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FOREWORD

by Mel Tari

On August 6, 2012, one of the greatest technological achievements ever attempted by mankind was accomplished. After a 350-million-mile journey from planet Earth to Mars, a spacecraft called the Curiosity Mars rover touched down via a sky crane system within one mile from its intended landing target. The mission left from Cape Canaveral in Florida and never looked back during its eight-month expedition into the heavens. The encapsulated Curiosity traveled so fast that it had to brake to a complete stop from a speed of 3.6 miles per second within several minutes. Never before had such an aeronautical wonder ever occurred!

My friend Jim Irwin was one of the astronauts who embarked on Apollo 15 and pioneered space travel with the landing of the first moon buggy. He brought back the first stone from the lunar surface, called the Genesis Rock. The Curiosity rover, however, traveled even farther into the recesses of space. One-way communication from Earth to the rover took four to twenty-two minutes via its X-band deep space transponder and UHF Electra-Lite radio. How man created and executed the sophisticated and intricate details operating this rover is mind-boggling.

The car-sized Curiosity Mars rover is a scientific marvel. The 1,982-pound Curiosity moves on six wheels and is manned by seventeen

cameras and eighty kilograms of analytical instruments. Using robotic arms, lasers, and onboard laboratories, the engineering prodigy is equipped to vaporize small portions of rocks with an infrared laser. It can also examine the spectral signature to query the elemental composition of rocks and soil. In addition, it measures pressure, humidity in the Martian environment, temperatures, wind speeds, and ultraviolet radiation; as well as quantifies the identity of the abundant minerals found on the red planet.

We can truly appreciate NASA's highly advanced technical marvel created for space travel. Furthermore, we admire the brainpower that the scientists at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory used for this mission. Through the incredible matrix of space discovery, combined with the technological finesse and skillful knowledge gained through the Curiosity rover, man achieved the highest level of space research thus far.

It is important to note that the multidimensional voice of God's Spirit—so evident in *The Prophetic Matrix*—is now at hand. Much like the rover's utilization of some of the most technological instruments ever assembled in history, God is speaking to us in ways that we have never known, and He is preparing to do something extraordinary through His people. What man has accomplished doesn't nearly relate to the incredible, infallible, and unfathomable work that our Creator wants to perform in your life right now. He is about to elevate our earthly perspective to a higher plane that is beyond our mind's comprehension.

Imagine. What would it look like if you could see into the unknown, and how might that affect your destiny? What if we could journey toward discovery and find the terraforming finger of God, in all its limitless

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boundaries, designing our futures? It's time to launch your spirit, mind, and soul into a phenomenal exploration of *The Prophetic Matrix* and, through this insightful book, embark upon the spectacular things that God has prepared as you engage yourself in the pages of His Spirit's dynamic work.

Take a trip with my friend, Michael-John, and examine the realities of perception. See how a visionary impartation can provide us with knowledge and wisdom. Learn about the demonstration of signs, wonders, dreams, and visions, as well as how God has arranged divine appointments for us. Imagine a life where you can navigate through the stratospheres of each day with confidence that you are moving in the incredible destiny appropriated and set in the heavens.

Since man has stepped into the limitless boundaries of space beyond planet Earth, the countdown ensues as we prepare to lift off beyond the soul of man and soar into heaven's gravitational pull where the Spirit leads us.

Historically, man's deep curiosity remains alive and well as exhibited daily, hundreds of years later, by multitudes of tourists who look up toward the heavens to examine the finger of God, extending downward from the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Rome, Italy, to touch the image of man. Artist Michelangelo brilliantly painted this historical piece as his imagination soared to new heights of inspiration from his Creator. When the hand of God touches His masterpiece and inspires divine creativity that brings forth a work of art, the result is phenomenal! Nothing mechanical or technically influenced by humanity alone can compare to the experience of that encounter which affects sight, sound, and perception.

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Continuing this unending curiosity, on May 25, 1961, President John F. Kennedy addressed Congress, stating that it was time to take longer strides in space exploration. Additionally, the president declared that the United States would commit to landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to Earth within that decade.

The resulting first steps of the Apollo 11 American crew walking on the moon's surface was a momentous achievement for mankind that represents where we have been. When the prophetic voice of the Spirit is combined with the deep hunger of man's heart, there are atomic propulsions in visionary arenas never observed by the naked eye. Can you imagine yourself catapulted to heavenly heights that your spirit has not yet experienced? In God's eyes, the spiritual nature must be fully awakened to carry you on an eternal journey, one filled with the most exciting discoveries.

In order to navigate into your transcendent destiny and develop a higher level of communication that will transport you to a location even further than the moon or Mars, it is key that you open your heart and establish a more profound relationship with the Creator of the Universe. This book will bring you to an advanced plane of interaction, knowledge, wisdom, determination, revelation, faith, and spiritual discernment . . . so that you can do just that.

What mankind is exploring on Mars by utilizing the Curiosity rover, you will also discover in a much greater capacity through the celestial curiosity that lives within you. In the forthcoming pages, you will embark upon an essential understanding of the guidelines and principles that will

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launch you into the divine call written within your spiritual DNA.

I hear the voice of the Spirit of the Almighty calling you to a deeper place. No man has seen, and no ear has heard what God desires to do through you! Let Him be God. Release and unleash the power of the *prophetic matrix* in your life. Knowledge and man's wisdom are ascending more than ever. It is incredible, slightly daunting, yet prophetic to witness the new vistas of discovery achieved in science and technology. So be it, but when one hears the prophetic voice of the Spirit calling, allow your spirit to respond to Him.

I highly recommend that you take this amazing journey with my friend Michael-John, to higher dimensions connecting to the voice of the Spirit.

When the rover landed on Mars, a NASA scientist observed, "Time to see where our Curiosity will take us."¹

My prayer is, 'Let's see where the Spirit of God will take us!'

Get ready to explore knowledge to the highest pinnacle of communication when it comes to hearing the voice of God over your life and receiving clear direction on where you will be going in the future. If you follow the principles outlined in this dynamic book, you will obtain what you need to experience, a spiritual destiny only God could prepare for you beyond your wildest dreams.

—Mel Tari

Author of *Like a Mighty Wind*, the bestselling book,
translated into over fifty languages

PREFACE

Surely the Lord God does nothing, Unless
He reveals His secrets to His servants, the
prophets.

—Amos 3:7

You step into another world, one unlike any you have ever occupied. In this space odyssey, a surreal existence is depicted, captured by many epic sci-fi sagas. These Hollywood blockbuster films feature intergalactic superheroes, exhibiting raw power for accomplishing great exploits as they battle the war of wars in high-tech spacecraft that travel at warp speed. The superhuman characters of the twenty-first century carry the torch of victory with each sequel as they enter into the fight between good and evil. The enemies include rulers of nefarious empires, inflicting oppression upon their subjects while enlisting corrupt armies on missions to subdue and control the human race.

But the real world is a very different place. Its inhabitants operate like a craft directed by a Master Pilot, One who is not in a position to navigate by remote control, but who instead, offers us free choice. We are given the ability to follow the path designed for our lives or to move away from it by exercising our free will. We are not merely an energy source. Our Supreme Navigator is all-powerful, and our lives don't run out when our earthly

bodies wear out. We can spend eternity with our Maker.

While there is plenty of mystery involved, on a spiritual plane that few understand or take the time to comprehend, one thing remains certain: it is imperative that you gain access to the greatest Power Source in history to activate your highest potential.

Inside, you will uncover insightful methods to break and unlock the secret code to your destiny within the *prophetic matrix*. From kings, queens, and presidents to blue-collar workers, prophecy continues to benefit every type of individual in all ways imaginable. It can help you too!

It is my privilege to share the extraordinary revelations with you that can help you gain unlimited access to our Maker's blueprint of your future. Join me on this spiritual journey as I reveal my spectacular encounters in the supernatural realm while operating in God's *prophetic matrix*.

How would you like to gain a greater depth of understanding about how to develop spiritual gifts, especially the insightful gift of prophecy?

Would you like to realize the incredible benefits of these dynamic gifts to fulfill your predestined purpose?

Have you ever wondered about the interpretation of your dreams and visions and what part they play in your destiny? Imagine the benefits of understanding these spiritual promptings and those warnings sent to help you avoid future trouble.

These are just a few of the powerful insights and prophetic principles that we will uncover during this revolutionary exploration of *The Prophetic*

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Matrix. I invite you to walk side-by-side with me as a fellow explorer in a quest to better understand the prophetic communication downloaded by the Creator of the Universe.

What is the final destination of this remarkable quest for truth? It is a place where a new generation of truth-seekers can enjoy the benefits of living according to their predestined future and transform nations with the truth. You could be one of them!

After reading the memorable testimonies and dynamic epiphanies contained within the pages of this book, you will be equipped and inspired to unlock the secret code to your destiny.

Along the way, I'll share personal stories, from the heights of my success as a professional rock singer, within the excesses of the entertainment business, to the depths of despair that celebrity status unleashed—and finally the discovery of a life of fulfillment because of a newfound understanding of the prophetic realm.

It is pertinent that I share this noteworthy prophecy with you that was given to me by God roughly six months prior to the time that I would announce the release of this book. First, I received a prophetic word that spoke of a sign in the heavens, marking the day of its announcement. Five months later, NASA revealed that on November 2, 2020, an asteroid was expected to pass close to Earth. This information became my confirmation sign indicating this was the date to launch my book's social media campaign. The official website PMLaunch.Space and cinematic book trailer were released worldwide that day (11/2/2020), fulfilling the prophetic word

given to me.

The following year *The Prophetic Matrix* eBook became the first commercial literary work in history to be data transferred into outer space. The destination is a computer in the Destiny module of NASA's International Space Station for the book's interstellar premiere while orbiting the Earth. Segments of the eBook were previewed on a monitor, visually recorded, and then digitally communicated back to an earthly port. After accomplishing its mission in the heavens, *The Prophetic Matrix* will be released into the world. The official global premiere event is scheduled to be hosted in the land down under: Adelaide, South Australia. This fulfills a second prophecy I received almost a year prior, which stated: "the contents of this book will be launched into space before being released on Earth." At that time, I had no idea how this could be accomplished. With such an unprecedented debut, are you now ready to hop aboard *The Prophetic Matrix* and enjoy this unforgettable expedition?

As you enter into the pages of *The Prophetic Matrix: Unlock the Secret Code to Your Destiny*, brace yourself for an exhilarating exploration to discover more about your divine destiny.

It's out of this world! You never know ... the experiences and memories captured on this intriguing journey just might last an eternity!

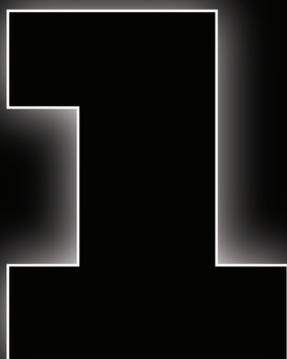
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All matter originates and exists only by virtue of a force . . . which brings the particle of an atom to vibration and holds this most minute solar system of the atom together. We must assume behind this force the existence of a conscious and intelligent Mind. This Mind is the matrix of all matter.²

**—Max Planck, quantum theory
physicist and Nobel Prize winner**

Consider this remarkable scientific observation. If our Creator's highly intelligent Mind *is* the matrix of all matter, we can confidently assert that our existence is no accident. At the moment of inception, the Master Engineer designed you with a complex blueprint of physical DNA, which governs your body throughout your earthly life. In addition to determining the attributes of your eyes, hair, height, and weight, this genetic code predetermines the strength of your body's immune system

and your life span. Although you are destined for a long and fulfilling life by God's design, you also have free will. You may choose to take care of your body or sabotage your well-being through smoking, excessive drinking, drug use, improper diet, and infrequent exercise. We will be discussing in further detail how your decisions—good, bad, or indifferent—can impact the magnitude of your success.

YOUR SPIRITUAL DNA WITHIN THE PROPHETIC MATRIX

Just as you have a physical body with a predetermined structure, you are built with indwelling spiritual DNA composed of several strands. Your spiritual DNA originates in God and contains your predestined future, reserved before your existence and encoded within your physical DNA. His Divine substance holds your life together, and everything, including your prophetic destiny, consists in Him.

And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

—Colossians 1:17

Since all things consist in God's creation, nothing is created that does not fit perfectly within His master plan, interwoven into all matter. In this way, the strands of your spiritual DNA (which is the depth of who you are and have been created to be) interconnect together with God's *prophetic matrix* and activate the most sophisticated navigation system for

guidance ever envisioned and incorporated in the universe. It is within this matrix that your prophetic destiny unfolds daily, in accordance with His magnificent design, and through the advent of dreams, visions, prophetic words, promptings, and spiritual discernment. He has a path laid out to prosper your future (even though you may stray from its path or possibly never elect to discover it at all).

The Mastermind of all creation has a grand plan, a prophetic blueprint drafted to be accomplished throughout time, space, and matter. The massive matrix that God operates is like a giant circuit board where all the intersecting parts are intricately connected by God's hand. The beginning and the end of this circuitry are what we call life. Since we are one small part of its design, it is impossible for us to view the whole unless we learn to see through His eyes.

THE ULTIMATE COMMUNICATION PLATFORM

The *prophetic matrix* is God's systematic spiritual infrastructure that operates from Heaven as the ultimate communication platform for the Spirit of truth to guide you perfectly into your true purpose and unlock the secret code to your destiny. Ancient biblical scripture confirms the Spirit of truth will guide us into all truth and tell us things to come.

To help us understand our role, the Mastermind and CEO of the Universe has provided an instruction book: the Bible. This sacred and prophetic book speaks of our beginnings in Genesis and prophecies our

last days on Earth. It unveils vivid multicolored prophetic visions, from Genesis through to the Book of Revelation. From start to finish, Alpha to Omega, God sees the entire span of creation at a single glance, and all of it is at His command. He has inserted spiritual DNA within us as part of the *prophetic matrix*. Because we are indispensable strands of this cosmic fabric, with which our lives are intertwined, we have a role in unlocking the secret code to our destiny. Our part can be better understood in the context of God's grand and eternal master plan.

The graphic chart displayed prior to chapter one illustrates many components contained within the *prophetic matrix*.

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I have also spoken by the prophets, And
have multiplied visions; I have given
symbols through the witness of the
prophets.

—Hosea 12:10

Much has been written about secret codes, yet one fact rises to the surface and becomes crystal clear: *Everyone seems to be searching for something a – hidden code.*

As we begin unlocking the secret code to our destiny together, a logical place to start is to examine what a *code* is.

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Various dictionaries define “code” in three different ways.

- ◆ a statement of a body of law, rules, or regulations;
- ◆ a set of principles, as in a guide for behavior;
- ◆ a system of signals or symbols used for communication, often representing secret meanings or chosen to convey a certain idea without stating it explicitly.

At first glance, it may look like these component meanings are all somewhat different. The *prophetic matrix*, however, operates according to all three meanings of “code.” Definitions one and two refer to laws and principles or rules. God orders the universe by natural laws and our individual lives by rules and principles. The Bible records moral and spiritual laws. God’s hand upon our destiny is perfectly harmonious with these rules, laws, and concepts. Definition three refers to symbols, meanings, and communication through languages. Within the *prophetic matrix*, God relates to us by symbols, signs, dreams, visions, synchronicities, and other types of language—in ways that are often very personal to us. There will be a lot more to learn and understand about “code” throughout this book.

With the assistance of *The Prophetic Matrix* as a guidance tool, you can acquire an understanding of the mysteries recorded within the pages of the bestselling book of all time, the Bible. This revelation knowledge contains essential keys to access and unlock the secret code to your destiny. If you look up into the vast expanse of the universe, you’ll discover infinite possibilities. In fact, when you intersect with God’s spectacular plan for your life, the opportunities are unlimited. It may excite you, just

as it did me at an early age. A spark of excitement is the first glimmer of God's gold. Allow me to share some experiences in my life, which proved to be pivotal in forming my understanding of the framework of the *prophetic matrix*. Its guidance system operated flawlessly, navigating me into my destiny from my childhood on, though I knew nothing about it.

STARS IN MY EYES

My prophetic journey started at just three years old. Although I didn't wear a watch, I seemed to have a biological clock, reminding me every Saturday of the hour my favorite music program on television aired. There I sat, in front of my family's twelve-inch television, mesmerized by Dick Clark's *American Bandstand*. The glow from the TV screen illuminated a child's life and became the highlight of each week.

Extravagant costumes, sparkling sequins, and bright colored strobe lights made each star shine. I was mesmerized. The spectacle alone would have satisfied this stargazer. My excitement increased as one band after another unleashed their energy and talents. They radiated excitement all through the performances of their latest hit songs.

I didn't merely watch these stars perform, however. Instead, I would emulate the lead vocals in rhythmic sync with my favorite groups, imagining myself up on stage as I danced up a storm in my living room, my eyes riveted to the screen.

I can see it now. Caught up by a heatwave of teenagers screaming in adoration, the atmosphere is supercharged like the air before a lightning

storm. Then—*flash*—a spark catches the tinder of this young boy's heart, and, at that moment, I understand what I am meant to do and who I am meant to be.

“Someday, that will be me up there,” I unknowingly prophesied to myself.

I'd belt out songs in perfect pitch, and my proud parents would often have me stand on a chair to sing for guests visiting our home—which was a farmhouse on my father's twenty-two-acre walnut orchard. Despite what might seem an unlikely environment, I was a born entertainer, already performing at an early age.

IT BEGINS WITH A SPARK

You can imagine my excitement as a young child when I glimpsed a part of my future identity. As you will discover later in this chapter, I did perform on Dick Clark's *American Bandstand* by the time I was twenty-one years old. Looking back, it is now apparent I had prophetic knowledge of my future while still a child.

I didn't merely visualize myself on the *American Bandstand* stage as if the event would occur at some distant time. Instead, I inhabited that future through my belief and vision that it had already arrived. Kids get excited by the possibilities in the here and now. Distant opportunities are too far away. I could dream about my future with a vivid immediacy because I desired it from the core of my being. I am reminded of a popular, inspirational quote:

Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll
land among the stars!³

—Norman Vincent Peale

Now that we've talked a bit about my spiritual makeup and described the power of childhood dreams through a small preview, I hope you are eager to blast ahead. Grab hold . . . and fasten your seat belts. I am going to tell you about the next stage of my future visions. Hopefully, they will resonate with you and inspire you to consider your dreams, too, from initial spark to raging fire.

And just as a spark can be snuffed out if we try to fan it into a flame too quickly, it is easy to miss out on the prosperous future that awaits us if we jump ahead to the *what* without understanding the *why*. But of course, as a child, I couldn't easily understand the *why*. I had yet to learn the dynamics of the *prophetic matrix*, with which the CEO of the Universe had aligned my life. Nor was I acquainted with God and His masterful plan—at least not consciously, although He was leading me in a stealth fashion all along. I had no mentors to offer me insight into my destiny according to God's predestined plan. Even so, I would dream about the possibilities often. I believe our ability to dream and imagine cracks open the portals of Heaven and provides us a preview of God's divine guidance for our lives.

After takeoff, we can begin the journey into the expansive dimensions set by the *prophetic matrix*. For me, my life blueprint started to become real as I imagined being on stage as a musician.

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My parents witnessed my dreams. They noticed my hope of one day meeting Dick Clark, the host of the iconic television show that launched so many stellar superstar careers. At first, they were slightly amused by it. However, my father recognized my consuming passion for music as I grew into adolescence. As an orchardist, he understood the laws of nature. A seed planted in the ground must be nurtured and cultivated in the right environment to grow and bear abundant fruit.

Similarly, my father nourished my dreams by providing piano and vocal lessons for me over the years. He was instrumental in encouraging my aspiration to become the best musician possible. He believed I had a God-given musical gift, and he wanted me to explore my talents. Even my father's aspirations for my life entered into the *prophetic matrix* as he nudged me in the right direction toward my divine destiny.

As time passed, I added more fuel to the fire of my passions. I began to write songs, both music and lyrics. By the late 1970s, rock, soul, R&B, and pop music swept the country like wildfire. The competition was thick, and landing that rare break was seemingly impossible. Would all the small bands, which were grabbing their share of the heat, steal my flame? Music trade magazines often quoted that more than 95 percent of those seeking to make it big in the music industry would fail. Most flickered briefly and died out. New bands sprang up, replacing the ones that had been snuffed out. Many teenagers I knew converted garages and family rooms into rehearsal studios: several owned guitars, bass guitars, organs, synthesizers, or sets of drums. The raw electric sounds of rock music resonated in the air, pouring out into the streets, throughout neighborhoods across America as creativity flowed like a mighty river.

Fads came and went. My spark grew stronger.

Dance crazes came and went. The spark ignited a flame.

Bell-bottoms came and went.

The inspirational fire within me was raging.

Everything around me was in a constant state of flux. Everyone seemed to have a change of heart, a change of plans. Many musicians and songwriters outgrew their obsession for success in the music business or writing hit songs, eventually abandoning their dream. But I didn't. I couldn't. My flame was now a bonfire. I felt something happening. I could tell that my life would be transformed, though I didn't have any idea of how it might happen—*just yet*.

I couldn't imagine giving up, so I stayed the course. I pulled out the kerosene to fuel the fire, even more, unaware of the potential damage it might cause. All I knew was that I had to do what I was meant to do—become a shooting star!

It wasn't all that easy, however.

A GLANCE INTO THE FUTURE

I'd like to share with you a pivotal moment when I met with some life-changing obstacles. Despite the rocky transition, eventually, the path did smooth to a happy ending. This moment in time revealed a prophetic insight that brought forth a rare spiritual glance into my future.

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My girlfriend, Maureen, and I were seriously dating. I was almost twenty, and we had been together since my senior year in high school. She was a backup vocalist in my new band. Our lives blossomed. A world of possibilities opened before us. So, it seemed pretty natural to expect our close friendship and intimacy to mature as well. When Maureen explained that she wanted to take our relationship to the next level, it wasn't surprising. She desired a greater commitment and the possibility of marriage in the near future.

Then life threw a curveball.

Her father's job relocated to Southern California, far away from where I lived. She had to make a difficult decision. *Would she follow her family or take a chance and begin a new life with me in San Jose, joining a dreamer who desired to be a big-time recording artist?*

Maureen had been building a vision of her future for some time now, but she never believed she would have to make such a momentous choice so quickly. She was a beautiful Italian Catholic girl who taught Sunday school and wanted to build a life with me. This classic American dream included a loving family and a house with a white picket fence, somewhere in the middle of suburbia (well, maybe not exactly that scenario, but close enough).

It would have been easy for most young men to get swept up in a romantic dream, but for me, a neon light flashed like a signpost—and a warning—in my heart. Despite my deep feelings for Maureen, a more powerful *knowing* resonated within me. This strong *knowing* was my first

prophetic prompting—and a marker along the path my life would take.

We are all created with an abundance of life, energy, spark, and drive—everything that we need to succeed. We often want to get there now! However, if we don't have a plan or place to expend all that energy, we may soon find ourselves burnt out. It takes real soul-searching to uncover the place where we may have pushed on blindly when we should have stopped. It takes flexibility and wisdom to alter our course.

Thankfully, my girlfriend and I stopped and listened to each other. It was a challenge for both of us, but we altered our course, and destiny prevailed.

THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH NAVIGATES A TURN OF EVENTS

It was a hard pill to swallow. Could it be that my beautiful high school flame, who was before me—with whom I had spent so much time and many cherished memories—was not destined to be a part of my future?

It felt as if I were in the middle of a junkyard wreck (which was my life). I was young and idealistic; my relationship was about to end. Yet, I didn't get discouraged. Nor did I see a pile of parts strewn about me, but rather a shiny spacecraft which, once on course, would travel at warp speed into an exciting future.

Truth can be a powerful awakening, impressed upon the mind, heart, and spirit. At that point in my life, though I was not a religious man, I had an

epiphany. I still vividly remember how the Spirit of truth came upon me. What became evident to me, despite my raw emotions, was that God had drawn two different pictures: one for Maureen and one for me—and not a picture of us together. The mural of images did not blend seamlessly into one. The pictures were more like two distinct and separate realities. No matter what I thought or felt about this beautiful woman with whom I'd shared life for several years, a profound *inner voice* kept preventing me from envisioning a life together with her. Finally, there came a day when I knew I had to tell her the truth.

“Maureen,” I began, “since we first met, we’ve always been honest with each other.”

I locked eyes with this terrific girl whom I cared for deeply. The words caught in my throat. I took her hand in mine. I swallowed hard. She smiled and nodded, waiting for me to continue. Her kind and sincere expression made what I had to say even more difficult, but I owed her the truth. It was important to share my prophetic insight with her that was just supernaturally conveyed to me.

“It wouldn’t be fair to ask you to stay with me and leave your family right now. The reason is, I have a strange feeling that within a year, I won’t even be in California. I believe I’m going to get a record deal and move out of state.”

After my disclosure, what would you expect her reaction to be? Anger? Tears? Some kind of breakdown as a reaction to this breakup? What happened next was quite different and only served to confirm my intuitive prophetic leading.

Maureen's face remained pleasant as she listened, but her eyes displayed a degree of sadness with the realization that a meaningful chapter of both our lives was about to change forever. She took a step back and gazed at me, knowingly, her eyes searching mine.

Maybe it was the sincerity in my eyes. Possibly it was the tone in my voice. Or, it was the Spirit of truth that blanketed the moment with God's amazing grace. Whatever it was, I knew right then that any doubts she had about what I was telling her had vanished. She took a moment to let her emotions settle.

"I wish things could be different," she said, "but mostly, I wish you all the best."

Wait . . . I had her understanding and blessing? She could see that my purpose was calling out to me, and she loved me enough to let me go.

At a critical crossroads, God's divine intervention revealed a part of my destiny to my heart and redirected my footsteps. It felt like I'd been on a roller coaster. I was emotionally drained yet charged up at the same time. Right then, I knew this prophetic insight could change my life forever. Paradoxically, just as I had exercised my freedom—by taking the first prophetic step forward—God took a step toward me and revealed my predetermined future.

