

Introduction

- a) The next message in the series, *A Great Reset in the Church*, is focused on *A Reset for Open Doors*.
- b) Let me quickly summarize what *A Reset for Open Doors* is about. This message builds upon many prophetic words, visions, dreams, and experiences the Spirit has given to us since 2006. For over 15 years, the Lord has given us an invitation to open the door of our hearts to Jesus and to dine with Him in deep intimacy. For this take place, we had to overcome lukewarmness and apathy.
- c) This message will be the last in the series *A Great Reset in the Church*. But this message will also launch a new series called *Open Doors*. This series will deal with:
 - *An Open Door with Power*, where we focus on the power of the Holy Spirit to be a witness;
 - *An Open Door for Dining*, where we focus on overcoming lukewarmness so we can go deep in intimacy with Jesus in the secret place;
 - *An Open Door for Glory*, where we focus on pursuing the glory realm and holy-of-holies worship that ministers to the Lord;
 - *An Open Door for Ministry and Multiplication*, where we focus on the Lord opening doors for the multiplication of ministry in our community, nation, and the nations.
- d) In today's message, *A Reset for Open Doors*, we will spend the entire time looking at numerous prophetic words, dreams, visions, and experiences that relate to the open door the Lord wants to give us.

An Overview of the Invitation

- e) See Revelation 3:2; 3:7-8; 3:20-4:1.
- f) These verses summarize what the Lord has been speaking to us for 15 years. Namely, we have many more works to accomplish as a corporate body and Jesus has not yet found our deeds completed in His sight. That means our vision is far too small. The Lord has massive things for us to accomplish before He returns. Therefore, we need to wake up and strengthen what remains. We need to overcome lukewarmness, apathy, and indifference so that we open the door of our hearts wide open to Jesus and begin to dine with Him in deep intimacy. As we do this individually, then He will open doors for us corporately. Namely, the Lord will open a door into the glory realm of heaven for holy-of-holies, throne-room worship. And He will give us a little power that would open the door for ministry in this community, nation, and the nations.
- g) In my opinion, perhaps this is where we are, corporately, on the spectrum of moving from Laodicea and Sardis to Philadelphia. Some are further along than others.

The Spectrum of Where We Are

Laodicea and Sardis

Philadelphia

2006

2012

2015

2021

Asleep, lukewarm, and apathetic

Dining relationship and open doors to heaven and earth

Listening as A Disciple

- a) This invitation was given to us as a corporate body 15 years ago. However, we have only tasted it in a very small way. We have sampled one appetizer of a 10-course meal.
- b) There's *so* much more the Lord wants to give us *if we are hungry and thirsty*. Lukewarmness, apathy, and indifference are still hindering us from fully entering in.
- c) Though some individuals have taken great strides in overcoming lukewarmness, apathy, and indifference and have entered into a dining relationship with Jesus, many of us are still mired in a lukewarm condition.
- d) This invitation is not merely an individual invitation. It's a corporate invitation. The fullness of this invitation can only be entered into corporately.
- e) For this reason, we desperately need ears to hear what the Spirit is speaking to us corporately.
- f) Isaiah 50:4 states, "He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple." Many of us don't listen to what the Lord speaks to us corporately as a disciple. We listen as a church attender, as a consumer. There's a massive difference between the two.
- g) Jesus said, "Take care what you listen to [a better translation is *take care how you listen*]. By your standard of measure it will be measured to you; and more will be given you besides. For whoever has, to him more shall be given; and whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him" (Mark 4:24-25).
- h) Take care how you listen. Take care that you listen as a disciple and not as an American Churchianity consumer.
- i) The Lord has many things to say to us, but are we *dull of hearing* (Heb. 5:11)? Have we become *forgetful hears rather than effectual doers* (James 1:25)?

