

# The Question that Changed My Life

By David Ryser

A number of years ago, I had the privilege of teaching at a school of ministry. My students were hungry for God, and I was constantly searching for ways to challenge them to fall more in love with Jesus and to become voices for revival in the Church. I came across a quote attributed most often to Rev. Sam Pascoe. It is a short version of the history of Christianity, and it goes like this:

Christianity started in Palestine as a fellowship; it moved to Greece and became a philosophy; it moved to Italy and became an institution; it moved to Europe and became a culture; it came to America and became an enterprise. Some of the students were only 18 or 19 years old—barely out of diapers—and I wanted them to understand and appreciate the import of the last line, so I clarified it by adding, “An enterprise. That’s a business.” After a few moments Martha, the youngest student in the class, raised her hand. I could not imagine what her question might be. I thought the little vignette was self-explanatory, and that I had performed it brilliantly. Nevertheless, I acknowledged Martha’s raised hand, “Yes, Martha.” She asked such a simple question, “A business? But isn’t it supposed to be a body?” I could not envision where this line of questioning was going, and the only response I could think of was, “Yes.” She continued, “But when a body becomes a business, isn’t that a prostitute?”

The room went dead silent. For several seconds no one moved or spoke. We were stunned, afraid to make a sound because the presence of God had flooded into the room, and we knew we were on holy ground. All I could think in those sacred moments was, “Wow, I wish I’d thought of that.” I didn’t dare express that thought aloud. God had taken over the class.

Martha’s question changed my life. For six months, I thought about her question at least once every day. “When a body becomes a business, isn’t that prostitute?” There is only one answer to her question. The answer is “Yes.” The American Church, tragically, is heavily populated by people who do not love God. How can we love Him? We don’t even know Him; and I mean really know Him.

...I stand by my statement that most American Christians do not know God—much less love Him. The root of this condition originates in how we came to God. Most of us came to Him because of what we were told He would do for us. We were promised that He would bless us in life and take us to heaven after death. We married Him for His money, and we don’t care if He lives or dies as long as we can get His stuff. We have made the Kingdom of God into a business,

merchandising His anointing. This should not be. We are commanded to love God, and are called to be the Bride of Christ—that's pretty intimate stuff. We are supposed to be His lovers. How can we love someone we don't even know? And even if we do know someone, is that a guarantee that we truly love them? Are we lovers or prostitutes?

I was pondering Martha's question again one day, and considered the question, "What's the difference between a lover and a prostitute?" I realized that both do many of the same things, but a lover does what she does because she loves. A prostitute pretends to love, but only as long as you pay. Then I asked the question, "What would happen if God stopped paying me?"

For the next several months, I allowed God to search me to uncover my motives for loving and serving Him. Was I really a true lover of God? What would happen if He stopped blessing me? What if He never did another thing for me? Would I still love Him? Please understand, I believe in the promises and blessings of God. The issue here is not whether God blesses His children; the issue is the condition of my heart. Why do I serve Him? Are His blessings in my life the gifts of a loving Father, or are they a wage that I have earned or a bribe/payment to love Him? Do I love God without any conditions? It took several months to work through these questions. Even now I wonder if my desire to love God is always matched by my attitude and behavior. I still catch myself being disappointed with God and angry that He has not met some perceived need in my life. I suspect this is something which is never fully resolved, but I want more than anything else to be a true lover of God.

So what is it going to be? Which are we; lover or prostitute? There are no prostitutes in heaven, or in the Kingdom of God for that matter, but there are plenty of former prostitutes in both places. Take it from a recovering prostitute when I say there is no substitute for unconditional, intimate relationship with God. And I mean there is no palatable substitute available to us (take another look at Matthew 7:21-23 sometime). We must choose.

