

NEWS FROM DAVID AND GRETA

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We hope that you will take a few minutes to read what has been happening in our ministry recently and be encouraged. The Perspectives section discusses the growing release and impact of a powerful spiritual gift at this time.

It was the strangest **word of knowledge** (see the Perspectives section below for an explanation) I have ever had. "*Is there someone here who has bought a new type of tea to drink?*" I felt slightly foolish saying it but the impression was strong. A young woman in the congregation raised her hand. "*Father says try it without milk and you will enjoy it more.*" And that was it - no great prophecy over her life, just a simple instruction from God on how to enjoy her cup of tea. And yet it proved to be a profoundly encouraging word to her.

I later discovered that this young woman had indeed bought a new herbal tea to try, and that she ALWAYS puts milk in all her teas. She was reduced to tears when I explained that if the Lord loved her so much that he even wanted to ensure she would enjoy her cup of tea, then how much more does he care about every other detail of her life, both small and large. The incident impressed me that prophecy and other revelatory gifts are at their most powerful **when they convey God's wonderful love for all people**. Yes, at times they may contain correction, but always in love and always with hope. What an amazing God we serve.

During February and March, we ministered in **11 churches in New Zealand and Australia**, conducting leadership meetings, Sunday services, encounter nights, and seminars:



Gold Coast Chapel, Australia

- Hillside Baptist Church, Auckland
- Grace International Church, Auckland
- Elim Christian Centre, Tauranga
- Elim Church, Alexandra
- Living Faith Church, Orewa
- Frontline Church, Kerikeri
- St. Paul's Anglican, Auckland
- Burwood Christian Centre, Christchurch
- The Upper Room, Auckland
- Gold Coast Chapel, Broadbeach; Australia
- Hopepointe Church, Caboolture, Australia

In numerous churches, large and small, we detected a growing hunger for the presence of God and for prayer. With the recent tragic Mosque attacks in Christchurch, more and more people are being stirred to pray for a sweeping spiritual awakening in our nation that will reveal Jesus to multitudes who are clearly blind to truth. While it has been moving and entirely appropriate to see an outpouring of compassion towards the Muslim community, it has been wrong of our government and media to allow a Muslim call to prayer to be broadcast nationwide and in Parliament.

The heart of that call is the statement, "*There is no God but Allah.*" Allah is NOT the same as Father God. Many discerning believers are angered and rightly grieved by this event. In **Jeremiah 44:3** God says, "*They aroused my anger by burning incense to and worshiping other gods that neither they nor you nor your ancestors ever knew.*" There will be repercussions

to these events – if we pray, good; if we don't pray, harmful. While God will always show mercy and love to sinners, he will oppose increasingly rampant sin and error. Now is the time keep interceding for awakening in the nations.

ITINERARY FOR APRIL-JULY

April 7: River Church, Howick, Auckland. Sunday meetings.

April 14: The Upper Room, Auckland. Sunday meeting.

April 15-17: NZ and Beyond Conference, Auckland. Attend

April 21: RiverLife Church, Singapore. Easter Sunday and leaders' meetings.

April 22 – July 11: Travelling in Europe.

July 12-14: Covenant Vision Church, Singapore. Leaders' plus Sunday meetings.

July 26-28: Hills Church, Hillsborough, Auckland. Afterlife seminar plus Sunday meetings.

PERSPECTIVES

There are nine gifts of the Holy Spirit mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 (NKJV): *“To one is given the **word of wisdom** through the Spirit, to another the **word of knowledge** through the same Spirit, to another **faith** by the same Spirit, to another **gifts of healings** by the same Spirit, to another the **working of miracles**, to another **prophecy**, to another **discerning of spirits**, to another **different kinds of tongues**, to another the **interpretation of tongues.**”*

These gifts form part of our tool kit to help bring the gospel of the Kingdom to others in the power of the Holy Spirit. We are now entering times where faith, miracles and healings will become as common place as prophecy and tongues. And we will also see the gifts of knowledge, wisdom, and discernment being released at a whole new level. We will increasingly need them in a world where so much deception is prevalent. While the Bible is the ultimate general revelation of God's knowledge and wisdom to humanity, there are times where specific revelation is needed.

The focus of this perspective is the word of knowledge. ***The gift of the word of knowledge is the supernatural revelation by the Holy Spirit of a fact or facts about a person or situation not known or learned by the natural mind, in order to express God's love and purpose for that person or situation.***

God knows everything past, present, and future. This gift is the revelation of a tiny portion of that knowledge. That is why it is called a *word* of knowledge. This is not an increase of natural knowledge or recall of something you had forgotten. It is revelation you had never known before. When Jesus looks at something, he knows all that there is to know about that person or situation. He may give us just a tiny fraction of that information and it seems spectacular to us. If we are given a name, description, birthdate, or other details, we're amazed, as is the recipient we give the information to. Even so, this is not to wow people but to help them. **It is not to impress but to bless.**

In **John 1:47-4 (NLT)** we see Jesus receiving and releasing a word of knowledge: *“As they approached, Jesus said, ‘Now here is a genuine son of Israel—a man of complete integrity.’ ‘How do you know about me?’ Nathanael asked. Jesus replied, ‘I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you.’”* Jesus had never met Nathanael, and this simple word of knowledge so impacted Nathanael that he confessed Jesus was the Messiah and followed him for the rest of his life. We can never underestimate the impact of this gift.

A contemporary example from American prophet **Rick Joyner** illustrates this impact. He writes, *“In a meeting, we were praying for a couple and their fourteen- year-old daughter. I heard the Spirit say, ‘Tell the daughter that she is not an accident.’* Immediately, I thought about how embarrassing this would be for the daughter and her parents.



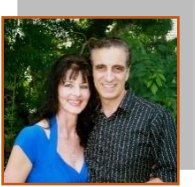
Rick Joyner

I assumed she must have been a “surprise” child, but I did not want to embarrass the girl or her parents. Then the Spirit said, “*Do it.*” When I did, both the daughter and the parents burst into tears and were almost wailing. They said that their daughter had been the product of a rape, and had found out, and felt that she was not even supposed to be alive. That one word instantly healed a major wound in their family. The girl left thinking that she was ‘not an accident,’ but that God loved her and had a purpose for her. The parents left deeply touched by how God had so personally cared about them and had brought victory over the lies of the enemy. The Lord obviously did not intend for the rape, but He is so kind that He would use even this terrible thing for good.”

Words of knowledge can come as thoughts, impressions, feelings, or pictures in our minds. They can also come in dreams and visions. They are quiet but clear. Our logic will try and talk us out of believing and acting on them. Prophecy may also contain words of knowledge.

And this gift, along with the other eight, is accessible to all believers in Jesus. It takes desire and faith to see them work through us to bless others. In a recent seminar, Greta and I taught on this topic and then asked the attendees to listen quietly to the Holy Spirit and ask for a word of knowledge. At least fifteen people received and shared words and all were very accurate. In an hour where the world does not have answers to so many of the problems it faces, words of knowledge that bring revelation and words of wisdom that show how to apply that knowledge will be increasingly welcomed by political, business, scientific and social leaders. There is risk, yes, but the risk is worth it if even only one person understands that God knows and cares for them in an intimate way.

Blessings,



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