

Guiding Prophetic Words in Transition

LegacyPoint 2019 Transition & Foundation

Joy Long, July 2015

(Contextually: this word was given before any indication of a space was made to meet in, structure of the church had not become clear, etc.)

Hi Scott,

God woke me up early this morning out of a dream about the first ward church. So I thought maybe I would get it down in words before I forgot. I was sitting in a church gathering outside in the middle of Columbia, I think the location was on Walnut and just outside of the courthouse. There were some that I knew and some that I didn't. But as I was sitting there God gave me more of a revelation of the word "fluid" for this new Church and the first ward. There was also the "osmosis" that came up in my spirit.

I couldn't speak this revelation in words but it was in my spirit and I was filled with awe and excitement at what God was about to do. I tried to explain this revelation to my mother who was there and few others and I just know it wasn't coming out the way it was in my spirit. (Which is a little frustrating at times!)

So God woke me up and I thought I would just look up those two words in the Heritage Dictionary.

Fluid:

A continuous amorphous substance whose molecules move freely past one another and that assumes the shape of its container. Relating to or characteristic of a fluid. Readily reshaped; pliable. Smooth and flowing; graceful. Changing or tending to change; variable. Characterized by or allowing social mobility.

I see this church as something The Church has never seen before. One that is moving gracefully but smoothly and is always moving. This church will be the container that the first ward will assume it's shape into. It's a diverse church, as you know, of cultures, races, etc. signifying the many nations. The church is pliable in God's hand to gracefully move about. (Not sure there is going to be

one set building?)

Osmosis:

Diffusion of fluid through a semi-permeable membrane until there is an equal concentration of fluid on both sides of the membrane. The tendency of fluids to diffuse in such a manner. A gradual, often unconscious process of absorption or learning.

I'm seeing now how God is going to bring this church into the first ward in a way that will permeate the whole community without people consciously aware it is happening but it will be by His Spirit. This church movement will be such that it will osmotically take over the first ward and grow gracefully.

I just know it was a beautiful thing in my spirit and God is doing it!

Just an encouragement! Joy

John Long, June / July 2017

Encourage Legacy. There is a campaign by the "ruler of this world" to discourage Legacy. He wants them discouraged because he understands their spiritual power and threat to his domain. Strengthen the hands which hang down and the feeble knees (HEB 12:12).

Strengthen through knowledge of Me and what I have completed in them through my cross (1 COR 1:18 & 24). Know that you are completely and forever clean (1 JOHN 1:7-9). "Cleanses" in verse 7 is perfect tense which means it is ongoing, continuous process. "Cleanses" in verse 9 is aorist which means it is a completed action. You are clean of sin and kept continually clean from sin by the blood of Jesus Christ. You have been cleansed of all unrighteousness (i.e. made righteous) once and for all by the blood of Jesus Christ. (HEB 10:10 & 14).

Remember the pit from which you came. Remember what you were (nouns) but were changed by the washing of Jesus Christ (1 COR 6:9-11). Your "noun" was forever changed to Holy (sanctified); all your sin was now and forever washed away and all your guilt was justified (i.e. declared "not guilty") upon your believing in the redeeming death of Jesus Christ.

The Angel of the Lord declares to Legacy "The Lord is with you, you mighty people of valor." (JUDGES 6:12). What God has declared clean do not call unclean (common) (ACTS 10:15).

The battle is upon you even at your very door. Strengthen yourselves in the Lord your God (1 SAM 30:6). You cry to Me that you are empty. That's right, but I declare that your emptiness is a strength, not a weakness for I fill what is empty. Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit (Zech 4:6).

“Do not be afraid. Stand still (take a stand in faith, unmovable) and see the salvation (deliverance) of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace (be quiet). And the Lord said to Moses (Legacy) Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward.” (EXODUS 14:13-15).

Buddy Huff, September 1, 2017

A paraphrase of what was shared by Buddy. He saw a house being given to Convergence and LegacyPoint. The house was in major disrepair. It was a country home with a long gravel drive, weeds grown up on both sides. He was given a weedwacker and began to cut back the overgrowth on both sides, making straight a path to the home.

The phrase that popped out to him was “we are being given a home” and he had a very strong impression that we were to be refurbishing it, together.

There is a strong sense from the leadership that the meaning rooted itself in the repair of God's House, His Church. It is in disrepair and the path has become difficult to enter it, overgrown. The repairing of the ancient ruins (Isaiah 61:1-4) is a key passage for both Churches.

David Scott, Fall 2017

David saw a house set within a neighborhood. The house was very oversized and didn't full look like a house. It was a Church building but you couldn't tell whether it was a Church building or a house. There was a wrap around front porch on it. People were coming and going, freely. They were coming broken and leaving healed.

