

## The Stream of What God Is Doing Currently

### Luke 4:18

**Text:** *But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. 32 "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:31-32).*

Calvary, we are a people who love God and who seek to get in on what the Lord is doing.

Something very significant happened on April 9, 2021. In reflecting back on that weekend, Mike Bickle said, "IHOPKC is in a new season. The body of Christ in the earth is in a new season."

**Here is a summary of what I wrote in my spiritual journal on Thursday, 4'29'21.**

Thank you for getting us in the stream of what you are doing currently. "When the prince will pass, it will be 418 last." On April 9, Mike Bickle took that riddle which you gave to Chris Reed and explained the prophetic history and current stream of the Lord. It ties together the Vineyard Movement and John Wimber, **compassion and worship**, with Mike Bickle and the House of Prayer movement, **prophetic and intercession**. Not only is IHOPKC in these 2 streams, so is Calvary. You sovereignly put us in alignment with both of these groups in the late 1980's. You are an amazing God, the Master Strategist, the poet of history and the universe. You put things in motion, weaving the threads together over 30 years ago, and giving us a glimpse of your creative artistry and engineering during the week of April 9-18, 2021. Amazing. Incredible. Awe inspiring. Praise the Lord.

Today, I want to tell just a small piece of our story in order to give us a context for what the Lord is saying and doing. I pray that you and I will receive encouragement and will get stirred up in our faith to do our part.

**Note: Through the years, some of us have prayed, "Lord, don't pass us by." (Lyrics: *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior.*)**

We cry out to Jesus, who is passing by: "Lord Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us." The Lord loves to answer that cry.

*As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. 36 When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. 37 They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." 38 He called out, "Jesus, Son of David,*

*have mercy on me!" 39 Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 40 Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him, 41 "What do you want me to do for you?" "Lord, I want to see," he replied. 42 Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you." 43 Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God (Luke 18:35-43).*

### **Email from Shannon Birdwell**

On Saturday, April 10, 2021, I received an encouraging email from Shannon Birdwell. He shared this word with the Deacons on Tuesday night, April 13. Jay led us in praying for a release of healing at Calvary at the Prayer Room on Monday night, April 12. I shared this word with the Staff that week and then again at Thursday Morning Intercession, April 14.

Shannon is one of our deacons, one of our Prayer Room Prayer Leaders, and a person who moves in the prophetic here at Calvary. He is also a teacher.

Here is the email which Shannon sent to me.

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Subject: Word for Calvary?

Hi Jeff,

I was spending time with Tom Petry and something came up that we were discussing.

You may know the word from Paul Cain and his mother, Anna, from several years ago about the church. Before Anna died at 104 years old, she told Paul that the Lord was going to give her a word for Paul that was for the church and it would be confirmed by her death (as I understand the story). She went into a coma for a number of days before she died, and Paul was concerned because he hadn't gotten that word. At one point she came out of the coma and told Paul that the word for the church was Luke 4:18 and she relapsed back into the

coma. She then died on April 18 (4-18) at 4:18 in the afternoon confirming the word about Luke 4:18 being for the church.

Friday night (yesterday) [April 9] IHOP had their Friday night service and had a prophetic guy speak by the name of Chris Reed. Chris said that 18 months ago the Lord told him that when Prince Phillip died, the Luke 4:18 word would begin for the church. Prince Phillip died yesterday [April 9].

In a week the ladies will have their retreat [conference] and I understand that the topic is on healing. A week from tomorrow we will be having our healing service on Sunday night. The date will be 4-18. I am believing that Luke 4:18 is a word for us. Here is the verse:

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to set the oppressed free...” (Luke 4:18).

Shannon

During our service on Sunday morning, April 18, several ladies shared testimonies of what the Lord has been doing and what the Lord did on April 17 at the Ladies Conference.

We are still getting reports of healings and what the Lord did on Sunday, April 18, during our morning service and during the healing service that evening.

### Observations: A New Season in Luke 4:18

This message was preached on 4'16'21 by Mike Bickle. Mike told some stories to give perspective in this hour.

Here is a copy of the notes which Mike Bickle distributed on 4'16'21.