Noel Mann's Message (2006)

- a) Noel Mann, who was like a father to this church and who functioned in the office of a prophet, gave a defining message on November 26th, 2006. His basic message was that we needed to repent of being lukewarm, that we needed to open the door to Jesus, and that we could then dine with Jesus in much greater intimacy.
- b) We responded by doing a prophetic act and we opened the door at the front of the worship room (back of the building) to symbolize that we were taking this seriously and that we were welcoming Jesus in.
- c) The invitation was this: If we opened the door to Jesus in our hearts and began to dine with Him, then He would open the door to heaven, as revealed in Revelation 4:1. Simply put, if we opened the door of our hearts then He would open the door to His glory.
- d) That very day there was a prophetic word released by Bob Jones and Paul Keith Davis that confirmed Noel's message. In summary, the prophetic word was: "We are offered divine access to come up higher in God for a fresh revelation of His glory that will transform us and cause us to reflect His light. This is an abiding glory that will be entrusted to mature believers to initiate this next installment of heaven's blueprint. This portal will remain open to the righteous."

Pursue the Glory Realm (2008)

- a) On July 1, 2008, Pastor Ken woke up with this phrase: "Pursue the glory realm." He preached this message on July 6, 2008. In his message, he said over and over this was an invitation from God to us.

- b) Then, a couple of months later, Drew Kitchens (our worship leader) was driving down 75 to work and he got behind a car with the license plate “July 6th.” He thought that it was odd and it caught his attention. He wondered if God might be speaking to him. But after working the whole day, he forgot about it. Then on the way home, driving down 75 again, he got behind the same car—with the license plate “July 6th.” How odd and random is that? What are the chances or probability that he would get behind the same car on the same day?
- c) Drew knew that God was clearly speaking to him about July 6th. So, he looked at his phone to see what day July 6th was on. It was the very Sunday that Pastor Ken preached his message on *Pursue the Glory Realm*. The glory realm or the heavenly portal is an invitation from the Lord for us as a church.

Zenith Dream (2011)

- a) I (Angie Kessler) was in my parent’s old house in their den, where I was teaching the middle schoolers a Lifeschool class. I think it was *Learning to Hear God’s Voice*. As I was looking at my notes, I noticed there was an extra point—a new point in the notes. It was the word *zenith*. As I looked at the notes, it was like looking at a definition in a dictionary. I couldn’t see all the definition, but I could make out some of the written definition, which read, “A free flow.”
- b) The actual dictionary definition of *zenith* is:
 - The point of the celestial sphere that is vertically above the observer;
 - The highest point reached in the heavens by a celestial body; the upper region of the sky;
 - The point of culmination; the peak.
- c) Here’s what I believe is the interpretation. In the Father’s house at Restoration Life Church, the Lord is calling us to “come up here” into the glory realm, into an open heaven. For us, there is a door standing open in heaven and God is calling to us, “Come up here.” One of the keys to this glory realm is the free flow that comes from hearing and declaring God’s voice. In the context of worship, it is the prophetic song of the Lord. We need to rekindle the prophetic gift and let this ember become a burning flame. We need the prophetic song of the Lord rekindled as well. This will help bring us deeper into the glory realm of God.

Reopen the Door (2012)

- a) Pastor Ken had been feeling uneasy about us sheet-rocking over the door that we had opened to Jesus. He had kept feeling like we needed to reopen the door to Jesus in a prophetic act to show that we repented of lukewarmness and to welcome Jesus into our church.
- b) Without knowing what Pastor Ken had been feeling, Doug Meadows (who does our videos) had a vision around the same time, where he saw these giant soldiers in the worship room preparing to let Jesus in. However, for some reason, Jesus was outside the door of the church, pacing and unable to come through.
- c) When Doug told Pastor Ken of this vision, it was confirmation that we needed to do another prophetic act and reopen the door to Jesus. So, we did that in 2012.

