



A “Slingshot” Impartation of Encouragement for 2018

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Hey, friends! Welcome to *Spirit Connection Podcast*. I can't believe it's the end of the year. But I want to take some time and recap what has been happening throughout the year, and impart some encouragement to you, some hope for what is coming in 2018 and beyond.

Now, I release a lot of prophetic words: *Daily Prophetic*, weekly blogs, my monthly *Spirit Connection Webcast*, and prophetic words—not to mention the Facebook and YouTube prophetic words, and also the [Prophetic Forecast Volume 3](#) that I have coming out in January. I release so many prophetic words, it's really important sometimes to step back and just say, “What is God saying right now?”

It's also important to understand that God is outside of time. So right now, I'm giving you times. I'm saying 2017, I'm saying this month or this year— 2018—but it doesn't matter. When you listen to it, it doesn't matter when you read this or listen to it. What matters is that, by faith, you can take hold of any of these prophecies at any time. They can apply to your life because God is outside of the restraints of time.

I want to recap some of the prophetic words that I released this year, and I want to put them together to help slingshot you into the New Year. This is really a time to be hopeful. It has been a challenging year, and there have been a lot of people suffering. And I don't want to downplay any of this as I am speaking words of encouragement. I know that we need to pray for all of those who have suffered under the storms and the hurricanes, and all the stuff that has happened, but do you know what? The apostle Paul says in Romans 5:1-5 (NIV):

“... we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to

shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us."

Listen, those are words for right now. I want to encourage you that if you have suffered—if you're seeing anything, you know, difficult times—it is producing perseverance and character. And it will develop new hope, even though the enemy has been over-attacking us right now. There have been super levels of destruction: superstorms, earthquakes, fires, and floods hit heavily. There are people getting hit all over the Earth, but we know God's Word is true. We know the Lord will prevail, and it's important to grab hold of this.

Now, what we're seeing in the world right now is the coming of "birth pains," or what the Lord is saying is the Great Revival. It's one of the greatest revivals we've ever seen in history, and the enemy does not want us to see it. He does not want it to happen. He wants to distract us. So, I keep saying this to people all the time, you know, stay focused on what God is calling you to. Due season is now overdue, but the Lord is not late. It is right in time.

Keep in mind that the trials we're going through will bring advancement. It's important not to resist or run from the trials or the testings that are coming to you right now. Testing is not a bad thing, and God is going to use this to prepare you for the advancements and the promotions that are coming over the next few months and even years. God is constantly doing this. He's testing and promoting us, not to judge us, but to move us forward.

Consider this. Listen:

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." James 1:2-4 NIV

Friends, that's where we are right now. The Lord is working perseverance. He's working maturity into us, and He wants us to lack nothing.

Here are some highlights of what happened this past year. I released a lot of words, but I want to pull them all together and strategically speak them over your life right now.

Did you know that the Glory of God returned March 17, 2017? Some people didn't even know it was gone. But in 1975 the late prophet, Bob Jones, saw the greater Glory of God. He saw it leave the Church. Now this was the time when the Glory of God was very present. We had just come out of an amazing revival, the Jesus People Movement. We were in the midst of some amazing things happening on Earth. But Prophet Bob Jones saw—on March 17, 1977—he saw the Glory lift from the Church, and it has not returned.

Yes, there are people carrying portions of God's glory. Let me just tell you, the Glory of God is a tangible presence. It's like a strong liquid anointing or energy of the Lord. I don't want to sound New Age here. I'm just saying, it is something that is like an atmosphere changer. If you've ever been around someone, or in the Glory of God, you'll know what I mean. There are some people who have it, but overall it has not been on the Church, and we haven't seen it for a long time.

March 2017 was the 40th anniversary of the glory departing. The Lord told me this last year, and it was in my *2017 Prophetic Forecast, Volume 2*. The Lord said, "This year the Glory of God is going to return to My Church." Like the glory of the 1970s Jesus People Movement, it was not limited to the four walls of a church. Similar to the Jesus People Movement, the Glory of God is coming with signs, wonders, healing miracles. And it's going to touch those outside the Church and in the streets. Now, I'm not saying the Glory of God is a second Jesus People Movement. I'm saying the Lord spoke to me that the Glory of God is going to return, and it's going to result in one of the greatest revivals.

So, I released this prophetic word, and I want you to know this. On March 17, 2017, I didn't see anything, like, dramatic happen. But I knew the Lord said, "Watch for it to happen," and sure enough a shift happened in the heavenly realms in the Spirit. And two weeks after March 17, 2017, I started having heavenly encounters and went behind the veil for over 50 days of encounters in Heaven with the Lord.