The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me (Luke 4:18)

1. TAKE AWAY POINTS FROM THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 9-12

- a. We are entering a "new season" in the Lord, and we are to be very intentional about walking in the truths and promises associated with Luke 4:18... compassion for the poor, power for healing, etc.
  - b. We are to be intentional about recognizing sovereign alignments with other ministries and reconnecting in a deeper way with some who have served on the IHOPKC team in the past.
  - c. We are to believe Him for stronger kingdom "family dynamics" in which people are healed from a broken heart-including the pain of isolation, feelings of rejection and abandonment, etc.
2. THE LORD HIGHLIGHTED LUKE 4:18 TO OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM ON APRIL 9, 2021
- a. On November 20, 2019, Chris Reed recorded a prophecy about the death of Prince Philip. Chris understood that it would be a timing indicator for an important season in God's kingdom. Then he received a prophetic riddle about "When the prince will pass, it will be 418 at last." Chris' first meeting with our leadership team was on Friday morning, April 9, 2021. On the way to the meeting, Chris heard the news that Prince Philip had just died, so he asked if "418" meant anything to us.
  - b. The Lord promised Paul Cain's mother, Anna Cain, a son, and then she had 5 miscarriages in a row. When Anna Cain was 45-years old, she became pregnant with Paul. When beginning her 8th month of pregnancy, she was suffering with 4 terminal diseases (tuberculous, a heart disease, cancer in both breasts and 3 tumors in her womb). One night after midnight, the angel of the Lord appeared by her bedside and said, "Daughter, be of good cheer, you will live and not die! The child you bear is a male, you shall name him Paul, and he shall preach the gospel and bind up the sickness of My people and shall stand before kings." She was healed and lived another 60 years to the age of 105.
  - c. Paul's mother had a strong prophetic gifting operating in her life. Towards the end of her life, she told Paul that she would give him a significant prophetic word before she died. She went into a coma for two months just before her death. When she came out of the coma, she prophesied to Paul that what the Lord did in Luke 4:18 would happen in his life and those connected to him and many others. She died on April 18 (4/18) at 4:18pm after giving him the scripture on Luke 4:18!
  - d. Jesus' first recorded message was given in Nazareth; Jesus declared that the Spirit was resting on Him (Lk. 4:16-21). The favorable year of the Lord referred to the year of Jubilee (Lev. 25:8).
    - i. *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery*

*of sight to the blind... 21 He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled" (Luke 4:18-21).*

- e. The anointing on Jesus that was declared in Luke 4:18 came in context to Jesus' 40-day fast. In this encounter we see the first recorded "Trinitarian conversation" in Jesus' earthly ministry.
    - i. *And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22).*
3. SOVEREIGN CONNECTION WITH JOHN WIMBER AND THE VINEYARD MINISTRIES
- a. In January 1984, Bob Jones told me that God would connect us with a movement based about 35 miles southeast of LA which had a banner in the spirit over them called "compassion and worship." He was speaking about the Vineyard Ministries in Anaheim, California under John Wimber (1934-1997). Neither Bob nor I had heard of the Vineyard Ministries. He said that the Lord wanted the "prophetic and intercession" of Kansas City to cross-pollinate with the "compassion and worship" of the Vineyard Ministries. There are about 2,500 Vineyard congregations worldwide.
  - b. In October 1987, Bob heard the audible voice of the Lord saying that John Wimber would call me three months later in January 1988. I was amazed when John called my home in January 1988 to invite me to speak to his staff the following week at their annual retreat that January.
  - c. On June 5, 1988, Bob again heard the audible voice of the Lord saying that John would call me within the week because the Lord was going to open three large doors in the Vineyard to me.
  - d. Bob said this was going to be a "Holy-Spirit-seminary season" for me that would last for three years. Bob said this was a warning and not a promise because I did not know how to "go out and come in" before the Lord and the people in the context of a million people. John asked me to go with him to Scotland and England for two weeks in November 1988.
  - e. Paul's visit to John: Paul prophesied two earthquakes--one local, to occur on the day of his arrival in Anaheim (Dec. 3, 1988), and one international (Soviet Armenia), to occur on the day of his departure (Dec. 7, 1988). This story has been documented in *Equipping the Saints*, January 1990.
  - f. Bert Waggoner, the National Director of Vineyard (2000-2013), said that if he were asked to pick one scripture that defines who the Vineyard is and what their ministry is, he would pick Luke 4:18.
4. DIVINE POETRY - TIMES THAT APRIL 9 AND APRIL 18 HAVE BEEN HIGHLIGHTED

- a. The Azusa Street revival began in LA on April 9, 1906 and continued until 1915. Nine days after the start of Azusa Revival that the great San Francisco earthquake happened on April 18, 1906.

