMPC), the little ones, I will take the children. So the children are those that have become like little children but also your children people. God is going to speak to parents today and for some time to come about their children, right?

So, we are going to go to the birth of John the Baptist and look at Luke one, 57 to 66 out of the Amplified. I will take your little ones; I will take your children. So, verse 57; ⁵⁷Now the time that Elizabeth should be delivered came, and she gave birth to a son. ⁵⁸And her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy on her, and they rejoiced with her. ⁵⁹And it occurred that on the eighth day when they came to circumcise the child, they were intending to call him Zachariah after his father, ⁶⁰But his mother answered, Not so! But he shall be called John. ⁶¹And they said to her, None of your relatives is called by that name. ⁶²And they inquired with signs to his father [as to] what he wanted to have him called. ⁶³Then Zachariah asked for a writing tablet and wrote, His name is John. And they were all astonished. ⁶⁴And at once his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he began to speak, blessing and praising and thanking God. ⁶⁵And awe and reverential fear came on all their neighbours, and all these things were discussed throughout the hill country of Judea. ⁶⁶And all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, Whatever will this little boy be then? Whatever will this little boy be then? For the hand of the Lord was [so evidently] with him [protecting and aiding him] (Luke 1:47-66 AMPC). Right?

That is a good Word response. Whatever will this little boy be then? Because the hand of the Lord was so evidently upon him. Well the Lord has asked me to say this today. Every child that's ever born from a mother's womb, the hand of the Lord is upon them. God has got a plan for that child's life. There was nothing more precious about John here born than any other child than any children born to anybody here, the hand of the Lord is upon every conception and every birth.

Now the parents. What the parents do, and what the people around the parents do and say, will determine the outcome of the future of their child. In the world system, it works like this. We have a conversation and an uncle or an aunt or just some person, not even thinking will say to your child, "So what do you want to be one day when you grow up? Wat wil jy wees? What do you want to be when you grow up?" Forcing the child to think about something that's not even the plan of God. "Don't you want to be this? Or you could be that? You can be anything you want to be, you can do anything you want to do." We can't have those conversations among ourselves like that with each other's children. Forcing the child or someone else to say words over that child that is not God's words. So that the enemy and the world system can get them from they are very small.

We should all be in awe, when a child is born in this congregation, and say, "Whatever will this little girl be? Whatever will this little boy be." We are to be in reverence. God has got a plan. God's got a plan for that child. Hallelujah. Glory to God.

He is still the same God today that will appear to a mother or appear to father to speak about that child's destiny and that child's purpose. If a mother or a father gets that child, so wrapped up and tangled up in the ways of the world with their words and traps them with their words, and their will of what they would like him to be, because "You've got to earn a living, and you've got to get something behind your name. And you've got to do this and you've got to do something." How is God ever going to call an Isaac if He doesn't have an Abraham that gives his son completely to God? How is He ever going to have a Hannah? A Samuel? If he doesn't have a Hannah? How? How? Is He ever going to have a John, if he doesn't have Zechariah? and Elizabeth? How is He ever going to have His way with children, our children especially in the earth if us as parents can't do things new now, and start fresh, and not ever go back? This is God helping us coming out of Babylon. And the big thing about what happens in Babylon is what happens to children. It really affects God. God takes it very, very seriously.

God says' "I know, I, God, know the thoughts and plans I have for My, for all people born." So, parent, as a parent, if you never sought Me for your, for My plans, for your life, because your parents didn't teach you. Why do you want to perpetuate it? Why do you want as a parent to say; "Well, it was good enough for me what my parents did for me, and what I did for my children? So, my children could do the same." Why do we want to perpetuate it? Why don't we want to come out of Babylon, and do it God's way now?

That's what it means to change and turn around. I used to do it like that. I don't do it like that anymore. So what if I've already done it and my children already? Well, then I'll say, "Lord, I recognize what I've done and I asked you to forgive me. And I'm asking you now to get to my children and make sure that they come on to the ancient part and they follow You. I ask You to forgive me for getting them so involved in Babylon, that I never even asked You. What will this little boy be? What will this little girl be?"