Prophetic Dream (May 23, 2015)

- a) On May 23rd, 2015, I had a prophetic dream that speaks about God’s present invitation to Restoration Life. In the dream, I first saw Ken, Josh, and Erin Turner (who are friends of our family) on our stage. I remember that Erin was playing the keyboard. The next thing I saw was a door cut out of the back part of the worship room (the front of the outside of the building) and it seemed to have white light around it—like the light of heaven. In the dream, I knew that the door was the same door that we had prophetically opened back in 2006 when Noel Mann came from Australia (I’ll explain in a minute).

- b) Ken = Symbolizes Pastor Ken who has been our spiritual father instructing us and mentoring us as forerunners.
- c) Josh = As the pastor of River City Church, like Joshua in the Old Testament, symbolizes both taking the land and possessing our inheritance. Also, from the name River City Church, I believe that God wants Restoration Life to have the “river of God” that flows outward to impact our city at a greater level. We really are called to impact this community.
- d) Erin = Even though she spells her name differently than Aaron, the first high priest of Israel, she symbolizes our calling as worshippers who minister to the Lord. *Everything that we do as a church and ministry center hinges upon our worship.*
- e) Turner = Their last name symbolizes the forerunner ministry who is a “turner”—“to turn the hearts of the fathers back to the children, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord” (Luke 1:17). The first people who need to turn is us—Restoration Life. A lifestyle of turning is how the vision and mandate that the Lord has given to us will be fulfilled in this community and the nations. Turning from lukewarmness and apathy to hunger and thirst for Jesus, leading us into an ever-deeper dining relationship with Him, is key to the open door of glory and the open door for ministry.
- f) The open door = This is the open door to the glory realm of heaven and the open door of ministry to impact the community, nation, and nations.

A Call to Move from Laodicea and Sardis to Philadelphia

- a) A while back, Pastor Ken had the word that we were like the church of Laodicea and Sardis but that there was an invitation for us to become like the church of Philadelphia.
- b) This really summarizes my dream from 2015. The door had moved from the back of the building to the front of the building—symbolizing that the open door is not only an open door for Jesus to come in and an open door for the glory of heaven, but also that the Lord will open the door for us so that we can fulfill our mission in this community, the nation, and the nations.
- c) If we will open the door to Jesus by repenting of lukewarmness and begin to dine with Him in intimacy through prayer, the Word, and worship, then Jesus will open a heavenly door for us—also known as the glory realm (Rev. 4:1)—and an earthly door so that we can accomplish our mission in the city, the nation, and the nations (Rev. 3:8).

An Invitation for Open Doors (June 14, 2015)

- a) The main message I shared was this: “We are like the church of Sardis (asleep, apathetic, and indifferent) and Laodicea (self-satisfied and lukewarm), but God wants to make us like the church of Philadelphia (a church of overcomers). If we will open the door to Jesus, then He will open the door in the heavenly realm so that we can go higher into His glory and He will open the door in the earth so that we can fulfill our mission in this city, nation, and the nations.”
- b) I also said, “God has much greater works for us at Restoration Life to do. The calling of this church and ministry is trans-generational. We are truly only at the very beginning. Our finest hour as a church is just ahead of us. Our best days are in front of us. The work in Africa will continue on and grow, but the Lord is very much emphasizing to us our vital role in this community, city, and nation. If we will repent by closing the gaps between how we are known and how we live, between what we know and how we live, and begin to live like true forerunners, then God will open up doors for us in this community that no man can shut. We truly are about to see an outpouring of the Spirit here at Restoration Life. We truly are about to see growth here at Restoration Life.”

- c) I also said, "One of the main things God is looking for is this: Will we respond with childlike faith that simply takes God at His word? Will we believe that now is really the time for God to fulfill our destiny as a church in this community? All that God has invested into us and who we are as a Spirit-filled community is vitally needed by the people in Cobb, Fulton, Cherokee, and Paulding counties—really, all the city of Atlanta."

