

Mike Bickle Staff Meeting Transcription 2013

On this initial page, you'll discover a compilation of insights shared by various individuals who participated in this staff meeting. Additionally, there are reflections from those who took the time to inquire about the words spoken by Mike Bickle. You can still access the video of this staff meeting on the IhopKC website, and in case it's ever taken down, rest assured that someone has thoughtfully preserved a copy of it.

The highlighted sections indicate areas of concern, with some of them requiring further explanation for why they were singled out. My main apprehension revolves around Mike's practice of urging people to remain faithful to a narrative distinct from the Bible. He frequently references the prophetic history and instills a fear of judgment for deviating from that narrative. Moreover, he equates the concept of "doing IHOP" and "the movement" on a similar level with "doing Christianity," and the distinctions he draws between these entities are, at best, somewhat vague.

I think the confusion can be seen in just asking the following simple questions:

- 1) Where in the Bible does it say we will answer to God for our faithfulness to "I", "H", "O", and "P" and the word spoken to Mike Bickle in Cairo? And where does it say we are "bound" to those values? Is it even biblical to "extend this word" to us to the point that we will speak to the Lord about our faithfulness to it at the judgment seat? Where does it say in the Bible that we are "bound" to and must be faithful to any other message and values but those found in the Bible? Again, are those values the same as main and plain Biblical Christianity and the first and second commandment?
- 2) What are the values that believers and "rabid dogs" will try to "steal from our heart" and argue against us about being faithful to? Are believers trying to convince us to no longer be faithful to Jesus and the Bible or are believers trying to convince us to abandon the IHOP ministry or "I", "H", "O", and "P" or the "main and plain doctrines"
- 3) If the vision and values of IHOPKC are just the vision and values of the Bible, should "stunning prophetic confirmations" trump the sufficiency of the prophetic scriptures as the "light that shines in a dark place, which [we] do well to heed" and "contend earnestly" for?
- 4) If he was mostly talking about faithfulness to Jesus, why did he often talk about "coming here" and "people leave and still love Jesus but have no connection to the vision and values they were a part of for years"? If the "vision and values" he was calling us to be faithful to were just main and plain Biblical Christianity, why did he describe some people that left as ones who "still love Jesus but have no connection to the vision and values they were a part of for years"? If it was about faithfulness to Jesus, why did he say "it's not going to work" if you "drop in and do a few hours a week at IHOP and get a stipend and then come home to your real life"?
- 5) If he was just encouraging us to be faithful to Jesus and Christianity in the midst of pressure and discouragement, why didn't he spend an hour talking about Jesus and the Bible?
- 6) If it wasn't mostly about the prayer movement or IHOP, why did he spend an hour talking exclusively about prophetic words and the prophetic history of IHOP?

In the 10 years I've been here, I've heard Mike give exhortations to faithfulness before but none have been as strong and as confusing to me as this one. Regrettably, this was not an isolated incident. This language is recurrent throughout his messages and exhortations. When you read these words on your own, I sense a profound heaviness in my spirit. I strongly encourage you to read them and form your own thoughts and impressions.

A Lot of people will say Mike said, "We don't build our ministry on prophetic words. We build our ministry on our relationship to Jesus and the written word of God." Indeed, that is a valid point. Allow me to pose a question: If someone prepares a pot of soup and claims that the primary ingredient is chicken, but in reality, it consists of 99% beef and only 1% chicken, what would you consider the main ingredient?

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Okay I want to talk a little bit about our prophetic history. Tie it into the 21 day fast we are on.

(Mike prays for "a fresh commissioning, to the thing to have called us to here in Kansas City to **build this house of prayer** this mission base and people all around the nations to build the praying church or the praying ministries the house of prayer that you have **mandated them to build**. I ask for a fresh encounter and strengthening.")

Well first I can't say this too many times **we don't build our ministry on prophetic words. We build our ministry on our relationship to Jesus and the written word of God**. Everybody knows that but it's good to say it over and over. What prophetic words do is they inspire us so that we persevere when it gets difficult. Prophetic words help us stop to quit in our obedience, not to quit in our labors because we get tired because believe, you know this but it takes effort energy, its wearisome to resist darkness and push back. It's far easier to go with the flow. We're called, I don't mean we here in Kansas City, I'm talking about the body of Christ in this generation of the earth. **We are called to push back the darkness and a way I believe will be 2nd to no generation in history**. It's wearisome. There is toil. There is discouragement, there is dark thoughts, there's overwhelming desire to want to quit, give up and give in. What prophetic words do they help us to persevere and not quit. That's what they are about. We build our ministry on the Bible, the written word of God and our relationship with Jesus.