We're going to see how, when the angel appeared to Samson's parents and said, "You're going to have a little boy, and he's going to be this and this and that." Then they asked him, they said; "Well, how do we manage him? How do we manage him? How do we raise him for You?" Any child that's ever born is no different to Samson. The parents have got to have that response, that Abraham response, the Hannah response, the Zechariah, Elizabeth response, the Samson's parents' response. What do I, how do I manage him, are the other words that Samson's father used when, before he was even born, before he was even born?

So, we have to not have the attitude of pride. Remember, we can't go into and through the new door with pride in people. This new door is not going to shut. Whatever will this little boy be? Whatever will this little girl be? A new door, let me just share this with you. This is just something the Lord gave me. I know, I've read it to you before but I want to read it again.

*A New Door
It's Open
It's New
I'm going straight through*

I'm reminding you about this in October because this door is not going to be shut because God, Jesus, Holy Spirit opened it. It's going to stay open. It's a door for Himself for whoever wants to enter the Kingdom like a little child can now come through that new door. Right? And it's got a supernatural increase. What we do with our children has got everything to do with our supernatural increase. God said, later on, chose Abraham because He knew Abraham would command his children after him. So, the blessing of Abraham, if we lay claim to it, we have to also be like Abraham in that he gave his firstborn son completely to God. Right?

A New Door

It's Open

It's New

It's still new and open it's only been open, what? Few months? I'm quite going through this new door. Still, it will be for a long time. I'm experiencing supernatural increase, some, but not as much as I'm going to experience continuing to go through the new open door. God said these words to me. He said, "Sharon whatever supernatural increase you experiencing now and this year will remain, but then it will increase again and again." So, I have experienced some supernatural increase. If you really think about it, child of God, and you really give it some thought of spiritual increase that you've experienced, and you just take it for a moment off financial increase only, you know what I mean? We have a tendency to see it in that light, but I'm seeing it in the light of my spiritual increase, relational increase, increase in understanding, increase in receiving insight and concepts and ideas, increase in trust and faith, increase, even in my physical strength and conditioning. Just increase, I'm so grateful. Increase in my love for God, in thanksgiving, in supernatural increase of thanksgiving. I've experienced supernatural increase. If you really think about it, and you let it come out your mouth to somebody, you'll be amazed at how much supernatural increase, well, that's going to remain. It's not going to disappear.

It's going to remain, then it is going to increase again and again. That's just it. Yeah. Through the new open door, it's still supernatural increase. Still, still and again, and again, over and over and over. Anybody can come into that, come into that if they will just not have unbelief and hardness of heart. Glory to God. So, whatever will this little boy be then? Defining moments. Oh, I'm busy reading this. Okay.

A New Door

It's Open

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I'm going straight through

My will surrendered to You

My Words from You

My Faith Unshakeable

My Praise unstoppable

My Love walk Impeccable

My worship True

I'm going through

My Joy unlimited

My Strength in You

The New Door

It's Open

It's a Kingdom Door

It's being opened by You Jesus

How do I go through?