Dr. David Ryser

# Releasing the Spirit's Fire

by  
Lucas Sherraden

[Lucas Sherraden is a pastor from the greater Houston TX region whose life was changed when he had an encounter with the Lord while on a mission trip with Randy Clark's Global Awakening Ministries. The following excerpt describes a part of the vision he received while in Anápolis, Brazil. The vision clearly emphasizes the importance of unity in the revival of the Lord's Kingdom. We hope it is an encouragement to you in light of how the Lord is speaking to us about prayer and the unity of the people of God.]

*Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him. And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another ... 1 John 3:21-23a*

**Then he [the angel] asked me if I wanted to see what the Lord was doing in Anápolis [Brazil]. I said yes. He gave me a wide-angle, aerial view of the city of Anápolis. Suspended above it was a giant ball of fire. It was the fire of revival and a giant move of His Spirit ready to be released, yet still hanging above the city in a giant net. The giant orb strained to break through the net, .but was constrained by the crisscrossed ropes. Every once in a while a fragment of the fireball would drop through the net and touch people. At times bigger pieces of fire would fall - but the enormous bulging mass of fire was still hanging suspended, prevented from falling by the net that restrained it.**

**Then the angel asked me if I wanted to see the net that was stopping the ball of fire from falling. I said yes. He brought me close enough to see the net. The crisscrossed cables that composed the net had two different phrases written on them - UNFORGIVENESS AND BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS. In other words, if unforgiveness and broken relationships were not there, there would be no net restraining the Spirit's fire from falling in Anápolis.**

For some time after returning from my trip, I thought this last segment of the experience stood alone. Thank God, He helped me avoid what could have been a tragic mistake! At first, I erroneously believed this was a message exclusively for the city of Anápolis, Brazil. Later, I realized that this was actually the lynchpin connecting the entire encounter. This revelation is what releases the fire, not just to an individual, but to entire regions. It also contains the greatest challenge.



In the first part of this experience, fire prepared me to see Jesus face to face. In the second part, fire prepares an entire region to see the Lord. Here is what the Lord later revealed: **What God allowed me to experience on an individual level, entire regions can experience on massive levels.** This, then, became a strategic key to unlock deeper experiences in God over entire regions.



In Brazil, the same day this all happened, Randy [Clark] asked me to share this part of the experience at the evening crusade meeting. Shaking and barely coherent, I stood before more than 5,000 and related, as best I could, what I had seen over their city. As I stood to speak, angels lined the back of the large auditorium, each with a pair of scissors in hand. They were eager to cut the ropes of unforgiveness and bitterness that had restrained the fire of God over their city. After sharing, I asked people to repent of unforgiveness and broken relationships. It was quite clear that widespread, regional breakthrough would ensue. But, at the conclusion of the invitation, only a handful responded. I attempted to hand the microphone back to Randy, who handed it back to me saying, "Try again!" I repeated the invitation, but only a few more responded. I was weak and shaky, and my physical strength was giving way, so I handed the microphone back to Randy. He explained the importance of this invitation to the crowd, but still the response was limited.



As I considered the limited response, God gave me understanding. He said, "**If I had asked my church to do something difficult, they would have done it.**" The Lord showed me that if a move of the Spirit was guaranteed after a prolonged fast, they would eagerly fast. If a Pentecost experience was guaranteed after praying around the clock for 40 days, they would gladly pray. People volunteer freely for what they view as a heroic, ultimate or extreme spiritual act. But, the response was minimal because **most people believe the realm of relationships is not that spiritual.**



The Old Testament account of Naaman, commander of the Syrian army, illustrates that *people would rather perform extreme acts of spiritual heroism than acts of simple obedience.*<sup>1</sup> Naaman had leprosy. A Jewish servant girl suggested that he contact the prophet in Israel. Naaman hooked up the horses, gathered his entourage and, amid much fanfare, went to Elisha's house. Elisha didn't even

---

<sup>1</sup> 2 Kings 5

bother to answer the door! Instead, he sent word to Naaman instructing him to dip seven times in the Jordan River. Indignation overtook Naaman because of Elisha's unceremonious treatment and mundane instructions. Offended, Naaman turned to leave. The instructions Elisha gave Naaman felt very unspiritual to him. They seemed beneath him.