The significant word that shifted my life as I have said so many times. Paragraph A. But I want to extend this word to you. I don't want it to be my experience I want it to **your mandate**. The Lord said in a very dramatic way I won't go through that in detail because I have so many times. I'm going to change the understanding and expression of Christian ministry in the earth in one generation. The Lord is going to do that through a billion believers. Through millions of different streams in the body of Christ working together. but the Lord is going to change it. The Lord is zealous about this. He is going to use everybody that will say yes. Then I'm in that hotel room in Cairo Egypt over 30 years ago. The fear of the Lord comes in the room my spirit is trembling I am weeping. Um I never experienced something like this awake. Then I hear the Lord and that very strange way, the internal audible voice, he said, "I'm inviting you to be a part of a work that will touch the ends of the earth". Now I'm a month away from moving to Kansas City I still live in St. Louis at the time. And I'm trembling I'm weeping, I'm overwhelmed by it. I say yes Lord, yes Lord, yes Lord. And the Lord speaks again, he gives about 3 or 4 sentences. I've never had an encounter with the Lord where I received 3 or 4 sentences from the Lord. This is the only time I've received this much information in one encounter with the Lord. And 3 or 4 sentences is a life time of information. I said yes Lord he says "You've said yes, but you have not yet done it. " I want to explain that to you. You've said yes. You had to say yes to get through all the processes **to get here**. My question have you done it? You said yes some of you 5 years ago some 10 years ago some a year ago. I'm going to ask the question to you the Lord asked of me "have you done it". **You said yes, but have you done it?** And to do it means to persevere, regardless of what the obstacles are. Not quitting. Pressing in with a right spirit. That's what "doing it" means. It doesn't mean being brilliant. It doesn't mean having amazing gifting. Doing it, means engaging with God from the heart with wholeheartedness, taking a stand for the truth against resistance. Talking people into the truth instead of going with the flow against the truth which is so common today in the body of Christ. There's a lot of cost if you take a stand for the truth. Even in the body of Christ. When I was saying yes Lord yes. and the Lord spoke the next phrase, "**many have said yes, but in the end they didn't do it. they didn't stay with it. They stayed with it for a few months. Staying with it for a year or 2 is not doing it. Staying with it for 2 or 3 decades that's what doing it means.**" In the Lord's vocabulary. Then the Lord said "beware lest your brethren, believers, steal these ideas from your heart." These ideas contending for a radical lifestyle, contending for the breakthrough of the spirit, contending for the restoration of truths that are not popular that are politically incorrect in the church and outside the church

and many other things. and just the weariness of pressing against darkness and not yielding to it. pressing against it in our life and pressing against it with our words and our labors. He said beware least your brethren steal it from your heart. I'm asking you are you beware? Are you? Well Mike is supposed to be but are you aware? That the brethren will steal it from your heart matter of a fact there are brethren in this room that will steal it from your heart. Sitting right next to you, some of you. Are you aware of that? Because I have found over 30 years that the brethren were closer then I imagined. They were not vicious, anonymous people far away they were truly my brethren, arguing for letting go and backing off and relaxing so to speak. Again we got a number in this room that are **arguing with some of you against being faithful**. Are you aware of this or is it just Mike's mandate? Is it just Mike that has not yet done it? Or are you not yet done it yet? Many have said yes, but they haven't done it. **So I want to extend that to you. And the reason why I want to is because the fear of the Lord is clean that's why**. When I have this sense and I've had this sense for 30 years I don't mean every minute of every day, but I have this reoccurring sense of that experience. An experience like that will move you for decades. And I tell you when I just want to kinda just draw back and go with the flow tis thing comes back to me. Over and over again. And its my safety. I'm not trying to be rough or tough on you because let me tell you, you know this, you just need reminding I need reminding, the most significant appointment of your life is yet ahead. The most significant appointment of your life is yet ahead. When you meet that man with eyes of fire face to face that is the only thing important about your life right now is what he thinks when you lock eyes that first time. your buddies won't be there to support any of the false ways that you've given yourself to at all. None of your buddies will convince that man of anything. No logic. No excuse. No "i wasn't treated right" "I didn't get the money or the honor or the position I deserved" none of that will hold up on that meeting. None of it will. He will look at you with eyes of love and eyes of fire and he will say I gave my all to you did you respond in love did you give yourself back to me? Well you know they didn't treat me the way You know they should have You know I don't know it didn't work and the Lords eyes will look at us. Beloved that is the fear of the Lord and that's clean. Now you know this I'm going to get to the fast in a minute. Maybe. you know this just deserves reminding, every human being in the earth believers and unbeliever, every human being I'm talking 7 billion. They get disappointed every human being on the planet gets disappointed related to money and honor many times over a course of 70 years every human being does. Some people particularly if there younger on their journey they are blown away when they are first disappointed

