

# Humility: The Freedom that Comes when Pride Goes

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## Full Text

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### *Testimony: 8 year-old's teeth straighten through prayer (Annabelle)*

Annabelle's teeth had come in crooked and she really did not want to have to get braces. Her grandma encouraged to pray and simply ask God to straighten them. They both began praying and now every time her grandma sees her she remarks how her teeth are straighter than before! She has a beautiful smile and now teeth so straight that it doesn't look like she'll be needing braces!!!

### *Testimony: Set Free by the Gospel of Grace (Adhanet)*

(From Peter) A few months ago I saw Adhanet at a prayer night and thought "wow, it looks like she is possessed by JOY!" Weeks later she shared a testimony of what God had done in her life through the gospel of grace at women's group and the ladies encouraged her to share her testimony at main church service. Here's her story:

Adhanet received the gospel about 8 years ago and after receiving the gospel got wrapped up in a scary lifestyle she had never even dreamt she could be in. She moved back home with her parents and went into a very dark time of sickness (lupus). She visited many churches but it wasn't until she heard the gospel of grace that she was set free!

She recounted how she didn't have much if any fellowship but instead just read her Bible all the time because of the hurts she had experienced before. Though relationships in the body and being really "wooed" by Megan's love she began to open up and started receiving the gospel of grace not just from the Word but also through community!

### *The Testimony of ONE*

I am living for the testimony of ONE. I am not waiting for another type of testimony.

I think there is some expectation in churches that “we will have arrived when \_\_\_\_\_.” And regardless of what you fill in the blank with it almost always has to do with numbers. But is that our Lord’s mindset?

God is after the changing of the individual heart. When we stand before God we will stand before Him individually.

Collective, big-data-based thinking is a few hundred years in the making and we don’t realize how schooled we have become in thinking in terms of statistics above the individual.

For instance the big-data, statistical type reasoning is an undergirding ASSUMPTION to Darwinian evolutionary theory. It presumes that if there was only enough years and enough chances that life as we know it would have appeared and evolved on it’s own. NO. It is not a large set of data and a bunch of chance that made us, it was the HAND OF GOD touching one man - Adam - and one woman - Eve!

This is the difference ... one type of thinking is waiting for some sort of collective data but God works by touching the individual.

God’s mechanism of change in this earth is the heart of individual men and women. His new covenant (as described in Jeremiah 31 and again in Hebrews 8) is marked by Him writing on the hearts of individual men not on the imposition of large scale, impersonal societal change.

Socialism is rooted in the notion that hearts cannot change on the individual level and that change is a social construct. So we have social justice instead of the justice that comes from individual actions that are right before God. Social justice seeks to impose “what needs to be done” on the masses as though the forced action of the masses will change society. This type of ideology deals in censorship and political manipulation because it seeks to control the hearts (or at least words and actions) of others.

Back to church ... there is some underlying assumption that church will “arrive” when some COLLECTIVE thing happens. The trouble is focusing on the collective cannot actually be done! How do you change “a collective?” You control collectives but individuals can actually be personally transformed.

The church, as a collective, as a body can come into transformation and maturity, but it does so BY EACH INDIVIDUAL being transformed! Individual transformation is the pathway to collective transformation in the body of Christ.

I’m not waiting for a different type of testimony than Adhanet’s and Annabelle’s. There is not anything better than the testimony of ONE. It’s what I am living for. Christ died for the ONE.

## Focusing on Testimonies

I felt the Lord recently challenged me to focus on the testimonies we DO have to a greater extent.

Philippians 4:8 is familiar. *“Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.”*

Is there anything praiseworthy? Meditate on these things!

Do you have a good report? Meditate on these things!

Is there anything lovely? Meditate on these things!

We do not overcome evil with evil. (Rom. 12:21) Similarly, focusing on needs does not overcome needs! NO! *“Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they **overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony**, and they did not love their lives to the death.”* (Rev. 12:10-11)

Look! We overcome the evil one by the blood of the Lamb (what He HAS accomplished on the Cross and all the promises of God for those in Him) AND the word of our testimony!

What if we risked being so focused on the testimonies of what God HAS done and IS doing that we could be accused of ignoring needs? What is the place of habitation for our meditation? Do we live in the "Land of Needs not Yet Met" that sometimes is interrupted by a testimony OR do we live in the Land of TESTIMONY that sometimes comes across a need?