His men implored, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do something great, would you not have done it?" Naaman eventually yielded to his men, obeyed the simple command, and was totally healed.



Undervaluing relationships as mundane and unspiritual was precisely why I thought this last part of the encounter was completely separate, and also why the response at the crusade was so limited. A great heroic quest amid fanfare, or a super-spiritual feat demonstrating heroic commitment and extreme zeal would have at least **felt** spiritual. Relationships, however, can feel very unspiritual. They are tangible - you live with them day to day. Relationships are not a one-time, heroic task, but a daily humbling process of learning to love.

What if there had been a collective, immediate, zealous repentance in Brazil that night? Would the angels have cut the cords of the net and let the fire fall? Would God have opened the eyes of all who gathered there? Would God have overwhelmingly met those needing healing and deliverance? Would the bitterness of broken relationships have melted under the power of His love and tenderness? Taking it one step further, would God have moved so powerfully among the unchurched throughout the city that they would be unexplainably impacted where they sat - in restaurants, bars, living rooms, cars or buses?



There is a powerful regional release of the Spirit as God's children get along. This release not only impacts the church but entire populations. The Bible supports the idea that unity in the church can result in powerful regional outpourings of His Spirit. Unity is so high-impact that, what happens in a specific meeting can effect unsuspecting people who are not even seeking God.

This entire dynamic is played out in the birth of the Church. At Passover, Jesus told 500 to go wait in Jerusalem until Pentecost.<sup>2</sup> By the time Pentecost came, there were only 120 left in that upper room. What happened to the other 380? What occurred in that upper room<sup>3</sup> over those several weeks?

Use your imagination for a moment. You have spent three years of your life following Jesus. You have learned to trust Him as He taught and demonstrated

---

<sup>2</sup> Acts 1:4-7

<sup>3</sup> Acts 1:13

truths about His kingdom. The group you traveled with, however, was fairly dysfunctional. They were always arguing about who was greatest and who would get to sit next to Jesus in His kingdom.

Jesus told your small group to go wait in Jerusalem for the "Holy Spirit," which was totally foreign to you. He was then brutally and unexpectedly executed. Depression, bewilderment, despair and fear abounded. But as instructed, you went to Jerusalem with 499 other people in the same disappointing plight. Everyone was dealing with grief, sudden loss of leadership and fear of the occupying government, not to mention the inadequate facilities!

But, as instructed, you wait ... and wait ... all these discomforts were compounded by the fact that now you were in a prayer meeting without the Holy Spirit. We can think of few things more excruciating than being in a prayer meeting without the Holy Spirit! Yet, here were 500 disillusioned, beleaguered, expressive Mediterraneans - all in one stuffy, hot, overcrowded room praying - without the Holy Spirit.

Could it be that during those tense weeks in the upper room, angels with scissors were cutting away the cords of unforgiveness and broken relationships? Could it be the last 'snip' intentionally coincided with "when the day of Pentecost was fully come?" The final broken relationship was healed, the final rope of bitterness was cut, and the Holy Spirit rushed in with vehement power. As a result, the entire region was impacted and human history was changed forever.



God cannot and will not stay away from a place of worship and covenant friendship. Christians today want the Acts 2 experience of Pentecost without the discomfort and responsibility of getting into one accord. It is easy to be in one accord theoretically with the universal church ... just not with a local church you have to see daily! What would happen if God asked you to take a couple months off work and sit in a room with the people you go to church with until the Holy Spirit comes in power? Spectator Christianity would come to the quick and violent end it deserves!

God is looking for people who will diligently love each other. Through the energetic embracing of differences and a diligence to keep short accounts with each other, this much needed mindset will be forged: "**We live together, and we die together.**" Our unity will be based upon God's type of love and covenant commitments.