about money and honor. And they can't image it happened to them. Let me settle the issue. It will happen to you a number of times. It happened to David, Joseph, it happened to the mighty men and women of old all through history it happens to the unbelievers. It happens to the devil worshippers. They get disappointed related to money and honor. There's a place in our life where we settle the issue we're in it for a bigger reason then what we get out of it in the next 2 to 3 years. When we do that there's a stability there's an anchor in our soul. But until we do that, we can live in the dullness of compromise and a little residue of bitterness. This wan't even in my message I just feel like I'm on a direction right now so I'm going to go with it for a minute. I got some good notes here I want to get back to the subject, but I'm going to stay here for just a half a moment. I believe the number one problem in the body of Christ is that residue of bitterness that believers never acknowledge and it grows and the residue of bitterness, we call it disappointment we call it I didn't get what I deserved. That's really what the more acceptable language is. no one wants to say bitterness that's so ugly. disappointments is a little nicer. I didn't get what I deserved. I was mistreated, now that's the way to say it. But beloved it's bitterness. It's bitterness. And a residue of bitterness it will steal your inheritance from your life. And you will have it in this five year period you'll have it the temptation in the next 5 year period. You'll have it in the next 5 year period. You'll have it in the next 5 year period. the same temptation. You're children will be tempted with it. Beloved as people of God when I think of this word you have not yet done it beware the residue of bitterness will steal your inheritance ever faster then the brethren who are trying to steal it out of your heart. The residue of bitterness which is the opposite of a grateful spirit even when you're in the dungeon, even when you in the dungeon your being over looked, that grateful spirit the son of man came after you you're going to have a resurrected body you're going to live with him forever as his beloved forever as his beloved forever in the kingdom of God beloved he's forgiven everything we've ever done he's fighting for our destiny giving us a calling and we've sinned thousands of times. And yet we can easily loose sight of that and get locked in to who didn't give us the honor we deserve? And the Lord said to think of what I gave you. Think of the calling I put before you. The reason I'm touching this is that I'm just thinking of it just this moment that as I'm calling you to take hold of this why haven't I given up in the 30 years? I'm just thinking as I'm talking now okay what did I do? And the issues I have to face the residue that little fragments of bitterness that no one actually call bitterness. Again we call it disappointment, that's softer, we call it mistreatment, that's a little bit better, easier to swallow if we call it that then Lord has helped me to call it the residue of bitterness over my years and for me to repent of

that instead of asking the person to repent I still ask them but I have to repent of it but I'm not waiting for them to before I get a happy spirit. Because I'm going to lose my inheritance if I let this thing get on the inside of me. So I believe that's what steals it out of our heart as much as anything. Well anyways I'm going to move on from that.

(13 min in) Look at paragraph B I just want to uh look at the very first vision. It's just a portion of it. The very first vision that, well it wasn't a vision it was a very first prophetic encounter Bob Jones had about the (it was his very first one actually, about this **young adult movement**. That he seen so many times. I mean one of the primary issues of **Bob Jones'** life was to help set in place this **young adult movement** he saw it for year he said for 7 or 8 years a hundred open vision or whatever I'm sure that's just a generic number. Not a technical number. Well in 1975 August 8th he had a death experience. Where he prophesying against abortion it's a long story I'm just going to give the briefest point and only touch one or 2 points on it. It's on the website as I say it so often. I tell the longer version if you want to go to the prophetic history and review this major experiences with the Lord. Well Bob Jones he died and he stands before the Lord and the Lord said I'm sending you back. He said I'm sending you back to tough some leaders I'm going to **raise up a youth group its going to touch the end of the world**. Then Bob the Lord told Bob there was angelic interactions but he's not in his body. His body is lying there on the bed you know I don't know what you call it, but he is in bad shape. I don't know if he's dead, alive or in between I don't know what the medical prognosis was. He was in the spirit looking down on his body and told the Lord I don't want to go back in there it hurts. And the angel was there and he is talking to the Lord and the Lord told him there is going to be a world war. A third world war and it's going to shift the landscape of life on earth drastically over night and a lot of people are planning their future as though there will be no shift. It's going to get a little better a few sets back and we deserve it we are americans I mean lets make it a little nicer and the Lord told him tell them there is going to be a war that's going to disrupt the entire planet. and tell them that in the context to that I'm going to bring 1 billion people to me. 1 billion. And the context of that he heard this face to face before the Lord. And then the Lord told him I'm going to raise up some young people all over the earth not just here. But he told him to focus on the group here. Look at what it says on number 1 here