When we live in the land of testimony, the momentum of our faith will more easily meet the needs for the Kingdom to come around us! The accuser of the brethren WILL be overcome by the blood of the Lamb and THE WORD OF OUR TESTIMONY!

What IS He doing? What HAS He done? May we be relocated in our thinking from the "Land of Needs not Yet Met" to the Land of TESTIMONY!

As Bill Johnson says, we don't ignore or deny problems, we just deny them influence over our hearts!

*“Who has believed our report?!”* Jesus' disciples struggled to remember what He had done in feeding the 5000. Why? The Bible says it was because their hearts were hardened. A soft heart, a humble heart, will allow itself to be consumed with gratitude and focus on what HE HAS DONE. *“Whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.”*

## *Anxiety Requires an Idol*

Fear can be an idol. We can struggle to transition to the Land of TESTIMONY because we actually are serving fear.

One day I was driving down the highway and the Lord spoke to me “anxiety requires an idol.”

*“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God ...”* (Phil. 4:6)

Paul says that if we find ourselves in anxiety the antidote is to prayer and make requests of God with thanksgiving. Why thanksgiving? Because you know He WILL PROVIDE! You can reverse this line of logic to see that when we step into anxiety, we have stepped out of seeing God as our provider. In other words, we have stepped into seeing something or someone else as our provider. Seeing anyone or anything else as a provider is shaky ground and as we ponder the insecurity of those false securities, it produces anxiety in our hearts.

So anxiety stems from placing dependence on someone or something else other than God. Placing someone or something else in place of God is idolatry. John admonished us *“Little children, keep yourselves from idols.”* It’s idolatry that produces anxiety. Ask me how I know :)

Your ability to figure out what needs to be done can become a point of anxiety that keeps you from stepping into the Land of TESTIMONY as your primary residence!

### *“Help My people get low.”*

Overall we are in a theme of grace and the current series is on humility. I want to provide some prophetic perspective on humility being what I believe to be a very seasonally-relevant word.

I had shared with Renee about an encounter / vision I had concerning humility and she asked me “are you going to share that with the church?” I said “I don’t know” and she encouraged me to, so here it is:

I was praying and had a vision / encounter. During this encounter I found myself in a room I knew to be “the strategy room of Heaven.” As I was there a large blueprint was rolled out in front of me and on it was something of an “end times” scene. Then I felt Jesus there with me and He spoke with me and said “help My people get low.”

Humility is an end-times issue.

In Matthew 13:24-30 Jesus shared the following: *“Another parable He put forth to them, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. But when the grain had sprouted and produced a*

*crop, then the tares also appeared. So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn."*

Here is what I understand about tares. Tares and wheat look very similar - until they both have the full grain in the head. When their grain is mature, the tares remain fully upright / erect, whereas the head of wheat bows down!

Do you see it? The wheat bows in humility when it is full mature. The tares stand proud. Humility is an end-times issue.

I've heard it said that the elders in Revelation 4 do not cast their crowns because they are elders. NO - they are elders BECAUSE they cast their crowns!

Jesus said to "first gather together the tares" because they would be the ones still standing tall and proud. After that the humble would remain.

### *Word on Humility from Lana Vawser*

One of my favorite prophetesses in the World is Lana Vawser. She is based in Australia and both the accuracy and purity of her words is striking. Recently (April 23, 2019) she released a word which contained the following concerning humility:

I heard the Lord saying: "Can you hear the sound of increase?" The Lord is bringing increase like never before and as a loving Father He is releasing wisdom and instruction on how to move with Him and yield with Him to be able to carry the increase. The sudden changes, the sudden changes of course, the resounding of the Lord to "COME OUT" of things you were in and part of before, is exciting because you are moving into something more beautiful and greater than you could ever imagine. It is increase. Any deep pruning taking place right now is simply to see the increase of fruitfulness in your life. You must arise and obey in order to ARRIVE into the increase He has for you. Yield! Yield! Yield! There is a resounding sound from heaven to **YIELD!!! HUMILITY is KEY and THE key in this new era.**

Heidi Baker has said "humility is the place of FREEDOM." We know God gives grace to the humble. Humility is the freedom that comes when pride goes. It is always an in-season word, but I believe (like Lana Vawser) that humility THE key to walking in what God is doing in this new era.

## We Have Come to Mt. Zion!

Hebrews 12:18-24 says *“For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest, and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore. (For they could not endure what was commanded: “And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow.” And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.”) But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.”*

What is Paul talking about?