The process of getting into one accord is difficult but not impossible. Conflicts among Christians do not need to be lethal or permanent. They are wonderful opportunities for relationships to deepen and for new levels of honor and respect

to develop. Relationships do not increase in depth or meaning until they have worked through conflict. Those who shun conflict, or do not know how to embrace it and work through it, often end up confused, choosing to wander away from their God-given spiritual families.

This tendency to wander rather than persevere in covenant relationships has produced a society where life-long commitments are rare. Undervaluing such commitments has infused the church with the consumer culture of the world, producing Christians who church hop, nonchalantly tossing aside the relationships of a spiritual family. Learning to stand alongside one another through differences and difficulties creates a depth of intimacy, mutual respect and honor that is priceless and powerful. Resolved issues leave the heart open to greater depths of relational intimacy.

Restoring relationships is not easy. We have a real enemy who is desperate with fear over the idea of Christians walking in love and harmony. We cannot afford to take the easy route. There is too much at stake and the benefits are too precious. By our unity, we can be a genuine blessing to this planet. We will become a source of inheritance for others in our regions. Others will benefit from our covenant affection and begin to have supernatural experiences without having had to gain this ground for themselves. Through unity, the Holy Spirit is free to reveal a deeper understanding of Jesus both to you, and to your region.



A few years ago, I heard my friend and author of *Experiencing Father's Embrace*, the late Jack Frost, heralding that we are in the midst of a revival of the love of God. This "Agape Reformation" is a grand, sweeping movement of the love of God that will be as profound and far-reaching as the Protestant Reformation.

I believe there are two facets to this Reformation. In the first wave, God will stabilize the heart of the Church in His love. There is nothing greater than experiencing God's affection and being rooted in His love. To fully realize the depths of God's love results in confidence, deep devotion and passion for Jesus. In the second wave, our love for one another will be fully manifest. Jesus said this is how those who followed Him would be known. Supernatural love for each other will emerge from the healed hearts of people in the Body of Christ who are committed to one another in ironclad affection. The Lord is offering both supernatural and relational prosperity in this second facet of the Agape Reformation. This double-portion prosperity is not from the world. It is the prosperity of the kingdom. We attain this prosperity the same way that Job attained his: by praying for his friends!<sup>4</sup>

---

<sup>4</sup> Job 42:10



Through this encounter the Lord ultimately revealed to me that if we take the first step toward resolving issues of unforgiveness and broken relationships, it will result in powerful moves of God affecting entire regions. The potential for greater and deeper experiences in His supernatural kingdom will be realized. While this is simple, it is simply powerful. There is a great open door of opportunity to reconcile all uncomfortable relationships, drop every quarrel,<sup>5</sup> and, to the extent possible, live at peace with everyone.<sup>6</sup> We have the confidence to receive anything we ask because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.<sup>7</sup> "This is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another ..."<sup>8</sup>

Let no relationship be exempt. As much as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. Realistically, there are those with whom no further relationship is possible at this point. These you can forgive, quickly, easily and graciously, with a phone call or visit. For others, forgiveness will open up an opportunity to draw closer. Either way, will you take the first step toward forgiveness and restoration? Will you take responsibility for broken relationships and let the angels cut away the cords that hold back the fire of God over your region?

An excerpt from When Heaven Opens by Lucas Sherraden and Graham Cooke

---

<sup>5</sup> Col 3:13

<sup>6</sup> Rom 12:18

<sup>7</sup> 1 John 3:22

<sup>8</sup> 1John 3:23

WHITEDOVE MINISTRIES JANUARY 2008 E-NEWSLETTER  
FROM: Paul Keith & Wanda Davis  
and JoAnn McFatter

## Divine Alliances

One of God's wonderful assurances is His promise to release a special blessing and anointing on those willing to dwell together in unity and fraternal affection. Psalms 133 declares,

**Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, coming down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard, coming down upon the edge of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon coming down upon the mountains of Zion; for there the LORD commanded the blessing-- life forever.**

On Saturday morning before the Day of Atonement 2006, I received a spiritual dream that communicated a message consistent with this theme. Wanda and I were involved in the "Engaging Heaven" conference with our friends Brian and Candace Simmons in West Haven, Connecticut.

