



## Releasing Supernatural Ministry Into the Marketplace

### Have Thine Own Way

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Friends, many of you will be able to relate to what is happening to me, some will not...not just yet, anyway.

In the last several months, maybe even years, God has been molding me on the potter's wheel. If you have ever seen a potter at work, you will know that he starts out with a lump of earth...clay. Basically a fancy type of dirt! No more than that.

First some small amount of water is added, to soften the clay. *I find the parallel amazing that when we He adds the Holy Spirit to us, that he calls "Living Water", then our process of change can begin.*

He kneads that lump of clay and he pulls on it and he stretches it way out so that it becomes more and more and more pliable as he works with it, in his hands. As the potter works the clay, with every pull and with every mashing and grinding of this lump of dirt, it takes on more of the properties that make it clay.

The clay does not recognize what is happening within itself. At some point there becomes an awareness that some things have changed.

Flexibility...pliability...it becomes something different that when it started, it becomes *moldable*.

Once this part is done and the clay is *moldable*, then and only then can he take that lump and make something from it that is beautiful or useful or maybe even both! So let's think about this. It takes lots of time and

lots of effort on the part of the potter to get to this rudimentary point. At this point the clay is now moldable...not yet molded... just *moldable*. He has not yet made a dish or a cup. He has only taken raw earth, added water and a lot of grinding and pulling and kneading just to get some *decent raw material*. Something he might possibly be able to use further...

This is me just now. I'm a lump of clay. I have been worked and kneaded until maybe sometime soon, I will be put on the wheel and my true purpose will become known. I have to tell you, this is the painful part. All this pulling, pounding and stretching hurts. I have cried out, "Enough!" more than once, but the potter continues...

I have cried out "No more!" more than once. "Let me go back! I don't want all this pulling! I just want to set on a back pew!" The potter's hands are still there, loosely holding me, till I once again submit...

When He called me from the back pew, a few short years back, a self imposed anonymity, the process began. When a prophetic word came to me that God wanted to use me like Joseph...a success in the church and a success in the marketplace, then the changing of my heart started in earnest.

God has placed a deep and abiding need in me to keep my motives pure, to make sure that the things I do and say are motivated by the "why" more than

anything else.

When I give, is it to be seen or to be a blessing? When I speak a word to someone, is it to be a blessing or to seek their praise? God always grant me the right heart about what I do!

There is so much evidence of the potter's hands on me now. I am starting to respond more and more to his molding. It has become almost natural to yield to His slightest touch. When I sense Him starting to knead me and work with me, I resist less than I used to. I know in my heart that in order to keep His presence in my life, I must not resist the potter or his hands. I must submit, although I feel myself being pulled and stretched in ways I don't really want.

I sense a shape forming in my life. Will He make me a vessel to carry his refreshing to others or will he make me a plate to be a sign of nourishment to those I meet? Will He make me a bowl to hold someone's blessing till needed? What will I be? What will He make of me? Will others think me useful? Beautiful?

It is only the whim of the potter that decides. I am the clay now, He the master...

Have thine own way Lord, have thine own way; Thou art the potter, I am the clay.



There will not be a KBN dinner in July or August. Our next KBN dinner will be held in September at a date, place and time to be announced.



## Losing Your Life for His Purpose

by Os Hillman, April 18, 2007



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*For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me will save it. - Luke 9:24*

When the time came for God to fulfill Joseph's dreams, Joseph himself had virtually no interest at all in it. Jesus said, "For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me will save it" (Lk. 9:24). God wants to teach us a different set of values so that the kind of thing we start out wanting becomes secondary. God has something in mind for us that is far greater than the interest we began with.

Joseph's day of exaltation had arrived. Yet, through it all, a very real humiliation had to take place. We know about the

humiliation Joseph had experienced for 13 years after being sold by his brothers into slavery, then taken to Egypt. We know how he was falsely accused and cast into prison.

Then came a different situation. Joseph had had a triumph and was given an exaltation, but the kind he really never asked for. He did not appear to be all that interested in what was about to happen. He watched as the Pharaoh took his ring off his finger and put it on Joseph's finger. Joseph never asked for that. All he wanted was to go home. He longed to go back to Canaan, to see his father, and to have his dreams fulfilled.