C2C Leader Gathering, January 2018

Glen Barry lead out during a time of prayer and worship as we waited on the Lord, together. He pointed D'Markus and Scott (along with our families) out saying that there is a “mantle” in Columbia the Lord has placed for His work in and over the City. This “mantle” and all the prophetic promises the Lord gave during the Christian Fellowship days have not fallen to the wayside (although it

may feel that way). Glen challenged us that the work the Spirit wanted to do wasn't intended for one man to grab (alluding to Joe T). This "mantle", Glen said, was meant "for a people". He began to pray out over the two families in this vein. This phrase stuck out as Glen shared...

"What God said about the mantle on Columbia from 30 years ago is still in play today. It was taken by one man and it failed because of pride. It's a mantle for a people led by the humble and the meek".

Scott Squires chimed in next saying he saw a house. He spoke about the house being established by us (referencing the two couples and our representative fellowships). The specific phrase that was written down was as follows...

"The people being delivered from the streets have a finished work in a home - saved by a Savior on the streets and brought into a family in the home".

Tish and Lauren (from Greentop) shared a joint picture. They both shared about a Lighthouse picture that came after Scott shared. Lauren mentioned, "this is not usually like me to see pictures and share".

"I see a lighthouse where God is going to draw people from all around for deliverance". - Tish

"I see a door cracked open. Light coming through to the extent of the door cracked - the light of Christ. The Lord says open it wide, all the way". - Lauren, who then referenced Ephesians 5:14

Doug K had a picture of a plant being grafted (I believe it was Doug). He mentioned the process of grafting as having a pain of cutting away to make available and vulnerable for connection, one to another.

John Long, March 20, 2018

The whole is greater than the sum of the parts. (Aristotle, 3rd century BC). Often misapplied to Gestalt Psych. Gestalt states: "The whole is *other* than the sum of the parts". I'm hearing "greater". Synergy is central concept (see info below).

Many “parts” have been honed over past (years) and many are being honed. Very precise process (meticulous) to create the fitting together. Ephesians 4:16 = “joined and knit together”. Drill into: “joint supplies according to effective working by which every part does its share”. This spiritual physiology provides both growth of body and edifying of itself in love. Note: the parts do not supply but the joint supplies (where and how the parts connect).

Synergy is the creation of a whole that is greater than the simple sum of its parts. The term *synergy* comes from the Attic Greek word $\sigma \upsilon \nu \epsilon \rho \gamma \acute{\iota} \alpha$ *synergia* from *synergos*, $\sigma \upsilon \nu \epsilon \rho \gamma \acute{o} \varsigma$, meaning “working together”. Hmm.... Good stuff!

New (“fresh”) wineskins. This pertains to diverging (fresh) paradigms of “Church”. Emphasis on each part (all parts) effectively working; doing its share. Historical (but not traditional) models of pyramid hierarchy with pastor (single) at top going to be (are being) morphed to a sphere where interconnections are between all parts (neural connections in brain?). (Ephesians 4:11-13)

Blessed are those who are not offended. Some Christians cannot; will not; are not being called to this. No bad here. It’s a call. Some will be offended. No bad. Love, shake dust, move forward.

Recall how Israel grew while in Egypt. They took the territory under the radar. Not boisterous, clamorous or glamorous. However, powerful, invasive and extensive. So too in the first ward (initially) then out to contiguous regions, ever spreading. (“Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, end of the earth”). These growing spheres will interconnect.

This spreads by contact. It is a Holy Spirit “virus” that spreads through contact.

Marshelle Kelly, Summer 2018

Marshelle had a vivid dream. The dream was of Small Group in a home. Inside was Convergence and LegacyPoint families. They were laughing, carrying on and having a great time. On the porch sat D’Markus and Scott who were also laughing and having a good time as they looked out beyond the home. “It just felt right”, Marshelle remarked.

Peter Fterniatis, December 20, 2018

“I was Praying all night, ” Hello Jesus! How are you you? Lord thank you for this Day I love you Jesus. Then I asked something I Casually asked (not Thinking

about whether he would show me or not). I asked "I wonder what heaven was like?" as I always ask but this time he showed me. So the Lord showed me. I had a vision it was a picture of what heaven looked like. There wasn't a mansion in the sky, but it was a small ordinary old white house the paint was clipped. On the outside there was a porch with a porch swing outside. Inside I was my family there was Johnny, me, Scott, and James, Sam Becca and a lot of familiar faces. There were dead relatives and some I haven't seen before I had a feeling I knew them I never could see their faces anyway. The outside was trimmed it was a brick porch as I came to think about it there was a brick straight path leading up to the house and my mom sister Maja and even past Pets I have had. I didn't understand when I came out of it. I began sobbing and I said it's so beautiful I remember thinking at the same time thinking really? why did I say that? But God showed me something very beautiful because Jesus lead a small group and Scott was happy that he did, Jesus was relaxing outside reclined on a porch swing I couldn't see his face it shined with light I had a feeling it was him though"

Rebekah Teller - March 14, 2019

After hearing Thursday from the pastoral team of both Legacy and Convergence, and clarification on some of the feedback, what kept coming to mind was a family systems theory.