I'm just giving you a little bit of this experience. **Here is what the Lord's mandate to him then which is to you. This is a mandate to you.** I'm going to raise up some servants they won't sell out my glory for sin. They won't do it. They'll be tempted because humans are tempted they

won't do it. Under the pressure of compromise they will keep resisting the temptations to give up and give in. **Beloved this is our mandate. The Lord was talking about this group. He said that is Kansas City I'm going to raise it up.** It was many years down the road, but the way the Lord described this group and this group would be alive during a great world war and billion person harvest when the Lords changing Christians across the earth. He said here is the characteristic of them, they won't yield under pressure. Beloved, I think the greatest, I don't know about the greatest, but a great pressure is coming from the saints themselves to call people into compromise. The saints are they have this uh, rejection complex they get a little defensive about it so they have more energy then the sinner do to get people to sin. So they can feel good about their sin. They're talking themselves into feeling good about it that's why they have more energy then the unbelievers do. I men you can talk to believers that are on the edge they have more energy to talk people out of commitments then unbelievers do. because they are talking to themselves. But beloved, it doesn't work. It's a circular argument. It's deception. My point of saying that is don't be intimidated by it ever. Don't be intimidated by that kind of logic. **The Lord says I'm going to raise up a people. He is talking about Kansas City,** but we know he means the whole world, but he is talking to Bob about his field of labor. They will be faithful to me. **I want you to pause a moment. I want you to make this, put your name on this. I want you to pause right now for 10 seconds. "The Lord is raising me up that I", say your name, just whisper your name, "I will be faithful. This is about me." You were on the Lord's mind when he told this to Bob Jones.** It's not about a generic group of people that don't have names and faces. This is about real people. I look at this and say, "Lord this is me. Thats Mike. Right there. Me. **I'm going to do this by the grace of God."** **That's what you're saying.** I tell you there is a tremendous resistance. That it takes a against encroaching darkness. Wearisome labor some. In terms I'm talking about in the flesh. Our flesh wants to yield instead of staying true to pressing into the deeper things of God. Then Bob saw the angel and the angel said to him he said "look" he looked down to downtown **Kansas City** and he saw an explosion of light. He said it was like crystal light and going at the speed of light **to the nations.** I am convinced part of that's the google thing that's going on. And I said to him in what sense does it go to the speed of light of the nations. He said I don't know. but whats going to happen with these songs bird they're going to be seen on the other ends of the earth in a half of a second they will see what's happening with the song birds in grandview. He said it's going to happen instantaneously. I said, what's that mean. I don't know I can't get my mind around it. he said its going to come out of the inner city of Kansas City and I believe there's going

to be a manifestation of the glory of God in the inner city of Kansas City, but in the strangest way the google foundation is in the city of Kansas City Kansas. It ends up who would have guessed? Who would pick Kansas City kansas? Google would.

Paragraph 2. The angel said, the Lord said through the angel “I’m going to send great finances to Kansas City beyond anything you’re imagining.” It’s going to be war, it’s going to be a billion people that come o the Lord, there’s going to be radical commitment with people in this city. And again this is true in the body of Christ worldwide. I’m talking about our own little drama right here. God would say the same thing to groups all over the earth. There’s going to be great wealth and I can see 3 or 4 things happening right now in the last 3 or 4 years where there’s going to be a sudden reversal of things and the Midwest is going to have an unusual surprising place of resource even for the nations of the earth. It’s a super natural thing it’s not just a you know, the people in the midwest are nice and smart and they work hard, it’s not about that, there’s a supernatural calling.