Therefore, here we find an

extraordinary incongruity: a humiliation in the heart of vindication. A triumph that was the opposite of everything he, himself, could have envisaged. Joseph wanted to go home, but a one-way ticket to Canaan wasn't available. Before he knew it, he had Egypt in his hip pocket. He had never prayed for that. But God wanted Egypt. What God wanted is what Joseph got.

Joseph was given something that he could be trusted with because it didn't mean that much to him. [R.T. Kendall, *A Treasury of Wisdom Journal* (Uhrichville, Ohio: Barbour and Company, 1996), January 16 day reading, email books ].



## Flakey Intercession

by Alice Smith [www.usprayercenter.org](http://www.usprayercenter.org)



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As I walked down the corridor toward the large prayer room, several women rushed past me in a panic. They had been praying with more than 50 intercessors from various denominations for pastors in the United States.

Curious to what was happening; I quickly entered the room to see an unbelievable sight. Lying on the floor in the middle of the room in a fetal position was a petite woman intercessor, groaning as though she were being tortured. Crouched over her, on his hands and knees, was a male intercessor stroking her hair and speaking words of encouragement.

Standing around "the entertainment" were dozens of intercessors watching. No one was praying now. Their faces revealed many emotions. Some were in shock, others didn't know what to think, a few intercessors had left the room, and most were simply disgusted.

Asked to correct the situation, I quietly bent down, asked the man to move away, and softly whispered into the intercessor's ear.

"Please stop what you are doing. Everyone's attention has shifted from praying for the pastors -- to you. This is not the way the Holy Spirit would

lead."

Gruffly the woman turned her head toward me and growled, "This IS the Holy Spirit." Obviously, everyone in the room suspected that if it were God, He would not have answered in such a way. Yet these kinds of activities are becoming too common in prayer rooms across the nation.

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What are some of the flaky intercessory activities with



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**KBN GOES ON THE ROAD**



**KBN went to Richmond and KBN can come to YOU!**

Don't forget, if you are interested in having KBN come to you business, community or church please contact Rod Davis at rdavis@kbnonline.net or at 304-389-6095 about KBN coming to you!

## Richmond KBN Group In Planning Stages

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007, Rod Davis met with a leadership steering committee in Richmond Virginia to discuss a possible Kingdom Business Network Chapter in that area. Glenn Pauley, of Richmond, but a West Virginia native, feels a call to seek a place to minister in the marketplace.

Glenn invited Richard Martin, Carl Vaughan, Dwayne Clemmons, and Clarence and Jawana Cameron. These folks are all members of Faith's Landmarks Church in Richmond.

winning the lost and they all exhibited a spirit of excellence.

They have agreed in principle to join with us as a "sister" organization with access to our logo, website and mentoring. A dinner meeting is planned later this summer. Rod Davis, Sam and Raetta will attend.

The Holy Spirit bore witness that evening. It was quite plain these were serious folks about

## Your Testimony

by Os Hillman

*tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. - John 3:11*

Over the last several years I have seen two distinct types of Christian workplace believers. One type enthusiastically teaches their Bible knowledge to others. These people, though they may be genuine in their motive, lack one essential ingredient to being effectively used by God - a testimony. The second type of people I have encountered has a genuine testimony of what God is

doing and continues to do in their lives. This was the case in the early Church. Men and women were able to give powerful testimony of events and experiences that could only be explained as a work of God.

God desires to build a testimony in each of us. Each of us is one of God's chosen vessels to reflect His power in and through us. When others see this power reflected, they are impacted because they cannot explain that power. God desires to frame your life with experiences designed to reflect the character and nature of

Christ. Sometimes these events can be very devastating, but they are designed to reveal His power in and through us.

Every one of us has a testimony. What would others say your testimony is today? Can others see God's work in your life? Is your testimony one of Bible knowledge only? Are things happening in your life that can only be explained as God? These can be problematic questions for each of us. Ask God to build a testimony of His life in and through you today

Let's Cruise



KBN is planning a cruise for early 2008. Details will be coming soon, so start making plans.