From a conventional and commonsense perspective, my decision did not likely appear very logical. Maureen was an incredible girl, and we had genuine feelings for each other. However, the Force calling to me was far more powerful than the alternative realities before us. In my soul, I knew

that this Force couldn't be ignored or put off any longer. Within a year, this prophetic direction would translate into the realization of my lifelong dream.

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

—James 1:17

Once I received a prophetic glimpse of my destiny, I seized the reins of my life. For now, I moved full speed ahead.

LAUNCH SEQUENCE ACTIVATION

Throughout the rise of rock'n'roll, music producers were constantly searching for gimmicks and theatrical groups, and wisely so. The Beatles turned their mophead hair fad into unparalleled stardom. Kiss, Ozzy Osborne, David Bowie, and Devo followed suit, each in their own ways.

Around the same time, an insightful band manager named Tracy Coats created a blend of two separate disciplines that he thought would have popular appeal. His idea was to form a band in which five performers would wear sports uniforms and play pop-rock music. He launched a national talent search by placing ads in *Rolling Stone*, *Billboard*, and *Variety* magazines.

The East Coast scouting paid off with a keyboardist (Chuck Kentis) from New Jersey, representing a race car driver, and a bassist (Alfonso

Carey) from Philadelphia, in a football uniform. In Cleveland, Ohio, Coats found a drummer (Jimmy Clark), an actual Golden Gloves boxer, a guitarist (Cy Sulack), portraying a baseball player, and in San Jose, he found me.

I received a phone call informing me that I'd been selected from over 2,000 vocalists to be the lead singer of a concept-themed rock group. Some heavy hitters in the industry assembled and funded this new band. I would represent a martial artist as the lead vocalist. Studying karate as a kid, I had been fascinated by the skillful style and exciting fight sequences in Bruce Lee movies, just as the sights and sounds of *American Bandstand* captivated me. Now, the two spheres of influence blended into one, and I would be a part of this compelling, experimental, thematic rock group.

Radio/Atlantic Records signed us to a record deal, and we officially became the All Sports Band!

ROCK STARS AND FAST CARS

At only twenty years old, I was now the lead vocalist and a songwriter for a dynamic concept rock band. I soon found myself living in a mansion in Ohio with the rest of the musicians, composing original songs for our promising new career and debut album. The world was ours to conquer.

I composed and sang lead vocals for two songs that charted on Billboard's Hot 100. The singles were titled "I'm Your Superman" and "Opposites Do Attract." Over the next two years, we took the music industry by storm, reaching more than fifty million people in thirty-six countries through television—we even performed live at a globally televised event at

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Madison Square Garden in New York City. The band appeared on national television networks such as MTV and Nickelodeon, as well as on the syndicated musical television shows *Solid Gold* and *American Bandstand*.

My life had now come full circle. The star-making television show I aspired to from the age of three was now my living reality. I wasn't watching the familiar glow of the television anymore as I did in my youth. Instead, someone else was about to see *me* shine on that famous stage.

Our new whirlwind success began to establish us as major players in the music industry. As an answer to my childhood prayers, we were featured by the iconic host Dick Clark on *American Bandstand*. Our band was interviewed, and we performed two songs; "Jet Set" and "Can't Give Up The Feeling." The performance was a big hit with the audience, and the *Bandstand* viewers voted the All Sports Band as the third most popular music act in the nation, right behind The Go-Go's and Rick Springfield.

The memory is vivid. I can still hear myself belting out the lyrics on stage, the music surrounding me. I was grabbing hold and not letting go. An array of cameras on the set all focused on us, then cutting to the crowd of screaming fans, reminded me of the unforgettable debut of The Beatles on *The Ed Sullivan Show*. A sea of youthful teens flowed out before us, like a flashback to the days of Beatlemania. I was living out my dream! It was a surreal experience, which realized a prophetic childhood vision.

Once when our band was invited to perform on a popular national television show in New York, I found myself entering the Ed Sullivan Theater, where The Beatles had performed for the first time in America.

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As I walked into the iconic dressing room, the makeup artist who prepped me before my television appearance revealed that I was seated in the very same chair where John Lennon and Paul McCartney had sat prior to their debut performance. Ed Sullivan welcomed them onto the stage to create music history before millions of ecstatic fans.

One morning I knew with certainty that my prophetic vision was being realized. I was an up-and-coming rock star, living a fast life and getting a lot of attention.

Groupies were always waiting after concerts, flashbulbs dazzled my eyes during photo sessions, and microphones were shoved in my face for press interviews with MTV, teen magazines, and television media. I turned on the radio every day, excited to hear our music played. Fan clubs and rock'n'roll magazines wrote about our unique sound and look.

My childhood dream had stayed with me all these years, gathering strength and power, surging into an exploding supernova. Finally, what was destined to be, had arrived. Reflecting back, it became apparent to me, from this encounter, that the *prophetic matrix* was unfolding into an exciting reality.

Dick Clark interviewed each band member before his massive national television audience on *American Bandstand*, introducing me as "Michael-John Toste of San Jose, California." Here I was, the local boy, ascending to celebrity status as a rising star in the music industry. My family and friends were proud of me. They came backstage to meet my childhood hero, Mr. Dick Clark. I desired to share this newfound success with my friends and

loved ones. After all, fame can be very fleeting, and who knew how long this rocket ride to stardom would last?

REACH FOR THE STARS

Just as my shooting star ascended, amazing things can happen in your life, too. I want them to happen for you. I'm sharing my story to inspire you to realize your dreams. I'm not an exception to the rule. In fact, every person who takes an active role in discerning their future direction by seeking truth will find what they are seeking. God has predestined for you—a hope that is beyond what you can ask, think or contemplate.

Imagine the possibilities that await you. Those regions of undiscovered space are lying ahead. You will be prompted, as I was, to explore them. I'm excited by the prospect that you, too, can make that far-off dream a reality. I'd love for you to share your story with me one day, just as I am doing with you now.

It's through prophetic insight that we can discover the grand design for our lives. At my highest point, as a young adult on the *American Bandstand* stage, I had already experienced the achievement of a lifetime. Yet, I hadn't given much thought to the reason why this may have happened.

Remember the previous guideline, reminding you not to blast ahead without a direction? I learned this truth the hard way.

For me, when I began to experience success, I didn't know why it worked. I simply enjoyed the ride. I was pushing hard and fast on the vehicle that had been propelling me forward. It did not occur to me that

something might break under pressure.

Unfortunately, you know what they say about overnight success: what goes up must come down.

BURNOUT! THE DEATH OF A STAR

Like moths to a flame, we are often attracted to the bright lights. Less often do we consider the consequences of getting too close to the fire. Every upside of life has its downside, and the music industry is no exception. Unfortunately, it's a story that is all too often told: the inability to manage quick fame and success. Just like a shooting star that burns brightly for a moment and then fizzles out, I experienced the fate of short-lived stardom.

As the lead vocalist of the All Sports Band, I often—and willingly—placed myself on a destructive lifestyle path that included the pitfalls of late-night partying. I continually ran my mind and body on reserves and quickly headed for burnout. At the time, I didn't realize my life was out of control, shooting off in a social direction where it was never meant to go. I was too busy making a living in the music business to be bothered with focusing on creating a purposeful existence for myself.

The long hours of rehearsals, recording sessions, and grueling travel schedules: these demands of the entertainment industry put me in a state of perpetual striving. When personality conflicts began to develop between my bandmates and the economy went into recession, I grew concerned that I would wake up one day to find my dream life gone.

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Without a doubt, the most significant detriment as a new, inexperienced rock star was to my spirit and soul. The life of a celebrity musician isn't all that it appears to be. Initially, fame and my first taste of the fast life seemed to help me connect better with others; but inevitably, my lifestyle became a wedge between me and my closest relationships.

OVERINFLATED

I found myself leading two lives: my real life and the life of an up-and-coming rock star. Gradually, the *real me* diminished. The new rock star *me* was the only one of interest to the majority of people surrounding me at the time. Mine was an exciting musical journey in many ways, yet a very lonely one.

Then there were our fans. Remember, the word "fan" is the root word of "fantasy" and "fanatic." Fans don't treat celebrities as buddies or as their equals. Instead, they willingly lavish them with praise and attention, turning rock stars into idols and objects they worship instead of treating them as fellow human beings. If there's one major thing that many celebrities have in common, it's an overinflated ego.

The best definition I've heard of the word "ego" is edging God out. It's not hard to see how fame contributes to this unhealthy behavior pattern. You've got money, fast cars, good looks, rave reviews, a luxurious home, and multitudes of adoring fans who are a daily reminder of how sweet life is. With all that, where does God have room to fit into the picture?

He must increase, but I *must* decrease.

—John 3:30

During those wild years in the rock band, I lacked the most crucial element in my existence: a divine connection to my Maker. He is the only One I truly needed. Yet I didn't know it.

Throughout the years that the band rose to stardom, I became increasingly disenchanted. During that time, I never realized that ignoring God (albeit unconsciously) was at the root of my problem. I only came to that realization at the end, after I had already exhausted all other possibilities.

For when I am weak, then I am strong.

—2 Corinthians 12:10b

This biblical principle reveals a great insight. Golden nuggets of wisdom can come from trials and pain. Sometimes, it is only during our weakest moments that we finally seek God out of desperation. I know it happened that way for me. I now thank God for my hardships and the lessons learned from them. By sharing my struggles with you, I hope that you'll find the spiritual solution that I finally found—only much sooner.

SEARCHING FOR THE UNSEEN

As a teenager, I had developed a curiosity toward spirituality, perhaps, and less to religion. During those years, life was an enigma and a true

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mystery to me. Many evenings I gazed into the night sky, my eyes transfixed by flickering stars set against the black emptiness of outer space. My imagination soared beyond distant horizons and galaxies light-years away. Since early childhood, God had blessed me with a rich explorative nature, which drove me to seek to comprehend the incomprehensible.

Yet, during my exhilarating ride in the All Sports Band, I gave only occasional thought to my true spiritual roots or God's miraculous plan for my life, which was predestined to unfold years later. Some nights I would stand gazing into the heavens in a dream state as if searching for Captain Kirk and the Starship Enterprise, but I was unaware that a powerful transformation was taking place deep within my soul.

A fire stirred within me, yet I continued to feel an empty void. I realized that something enormously important was missing from my life, and I knew I had to find it, or my inner flame would never burn brightly again.

During one of my darkest moments of despair, I clenched my fists with frustration and thought: *Why am I here? What difference do I make? What should I do with my life? Who is God, and how do I come to know Him intimately?*

These are questions that many have asked throughout their life, and questions you might be asking right now. I had to learn how to unlock the secret code to my destiny. The code to your destiny is also available to you. As you now know, some of the lessons in this chapter were very difficult for me to learn. I hope that, in some small way, my journey provides you the opportunity to reflect on your own.

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The next chapter will reveal how I deciphered life's secret code, embedded in the *prophetic matrix*. Through trial and error, my destiny began to unfold according to God's purpose.

Someone once told me that knowledge is power. Knowledge of the *prophetic matrix* is like a new set of windshield wipers in the rain. The blades move across the surface of the windshield, sweeping water away, providing a clear view. In like manner, when the veil is removed from our eyes, we can then clearly see the *why* of our life, why things happen as they do, and why we experience success or failure. This knowledge will allow you to make choices that bring success your way far more consistently. If that sounds exciting, then, by all means, take the next step with me.

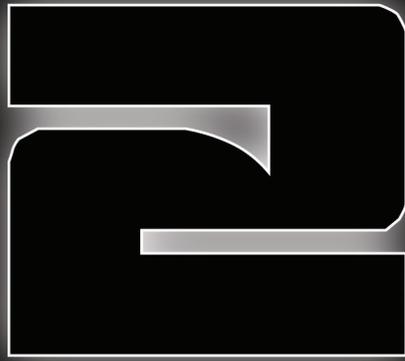
I'd like you to contemplate this prophetic principle as we move forward.

Prophetic Principle #1:

ACCESS GOD'S GUIDANCE SYSTEM TO FULFILL YOUR TRUE PURPOSE.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.

—Psalm 32:8



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To go places and do things that have never been done before—that's what living is all about.⁴

—Astronaut Michael Collins, Gemini 10 and Apollo 11

The rocket sits on the launch pad. The winds are calm, and the clear blue sky is cloudless. Perfect weather for a launch! The countdown reaches T-10 seconds as the ignition sequence begins, and we hear Mission Control announce over the public address system, "We are go for launch!"

The final countdown begins.

Ten...

Nine...

Eight...

Seven...

Six...Main engine start. All systems are go!

Five...

Four...

Three...

Two...

One...We have liftoff!

The rocket lifts off, and suddenly you notice as it clears the launch pad that it begins to veer off course and head *in the wrong direction!* Despite all the power and preparation, this craft will not reach its intended destination. Instead, it's headed for a crash landing.

And so it is with us. Before we can navigate a safe path, we need to know the flight plan for our lives. Ultimately, there is One who can steer us clear of disaster, a Navigator with whom we can find safety, security, and a prosperous life, ensuring that we are headed in the right direction. Now, imagine what happens when all power and energy are guided perfectly on a trajectory that will lead us into our ultimate destiny.

Shall we try again? The hatch is open. Will you step inside and share this spectacular journey with me?

ALL THAT GLITTERS IS NOT GOLD

I turn back to the story of my life as a *case study* of how the *prophetic matrix* works. As an example, I offer my personal narrative by reflecting

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upon the values that motivate our lives. What did I consider to be important in my youth? How did I perceive my worth? In answering these vital questions, we can learn more about how the Spirit of truth guides each of us even when we veer off course.

Many are looking for treasure, yet they're searching for it in the wrong places. They think their problems will be solved by having more money, fame, recognition, or a prestigious title in a higher-paying job. What happens when we search for treasure in the wrong places? We come up empty!

Here, a valuable lesson is modeled in the modern-day tale of Alessandra, a successful designer and heiress to a global fashion empire in New York City who is searching for true love. In this intriguing story, Sebastian, an acclaimed Wall Street hedge fund manager, seeks to be Alessandra's husband for all the wrong reasons. His hidden motive is to marry into her family for wealth and fame. Unfortunately, her father likes Sebastian and encourages her to accept his proposal. Alessandra loves her father very much; however, she has no desire to be Sebastian's wife. She sees right through his greedy, self-centered, opportunist attitude.

After continual pressure from her father, Alessandra finally agrees to marry Sebastian under one condition: only if he can pass her mysterious test. She offers the prosperous financier three small jewelry boxes. One is covered in twenty-four karat gold inlaid with diamonds, another in sterling silver engraved with exquisite artwork, and a third is made of aromatic cedar wood.

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“Inside one of the boxes,” she tells him, “is my picture. If you choose the correct box, I will marry you.” Sebastian reluctantly accepts the challenge.

Confidently saying, “Nothing but gold and priceless jewels are good enough for you, Alessandra!” he chooses the golden jewelry box, only to receive an ominous surprise when he lifts the lid.

Instead of her picture, he is shocked to discover a skull and bones symbol with a message: “All that glitters is not gold.” Moral of the story? The wise heiress teaches him that there are more important things in life than fame and an outward display of affluence. The inner treasures of humility, honesty, honor, true love, and purity of soul are qualities Alessandra values more than money. She aspires to marry for love, not wealth or power.

Just in case you are wondering which box held the prize, it was the one with no glitter, gold, or ornamentation of any kind—it was the simple, plain wooden box. The picture of Alessandra was more valuable than the container it was held in, and only a man without selfish motives—one who truly loved her and understood that not all that glitters is of great value—would choose it. Fortunately for Alessandra, her one true love finally arrived, a man who recognized her as his most precious treasure. This narrative has been the bread and butter for countless playwrights and screenwriters throughout the ages.

Many people search for treasure...and when they find it, they are shocked to discover that their deepest desires have never been satisfied. Sadly, some irrationally believe that more power, recognition, fame, or glory will be the solution to all of their problems. As a result, they often

find themselves on a path that becomes a relentless quest to achieve self-fulfillment, leading to self-destruction. The lives of many, including celebrities, often end tragically through drug or alcohol abuse, depression, and suicide once they realize that fame and riches are not the ultimate ingredients for happiness. Unfortunately, many succumb to despair at this realization rather than holding out to discover the truth.

This story is one I know too well. Thankfully, I realized the truth before it was too late.

UNLOCKING THE WRONG TREASURE

As for my story, it makes a complete orbit, bringing me right back to where I started. Before I was rudely awakened to the harsh reality of my reckless celebrity lifestyle, I naively believed that fame and fortune were the keys to success and happiness; this became the gold-covered box in my life. This illusory belief led me along a curious yet questionable path and fueled my desire to become a popular rock singer and songwriter. However, my motivations were not entirely superficial. I certainly had a God-given gift and genuine love for music. It was my passion!

As it turned out, I *did* become a rising rock star and, at times, a jet-setter, living out my dream. What I was unable to grasp at the time was that the combination of popularity, success, and material wealth does not necessarily lead to spiritual riches. I mistakenly believed that success in the music industry provided all the fulfillment I needed. True riches and satisfaction can only be acquired through a deep, personal relationship with God.

After surviving every pothole, detour, and roadblock along the gridlocked freeway to rock'n'roll fame, I ended up on a dead-end street. Because of my naiveté, I became miserable and left with next to nothing of great spiritual value to show for my efforts.

THE AFTERLIFE: WHERE DOES OUR SOUL GO?

The bubble of illusion about the entertainment industry I was living in suddenly burst one morning as a heavy dose of reality struck me. Our band manager entered the room where I was fast asleep and shook me awake to tell me some startling news.

"One of our band members cheated death last night."

Was it by chance or God's merciful intervention that his life was spared? I questioned myself.

"He escaped a murder attempt on his life." The band manager continued with the story. "His ex-girlfriend lost her mind in a jealous and emotional rage the night before. She plotted a visit to her ex-boyfriend's home carrying a small revolver. She was planning to murder him and to kill herself immediately afterward."

The macabre plot sounded like a twisted version of *Romeo and Juliet*. She wanted their bodies discovered together and the romantic couple to be remembered for their passion. Ultimately, she thought that by killing him and herself, she would never have to live with the idea that he would

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desire someone else. She pondered the deceptive illusion that their death would immortalize their love!

By God's grace, our bandmate decided not to stay home that evening, although his ex-girlfriend had said she would drop by to see him that night. A few hours later, she kept her word. Unaware that he had left the house only moments before, she knocked and knocked to no avail. Giving up, she drove back to her residence and shot herself. His life had been spared. Destiny intervened. The police discovered the woman's lifeless body in her home. A close girlfriend of hers revealed that hours before, her friend jokingly mentioned that she was planning a "Romeo and Juliet double murder." Like the play, this real-life drama was a true tragedy. Everyone in our band knew her, as she had been a regular at most of our concerts and social gatherings.

The news devastated me. I had never been so close to the dark melodramas and risky behaviors people talk about in celebrity gossip. Regrettably, these ugly affairs are the price some pay for being in the spotlight, as the recipients of attention from adoring and eccentric fans.

This tragedy got me thinking: *Where would I be if it were me who was shot by a crazed fan? Did she lose control due to jealousy and the fear of seeing her ex-boyfriend around other women? What happened to this woman's soul? Was there any hope that she would find mercy with God and inherit eternal life, or was her soul lost forever?*

I began to dig deeper.

Based on the understanding that we have a soul, where then does the soul spend eternity when this sort of tragedy occurs? I reflected on whether this dire turn of events could be just one example of the horrifying things that can happen anywhere or anytime—especially while rolling in the fast lane of rock'n'roll. After contemplating such a grim reality, I wondered what kind of future I could expect in the music business, now observing the aftermath of such a devastating loss. Again, I confronted questions about eternity and my ultimate destiny.

THE ILLUSIONARY DREAM IS A COUNTERFEIT REALITY

So many rock stars, actors, and celebrities die from drug overdoses out of desperation to fill the void in their lives. It's no wonder. If one faces the despair of a hopeless existence, it is like having a treasure chest without a treasure inside. Artificial stimulants can provide quick, if fleeting, relief. However, these activities only bring temporary satisfaction and foster a counterfeit reality. Real happiness is traded for illusions.

As I would later discover, an intimate relationship with God does bring ultimate and lasting fulfillment. A spiritually balanced life provides an authentic mission and purpose, which fills the emptiness inside. I would learn this truth in the coming days and be transformed when I finally experienced my personal encounter with the Creator of the Universe. At that time, I could only glimpse this truth partially. The perils of being a celebrity, and the fast life of a rock musician, stirred up many questions in my soul.

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An urban legend alleged, "Paul is dead!" This statement, combined with a conspiracy theory that Paul McCartney of The Beatles had died and was replaced by a lookalike, created a media frenzy. Fans worldwide learned that if they played a song from a certain Beatles' record backward, they would uncover a secret message verifying the mysterious rumor. There were also false narratives fed to the masses regarding Paul's death, describing symbolic interpretations of lyrics and album cover images that would reveal clues. The history of The Beatles is filled with tragic stories and tabloid headlines about lives gone wrong. On December 8, 1980, the world reverberated with the shocking news that John Lennon had been shot to death. A fan, Mark David Chapman, was sentenced to life in prison after being convicted of the senseless murder. It was terrifying to consider that no one was able to prevent Lennon from being shot to death. This painful fact hit me like a warning bell, reverberating in my head: *Get out before it is too late!*

Would the next tragedy involve me? I wondered.

The narrowly missed attempted murder of my bandmate didn't mesh with my perfect fantasy about rock'n'roll and the touted benefits of stardom. My utopian dream was quickly becoming a nightmare, distorting the hopeful futures of our young careers. Could such an ominous scenario become a reality in my life? I certainly didn't want any kind of dark demise, such as John Lennon suffered, to happen to me.

It can be just as tragic to look for the wrong treasure as it can be to search with the wrong map or to grasp at straws, with no map or direction at all! We need guidance and discernment throughout life; these deep

insights are not found in this earthly dimension—but only in the realm of the Spirit of God.

MY QUEST FOR TRUTH

Before my dreams crashed, I had never read the Bible, nor did my parents have one at the house. Our family had attended church, but I never seemed to connect experientially with the presence of God in an honest and moving way. It was not until I became thoroughly disillusioned with life as a recording artist that I began diligently searching the Bible to gain a greater understanding, and the wisdom that I lacked. Our Creator holds the secret code to our destiny, as the psalmist David revealed:

O Lord, You have searched me and known
me.
You know my sitting down and my rising
up;
You understand my thought afar off.
You comprehend my path and my lying
down,
And are acquainted with all my ways.

—Psalm 139:1-3

God knows everything about our lives, every thought, every nuance, and sees our unlimited potential. After all, with incredible love and intelligence, He made us! Yet earlier in my life, the secret code to my

destiny still eluded me, as I hadn't made an effort to discover God.

Instead, I submerged myself in my career and sidestepped my spiritual dilemma as an escape from questions for which I could find no answers about the purpose of life and my eternal soul. In my quest to learn more about life, I had sadly neglected to develop my spiritual side, assuming it wasn't real or relevant in my life.

DISCOVERING MY SPIRITUAL ROOTS

Once I finally embarked on my daunting journey to understand the *truth*, I found myself looking back to rediscover my spiritual roots. Though my parents were not what you would call deeply religious people, they had the best intentions and a *simple* faith in God. They didn't talk much about anything religious or spiritual at home. My mother was a practicing Catholic, and my father was apathetic about his faith at that time. He never showed any great interest in attending church in my childhood years and simply went with the family to appease my mom. Sometimes he would drop us off at church and not attend at all. This, of course, disappointed my mother tremendously. In some way, it may have influenced me to place my spiritual growth on the back burner, dissuading me from pursuing God more seriously.

I was not wildly enthusiastic about church services, either. Week after week, for fifteen years, my parents elbowed me to stand up straight and then sit as we all read along from the missalette during Sunday mass at our local parish. In retrospect, I honestly feel that the church we attended meant well. The priests and ministry staff likely had a fair amount of wisdom

to impart. But their weekly sermons simply couldn't hold my interest. The services seemed uninspired and weighed down by ancient traditions. Instead of exploring life's primary and divinely determined purpose, the teaching often centered on religious dogma. A genuine relationship with God was not the focus. As a result, I felt lost and separated from my Heavenly Father as I left church each week. I assumed that I was either going to the wrong place or that religion "just wasn't for me."

My childhood introduction to organized religion left me unsatisfied. I had no desire to return to that dry place. However, discovering *the* answer regarding God's *true* spiritual direction for my life was exactly what I needed. I felt purposeless.

In my quest to discover God, following the band's successful ride, I decided to explore other belief systems. I dabbled in so-called spiritual fads and flirted with every crazy trend under the sun. Nothing seemed to work for me. I didn't know what was missing, but I was keenly aware that I still had not shaken the empty feeling I had experienced at the peak of my success in the music industry. The great void in my soul struck me like a piercing sound capable of shattering glass.

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And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and have our being.

—Acts 17:26-28a

Nothing I had tried before had succeeded in filling this void. Composing and singing hit songs on television and radio had not filled it, nor had groupies, autographs, parties until dawn, or any other enticing temptations. Even after exploring a multitude of religious belief systems and alternative spiritual teachings, I was left without answers. I still had not yet discovered the intimacy that I sought to experience with God.

What I was seeking at this point was the very thing that seemed just out of reach during my years of soul searching. I longed to feel complete. It became painfully evident that I was preoccupied with worldly desires and blindly stuck to my personal plans; however, misguided my ideals may have been. Failing to observe the proper priorities led me down a path headed toward destruction. Now the focus of my life was to come to know my Heavenly Father intimately and discover His master *plan* for my destiny.

A CRISIS OF FAITH

Many people experience the Holy Spirit when they are young, only to find multiple distractions in life that fervently draw their attention in other directions. While captivated by success in the music industry and living an extreme party lifestyle, I was drawn into a world that pulled me away from pursuing a deeper understanding of my true destiny from a spiritual perspective. Music has the power to influence and sway human emotions in many different directions, depending upon its message and intent, whether influenced by darkness or light.