At 2 o'clock in the morning, the hotel fire alarm was activated requiring an evacuation of the hotel. This in itself conveyed a spiritual message for this season. Our enemy will constantly be activating false alarms to keep us in unrest. We must keep our minds focused upon the Lord at all times.

Once it was determined that there was no real danger, we returned to our rooms. As soon as I was able to sleep, I immediately went into a dream. The context of the dream was set around the TV program "Survivor." It was incredibly vivid and detailed. Every circumstance that we discover on this program was involved in this dream. A group of people were delivered to a remote island with little or no provision.

Each person was placed within a tribe with whom they would live, survive and depend. Part of the program scenario centers around challenges that promote teamwork and communication.

There is a reward challenge to hopefully acquire the essentials necessary for survival on the island. The other is a competition to determine which tribe must eliminate one of its members.

Immediately I recognize the only hope for survival in this context was to form an alliance with others that I completely trusted. I was able to locate three other men that shared common views with me. We committed ourselves to an unbreakable alliance built around trust and open communication.

The dream continued for four consecutive hours until the time came to be awakened for the morning conference meetings. When I was awakened, the only "survivors" that remained were the four of us in the divine alliance.

Instantly, I knew the heart of the message conveyed in the dream. The days ahead are going to be difficult and trying. Much of what we have readily depended upon for day-to-day life will be removed. Our hope for survival in the coming season is a willingness to form divine alliances and friendships with others we thoroughly trust.

Communication and trust will be two of the most indispensable commodities discovered in ministries and churches that flourish. I remember thinking at the end of the dream that I was pleased to be awakened before another member was to be removed from the island. I do not believe any of the four of us would have broken the alliance.

### **Alliance Defined**

An alliance is defined as a formal agreement that establishes a relationship or partnership between other parties to achieve a particular goal. It is an association built around common interests and goals. It is primarily established to advance a certain cause or agenda. An alliance is sometimes referred to as a treaty of friendship.

As 21st century Christians, we have the greatest cause of all...to advance God's Kingdom and the revelation of Jesus Christ. Many in the world are asking pointed questions concerning the conditions that exist in the earth. We as the Church must provide the answers.

It is now time for a transition to take place where we lead by example. Divine grace is being released from heaven that will allow Christians to trust one another once again.

There is going to be the revelation of a high calling around which many will build their entire lives. This realization will so profoundly impact many that they will willingly lay aside personal agendas and ambitions to embrace this mandate.

Great strength and advancement will be discovered by those determined to enter in to such an arrangement. Divine alliances will not only produce substantial results but also a sphere of safety.

The uniqueness of divine alliances allows for churches or ministries to maintain their own identity and vision while also joining in agreement with others to advance a common cause. If the Lord can find just three or four churches in a region to dwell together in harmony and support one another in friendship, then great advancement can be achieved in that territory.

### **Avoid Unholy Alliances**

The Bible also contains numerous examples of unholy alliances that were displeasing to God. These however were centered on compromise and idolatry. As always, our adversary seeks to pervert everything that is fruitful.

It has been our experience that those to whom we are to be joined in covenant relationship are made evident. Marriages in ministry are very similar in this context to the marriage of man and woman.

It must be a divine arrangement with those to whom we are equally yoked. Trust, communication and mutual vision are all essential ingredients that formulate a successful union. The Lord will bring into our lives those to whom we are to be joined in long-term relationship. It does not have to be something that we force into existence.

