

SAYING “YES” TO HIS PURSUIT AND “YES” TO OUR VOW

I. THE EARLY PROPHETIC JOURNEY- EARLY MINISTRY YEARS

A. The early call- July 1982

At a Keith Green Memorial Concert, I answered the call to full-time ministry with hundreds of young adults. Many came forward to say “YES” to missions to the nations.

B. The call to full-time ministry –July 1986

1. Bradenton Healing Service –Benny Hinn
2. September 1986-1988 –Asst. Youth Pastor for Benny Hinn
3. January 1989-1995 –Youth Pastor for Benny Hinn

C. The call to an “unique ministry” – 1989

Guest Minister Paul Cain, a prophet-seer ministered at the Orlando Christian Center:

“Young man, the Lord showed me last night that you were a fiery Evangelist. I see you in South American countries and you are a flame of fire. I see you as a walking-talking bible. God is impressing upon your heart to make a commitment , it’s not acceptable, it’s not popular (to the traditional church). It’s not the order of the American Spirit. God is calling you to make a commitment to the highest calling. Don’t do anything apart from the guidance and ministry of the Holy Spirit. God is going to give you the ability and chemistry for the ministry.”

–Paul Cain 1989

D. The call to the traveling ministry –April 1995-2000

I traveled for five years Nationally and Internally.

1. USA, Canada, South America, Caribbean Islands, Ukraine
2. Revival Services, youth Camps & Services, Leadership Retreats

E. The call to plant a Church – Fall 1999- April 2000

After five years of traveling, we felt the grace for the traveling ministry was coming to a close. The Lord had begun to do a new thing and was leading us to plant a church in Ocoee, Florida. After much prayer, thought, and godly counsel from respected ministry leaders, we concluded that it was God’s will for us to launch a Church. God’s Spirit confirmed this direction with prophetic words. Living Waters Church was birthed on April 23, 2000 on Easter Sunday morning with 97 people in attendance.

II. THE JOURNEY CLARIFIED AND REDIRECTED – FEB-MAY 2005

- A. In February 2005 at a Kim Clement Service, Kim gave me a prophetic word that would help position my heart to receive the direction of the Lord for our lives and for the ministry.

“There is someone here connected with Indiana... It’s you young man. Take four steps toward this platform... one, two, three, four, STOP! For thus says the Lord; You have had four major steps in ministry, but the next one will be the biggest step ever. It will take you to the place where you have dreamed of. For the miraculous will flow out of you like water. Like Peter, God is releasing a faith in you to walk on water. Tens of thousands of young people will be touched by your steps of obedience.”

–Kim Clement Feb 2005

- B. In May 2005, I was given a heavenly encounter that would clearly cause me to evaluate the motives of my heart and the activities of the ministry. From this encounter, the Holy Spirit clearly revealed to me the five core values of OHOP that we embrace today.

1. **Intimacy**- “Go get your Bride”
2. **Character (Sermon on the Mount Lifestyle)**-“The condition that your heart is in now”
3. **Urgency**- “End-Time Prophetic Conference” {IHOP-KC}
4. **Holy Spirit Power**- “You are not ready for the move of my Spirit I am about to visit the earth with”
5. **Intercession**- “Lord, show me how to get ready”

- C. In November 2006 I had a dream that I was meeting with Mike Bickle. In the dream, Mike asked me to meet with him in a room behind the IHOP-FCF Stage. In the meeting, Mike wanted to know about my encounter of May 2005. After hearing my encounter, Mike agreed it was of the Lord and laid hands on me, prayed and prophesied over me and OHOP.

- D. In February 2007, while visiting IHOP-KC, Mike Bickle asked me to meet with him behind the stage in a room of the FCF Building. Mike asked me to share my encounter of May 2005. He instantly felt it was an encounter given to me by the Lord. He prayed, laid hands on me, and began to pray prophetically over me.

“Let lightning strike his understanding. Let lightening from heaven invade his mind. Let Carlos have other encounters like the one in May 2005. Give him words, phrases of his own that will shake the earth. Let people come from Orlando to IHOP. But let many more from IHOP Kansas City go to Orlando to join the work there. Send key people. Strengthen the connection between Orlando and Kansas City. Use us together to spread your message to all of South America...”

–Mike Bickle- Feb 10, 2007

III. THE BIRTHING OF OHOP- ORLANDO HOUSE OF PRAYER MISSION BASE FEBRUARY 2008

- A. For three years (2005-2008) the Holy Spirit prophetically was stripping, tearing down, and allowing people to leave Living Waters Church. We did not have a clear identity as to who we were as a ministry. In February of 2008, Mike Bickle came to OHOP with his wife Diane. They ministered to our spiritual body and dedicated “OHOP” as a House of Prayer. Mike and Diane released words of encouragement and prophetic declarations for OHOP and our spiritual community.
- B. In July 2008 OHOP launched monthly “ATB”- Awakening the Bride weekends, where guest worship leaders/teams and ministers would come and pour into the OHOP community. The ATB’s are currently serving to bring awareness to many believers in Central Florida and throughout the state, fulfilling Mike Bickle’s word over OHOP of “being a spiritual gas station for the South East.”
- C. OHOP today (as of June 2001)
1. Is open seven days a week
 2. Has almost 100 hours of live Prayer & Worship sets
 3. Has all of its Leadership (both full timers and those who work in the marketplace) that are in full agreement and have embraced and eagerly promote the OHOP mandate. ALL Leadership is active in the OHOP Prayer Room on daily and weekly bases.
 4. Has 28 individuals that are considered Full-Time Intercessors, serving the OHOP Mission Base Mandate, as given to us by the Lord.