Paragraph C. we know that the verse well. He said in Acts 2 You’re sons and your daughter will prophecy visions, and dreams. verse 19 I’ll give signs and wonders. And what Bob explained to me is that God will give the sign in the sky the weather pattern. That’s what a sign in the sky is at the lower level. The signs in the skies are going to go beyond weather patters but Bob said here’s what this means. When I first met him. The prophet will give you a vision and they’ll give you something int he heavens that’s going to happen you won’t even believe the vision then when it happens in the heavens on the day the prophet said it it will be impossible to manipulation. You’ll go back to the prophet and say tell me that vision against he said that’s how it works. Look at paragraph C. This happened 5 times in 5 months. I think it’s only happened 6 times in 40 years of ministry but it happened 5 times in 5 months. It probably happen once or twice since then or it was the most unusual season wen I look back 30 years there was nothing like that 5 months. It wasn’t exciting. People say it must have been amazing. No it was confusing honestly. It was perplexing. I had more anguish of being perplexed then I had of excitement of the future. I said what what?! Ah. what?! none of it makes sense to me?! What do you mean song birds in Grandview and israel and asians with TV sets? What?! None of this makes any sense. That’s kinda cute now, but it wasn’t then. It was very strange, it was off. It was painfully frustrating.

Here’s my point. It happened 5 times in 5 months. Again it’s probably happened once or twice since then in 30 years. I look back at that and

go, now and for a minute I thought that was how it's going to be from now on. I mean the prophetic man called the exact day and signs showed up on the say that he called it ahead of time. Months ahead of time sometimes. Remarkable. Then I went back and I said, okay now tell me that vision again he said I thought you'd come back and ask me about that one.

Here's my point. **Is that just a good story?** No. When God does this. here's the point I want you to put your seat belt on. When God gives signs in the Heaven to back up words that have to do with a global purpose and he invites you to do it. **You are now accountable for it and you will talk to him at the judgment seat of Christ about it.** *Everyone of you in this room and everyone that's been in this room for the 14 years that was sent by the Lord they didn't just kinda come accidentally they were sent by the Lord they will talk to the Lord about this purpose.* It's not about do you like Mike's preaching and do you like so and so worship leading do you like the Bible school? I like Wes's class no I like Matt's class so I really like Shelley when she... it's not about any of that stuff. It's not about who is nice to you who's not nice to you. Who you kinda acclimate to then the others. you know I really like it when Allen does this and so and so does that. No. **If you were sent here and God showed his zeal to do this you are responsible if you were sent to answer to him,** not about staying here. There's nothing about staying here. Just do the will of God. But about maintaining the values and the lifestyle and the message of for which the Lord went out of his way quote unquote to establish and make sense of it to us.

I know a lot of folks who have been here a year or 2, 3 or 4. 5, 6, 7, 8 whatever the number is they're down the road or in anything nation they are doing this with the same zeal if not more then when they were here. I know some people that are here year 2,3,4,5,6,7,8 they live a mile down the road and they have no connection at all to the message or the values they were a part of for years. None. They say well, it's just really not my thing and I think **the Lord will say to them, do you understand what I did to establish this as important to me. You rejoiced in the light of it for a season.** And now you're in a different mood and you didn't get the money and honor you wanted and so now it means nothing to you. It's not about them it's about me and my end time church. We're not the only ones doing what God's saying there are thousands of groups in the earth and everyone of them are under the same mandate in other parts of the earth where the Lord goes out of his way I'm using that quote unquote, to make a point that he brings people into it and the people think they just pick and choose the point

they want. We're talking about the Genesis 1 God. We're talking about the Lamb of God called you and did this. This isn't about whether you like Bob Jones or not. Or you agree with everything he said or this isn't Mike's deal. **Beloved, if I died in a plane wreck tomorrow this movement will go on it's way bigger then me this isn't my deal. I didn't even like half of it. As it's unfolded. Honestly, I went ahhhh and the Lord said I'm not really asking your opinion I'm pointing my finger and saying "do it".**

I say, ahh. There are still a few things I pick up over and over. And the Lord says you know I died for you. I love the fact that you talk I'll listen to you but **you still have to do what I told you. I mean it. It's some of you, you come and go as though you really have the choice to bargain with what God when he went out of his way to establish it.** And again you don't have to do it here. **But the message and the values that he called you to I will assure he will talk to you about it on the judgment seat.** and none of your buddies will be there to persuade you in any way that will matter.

When I look at **IHOP** it's the hardest things I've ever done. This ministry. I tell the Lord, Lord if I had to do it over again I would, but I had no idea the challenges, the difficulties, the rigor of the human dynamics. ugh. I wold just rather have a little ministry on the side and do this and that and the other like a bunch of my friends are doing out there. **The Lord said you don't get to choose any of that. I sent signs in the heavens. I raised up prophetic voices. I went out of my way to establish it. You are bound to this or we are going to have a serious talk.** Again this isn't Mike's deal. **This is so much bigger then me.** If I'm not here tomorrow I promise you this thing goes forward and it excels and explodes in a global level. This is about a man far bigger then any man you'll interact with down here.