Alice Unanaowo's Encounters (2018 – 2021)

Come into My throne room.

On August 2, 2018, I was in my studio cutting fabric and I felt an angelic being inside my studio. I knew beyond a doubt that someone came into my studio. Immediately, I heard a voice say, "Who will come to My throne room?" Then, I remembered Jeremiah 23:18, which states, "But who has stood in the council of the LORD that he should see and hear His word? Who has given heed to His word and listened?"

I couldn't stand on my feet anymore and began to cry uncontrollably. Falling to the floor, I then saw a man that called me to look. When I looked up, I saw a man clothed with pure white. It was such brightness that he stood far away from me. In his hands, he held the earth and in it were different colors. The man said to me, "Come and I will tell you things about it."

I am sharing this because I believe is not just for me. God is giving us all the access to His throne room through revelation and wants us to wait on Him. As we wait on Him, He will show us the next step of His move on earth. He wants us to lay aside every doubt and the busyness of life. He wants to have a personal relationship with us.

The measure of Christ in you is the measure of you being a worshiper.

Two weeks ago (sometime in 2018), I was in church during worship. My eyes opened spiritually and I saw 7 angels in our gathering. But the 7 angelic beings were kids who came in to worship with us. So, I asked, "Why kids?" After asking this question, I knew in the realm of His presence, He needed those with hearts of a child, not having pride or worry.

Then my eyes where opened again. I was able to see the inside belly of everyone in the gathering. I could see the Spirit of God in them, but He was in different sizes. Before I could ask why, I was told it represents the size of God in them. Some allowed the Spirit of God in them to grow big while others only allowed Him to remain small.

Then He said to me, "You can't worship Me past the level of Me you carry in you." The Spirit of God in us wants to increase into our hearts and souls, ultimately possessing our bodies.

Elijah and the altar of incense.

On August 30, 2018, as I was praying at my regular hour, some minutes into prayers, my spiritual eyes were opened. I saw an angelic being that came to me and said, "Pray for the awakening of the bride nationwide. Those who are dead (physically alive but spiritually dead)."

He said I should blow the trumpet of awakening. However, I didn't want to do that since I had never blown a trumpet before. So, I told the angel to blow it, but he handed the trumpet to me. He wanted me to blow it and to watch what would happen afterwards.

I took the trumpet in hand and blew it. Suddenly, I saw dead bodies raising up to life in numbers, signifying a spiritual awakening and resurrection. I was surprised but I kept watching.

The angelic being then showed me a small-size table with some golden candle cups. He then said to me, "Draw near to the alter of incense, for Elijah is coming to set help set up the alter of incense."

Immediately, Elijah came in, looking so simple and calm. He arranged the table and lit the candle in those cups. I did not see him again, but the angel came and knelt with me as I prayed on that altar. The lights were still burning.

After that, I came back to myself and began to pray for the spiritual awakening of the bride of Christ.

Ezekiel 20:9 and 20:14 came to me. When I opened to read it, I saw this: "I will do this for my name sake." But it's written: "I wrought for my name sake."

Bryan's input: The incense of worship and prayer in the holy of holies was made of a precise formulate dedicated to minister to God and not to the soul of man (Exo. 30:37-38).

Shekinah Tekiah

On May 1, 2021, I had a dream. I am not a dreamer because I forget most of my dreams. But if by any means I remember, I pay attention to hear what God is saying at the moment.

In my dream, I was under a huge rock and I saw a man walking back and forth on top of this mountain, talking as if he was talking to me. But I did not hear his voice from the mountain. So, I stopped all that I was doing to pay attention to what this man was saying. As I drew closer, I lifted up my eyes to look at him closely. Then I saw the writing on the rock that said, "Shekinah Tekiah."