As a church body we are a family, and Paul in 1 Corinthians refers to it as a body with many members. A family is a unit that cooperates and functions together with many different members or individuals that all have value, yet are identified with and contribute to the family unit. Based on what I have heard from the pastors and leaders in this gathering, the family model is fitting and of high value to us, therefore this seemed to really fit well from what I perceived.

Family systems theory basically says that the family system is greater than the sum of its parts. The whole family as one unified system is more valuable, functional, meaningful, than each individual member simply co-existing together. We are more effectively unified. This idea also is true of the body of Christ in 1 Corinthians, chapters 12-14, where Paul discusses gifts, order and unity in the church, describing the value of each part of the body regardless of function. Each member is important, yet the unity and orderly proper honor of the body or family system is of utmost importance, which cannot be kept unless all members are appropriately valued, honored and functioning.

In any family system, there are also “unspoken” rules, rituals, expectations... These define many functions of the family system, but are usually so deeply or innately built in that they are rarely ever mentioned or even recognized until there is a crisis.

A crisis occurs when there are stressors that build up to the point that the family system can no longer function adequately. At the crisis point, the system either has to work through the primary stressors causing the crisis, or continue operating in crisis mode which is always a stress induced level of functioning and unhealthy. The latter circumstance can cause the family system to become dependent on the presence of the crisis and even be trapped in a perpetual cycle of crisis that is extremely difficult to break because the family functioning is now based on the crisis and perpetually stressor buildup.

The healthy way out of a crisis is through the stressors... which is initially a more intricately difficult process because it usually requires recognition of and working through the family system’s unspoken rituals, rules, expectations, etc that not only are brought to light, but that each member experiences differently in ways that likely are contributing to the family stress.

I see this much like an illness or infection. When the body is sick, in order to truly effectively heal, there are measures to take that usually feel much worse at first because it is painful and uncomfortable for the body to cleanse itself of toxins and infection... so sometimes the body feels more sick when beginning a cleansing process. However once it has surfaced all the toxic substance and begins getting it out of the body, the body starts feeling better. The initial steps to healing feel really painful, before the recognition of healing comes and can be felt.

What I felt like I see is happening through what was being communicated Thursday, is that Legacy Point is in a crisis, and Convergence is in a crisis of opposite nature, thus causing the two bodies to be drawn together for strengthening.

Legacy has leaders owning their giftings, but everyone is operating as a lone ranger, running in their own lane. Convergence is tight knit, yet is struggling to value the significance of leadership and empowering individuals to operate in authority using their gifts. (forgive me if I am off on this at all, I am going on

what I heard that I remember)

However, each member of each joining body is experiencing the crisis and furthermore the unspoken rules, rituals, expectations of each body/church uniquely, in addition to the added stressor of moving toward union of the two. This is causing an extremely heightened sensitivity in the collective family system to any stressor or unspoken expectations that are coming to the surface. We are beginning to recognize and work through those unspokens and reaching that tipping point of decision in the crisis while everyone is now feeling the pain of the initial cleansing process of our unhealth.

(This is where the pause comes in. Two bodies cannot actually be better unified as one body unless each has identified and begun to walk in healing and hearing from the Lord in these areas.)

The glorious grace is that if we continue to be faithful to the Lord and seeking Him as the head of our body/family system while remaining committed to lovingly work through the stressors knowing that it will continue to feel worse before it feels better, we will see healing and strengthening come. No glorious story or testimony is glorious while it is happening, but frightening and agonizing.. the only glory is the Lord's for the final deliverance and grace that is seen after living through it. The chaos can feel extremely scary, which is what a crisis can create. But rather than let the enemy divide Christ's unified church body, Paul in 1 Corinthians calls us to love and walk through misunderstandings in the church together. The enemy doesn't want us to believe that we are together, but we all are following Jesus, the Good Shepherd, and we all know His voice. We get distracted and stressed by each other's voices because we're all sheep with our own biased experiences and its chaotic! But as long as we stay focused on Him, we can follow him together.

Let us work to keep the unity in the bond
of peace.