What I want you to do is I want you to shift don't try to get the Daniel fast, I want you to shift from I have a ministry opportunity at IHOP as long as I'm treated right I'm going to have a pretty good spirit about it and when I don't get what I want I'm just going to pouts and do what I want to do and not see the Lord in it and not see a global purpose in it. Not see anything with weightiness or seriousness with it. If I get an

opportunity and the opportunity works I'm in and if it doesn't work I'm out and the message the pursuer the values/ Well it doesn't matter **no one can make me do those things and the Lord says I've raised this movement up.** You're under a tapestry of all of these coming together to bring something forth and it's for my grandchildren and their children that's what was always on the Lord's heart. You guys are going to be the really old guys in this movement. I mean I'm talking to you young guys right now. You're going to be old guys. This isn't even mostly about you it's about your children and their children. I promise you this. The Lord so cares about them **he's pinning you against the wall he's ambushing you and saying I'm telling you to do this.** 'I don't want to do it I don't get the things I want in it I got passed up by the promotion I didn't get the opportunities I didn't get the same things other people got and the Lord says that's not what we are talking about. **We're talking about I called you here I went out of my way to do it I'm preparing for another a group that's coming under you and I want your labors to be faithful because something bigger is going on,** let's say it that way.

Paragraph D. O it's just responsibility that I feel **because of the glory of the prophetic history.** Some people say the prophetic history is so exciting I think it's exciting ya, but it's more terrifying to me than exciting. Exciting is true but the excitement is about a 5 the weightiness is an 8 or 9 of the fact that me and the Lord are going to talk about it. If I can get through the weightiness which I do to the excitement, I do that. But I tell you I get the excitement whoa whoa whoa a minute later I'm back to the O my goodness this is like real. This is not a game. This is real. And **I see myself in the drama well you should.** You're one of the teachers, I started with the 20,30 40 50 whatever the number is. You ought to feel apart of it, **Beloved if you don't see yourself as apart of the prophetic story your work will be so mundane and boring because you don't see it matters to God.** If you see yourself in this story then what you do the smallest most out of the way task matters because God says it matters to me. **I'm building a movement.** I'm doing something and if you can see yourself in the storyline it matters. **The groups have come through the individuals those are the ones still doing it.** They still see themselves in the story line it doesn't matter what city you're in. It's the group that's a mile down the road that were here for a year or 2 , 10 years whatever they're not in the story line so they were **worn out in the work** because it was never about God's eyes on them. It was about the opportunity and an open door and a better chance to promote their ministry and what they wanted to do. And that's not evil but that's not sufficient in such a time as this. It's not evil to but it will never ever equip you to excel in what God's doing in this generation.

Well paragraph D. So now I know Bob Jones we've had the first day of spring when the snow melts and that happened in March 1983. Now it's a few weeks later. It's a few weeks later. I don't know what to do with Bob Jones. Because in March on the 1st day of spring when the snow melts I was convinced he was from the Lord. But now that he's from the Lord what do I do with the guy? I got this guy that this amazing prophetic voice, what do you do with a prophet? What do you do with one? I don't know what to do with one? So I didn't talk to him for 3 or 4 weeks. I just didn't know what to do.

When the Lord spoke to me April 13th that's 3 or 4 weeks later after and I believed I have have a true connection to a man that is really hearing from God. I'm at a nightly Prayer meeting on April 13th and I hear that same internal audio I did in Choir he said Daniel chapter 9. Talked about a 21 day fast the idea I understood we start on May 7th 21 day fast Daniel chapter 9 the angel Gabriel appears I go home from the prayer meeting I'm driving home with Diane. Our 2 sons are 2 and 4 years old they went to the prayer meetings 7 nights a week we just threw them in the car Diane said I'll go with you if I can put them to sleep and you pick them up and put them in bed. I said that's a deal. Do they went every night. From 7 to 9 fell asleep at 9 I used my leadership gift. I had 4 or 5 guys to help me with that. So we had our family time in the afternoon every afternoon and we did prayer meetings every night for years. So from one of those prayer meetings I'm driving home with Diane and I'm telling her I said tonight the Lord spoke to me like Cairo. The angel Gabriel something rather I don't know Daniel 9 she goes, what?! I don't have a clue what this means but it's a 21 day fast and we're going to begin on May 7th. She goes you've only been in the city 4 months it's kinda presumptuous for you to be here o new and call a fast and call it revival for the city. I said I know. I know. And the Lord knows this. This is weird. This is strange. This is bound to start a controversy sooner or later. I didn't say that, but now in hindsight haha. So the next morning I go to the church office about 10 in the morning I call up Bob, Bob, Mike Bickle here I need you. You know the first of spring 3 or 4 weeks ago I need you. He goes, I know. I said, no no no something major happened. He said, I know I saw it. Daniel 9 gabriel? I don't think so. I didn't say anything I said, really?! Ya I saw it's really really important come on over. where do you live? So he told me the directions. I put 2 guys in the car we are driving there. I said you're not going to believe what happened last night the Lord spoke to me like in Cairo. Daniel 9 the angel Gabriel we're going to start a fast on May 7th and I see revival. These guys going "wow that's intense". We get to Bob Jones's house walk in with thee 2 guys I wanted