Become

Like a little child

Come to Me like a little child

Come humble

And you won't stumble

Without Humility

There's almost a kind of futility

Because through this New Door

There will be no place for Pride to hide

Let Me help you deal with it

Privately Personally Powerfully

Inside

Through this New Door

Everyday humility will be required

Just like a little child

Pride and Greed are deadly Twins

No one wins

The Pride of Life

The Lust of the eyes

The lust of the flesh

A trio of Death

Breathe in the Life of My Breath

And You'll stay free

Of all three

Come with a heart sincere

No place for pretence either here

Glory to God. So, I will take the children. God says, *"I Will Take the Children."* The Matthew 18 kind of children, those that are becoming like little children, trusting, loving, believing, receiving, believing, receiving. You see all the people that went into the promised land with Joshua were little children. They were just like Caleb, because God said, "I will take the children and Joshua and Caleb." So, the people that went in with Joshua were all little children. Big little children, young teenagers little children or little, little children; they were all little children. Why? Because they believed, they were trusting God to go in, where is the other people, the other group, initially God's plan failed, right? He did a big, big, big thing to get them out of Egypt. It was a big thing for Him when they said, "I don't want to go." Then Moses was so angry with them because Moses and so Moses misrepresents God. He strikes the rock when God tells them to speak to it and God says, "I get you, I understand why you are so angry with these unbelieving people, but you misrepresented Me, and so you are not going to go in. You come to Me. And Joshua will take the people in."

They were all little children and they said, "Joshua, you just follow God and we will follow you, we're going, we're going. We want to take it, we're tired of this thing here. Just spinning our wheels here. We want some spiritual action, we want to see God in action, we want some possession. We want to occupy it. We want to do stuff we didn't do before through this New Open Door." Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

It is important for us to know that He wants us as a people to be fit and ready for His use. So, He did a work for us, as a people, with this message of *I'll Take The Children*.

Whatever this little boy be then? Defining moments. So, there was a man called Lot. In Genesis chapter 13 verse seven to 13, King James Version. I'm gonna read from verse seven here, ⁷And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land. ⁸And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren. ⁹Is not the whole land before thee? Separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left. ¹⁰And Lot lifted up his eyes, Lot lifted up his eyes and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as

the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar. ¹¹Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other. ¹²Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent this is key, and pitched his tent toward Sodom (Genesis 13:7-12 KJV).

The Sodom of his day was the Egypt of his day, was the Babylonian system of his day, was the evil world that Jesus came to rescue us from the world system. He pitched his tent toward the world. The world. He was something of the love of the world in him because he pitched his tent towards it. Right? But verse 13 says, ¹³But the men of Sodom were wicked. Lot pitched his tent towards Sodom but, the scripture says the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly (Genesis 13:13 KJV). So, we can pitch our tent, right? We can pitch our tent towards the world, it is possible for us to do that. That was quite a big thing that happened there with Lot. I'm going to read the rest of that to you of what happened to Lot.

Sodom and Gomorrah has got such sinfulness happening in it, such as it was like in the days of Noah. Where God repented that even He made man. He says, He even repented that He made man. Because the earth was filled with evil continually except for Noah. It is just what the world has come to. The earth and the world was filled with evil continually. God said; "Now, Noah built an arc." This is what God says to us on this earth, this world is filled with things continually. "Build an arc, go into the arc, be in the Kingdom of God." That's our arc. Be with your people. Assemble with your people. Be in the Kingdom of God. Right?

So, He said here, the Lord comes to Abraham. Genesis 18 verse 17 says; because Abraham pleads now, ¹⁷And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; ¹⁸Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? ¹⁹For I know him, look at this, God says, "I know Abraham," that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him. ²⁰And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; ²¹I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know (Genesis 18:17-21 KJV).

I'm not going to read everything, Abraham goes to God, if there are fifty righteous, won't You spare Sodom and Gomorrah? If there is forty? If there are thirty righteous won't you spare it? If there are twenty? If there are ten? And up to ten but there were not and then Abraham stops because Abraham knew there wasn't more than ten. He knew there were less than ten in that city because Abraham doesn't live far from Sodom, because when Sodom went up in flames he saw the smoke from where he was living.

In verse one from Genesis 19, it says; ¹And there came two angels to Sodom at evening, and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground (Genesis 19:1 KJV). So now we're going to go to verse 12 here, of Genesis 19; ¹²And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? Son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place: ¹³For we will destroy this place because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD, and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it. ¹⁴And Lot went out and spoke unto his sons in law, which, the other translations says, which were going to marry his daughters, they haven't married his daughters yet, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law (Genesis 19:12-14 KJV).