I had crises of faith...I'd go to Christian revivals and be moved by the Holy Spirit, and I'd go to rock concerts and feel the same fervor.⁵

—Brad Pitt

Even culture can become a deterrent to our spiritual growth. When an individual suffers hardships in the world, it can often lead to depression. Actor Brad Pitt commented on the “congenital sadness” that he had experienced in his youth, which he felt is inherent to Southern culture.⁶

“It’s something that I feel in my grandparents, in the people I’ve met, in a Southern way of life,” said Pitt. “It’s something pervasive, an undercurrent that I think Christianity answers.”⁷

Jesus shared a key to finding the ultimate relationship with God:

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I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

—John 14:6

When I lived my life as a rock'n'roll recording artist, performing for millions of people through television, radio, and records, I found myself caught up for many years with stardom's sensational experiences. These dark and extremely tempting excursions eventually took me off the path of searching for God. I know from personal experience that many individuals in the entertainment business are challenged in the same way. I would often be seduced by the influence of one new thing or the other on this journey, while seeking to live out all that I could to its fullest. Many around me were also living on the edge in their passionate quest to fill the gaping void within themselves through fame and fortune.

The love of music, together with other passions, would become an overwhelming wave at times, threatening to sweep me under until I found myself gasping for air and crying out to God in fear of losing my very soul. Many challenging circumstances brought me to this critical stage in my life. However, the tipping point came when I finally decided to seek God for personal guidance. I desperately needed direction in my quest to discover true happiness and spiritual fulfillment.

If we pursue life experiences to obtain internal satisfaction, the pursuit can prove to be futile. During my reckless odyssey as a recording artist, I confronted this sense of emptiness in the jaded and often dark recesses of the entertainment industry. King Solomon, to whom the biblical wisdom

books are attributed, experienced the same sense of futility as well. After pursuing and gaining every worldly thing his heart desired, he said all of his accomplishments seemed meaningless in the end, a mere chasing after the wind.

I denied myself nothing my eyes desired;
I refused my heart no pleasure.
My heart took delight in all my labor,
and this was the reward for all my toil.
Yet when I surveyed all that my hands
had done
and what I had toiled to achieve,
everything was meaningless, a chasing
after the wind;
nothing was gained under the sun.

—Ecclesiastes 2:10-11 (NIV)⁸

Additionally, I could appreciate what Brad Pitt had to say about seeking after the wrong things to find success.⁹ This is exactly how I felt on my journey to look within.

Success is a beast. And it actually puts the emphasis on the wrong thing. You get away with more instead of looking within.¹⁰

—Brad Pitt

STAR-CROSSED

When our rock group disbanded in 1983, during a severe economic recession, I returned to Silicon Valley, just as Apple Computers began to launch their new products. High-tech manufacturers like chipmaker Intel sprang up where farmers like my father had once turned the soil of fertile fields and orchards. Real estate became a valuable resource for the prodigy innovators and venture capitalist firms, which came to set up shop. Now they were producing computer chips, which were being shipped to the world marketplace.

Just as I was seeking spiritual transformation, the valley farmland I once cultivated with my father was now being transformed into the high-tech capital of the world!

One evening, as I viewed the star-filled, crystal-clear sky, I knew inside that my prior experience with organized religion had failed to fill the emptiness in my life. I was unable to shake a strong and unrelenting desire to discover the truth about the Maker of the heavens and Earth. While pondering these thoughts, I was suddenly startled by a brilliant shooting star and quickly whispered my wish into the charged night air: "Illuminate me, God. Please, show me the light!"

I had asked God to help me many times as a child, and I seemed to receive answers to simple prayers in many difficult situations. Now my heart's desire was to come to know the Ultimate Chip Maker. In desperation, I began grasping, hoping, and praying to find Jesus Christ in a profound way.

Around this time, a trusted friend mentioned that he had given his

life to the Lord and was now a believer. Initially, I wasn't quite sure what it *really* meant "to give your life to the Lord." So, I figured I might as well ask him. When I heard about his experience, I became a little more open to the kind of Christianity that he embraced.

I desperately wanted to discover the truth, but what was this my friend had found? *Could it be that God revealed Himself to him in a meaningful way?* I was extremely curious at this point to explore what he had that I didn't. *Did he discover how to fill this gaping hole in the fabric of his being? Might this be the answer for me as well?* Whatever it was, I knew such a spiritual discovery had been missing from my life.

I could see in his eyes and by the intensity with which he shared his story of transformation that it was authentic. His personal experience of giving his life to the Lord deeply moved me. I had now arrived at another station on my spiritual journey. Finally, Christianity became my *last stop* on an already expansive exploration of my soul.

Before I came to the end of myself and began to desire a more intimate relationship with the Lord, many things in this world seemed to compete with my search for God. As a result, I wasn't able to experience an intimate relationship with my Heavenly Father through Jesus until it became my top priority. I finally realized that I needed to look within myself and place God first in my life. My decision to receive the Lord Jesus into my heart was a watershed moment in time, one that profoundly transformed me.

In the beginning, I was lost in the allure of the rock-star lifestyle and distracted by the temptations that surrounded me. By repositioning God as

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the number one priority in my life, a dynamic mantle of power transferred into my music, and a fresh inspiration flowed through me. This spiritual metamorphosis elevated my creative talents to a whole new level and eclipsed the experience-based existence I had so desperately relied upon to attain success and happiness before. Such transformation is achieved by placing our faith in these powerful words of truth.

Now to Him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.

—Ephesians 3:20

My discovery of God was undoubtedly predestined on some level. Though the concept may sound arcane, it plays a vital role in our lives, in both tangible and routine ways.

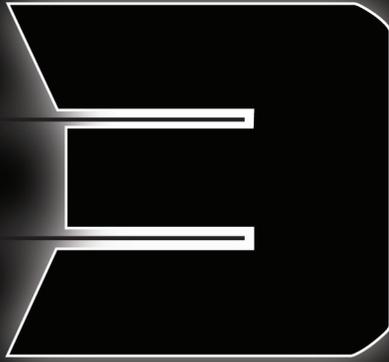
Next, on our spiritual journey, we will explore how predestination has unfolded in the lives of both famous and unknown people, among the rich and the powerful and those of modest means. Predestination impacts everyone, from the most distinguished leaders of nations to the person next door—including you and me.

Prophetic Principle #2:

SEEK TRUTH ABOVE ALL ELSE AND DISCOVER THE KEYS TO UNLOCK YOUR FUTURE.

And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

—Matthew 16:19



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Your eyes saw me when I was formless;
all my days were written in Your book
and planned before a single one of them
began.

—Psalm 139:16 (HCSB)¹¹

Think about what happens when we prepare to go on vacation. We book the hotel, pack our bags, hop into the car and head off—map in hand or with GPS activated. We trust these navigational tools to get us where we are going, even if we have never ventured there before. This is *especially* true if you are entering completely unknown territory, such as your future. Let's call this unfamiliar territory the *inner space*. The idea of *predestination* is much the same when we navigate to a specific unknown destination aimed at embodying our dreams. As we break down the various words interconnected with the definition of *predestination*, it looks like this:¹²

PREDESTINATION: YOUR ROADMAP TO INNER SPACE

<i>Pre:</i>	Before
<i>Destination:</i>	Location
<i>Predestination:</i>	Knowing where you are going!
<i>Predestine:</i>	To destine in advance; foreordain
<i>Predetermine:</i>	To determine in advance
<i>Predict:</i>	To state in advance; forecast, foretell, portend, and prognosticate

Factor all these related ideas together, and you get:

Predestination: The act by which God is held to have predetermined (i.e., predestined) all events; and the doctrine that the destiny of each soul has been foreordained by God.

ENTERING THE DOOR TO YOUR DESTINY

Can it be true that a destiny predetermined by God awaits us? Every seed planted has a purpose, whether to produce lemons, oranges, apples, or pears; each will sprout up in due season, bearing good fruit according to God's will. Because He cares that much about a plant, how much more does He care about us? For some, this reflection is inspiring, but it can be a very perplexing proposition for others. That's why it is crucial that our

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curiosity is explored with an open mind to understand His predestined plan for our lives.

Jesus told His disciples:

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

—Matthew 7:7-8

It looks good. It sounds great. But how can we receive what we're asking for, find what we seek, and discover the open door to God's perfect plan that encapsulates our destiny? It all begins simply with asking, seeking, and knocking.

Sometimes an event will occur that we cannot explain. And if we are not prepared for it or have no understanding of it, the event can be very unsettling. What I'm referring to is an experience reported by pennmedicine.org that happens to two-thirds of the population at some point in their lives.¹³It's what most people call *déjà vu*.

Before we delve into this abstract idea, a sometimes inexplicable concept, let's deal with another idea that can be just as intriguing. There are strange occurrences that cannot be explained by the rational side of the human mind, such as observing some people's talents that go far beyond what would be expected for their age and training.

E = MC² ENERGY = MASTER CREATOR SQUARED UP WITH OUR LIFE

There is a formula for rocket fuel. There is also a means for calculating a safe trip to the moon. As for humans, calculating how to achieve fulfillment and success in life involves first understanding where our journey is headed, and next, what to take with us as we embark upon it. In this way, we move toward fulfilling the purpose for which we were created. Astronauts don't wander about aimlessly in space. They have well-planned missions.

Einstein understood this concept completely. In fact, this renowned scientific genius once said:

I want to know how God created this world
. . . I want to know his thoughts. The rest
are details.¹⁴

Einstein didn't sit back and bask in the glory of his Nobel prize in physics. Instead, he remained a student, continually learning his entire life, compelled by a seemingly inexplicable force to absorb insight, knowledge, and wisdom from all relevant sources. His curiosity and especially his creativity—a quality less evident in many scientific thinkers—are definitely divine gifts.

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Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

—James 1:17

We know *empirically* that when Einstein made full use of his gifts (whether he recognized them as from God or not), he created theories so complex that only a few physicists of his time could understand them. These same theories would rock the scientific world and lead new fields of study, even after Einstein's death. How is it that his knowledge could extend so far beyond what was known at the time? Einstein placed a top priority on knowing God's thoughts, by his admission, and he considered everything else *mere details*.

LET THERE BE LIGHT

Consider another scientist: Thomas Alva Edison, the inventor of the first commercially viable incandescent light bulb. This device replaced the flame lamp, gas lamp, kerosene-oil lamp, and wax candle. Edison was the driving force behind such innovations as the phonograph, and he invented the kinetoscope, the first step toward movie projection, one of the earliest motion picture cameras. The entertainment industry is still enjoying the benefits of his contributions. He even created the world's first industrial research laboratory. The volume of Edison's work may be best understood by his list of most recognizable patents: 389 for electric light and power,

195 for the phonograph, 150 for the telegraph, 141 for storage batteries, and 34 for the telephone.

Modern inventors dream of creating even *one* invention that will be successful. Yet Thomas Edison wasn't finished. In his eighty-four years, he held a record number of 1,093 patents, including 1,084 utility patents and nine artistic design patents. It wasn't until June 17, 2003, that his record was surpassed by Japanese inventor Shunpei Yamazaki, who currently holds over 16,000 patents.

Imagine how one life can make such a contribution to society. It seems almost impossible to consider the amount of time, creativity, and effort it would take to accomplish this task. Just where did all his special gifts and extraordinary knowledge come from?

PROPHETIC PRODIGY

There is no need to look to famous names to understand what we often call qualities of a "prodigy"; they are actually gifts from Heaven. Likewise, you don't have to be a headliner in your field to show evidence of having a life aligned with God's will as you operate with the incredible advantage of these divine gifts.

When I was a young boy, my father recognized that I had a God-given gift for music and felt responsible for making sure it was nurtured. He provided me with the best music instructors available and inspired me to develop my talent diligently. However, when I first began taking piano lessons at the age of six, I showed very little promise. My teacher,

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Arlene Hunt, told me that my father was wasting his money paying for my weekly instruction. She then added, "However, I have decided not to tell your dad that you have been failing to practice and not advancing. And because I enjoy your personality and spending time with you, I am going to give you another chance." As it turned out, her decision paid off. In the next few years, she confided that I had progressed far beyond all of her other students. Then one day, out of the blue, she sat me down and said, "I have taught you all that I know. Now it's time to release you to another piano instructor who can help you advance to the next level." Soon after, my father scheduled an audition with Pamela Resch, an accomplished concert pianist and instructor with some twenty years of experience. At that time, I aspired to be a classical pianist and tour the world.

Let me share a moment indelibly etched in my memory from the first day I arrived at her studio with my father. I was pumped up, ready to play, while waiting expectantly for my audition— another student was ahead of me. Pamela Resch stood by the piano, gazing intently at the small female child in front of her. As Mrs. Resch and I watched, this new potential student spread her little fingers as wide as they would go across the ebony and ivory keys of the sprawling 1906 Steinway grand piano. She seemed so tiny and delicate, a crystal figurine on a shiny stool, like a diamond displayed against black velvet for all to see. The large instrument appeared to cast a shadow, looming over her like a panther ready to pounce. Then she began to play. In an instant, the animal was tamed, then caged, as she exhibited complete control over every note. Tiny fingers flashed across the keyboard with lightning strokes. The timing was perfect, the energy

building moment by moment, then suddenly, the power of the piece was unleashed upon an unsuspecting audience. My eyes were wide open, as were the jaws of everyone in the room. Beethoven's "Fifth" thundered forth, just as Beethoven himself would have performed this distinctive masterpiece.

The teacher's gaze was riveted to the child's hands, and her ears were filled with sweet sounds. Such a masterful piano concerto, played with incredible skill, by someone so young! For all her years of experience, Mrs. Resch had never witnessed such a prodigy! Here sat a four-year-old child with a single year of training who had mastered the performance of this difficult classical composition. How was it possible? Only God, her Creator, could have gifted this little girl's mind and heart with such mature expressions of musical genius at this tender young age. Incredible! What a God-given gift.

We are acquainted with example after example of highly talented individuals who perform at levels far beyond the capability of most human beings. These spiritually imparted gifts, powers, and predestined purposes, birthed within our spiritual DNA, are signs and wonders to behold; yet they offer no clear scientific explanation of their true origin. Why? Because these are supernatural gifts from God.

Now, look at someone else you know intimately, perhaps an individual who leads a life quite different from the examples mentioned earlier. They may be operating far below their full potential. Again, you don't know how it happened. Perhaps they have been ill-advised or verbally abused and discouraged, which caused them to veer off the path of their destiny.

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Society often frames the character of those with musical talent, misjudging them as lazy dreamers or even as “a bunch of druggies.”

A talented artist can paint like an angel, laying out brilliant brushstrokes upon a blank canvas that makes it vibrant with color, texture, and emotion. Yet still, they hear time and time again: “Artists starve.”

Author Mark Twain once said:

There is no sadder sight than a young pessimist.¹⁵

A pessimistic tendency has caused many to doubt whatever they don't understand, or they seek a scientific explanation for everything instead of being more positive and with a hopeful mindset. This doubting tendency leads people down a very narrow path of thinking, so narrow, in fact, that it sometimes takes an unexpected or unexplained event to pull them out. This is why it is imperative to keep an open mind and realize that things happen in life that are inexplicable in the realm of reality as we know it. These mysteries can, at times, awaken us to life's most miraculous moments. With this in mind, let's explore an intriguing topic that many have discussed throughout history, but few have understood.

Isn't it interesting, for example, to see that no matter who you talk to, most people have had...a *déjà vu* experience?

THE *DÉJÀ Vu* EXPERIENCE

The topic of *déjà vu* is nothing new; it has been with us for thousands

of years. Try as they might, scientists have not come up with a plausible explanation for this phenomenon. I believe that's because it is not scientifically verifiable; instead, it is spiritual. God knows what is to come before it takes place in our reality on Earth. And He reveals it to His creation all over the world by unique and paradoxical supernatural experiences that we have come to identify as *déjà vu*.

My first *déjà vu* experience happened in San Francisco when I was eighteen years old. After signing a publishing deal as a songwriter and vocalist, I was invited to record one of my compositions with a full band of professional musicians. On the day my session was scheduled, I walked into a state-of-the-art recording studio, and the publishing executives were sitting behind the mixing board...with a strangely familiar knowing, as though I had been there before and experienced each moment in another time dimension. The memory of every detail is now, once again, as sharp as if it happened yesterday.

Wait! I had never stepped into this studio before. Yet, I can still recall the experience. I was sitting in a well-known recording studio called Different Fur, next to several music industry professionals. One of the executives happened to be bald, in his late thirties, a few others in their forties, and all co-owners of the publishing company. They were easing back in their seats in a dimly lit "mood color" room filled with speakers. My music was playing loudly and saturated the atmosphere. I found myself thinking, *Hold on a minute! I've already seen this...lived this. But where? How?*

I had never been in this high-end recording studio in my life, yet the people, the room, even the music seemed as if I had experienced it all

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before. The song that was playing was one I had written and submitted to their publishing company, and it was selected to record because they felt it could be a major hit. They decided to invest in developing this new dance song, and I was now hearing my original composition, in real time with a live horn section and a full band, playing to a pounding beat! Oddly, I recognized every single person's face in that room, even though I had never been in this recording studio with these individuals before.

I was living a reality I already knew. It was an experience I saw, touched, and hoped for from within my awakened or open dream state—a spiritual data bank, if you will, which connected to my destiny database that safely stored such time-released events. The faces, the furniture, even the dust made me think; *These owners obviously do more engineering than dusting.* The experience seemed to be recorded somewhere in my mind; a time capsule was now opened again. How could I recall the same place, faces, and situation with such photographic precision before this event had ever taken place?

I wasn't very spiritual in those days and found myself immensely puzzled by what had just happened. There was no rational explanation for this bizarre incident—and no denying the truth of it.

This meeting in the recording studio marked a musical milestone in my life. And now, I had somehow walked right into it. What's more, I know I'm not alone in that experience.

BEEN THERE, DONE THAT

The mysterious encounter of *déjà vu* is uncanny. It's a feeling of having experienced something before, and yet the occurrence is being experienced at that moment. The French meaning of *déjà vu* is actually "already seen." As I reported earlier, it is estimated that about one-third of the world's population has experienced a minimum of at least one *déjà vu* incident in their lives.

In *The Psychopathology of Everyday Life*, Sigmund Freud states that this experience is in "the category of the miraculous."

Listed below are two Old Testament scriptures that confirm these unusual experiences that the French identify as *déjà vu*. The first scripture speaks of things to come as already having been accomplished. The second scripture substantiates that God's Spirit will reveal to us visions and dreams, through which often such supernatural encounters are realized.

We can clearly observe the *déjà vu* implication inherent in this dynamic passage of Holy Scripture.

That which is has already been,
And what is to be has already been.

—Ecclesiastes 3:15a

This enigma was already known and communicated as a truth principle in God's Word, even in biblical times.

In the scripture below, God clearly states that we will dream dreams

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and see visions. The time frame of these miraculous events is entirely in the hands of the Spirit of God. All things are possible, which means that the Spirit of truth is certainly able to unveil all things to us, even things coming in our future.

And it shall come to pass in the last days,
says God,
That I will pour out of My Spirit on all
flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall
prophesy,
Your young men shall see visions,
Your old men shall dream dreams.

—Acts 2:17

Does He reveal these coming events during our sleep time, imparting them deeply into our subconscious mind? If so, they would be established and ready to be revealed in our spirit at the moment of their arrival in real time. This example sets a precedence that only our Maker could have planted them there.

In the New Testament, we hear this truth echoed yet again:

But when He, the Spirit of Truth [the Truth-giving Spirit] comes, He will guide you into all the Truth [the whole, full Truth]. For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future].

—John 16:13 (AMPC)¹⁶

What a glorious God; who holds the past, present, and future securely in the palms of His hands. Thankfully, He is also a generous and loving Maker who is happy to reveal previews of things to come during our everyday lives, which encourages and confirms His existence and love for us. His heavenly guidance system and predestined master plan unfold within our destiny.

GODS CLOUD STORAGE SYSTEM OF REMEMBRANCE

Somewhere within our brain is a particular area housing *the spirit of our mind* that is interconnected to God's *cloud storage system of remembrance*. Consider the possibility that this area contains specific events yet to become a reality. They lie dormant, filed away in the book

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of life until the moment arises when the Spirit of truth accesses an exact predestined moment or sequence of experiences and relays their audio and visual signal to our conscious mind in real time. As this remarkable process unfolds, we may experience *déjà vu*.

The spirit of our mind is constantly working, conscious of spiritual things, in the same way, our rational mind is aware of each moment experienced as we live our life. Similarly, the Spirit of truth is sensitive to everything our Heavenly Father is leading us toward and displays signs to the spirit of our mind that illuminate God's predestined plans for our life.

Have you ever had a feeling that you've *seen all this before*? Did you ever walk into a room to find the sights, sounds, people, and even the most minor details strangely familiar?

If so, you should get excited! It brings to mind author Rod Schmidt's humorous quote:

I went to a fancy French restaurant called *Déjà Vu*. The headwaiter said, "Don't I know you?"¹⁷

The experience of *déjà vu* is our Master Programmer's remarkable way of letting you know when you have walked into your destiny.

Let's take a walk together into a time-released reality preview.

STEP BACK...TO THE FUTURE

The spiritual side of *déjà vu* calls for a step of faith. Let's return to my story to illustrate this point.

There I was in the recording studio, not knowing what to make of that *déjà vu* moment. It was very perplexing at first. But then, I took a deep breath and sighed, feeling relaxed. This event was meant to be. I was having a *destiny* moment. I had already glimpsed this meeting in another dimension of time and space, which awaited me, even before living it. Now, I was witnessing a fast-forward preview of my destiny. The experience was way too familiar for me to write off as if it were some coincidental event.

Another person at that point might have said, "Oh, that's weird," letting the moment go without further contemplation or saving it for an intriguing bit of dinner conversation (if they're not afraid of being seen as crazy or unbalanced).

For me, whether in a dream, a vision, or simply sewn into the fabric of my spirit and mind, this new revelation arrived, and I knew it was no accident. It was a divine sign meant to get my attention, and it did! God had pre-planned that moment in time and revealed to me the real phenomenon of predestination.

STEP UP

Though I was still only a teenager, the experience stayed with me, and it awakened me to the validity of my spiritual side. At that time, I had

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no idea that God would call me to pursue the prophetic call on my life as a modern-day prophet and International Destiny Coach. But this spiritual wake-up call allowed me to take the first step of faith, and what has unfolded in my life since then has been nothing short of miraculous. I was beginning to understand my *prophetic navigation system*, an instrument of the *prophetic matrix*, designed to verify that life is lining up with God's predestined purposes. In "The New Truth Revolution" chapter, we will further explore how the *prophetic navigation system* (PNS) can assist you in unlocking the secret code to your destiny.

There is great hope in knowing that our dreams and visions have appointed times in which our Master Creator has predestined. We are walking into them as we journey through this realm we call time and space. Yes, this *time-released reality* is waiting to happen, and then it transpires right before our eyes.

This *déjà vu* experience reaffirms what God already predestined for you and me.

Can you think of a memorable moment when all systems *were go*, and everything was working perfectly for you? We tend to focus on the bad times and what goes wrong in life, but we need to pay more attention to when everything is working right.

We know what happened for Albert Einstein, Thomas Edison, and the four-year-old girl at the piano when their actions lined up with their gifts and life purpose. They soared. Both Einstein and Edison achieved results far beyond what anyone could have imagined or expected. They birthed

theories and innovations that would advance the field of science, with many inventions designed to improve our quality of life. And through the young prodigy pianist, there is music to enrich the soul.

And how about us? What about our lives? Are we floating down the river on a log headed for Niagara Falls? Or are we piloting our course, with a renewed spiritual mind, locked in for a flawless rendezvous with our life's purpose as it unfolds a segment of our divine destiny?

The phenomenon of *déjà vu* is a manifestation of the *prophetic matrix* at work in our daily lives. Prophetic events in life first play themselves out in the chambers of the mind and spirit. It's much like having a DVD you've purchased, sitting on the shelf, waiting to be played. If it is never viewed, it becomes a waste of money. In the same way, if our talents are neglected or rarely used for their intended purpose, it is a waste of our God-given gifts.

Most of all, remember that when it comes to predestination and *déjà vu*, they're not just interesting occurrences. Instead, these events are meant to encourage our faith that God has a masterful predestined plan for our lives that He is willing to confirm at the appropriate time so that we believe the impossible is possible with Him.

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UNFOLDING PARALLEL REALITY CONTINUUM

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew
you;
Before you were born I sanctified you;
I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”

—**Jeremiah 1:5**

There are appointed seasons when God calls His prophets on a journey—one not fully disclosed to them; yet by faith, they embark upon a predestined path. The season is to be marked in time as unforgettable.

Here is one of those unexpected enigmas that I feel compelled to share with you. I'll never forget the profound sequence of events that unfolded over a ten-day period, which left me in wonder and completely awestruck.

It all began one beautiful morning when I woke up and got out of bed. I had hired a friend to paint my home, and he was about to arrive any moment to begin putting his artistic talents to work. Immediately after dressing, I headed into the kitchen to fix some breakfast. I noticed that everything seemed strangely familiar in a very peculiar way. In fact, every moment left the impression that I had lived it before exactly, as in the movie *Groundhog Day* starring Bill Murray. Sure, I had lived my life in the same home for years and spent my mornings with the usual daily routine—

except this time, something had changed so radically that it startled me, taking my breath away.

I gasped for a moment and thought of pinching myself to make sure I wasn't dreaming or sleepwalking. *Wow!* I thought. . . *What is happening to me?* I tightly blinked my eyes, over and over again, desperately hoping I would snap out of it and that somehow everything would go back to normal since every move was eerily familiar. Imagine walking, and with every step, you have a *déjà vu* experience, without any idea of why or how it could even be possible. A supernatural awareness convinced me that my spirit was operating in full disclosure of my destiny in real time.

To be transparent, at first, I was slightly apprehensive of this highly unusual experience. Every moment, I was stepping into a full-on *déjà vu parallel reality continuum* that had me wondering what might happen next.