them for witnesses. What if this guy really knows what happened to me last night. I got to have some guys there just to help me think straight after the meeting. So I walk in said hello Bob. He says, Yep. He goes, I saw him. How did you see? I go who'd you see? I saw the one the Lord spoke to you about. Who? I saw the angel Gabriel last night. I've never seen him before and to my knowledge hasn't seen him since. I saw the angel Gabriel he said give the young man Daniel 9 and he will understand what to do. These 2 guys say, ahhh?! I mean I am just shocked. I go how did you know that. He goes, let me tell you again, I saw the angel gabriel I saw him. I didn't guess this. He told me give the young man daniel 9 he will understand. He showed me his calendar he had a circle he goes, so you begin the fast on may 7th right. Unbelievable. This is exactly right. He goes, a comet is going to come across the sky and is going to verify because you're going to need to know because your going to come under great pressure and this is really from God. And the point isn't that it's a great story the point is he is going to demand you follow through for the rest of your life in obedience to what this means. That's the point I get now. Back then it was an amazing story. Maybe a year or 2 after when I started telling the story. In the day of it it was so perplexing I couldn't hardly say anything. He said, May 7th to the 28th is that it? I went, Absolutely. So we start May 7th a comet comes across the sky just like he said it would. I go, what is this? He goes **it's a purpose God really cares about and again years later looking back I can't negotiate it, but neither can you.** That's the point I want you to see. **I want you under the weight of that.** It's not that mike is bound, **you're bound.** You're sent here, **you're bound.** Not to this city. Not to the way we do the ministry ut to the message and the values. **If you were sent you're bound. All your days to do this.** Beloved I urge you to **bring your entire family into it.** You're spouse. If you have a husband get him involved. It doesn't have to be the same way you are. If you have a wife get her involved. Because if it's a job that you visit and you got a whole different life it's not going to make any sense to them or to the kids and 2 years will turn to 5 and 5 will turn to 10 and a lot of things will be negative if you don't embrace it as a family. Ladies get your husbands involved. Men get your wife involved. Husband and wife get your children involved. They don't have to do it like the other family does it. Don't do it like he does it or she does it but don't be content. For your family to have a whole other life and you drop in and do a few hours a week at IHOP get a stipend and come home to your real life. Beloved it will break. **And when you talk to the Lord one day he'll say where is your family at? Where are you at? Did you do it? Not for a summer, not for a month, not for 3 years for the rest of**