It is not a small matter to God to tell us to come out of Babylon at this time, people. We mustn't think as if it's a light matter that I can stand here and say to you, God says, "Come out of Babylon" and you sit here and think I'm mocking; I'm joking with you, it's not really that serious. You understand this? He says here; ¹⁴seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law. ¹⁵And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, so there was only Lot, wife and two daughters, see four, weren't ten, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city (Genesis 19:12-15 KJV). Come out of Babylon so that you don't participate in her plagues and share in her sins. Come out. Because it is fallen.

¹⁶And while he lingered, he lingered, okay? I'm not sure that all this is true that I really want to get out here, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city. ¹⁷And it came to pass when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed (Genesis 19:16-17 KJV).

²⁶But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt. ²⁷And Abraham get up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the LORD: ²⁸And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace. ²⁹And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham because Abraham interceded for Lot and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt (Genesis 19:26-29 KJV).

I could have really gotten a better version there, translation. Okay, in the which, okay, the cities in the which Lot dwelled. Just the cities in which Lot dwelled. You know, but anyway, you understand what it means, right? Okay. So there we go. Lot pitched his tent towards Sodom. They got so into that thing, that she was so imprinted and so influenced, and he was so imprinted in so influenced that he lingered, and she looked back. He lingered, Lot, while he lingered, the angels grabbed him. You don't understand? It's urgent. And she looked back. One of the Bible commentaries says, "With longing. She looked back with longing." You know, it wasn't just the fact that she physically looked back, it was looking back of the heart, like the Israelites had, "I remember Egypt, I want to go back." Right?

That's very important. It's very important that we come out at this time because it's a defining moment. It's always been important that we not live in Babylon and live according to the world system. So I'm going to speak to you now I'm going to speak to you about Hannah, dedicating her firstborn son, Samuel, to the Lord completely. We're going to look at that from the Message Bible. First of all, there is one Samuel one verse 11. What Hannah says here; "By giving me a son", remember we are talking about whatever will this little boy be?

God is going to change the hearts of parents here in this congregation, to see the children in a completely different light. We're going to see them in God's lights, and we're not going to make our own plans for them. We are going to say to the Lord; "Whatever will this little girl be. Whatever will this little boy be?" We are not going to say, "Well, he's going to be a and we're going to send him to and he's going to be and we're going to send him to." We as parents, from this point onwards, are going to do right before God. We're going to say, "Whatever will this be. Let this be Lord, let this be." Hallelujah.

One Samuel one verse 11 Hannah says this, "By giving me a son," she might as well have said; "By giving me a daughter", you understand the principle by giving me a son. I'll give him completely and we deservedly to You. I'll set him apart for a life of holy discipline.

One Samuel, chapter one verse 20; ²⁰Before the year was out, Hannah had conceived and given birth to a son. She named him Samuel, explaining, "I asked GOD for him"(1 Samuel 1:20 MSG). Hallelujah. Glory to God. Right?

Here's verse 21 ²¹⁻²²When Elkanah next took his family on their annual trip to Shiloh to worship GOD, offering sacrifices and keeping his vow, Hannah didn't go. She told her husband, "After the child is weaned, I'll bring him myself and present him before GOD—and that's where he'll stay, for good." ²³⁻²⁴Elkanah said to his wife, "Do what you think is best. Stay home until you have weaned him. Yes! Let GOD complete what he has begun!"(1 Samuel 1:21-24 MSG).