I'm writing more about that in my *Prophetic Forecast, Volume 3*, and I actually take you into some of these encounters. They are so rich with the glory and the heaviness of the Lord, even our editors felt sleepy and tired, and they were like, "We'd better put a disclaimer on this book when you read these things." That's the Glory of God. Even while I was writing this I felt sleepy (and I don't get sleepy if you know me) but the presence of God comes down like a weight. It's going to open things up.

This is what I saw happen. I had an encounter as part of those 50 days of encounters. And in the encounter, I had a vision that an angel came with silver keys and unlocked chains that were on people. And as the angel unlocked the chains, I saw another angel holding a stack of contracts and agreements that had been made over these restraints. Now, these had been placed there by people who did not understand you—that's many of you listening to me right now—who didn't understand the ones that they had placed the restraints on. The chains and the contracts were holding people back from moving forward in many areas of their life.

"... having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross." Colossians 2:14-15 NIV

Now, I'm not saying that the people who put these chains, contracts and restraints upon others were actually evil—many of them didn't realize that they were doing it. But what I am saying is there has been jealousy, there have been things that have happened in the past, but God is now removing these chains. And He is removing the contracts and agreements that we may have made in the past. He is disarming the attacks against you. I saw the angel with the contracts take them to a blazing altar by the throne of the Lord. The contracts and agreements that have held you back in the past were burned up by the fire of the Lord.

Now, as this was going on, new freedom was being released in the Spirit. People's eyes were suddenly being opened to the things that had happened long ago. They started to come into agreement with things they didn't realize a while back. But now they are being broken off, and they're being set free, and they begin to rejoice and worship the Lord.

As we break through from the past, keep in mind that what you say and think in this new season has to change as well. New power and authority is now coming on our words. You will need to be careful what you say because the words can be spiritual life or death in some cases. Just like when people spoke over you in the past. If you were in a season of restraint, they spoke over you and restrained you from moving forward. So, this is a time to build up and not tear down, especially in the season that we're entering.

In Matthew 21:19-21 (NIV) Jesus said ...

Seeing a fig tree by the road, he went by it and found nothing on it except leaves. Then he said to it, "May you never bear fruit again!" Immediately the tree withered.

When the disciples saw this, they were amazed. "How did the fig tree wither so quickly?" they asked.

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what I did to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done."

Jesus said that our words can uproot obstacles as well as cause things to wither. Most people focus on the faith part of this and moving mountains, but not even realize that Jesus demonstrated something very powerful in the same encounter. He said, "May you never bear fruit again." And then He said, "You can do this, too." And He is talking about speaking and authority here.

So, we need to be very careful that we're not speaking withering words over ourselves or others, or even thinking withering thoughts over ourselves. We need to speak fruitful words and fruitful thoughts. And when we speak negative things, it can cause us to have a spiritual and creative part of our lives wither up and no longer bear fruit.

God showed me this is the condition that many people are in today. They have spoken over themselves, or they were spoken over by others, and it has caused their gifts and spiritual fruit to dry up and wither.

God is now giving us an opportunity to reverse this. And we need to recognize areas of our lives that once flourished and have now withered, things that we have done in the past that suddenly just dried up. We need to speak over these things and with prayers like, “Be fruitful and no longer wither. Come alive, in Jesus’ Name.”

Now, we also need to speak to those mountains, “Be uprooted and thrown into the sea.” But first we need to make sure that we’re not speaking withering words. This is important because we’re entering into a promised season of the Lord.

“And it shall be that if you earnestly obey My commands which I command you today to love the Lord your God and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul, then I will give you the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your oil.” Deuteronomy 11:13-14 NKJV

Wow! This is so powerful. So, notice something. This is where Jesus quotes this, a little bit of this later on. His greatest commandment was to love God, right? And love, love God with all your soul. This is something that is powerful. This is why we need to love and not speak withering words because we can now step into a season where we’re no longer in a famine. We’re no longer in a time when things are dried up like we are right now. We can actually get the rain of God, the new wine, the grain, the new oil.

This is where we’re going right now, and this is being fulfilled all over the Earth right now. God is opening up repayment for your suffering from the past. He is also fulfilling the promises that have been spoken over you a long time ago. Expect to see the rain—the spiritual rain from Heaven—the new wine, the new oil representing the Holy Spirit renewing your life.

Now, as this happens there is always a counterfeit. Be careful. There’s a renewal of the new coming, but there’s always ... when this happens ... a renewal of the old that happens as well.