your life. I called you to this are you and he, talking to your husband or wife, your children, are they doing it? Well no I got my missionary stipend I come to most of my prayer meetings well I didn't make all of them, but most of them I got sick a lot and couldn't make it and ya well no one really knew but hey it seemed to work. I mean I did it for a few years and the Lord says what?! **I sent you there and that's your answer to me? I raised up this movement with supernatural signs and wonders raised up prophetic voices and a global reality and that is your answer to me?!** Well.. I don't know you know it was kinda hard I don't know I didn't have enough friends and it was kinda rough and " I'm talking right now out of a shepherd heart sounds like I'm being a little rough on you. I'm really not. I so believe we will each talk to Jesus about this and on that day I tell you like I tell the Lord: "shock me now don't shock me then". Because you won't be able to change anything on that day. Nothing. So Bob tells me Gabriel said give the young man chapter 9 and he'll understand in the day that happened all I understood is that I'm supposed to have a 21 day fast starting May 7th in a few weeks. I understood call a fast 30 years later I see this entirely different with a few more levels. "give the young man daniel 9 he will understand". He'll understand what to have a fast for 21 days? Ya initially. He will understand daniel 9! Because when Gabriel met daniel he called daniel to understand daniel 9. That was the point of Daniel 9. He said it several times in Daniel 9 and 10. He came or give understanding of this. So not years later I go wait. I mean Gabriel that's how angels talk, arch angels. They say well, they're speaking from the Lord, they speak a phrase that has 10 levels that unfold over 50 years. You kind out your kids and grand kids have 5 more levels they find out after you. I'm serious. When the Lord said give the young man Daniel 9 he'll understand he was saying, I'm going to give an anointing to understand to an entire spiritual family if they will contend for it. There's a grace to understand if there's a seeking to understand. There will be a grace to understand. Beloved, do you understand the implications of a privilege like that, but the you have extra accountability. And the guys goes if I know more I'm accountable for more. So hey why should I know more and be more accountable because you feel more, you experience more and you're involved more with his heart that's the upside of where the accountability is the other side. I want to feel more. I want experience more. I want to partner with him more. I don't want to like stay ignorant and uninformed as possible so my accountability is less on the last day. Beloved I don't want to un engage I want in interact with that man, I want to engage with that man. I want to feel it. I want to call people to it. I want labor with him in a fallen world to resist darkness and all that hassle to call people in the earth into this reality. Not because it's fun not because it's glorious because he really wants

that and he would say, **You love me bear this with me and the hassle of this movement. Bear it.** I'm I don't mean our movement I'm talking about the end time move of the world we are one of 1000 different movements or 10,000 or a millions the number is so big I don't know. I want to bear it with him. I don't like a lot of things I do in terms of my flesh it's hard. i'm tired I'm not up for it. But I think of him "would you do this with me and for me? **I love this and I love those people but I need humans that will stand with me faithful and they will stay steady till the end. Would you do this with me?** If you love me do it with me. I go awww Lord you got me. Yes!! Yes!! You thought you were the only one that did that. We all do that. Beloved Peter James and John did that, we're humans. We have weak flesh. We want to stop give up, give in get out of the vortex of the war and the battle and just be normal. I go why can't I just let go and do what all the others guys are doing. Just be happy and normal and have everyone blessed. They're not really blessed though like you think, But the Lord goes, No I've got a vision for the earth. I want to fill the earth with righteousness and love. I want to fill the earth with truth and I want you to do it with me.

Well Paragraph E. I'm watching the clock I'm going to have you out on time because I want to honor that time. Paragraph E. July 3rd we know the story a little bit. Again I encourage you to hear it it's a time where Bob Jones was walking down Blue Ridge Rd. watching the healing procession. I'll just give the briefest point to make a point. He's in this open vision he is walking down he is at the intersection of blue ridge and grandview rd. Which is what 50 ft from here. Our church is in overland Park. I've never heard of Blue Ridge and Grandview Rd. And I'm not very interested in Blue Ridge and Grandview Rd. He said that;s where God going to begin something. What's there? It's grandview, Harry S. Truman. I go Bob... I love you now this is a year or two later since I've known him. We're not going there. I love you. we are in Overland park the whole church is there we are really not going there. He goes, You really are going there. He goes specifically Grandview Rd and Blueridge. I go what's there? I don't have a clue, but you're going there. He saw a procession. He didn't see a building like this he didn't know it was a building neither did I. He saw a group of young people marching down the street in a parade with 1000's or many thousands on each side for the 10 miles or whatever the amount is from here to Arrowhead Stadium. Because Arrowhead Stadium is on Blueridge. The sides of the road were filled with people. there was shouting all the people. (46:30)

Yes, the Lord did indeed do some dramatic things back in the early 80s - I am not denying that. However, the interpretation of those things and the message they confirm must line up with the Bible, and the Bible must be our source of strength for faithfulness to Jesus. Most importantly, the Bible is our only standard for evaluating what is true and what is false. Additionally, our highest boast shouldn't be a movement, a form, or a set of dramatic events but in nothing but the cross of Jesus. Over the years, people (myself included) have felt "trapped" at IHOP because of the mixture of elitism/pride and the fear of "leaving the movement". In the past, people would always raise serious questions when others wanted to leave IHOP. "Are they going to fall away?" "Are they doing ok with the Lord?" Sadly, those were just some of the common ones. In my humble opinion, disciplining people primarily with the prophetic history instead of primarily with the Bible has caused this cult-like behavior and an unhealthy loyalty to Mike Bickle and "the movement" and made it synonymous with loyalty to Christianity and to Jesus.