## **In the Order of David and Jonathan**

The Bible provides numerous examples of New Testament leaders who established ministry covenants. Peter and John clearly functioned as a team as discovered in Acts 9. Paul and Barnabas illustrate one of the earliest examples following the Day of Pentecost.

However, one of the greatest alliances in the Bible that advanced God's cause existed between David and Jonathan.

**Jonathan said to David, "Go in safety, inasmuch as we have sworn to each other in the name of the LORD, saying, "The LORD will be between me and you, and between my descendants and your descendants forever." Then he rose and departed, while Jonathan went into the city - 1 Samuel 20:42**

Jonathan recognized in David the future of Israel's prosperity. There was a cause that he discovered that was worthy of sacrifice and commitment to achieve. Furthermore, the LORD imparted genuine affection in their hearts for one another. Theirs was an unbreakable bond of commitment that resulted in David's survival and Israel's welfare.

The entirety of 1 Samuel 20 provides a vivid portrayal of the commitment that existed between David and Jonathan. They entered into a divine alliance that provided safety and strength. They enjoyed clear and concise communication that facilitated the plan of God and the future of Israel.

## **Joined in Fraternal Affection**

The concept of fraternal affection and brotherly love is emphasized in the ascending pyramid of graces and Godly attributes discovered in 2 Peter 1:5-8; these are essential in our quest to become one spirit with the Lord.

**Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance,**

**and in your perseverance, godliness, and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Greek word for "brotherly kindness" in this passage is "philadelphia;" It is defined as "fraternal affection; brotherly love (kindness) or love of the brethren."

From a position of fraternal love we move forward into the "agape" of God. If it is our hearts' desire to participate in the harvest of the ages and the healing of the nations, then it must be from a position of authentic compassion birthed in love. These can only be imparted to us through the Holy Spirit.

As summarized through the apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 13, we are to abide in faith, hope and love. We dwell in faith through the conviction and belief of man in his relationship with Heaven as well as hope, which is our confident expectation of redemption. But the greatest of these is the true affection for God and man expressed through saints; it is generated by a deposit of Heavenly virtue resident in us- LOVE.

The truth to be greatly emphasized in this generation is the transference of our lost nature for His divine nature. We have the precious and magnificent promises by which we become partakers of the divine nature and escape the corruption of this world and its lusts.

By virtue of being joined with Him as His body in the mystery of incarnation, we likewise share in His heart of love and desire for the brethren as well as lost humanity.

As the Lord declared in John 17:23,

**I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.**

We are being sent in this generation in like fashion as the Lord Himself was commissioned by His Father. We are to be carriers of His heart.

<http://www.whitedoveministries.org/index.cfm?zone=docs/January2008.htm&page=Articles>

# **They Looked For A City**

Bob Brunz  
South Dakota, USA

What I am about to write was given to me by the Spirit of the Lord in the summer of 1974. It came to me by way of an open vision. What I received was a vision of the glorious Church of our Lord Jesus Christ from the time of the first reformation until just prior to the return of our coming Messiah and King. I believe this vision was given for the whole body of Christ for understanding and encouragement. I was very anxious to share it immediately with everyone I could. Since receiving the vision, I have shared it from time to time individually and in small groups over the past 33 years. The Lord spoke to me in prayer that I was to write down the vision and wait until He would release me to share it with the Body of Christ.

Habakkuk 2:2-3 (NKJV)- "And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tablets, that he may run who reads it. [3] For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come. It will not tarry."

Many times, in the early 1980's, I've wanted to share it with the whole body of Christ, but the Lord told me I would be releasing it in the year when He said. So I have waited. This is the year (2007) that I am supposed to release and share it on July 7th 2007.

Exactly 8 months ago I had a dream from the Lord Jesus. It was just before waking up on November 8th after the election. In my dream I was entering a large arena with my wife getting ready to attend a large Christian gathering when several young people recognized us and enthusiastically came up to us and shared how excited they were to hear what I was going to share in the meeting. I was shocked because I didn't know that I was supposed to be sharing and the fact was I had nothing to share. I questioned how this could be so since no one had asked me to preach.