Astoundingly, this experience was nonstop. As the second hand on my watch slowly ticked away, there was another perfectly synchronized, picture-perfect frame of life, which was lining up with my memory of what I had somehow lived already, exactly, at some unknown time. I didn't know this kind of thing was even possible, as I had never heard of such an unusual continual occurrence. This time it was more than the occasional *déjà vu* moment that most people have experienced. It was like living each moment with my eyes observing another dimension, yet at the same time walking in a very vivid reality on Earth. I can honestly say I have never experienced anything like this before.

I shared this unexpected *parallel reality continuum* with my friend,

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who was now painting my house. I needed a witness to reaffirm that I was awake (rather than dreaming or hallucinating). This strange situation had seemingly opened the heavens allowing me to observe what had already been. The crazy thing is that these oddly familiar occurrences didn't stop at any point throughout the morning, the afternoon, or the evening. The only relief from the ongoing experience occurred when I closed my eyes and drifted off to sleep from total mental exhaustion. By then, I was exasperated from wondering what all this could mean. My life had now become *déjà vu* all over again, and again, and again!

This experience brings to recollection a classic quote by the famous baseball player Yogi Berra:

It's like *déjà vu*, all over again.¹⁸

You might be wondering whether these strange encounters ever stopped. On the contrary, they kept firing off for ten days straight without interruption! Imagine nonstop *déjà vu* experiences continuing to unfold in your life. The events kept playing out like a movie that keeps on going and going, as incessantly as the Energizer Bunny!

I had walked in a *parallel reality continuum* that unveiled itself in micro-seconds and assured me that I had lived it all before. These outstanding revelatory moments reminded me that I was predestined and divinely created by a Magnificent Maker—who undoubtedly wanted to substantiate that He had forged each step of my destiny within the blueprint of my life. Each second had been figured out to the minutest detail.

GOD'S GOT YOUR DESTINY SECURELY IN HIS HANDS

Day after day, as I spent time with my friend, we would go to lunch, and during the meal, I experienced the *déjà vu* continuum nonstop. By unrelenting exposure, events were successively playing out before me, which would aggressively force my attention into each picture frame of this dual reality. After a few days, I decided it was best to just flow with it! This was a crucial learning period for my growth and understanding of God's all-knowing and glorious nature. He had my destiny securely in His hands. God knows what we will pray before we pray. He has numbered every hair on our heads and already knew us before we were in the matrix of our mother's womb.

God allowed me to witness twin realities in a *parallel time continuum* with *total recall* as I lived out my life for those ten long days. It seemed as though Heaven and Earth had come together as one for a short season. And for some strange reason, I was a vessel chosen to live out this ongoing real-time destiny experience.

Others may have also experienced this time-space conundrum, but I'd never heard of such a thing. I struggled for weeks, trying to figure out why this might have happened to me. Through careful examination and prayer, I realized I had been predestined before the foundation of the world, as God's Word confirms! His Spirit of truth had projected a crystal-clear preview, upon the silver screen within my mind, of my parallel reality—masterfully crafted. God had designed every moment of my destiny.

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From this uncanny experience, I now know that my Heavenly Father preplans and holds a reservation on every moment in time for each day. So, from then on, I wouldn't allow myself to minimize any of these divine appointments nor run off the road on my predestined path. Even though many may deem such profound incidents to be insignificant, I have come to greatly appreciate their spiritual significance and startling synchronicity when they appear in real time within the context of my life.

As the world wrestles with discovering the reason we experience these amazing conundrums, we are reminded with each unexpected occurrence that all things are possible with God!

COINCIDENCE OR GOD-INCIDENCE

While contemplating this segment of my book, I decided to browse the local bookstore with an open mind to God's prophetic leading. A new book on the shelf piqued my interest. I opened the cover and read from the center of the page.

I don't think there's any such thing. What we call coincidence is just life coming together. Takes us by surprise sometimes.¹⁹

—Elvis Presley

A book about the late Elvis Presley contained the above quote regarding coincidences and their significance. Those who follow Elvis' music know that he was raised as a *believer* and won Grammy Awards

for his renditions of popular gospel songs. Certainly, by his own words, Elvis was keenly observant regarding God's hand upon his life in every situation—even those that might seem to be coincidences.

Predestination includes divine appointments that many of us simply call *coincidences*.

When we are sensitive to God's Spirit of truth, we are able to discern and give credence to the possibility of His perfect plan and purpose interwoven within every moment of our lives. With this understanding, things will *all come together* in our life. Then, we can begin to flow with such perfectly timed experiences that may at first appear to be coincidences. Yet, after closer examination, they actually assist our faith to grow exponentially toward trusting God.

It's important to consider that when a prophecy comes to pass, it has been spoken and revealed before it manifests into reality. In comparison, when we experience *déjà vu*, we are somewhat startled by the reality of that moment, appearing as if we have already lived it. This unexpected occurrence allows us to confirm what is taking place in real time.

After experiencing what many call a coincidence, it is imperative to ask, "Was it, *really*?" Often we are surprised to walk into what seems to be a perfectly calculated situation or appointment. We did not give a single ounce of energy to planning or making the event happen by our own power. However, these occurrences come to pass in a profound way. We can then take note of this glorious experience in time, which awakens our mind to question, "*How could this be?*"

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SIGNS THAT MAKE US WONDER

Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you *people* see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe."

—John 4:48

God continually surprises us with signs and wonders, which leave us in awe! He wants us to keep our hearts and thoughts on Him. God has time in His hands, and our prophetic destiny is preplanned before its arrival. Prophetic visions, dreams, promptings, *déjà vu* experiences, and seemingly perfectly timed "coincidences" are God's way of saying, "Here I am, working in your life to confirm My divine providence and plan for your destiny."

Consider that a coincidence might simply be a *God-incidence*, a moment predetermined by our Heavenly Father. He controls time and seasons, all encapsulated within His *prophetic matrix* of things to come.

A GLANCE IN THE REARVIEW SCANNER

Now take a moment to reflect upon your own life.

The human craft you're traveling in has a sophisticated rearview scanner. Use it to gather evidence. There are those unexplained moments in life, which passed you by, with no more than a shoulder shrug on your part. When you hold up the scanner to your life, what coincidences do you find? Your rearview scanner is simply your ability to peer into your

past experiences and discern these unique occurrences from a different perspective.

Was there ever a time when you thought about someone you hadn't seen in a while, and soon after, you saw them on the street or at the mall? Or maybe you received a phone call, email, or text from that person and then wondered about the timeliness of your thoughts in relation to their occurrence within a short space in time?

How about a moment when you thought, *What I need right now is _____*, and then, in some unexpected manner, the very thing landed right in your hands?

Take a second to consider the divinely inspired moments you've experienced thus far: as examples, prophetic dreams, visions, *déjà vu* moments, or what many may consider being coincidences.

Now upload the data, all together, into your *prophetic matrix* monitoring system. As a whole, the information becomes a collage of so-called "chance" experiences, too many and too significant to ignore. When these tiny, isolated incidents are strung together like pearls, a question may surface. Is it possible that they could all be by accident?

DIVINE APPOINTMENTS

Some people propose that the world is simply an incredible accident based on a big-bang explosion with no one at the control panel. Yet how many times have we seen an explosion happen in nature, through complex systems that work out on their own? I don't agree with the idea

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that creation happened by happenstance. Each morning, as I awaken and open my eyes, I can clearly see that this beautiful world is no accident.

Neither is your life or mine.

It is awesome how God can set you up to meet anyone, at any time, for any purpose under Heaven. This astonishing fact has always amazed me, especially after making the important decision to enter into a deeper personal relationship with God.

Nothing is too difficult for Him.

I've met people whom I never thought I would have the opportunity to meet, but God placed me right in their midst and gave me favor with them. You might have asked the following question as I did at one time, "How, and why, does this happen?"

IT'S A SMALL, SMALL WORLD

And [He] has determined their
preappointed times and the boundaries
of their dwellings.

—Acts 17:26b

God often shows us that He can bring us before anyone, regardless of their stature in this world. When such divine appointments occur, they help us build trust in our Heavenly Father, through whom all things are made possible.

No person is too hard for God to reach. No one puts Him on hold. If you try to set up these introductions yourself, it may be impossible. Yet God is able to orchestrate the most unexpected divine appointments without any effort on our part.

Here is an interesting example of how small this world really is.

I'll never forget a story a close friend shared with me. It was about a highly unexpected occurrence that took place during a vacation in Italy. While walking in a small town on an out-of-the-way narrow side street, he bumped into someone strangely familiar. Upon closer inspection, he recognized his neighbor, who only lived a few miles away from his home in Burlingame, California! What are the chances? Imagine you live in California, yet you bump into your neighbor while walking down a side street in Italy!

It's a small, small world. I've experienced a plethora of these types of divine appointments in my own life, too.

IMAGINE MEETING YOU HERE

God's Spirit of truth began preparing me for these unique divine appointments years ago, during my career in the entertainment industry. I met celebrities all the time. For example, when our band performed on *Solid Gold*, we met the dancers personally, and I found myself in the dressing room with the television makeup man, who was preparing Marilyn McCoo and me to go on air. There, I struck up a conversation with Andy Gibb, the youngest of the famous Bee Gee brothers, and minutes later, I watched him

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privately singing a song I had co-written and performed for our album.

I'll never forget meeting the legendary Dick Clark when he came backstage and spoke to the band for a while. I had no idea how these chance meetings could happen...but they happened just the same.

These divine appointments were orchestrated by the CEO of the Universe—God Almighty!

GOD'S MAGNETIC FIELD OF INFLUENCE

A few years later, our rock group disbanded.

Before long, I was invited by a friend to be a special guest performer at a distinguished gathering, where I met former President Ronald Reagan, Henry Kissinger, and Walter Cronkite. Soon afterward, I entertained many other well-known figures at a private celebration for Henry Kissinger. Their event coordinator asked me to sing one of my original songs for Mr. Kissinger only minutes before this special event began. Under a starlit sky, I was escorted to a grand piano that was waiting for me on an outdoor stage before an expectant audience. It was another divine appointment taking place, miraculously and without any human planning or effort on my part. God placed the idea in the mind of a friend who appreciated my musical gift, and he had favor with the organizers, who arranged the deal within minutes. Before I knew it, I was entertaining dignitaries, statesmen—and yes, even President Reagan—at another unique, private concert I performed at the next day.

What is this all for? I wondered as I considered its grand design. The

people I was meeting were not what impressed me. It was my Heavenly Father's mighty hand at work in an awesome way to connect me with people I would have never expected to meet in my life. God's influence arranged these powerful moments to display the musical gift He had given me without any effort on my part. It was no coincidence.

The meetings with these distinguished individuals built my faith for divine appointments, which proved to be instrumental in orchestrating a historic tribute at our nation's capital years afterward. I began to plan for this special event soon after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The realization of the Pentagon vision that God gave me will be covered as a *case study* in an upcoming chapter titled "Dreams and Visions."

SOARING BEYOND

I mention these divine appointments to help build your faith that such meetings can and will occur in your own life. Wherever God has destined you to be, you will be. Whatever promises He has placed within your heart, it's not only possible for them to manifest into reality; they will come to pass if you believe that He is faithful and able to do it, and if you never give up! Why do I say, and if you never give up? Because faith must be persistent. If you doubt, you go without. Persistence breaks through the barriers so that we can achieve the seemingly impossible!

God has an excellent plan for your life, filled with more than you could ever ask for or imagine. However, there are challenges along the way that

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you would never be able to surmount without His full involvement. That's exciting because it means you'll experience achievements far beyond your natural potential that will amaze others in the process. When we prepare ourselves for actualizing the potential within us by expecting God to do what we cannot, we exercise our faith, and He honors it by performing signs and wonders that defy logic.

Are you ready to increase your trust in the One who can help you achieve much more than you can on your own? Only you can answer this question as "yes" or "no." I invite you to continue this spectacular journey. If you're seeking a break from the rat race, and want much more, remember what this powerful scriptural truth states:

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

—Ephesians 3:20-21

There is someone who is powerful enough to make life happen for you. God is in control. Through predestination, He has planned all things in advance. Life is not an accident. Assuredly, there are no coincidences, only God-incidences. A plethora of divine appointments are waiting for us if we only believe.

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To everything, *there is* a season,
A time for every purpose under heaven.

—Ecclesiastes 3:1

To properly engage in the *prophetic matrix*, it is imperative to gain understanding of the gift of prophecy. In the next chapter, we will explore this amazing gift and its unlimited benefits.

Prophetic Principle #3:

PREDESTINATION: THE BLUEPRINT OF OUR DESTINY IS RECORDED IN
THE PAGES OF TIME.

That which is has already been, And what is to be has already been.

—Ecclesiastes 3:15

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Every prophet has to come from civilization, but every prophet has to go into the wilderness. He must have a strong impression of a complex society and all that it has to give, and then he must serve periods of isolation and meditation.²⁰

—Winston Churchill

Whether for the young or old, the mere mention of dreams is likely to prompt the recollection of childhood dreams: the picture of a little boy or girl gazing through a telescope at the diamond-like stars and glow-in-the-dark planets hanging from the ceiling. Such scenes enthrall science fiction novelists and screenwriters, who visualize distant galaxies and create new worlds of their own imaginations. They inspire brilliant scientists who design rockets and robotic rovers to explore the surface of Mars.

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The mathematical orbit of the planets and solar system is perhaps among the most remarkable discoveries in human history. For eons, massive planets, separated by millions of miles, have hovered and circled the sun in a divinely ordered sequence. This phenomenon is a product of intelligent design—a Master Creator who spins the planets on their axes and nudges them into orbit. And just as these planets revolve around the sun in perfect synchrony and symmetry, God also brilliantly orchestrates our lives to advance His purposes.

Nothing *just* happens.

God engineers the course of our destiny through signs, wonders, revelation, insightful messages, dreams, visions, and promptings that synchronize events throughout our life. With such care and artistry, the Master Creator spins each person's transcendent destiny into orbit, guided by signs and prophetic navigation directives within His amazing *prophetic matrix*. Scripture describes the prophetic fusion of events, which inspires the life path of every just and good person.

The steps of a *good* man are ordered by
the Lord,
And He delights in his way.

—Psalm 37:23

STEP INTO THE PROPHETIC MATRIX

In a life wisely guided by the Creator, you walk within the *prophetic*

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matrix. God brilliantly orders your steps according to His prophetic timetable. The meaning of “prophecy” bears repeating in this context. It refers to an inspired declaration, a prediction of something to come related to God’s divine will or purpose.

God makes His divine will known in our lives through His Word and “inspired declaration” (or signs and messages) and by *meaningful events* that serve as a “prediction of something to come.” For instance, His purpose connects with our daily lives and signals us with timely situations and occurrences. Most people would call these meaningful events “coincidences.” However, contrary to this popular belief, such coincidences are often predestined moments or God-incidents in sync with His perfect plan. Through these so-called coincidences, God makes inspired declarations to guide us and exhibits His foreknowledge by nudging us along our life path in the best possible direction.

I have encountered these predestined moments firsthand on many occasions. One evening I’ll never forget, I experienced God’s prophetic nudging by a so-called *coincidence*.

At about midnight, after typing the title of this chapter, “The Gift of Prophecy,” I suddenly felt compelled to break away for a moment. I swiveled away from my desk to recline on the couch in my family room. And even though my body was comfortably relaxed, my mental gears still turned as I deeply pondered how to begin this chapter and introduce *the gift of prophecy*. Remember that many coincidences are *not* coincidences at all but, actually, divine appointments that cross our path at just the right moment.

This was one of those magnificent moments.

While relaxing on the sofa, a sudden prompting by the Spirit of truth directed me to turn on the television. Without hesitation, I grabbed the remote and pressed the power button as each second seemed to unfold in slow motion. At that exact moment, the screen illuminated brightly as a popular talk show was airing. I immediately noticed that the host was seated next to a special guest, the Academy Award-winning actor and accomplished producer-director Denzel Washington.²¹ Though it was very late, I felt suddenly intrigued and wide awake.

Within seconds, the host and Denzel began to share their personal stories, before a global audience, about how the incredible *gift of prophecy* had touched their lives. I marveled that I had just begun writing the chapter "The Gift of Prophecy"! I was fascinated by God's synchronicity at work, as He magnetically connected this chapter with an internationally televised show and two celebrity icons whose lives were prophetically synchronized with this very book. God could not have written a better script for that evening, nor for the introduction to this chapter, whose opening words I had just been pondering and composing. God stepped in to co-create *The Prophetic Matrix* with me and demonstrated His *divine authorship* of the events in my life.

A SIGNIFICANT PROPHECY

Denzel Hayes Washington, Jr., is an established American film actor, director, and producer. He was born in Mount Vernon, New York, the middle

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child of three, to a Pentecostal minister father and a beautician mother. Denzel first rose to prominence through the medical drama *St. Elsewhere*. His stellar performances earned him two Academy Awards, two Golden Globes, and a Tony Award. In addition, he won the Best Supporting Actor for *Glory* and the Academy Award for Best Actor for his role in *Training Day*.

Still, long before Denzel ever experienced stardom, his destiny unfolded; it had stirred within him by prophetic promptings. The night when I happened to turn on the television and see his guest appearance, he sat confidently in his chair while the host asked him specifically about the opening chapter of his new book, detailing his personal experience with the gift of prophecy. Denzel then began discussing his book, *A Hand to Guide Me*, an inspirational tribute, honoring the mentors whose helping hands guided him along the way and the rich experiences that shaped his destiny.

In that television interview, Denzel opened up about a significant prophecy he received as a youth. The prophecy was given to him by one of the oldest church members in his hometown, Ruth Green, who was known to possess the gift of prophecy. The host of the show then mentioned having had an experience with the gift of prophecy. Denzel reached into his coat pocket and pulled out a small piece of paper containing the personal prophecy he had received and carried with him since his youth. He went on to share his profound story.

As Denzel began reminiscing about a significant time etched in his memory, he told the viewers about his first meeting with Ruth Green, who would prophesy his destiny. He was sitting in his mother's beauty shop,

looking in a mirror and observing a woman sitting behind him. This elderly lady was under the dryer, and every time he looked up, she was staring at him. Denzel looked away, seemingly uncomfortable at her stare. Suddenly she spoke up and asked for a piece of paper. Little did he know that this prophetically gifted lady would be giving him a prophecy that would be realized in a spectacular way.

Ruth Green scribed the word *prophecy* and the date 1975, followed by the number 28. She then declared to Denzel that he would travel the world and speak to millions of people. Denzel confirmed to the interviewer the number 28 as the date he, his wife, and his son were born. However, when he received the prophecy, he was only a teenager and not yet married or a father, and he did not understand the particular meaning of that number nor even why Ruth Green had written it. As fate would have it, this insightful woman unveiled a page out of God's prophetic book of life to inspire a young man's future.²²

By closely examining Denzel's personal prophecy, we are able to observe three distinct parts that were fulfilled, unlocking the secret code to his destiny:

He was given specific numbers relevant to significant dates of accomplishments in his future.

The year 1975, the first number listed in his personal prophecy, was the year that launched his acting career, with his debut role in the television movie *Wilma!* The following number 28 further confirmed significant dates: his birth date and the birth dates of his future wife and son.

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He would speak to millions of people.

As a result of his multifaceted career in the entertainment business, he has earned renown and respect worldwide, allowing him to touch the hearts of millions of people.

He would travel the world.

Denzel Washington has traveled the world extensively, positively impacting the multitudes through his passionate approach to art and life. The depth of Denzel's character as a true leader within the entertainment industry is clearly exemplified by his selective approach to film roles and his contributions to philanthropic ventures.

He is one of the most respected actors in Hollywood and continues to contribute his time and wisdom to a popular national youth organization that laid the foundation for his personal development. For more than two decades, Denzel Washington has been the national spokesperson for the Boys & Girls Club of America. He credits everything that he is and has become to the lessons he learned at the Club. The mentors and counselors encouraged him from a young age to believe that he could be anything that he wanted to be. In his book, *A Hand to Guide Me*, Denzel emphasizes that each of us is destined to leave a mark in this world. I encourage you to consider supporting this worthwhile organization and inviting the youth in your community to become involved in their life-enhancing programs.²³

A key component to unlocking the destiny that led to his incredible success, personally and professionally, was a willingness to trust God and believe in the prophetic words given to him. Even more impressive than

the fact that a prophecy concerning him became a reality is Ruth Green's courage to share the prophetic word that God gave to her for him. Because she boldly spoke the prophecy and wrote it down, a fire sparked within a young man's heart to pursue his dream.²⁴

The prophet Habakkuk was divinely inspired by God's wisdom when he wrote:

Then the Lord answered me and said:
"Write the vision
And make *it* plain on tablets,
That he may run who reads it.

—Habakkuk 2:2

Denzel is a living example of this biblical scripture enacted. This specific verse in Habakkuk assures greater adventures through the recording of visions than any Hollywood script can depict. The heaven-inspired scenes and dates depicted within his prophecy are directed on the stage of life with a perfect accuracy that only God can orchestrate!

SHARING A PROPHETIC MOMENT

Denzel's dynamic story touched the host's heart as it related to a poignant moment in which a spoken prophecy was fulfilled in the interviewer's life as well. Years before the talk show host struck television gold, a word of prophecy received backstage drew back the curtains on a career that would reach millions of people around the world.

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To a then-unknown hopeful attempting to launch a career in television, those words infused a seemingly impossible dream. As Denzel Washington rose to fame, the host also became a household name—just as the personal prophetic word foretold. From a young age, Denzel's prophecy became a guiding light on the path to discovering his destiny.

Coincidence? Not at all. These prophetic events give more evidence that the spiritual direction for this book is right on target!

After watching this talk show segment featuring the gift of prophecy, I rushed back into my office, shaking my head in amazement, and sat in front of my computer. Now the words I composed that titled the chapter, "The Gift of Prophecy," seemed to leap off the computer monitor and into real life! After Denzel and the host confirmed how their prophecies were fulfilled, I gained new ease and inspiration for my writing since I had received confirmation of my prophetic message in this chapter and its validity. At that moment, I was reminded of a prophetic scripture that echoed my notable experience:

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

—John 16:13

It is impossible to say just how many people worldwide have been

guided by the gift of prophecy and positively influenced through it. God's prophetic insight and divine timing have touched even those you might least expect. Such is true of the extraordinary experiences of Denzel Washington and countless others. Many have speculated that sheer luck and good fortune have brought these celebrities fame and wealth. Yet, if you look beneath the surface and examine the facts, you can clearly see the gift of prophecy at work, catapulting their destinies while revealing in advance new horizons and vistas of success.

PROPHECY: GOD'S HIGHLY ESTEEMED SPIRITUAL GIFT

Do you have a desire to prophesy? If you do, I encourage you to awaken to this spiritual gift.

One of the reasons I wrote *The Prophetic Matrix* is to inspire and set aflame the capacity for prophecy to operate within you. On this journey, you will also learn to hear God's voice in various dimensions; audio, visual, and perceptual.

It is highly beneficial to pursue love and desire, spiritual gifts. However, putting first things first, we can see that after seeking God's love, prophecy is high on His priority list to be desired.

The Apostle Paul instructs us to:

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Pursue love, and desire spiritual *gifts*, but especially that you may prophesy.

—1 Corinthians 14:1

And, in the third verse that follows, we are reminded of the many powerful benefits of prophecy. One of them is the comfort that prophecy brings to those who receive it.

But he who prophesies speaks edification
and exhortation and comfort to men.

—1 Corinthians 14:3

Prophecy encourages your spirit to rise up and enables you to pursue your ultimate destiny. It is difficult enough to go after your dream without being discouraged at times. A word of prophecy can bring you comfort and redirect your thoughts onto positive and hopeful things while defining your prosperous future in advance (as only God can do through this insightful gift).

Additionally, the Word of God directs us to:

Believe in the Lord your God, and you shall
be established; believe His prophets, and
you shall prosper.”

—2 Chronicles 20:20b

I believe the reason God asks His people to *believe* His prophets is that He wants to prosper them with the prophetic words, visions, dreams, and revelations He has for them that are life-changing. After all, one word from God can transform you from the inside out.

Let us now briefly summarize four distinct benefits of prophecy.

- ◆ *Edify*—Offers enlightenment and guidance to those navigating a world of confusion and mixed messages.
- ◆ *Exhort*—Offers counsel and admonition to those spiraling into a dangerous path or at risk of harm.
- ◆ *Comfort*—Offers relief and peace to a heart that is troubled or restless because of some circumstances in life.
- ◆ *Prosper*—Offers the benefit of prospering someone's life through the gift of prophecy that brings blessings and favor.

We are compelled to seek the gift of prophecy to touch and empower our own lives, as well as the lives of others. Your prophetic gift can unlock your dreams and desires. Whether you are on the giving or receiving side of prophecy, it adds invaluable encouragement, depth, and direction. As a *recipient*, the course of your destiny can be revealed through prophecy. As a *giver*, you can be prophetically urged by God to guide another's life course with His insightful words that propel them into their future. Ruth Green was prompted to hand Denzel his prophecy on that small piece of paper. The rest is history!

INTERPRETING SYMBOLIC DREAMS OF THE FUTURE

As demonstrated in the testimony of Denzel Washington, prophecy is given in modern times to shed light on the destiny of prominent individuals in many walks of life. In times of old, prophecy played a very significant role in the lives of great leaders and their nations. For instance, in the Old Testament, the faithful patriarch Joseph interpreted a dream of the Pharaoh; the Israelite seer warned him about a severe famine that would cripple his kingdom for seven years. Pharaoh listened. Joseph went on to communicate the other components of his prophetic dream. He shared how the kingdom would enjoy a seven-year season of prosperity and blessing. This accurate prophetic insight helped Pharaoh and his people initiate an immediate plan of action for their future, alerting them to prepare for a looming agricultural disaster. As a result of the prophetic interpretation given and the Pharaoh's obedience to it, the Egyptian kingdom prospered, while neighboring nations suffered seven years of severe famine without remedy.