“See I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”
Isaiah 43:19 NIV

God is releasing something totally new from Heaven right now. We are about to experience an amazing revival that has been prophesied for decades. The late prophet, Bob Jones, and others saw the revival that was similar to the Jesus People Movement. The reason I keep mentioning this is because that was the last known revival in North

America, the last known big revival that reached people like those on the street. But it was very offensive to the Church and the Christians at that time. In fact, they rejected it.

Most of the churches rejected an amazing move because it came upon the abomination, the stinky, smelly hippies, those who seemed to be unclean. But I tell you right now, over 1 billion people are on the list to be reached by this new revival. It will require love and grace to reach out to those who have been wounded or driven away—or maybe even driven deeper into darkness. This is so important because God is love. Jesus said, “The greatest commandment is to love.”

The apostle Paul said in 1 Corinthians 13:2 (NIV),

“If I have the gift of prophesy and I can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have the gift of faith that can move mountains, but I don’t have love, I am nothing.”

We need to have love. This is why I am a prophet of love, right there, that verse. Beware, though, of the recent revival of hatred. Because God is bringing a revival of love, the demonic forces of violence and division are now releasing on the Earth to start the exact opposite of what God wants to do.

Satan often opposes and tries to stop revivals and moves of God before they come. This has been going on all over the world for many years, centuries maybe, but the last few decades especially. God’s plan is to release a revival of love and grace. But we’re seeing people release hatred, and division, and lack of grace instead. This is why I’ve been releasing this word, that complaining can actually create a whirlwind. Psalm 17:3 (NIV)

“Though you probe my heart, though you examine me at night and test me, you will find that I have planned no evil; my mouth has not transgressed.”

We need to be very careful how we speak, as the Lord is examining our lives right now for the purposes of promotion. It’s important to step away from speaking anything that brings division, or lacks love and encouragement—especially on the internet, folks. It’s tough these days, but we need to do this.

I asked God, “Why are we seeing such fierce storms, the shaking, the violence, the fires, the floods, the tragedies, the shootings?” And He told me that it is the negative whirlwind that is alive and active in the hearts of many people. It’s also delaying revivals.

Hosea 8:7, this is what He said to me:

“They sow the wind and (they) reap the whirlwind. The stalk has no head; it produces no flour. Were it to yield grain, foreigners would swallow it up.”
Hosea 8:7 NIV

The Lord said ... Listen, this is what He is saying: People have sown in the wind, and we have reaped a whirlwind. And we no longer have revival—that’s the stock or the head. The Lord said this: “My people are complaining, and sowing anger, and taking up causes that are not always Mine. They are coming into agreement with the voice of the accuser, and the spirit and the fruit of darkness even though ...” this is what the Lord says, “... I’ve called them to speak words of life. This is why there are so many violent outbreaks all over the world, and also why the harvest has not taken place.”

If you look at Hosea 8:7, the Hebrew word for *wind* is *ruach*. It can also be translated as *anger*. So, wow ... look at that. If you sow in the angry wind, you’re going to reap the whirlwind. Frustration, rebellion and revenge is what’s going to come, and that’s what is going on right now. This is the spirit that is now taking over in the hearts of the world, I’m sad to say, and many Christians as well. That’s why I’ve been prophesying and saying, “Hey, folks, stop complaining.”

God is calling us away from idle arguments, divisions, and to focus our efforts on His agenda and the things that matter right now. This is a time to rally together for intercession, bless people who we don’t agree with. We must love our enemies and pray for those who we feel are persecuting us over our beliefs. This includes political, social justices, as well as religious and spiritual.

There is power in coming into agreement with God. You don’t have to agree with someone to pray for them or care for them. We need to have honor and respect. The next revival is going to really challenge us when we see ... Just like when Jesus came, He reached out to a group of people that was an abomination. That was those with leprosy, those outside of the religious group. They were rejected. And the Lord is going to do it again.

And do you know what? It’s going to take a lot of finances because of all these tragedies happening all over the world. We need resources, we need money for humanitarian purposes to rebuild. We also need finances for some of the largest revival meetings we have ever seen, and they will be outside the Church structure. That’s why we need the money. These are going to look very strange.

I’ve had a glimpse of it. I’ve been having visitations and revelation in my interactions in Heaven. I don’t know exactly what it’s going to look like, except that it’s going to be strange and geared towards people who the current Church does not accept. And that’s why it’s important to learn to love right now, and to step back from that angry wind and come into agreement with the Wind of the Lord and the Wind of the Spirit. That’s the positive things. This is all the more reason we need finances.