I then began to look for the spiritual authority or eldership team that was overseeing the gathering. Everybody I asked seemed dumbfounded when I asked who were the elders or leaders of the event. I even asked for some by name and nobody knew them. I then found myself in the office of this big complex praying on my face before the Lord. I was asking Him for the Word that I was to share with the people. I desperately cried out and felt so unqualified to give them anything. A man who I perceived to be an elder poked his head in the room that I was in and asked me what my message was going to be. This only added to my

frustration. As I turned back to go on my knees to pray, I heard a friend's voice say to me, "They Looked for a City".

I immediately understood what the message was that I was to share with the people. This was the title of the vision that I received many years ago. Immediately after this I saw the Lord Jesus standing directly in front of me with His piercing eyes looking in my eyes and through my soul and said to me, "It is time". I knew that now is the time to share my vision with as many as I can reach. I believe the vision speaks of an end-time Body of Christ that will rise up and fulfill the Lord's heart for His Church - that is that they love the Lord with all their hearts and learn to love one another and as a result win many to the Lord Jesus before He returns for His beloved Bride.

This vision happened in a split second of time with understanding. I will share the vision just as I saw it and understood it. Each time I share the vision it is clear and crisp just like the day I received it. The Lord continues to give me more understanding of it and allows me to experience His heart and the truth of His written Word concerning His beautiful Bride. This vision is in essence what I have labored for and given my life to in the past 34 years of ministry. I continue to look for that city (that Body) whose Builder and Maker is God. Heb 11:10 (KJV) My prayer is that the Spirit of the Lord will reveal to you, the reader, the understanding of the vision and encourage you in the days ahead as we journey together as the many membered Body of Christ.

#### The Vision:

I was at work talking with a friend concerning what would happen in the last days concerning the Church, when I received this revelation. The vision was given in an allegorical fashion, using the children of Israel to symbolize the Church. I saw the vision in a panoramic view (from my left to my right). I saw as it were the children of Israel "trekking" on foot in a very dry and sand filled desert. They were famished, exhausted and very thirsty. They were called out by the Spirit of the Lord, out of a land of bondage and to go toward a river to cross that led to their promised land. As they came across the dry desert sands, they crested a sand dune to see below them a very plush, green oasis. They were encouraged and strengthened at the sight of refreshing. As they ran; they were tripping and falling over each other to get there quickly.

Once they arrived, they all lavishly drank from the fountain of water that was effervescently bubbling up from the midst of the oasis. There was rejoicing, singing, dancing and great joy among these people. As they enjoyed the refreshing life giving water from the fountain, they relaxed in the lush greenery of the oasis. Rather than to continue following the voice of the Lord that drew them to the

Promised Land, they decided to settle there to build a city and raise families, flocks, and herds. Because of the fear of the beasts of the field, they built a wall around themselves for protection. As the years and generations passed, the wall of the city became very high and the city's architectural beauty and structure looked like the cathedrals of the pre-Reformation days. The city and wall that they built was the pride and joy of the religious system of the day.

As I viewed this sight, I noticed that I could see underneath the surface of the ground beneath the city. What I saw was a reservoir of water, beneath the ground, from which the fountain was receiving its water flow. I saw that the water level was lowering and emptying out. I became concerned for the inhabitants of the city; because they didn't know that their supply of water was soon to be depleted.

As I looked towards the city again, I saw a white, billowing cloud moving from my right, toward the city. This cloud represented the voice of the Lord calling His people forward to their promised land. As it reached the city, it stopped right above the city, and hovered there for a time, and then gently descended upon the city. I then noticed the inhabitants in the city were being stirred one-by-one, in a type of renewal fashion. A segment of the time lapsed, and I noticed the reservoir of water was getting less and less.