Are you going through a dry season? When you're able to know God's will for you and how it can direct the path of your life, you'll be able to grow and thrive throughout every season, regardless of your circumstances. God will take care of those who respond to His prophetic wisdom and choose a relationship with Him and His Son, Jesus Christ, through the Spirit of truth. What a powerful encounter it is when we can hear the Master's voice and then navigate our life according to His divine guidance for the fulfillment of our destiny.

What extraordinary things happened to Joseph once he revealed through prophetic interpretation of the dream? Pharaoh recognized the Spirit of God upon Joseph's life, and the wisdom given to him ended up benefiting an entire kingdom and its people.

So the advice was good in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of all his servants. And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find *such a one* as this, a man in whom *is* the Spirit of God?"

—Genesis 41:37-38

In this passage of scripture, we see that the Spirit of God brought great favor upon Joseph's life and gave him the ability to see prophetically into the future. As we read further, we notice that Pharaoh then promoted Joseph to the highest position of authority in his kingdom.

"Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, *there is* no one as discerning and wise as you. You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you."

—Genesis 41:39-40

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Remember, there are charlatans out there who deliberately try to mislead. In order to walk with God closely, steadfast prayer, listening to the Spirit of truth, and daily reading of the Word, will increase your spiritual discernment—allowing you to understand and determine whether a message, dream, or vision is from God or another source. In this case, Pharaoh understood that the interpretation of his dreams came from the Spirit of God working through Joseph.

God's Spirit uncovers the treasures that lie hidden in the darkness. Through our relationship with His Spirit, we can unearth these treasures.

I will give you the treasures of darkness
And hidden riches of secret places,
That you may know that I, the Lord,
Who call *you* by your name,
Am the God of Israel.

—Isaiah 45:3

VISIONS OF TURBULENT TIMES

We love prophecy to be positive and uplifting. Occasionally, this may not seem to be the case since, sometimes, a particular prophetic word comes as a warning; yet, even in these situations, its fulfillment always reveals a silver lining.

God is continually with us to protect, bless, and guard our efforts in all we do. This does not mean that prophecy is passive. At times, life's

circumstances have caused many to act upon the knowledge that God has provided. Allow me to share some personal experiences that will give you a clear understanding of how God's insight and wisdom are illuminated through this extraordinary spiritual gift of prophecy.

PROPHECY OF A STOCK MARKET CRASH CONFIRMED

The Spirit of truth revealed to me clear details about the stock market crash of 2001, only weeks before it began. I warned many people to use wisdom and pray over where they should place their finances, specifically concerning their investments for that season. I never tell anyone what to do, nor am I one who ever gives stock tips. In this instance, I was given a premonition by the Spirit of truth that there would be a domino effect, beginning with high-tech and moving on to blue-chip stocks; eventually, the crash would topple the entire market. There are benefits from the prophecies that God sends to His people to keep them from many troublesome situations. Knowing this can provide a buffer against the major challenges that happen in the economic, physical, and spiritual realms.

As we can see below in this key scripture, God does speak through His people prophetically and reveals things to come, even involving economic prosperity and decline. This shouldn't be a controversial subject within believers and the church. Even the Old Testament records such crucial events when God unveils significant details regarding a nation's economic future, whether for prosperity or calamity. Why would modern-

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day prophetic men and women of God be any less able to understand the times and their relevance? After all, our minds are still being renewed by the mind of Christ in a much greater covenant.

“It is just as I said to Pharaoh: God has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do. Seven years of great abundance are coming throughout the land of Egypt, but seven years of famine will follow them. Then all the abundance in Egypt will be forgotten, and the famine will ravage the land.

—Genesis 41:28-30 (NIV)²⁵

PROPHETIC VISIONS OF HURRICANES AND TSUNAMIS

More than two years before the summer of 2005, I received a prophetic vision and word from the Spirit of truth regarding great tempests at sea in the form of tsunamis, hurricanes, and earthquakes *that would be coming* in the near future. These superstorms created gigantic waves capable of catastrophic damage to coastal cities around the world. Immediately after receiving this vision, I called friends who owned two homes near the coast of Florida and warned them. I advised them to pray about the prophetic vision I had received from God and to consider possibly selling

the properties to protect their financial investments. Although I shared these catastrophic weather conditions with them, sadly, my friends made no attempt to heed God's warning and alter their course. At this time, they did not believe in, nor had they been taught about, the importance of prophetic words, perhaps because they came from very traditional Christian backgrounds that don't teach much about the gift of prophecy.

On August 23, 2005, the tropical wave, which grew into Hurricane Katrina, was detected on radar as a tropical depression; however, in subsequent days, it shifted from a weak presence to a Category Five hurricane, with winds up to 175 mph in strength, and killed 1,836 people. On the final day of August 2005, the storm dissipated, leaving behind massive destruction estimated at \$81.2 billion in damages. A large portion of the hurricane's energy pounded New Orleans, Louisiana, where 80 percent of the city flooded, along with most southeastern states. It was recorded as the deadliest hurricane in the United States since the 1928 Okeechobee Hurricane. After sharing the vision with my friends and well before the onset of extreme weather, I prayed for the safety of their homes. Thank God, miraculously, there was no damage to their properties. This anecdote shows the benefits of attuning ourselves to the gift of prophecy for the safety of ourselves and others.

STORMY WEATHER: THE GREAT EXODUS

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, tempests of another variety financially impacted many lives. Fear struck the land and caused a

dramatic downturn in the real estate market. Following that, an exodus took place, causing housing prices to plummet. People left the Florida area in masses, hoping to avert future catastrophes. Unfortunately, the potential devastation to coastlines, with the possibility of cities and towns being leveled, was too much for most to bear. Subsequently, further real estate upheavals forced my friends to drastically reduce the price of their home before it would sell. During that difficult time, they contacted me. They requested prayer, seeking God's forgiveness and mercy—because they had neglected to act upon His prophetic word for protection in their finances when they were alerted in advance by prophecy. During our phone conversation, I encouraged them by sharing that God's grace is always available to us, even when we have missed His perfect will. In biblical times, God often spoke through His prophets, and in response, people and nations harkened and took action. Because of their willingness to heed God's wisdom when He spoke to them through the prophets, they avoided devastating consequences, personally and financially, and they were greatly blessed in the process.

INFRARED VISION OF A POWER GRID ATTACK

The *prophetic matrix* has been implemented in many government defense strategies over the centuries. Kings of old sought the true prophets of God for divine insight and to uncover the secret plots of their enemies during times of great trials when their country was at risk of being overtaken.

We see this role of the prophets clearly confirmed in the Old Testament. Rulers sought to implement God's infinite wisdom and strategies in their domestic and military pursuits. As a prime example, King David is documented to have won wars by trusting God for the victory in battle when faced with aggressive evil. The sinister forces refused to honor the Creator or His people. I believe we are in times when military and governing officials will call upon God's prophets again to outmaneuver terrorist plots supported by corrupt nations, which ruthlessly attempt to take down God-fearing countries.

In early February 2013, I received a prophetic vision from God, revealing an impending terrorist attack on the PG&E Company power grid in the San Jose region of California. Soon after, I publicly announced this vision at my Silicon Valley ministry location, where the *prophetic matrix* live teaching series takes place weekly. The benefit of openly announcing a specific vision regarding a possible domestic terrorist assault is to offer awareness. The purpose is to enlist a team of willing and united participants to pray. The focus of their prayer was to intercept this diabolical scheme and avoid major electrical outages causing a city wide power loss, along with massive blackouts, lasting up to eighteen months. These threats had the potential to devastate the high-tech capital of the world.

Many who heard the startling vision in early February 2013 were also in attendance less than a year later, when the prophetic forecast of the terrorist attack was confirmed. *The Mercury News* published an article on February 5, 2014, documenting that a sniper incident had occurred ten months earlier.²⁶ The newspaper described a sophisticated assault on

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PG&E's Metcalf Transmission Substation shortly before 2:00 a.m. on April 16, 2013, at Coyote, California. Bullets were fired like those used in AK-47 assault weapons. The gunmen targeted seventeen electrical transformers, resulting in equipment damage of more than fifteen million dollars. The article also mentioned that military experts and the FBI were investigating the sniper attack as possibly an act of domestic terrorism. In addition, two experts indicated concern regarding the vulnerability of America's power grid infrastructure.

The Mercury News quoted *The Wall Street Journal* sources as stating that, prior to the strategic attack, "The attackers severed six AT&T fiber-optic telecommunication lines in an underground vault, which was covered by a metal lid that was so heavy it would have taken at least two people to lift it²⁷."

However, because this nefarious plot had been revealed by God in advance through prophecy before the attack occurred, it offered a unique opportunity to pray for protection. Through this insightful intercessory prayer, the power of the attackers was diminished, preventing them from taking down the community's power grid. Experts warned that this siege had the potential to leave Silicon Valley in the dark for up to two years.

In early 2020, while our nation was under the grip of a pandemic, prophetic insight came to me, highlighting the vulnerability of our nation's power infrastructure. I perceived risk to the security of our country and began to express my concern on our international weekly teleconference calls. I began strategic prayer with our leadership group, asking that the Spirit of truth guide our government officials and security experts to

uncover any malicious plans regarding the takedown of our country's power grids and other vital infrastructures.

A prophetic confirmation arrived on December 17, 2020, as global headline news reported that federal authorities had confirmed a grave threat of an undetected intrusion into the US and other computer systems globally. The cyberattack appeared to have been initiated in March of 2020. Homeland security considers the infrastructure as "vital" assets to the US and its economy, which might include financial institutions and power plants. The historic cyberattack was discovered to be a sophisticated hack that compromised federal agencies and critical infrastructure.

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency stated that the Department of Energy was confirmed to be among those hacked. It was reported that these supply chain hacks potentially affected 18,000 companies, many in the United States, including more than forty government agencies, think tanks, non-governmental organizations, and IT companies. The compromised software was in operation in all branches of the United States military and more than 425 firms on the Fortune 500 list.

UNCOVERING TOP-LEVEL PRIVILEGED INFORMATION

God's *prophetic matrix* provides a stealth method for gaining cutting-edge strategies to those who trust in Him. His prophets reveal the secrets of darkness, which brings the truth to light.

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Surely the Lord God does nothing,
Unless He reveals His secret to His
servants the prophets.

—Amos 3:7

Prophecy has proven to be profoundly accurate and highly strategic in a military capacity, offering valuable insight and protection that can change the course of history. Through visions that offer prophetic previews into the future, with God's infrared accuracy enables us to uncover privileged top-level information. This knowledge can be immensely helpful to assist in foiling the attempts of opposing forces, which are seeking to specifically attack our society, economy, and nation. In addition, such prophetic insight can aid in efforts to lessen, or even disengage, the devastating effects caused by infiltration on chosen targets or prevent the incident altogether.

If only society understood the immense benefit of this profound knowledge and all were adequately equipped to engage the *prophetic matrix* as a formidable weapon, God's mighty army of conquerors could be empowered to achieve victory at every turn in life. Biblical scripture conveys stories of Old Testament prophets whom God sent to inform kings and rulers of impending attacks.

Here is a perfect example of such prophetic assistance. The prophet Elisha was continually interfering with the king of Aram's secret plans by revealing to the king of Israel what had been spoken in private. The angered monarch then inquired as to the identity of the betrayer.

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This enraged the king of Aram. He summoned his officers and demanded of them, "Tell me! Which of us is on the side of the king of Israel?" "None of us, my lord the king," said one of his officers, "but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom."

—2 Kings 6:11-12 (NIV)

Never underestimate the high-level intelligence of audio-visual data transfers delivered through prophecy, dreams, and visions. These prophetically beamed communications, like heat-seeking missiles, reach Earth's inhabitants at lightning speed during the most critical times. They act as shields to protect God's *new breed of champions* from devastating disasters, enabling them to overcome every battle that life presents.

Praying over personal prophecies is mandated in scripture and referred to as "waging the good warfare."

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This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck.

—1 Timothy 1:18-19

Prophecy, transmitted by gifted seers, offers a formidable defense advantage, and it is the ultimate intelligence device known to humankind. If government authority placed more credence in God's prophets for military defense initiatives, they could perhaps protect their nation and borders far more judiciously and effectively.

The enemy shall not outwit him.

—Psalm 89:22a

Such unmatched strategic insight and wisdom are available to us 24/7, offering a decisive advantage that is desperately needed in these troubling times. When we as leaders are willing to implement God's prophetic directives, even insidious plans targeted at humanity can be turned around to bring about positive outcomes. Of course, there may be unique challenges in implementing prophetic leadership given our modern political context and democratic societies. However, these complexities are beyond the scope of this discussion.

DISCOVER WHAT YOUR FUTURE HOLDS

In our world today, many neglect to seek God's guidance. The front pages of our newspapers and media sources declare the results of such negligence. Wisdom lies in first seeking what God has to say about our future, including directions regarding our physical and financial security.

'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and
show you great and mighty things, which
you do not know.'

—Jeremiah 33:3

While it is paramount to acknowledge the power of prophecy, not every avowed prophecy is genuine. You should be discerning rather than naively accepting of whatever a person tells you. Many have a genuine prophetic gift with a desire to help people, and there are others whose motives are questionable. Some individuals are anxious to discover what their future holds, and unfortunately, they look in the wrong places for the answers.

Deception isn't far away! It's much closer than you might imagine.

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Her heads judge for a bribe,
Her priests teach for pay,
And her prophets divine for money.
Yet they lean on the Lord, and say,
"Is not the Lord among us?
No harm can come upon us.

—Micah 3:11

Unfortunately, there is no shortage of false doctrines, religions, and cults offering to predict the future concerning romance, money, career, or any area of life. Financial payment may even be required as compensation for a *personal forecast*. Here's an important fact to keep in mind. When spiritual practitioners charge you for predictions about your life, you have a right to question their integrity and test their motives.

Always remember that true prophecy is a *free* gift from God and cannot be purchased.

PROPHECY IS NOT FOR SALE

With regard to prophecy about financial matters and other issues, remember this above all else. God is not in the business of charging money for His revelatory gifts or for revealing your future. Instead, He is happy to share every spiritual gift and His kingdom with anyone who asks without charge.

I never believed God would bless me if I expected a financial reward for prophesying over people. Prophetic words should not be for sale. It is

your heavenly entitlement and divine heritage to hear from God regarding your destiny and the future He has planned for you.

When I began teaching on the prophetic, it was difficult for me to make ends meet financially. I had to supplement my income with business consulting, which I practiced for years. Even so, I strongly resolved never to charge anyone a fee for a prophecy. Through following this scriptural principle, I experienced God's blessing.

TRUE PROPHECY AND PROPER SPIRITUAL ETIQUETTE

God set a strong precedent with the prophet Elisha regarding the importance of refusing financial compensation for bringing a word of the Lord to others, as is clearly illustrated in this intriguing passage of biblical history.

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, is sent to Elisha to be healed of leprosy.

So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed."

—2 Kings 5:9-10 (NIV)

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It's interesting to note that Naaman was asked by Elisha's servant to wash seven times in the Jordan and told he would receive his healing. The number seven is often used in the Bible to prophetically symbolize a miraculous intervention by God. Once Naaman agrees to follow the prophet's word from the Lord, he is healed of leprosy, as exemplified in the following scripture.

So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. And he returned to the man of God, he and all his aides, and came and stood before him; and he said, "Indeed, now I know that *there is* no God in all the earth, except in Israel; now therefore, please take a gift from your servant." But he said, "As the Lord lives, before whom I stand, I will receive nothing." And he urged him to take *it*, but he refused.

—2 Kings 5:14-16

Naaman is so thankful that the word of the Lord has brought forth his healing, he offers a gift to the prophet in appreciation, yet Elisha adamantly states, "I will receive nothing." Even after he urged Elisha to accept the gift, the prophet of God refuses to do so.

Gifts given explicitly for a prophecy are simply unscriptural, which means not approved as proper spiritual etiquette. Most all psychics require a financial fee for their readings. Any true prophet of God offers the gift of prophecy from their Heavenly Father for free because He loves us immeasurably. Why would our divine Creator require money or some form of compensation when He desires to encourage us? Remember, God cherishes us.

I persist in my warning about financial remuneration in prophetic contexts. We should serve our Heavenly Father out of our love for Him and the desire to partner with His Holy Spirit to bless others. It is also relevant to note that a financial gift or tithe should not be asked for or required in a commercial exchange for prophecy; these offerings are not the same as personal remuneration for serving in the ministry. When God speaks to an individual through his prophet or minister, He gives it freely.

CONSIDER THE SOURCE

Keep in mind that our society is continually barraged by unfiltered information, which comes at us faster than we can manage. As a result, it is hard to discern its relevance and accuracy. In the same respect, the world is inundated with a plethora of mixed signals and misinformation provided by false prophets and dark "spiritual" practitioners, including some soothsayers, numerologists, psychics, palm and tarot card readers. With so many seductive spiritual paths and misleading

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resources vying for our attention, offering the promise of answers to our questions about the present or future, God's Spirit of truth must be in full operation as a protective filter. His Spirit will assist us to be discerning and to consider the source of the message, whether it is deceptive or reliable, holy or demonic.

Remember, false hope can come from false prophecies. But what if someone is offering prophecy freely without personal financial gain? Scripture has excellent advice for us.

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

—1 John 4:1-3

Simply put, it is impossible to be a true prophet of God and not believe in God's only Son, Jesus Christ, who was and is the ultimate Prophet of all time. Jesus confirms this truth:

No one comes to the Father except
through Me.

—John 14:6b

Prior to the birth of Jesus, the prophets of the Bible declared that He was the Messiah to come. The Scriptures confirm His visitation upon this Earth along with His death, resurrection, and ascension into Heaven. No other prophecies throughout history have been fulfilled and confirmed with such accuracy and specific results.

Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is
the spirit of prophecy.

—Revelation 19:10b

Is the Spirit of truth speaking to us, or instead, is it a spirit of deception? First, it's essential that we distinguish between light and darkness. If we do not acquire such spiritual wisdom, we could land unwittingly in the wrong place at the wrong time. Imagine living in deception every day of your life and not being able to tell the difference.

Remember, the Spirit of truth has given us the gift of prophecy to guide us into all truth and navigate each step we take toward our ultimate destiny. Our Heavenly Father wants us to have a more abundant life. And we can; if we acknowledge His truth and are led by His Spirit, nothing will be impossible for us. In fact, in the next chapter, we will

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explore the true story of a young baseball player's dreams becoming a reality against all odds.

Prophetic Principle #4:

PROPHECY IS THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING – TO ENCOURAGE, EDIFY, EXHORT, COMFORT, AND UNLOCK YOUR FUTURE, PROFITING YOU IMMENSELY.

Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.

—1 Corinthians 14:1

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There are only five things you can do in baseball: run, throw, catch, hit, and hit with power.²⁸

—Leo Durocher, Major League Baseball Infielder/Manager

Just about every kid dreams of hitting a grand slam of one kind or another. Earlier, I shared my childhood version of a grand slam. I wished to perform before millions of viewers on national television. The first time I watched Dick Clark's *American Bandstand* and witnessed the screaming fans, I envisioned myself appearing on this show, which was by then a national institution representing the *big leagues* of the music industry. The concert stage would be my ultimate stadium for knocking it out of the park with a smash hit. Yet, at this point, I was just a boy with a dream.

Well, watch out for what you dream...it just may happen! When you are up to bat in the game of life, it is wise to pursue a winning strategy that will assist you in slamming it out of the park to achieve your dream. Who doesn't desire to reach for the stars? Everyone is seeking that big win, the grand slam, in their own field of endeavor.

A PROPHETIC MENTORSHIP CASE STUDY

Speaking of young dreamers, enter Daniel James Nava, a churchgoing family boy, born on February 22, 1983, in Redwood City, California. Since his youth, Daniel carried the dream of becoming a Major League Baseball player. He also cherished the wish of one day getting married to the right girl. Who could have imagined that our paths would cross within God's *prophetic matrix* many years later? And that through a season of ministry and mentorship, Daniel's dreams and wishes would come true? Remarkably, prophecy unveiled, in advance, the realization of both of his dreams. Might history intervene in the life of this young dreamer and offer him the chance of a lifetime to hit his own historic grand slam—and then marry the girl of his dreams, soon afterward—just like the perfect ending we've come to expect in the movies?

Let's backtrack. Before Daniel's dreams could become a living reality, he would first need to be tested by many obstacles and trials, which would challenge even his faith. His desire to be a professional baseball player and be happily married determined a clear prophetic vision for the future, though it had not yet played out in the dream fields of his life.

AN AMAZING GIFT FROM GOD

Thankfully, God had given Daniel an amazing gift, which was already evident when he was a high school freshman in 1998. Weighing only seventy pounds and standing four foot eight, he barely made the baseball team and rarely played during his first three years. But in 2001, during his

senior year at Saint Francis High in Mountain View, California, this young man was named Honorable Mention WCAL Player, and his team won the CCS Division One title. He was also named All-League Honorable Mention. Yet, for someone who desperately wanted to play Major League Baseball, these successes were not exactly what he had in mind. Even though Daniel had always dreamed of playing in the major leagues, few at the time thought it would be possible.

In his freshman year of college, Daniel tried out for the baseball team as a walk-on at Santa Clara University and got cut. However, he was offered a position as the team manager, which ended up being a glorified title for a grunt job that kept him busy doing laundry for the players. Of course, this was hardly what he had hoped for in his baseball career. Yet, Daniel persisted. Upon transferring to San Mateo Junior College, he made the team as a sophomore and played for the next two years. Then, after transferring back to Santa Clara University for his final year of eligibility, Daniel rejoined the baseball team—this time as a legitimate player rather than a glorified laundry boy. During his season on the team at Santa Clara University, Daniel Nava batted .395 with fifteen stolen bases; he scored forty-seven runs in fifty-four games. Yet this excellent performance was perceived by some as a fluke. The naysayers disparaged his height and assumed—incorrectly—that he would never make it to a higher level.

Undaunted after going undrafted, Daniel decided to try out for the Chico Outlaws of the Golden Independent League in 2006. Unfortunately, he got cut and ended up taking a year off from baseball because, in Daniel's words, "Every door got shut." He continued, "Basically, about a year after I

got cut from Chico, they called me up and told me that one of their players wasn't able to make it out. So if I wanted a chance to play—and I wasn't even guaranteed a shot—I could cruise on up there and try out for the team."²⁹

Daniel agreed to play for Chico State University. During that season, his baseball record was as follows: over the course of seventy-two games, he batted .371 with twelve home runs, twenty-three doubles, eighteen stolen bases, fifty-nine runs batted in (RBI), and seventy runs scored. As a result, Baseball America recognized Daniel Nava as the 2007 Independent League Top Prospect during that breakout season.³⁰

SPORTS MIRACLES ARE POSSIBLE

A few weeks after the article came out, Daniel received a phone call. He had earned favor from both the Chicago Cubs and the Boston Red Sox, who were interested in signing him. As fate would have it, the Boston Red Sox was the team to purchase his contract. Moreover, they had recently made a historic comeback, winning the World Series in 2004 for the first time since 1918. This triumph, which dazzled fans and convinced Boston that miracles are possible, set the context for Daniel Nava's own Major League Baseball comeback and his triumphant contract with the Boston Red Sox.

Major league prospects are put into the minor leagues to prepare. Daniel's first stop with the Boston Red Sox was Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in Low-A ball (a minor league affiliate team classification). Just as he had in every other place where he was given a chance, Daniel tore it up. Even

after he batted .341 with ten home runs, the naysayers still came out. First, they commented that being twenty-five, he was much older than most prospects in Low-A ball. They went on to claim that his numbers were inflated because of Lancaster's reputation as a hitter-friendly ballpark. These skeptics wanted to see him hit the same stats at the next level. Maybe then they would be convinced. And soon after, Daniel obliged and did just that!

In 2009, Daniel moved up to High-A ball with the Salem Red Sox (Minor League Affiliate of the MLB, Boston Red Sox). In twenty-nine games, he batted .339, which earned him a promotion to Double-A Salem. Still, many considered his wins to be flukes. They pointed, again, to his age since he was two or three years older than most of his rivals.

In Double-A, Daniel sustained his momentum and excelled to new heights. In thirty-two games in Salem, he posted a .364 average with four home runs, ten doubles, twenty-three RBIs, and thirty-two runs. A successful spring training with the big club, combined with these excellent numbers, afforded him the opportunity to advance and play at the Triple-A level with the Pawtucket Red Socks minor league. This ascent proved to the Boston Red Sox that Daniel Nava was a legitimate prospect. He had now demonstrated that he was not just excelling because the competing players were much younger. In fifty-four games with Triple-A, Daniel was batting .294 with eight home runs and thirteen doubles. In addition, he boasted an on-base percentage of .364.

A former University of Southern California baseball player named Josh invited Daniel to visit my prophetic ministry. Josh is a faithful believer and

a mutual friend. Daniel observed a transformation in Josh during his time in attendance at my ministry and through our mentorship—by God's grace. This transformation inspired Daniel to periodically visit my *prophetic matrix* meetings during a difficult off-season in the minor leagues.

BREAKTHROUGH INTO THE BIG LEAGUES

Daniel and I first met at one of my weekly meetings in San Jose, California, nestled in the heart of Silicon Valley. With the meteoric growth of the computer industry, Silicon Valley had become one of the world's busiest hubs. The capital of this high-tech mecca is San Jose; the region is the home to such corporate giants as Google, Apple, eBay, and Facebook. Rewind several decades prior to the technology boom. Then, the valley was filled with orchards and abundant harvests. My two brothers and I worked hard alongside my father most days after we got home from school, tending to our walnut trees. The landscape has certainly changed since then.

Fast forward to 2009 again, when Daniel Nava first began attending my prophetic services. He had two goals in mind: first, to develop a deeper personal relationship with the Lord, and second, to obtain greater spiritual knowledge regarding the use of his God-given gift as a professional baseball player. One evening, I prophesied that God would bless Daniel with a breakthrough into the big leagues and do great things in the Lord's name. In addition, Daniel would serve as a positive influence on his other teammates.