I knew the word *shekinah* but had no idea of the word *tekiah*. So, I Googled it and found out it is a Hebrew word meaning long, deep calls sounded on the shofar, specifically related to the Jewish festivals of Rosh Hashanah (The Jewish New Year) and Yom Kippur (The holiest day of the year—the Day of Atonement). These two fall festivals also precede the Feast of Tabernacles, which symbolizes God's glory tabernacling among His people.

On Sunday, May 9, 2021, while someone was praying for me at church, I saw almost the same rock again in a vision. It was the same mountain and the same man, who stood by the field. Suddenly, flowers began to blossom with beautiful colors and I was captured by the beautiful flowers. As I looked intently, the man said, "I am the one that waters and I am here to water."

Immediately, I knew it was the Lord, and inside of me, I sensed that God was about to release a greater measure of the knowledge of His Son to us, his bride. This will bear much fruit.

Here's my (Bryan) interpretation. Through this dream and vision, the Lord seems to be saying that He desires to release His shekinah glory and He is announcing it with the blasts of a shofar. The fall festivals, in which these sounds of the shofar are blown, signify the Lord's holiness and abiding glory. Before the Lord's return, as the Feast of Tabernacles portrays, the Lord desires for His glory to tabernacle among us. This is related to the open door into the glory realm He has been speaking to us about for many years.

Also, about the one that waters and I am here to water, this verse came to mind: "He will come to us like the rain, like the spring rain watering the earth" (Hos. 6:3).

The global church, including us, is poised for a great outpouring of the Spirit, leading to His glory abiding with us and tabernacling among us.

Open Doors Reminder (October 30, 2019)

- a) In my message, I said the following. Though we are not there yet, by the grace of God, we have taken significant steps toward being a church of overcomers, like the church of Philadelphia. Corporately, the remnant of those who are going all the way with the Lord has increased.
- b) When I shared my prophetic message in 2015, there were only a few who were overcomers at Restoration Life. Like the Lord said to Sardis, "You have a few people" who are overcomers. Though we're not there yet, I truly believe that the Lord has done and is doing a great internal work and has increased

the number of overcomers here. The gaps between what we teach and how we live has decreased. The lukewarmness is being replaced by a greater fervency and passion for Jesus. The apathy and indifference is being enveloped by a passion and hunger for the Lord. By the grace of God, we are becoming more like the church of Philadelphia.

- c) As a result, the Lord will give us grace to be known for our “brotherly love,” which is what the name Philadelphia means in the Greek. We will be known for true fellowship with the Father, the Son, the Spirit, and with each other. We will have true community that binds us together by the Holy Spirit. We will be a community that models God’s ultimate intention, which is to bring us together into the circle of fellowship in the Godhead.
- d) The Lord will also give us grace to fulfill our mission. That means the Lord will open doors for us that no man can shut. We are about to see this happen in our city, nation, and the nations. This open door is both heavenly and earthly. The open heavenly door relates to His glory, presence, and the outpouring of His Spirit. The open earthly door relates to new ministry and business opportunities to further the mission He’s given to us.

Mike Bickle Encounter About an Open Door (April 2, 2021)

- a) The following are some excerpts from Mike’s notes for this message.¹
- b) On March 3, 2021, I had an open vision of “a door opening to a room that was filled with light.” I had been praying for grace to open the door of my heart and of our spiritual family more widely for Jesus to “come in and dine with us” according to Revelation 3:20. I understand this vision as the Lord helping us by opening a door of understanding to receive glimpses of His glory (Rev. 4:1) and to “dine with Jesus” — by engaging in the Trinitarian conversation as highlighted in John 13-17.
- c) In September 1982 in Cairo, the Lord said to me, “I will change the understanding and expression of Christianity in the earth in one generation.” The changing of the expression of Christianity is more internal than external by engaging in John 13-17 which will lead to new external expressions.
- d) This is a word for the global church. If we will open the door our hearts to dine with Jesus, He will open the door to His glory.

¹ <https://mikebickle.org/watch/9f232DDA99EF145f8e275A8F1EB3>