I then saw a second cloud coming over the city, from my right side. This time, it was moving faster than the first one and it was greyer and darker in color. It also descended on the city, but this time more quickly than the first one. Again I noticed a change in the people in the city. This time those that were touched by the cloud were gathering together to form a sort of covenant community, or fellowship so that they could move as one people.

As I looked again I saw the reservoir of water drying up very quickly and it was almost depleted. I then saw a third cloud coming in, at an even faster speed than the second one. This cloud was dark and turbulent, and meant business. This cloud paused briefly over the city just long enough for me to read the words that appeared on the cloud. The words: "Come out here my people" were written on the cloud in an arched, rainbow-shape. The cloud then dropped down very quickly on the city. I saw fear and adventure in the eyes of the people that were inside the walls.

I then saw a remnant of people climbing over the high wall to get out of the city as fast as they could. As I watched, my heart was saddened and grieved when I saw the unprepared and especially an older man that was not able to climb over the high wall of the city that was previously built around it.

I was suddenly taken to the outside of the wall on my right facing the river and the Promised Land. I saw the young pioneers and the prepared ones scaling the high wall with ease. I saw a remnant of people, escaping the city with bare the essentials for the trip. The men were young in their hearts, and they were moving towards my right with renewed vision and determination, to follow the Lord wherever His voice would lead them. I sensed in my spirit that the voice of the Lord was calling them to go in the direction to my right, to cross a river as the Lord had originally intended for the people.

I again saw this remnant of people moving across the desert, toward my right. These people looked like people of destiny. They were encouraged and ready to go all the way with the Lord. As time lapsed, I saw this people again becoming fatigued, hungry, and thirsty. The same thing happened as before, when I saw them coming across the desert, they rounded a sand dune and saw yet another oasis in the desert off to their right. All of the above happened again. The only difference was that the wall they built around their city didn't get as high as before and the architectural details weren't so elaborate. The same three clouds (voice of the Lord) came as before, and a remnant people left the city again, in search of what and where the Lord was leading them to.

This same scene happened about thirty-three to thirty-four times. All were the same, with the exception that each new city that was built had less and less and less architectural beauty than the previous one. Also, each wall that they built around each city become lower and lower with each successive scene.

Then I looked and saw the last city, in its initial stages of being built. Again the people were engaged in building a wall around the city. The first layer of block was laid around the perimeter of this last city that was about to be built. It was about six to eight inches high around the whole city. Before they could build this last city, I heard to the right of me the sound of a shofar blowing. As I turned and looked, I saw and heard two silver trumpets joining the shofar in their ushering in a new day.

As I heard the heralding sound for the shofar my spine and back had shivers of electrical current going through it. As I looked toward the wall of this last city that was beginning to be built, I saw a young man about 29 years of age stepping over this wall and as he did I could see as far to my left and as far to my right there were men who joined him. They joined arm in arm and shoulder to shoulder and began marching toward the river to cross it in order to enter their promised land. As I looked at them, their faces were like flint, their eyes were that of an eagle's, and they did not break rank. All I could think of when I looked at them was that no one should even think about stopping them because they would mow down

everyone who got in their way. I believe the look on their faces represent the Body of Christ as an army.

Their faces were like flint represented their resolved determination and steadfastness. Their eyes that of an eagle represent a prophetic look - they knew where they were going and knew what was in their future. I believe when the Lord said that they did not break rank meant that they were in covenant loyalty to fulfill the purposes of God. As I viewed this event I experienced the glory of the Lord all around me.

I personally believe this vision will be fulfilled in the Lord's way and timing. I long for the day when the body of Christ is healed and matures to the place where the Lord Jesus Christ is tremendously glorified and honored

If this vision is confirmed in your heart and you believe it is for the Body of Christ, please help me share this with others and forward this email. We look for a city whose builder and maker is God.

For the Lamb,

Bob Brunz.