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Though I was unaware of his childhood dream to be married, I shared with him another prophecy in the springtime of 2010. I had received a prophetic word from God, showing me that his wife would be coming soon.

With great enthusiasm, Daniel responded, "Wow, I can't believe your timing! Of course, you couldn't have known that just yesterday while praying; I asked the Lord to send my wife."

Little did he realize, the dreams he had been praying for and working so hard to obtain, were just ahead of him and ready to burst forth into reality. Within the *prophetic matrix*, Daniel's destiny had already been decided. When a true prophet speaks a prophetic word regarding your future, it's best to believe it! This is a powerful principle we must learn to activate by faith, as it displays our trust in God.

Believe in the Lord your God, and you shall
be established; believe His prophets, and
you shall prosper.

—2 Chronicles 20:20b

Receiving a personal prophecy was new to Daniel, yet he embraced it. Daniel believed his prophetic word and was on his way to prospering. As summer arrived, his life was about to be launched into a field of dreams.

In the middle of June 2010, the Boston Red Sox happened to be seeking someone to call up to the majors. Daniel's coaches recommended him to the Red Sox manager and stated that he would help them win ballgames.

Soon after, Daniel was given the good news that he would be starting in left field for the Boston Red Sox in their game against the Philadelphia Phillies. After many years of persisting in faith through difficulties and setbacks, Daniel had finally landed his big break, and he was ecstatic!

A GRAND SLAM FOR THE HISTORY BOOKS

Daniel made his astounding major league debut with the Boston Red Sox on June 12, 2010, at Fenway Park. Moments before the first pitch of the game, he took his place in left field. Then, in the second inning, with the Boston Red Sox trailing two to one and the bases loaded, he stepped up to the plate. Daniel belted the first pitch from Joe Blanton over the right-centerfield wall for a grand slam. After retrieving the ball, Manny Delcarmen later presented it to him as the souvenir of a lifetime.

“This is the part in the movie when men throw their hats into the air, little kids clap and scream, and women blow kisses,” wrote Gordon Edes.³¹

The Boston Red Sox, as mentioned, had enjoyed an incredible comeback in 2004. In 2010, they were still enjoying their winning streak. Daniel contributed to their good fortune. Daniel Nava became the second player in Major League Baseball history, joining Kevin Kouzmanoff to hit a grand slam on the first pitch of his major league career. He also became the first player to achieve a grand slam on his first-ever MLB career at-bat while in inter-league play. Daniel Nava is one of only four players in history to hit a grand slam in his first at-bat, joining Bill Duggleby in 1898, Jeremy

Hermida in 2005, and Kevin Kouzmanoff in 2006.

In the Book of Samuel, David tasted victory with one stone and one sling. Daniel made history with one pitch and one swing!

David's faith in God caused him to take decisive action, bringing down Goliath in the classic biblical story. Both accounts, that of David and Daniel, tell of a teen with a dream to serve God and his country, who receives a just reward for his victory. Daniel's grand slam had been set in the heavens and on Earth.

Before the game, Boston Red Sox manager Terry Francona told him, "You'll never have another day in your life like this. Enjoy it, play hard, and try to help us win."³² Francona had no idea that this day would not only be memorable for the hopeful outfielder. It would undoubtedly be a game that each member of the current Boston Red Sox team, and every fan watching the game, would never forget!

Becky Nava, Daniel's mother, was quoted as saying, "You're in shock, really, just in awe. You think maybe you're in a dream."³³

Daniel just kept on batting—and best of all, kept hitting—forcing the Boston Red Sox to give him a shot. Then after one pitch, he validated their faith in him. Imagine going from being cut as a college walk-on to becoming a switch-hitting outfielder for the Boston Red Sox and then achieving a historic grand slam his first-time at-bat! At the end of a storybook day, Daniel Nava had blazed a new path that would be chronicled in the pages of Major League Baseball history.

I'm about to start crying. I guess I'm getting old.³⁴

—Boston Red Sox manager, Terry Francona, on his reaction to Daniel Nava's grand slam in his first big league at-bat

DREAM GIRL ARRIVES DURING TURBULENT TIMES

On July 22, 2010, just six weeks after his baseball triumph, Daniel was sent back to Pawtucket to make room for Jeremy Hermida, who was removed from the disabled list. Daniel was bumped off and pulled back up to the Boston Red Sox active roster four times within two months. He switched between the major and minor leagues, as Boston's injured players were removed or recalled from the disabled list. He returned to Boston on August 2, 2010, to replace Mike Cameron; then, he was optioned, just two days later, to make room for Jacoby Ellsbury. On August 17, 2010, Daniel was once again recalled back to the team after Ellsbury reinjured his ribs. Even though he was shuffled back and forth for an extended period, Daniel's drive and determination carried him up and over a mountain of unfortunate circumstances.

This busy time in Daniel's life began to wind down as baseball season ended on November 1 of that same year. Only ten days later, he would personally experience the realization of the prophecy I had given him from God months earlier regarding his special dream girl coming soon. His childhood dream unfolded before his eyes as he found his future wife.

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On November 11, 2010, Daniel Nava met Rachel Parker; they were as yet unaware that, in exactly two years, she would become his bride, and the prophecy would be fully realized!

Less than a year later, on May 20, 2011, Daniel was designated for assignment and again removed from the Boston Red Sox forty-man roster. He passed through waivers unclaimed, and he was outrighted back to the Pawtucket Red Sox, where he remained for almost an entire year.

I remember Daniel asking in frustration whether he was even going to make *any* team—he felt he had no clue what was going to happen. Heading into spring training, it became clear that he had gradually fallen off the organization’s radar, which made him wonder about his future with the Boston Red Sox.

Daniel’s lone legacy played itself out. He served as an unrelenting journeyman who drilled a grand slam on the first pitch, and on his first-time at-bat in the majors, he established his place in baseball history. He was now being tested. His exhausting and turbulent journey, ascending from great heights and descending to dynamic lows, allowed discouragement to set in. Fate had ushered him back to his humble beginnings in the minor leagues. If that wasn’t enough, the Boston Red Sox sent notification of his exclusion from spring training. The winds of change had now transported this recent sports celebrity to a difficult place, where he would be required to look deeply within himself to discover where his destiny would take him next.

During this spring season, I received an inspiring prophetic word from the heart of God regarding Daniel’s future, nicknaming him “The Comeback

Kid." Strikingly, the term "comeback" had been on people's lips regarding the Boston Red Sox, too, thanks to their comeback in the World Series of 2004 and ensuing winning streak. His new prophetic nickname turned out to be just what the doctor ordered. Receiving this timely word gave Daniel renewed hope to stand fast and hold onto his dream. After receiving this prophecy, he responded with a nervous chuckle. Daniel expressed that he was encouraged by God's forecast of an upcoming breakthrough. I would continue to call him "The Comeback Kid" to encourage him. The prophetic nickname strengthened his faith during a challenging period of his career as he reentered the minor leagues once again. Thanks to the prophetic word combined with his hard work, Daniel felt happily expectant that he would be called back up to the major leagues for his next big breakthrough and was hopeful that he would get another chance to live out his destiny.

Yet, once the dust settled upon Daniel's *dreamfields*, many encouraging signs and continued wise counsel reinforced his drive to persist, including prophecies, prayer, the study of scriptures, and support from family and friends. All of this input suggested that the turbulent storms would subside and that there would be clear blue skies ahead.

The million-dollar question then became, "Would the prophetic destiny of 'The Comeback Kid' actually manifest one day into a full-blown, larger-than-life reality?"

SPIRITUAL MENTORSHIP TRAINING CAMP

One of the beautiful things about baseball is that every once in a while, you come into a situation where you want to, and where you have to, reach down and prove something.³⁵

**—Nolan Ryan, National Baseball Hall of Fame/
Owner of the Texas Rangers**

Everyone in professional sports, whether an Olympic athlete or a Major League Baseball player, experiences a time when they must come to a realization about what they are seeking to accomplish in their field of expertise. Daniel's case was no exception. He had finally come to the point of discovering what he was called to prove on the baseball field. However, this pivotal decision would soon reveal the obstacles standing in the way of his ultimate success.

Yogi Berra, the legendary baseball player, explains with a humorous perspective the importance of each player's mindset for success:

Baseball is ninety percent mental, and the other half is physical.³⁶

—Yogi Berra

Whether you are a mathematician or not, one thing is for sure: baseball players must obtain a keen ability to focus their minds in such a way that the highest level of performance becomes consistent from game to game throughout the course of their career.

There are mental and physical skills that may be applied to a professional athlete's career in order to bring forth outstanding performances. Coaches play an integral part in the development and implementation of these indispensable skill sets. Professional athletic coaching harnesses years of seasoned experience, like a focused laser beam, to elevate the effectiveness of the team. These stellar coaches are paid millions of dollars to bring their winning resumes and their *best game* to the team in hopes of achieving greater averages in batting, pitching, out-fielding, and in terms of overall excellence. The goal is to enhance each player's performance so that the total sum of combined results will set the team apart from the rest of the league, with victory after victory!

There are three types of baseball players:
those who make it happen, those who
watch it happen, and those who wonder
what happened.³⁷

–Tommy Lasorda, National Baseball Hall of Fame/Manager

Just as a baseball player relies on a coach to take his performance to a whole new level, Daniel turned to a spiritual coach. He recognized that he was fighting a spiritual battle within himself. Now Daniel was ready

to begin a consistent mentorship coaching program to overcome every obstacle during this challenging time.

One day Daniel mentioned that baseball is all about numbers, and each player is valued by the performance statistics they bring to the game. Based on current setbacks in his batting average, this focus on measurable statistics for performance became a great weight upon him, primarily because of the expectations that came in the aftermath of his grand slam. The immediate fame caused additional pressure once he entered into the high-stakes game of professional baseball with the Boston Red Sox. With such enormous stress placed upon performance and the expectation to sustain his newfound success, Daniel's greatest challenge was to keep a clear and poised mindset while at-bat. Unfortunately, he was now unfocused and frustrated due to these pressures.

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air.

—1 Corinthians 9:24-26 (NIV)

In a moment of truth, Daniel humbly decided that it was time to redefine his priorities as he surrendered to God's will. He officially entered my mentorship program and was now ready to reach deep within the recesses of his soul and spirit to search out God's direction. His hope was to move beyond overthinking the game of baseball, a problem that plagues almost every player at some point.

IMPLEMENTING CHRIST'S MINDSET TO EXCEL IN MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

As his prophetic mentor and spiritual performance coach, my job was, first of all, to assist him in deepening his relationship with God while gaining an understanding of Christ's mindset as it applies to the game of baseball. Our end goal was for Daniel to achieve a sustained level of high performance with the operation of his God-given gift at full throttle.

Although Daniel had been attending my ministry meetings for two years, and I had prophesied over him several times, a whole new spiritual dimension of prophetic guidance through mentorship was now about to commence. His first spiritual coaching session took place on May 2, 2011. On this same day, the prophecy about his wife took a significant leap forward in its continued unfolding when Daniel ordered an engagement and wedding ring for his bride-to-be.

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Every day is a new opportunity. You can build on yesterday's success or put its failures behind and start over again. That's the way life is, with a new game every day, and that's the way baseball is.³⁸

—Bob Feller, Major League Baseball Pitcher

Daniel and I now had the opportunity to start afresh. He put aside his recent struggles with his batting average. Failure is not an option in professional baseball. The inability to forget your last few times at-bat can be daunting if the performance is not up to the standard the player is striving to achieve. Daniel had to learn to let go of past results. It was time to start over again, relinquishing his former trials at the batter's mound.

During a mentorship session, I shared some spiritual wisdom with Daniel that I believe may also benefit you in your pursuit of success. Strategically, the Spirit of truth directed these words of prophetic insight for Daniel:

God will do things without showing you signs initially because He is waiting for our faith to be activated first. Don't look for any changes—one way or the other—on the field, in the beginning, stages of applying God's prophetic directives. First, we must focus on transforming the mind, which may not translate to the field right away since there is a delayed reaction. Then suddenly, a dynamic breakthrough flow will happen—once the stronghold of fear and doubt lose their grip. You are no longer operating in concern over evidence: what you see or don't see. When sight

dictates one's reactions and moods, then God is not steering the heart and mind, nor has your hope been entirely placed in Him. Instead, you may be focusing on performance alone, which can be very distracting.

TRUST GOD TO EMPOWER YOUR ABILITY TO PERFORM

With these words, I continued to encourage Daniel to trust God to empower his performance:

Never place complete confidence in your performance; instead, work on putting all of your trust and hope in God, with the assurance that you are now ready to try something new and exciting—by faith alone. Make it your objective not to put any attention into forcing a perfect performance. There is too much pressure placed on *you* when the process and results are controlled by you, rather than being left in God's capable hands. Let Him perfect those things that concern you. It is imperative that you give up every bit of the performance and surrender all the responsibility to God. He is able to do exceedingly above and beyond all that you can ask or think, according to the power that works in you, if you simply trust in Him while taking your eyes off yourself and the results. Remember, you can remove the pressure by laying all your cares upon Him because He cares for you. Allow God to guide you into your comeback and be patient during this process.

Scripture emphasizes the wisdom of patience:

DREAM FIELDS

But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

—James 1:4

I concluded my words of encouragement:

Watch, and you will see some amazing changes. Never concern yourself with them—just let it happen. Don't operate by sight, only by faith, as you trust God to intervene and empower your ability to perform. When He decides to let it loose, you will know it. The only initiatives you need to take right now are spiritual: prayer and reading the Word of God. Begin seeing yourself victorious, too, with confidence in the prophecy that decrees you as "The Comeback Kid."

The Spirit of truth had prophetically led me to redirect Daniel's course of thinking by focusing his mind and heart on God's abilities instead of his own. By applying this divine strategy, he soon came to greater peace while at-bat, which assisted him in maintaining a higher level of overall consistency in his game.

In baseball, my theory is to strive for consistency, not to worry about the numbers. If you dwell on statistics, you get shortsighted; if you aim for consistency, the numbers will be there at the end.³⁹

—Tom Seaver, National Baseball Hall of Fame Pitcher

During our mentorship time, Daniel prioritized gaining a better understanding of God's will for his life and achieving a higher level of spiritual development, which improved his mindset, well-being, and performance. With an enhanced ability to focus, his batting average eventually increased, as he refrained from placing any concern on his performance or stats. These are key advantages for any baseball player to optimize their field time, the length of their career, and ultimate success. However, we didn't approach this success in the traditional manner. Instead, we pursued God's perfect peace by building up Daniel's faith to overcome every fear. This peace, the fruit of the Spirit, brought him into a state of total concentration at the plate. With a crystalized focus elevating his mind and spirit, he could stay peaceful amidst the bright lights, screaming fans, and pressures of connecting with the ball.

I think about baseball when I wake up in the morning. I think about it all day, and I dream about it at night. The only time I don't think about it is when I'm playing it.⁴⁰

—**Carl Yastrzemski, National Baseball Hall of Fame/Left Fielder**

A NEW DIMENSION OF SPORTS PERFORMANCE

Daniel and I engaged in multiple conversations and power prayers during our ongoing mentorship throughout his grueling travel schedule.

DREAM FIELDS

On many occasions, our communication took place while he was in transit from one city to the next or when he was getting on and off the team's tour bus. As a result of our focused time together remotely, including the committed time he spent in spiritual development—the study of Scriptures, prayer, and the practice of applying prophetic wisdom to his life, God honored these dedicated efforts. Soon after, Daniel's career launched into a new dimension of faith and a higher level of sports performance.

His batting average increased dramatically in the course of just a little over three months, factually proving God's miraculous intervention. Even the upper executives within the league noticed this dynamic short-term improvement and brought it to his attention personally. Daniel offered these thoughts regarding his transformation during our mentorship sessions (which assisted him in bringing Christ's mindset to his game).

Before we started talking, I was hitting .192, and from that point until the end of the season, I hit .311. What changed was taking my eyes off of me and putting them on God, and then finding my identity in Him. And the verses and mentorship, along with the prophecies, really helped me get to where God wanted me to be.⁴¹

—Daniel Nava

PERSISTENCE WITH FAITH FORGES A NEW REALITY

Daniel implemented a powerful spiritual principle of success when he connected persistence with faith and began to move into the reality of his prophecy, which was framed perfectly within his destiny. If you keep on asking, seeking, and knocking consistently, God will give you whatever you need because of your shameless persistence.

“And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

—Luke 11: 8-10 (NLT⁴²)

Through it all, Daniel was steadfast in engaging his faith in God to fuel his *comeback* into the major leagues. No one would have blamed him if he had decided to give up on his dream. However, abandoning his dreams was never a part of the *prophetic matrix* blueprint for his life. Daniel was prepared to ride it out all the way to its fulfillment!

“THE COMEBACK KID” PROPHECY FULFILLED

The heavens were about to open for Daniel, to release a string of spectacular events in his personal life and professional career. A fresh breeze was blowing through his *dream fields*. His commitment to our mentorship, the Word of God, and prayer continued to transform his mind. “The Comeback Kid” prophecy elevated his faith to a whole new level. He gained attention from key executives within the league, in response to the fact that his batting average had been progressively increasing. This positive recognition became instrumental in opening up favorable circumstances for his prophesied comeback. Together, these extraordinary events propelled Daniel Nava into the news when he was called back up from the minors to the Boston Red Sox on May 10, 2012. He would play due to the absences of Jacoby Ellsbury and Carl Crawford. Six months later, Daniel married Rachel, the girl of his dreams, substantiating the prophecy that “your wife is coming soon.”

Within only one year of beginning our mentorship, Daniel made a formidable *comeback* to the major leagues, fulfilling “The Comeback Kid” prophecy from God I had given him months prior. Remember, this all took place because Daniel decided to change his priorities, dedicating himself to his relationship with God and keeping his focus there. After a long season of challenges, his big break had finally arrived. It set in motion a miraculous rebirth in his career. Focused determination, prayers, and prophecy broke through every barrier of resistance and landed him that long-awaited second chance. God’s divine providence created the

opportunity of a lifetime for him to re-enter the major leagues. Everyone cheered and marveled as his persistence paid off in a big way.

This pivotal turn of events was chronicled in many news stories. The articles firmly established the validity of the prophecies he had earlier received, though they were unaware of their existence. The published news spotlighted his triumphant return. The headlines heralded: "Second Career Rebirth" and "Minor Miracle."

Fix your eye on the ball from the moment the pitcher holds it in his glove. Follow it as he throws to the plate and stay with it until the play is completed. Action takes place only where the ball goes.⁴³

**—Bill Klem, Major League Baseball Umpire,
known as the "Father of Baseball Umpires"**

CALLED TO STAND AT-BAT FOR CHRIST

On June 24, 2012, I was given a prophetic word for Daniel and sent it to him by email. The message stated that God would be glorified through his faith being shared openly in the media, similarly to what former NFL Quarterback Tim Tebow had done previously. Daniel's remarkable *comeback* story of success against all odds set the stage to prove that God's power was continually at work fulfilling his prophetic destiny. The gifted switch-hitter was graciously willing to declare his testimony to the

world. The Spirit of God had now called him to stand at-bat for Christ and openly acknowledge his faith with the hope of encouraging others. Yet only God knew that Daniel would be offered the opportunity to prove the truth of this prophecy. He transparently shared his faith before thousands of radio listeners on a Boston sports news broadcast. Astonishingly, the radio interview took place only three days following the prophetic word I had given to Daniel regarding the benefits of sharing his faith publicly. Out of left field, Daniel was approached on the subject of his faith during the interview. God had prophetically alerted Daniel in advance of what had been prepared for him.

The following is a brief snapshot of the radio interview with Daniel on "The Dennis & Callahan Morning Show."⁴⁴

At the beginning of the radio discussion, the interviewer asked Daniel why he got hit by pitches so often. And then he asked why, when the ball hits him, he never swears. Daniel laughed and humbly answered that he sure tried not to swear. Then, he asked the host, with curiosity, how they got that information about him. The interviewer indicated they had found out that he didn't curse in the clubhouse...or anywhere else, and they noticed that Daniel made it his business never to swear.

Next, Daniel was asked if he was a religious guy.

Daniel responded with assurance:

Yes, just in terms of what I believe and my faith. You know, I figure if you say one thing, you should try and represent it. It just doesn't go too well when you are doing that, and you say you believe in other things. So...you know, my faith... that has been a big part, I think, of why I have had an opportunity to get back. Just something that last year, when I was struggling big time in the minors, I kind of just said, 'I am going to give everything over to God and let Him handle the rest.' And I think that it has allowed me to play freer, and have fun, and not worry so much about the results, and put pressure on myself. It's correlated, and translated itself onto the field to be more relaxed and not worry so much about one game, or going to bat, or something like that. It just makes baseball more fun, and makes life a little simpler.

The host closed the interview with one final question, the million-dollar question: "Does your faith, your demeanor, your deportment make you the Tim Tebow of Major League Baseball?"

Daniel graciously responded:

Wow, that's uh...you know I have no clue. I just know that what I believe, or what I stand for, or try to stand for, is something I am proud of. And at the same time, I love to have fun. I love to enjoy this game. I am not trying to be Tim Tebow; I am just trying to be myself. And uh...you know, Tim Tebow represents what he represents very well. I am obviously someone who's just trying to stress what I believe in a way that I believe is appropriate. So, if people correlate me to that, then so be it. But, I am definitely not going to stand up and say, 'I am the Tim Tebow of baseball.' I mean, the road I have taken again is something that I am proud of. But, at the same time, I wish it was a little easier. Who wants to be cut four or five times and not be on most people's radar most of the time? Not too many people. So, shoot, that is definitely not a comparison I am going to throw at myself.

Daniel had not been briefed in any way before the interview that he would be questioned specifically on such personal subjects. Nor could he have foreseen that he would be set up to share his faith publicly over the radio and then be described as the "Tim Tebow of baseball." The radio

host had no foreknowledge of his role in fulfilling a prophecy; he was an instrument in this divine orchestration. I had delivered the prophecy to Daniel roughly seventy-two hours before the interview. Certainly, God displayed impeccable timing!

Additionally, in 2012, two sensational headline stories were published within three weeks of each other by *The New England Sports News*, offering further confirmation of “The Comeback Kid” prophecy that I had given Daniel. This, of course, was history in the making. These multiple verifications instilled in Daniel hope for his spectacular comeback, which was masterfully arranged by the hand of God during a challenging period in his baseball career.

NAVA SPARKS MINOR MIRACLE

“Daniel Nava Sparks ‘Minor Miracle’ With Timely Hitting, Clutch Diving Catch to Save Win for Red Sox.”⁴⁵

Daniel Nava drove in a couple of runs and made a spectacular diving catch to save the game, and the Red Sox prevailed over the Blue Jays in a wild one on Friday night. Along the way, guys who had been pegged for minor league spots this season stepped up for the big league club in a big way. NESN Nation’s, Dan Duquette is

awarding Nava our “Minor Miracle” player of the game.

As I mentioned earlier, Daniel’s integral decision to invest in his spiritual development through his commitment to my prophetic mentorship program helped him discover how to hear God’s will for every area of his life. Such thoughtful determination is evident in this second article chronicled below, in which he publicly credits the rebirth of his career to his changed personal priorities outside of baseball.

SECOND CAREER REBIRTH

“Daniel Nava Credits Second Career Rebirth to Changing His Priorities Outside Baseball.”⁴⁶

Fortunately for the 29-year-old, he received another chance with the Pawtucket Red Sox. Unlike last season, Nava started off scorching hot, unloading three home runs and 17 RBIs in 27 games. And then came the call. On May 10, the Red Sox promoted Nava to the majors and slotted him sixth in the lineup against the Indians, hoping the outfielder could provide another left-handed threat. Nava never looked back. Six home runs, 33 RBIs, and 88 games

later, he finished the 2012 season with the Red Sox and credited his rebirth to shuffling around the priorities in his life.

Daniel was experiencing a true rebirth in his baseball career and was quoted in the same article stating:

I think I put baseball as the most important thing in my life because I got to the big leagues the year before, and I wanted to get back.

Daniel decided to no longer make baseball the number one priority of his life. He had grabbed it too tightly before and was now ready to loosen his grip on it.

So I made it my identity, and that's just not what it is. This year, I realized it's something I love doing, but there's more to life than just baseball, and it allowed me to go on the field, relax, have fun, and make the most of the opportunity I had in front of me. I think before, I didn't do that, and I grabbed it too tightly. Then I was just putting pressure on myself, so I tried to learn from that this year.

Daniel's desire to place his trust completely in his Heavenly Father, and put Him first in his life, paid off handsomely. The fears and anxieties

that once limited his ability to soar to new levels of achievement dissipated, and the new spiritual man was awakened. Christ's light began to shine through him powerfully; his batting average also improved substantially, and his career had a second rebirth.

MODERN-DAY CINDERELLA STORY

God offered a timely and encouraging prophetic word to Daniel in 2010 during a challenging season. And this was only the beginning. More good news was on its way. Fast-forward six months later to Daniel's storybook year when "The Comeback Kid" prophecy would begin to unveil itself, and shortly after, he would meet the woman of his dreams!

One journalist depicted Daniel Nava's life as a "Cinderella Story." Indeed, he had won the heart of his own princess, Rachel Parker—stunning in her own right. I clearly remember the day, in the summer of 2011, when I called Daniel, and he said with excitement, "You caught me on the way to the jewelry store to pick out a ring for my girlfriend."

In the not-so-distant future, Daniel and Rachel hiked to a mountaintop that overlooked Lake Tahoe's pristine, clear blue waters. They would gaze over God's spectacular creation. In that breathtaking moment on Eagle Rock, Daniel proposed to his beloved, and with glistening eyes, she accepted. His destiny was like a dream, rapidly unfolding before him. Another layer had now been revealed within the prophetic promise, bringing him even closer to seeing its manifestation.