I also received an email from [The Briefing](#), which is associated with Lou Engle's ministry, about the Luke 4:18 word. This email is a strategic intercession communication. We have been connected with Lou Engle's ministry for years. Most recently, we participated in *The Call Azusa / Azusa Now* on 4'9'2016, which was 110 years after the Azusa Street Outpouring on 4'9'1906. The Lord, as the Master Strategist, brought together a divine appointment with Lou Engle and us via Jerry Fristoe in Colorado in June 2015. We got caught up in the divine story by the grace of God and took a group from Calvary to the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

**From:** [The Briefing](#) <info@thebriefing.us>  
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**Subject:** [The Briefing 092 - 4:18 at Last](#)

On April 9th, the last day of IHOPKC's fast, they received a dramatic prophetic word from a pastor and prophetic minister named Chris Reed. Mike Bickle had met Chris a few months prior, and invited him to come and speak at IHOP's weekend services, unrelated to the fast. It just happened that last weekend was the first opening in Chris' schedule. So, Chris arrived in Kansas City on the morning of day 40, April 9th, just as the news broke of Prince Philip's death in Great Britain.

One of the first things Chris shared with Mike and his leadership team was that God had given him a prophetic riddle about Prince Philip back in November 2019. He showed Mike the word on his phone, time-stamped from over a year earlier. The riddle was, "When the prince will pass, it will be 418 at last." Chris wasn't sure what God meant by this, but to Mike and his team, it had everything to do with Luke 4:18.

Back in April of 1990, Mike Bickle was with Paul Cain in a hospital room in Dallas where Paul's mother was dying at the age of 104. Weeks before, she had told Paul that she would give him the most important prophetic word he ever received. However, she slipped into a coma before delivering the word. That day, with Mike present, Anna Cain suddenly awoke from her coma to prophesy to her son, saying, "Paul, God is giving to you and to the world, Luke 4:18." As soon as she finished speaking, she lost consciousness once again. Shortly afterwards, Anna died at exactly 4:18 in the afternoon on April 18th... a sign and a wonder!

You are likely familiar with Luke 4:18, which is the gospel account of Jesus at the end of his own 40-day fast. Luke tells how Jesus returned from the wilderness in the power of the Holy Spirit. He then went to the synagogue in Nazareth, where he had grown up, and opened the scroll of Isaiah to read:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed...."

After reading the passage, Jesus went on to proclaim, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." In hindsight it is easy to see the momentous shift that was taking place in that moment of history. Yeshua, who had dwelled among His people in the flesh for thirty years, was suddenly revealing himself as the One whom Isaiah had foretold. He went on from there to fulfill every word that had been written of Him, from his authoritative preaching, astounding miracles, signs and wonders, unto his rejection, bitter suffering and ultimate death that allowed oaks of righteousness to spring up before all nations.

Now, we understand from the word of the Lord that we have come to yet another day when this scripture [Luke 4:18] is fulfilled. Something shifted as of April 9th. We don't know all that it will look like, but we know that every word Isaiah used to describe Jesus' ministry is to become fitting, once again, in describing the ministry of His people who are fully yielded to Him. Just as it was with Yeshua, this will be unto the glory of the One who sent Him, and unto the salvation and deliverance of multitudes whom He has longed to gather under His wings, at last!

- Would you join us in praying for many to come out of this 40-day fast in the power of the Holy Spirit. Pray for the opening of the scroll of Luke 4:18 over your own life and the lives of prepared vessels across the Body of Christ.
- Pray Joel 2:28, that God would pour out His Spirit upon all flesh. Pray for a release of His glory, with the fear of the Lord and with miracles, signs and wonders as He did at Azusa Street and other historic revivals since Acts 2.
- Pray for the revealing of Yeshua. That the understanding of his identity and nature, as first made known in Nazareth, would come full circle to the Jewish peoples once again. Declare sight to blind eyes and the opening of ears to hear the preaching of the gospel. Pray for the broken-hearted and oppressed to experience the healing and deliverance of their Messiah.