In Exodus 19:3-6 we see the following: *“And Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. **And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.**’ These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.”*

So in Exodus 19 God says the children of Israel would be to Him a kingdom of priests. Who do priests minister before? God! So God said in Exodus 19 that all of His children would come before Him to minister - they *“shall be to Me a kingdom of priests.”*

Now, one chapter later in Exodus 20 we read about Moses receding the 10 Commandments on Mt. Sinai. *“Now all the people witnessed the thunderings, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood afar off. **Then they said to Moses, “You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die.”** And Moses said to the people, “Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin.” **So the people stood afar off, but Moses drew near the thick darkness where God was.**” (Ex. 20:18-21)*

Then, in Deuteronomy 5:3-5, Moses adds commentary about the scene we just saw in Exodus 20 *“The Lord did not make this covenant with our fathers, but with us, those who are here today, all of us who are alive. **The Lord talked with you face to face on the mountain from the midst of the fire. I stood between the Lord and you at that time, to declare to you the word of the Lord; for you were afraid because of the fire, and you did not go up the mountain.**”* Who was the “you” whom the Lord talked to face-to-face? The Israelites!

What happened at Sinai is of great significance in differentiating the Old and New Covenants. Galatians 4 says:

*“Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law? For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, **which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar— for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children—** but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written: “Rejoice, O barren, You who do not bear! Break forth and shout, You who are not in labor! For the desolate has many more children Than she who has a husband.” Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise. But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now. Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.” So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free.” (Gal. 4:21-31)*

1 Kings 8:1 tells us that City of David is Zion. “The Jerusalem above” that is free is ZION and we have come to Mt. Zion!

*For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest, and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore. (For they could not endure what was commanded: “And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow.”) And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.”) **But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.”***

What’s the next verse?

*“See that you do not refuse Him who speaks.” (Heb. 12:25)*

What is He speaking to those who have come to Mt. Zion? *“Peace, peace to those who are far off and those who are near!”* (Isa. 57:19) You have not come to the mountain that burned with fire and blackness and darkness and tempest. No! You have come to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant! You have come to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things! You have not come to Mt. Sinai. Sinai creates bondage. Sinai is works, performance just as Ishmael was the fruit of works / performance with Hagar instead of the promise with Sarah.

WE HAVE COME TO MT. ZION ... it is not Mt. Sinai! The terms of connection have changed from PERFORMANCE to JUST INVITE HIM IN!!! “He just wants to be with you!”

We have come from Mt. Sinai to Mt. Zion vs. Mt. Sinai. We have come from “you go talk to HIM” to “I just want to be with you ... regardless of what you’ve done, I just want you to invite Me in.” The New Covenant is not “get ready to go up to the mountain” but “just invite Him in the room.”

Adam and Eve sinned and hid. The Israelites told Moses “you go talk to Him.” Then Jesus surprised the disciples and walked into the room. Finally, the fullness of Pentecost came when the disciples all INVITED HIM IN!

Speaking of the New Covenant Hebrews 8:10-13a says *“For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.” In that He says, “A new covenant,” He has made the first obsolete.”*

The New Covenant is not about sending up a delegate to God. It is not about the apostle, prophet, or pastor being close to God on behalf of the people. No! We have a new High Priest! The covenant is marked by individual hearts touched by God!

God promises that in the New Covenant He will write His very words on the hearts of man. In the Old Covenant, man’s awareness of their lack of perfection kept them from drawing close to hear the Word of the Lord. They sent a delegate and God was left write on stones with His very finger. In the New Covenant we have not come to Mt. Sinai but instead Mt. Zion. Now just men have been made perfect once and for all by the offering of the blood of Jesus - the Mediator of the New Covenant. As a result, let us see that we do not refuse Him who speaks! His intention all along was not to write on stones but to write on the softened hearts of the the humble!

Each of us, from the least to the greatest has come to Mt. Zion. May we not refuse Him who speaks to our hearts. He stands at the door and knocks. He just wants you to invite Him in. He just wants me to invite Him in. It’s in inviting Him in that He writes on our hearts. In the New Covenant we will each see Him with our own eyes. How can this be? *“I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”*

*“In that He says, “A new covenant,” He has made the first obsolete.”*

We have come to Mt. Zion! Draw near and He will draw near to you! He just wants you to invite Him in!

## *Lingering in Worship*

We are doing some new things in worship, which is exciting. One of the things I want us to do is to linger in worship.

