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“HIGHWAY TO HEAVEN (PART XI)”

We have been talking about the different things a Christian may encounter as he makes his way through the highway of life, and how the Lord gives us signs to guide us and warn us of some dangerous conditions that we may encounter on the way to our destination. Another important lesson I have learned in the natural but which has a spiritual significance is when I am distracted by something else and I take my eyes off the highway. That is very dangerous. Your car starts wobbling, going sideways, and if you are not careful you may wind up in the ditch, or be involved in an accident. When you are driving on the highway, especially if you are going fast, you must keep your eyes on the road. Likewise *we must keep our eyes on Jesus at all times, especially during times of change.*

Sometimes when you are driving on the highway, all of a sudden you see a sign letting you know that there is going to be a lane shift ahead. This is the part where if you are not careful, you run out of room in the road you were traveling just fine a little while before. Now you find yourself being pressed hard on all sides and hemmed-in by other drivers that do not want to let you move in front of them. During our Christian walk sometimes we experience *divine shifts*. These hidden times and seasons of change *usually come upon us unexpectedly and surprise us*. The Lord may have given us warning signs like dreams, prophetic words, messages and scriptures to let us know what was about to happen, but we may not have been aware of them or maybe we were not paying close attention. *When these divine shifts come, it always causes us to change.*

During our season of change we will be hard-pressed, hemmed-in, limited, constrained and confined by situations many times created by other people. These changes may not be always fun to go through, but they are necessary to take us to our divine destiny. *These divine shifts*, and we get a few in our lifetimes; *always produce a change in our identity. It transforms us*. During these seasons of change we usually wind up changing the road we are traveling in. We will encounter battles and resistance from others as we try to move into their territory and a direction that makes them feel threatened. They may bump us, try to discourage or intimidate us into giving up. But like in the highways, in real life *there will always be kind human beings who give us a break* and help us get to where we are going.

When there is a lane shift in the highway, traffic slows down considerably for a while. At times it seems like you are not moving at all. Tempers flare up easy, people get edgy and impatient, and do things that they may regret later. Accidents happen as people try to get out of where they are by force. That is what happened to Abraham as he was going through his process of waiting on the Lord for the arrival of his promised son Isaac. Because he decided not to wait on God's kairos time, *he took matters into his own hands and produced an Ishmael*. The same thing can happen to us in our walk with God. *We are right now in a major season of change*. It is very important to obey God and don't get impatient so *we do not make serious mistakes that we will regret later*.

MINISTRY REPORT

Bless the Lord oh my soul and all that is within me, bless His holy name! I am so thankful to God for His goodness and His tender mercies. He continues to amaze daily with things that I can't even begin to express. When I think I finally have things figured out, something happens and leaves me sitting on the ground with my shattered plans scattered all over the place. Then I am reminded that *I am just a man dependent upon the Lord for His wisdom, and guidance.*

We are running a bit late with our newsletter but as you can see by now, a lot of changes have taken place. Since last year, the Lord has been dealing with me about some adjustments and upgrades to our ministry. I admit that I have been slack in doing the things that I know needed to be done. It almost seems like an invisible hand has been moving behind the scenes gently pushing me into the place where the Lord wants me. I don't have the space in this newsletter to share everything that has been going on, let me just say that I believe our ministry is entering a new season now, and therefore some changes and adjustments were required.

In the last three years, we have been doing a lot of discipleship training seminars, both in this country and overseas, along with revival meetings and crusades. However at this beginning of this year, *the burden of the Lord came on me* in a very special way, and He started dealing with me about some things that He wanted me to do. He confirmed this to me through a series of dreams, visions and prophetic words from other servants of God. *Everything is not clear yet*, but it is becoming clearer and clearer as we endeavor to obey Him, and walk this thing out by faith and trust in Him. *We are going to a place where we've never gone before, and into uncharted waters we have not navigated before.*

We are also blessed to have a website for the first time. This website was designed and developed by Jamie Mapes of Doc Valentine Marketing Group. I want to express my thanks to him and my dear friend Pastor Billy Price of Abundant Life Ministries. We recently started working with him there to train and develop the leaders of a group of Spanish people on *City On A Hill*, a ministry that they just started recently in the heart of Cincinnati. We were there this last June for the second time this year, and it is exciting to see what the Lord is doing there.

We had already been there in April ministering in several churches in Ohio. We were with Josh Willis who has a deliverance ministry in Hamilton, Ohio for drug addicts, and we did some rap there for them and taught the men in a morning

session. The Lord laid on my heart to give them a hundred CD's free of charge. The Lord always blesses me. Before I left Ohio, Billy took me to see the facilities *City On a Hill* that the Lord had given them in the heart of Cincinnati. I prayed there in tongues for the vision of a multi cultural, multi racial and multi purpose ministry to come to pass. A month later he called me excited to tell me the good news that the Lord had brought a group of Spanish people to work with them. The Lord has shown me that **a big revival is going to hit that whole area** that is going to result in many people being saved and several churches being planted in that region. I am going back there this coming August and spend some more time working with them.

We also went to Texas In April and the first part of May to minister in several churches. The Lord moved mightily in the services saving, healing and delivering people. Then we went to Albany Georgia where we did a leadership seminar and ministered in the church on Sunday. God is doing something special in Albany. That same month we then went to Connecticut. The Lord ministered powerfully in the services there. We did some rap music and everyone loved it, including some older folks who are young at heart. We also did a couple of leadership meetings in the churches there.

During a youth meeting a couple from Boston came into the service. The lady had Multiple Sclerosis, and had braces in both legs. She was in severe pain. I had been teaching the young people on faith that night. So when she came up for prayer, I challenged several young people to exercise their faith and practice the principles I had just taught them. A couple of young girls came forward and *I could see the Spirit of Faith operating, especially on one of them.* I asked her to place her hands on the lady and rebuke the disease in Jesus' name. As I united my prayer to hers, the power of God hit the woman and she crumpled to the floor shaking. When she got up after a while, she noticed she had been healed. She took off the braces and walked up and down the church without pain giving glory to God.

Then we were off to Nokomis, Florida where we ministered on Sunday. The Lord was in the house as He confirmed the word with signs following. We ministered to the leaders there after the service. Then we took a few days of vacation, as the whole family enjoyed the beach in beautiful sunny South Florida. Please continue to pray for us as we endeavor follow His will. Thank you & God bless you!

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