On June 25, 2012, the day after I had given the prophecy to Daniel

regarding his faith testimony with the media, in which God spoke of him as “the Tim Tebow of baseball,” he asked me, “Would you administer our wedding vows?” Of course, I was honored to accept.

Weeks before their big day, as we discussed their wedding plans over lunch, Daniel mentioned that he had previously taken the prophetic ministry with a grain of salt. Yet now, after many profound experiences and personal prophecies realized in his life, he became a strong advocate of the reliability and validity of prophecy.

Interestingly enough, God sent Daniel a wife who was raised by her family with a prophetic understanding. Rachel revealed to me that she shared many of her visions with Daniel during their dating and engagement period. This also confirmed God's prophecies he received from me that encouraged him along the way. Additionally, his father's announcement at the rehearsal dinner was heartwarming. He said that his son had been patient in trusting the Lord throughout his life. He never dated or entered into a serious relationship before meeting Rachel. The families of both Daniel and Rachel are dedicated believers whose love for God is their enduring strength and hope.

Only a short time before Thanksgiving, their greatly anticipated day had finally arrived. On November 11, 2012, exactly two years after Daniel and Rachel first met, I would officiate this holy union. It was awe-inspiring to watch as God's amazing grace unfolded before my eyes just moments before Daniel and Rachel's wedding ceremony. Who would have thought I would be initiating their marital vows shortly after that and witnessing the fulfillment of the prophecy, which foretold that his wife was coming soon?

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I found myself standing at the altar, feeling blessed to lead this wonderful couple in reciting their vows and presenting them before their family and friends as “Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Nava.” This moment, the realization of their prophecy, became real to me as I watched them walk back down the aisle as man and wife, an overwhelming joy welled up inside me. It was truly an honor that God allowed me to be a part of their predestined journey, from its humble beginnings to its miraculous realization. Daniel and Rachel are living within the supernatural realm of God's *prophetic matrix*.

Rewinding back to an hour before the ceremony, Rachel expressed her heartfelt thanks, with these eloquent and deeply moving words in writing:

It truly does not seem real that this day has finally come. It means more than can be said to have you fulfill the prophecy that God gave you just before we met. Your constant prayers and speaking into Daniel's life means so much to us. You are truly used by God, and we can't thank you enough for being a part of our lives and [for speaking] such a monumental prophetic voice into the plans for our future from God Himself.

Daniel's written sentiments were extremely encouraging to me as well:

A "thank you" falls infinitely short of expressing my gratitude for what you have meant and done for me. Your guidance through some very tough times has been instrumental to me. I'm grateful for your time that you have spent with me and for walking me through the past couple of seasons! I'm looking forward to this next step of my life and am honored that you are so intimately involved in it.

These thoughtful words of appreciation, offered to me on their wedding day, are etched upon my heart and memory for eternity. God's mighty hand has solidified our spiritual friendship in such a miraculous way. Daniel and Rachel's purpose continues to unfold as God has blessed them with a beautiful daughter, appropriately named "Faith," and a son, Zeke. Their destiny is set on course for a grand slam, reaching into the next millennium no matter what path they may desire to take in life.

WORLD SERIES VICTORY

To top it all off, on October 30, 2013, the Boston Red Sox clinched the team's first World Series championship since 1918 at their home field of Fenway Park, breaking a ninety-five-year stalemate. Though they had won the World Series in 2004, it was only in 2013 that their victory took place

at home in Boston. Daniel's resurgence as "The Comeback Kid" gave him a lasting place, once again, in the annals of Major League Baseball history. As God would have it, on Christmas Day, ESPN.com published the "Top 5 Red Sox Moments of 2013," in which Daniel Nava occupied two of the top five spots. Chronicled below are three monumental moments substantiating "The Comeback Kid" prophecy:

August 1, 2013, Daniel Nava opened the inning with a walk. He ended it with a game-winning single, the Sox scoring six times on six hits and two walks to give them their second walk-off win in the span of 24 hours.

"In a word, 'magical,'" manager John Farrell said.⁴⁷

April 20, 2013: This game stands apart from perhaps any other in the team's history, the Sox taking the field at Fenway just five days after two bombs tore through crowds of spectators at the Boston Marathon finish line and just hours after police killed one of two bombing suspects and apprehended the other. Equipment manager, Tom McLaughlin, arranged for the team to wear "Boston" stitched on their home whites, with a "B Strong" patch over the heart. The somber beauty of pregame ceremonies remembering the victims and honoring first responders struck a different chord, one of impassioned defiance, when

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Ortiz took the microphone. Neil Diamond showed up unannounced to sing “Sweet Caroline.” Daniel Nava hit a game-winning home run. And fear struck out⁴⁸

On December 26, 2013, ESPN.com reported Daniel Nava on their 2013 lineup entitled, “Mr. OBP Nava at the top,”⁴⁹ ranking him the number-one contender for on-base percentage (OBP). How is that for a miraculous demonstration of Daniel’s personal prophecy? At a time when the odds were against his major league career rebound, God’s prophetic word called him “The Comeback Kid”! Incredibly, Daniel belted the second grand slam of his career on September 14, 2014, off of Kansas City Royals pitcher Aaron Crow.

Some believe that it is impossible to predict if a player will find success in his pursuit to establish a career in Major League Baseball. Yet Daniel Nava finally got the chance to prove the extraordinary benefits of trusting God. Not only did he achieve notable success in professional baseball, but he also persevered through the dream fields of life—where experiencing the *prophetic matrix*, along with prayer, and the Word of God, can unlock the secret code to your destiny in Christ.⁵⁰

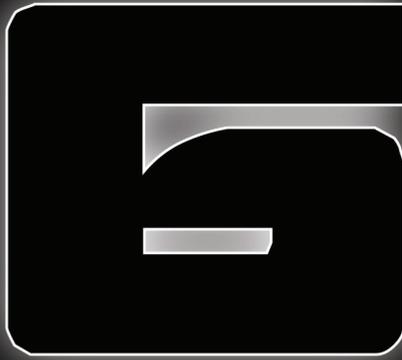
Just as Daniel lived out his dreams prophetically, we will now explore how personal prophecy applies to you in the twenty-first century within the *prophetic matrix*.

Prophetic Principle #5:

PERSISTENCE WILL BREAK THROUGH ALL HINDRANCES AND FORGE YOUR DREAMS INTO REALITY.

I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs.

—Luke 11:8



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PERSONAL PROPHECY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions, your old
men will dream dreams.⁵¹

—The Prophet Joel

With our advancing technology that facilitates instant connections, more and more people *live for the moment* without concern for what lies ahead. We make resolutions on January 1 only to break them on January 2. As a result, we may find ourselves reacting to circumstances by automatic habit rather than charting our destiny calmly and with the help of a prophetic compass.

There is no need to live our lives in a near-sighted, knee-jerk fashion. Instead of reacting impulsively to the difficult situations all around us, we can choose the *prophetic navigation system* (PNS) that God has prepared for our success. Then we'll be able to equip ourselves with this foolproof

spiritual technology. Imagine being guided by God through your personal satellite system, connected to an auto-navigation device, which sends signals back and forth in real time, ensuring that you don't get off track. Of course, this is only a symbolic reference since it uses a technological approach to explain this heavenly communication process.

Within such a framework, prophecy can be a tool of direction and redirection. Through audio and visual displays, the Spirit of truth via prophecy illuminates the path we were born to follow. These meaningful directives, or revelatory prophecies, can frequently come to us in the form of visions. The exciting news is that, through such visionary signs and symbols, we are able to tap into the *prophetic matrix* and step into a life calling that aligns with our hearts' desires.

STARS WITH A CAUSE

Have you noticed how celebrities often use their fame to bring attention to specific causes close to their hearts? They don't need to do this work or need any more attention than they already have; they're celebrities, after all. So why do they do it?

Those in the public eye are often called upon to forge new ground and bring attention to God's purposes on this Earth. It's nothing new. It has been happening for thousands of years.

Consider the biblical story of young David. Yes, that David—the one who slew the giant Goliath of Gath. When David saw that a battle for Israel and its army needed to be won in the Lord's name and for His honor, he

boldly moved ahead by faith. Harassed by a jealous older brother who expressed doubt regarding his motives, David replied, "Is there not a cause?"

David was keen to spot *a cause* for which God inspired him to take action. He stepped forward, and suddenly, then and there, his life was launched in a new direction. What was his destiny? He ultimately became one of the greatest kings ever, a leader who consistently used his kingly status to bring people closer to God.

The spiritual seeds were planted early, long before he became a celebrity; so, that once he matured, David might dedicate his abilities to a righteous cause. This spiritual purpose was like a turbo rocket propelling him towards his ultimate destiny. It can happen for you, too!

LAUNCH YOUR VISION TO NEW HEIGHTS

Often, a cause weighs heavily on our mind or captures our attention, allowing us to better understand God's heart regarding something that needs to be addressed. Therefore, it is imperative to take notice of prophetic leadings. A righteous cause is not always sunshine seen through rose-colored glasses. Sometimes, there's a need to bring attention to certain atrocities in the world. Is there an injustice happening somewhere right now that you'd like to volunteer or lend your voice to.

The injustice may relate to human conditions, like homelessness, poverty, addictions, or disease. There may be a need to demonstrate

compassion by reaching out and showing that there are still caring human beings inhabiting the planet. Does the plight of those afflicted by any of these impoverished conditions speak to you? Do you often feel like you've just got to *do* something?

Perhaps you have been given a special gift to encourage others, to assist them in reaching their destinies, and in so doing, you attain your own. For example, do you have speaking, teaching, or leadership skillsets that can bring direction to a worthy cause? If so, take these gifts as purposive signs that God intends to do great works through you, incorporating your unique abilities into a masterful plan that can better the lives of others.

Once you are convinced, take a moment to reflect on whether the work you are about to do is for the right reasons and motives before taking your first step. We have all witnessed celebrities, business tycoons, and other notable individuals who decide to be associated with a charity, not out of compassion but only as a publicity gimmick. Even in these unsettled circumstances, their names remain in the news as humanitarian or philanthropic heroes, whether or not they deserve the honor they received.

Then there are those famous individuals who are not in it for themselves; they realize their talents and celebrity status are a valuable tool to bring attention to a worthy cause that they are passionate about. Many athletes understand the benefits of service as well. One day they discover that their natural physical gifts have paved the way for them to earn substantial salaries and live a life of luxury. Often, they recognize the opportunity to become exceptional role models or heroes for disadvantaged youth, who may otherwise lose hope. While seeking to assist those hurting

and in need of a helping hand, many use the blessed life and fame they've achieved to serve others. Like modern-day versions of King David, they leverage their status to advance a relevant cause.

As you are about to set out on a new course with a meaningful purpose, it is necessary to search your heart, be extremely honest, and make sure that your motives are pure. You do not want to be halfway through a project and, when the going gets tough, find out that your heart wasn't entirely in it after all. Many are tempted to throw in the towel during the rough seasons. Some even abandon their cause before it ever gets off the ground; they suddenly lose all interest and close up shop. A cause requires a real passion and fortitude to propel the vision through to the end.

True leaders pursuing their call from God never give up; they look up! If they're really in touch with their Creator, they also look inward. As Jesus said in Luke:

For indeed the kingdom of God is within
you.

—Luke 17:21b

THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE OF MUSIC

Sound waves transmit audible messages. To hear God's voice, we need more than just acoustic vibrations. We must be tuned in to the spiritual vibrations to which God is sensitive.

THE PROPHETIC MATRIX™

Music is often successfully used for encouragement, inspiration, and healing. Yet, there are hundreds, probably thousands, of cases documenting how music has transmitted a negative message or caused a distorted thought process. As a result of these negative influences oppressing the spirit and mind, many are led into destructive behavior patterns, including violent acts and suicide. This stress and strain can significantly deteriorate humanity's moral fabric.

As an example of its positive use, music in today's society can be a vehicle for famous recording artists to raise awareness around the world about a broad spectrum of noble causes, ranging from political to social injustices, including endangered species and environmental issues. These causes are each aimed at the preservation of all God's creation. For instance, music may motivate people to clean up the planet and inspire them to become more environmentally friendly.

The irony is that sometimes music played to support noble causes does not honor the message it was meant to deliver. The words may be subconsciously defiling to the listener's soul and spirit, even when the campaign organizers' desire is to build a pure and righteous movement through the use of music. Who is taking a sincere interest in saving the souls of human beings created in our Heavenly Father's image? Though it is critical we care for the planet and species that inhabit it, yet how much more so should we dedicate ourselves to saving the souls of our brothers and sisters around the world? After all, we are God's children, offered the keys to eternal life through Jesus Christ. In caring for the spiritual condition of people, are we not also intended to be true custodians of all His masterful

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creation? At the same time, we can raise consciousness to assist every good cause on our planet.

The Prophetic Matrix is written to enlighten consciousness in society as to the value of each soul. The purpose is to redirect the human spirit toward an intimate relationship that is divinely guided by God. What more significant gift could be offered to the world than our Maker's perfect love? Through this unconditional love, our earthly purpose is achieved, as is the promise of eternal life.

For God so loved the world that He gave
His only begotten Son, that whoever
believes in Him should not perish but have
everlasting life.

—John 3:16

Eternal life is something many don't ever take the time to consider and instead blindly place all of their hope in this life, never contemplating the possibility that one day it could all be over much sooner than they ever expected. And at that point discover they are completely unprepared for what's to come.

I remember someone who fit that description perfectly...it was me.

I've learned that the desire to become spiritually mature is a good thing. It can save your eternal life...it did mine!

ACCESSING HIS PROPHETIC BLUEPRINT

There are millions of people who lack understanding of how powerful God's written Word (the Bible) can be in answering life's most difficult challenges and enigmas. For instance, scripture teaches that *prophecy* is a gift of the Holy Spirit. Prophecy often involves a *word of knowledge* (past and present), a *word of wisdom* (present and future) to bring us strength, encouragement, edification, exhortation, and comfort. God greatly desires to enlighten us with prophetic insight by unveiling His profound knowledge and wisdom through the gift of prophecy. As a result, we gain confidence and hope for a future we can hold onto. By faith, we receive this spiritual impartation, whether in the form of a prophetic vision, dream, or word from God.

But he who prophesies speaks edification
and exhortation and comfort to men. He
who speaks in a tongue edifies himself,
but he who prophesies edifies the church.

—1 Corinthians 14:3-4

The move of the Spirit of truth is powerfully demonstrated in the New Testament Gospels and Epistles. There, the answers are available for overcoming any situation on this quest to obtain our hopes and dreams. God has implanted His prophetic blueprint within us. He asks us to diligently seek Him with all our heart and soul, as then we will come to know our true destiny. In so doing, we discover that the plan our Heavenly

Father has preordained for us always brings glory to Him and incredible satisfaction to us as well. The masterful blueprint for each of us, within the *prophetic matrix*, is the evidence of things not yet seen or realized. Accessing this blueprint is accomplished by faith and understanding that the plan happens by the leading of the Holy Spirit. This is one way in which God handsomely rewards those who diligently seek Him!

But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

—Hebrews 11:6

Taking a bold step of faith toward your destiny may be the most important move you will ever make. Through it, you will discover your unique talents and spiritual gifts. This same quest transformed my life and brought me to this awesome place where I stand today. As a result, I am afforded the opportunity to share the mysteries of the *prophetic matrix*, along with the power and love of God with you.

RECEIVING DIVINE FAVOR IN HIGH PLACES

A man's gift makes room for him,
And brings him before great men.

—Proverbs 18:16

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Some people are born uniquely gifted by God, with the ability to play the piano or guitar skillfully with little practice. Others can take vocal lessons for years and struggle to sing in key. Some individuals can easily solve complex math equations, while others find it difficult to balance a checkbook. All of us have been individually equipped, both prophetically and physically, for our life journey. The ability to tap into prophetic foresight is one of the keys to discovering your unique talents, gifts, and purpose aligned with God's perfect plan for your life.

Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant.

—1 Corinthians 12:1

As we see in Scripture, God does not want us to be ignorant of the *spiritual gifts* He has given us. Each gift given to you through the Holy Spirit and by prophecy, is essential to achieving the progress that you and others will greatly benefit from.

Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.

—1 Timothy 4:14-15

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Everything we have has been placed there by our Creator. At conception, He gave us powerful tools in the form of unique talents and skills to assist us in fulfilling our purpose in life; these endowments are all woven into our spiritual DNA. Along with our incredible talents and propensities, *spiritual gifts* also play an enormous role in our success. Many are unaware of these dynamic *spiritual gifts* and their benefits. For example, personal prophecy often confirms what God has spoken into your heart that no one else could know. Although *spiritual gifts* vary from person to person, yet they have a common source and purpose.

One and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

—1 Corinthians 12:11

It is His Spirit that works within every *spiritual gift* to empower you in manifesting your ultimate destiny. These gifts are meant to profit everyone. To walk in the *prophetic matrix*, or to take that leap of faith into it, requires that you pursue truth. You can heighten your ability to listen to the Spirit of truth by spiritual practices: examining your heart and conscience, observing God's Word, and praying daily.

The prophetic plan for each of us is time-sensitive and location-specific. We may glimpse a temporary snapshot beforehand about what will happen in a place we haven't visited before and in a time that has not yet arrived. However, the event is already predestined within God's

prophetic matrix, and a portion of it may be revealed to us, from time to time, if we keep our hearts in the right place and remain sensitive to the Spirit of truth.

Above all else, guard your heart,
for everything you do flows from it.

—Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)

Compassion can lead us to take positive action if our motives are honest and pure in obedience to God's will. When we agree and align with His purpose, we will cross paths with the right people in just the exact circumstances that can help us turn our dreams into realities. Not only will such assistance support a noteworthy cause, but God's Spirit of truth can also activate additional *spiritual gifts* for the benefit of all.

A parallel universe of unlimited potential is available to us. It has been there all along, waiting to be acknowledged and embraced. With this epiphany in mind, let's blast ahead and discover the power that dreams and visions can hold for every truth seeker.

Prophetic Principle #6:

TURBO-CHARGE YOUR FAITH WITH SPIRITUAL GIFTS
... AND ACTIVATE COMPASSION FOR A CAUSE YOU BELIEVE IN.

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.
—James 1:17



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“Hear now My words:
If there is a prophet among you,
I, the Lord, make Myself known to him in
a vision;
I speak to him in a dream.

—Numbers 12:6

Throughout recorded history, God has spoken to humankind in various ways and continues to do so today. From early in the book of Genesis to the end of Revelation, He has shown Himself to be a God who speaks with a profound voice. The ancient scriptures document God boldly leading the prophets through dreams and visions. They saw these predestined realities with clarity and later recorded precisely what they observed and heard. These God-given dreams or visions often led them to act by faith in ways that dynamically influenced a city, a region, or at times even nations. God may use dreams and visions to communicate with you as well.

Dreams, visions, prophecies, angelic visitations, and indirect references to these phenomena comprise a significant portion of the Bible.

There are dozens of direct references to dreams and visions. Check out some of the terminologies for these phenomena in *Strong's Concordance*.⁵² Visions are much like dreams that appear while in a waking state. These can be instructional, informative, and enlightening.

The fact that God speaks to humankind through dreams and visions is supported by numerous biblical passages. What are your dreams and visions?

I received a vision from God and the ability by His Spirit to carry it out in service to the Pentagon families and my country. As I tell you the true story, consider your own dreams, visions, and revelations. How is God's divine purpose moving through the *prophetic matrix* in your life? I hope this chapter on dreams and visions will inspire you to take the next step to carry out your destiny.

I have a dream.⁵³

—Martin Luther King

MY 9-1-1 CALL

A Case Study

When there is an emergency, we all know to call 9-1-1. If you activate those numbers on the keypad of your phone, you will reach a trained dispatcher who will ask you about your emergency and location. Then, all you have to do is ask for help. The dispatcher listens closely to your voice, making sure they understand every word you speak. Emergency response

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can arrive within minutes of your request, whether you need fire, medical, or police assistance. Anyone who has ever called 9-1-1 knows the power of this emergency response system. It can change the course of your destiny.

Likewise, miracles typically follow the spoken *word of faith* through a personal request, that activates God's *prophetic response system* (PRS). Similar to a specific prophetic word, God's responses hinge on our faith, powering up a dynamic principle in God's Word; the Word promises that when we ask and believe, we shall receive. God imparts spiritual desires within our heart that we must be diligent to speak forth by faith, as when we do, it creates an open Heaven and activates the manifestation of His Word in our life. Think for a moment. All you have to do is place your request before God, activate your faith, and expect His response. That is how the *prophetic response system* (PRS) works. According to God's perfect will, it's activated through the *expressed faith* and expectation of believers who walk in the *prophetic matrix*.

As a result of His *prophetic navigation system* (PNS), God places the right people in our path at the right time. He will prepare the hearts of those who are ready to assist you in achieving your calling in life.

You don't have to go it alone. A fundamental principle to keep in mind when you receive a prophetic vision is that the Lord's favor is with you to make every provision. This is most apparent when a spiritual prompting keeps urging you to get involved with a cause you are passionate to contribute to in some specific way.

Allow me to illustrate how God used a tragedy to *unlock the secret code* to my destiny. This story is a *case study* that demonstrates the workings of the *prophetic matrix* in our lives.

VISION FOR A NATION

On the morning of September 11, 2001, hijackers flew two Boeing 767 jets into the World Trade Center's Twin Towers. American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the North Tower at 8:46 a.m. Approximately seventeen minutes later, United Airlines Flight 175 plowed into the South Tower. In less than two hours, both structures had collapsed. At 9:37 a.m., American Airlines Flight 77 crashed against the western side of the Pentagon. Then a fourth Boeing jet, United Airlines Flight 93, plummeted nose-first into a field in southern Pennsylvania after crew and passengers heroically attempted to regain control of the airliner from the hijackers. Close to three thousand people were killed that day.

In an instant, these acts of evil were broadcast on television screens around the world. One week later, letters containing anthrax spores arrived at Democratic senators' offices and various news media outlets. A whole new wave of fear swept the nation's capital due to the terrorist bioweapon attacks. Many people were afraid to open their mailboxes or leave their houses, much less to get on airplanes and fly across the country. Within that same week after the World Trade Center and the Pentagon attacks, the malicious Nimda computer virus rippled across the internet, affecting millions of computers, and was ranked in the top 10 most expensive cyberattacks of all time.

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There was an oppressive spirit being released over Washington, DC, upon the entire nation and throughout the globe. A dark reign of terror had sharply hit America's capital. The spirit of fear is not of God; His is a Spirit of power, love, and a sound mind. I experienced His peace in the midst of all this confusion, even though I, too, had plenty to consider.

I found myself surrounded by all this chaos, yet a calmness settled over me like a light mist in a meadow.

God slowly awakened me from a deep slumber in February of 2002, not long after the tragic events of 9/11, and unveiled a powerful prophetic vision. He directed me to fly to Washington, DC and set up a special tribute to encourage the Pentagon families, orphans, widows, and rescue workers who had been left behind after the devastating 9/11 terrorist attacks. In response, I was inspired to produce an event titled "Washington, DC, Honors America's Heroes of Freedom," commemorating the first anniversary. For the purpose of funding this event, a nonprofit organization was established called America's Heroes of Freedom.

Of course, the terrorist attacks, which took place in New York, Washington, DC, and Pennsylvania, had a profound effect on me as a human being. I felt, at the time, something prophetically significant coming, on a deeper level, even before I carried out the tribute vision. Washington, DC, had been pulling on my heart before, during, and after the September 11 disaster.

The Divine Healer often leads His people by compassion. He will always place something within your heart that directs you toward the cause connected to your purpose. Soon, I became assured that Washington,

DC, was the place where the Spirit of truth was sending me. God also encouraged me in this direction through a new friend who shared the same desire to do something to help the Pentagon families. God revealed His purpose to turn one of the darkest days in US history into a brighter day of blessing, healing, hope, and honor.

A PROPHETIC GLIMPSE OF TROUBLED TIMES AHEAD

Months before the 9/11 attacks, I received a vision of several jetliners flying almost empty. At first, I couldn't understand the vision at all. I recall thinking, *Why are the jets in the air without passengers?* In the vision, the Spirit of truth also revealed that many airlines would be facing grave financial challenges and even bankruptcy. At the time, the prophetic vision of empty jetliners and bankruptcy didn't make any sense to me, as airlines were packed most of the time. People were flying in and out of their respective cities regularly, and America was not under siege by dark foreign forces. Little did I know that what was about to happen would shake the foundations of our nation—and our world. In the vision, I previewed a few of the outcomes in the aftermath of the 9/11 tragedy that emphasized empty flights and the airlines facing troubled times. Even though initially, this prophetic glimpse yielded details that I didn't understand at the time, such foresight shouldn't be dismissed, though the information may be partial or confusing. Hold onto the prophetic vision or message you receive because it may be suitable in time and make perfect sense later on.

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For we know in part and we prophesy in part.

—1 Corinthians 13:9

Prophecies only give us a partial view, often because the rest of what is going to take place remains hidden by God until a future appointed time when it will be revealed. The prophecy may even relate to an unavoidable circumstance or an unalterable destiny. Sometimes, other missing parts of a prophecy will be given in a prophetic message conveyed through other individuals. Only God knows the complete picture, of course, in any given prophecy.

Location, location, location! This popular real estate maxim is crucial when it comes to our unfolding destiny. When we pray and ask God where we should go next to fulfill the vision of our future, He provides essential information to assist us in finding our way through this often-confusing maze called life.

As I was considering venue locations for the 9/11 tribute, I remembered reading that New York had already planned a multitude of significant events honoring those who were lost during the devastating terrorist attacks. A strategically assigned location was further confirmed during my prophetic prayer time, I experienced an inner knowing that it was now time to book my flight to Washington, DC. Next, I would find out what God had in store for me. After seeking wisdom from on high, I also came to the understanding that this special anniversary ceremony would have to be held in our nation's capital because of its proximity to the Pentagon

families. In response, God placed deep compassion within me and a keen discernment regarding the vision's fulfillment.