A former student of mine who is very prophetic sent me a word about our congregation at the end of 2017. Included in that word was this:

You shall be known as a people that smell like my holy spirit because you have known him, and have spent time within his presence. The lord says do not rush those moments of worship and basking, but embrace and value the evidence of when he has manifested within your midst. For lives will be changed, captives set free, and his presence will come and unveil mysteries. I hear him saying I'm elevating your influence. I will share strategies concerning government, financial markets, and education. Processes and ideas will be released in the atmosphere as you create a culture that sits and waits in my presence. For you have asked, and therefore I have come. Receive.

So, I want to encourage us to linger in that space of worship.

## *Pushing the Boundaries we've had in Worship*

Another word I have is from a friend of ours names Tony. He said our church is going to be like a Holy Spirit laboratory - where people can try things out in the Spirit.

I am telling Derrick and Erin to push the boundaries that we've had in worship. Now, to be honest with you, I don't think we've seen but a small portion of what Derrick and Erin are able to do yet. We've seen some of it, but there is so much more ground they can take in worship - if we'll go there with them.

We don't have to be comfortable with everything in worship.

1 Corinthians 14 talks all about speaking in tongues. As I mentioned last service, I told Erin to sing in the Spirit during worship. I want to encourage you that *you* do not need to worry about us singing in the Spirit during church service. Do you know who is responsible for that entirely before God? Me (Peter) - not you. None of you need to worry yourself about that. That is my responsibility before God to do according to 1 Corinthians 14, which I've studied extensively.

A surface level reading of 1 Corinthians 14 yields the conclusion "never speak in tongues during a church service" but even just a slightly deeper reading of it starts to show that is clearly not Paul's intent. The general guidelines of 1 Corinthians 14 are clear in Paul's last 2 verses of the chapter "*Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues. Let all things be done decently and in order.*"

Paul was clear to not forbid speaking with tongues (and both logic and context show that he meant during a church service not an individual devotional time in the woods). AND things should be done decently (Greek: in a well prepared way) and in order.

So, I'm responsible for that. I am telling Erin to go for it.

Part of my vision is this: I don't want to have a church where you all have a more powerful private devotional life than you do when we come together. I don't want us to have more powerful time in our prayer closet than we do corporately.

I don't think it should be like that. I think when we come together it ought to be exponential from what we've experienced in our personal time.

But, I think what has happened in a lot of churches is that the mature believers have much better time with the Lord on their own than they do when they come together - because they water it down in order to make it palatable.

Much of the seeker-sensitive church movement has been in an effort to make church relevant, but it's actually just made church worldly.

We're supposed to go INTO the world, but we are not supposed to be OF IT.

I'm actually not concerned if people come and visit our church and are blown out of the water by worship. Again, that's my responsibility, not yours.

### ***The humble will hear of your praise and be glad!***

Psalms 34:1-2 says *"I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear of it and be glad."* The humble person will LOVE seeing people give extravagant praise to God. The proud person will have none of it.

Remember David's wife Michal? David danced with all his might before the Lord - and with no fear of man. What's the result? Michal is like "I will not be associated with that."

*And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, "How glorious was the king of Israel today, uncovering himself today in the eyes of the maids of his servants, as one of the base fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!" (2 Sam. 6:20)*

Do you understand how prophetic Michal was in saying "shameless?" David was shameless in his worship!

David responds to Michal like this: *"It was **before the Lord** ..."*

If you want to see more of God's presence in your midst, you don't come before God in order to actually come before man! That's not gathering together in the Name of Jesus. "In the Name of Jesus" is to come together before Him FOR HIM - for His audience, not man's audience and praise. When you come before Him FOR HIM you don't care what other people think about your relationship with Him.

"But it's more complicated than that." No it isn't.

David continues in v. 22 by saying *"And I will be even more undignified than this ..."* God loved this attitude so much that Jesus says in Revelation 22 that He is both the root and the fruit (offspring) of David! David is of course from David, but Jesus was also (by God's choice) from David. This is how much God loved David - a man with a heart truly after God!

David continues in v. 22 by saying "And I will be even more undignified than this, and will be humble in my own sight." Do you see what the issue was at hand? It was humility.

The humble will hear of your praise and be glad!

Where's boasting then? It's EXCLUDED.

Pride hates the gospel of grace! Pride HATES the gospel of grace. I will say it again: "PRIDE HATES THE GOSPEL OF GRACE." Why? Because it excludes boasting.