God said that He is now answering the prayers of many Christians who have prayed over the years. It's this one right here. It's probably the most, one of the most, prayed verses ... Proverbs 13:22 (NKJV)

"... But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous."

Have you heard people praying that? Many people have been praying this prayer, not realizing the Lord is trying to answer it in our lives. But first He must rid us of everything that is in the same spirit of the world, or He cannot give it. He has to get rid of greed, He has to get rid of complaining and grumbling. Because if the money falls into a wrong spirit, it may be used for something that was not intended by the Lord.

So, God is going to start moving now and giving you plans. He's going to give strategies for finances and the Joseph and Josephine anointing. In Genesis 41, Joseph came on the scene. And he got revelation from God to release finances that actually saved Israel back at that time, and set up for the coming of the Messiah. God wants to do these things right now, and new revelation is going to come.

I had an encounter. The Lord said this is coming right now— Ezekiel 3:3 (NIV)

Then he said to me, "Son of man, eat the scroll I am giving you and fill your stomach with it." So I ate it, and it tasted sweet as honey in my mouth."

In the heavenly encounter I had just recently, I saw the Lord giving spiritual scrolls of revelation. These are the plans and the strategies, wisdom and insight that we are going to need for the coming years. The Lord told me to expect to see this start right now, in December, and to flow through the New Year. Not only that, but it's going to flow over the next few years. And just as in Ezekiel 3:3, the revelation is going to be sweet as honey. The Lord is going to bring you some good things, and that's all the more reason why to step away from the angry wind.

You know, I released a prophetic word back in 2012, and I started watching a powerful angel come each year, right around March or April. It was called the Wind of Change angel—not Winds of Change, but the Wind of Change. I saw this angel suddenly, for the first time ever, come early. Now it usually comes in the springtime in the U.S. and rearranges things.

Psalm 104:4 talks about some of these things, but things that may have been holding you back will suddenly become clear. The Wind of Change blows things into place. The Wind of Change rearranges. New assignments and new alignments start happening. It might look chaotic sometimes when it starts to blow, but then it puts things in order. Hebrews 1:7 says (NLT)

Regarding the angels, he says, "He sends his angels like the winds, his servants like flames of fire."

The Lord spoke to me that the reason the Wind of Change angel is coming early this year and is going to blow things into place is because of the strong attack and discouragement of hopelessness the enemy has brought. So, God is balancing the scales of justice right now ... over you right now. And we're able to experience an amazing revival even in our own lives, and Satan doesn't want you to see it. It's important to come into agreement with what God has.

There has been a heavy attack of hopelessness, and many people have been tempted to be even discouraged. But don't back down right now. This resistance will not last long, and what will come will be greater revelation into your calling, into some divine assignments that are coming. The Lord showed me that over the next seven months we're going to receive revelation for the next seven years.

Many people have been crying out to hear God right now, and He's opening up something new. Some people had been actually discouraged to the place I have seen—the place of suicide, giving up—but I want to prophesy into your spirit this prophetic word. I'm telling you, you'll want to put this on repeat and listen to it a few times. You might even want to soak in this overnight because God is opening up something right now.

2018 is similar to Psalm 118. In verses 15-17,

Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "The Lord's right hand has done mighty things! The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!" I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done."

I'm telling you, God is opening up new spiritual gates right now. He's breaking off discouragement. You will live, and you will not die. And it's time now to ask God for the new vision of your life right now because we're going to see an amazing new year. We're going to see amazing things open up for us. I want to just prophesy this and activate it over your life right now:

Lord, we lift up Your Name, the Name of Jesus. We lift up Jesus over our lives, over our problems, over our world and all the trouble that we're seeing. Lord, we ask that You come right now. Blow away the things that are not from You. Make it clear. Push back and push down the powers of the enemy, that we may be released into the new things.

I was seeing people being pulled back right now like a slingshot. You're in the Lord's hand, and He's pulling you back. You can't see anything because you're in the slingshot. But He's about to propel you forward. Right now, in Jesus'

Name, we break off all discouragement. We break off unclear vision. We break off all the attacks of the enemy. We break now the chains of restraints and the contracts of the past, and throw them in the fire.

Break out right now. There's something happening in the spiritual realm right now. We break these things, Lord. And now we enter into the new gate that is coming, the Gate of Righteousness. And, Lord, we pray that You would send us encouragement, send us a sign. Send us things to show us we're on the right track right now, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

It's going to be an exciting time. God bless you all!

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