5. Serves the Body of Christ in Florida through our monthly ATB’s, Healing and Prophecy Ministry Teams, and traveling teams. The traveling teams minister in Churches, youth groups, ministries, and other Houses of Prayer.
6. Has an equipping school that we call the Forerunner School of Minister. In FSM we teach the five core values of OHOP.
7. Has ministries such as:
 - Children’s Equipping Center
 - Remnant Student Ministry
 - Restoration Ministry
 - Young Adult Ministry (Aug 2011)
8. Is active in Missions as an outflow of our Love and Passion for God with ministries such as:
 - Bound 4 Life
 - Exodus Cry
 - Reach Ministries
 - Crystal Gonzalez with several community outreach services
 - Crisis Pregnancy Center- TLC
 - Missions: Burundi and other Missionaries
 - JAWA with Nick Canuso
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IV. THE CALL TO A “HOLY PURSUIT”

- A. God has always sought to dwell among His people to have intimate fellowship with man.

Revelation 21:3 “And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.”

- B. The greatest call one could walk out is to live out the great commandment.

Mark 12:30 “And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment.”

C. Throughout history, God has always sought out those who would exemplify “The Abandoned Lifestyle” as a testimony to what will one day be fully realized in the Eternal Kingdom. Today, God’s Spirit continues to move upon the hearts of those He sanctifies, beckons and calls to a deeper intimate lifestyle. This can be seen not only in the lives of believers in the bible and throughout Church history, but also today with the emphasis of the Holy Spirit on raising Houses of Prayer.

1. **Adam** – Genesis 3:8 “*And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.*”
2. **Noah** – Genesis 6:9 “*This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.*”
3. **Abraham** – Genesis 17:1 “*When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless.”*”
4. **Israel** – Exodus 25:8 “*And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.”*
5. **The Priesthood** – Exodus 30:7-8 “*Aaron shall burn on it sweet incense every morning; when he tends the lamps, he shall burn incense on it. ⁸ And when Aaron lights the lamps at twilight, he shall burn incense on it, a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations.”*
6. **Moses** – Exodus 33:11 “*So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle.*”
7. **David** – 1 Chronicles 16:1 “*So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tabernacle that David had erected for it. Then they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before God.”*

1 Chronicles 25:1 “Moreover David and the captains of the army separated for the service some of the sons of Asaph, of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, stringed instruments, and cymbals. And the number of the skilled men performing their service was”
8. **Paul** – 1 Corinthians 6:19 “*Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?”*”

9. **John – Revelation 21:3** *“And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.”*
10. **The Bride of Christ – Revelation 22:17** *“And the Spirit and the Bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.”*

V. THE CALL TO THE “SACRED VOW”

Psalm 132:1-5 *“LORD, remember David And all his afflictions; How he swore to the LORD, And vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob “Surely I will not go into the chamber of my house or go up to the comfort of my bed ⁴ I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids, Until I find a place for the LORD, A dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob.”*

- A. David, responding to the desire upon God’s heart made a vow to God that He would build Him a temple where continual prayer and worship would be offered unto God. Today, the Holy Spirit is releasing revelation upon the Church of His desire to have continual fellowship that He might pour out His Love, Power, and Glory upon the Church. This End-Time Revelation will prepare the Church to operate in her eternal identity as a House of Prayer and as a Priestly Bride. The Bride is being equipped with God’s authority to unleash the End-Time judgments through the ministry of worship (Intimacy) and Intercession (Justice).

Ezek. 44:15 *“The sons of Zadok, who kept the charge of My sanctuary...shall come near...to minister to Me.”*

- B. We consider our prayer room commitments as a sacred responsibility before the Lord for two reasons:
 1. The Lord is “setting” watchman (intercessors) in place to pray 24/7 leading to the time when Jerusalem becomes a praise in the earth at Jesus’ return. Being “set” in place is sacred to us because the Lord Himself does it. This promise is specific to 24/7 prayer ministries in the generation in which the Lord returns. Jesus referenced this promise when He spoke of night and day prayer in the generation He returns (Lk. 18:7-8).

2. In May 1983, the Lord revealed to Mike Bickle that He would establish 24-hour prayer in the spirit of the tabernacle of David. Thus, we consider it to be a sacred trust from the Lord to “keep” a 24/7 sanctuary of worship.

It takes 84 two-hour prayer meetings each week to maintain a 24-hour worship sanctuary. We ask each one to specify the prayer room hours that they are designating as being “set” by God on the wall of intercession.

We consider all of our Full-Time staff to be *intercessory missionaries* as their vocation. David paid 4,288 singers and musicians and 4,000 gatekeepers to serve in the house of God as their full-time occupation. (1 Chr. 23:5; 1 Chr 25:7)

- C. Building our missions base around the occupation of an intercessory missionary implies three things.

1. Each staff member is to establish a foundation of prayer in their personal life.
2. Each staff member is to participate in our sacred mandate to keep a 24/7 worship sanctuary.
3. As part of our job, each one engages in prayer for the work of the kingdom to go forth more effectively.

- D. Those with an “*Anna calling*” can substitute as many service hours with prayer room hours as they want. Anna spent many hours each day in the house of prayer (Lk. 2:37). The “Anna calling” is the most intense expression of an intercessory missionary (less than 10% of the staff in the Houses of Prayer nationwide identify this as their calling).

Luke 2:37 “and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years,^[a] who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.”

Isaiah 62:6-7 “I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent, And give Him no rest till He establishes And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.”

VI. THE SACRED TRUST FORM

Only designate the prayer room hours that are part of your occupation as an intercessory missionary, not those that extend beyond your vocational commitments that express your private devotion to the Lord.