When God gives you a child, let God complete what He has begun. This was not a weak husband saying, "Oh really you want to give our firstborn to God. Oh, no how can you do that my wife?" They had a completely different mindset which is what God is wanting to show us. They always took their firstborn and offered them

to God. They always said, "Lord, here's our firstborn," they went into the temple as Jesus and Mary did as the custom to bring the firstborn to the temple. They know as parents if we can seek the Lord for our firstborn, and then anybody else, or any other 'bornes' that are born behind us, we will be in that habit in their pattern of speaking the right things in our home; seeking the Lord for the right things in our home, hallelujah. This first fruit principle and bring the first, bring the first and so when Hannah said to her husband, "Elkanah, we're going to bring him, to take him to the temple." It wasn't a big *skrik* for Elkanah. Wasn't the big thing, because that was what they did as a people. That was what they did as a people when they were serving God, they did that. When they were serving God, they were doing that. When they were mingling with the heathen nations, it was just let's tick the box, and let's have him dedicated. Just to say that we had him dedicated, you know, it's what we do. You know.

Let GOD complete what he has begun!" So she did. She stayed home and nursed her son until she had weaned him. Then she took him up to Shiloh, bringing also the makings of a generous sacrificial meal—a prize bull, flour, and wine. The child was so young to be sent off! ²⁵⁻²⁶They first butchered the bull, then brought the child to Eli. Hannah said, "Excuse me, sir. Would you believe that I'm the very woman who was standing before you at this very spot, praying to GOD? (1 Samuel 1:25 MSG).

She was in the temple. He's not even such a good Priest. She's not even really sending her child even to a place that's she didn't really have a very good experience when she wasn't pregnant and she went there. Eli thought she was drunk. He didn't even have spiritual sensitivity to her, and his two sons were doing terrible things in the temple, but her trust was in God. She, from her heart, gave him unreservedly to God. She knew that stuff couldn't touch him. She didn't fear, same as Moses' parents, in the little basket, they were not afraid. It says, "They were not overawed by the King's decree." They were not afraid. What is it been decreed that you gotta kill your child, this little boy, they were already saying whatever will this little boy Moses be? We just put him in a basket and we say, "Lord, we gave him unreservedly to Thee." Glory to God.

You think that stuff we can still do? God is opening up a portal here. God is causing us, with these messages that He's bringing to us, to open it up here. We are occupying the space now. For all parents current and parents that will come. All children current and children that will come. We are raising foundations of generations that have been laid waste. That's what God is doing here. Glory to God. Your mind will say; "But we've always done it that way." Can you see what a big thing it is for God to get us to go?

He's doing it because He's mighty to deliver. He's mighty to deliver. He's going to give through these messages every parent the ability to unreservedly dedicate their child to God to not allow conversations around their child, because they're saying, "Lord, whatever will this little boy be? Whatever I want this little girl be? Lord, Lord." Hallelujah.

"Excuse me, sir. Would you believe that I'm the very woman who was standing before you at this very spot, praying to GOD? I prayed for this child, and GOD gave me what I asked for. And now I have dedicated him to GOD. He's dedicated to GOD for life." (1 Samuel 1:26 MSG). I'm never going to interfere with You, God, in what You've got planned for Samuel. I'm never going to interfere. I'm not going to let the fears and anxieties of the world come upon me and say; "But at least you should be giving him this and at least you should be pushing him in that direction and at least it's got to have something to and this has got to, you know, have something behind him to fall back on into." All those worldly phrases, because there's the language of the world to teach you how to raise your children or what to do with your children that's evil. And then there is the Kingdom of God, and how God says in the Kingdom of God, how you can go for gold there. You can go for gold there if you want to, as parents, glory to God.

I think we've done very well today. I want to do, I do want to read you from the Message though. One Samuel two verse 17 to 33, I think I'll finish with this Message Bible. Let's go to One Samuel two verse 11 to 13 first. One Samuel two verse 11 and 13. Let's finish this story because it's a true story.

¹¹Elkanah went home this is Hannah's husband to Ramah. The boy stayed and served GOD in the company of Eli the priest. ¹²⁻¹⁷Eli's own sons were a bad lot. They didn't know GOD and could not have cared less about

the customs of priests among the people. And then we go to verse 17. ¹⁷It was a horrible sin these young servants were committing—and right in the presence of GOD!—desecrating the holy offerings to GOD. ¹⁸⁻²⁰In the midst of all this, Samuel, a boy dressed in a priestly linen tunic, served GOD. Look at verse 21; ²¹GOD was most especially kind to Hannah. She had three more sons and two daughters! The boy Samuel stayed at the sanctuary and grew up with GOD (1 Samuel 2:11-13;21 MSG).