#### **Calvary's connection with these streams:**

1. 1985-1988 My Story -- Focus on INTIMACY with God
  - a. 1985 Influence of John Wimber / Vineyard Movement, *Power Evangelism*, and Gordon MacDonald, *Ordering Your Private World*
  - b. 1986 Worship: Learning to sing to God rather than about him; Small Group ministry is established.
  - c. 1987 Divine visitations / healings
    - i. Phase One of our current buildings is completed (120 people)
    - ii. Silence at the end of services (up to 2 hours ... no one would move)

- iii. Pastor Steve attends a Vineyard Conference. "I am making room at the end of the services for me to touch people."
  - d. 1988 Increase in Power Ministry and Intercession — cry for REVIVAL
    - i. The pastoral staff attends a Vineyard Conference in the fall of 1988.
- 2. 1989-1996 The Story -- Focus on the KINGDOM of God
  - a. Pastor Steve's books, translocal ministry, MTT, and Houston Spiritual Awakening Conferences
  - b. Great Commandment/Commission (Matthew 22:37-39, 28:18-20)
  - c. 1989 February: Pastor Steve and Pastor Jeff attend the Vineyard Conference in Anaheim, California, where Paul Cain and Mike Bickle are introduced.
  - d. 1989 Fall: Calvary's first exposure to prophetic ministry (David Parker, one of the leaders with Mike Bickle of Kansas City Fellowship / Metro Christian Fellowship of Kansas City out of which IHOPKC is birthed)
  - e. 1990 Missions: God said "give yourselves, not [just] your money"
- 3. 1997 Our Story -- Focus on authentic COMMUNITY
  - a. Emphasis on prophetic word: "prepare to reap and conserve the harvest." Servant evangelism is pushing us toward reaping; community is pushing us toward the conserving.
  - b. New building and new vision (ICK)
  - c. Desire to reach neighbors and create authentic community / family
  - d. Focus on outreach (Servant Evangelism and Neighborhood Involvement)

## Closing

From Mike Bickle's message on April 18, 2021. [These are my notes of the sermon. JTM.]

IHOPKC is in a new season; the body of Christ in the earth is in a new season.

Wherever the grace of the Lord is touching your life, when God starts to move, all sorts of things get stirred up and come to the surface. I assure you that you are a part of what God is doing.

I urge you not to count yourself out. Don't disqualify yourself. That is a lie of the enemy to take you. The Lord is going to bring all of us into the same story line. Wherever you are, say "yes" to the grace of God. You could be in Revelation 3, or Psalm 2... wherever you are, just stay there. Let God deal with you... and know that you are a part of the glory of Christ and what God is doing today.

The enemy is raging and attacking the body of Christ at a global level like no other time in history. Marriages, ministries, businesses... are being attacked intensely. More children of godly families are getting hit hard... the enemy is ramping up the intensity of his attack... his rage and attack is ramping up... he

will fall right into the Lord's trap and ambush. God is going to turn the whole thing around. God is making the body of Christ in the earth trophies of grace. One billion souls are coming to Christ.

There will be sudden supernatural reversals. "I didn't deserve to get liberated. It is the grace of God. He is so good."

So, when you find yourselves in the midst of the hit and the attack, just hang in there. This is a 50-chapter book, and you are on chapter 2 or 3. Jesus is going to shock the nations by rescuing the body of Christ.

In unusual times when God's spirit moves, we don't sit back passively, but we lean into the grace of God in our primary assignment, which is to contend in the place of prayer [and to partner with Jesus on his mission]. So, when I hear Luke 4:18, we pray into Luke 4:18 into Christ and the nations. May Jesus release the power of the gospel, the power to bring liberty, the power to heal, the power to set free the oppressed.

Others of you have a primary assignment, but everyone or most people help with this primary assignment. Our church family here can be a part of it, celebrate it, and walk out our specific assignments with corporate love.

We do our individual and corporate assignments before the Lord, taking our assignments seriously and not giving up.

Take your assignment seriously. We don't give up or give in to despair, discouragement, or loneliness.

We don't give in to what the enemy is trying to fire at our hearts and lives. We rise up: The Spirit of the Lord is on Jesus to use me to help build his purposes in the earth.

### **Ministry Time**

1. We are believing God for and praying for a fresh move of the Lord, according to Luke 4:18, that will result in many people getting saved, healed, delivered, and encouraged.