When you exclude boasting you'll piss a lot of people off because they want something to boast about because they've not yet encountered the love of God to the extent that they realize "why did I ever need anything to boast about - He was never looking for my performance in the first place. His love is an unconditional agape love. I need to break this cycle of performance and step into grace!"

### ***Worship is a RESPONSE to Receiving His Love!***

You might say "well I don't feel that level of worship in me like that!"

I'm saying "just receive more of His grace!"

Worship is a natural relational response to Who He is TO you and FOR you. Let Him love on you and worship will boil out of you!

### ***The Worship of ONE!***

Do you remember the woman who anoints Jesus with about \$40,000 worth of oil?

"Oh I don't know about extravagant worship. I'm just not sure if it's from God ..."

They weren't sure if this lady's extravagant worship was from God either and Jesus corrected them and said that what she had done was so beautiful that her story would be told wherever the gospel was told!

I want to highlight John 12:3 *"Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. **And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.**"*

How many people's worship did it take to fill the entire house with the fragrance of Heaven?

The worship of ONE.

The extravagant worship of ONE filled the entire room with the fragrance of worship!

I am telling you that the authority of worship in our body lies with the worship of ONE. We worship corporately but the authority of worship in this context is the worship of ONE - the individual expression of worship.

### *Worship is a RESPONSE to Receiving His Love! (cont.)*

The same story from Luke 7 shows us Simon (a Pharisee) who's house they were in saying *"This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, **for she is a sinner.**"*

Jesus then questioned Simon to help him out because here Simon is jealous of her extravagant worship. Why is he jealous? Because Simon is thinking he can come to God when he is "right." Because of that Simon is judging someone else who is coming to God because of God's extravagant love.

Right? Jesus said "she loves much because she's been loved much." She had received extravagant love and came before Jesus with extravagant worship! Simon's jealous of that sort of exchange and says "don't you know that she's a sinner?" That was projection. That was his assumption about God that he was projecting onto her.

Jesus wants to help Simon out because He's loving Simon all the time too so Jesus asks him some questions and finally Simon answers:

*Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have rightly judged."*

**It's inviting Him in that draws God near. It's not our performance that draws God near.** He's looking for some soft hearts that His finger can touch and write upon. It's not our performance that draws Him near! The performance mentality is Sinai. It says "I'm not right to go up there with Him. You go for me." But we have a new High Priest who just wants us to invite Him in!

## *Tongues in Service*

“I’ll become even more undignified than this ... some may say it’s foolishness! I’ll become even more undignified than this ... but don’t sing in tongues because it might offend me.”

Listen - we don’t have to agree about tongues in service. I’ve read all of 1 Corinthians 14. I’ve studied it. To be honest, I probably have 20 pages of notes on it - verse by verse. I’m standing before God and I think that if it’s done decently and in order it has its place in service. That’s why it says “don’t forbid speaking in tongues.” Paul also talks about “singing in the Spirit” as well as “singing with his understanding.” Tongues are a gift from God. We know they are a GOOD thing. There are some guidelines for their use in corporate service. That’s my responsibility. You don’t have to worry about all of that; I’ll take care of it. That’s my responsibility before God. And I’m not going to make rules about it because there are no rules there. Just don’t forbid it and let it be done decently and in order.

## *Maturity in the Lord is not a Glass Ceiling to Worship*

There are places for us to experiment. I don’t want anyone’s maturity in the Lord to become your glass ceiling of experiencing Him in this body.

The Lord spoke to me during a prayer time a couple of weeks ago and I felt a real significant mandate which was this: “every believer from the least of them to the GREATEST of them” to see God FRESH with their own eyes!

It’s time for the mature believers in this body to go from glory to glory. Listen: it’s time for the mature believers in this body to go from glory to glory - to be stretched again like a new wineskin!

The Lord spoke to me about 2 months ago before a main service “why are you not trying to get wrecked in the Spirit during worship?” “But God I have to speak ...” SILENCE.

He wants ALL of me.

He wants ALL of you. Just let Him touch you. Just invite Him in.

I feel like this season is even especially marked for the mature believers - that it is supposed to be a glory-to-glory season. Don’t allow what you’ve seen in the Lord to keep you from seeing what He has for you to see!

It’s humility that causes us to grow.

It’s humility that causes us to go from glory to glory. It’s the heart stance that says “wait a second, I don’t have a veiled face anymore. The veil was taken away in Christ and I can come boldly before the throne of grace with confidence! This is NOT Sinai. This is ZION! He just wants me to invite Him in.”