Shhh, people, I'm going to read this, ²²⁻²⁵By this time, verse 22, ²²⁻²⁵By this time Eli was very old. He kept getting reports on how his sons were ripping off the people and sleeping with the women who helped out at the sanctuary (1 Samuel 2:22 MSG). I want to tell you, people, I want to tell you people, God is not pleased with sleeping around in His sanctuary. He's not pleased when people sleep around because it is immoral.

The world says you have to. You have to 'try' before you get married, at least. Well, tell God that. God should have made some people before Adam and Eve so that they could 'be ready' for each other. Sleeping around is not God's way. Virginity before marriage is God's gold. That's God's gold. God's got gold for us people. The world is evil. The Kingdom of God is filled with light. I'll tell you Adam and Eve, in that garden, had no baggage from anything from their past; they just had the glory of God, had the glory of God on them. They saw each other in the glory and through the glory. They only had God and His glory, they didn't need anything from anywhere else to tell them what to do, and how to do it. God made them.

I taught my boys that when they were young. God had me, some wonderful teachings come into my hands about that. I remember the one day, Garth was a teenager, and I remember he told me about this time he found himself in this situation much like Joseph, and Potiphar's wife. He found himself in a situation like that. And he just said; "Mom I knew that day was a setup for me. I could feel it in the spirit, I knew that she had her eyes on me. And I ran." Because I had taught them about the glory and the splendor of virginity. This is going to help some of you. Yes, God does and will restore, but why not just go for gold first time?

Why I have to go through years and years of time of God has to take to heal your soul and restore your soul. I can go into this in such detail. Why? Why are God, God is not a killjoy? God has got His best for you. I mean, Marcel put a ring on her finger when she was a teenager, a promise ring saying; "I'm married to Jesus and I will not be intimate with any men until I'm married with the husband that God has got for me." God's bringing purity. A purity. I'm going to be teaching on that still, in the future, these messages of *I Will Take the Children* God says; "I'm going to rub it into my people. I'm not going to stop until I'm" this is how I felt God when He was talking to me. He says; "I'm not going to stop until I go ahhhh and I'm satisfied that my people have got it. I've imprinted them, I've influenced them, I've impacted them. I've got them now. They see clearly. They've changed, they've turned, they've become come little children. I'm taking you in." Isn't this good? Isn't this good? Praise the Lord. Hallelujah.

So, the boy Samuel stayed at the sanctuary and grew up with God. There we go. I'm stopping right there, right now. I know you got something out of this this morning. I'm not even going to ask you because while I'm ministering you there. I experienced you. Let me tell you how I experienced you. I experienced you like sponges. I experienced you just absorbing all of this. And you just absorb all of this. You are wonderful. You are really wonderful. God is blessing us with such yum, yum, food it's like, "Lord, thank You. Thank You. You got our best interests at heart, Lord." Glory to God. Hey, glory to God. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah. Thank you, Lord, glory.

Just let me pray for you. I commit you. I want to just, I've got this prayer, I commit you to His grace and I commend you to this Word that was ministered this morning, which is able to build you up and give you your rightful inheritance and to enable you to become and turn and change to become like a little child. I commit you to this Word that has come to you this morning, and I bless you and I pray that the Word in the Blood of Jesus surrounds you and protects you. Everything, every part of you. I pray that the wonder of this Word will just keep working in you, a seed in you, alive in you, changing you, forging Christ in you, that this Word that I brought to you this morning, will work mightily in you. Work mightily within you precious people of God, in the Name of Jesus, and we all say, "Amen." God bless you. See you soon. Bye.