## KBN Missions

KBN is still supporting missions. At present the trip to Belize is being rescheduled. In addition, KBN supports Hope for Haiti, Danita's Children. The marketplace is not just in the United States but is around the world. Jesus' message was of both faith and hope. KBN spreads this message when we support missions. We bring help and hope to those in need and teach them the love and faith of Jesus. Please continue to help us support these missions.

We will be updating everyone on the Belize trip as soon as final arrangements have been made.



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What are some of the flaky intercessory activities with which we should be concerned?

### COMPETITION IN PRAYER

Intercessors have a unique position. We are called to be near the throne, to hear the voice of God, and to stand on behalf of others. We, who occupy this position, should set an example of love, grace, mercy and humility. Yet, I find there sometimes strife, jealousy and competition are among intercessors.

In some cases, the prayer room resembles the New York City stock market trading floor. Each participant tries to pray more frequently, prophesy longer, and shout louder than the other do. This frenzy is enough to force many intercessors to feel shut down and unnecessary. Why the spiritual tug of war?

Let there be no doubt about it, all intercession is war! But like all of life, intercession has its ebbs and flows. There are times, when in the heat of bat-

tle, that the corporate prayer room seems intense, loud, demanding and pushy. After all, Scripture says that the violent take the Kingdom by force! (See: Matt. 11:12)

But constant warfare should not be the way every prayer time is handled. Effective, sincere corporate prayer should reveal all the attributes of God -- His gentleness, His tender mercy, His unconditional love and His burden for the lost. There are times when the group will experience total silence before God.

At other times, a deep travail for the condition of lost souls will be felt. Joy, expressions of love, and celebration should occur occasionally among the intercessors. To reduce group prayer to anything less only reveals our immaturity in the private place before God.

### EMOTIONALISM

Our emotions are part of our soul (mind, will and emotions). However, they should be brought into balance with our spiritual walk with Christ. Paul instructs us, "Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts (emotions) on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things" (Col. 3:1-2).

Our emotions are as flexible

and undependable as an elastic measuring tape. One minute we feel happy and the next minute we're sad. We can have a wonderful intimate time in prayer with the Lord, and in five minutes be yelling at our child for spilling milk on the carpet. So emotional expressions are not necessarily an indication of either the presence or lack of the presence of God.

Being radical is not bad as long as you are continually working to maintain balance in all areas of your life.

### INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR

Intercessors have a responsibility to represent the Lord both in the prayer room and outside the prayer room. We need to learn that which is Biblical is not always appropriate. Ongoing "weird" activity in the prayer setting is likely to be soulish, if not demonic.

An undisciplined mind confuses soulishness and spirituality, allowing the soul to rule over the spirit. An unruly mind has to be "renewed day by day." The apostle Paul reminds us "be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit" (Eph. 5:18). To be filled with the Spirit is to exercise the qualities of the Holy Spirit. What are they?

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law" (Gal. 5:22-23). The Greek word for temperance is "egkrates" which is translated "self control." The Holy Spirit will not control you. You must control you!

There is an alarming manifestation among some intercessors that causes me concern.

I will call it "ecstasy." This manifestation is misdiagnosed as travail, but it is NOT genuine godly travail! When this ecstasy, as I call it occurs, a glazed expression forms on the intercessor's face, as they voice utterances resembling expressions of sexual gratification.

At times I have seen intercessors positioned in such a manner as to suggest a sexual act is happening, all the while they are groaning with an unearthly sound. Beware women! We must ask the Lord for spiritual discernment concerning such matters.

God does use physical phenomenon to depict a spiritual truth. Travail is a Biblical term better understood by the Hebrew word "yalad" (born) and "chuw!" which means to give birth. We cannot give spiritual birth to anything, only the Holy Spirit can. The bride of Christ is not the source of life, but we are carriers of the source of life. Through effective travailing prayer, we release the work of the Holy Spirit in the earth. But a proper experience of travailing prayer will not cause physical arousal.

What an exciting day to live! For spiritual awakenings are seen throughout the earth. To see this happen however, we must not be flaky people of prayer, but strive to maintain our credibility in the area of prayer. Let me sum it up this way. The throne of God is the center of prayer. When He becomes our center of attention, we will lose ourselves in His presence.