Overcome by the state of a nation economically crippled and oppressed, forever changed by this plight, I wholeheartedly dedicated myself to the worthy cause. Yes, a strong commitment was anchored within me, and now the actions I would be required to take for this prophetic vision to become a reality were quickly coming into view.

WALKING OUT A VISION

After several confirming signs and taking a monumental leap of faith with only a few hundred dollars in my wallet and a million-dollar dream mission, I flew to Washington, DC, to begin a journey from which I knew there was no turning back.

There I was, on an empty jet flying to the nation's capital, into an economically and psychologically traumatized region of the United States, where I knew no one and the lingering threat of anthrax posed a danger. I sensed in my spirit that there would be some tremendous financial challenges ahead. Yet, thankfully by the grace of God, my faith stood the test of time, and the vision I was given kept me focused on the purpose.

To get from the airport to my hotel, I took a Super Shuttle bus. While boarding, I was surrounded by worship music blasting through the speakers. The anointed music set the atmosphere and reminded me that God was with me every step of the way on this prophetic journey. My sense of comfort was reinforced by the sight of the middle-aged gentleman

driving the bus; he was smiling and humming along with the gospel music. It soothed my soul as we rolled through the brisk night air of the city.

When I checked into my hotel, another curious sign awaited me. The desk clerk asked for my name, and after receiving it, handed me the room key. The numbers on the key tag glistening in metallic gold under the bright lights of the lobby read 911. Suddenly, it was apparent I would be staying in Room 911, the exact date of our anniversary tribute! A smile spread across my face as I meditated on this God-incidence. His prophetic leading was confirmed by a sign that filled me with awe and wonder. The trip had a meaningful purpose and a historical date of completion: 9/11. God has a way of getting our attention at the most opportune times to let us know we are on the right path He has predestined.

YOUR FLIGHT PATH TO PREDESTINATION

Everything we have, and all we are as human beings, can be implemented as resources to meet our challenges. Still, the difficulties can be daunting. For me, at this critical turning point, the atmosphere proved tense. Even so, I clung to my God-infused dreams and visions with fidelity.

My many years as a business consultant and professional recording artist had placed me in the presence of well-known people at times. Yet I would find myself in Washington, DC, entirely out of my element, alone and knowing no one. The political environment was filled with terrorizing fear and many significant challenges, which reduced powerhouse luminaries

to helpless puppets. Everything was now overcast. The city lacked its usual highly charged atmosphere; the streets were no longer crowded with politicians and civil servants exchanging ideas with each other. The system had been shaken down to nuts-and-bolts operations and was functioning at a slow pace.

I sensed that the Spirit of the Lord was ready to use me in a very strategic way.

All that I had become was brought to the table, which God had prepared and predestined. It was a defining moment for me and in this monumental time of our nation's history. Yet, everything I'd learned—talents, skills, gifts, and knowledge—were all a part of the call God had on my life.

And for you, too. Your ordained purpose is waiting to be fulfilled if you choose to accept it.

Every lesson and path you have experienced has been a prophetic preparation for events to come. Unpredictable as life is, none of it is a surprise to God. Jesus once told Peter, "before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times" (Matthew 26:34b). In less than a day, His faithful disciple betrayed Him by denying he knew Him three times. Shocking as it was, Jesus' prophecy quickly came to pass. Even more surprising, this same man who denied Him went on to become one of the most powerful men of God in the history of the Bible.

And Jesus prophesied Peter's fundamental role in the church.

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And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build My church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

—**Matthew 16:18 (NIV)**

Signs and prophecies can give you clues about your destiny, assignment, or even just your next step to realize your dreams.

Many times, we find ourselves impatient for things to happen, but letting patience have its perfect work in us is extremely important. With it, we will arrive at our destiny on time and be well seasoned for the work God has called us to accomplish for His glory. From the moment I said yes to the prophetic vision, God continued to confirm His provision. Miraculously, every divine appointment and door opened before me.

AN INVITATION TO THE WHITE HOUSE

I felt as though God's grace had been with me and continued to accompany me. His Spirit was supernaturally guiding me each step of the way. During this time, I gained assurance that the realization of the vision was unfolding each day. For example, two key people were placed on my path to assist me as soon as I began to follow God's directives for this event. One had spiritual authority and the other governmental authority.

During the first week, I planned to get the lay of the land. Within twenty-four hours of my arrival, I was invited by Capitol Hill Prayer Partners into the Eisenhower Executive Office Building (EEOB) near the White House.

While there, I was asked to attend a Bible study with members of Congress. The Capitol Hill Prayer Partners were continually supportive throughout the project and told me that they knew God had sent me to Washington, DC, for such a time as this.

Upon entering the Eisenhower Executive Office Building (OEEOB), I was prayed over by the appointed pastor who carried significant spiritual authority on Capitol Hill. God also gave me great favor with the right-hand man to the mayor of Washington, DC, who served as his attorney and personal advisor. One day I received an invitation to the Capitol Hill Congressional Office Building to pray and give a prophetic word from God to a distinguished congresswoman.

A couple of months later, I was invited to be a guest speaker at a White House prayer luncheon. I shared God's vision to bring healing to the Pentagon families and first responders attending the tribute I was producing titled "Washington, DC, Honors America's Heroes of Freedom." Special security clearance was arranged on my behalf prior to entering the Eisenhower Executive Office Building (EEEOB) and the White House. Imagine a former rock'n'roll television and radio recording artist now being used in a spiritual capacity to help a nation heal. As we will soon see, the scenario is not as far-fetched as it may sound.

I had only seven months until the tribute date arrived. A top Washington, DC, marketing firm estimated the cost at about 1.5 million dollars for an excellent production.

In addition, a myriad of details needed to be addressed. My passionate

commitment was vital since, with each passing day, new obstacles would arise that our vice president, the dedicated executive staff of volunteers, and I would be required to tackle. We found ourselves in need of finances months in advance to secure the two venues and expenses for the special event. It was now time to take action and raise in excess of a million dollars to present the ceremony properly and feed thousands of Pentagon family members, rescue workers, and other honored guests.

This wasn't my plan; it was God's plan. The tribute was divinely appointed, and nothing could stop it. Though it was very challenging to commute weekly from the West Coast to the East Coast while developing the framework for "Washington, DC, Honors America's Heroes of Freedom," God's presence protected me on every trip in this ominous season of fear that permeated air travel.

I knew I was exactly where I was meant to be. However, that didn't mean it was going to be easy.

PROVISION FOR THE VISION

When I first received the vision to produce an event of this enormous magnitude, it was during one of the most significant financial downturns following the horrific 9/11 crisis. Money was tight, and the OAS building and the DAR Constitution Hall were not cheap facilities to rent. Sponsors were not jumping at the opportunity, either. Most corporations had already given donations and sponsorships a few days or weeks after the terrorist attack. While we had plenty of well-wishers, few were willing to give

financially, as many donors had already exhausted their corporate-giving budgets to support the Red Cross and other crisis aid funds for victims. In fact, charitable contributions were so sparse that I was compelled to ask God, "Have I missed Your perfect will and strategic direction in pursuing this project?"

Every visionary eventually gravitates to that uncomfortable fork in the road where the vision and finances must come together as one in order to execute the concept successfully. This is the key to taking on a project of such a vast scope. From vapor to manifestation, even a prophetic vision or dream must follow this faith-filled process.

Remember this segment of the Lord's prayer:

Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
On earth as *it is* in heaven.

—Matthew 6:10

What we see in Heaven must finally manifest itself on Earth.

If the vision doesn't have legs, it will lie there paralyzed, never moving forward. Yet, God always brings provision for His vision.

I had no fundraising experience, nor had I ever approached corporations for sponsorship. Fundraising was a new endeavor for me but definitely necessary if the vision God entrusted to me would ever be fulfilled. Just the thought of raising over a million dollars for this monumental tribute seemed impossible. Against all odds, our dedicated team and I had

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to trust God to make every provision available, above and beyond all we could ask, think, or even imagine. Even though some of the staff were not believers, they still showed grace and courage to stay the course during these challenging financial times. However, this arduous journey would require intense prayer and unrelenting faith every step of the way, right up until the final hour, for God's purpose to be fulfilled.

As I remained patient and the peace of the Lord passed over me, I felt led to connect with those in authority over Washington, DC. I called the mayor but got his voicemail. I left a message sharing the vision that God had given me and my cell number where I could be contacted.

A few associates who committed to this prophetic vision joined me on Capitol Hill that Friday evening at a quaint Italian seafood restaurant. At about 8:30 p.m., as we were in the midst of dinner, my cell phone rang. The mayor's right-hand man, an attorney and key political figure in Washington, DC, was returning my call. He stated that he was interested in the vision and asked me to share more details. I enthusiastically explained the concept of the 9/11 tribute as he listened intently. I included the fact that I was a business consultant who was also a spiritual man sent by God to steward a prophetic vision. Finally, I assured him of my commitment to see the vision through to its realization with God's help and their support.

His reaction surprised me.

He told me to fax him my wish list, assuring me that he and the mayor would do their best to fulfill whatever was needed for the event. "Whatever it is that you need for this event, let me know, and I will do my best to look

it over with the mayor of Washington, DC, and to fulfill it."

His positive response reminded me of the words of the ancient prophet:

"Write the vision
And make *it* plain on tablets,
That he may run who reads it.

—Habakkuk 2:2

Clearly, I had made a connection. The favor of God was operating at full throttle! I could see that this man had great faith to believe the event would happen, even though we had never met in person, and he didn't know a thing about me. There was something deeper going on that I would soon discover.

He went on to tell me that in addition to being an attorney and a former White House staff member, he was also a minister. His words were very reassuring.

It became evident that a divine connection was in operation and that he and the mayor would stand with me through to the completion of this monumental project. An amazingly influential individual had now been placed within God's prophetic vision and offered generous provision to assist me in fulfilling our long wish list.

With everything going well and the puzzle pieces coming together so quickly, it confirmed that I was right on track and doing what God called me to do. The Spirit of truth directed my footsteps, yet I discovered there

would be bumps along the road ahead.

Did you notice the optimism and the light that entered my world when I found myself in line with my purpose and serving a worthy cause? Prophecy offers us hope in the midst of doubt, darkness, and destruction. You are more likely to stumble or get lost if there is no light to guide you when you walk down a street.

Remember, *prophecy is our life-light*.

Major resistance and obstacles presented themselves continually throughout the project's development. A couple of months before the event, the mayor's office informed me that the White House briefed them regarding the possibility of a mandatory shutdown of government buildings on September 11 due to pending terrorist threats for that day. This meant potentially canceling our 9/11 tribute. Understandably, they were apprehensive about such dangers and placed Washington, DC, and New York City on orange alert. Despite these cautions, I was given clear guidance in my prayer time that we shouldn't fear this news of threats but instead continue with our plans as God's prophetic vision marched on.

A PROPHETIC LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

In the Book of Genesis, God said, "Let there be light"; and there *was* light. How powerful! A spoken word can echo through eternity, aligning and illuminating the cosmos. That which was not—came to be because of a declaration from God. His Word carried creative power to produce visible

light out of invisible substance.

When we are in touch with God daily, He places spiritual desires within us to decree prophetic requests. This opens the portals of Heaven, enabling us to receive a miraculous response. Since you and I were created in God's image, we possess the ability to activate by faith our prophetic dreams and visions, then witness their embodiment in reality.

I experienced this truth time and again while I was producing the 9/11 tribute. I would simply pray and seek God for whatever was needed, speaking forth that which He imparted into my heart, and then it would manifest before my eyes.

Let me give you a prime example. I was invited to attend a strategic meeting with Pentagon officials during the planning phase of the 9/11 tribute. As I began to enthusiastically share with them the tremendous progress in the development of the "Washington, DC, Honors America's Heroes of Freedom" event, they informed me that the president of the United States would be speaking that same morning at their Pentagon ceremony. They requested my assistance in handling the overwhelming logistics for their 9/11 memorial, entitled "Spirit of Freedom Tribute." The challenges they faced required providing custom motor coach transportation and a catered meal for Pentagon family survivors, their relatives, the international press, members of Congress, military, and Pentagon officials, including other notable dignitaries on their guest list. All in all, both 9/11 tributes would be hosting a few thousand guests. Talk about mass transit and feeding the multitudes!

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The officials explained that the families would need to be shuttled to our ceremonial tribute later that afternoon at the conclusion of the morning's presidential session. Once our event concluded, the motor coaches would return all of the Pentagon families to their multiple points of origin. According to the Pentagon officials I spoke to, arranging this would be a logistical nightmare. The Pentagon's personnel were assigned to focus their undivided attention on the president and the crowd in attendance while securing the premises and monitoring the event.

Imagine two significant memorial tributes scheduled on the same day of September 11, 2002. One was a vision given by God to a prophetic businessman from Silicon Valley, and the other was an event planned by the Department of Defense.

Without hesitation, the Spirit of truth spoke to my heart, advising me to say "yes!"—though I had no idea how much my "yes" response would cost in time, effort, resources, and finances. I vividly remember being swamped by my own questions. *What have I done...agreeing to provide private transportation and catered meals for close to 2,000 people for the Pentagon? Where do I start?...* (especially since I was already in the thick of fundraising). *Was my faith ready for all of this? As I contemplated the commitment it would require to help orchestrate two major events on the same day, I thought to myself, with God, all things are possible!*

Thankfully, the Spirit of truth is never caught off guard or wedged between impossibilities. If God had divinely guided my words to say "yes," then He would undoubtedly make a way where there seemed to be no possible way. The weight of these responsibilities was heavy, and without

walking in the *prophetic matrix*, one could easily buckle under the pressure. Yet God was with me, guiding my footsteps and filling my mouth with words of faith for requests that would cause a miraculous intervention and activate His *prophetic response system* (PRS). The Pentagon was calling on me to provide catering and spearhead transportation logistics for their presidential event. I felt the need to be there for the Pentagon families and to serve the president of the United States on this important and historic day when he would personally address them that morning. This responsibility, in addition to our 9/11 ceremony, carved a lasting imprint on my faith walk.

Miraculously, everything came together to fund transportation, catering, and logistics for these two auspicious occasions. I made a few calls to owners of a select group of premium motorcoach companies operating in the Washington, DC, area. God strategically orchestrated meeting every need, far above and beyond all we could have imagined. The Holy Spirit simply warmed up the hearts of the right individuals until each commitment was paid in full.

PARTNERSHIPS THAT PROPEL THE PURPOSE

The Pentagon and the National Olympic Committee were very supportive of the vision God had given me.

The assistance from Pentagon officials in routing the “Washington, DC, Honors America’s Heroes of Freedom” invitations to the Pentagon families

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laid the groundwork for our entire event. The response to the invitation was so overwhelmingly positive that I received a call from the Department of Defense, indicating that many invitees requested permission to add extended family members to the guest list. This, in effect, doubled the occupancy size and budget.

The National Olympic Committee's assigned agent, who represented their athletes, mailed our invitations to the 2002 US Winter Olympians on their official corporate stationery, and seventeen American Olympic medalists participated in the ceremony as a result. Additionally, close to fifty members of Congress lent their support to America's Heroes of Freedom honorary advisory committee soon after receiving an invitation. The USO's president and organization were instrumental in orchestrating segments of the ceremony and procuring special guests. Without God's vision and provision, along with the kind consideration of these established agencies and institutions, the tribute would not have been possible.

God's Spirit of truth placed favor upon me to obtain direct contact with major celebrities, sports figures, and members of Congress, who chose to align themselves with this God-given prophetic vision. Among those kind participants who accepted an invitation to join us were the following: the former heavyweight champion of the world, Muhammad Ali, country singer Randy Travis, Grammy Award winner Roberta Flack, the rock duo Nelson, international gospel vocalist Ron Kenoly, and seventeen US Olympians from the 2002 Winter Olympics.

God's favor opened every door to make the seemingly impossible possible! Remember, I launched into this prophetic vision only a few

months following one of the most severe financial crises our country had experienced since the Great Depression.

PRICELESS OCCURRENCES

Have you ever seen that famous credit card commercial which goes something like, “Baseball tickets \$45. Two stadium hot dogs and two drinks \$15. Spending quality time with your son at the ballpark: priceless!”

Well, the same idiom describes how God worked in my commitments while producing the 9/11 anniversary tribute in Washington, DC: “Transportation \$80,000. Catering \$150,000. The joyful smiles on the faces of the Pentagon family survivors and first responders, because of God’s prophetic power and loving provision: priceless!”

Up to this point, financial contributions were sparse—the pressure to meet these monetary commitments mounted. The clock kept ticking. My pulse kept rising. And still, no money had arrived. Just days from the event’s opening, our production team wondered how we would cover this great expense. Some of the volunteers who had worked with me diligently for a time became weary and lost faith that we would be able to raise the funds needed to produce the tribute. Soon after, they decided to abandon the rest of our team without warning, leaving us short-handed in the final days before the tribute. Some of those unnamed volunteers even tried to sabotage our Pentagon family tribute, by attempting to cancel both of our reserved venue locations which would have left us no place to hold the event. Thank God I was made aware of this undercover

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scheme and immediately secured both sites and assured the venues that payment would be issued on time. These courageous families had gone through enough disappointment only one year prior. My plans hinged on a miraculous response. I had come this far, and I wasn't about to stop now.

It can be disheartening when some of the team members in your camp turn around and decide to work against your worthy cause rather than for it. Though their misled efforts made things far more difficult for me during this already very challenging time, even now, I still thank God for their assistance prior to their departure. Understanding that I had no time to waste, I quickly decided to put it all behind me and stay focused on the task at hand. It was essential that I not allow anything to get in the way of God's plan to bless the Pentagon families and faithful rescue workers on that momentous day.

Scripture reminds us; if God is for you, who can be against you?

At this point, our bank account didn't quite equal my faith. I had incurred additional expenses. Why? Because I opened my mouth and said yes to the Pentagon when they asked me to assist by providing transportation, food, and associated logistics for their 9/11 event. In light of the challenging financial situation that lay ahead of us, such a seemingly impossible task could only be accomplished by placing my trust entirely in God.

It was all worth it, as the Spirit of truth faithfully unlocked the secret code to my destiny and brought us the victory! It's true! All of my prophetic requests presented before God were answered with "yes!" This is a perfect

example of God's *prophetic response system* (PRS) in action. From then on, miracle after miracle took place, though not without criticism, of course. Doubters said the Pentagon families would never attend, nor would the Pentagon offer to assist with the invitations, which they were so kind to come through on as they had promised they would. I was told by advisors in Washington, DC, that we would never raise the money to make this event happen due to the state of the economy after the crisis. Even some of our volunteers didn't think we could and left us when we needed their help most, yet we saw all the provisions provided for the vision.

What shall we then say to these things? If
God *be* for us, who can be against us?

—Romans 8:31

Thankfully, God doesn't listen to the human wisdom of critics. Instead, He silences them with His miraculous intervention and provision. When you find yourself experiencing fierce opposition and doubt is all around you, it is actually evidence that God is up to something spectacular! His Spirit never backs down from demonstrating Himself mighty before those who question His power and wisdom. I witnessed, again and again, that the greater the opposition, the greater the outcome. Incredibly, God came through with flying colors, proving all of the detractors wrong.

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And my speech and my preaching *were* not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

—1 Corinthians 2:4-5

I've learned to place all my faith in the power of God, knowing that He often chooses to make His presence known in supernatural ways through signs and wonders. In my years of being a prophetic minister, I've seen such wonders happen time and again. He never fails to impress me or take my breath away with His unending willingness to blast through the impossible and make it possible. My heart is filled with joy every time He moves on our behalf and answers in ways that are far beyond the imagination.

From grand-scale events—like this one involving public figures, government officials, celebrities, professional athletes, corporate sponsorship, and a huge budget—to the internal evidence of God's provision, including inner peace, joy, and satisfaction—God can never be outdone. His results are *priceless!*

OVERCOMING EVERY OBSTACLE

Suddenly, a wide range of attacks came against our tribute, the ministry, and even against me personally.

THE PROPHETIC MATRIX™

On the morning of the 9/11 anniversary event, I was awakened by an associate who announced one of the nation's top secular newspapers had published propaganda containing gossip that was not corroborated with facts in a failed attempt to discredit the project. However, their misguided efforts and irresponsible reporting proved unsuccessful in thwarting our tremendous success. The celebrities disregarded the inaccurate and uncorroborated news article, prioritizing the families and heroes first in their hearts. As a result, the event brought forth its God-intended purpose, confirming this important truth, "If God be for you, who can be against you?"

And now I say to you, keep away from these men and let them alone; for if this plan or this work is of men, it will come to nothing; but if it is of God, you cannot overthrow it—lest you even be found to fight against God."

—Acts 5:38-39

Moments before the ceremony, I was still in dire need of \$150,000 to pay for an elaborate meal to be prepared by Washington DC's finest caterers for the Pentagon families and guests. The air thickened with concern. Everyone around me seemed to be on edge. Almost two thousand attendees were set to participate, including family and relatives of those affected by the terrorist attack. Celebrities and the US Olympic medalists from the 2002 Winter Games were awaiting their call to the stage in the lobby of the event hotel. The hall was secured. The tables were set. Members of

Congress were expected to attend. I was under pressure to deliver to these high-level officials and grieving families on this momentous occasion. Yet, I held steadfast to God's prophetic vision, knowing that I had come this far, and there was no way He would let us all down now.

Financial emergencies are faithfully handled by God when we are in alignment with our divine purpose. I experienced God's provision beautifully when I received the call from our caterer, who asked for a deposit of \$75,000 with an equal balance due the next day. At the time, I was driving in downtown Washington, DC, with my friend Richard, a prominent physician. When he overheard my telephone conversation, to my great surprise, Richard offered to wire the finances I needed to cover the entire catering cost! This incredible man of God showed up like an angel in disguise, riding shotgun with me. And God showed up just in the nick of time, with the abundant provision of food, entertainment, and encouragement, to bless the orphans and families of those who had lost their loved ones one year before on September 11, 2001.

AN UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT THE STARS CAME OUT

Our honored Olympians expressed their kindness by encouraging the orphans throughout the day. In a special photoshoot, the US Olympic medalists, who arrived in Washington, DC, from all over the nation, placed their recently won Olympic medals of gold, silver, and bronze around the necks of the orphans as they posed together. In addition, each participant took home a beautiful photograph that captured the heartfelt moment as a commemorative keepsake they would cherish for years to come.

Another unforgettable moment spotlighted Muhammad Ali, the most well-known athlete in the world at the time. The champion boxer was kind enough to fly into town with his wife to encourage the kids in his own unique way. Backstage, before the tribute officially began, everyone's spirits were high, and there was a sense of unity as the prophetic vision I was given was becoming a vivid reality. Muhammad Ali was seen having fun as he masterfully performed a popular parlor trick illusion to entertain the other celebrities who had gathered around him in the expansive dressing room. Our special guests and volunteers were amazed, as he seemed to be floating like a butterfly! As Muhammad Ali arrived on stage, the children rushed around him, reaching their arms high to grab hold of signed one-hundred-dollar bills, bearing his image. He handed each child one of these signature bills of great sentimental value as gifts from an iconic sports hero.

Midway through the emotionally moving ceremony, country recording artist Randy Travis sang several songs, including an inspiring composition entitled "A Point of Light," which gave great hope to the Pentagon families. International gospel singer Ron Kenoly blessed the audience with a powerful, original song that soothed the families' souls. A one-hundred-piece gospel choir belted out a powerful rendition of the memorable Grammy award-winning song "I Believe I Can Fly." The band Nelson, featuring Matthew and Gunnar Nelson, twin sons of the American rock'n'roll star Rick Nelson, performed their father's Top-40 hit "Garden Party." The Nelson brothers shared their personal experience relating to the sudden loss of a loved one, revealing that their father, Rick Nelson, also died in a

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tragic plane crash. The performance that followed resonated with empathy, and a strong sense of unity filled the room. I performed a commemorative theme song that I composed entitled "A Tribute To Our Heroes."

Roberta Flack performed her Grammy award-winning hit "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face," which touched everyone in a profound way. She followed the heartfelt composition by singing a riveting and soulful version of "The Impossible Dream" while accompanying herself, beautifully, on an ebony concert grand piano. In closing, Ms. Flack flowed into a signature cover of Marvin Gaye's classic hit "Mercy Mercy Me." Tear-filled eyes glazed over as the audience all remembered that devastating day of 9/11 when America was shaken to its core. We were all comforted by God's grace and mercy during the ceremonial tribute. God miraculously turned around that horrific day, which had occurred one year earlier, to become a blessing to the bereaved families. The commemorative event became a powerful time, in remembrance and honor, on behalf of all those whom the Pentagon families loved, lost, and missed so much.

The radiant faces of orphans, widows, and first responders reflected that no one had been forgotten, nor would they be. Together, we paid tribute to those whose lives were lost on that horrific day, including the rescue workers and all who placed themselves in harm's way while selflessly offering their service to assist in saving lives.

The entire event from beginning to end was an incredible success. To God's credit and glory, not a single detail was left undone. Members of the volunteer team and I prayed for many of the Pentagon families that night. You could feel a sense of Christ's healing presence overshadowing

the venue. Tears flowed, and hearts were comforted by the Lord's incomprehensible love. Multitudes were touched and ministered to just as I had been shown in a prophetic vision only seven months before. God put this seemingly impossible event together as our faithful volunteers, and I partnered with His exceptional plan and trusted Him completely for total provision.

During the Pentagon family memorial, I learned how to cling to my faith and exercise patience in the understanding that God would never leave His loved ones stranded in a moment of need. The most incredible food imaginable was served to our honored guests, and thousands of people were fed at our tribute and the Pentagon's morning event as well. Even after the multitudes had finished their meals, there was a great deal of food leftover. God had provided above and beyond what we could ask, think, or imagine!

This miracle of abundance bears striking similarities to the fishes and loaves miracle of Jesus in feeding the multitudes. Both timely miracles of provision demonstrate the rewards of trusting in God, with tenacity in holding onto His prophetic vision. At the final hour, faith can bring forth an extraordinary supply sufficient to carry out His magnificent purpose. This moving ceremony brought healing and hope to many during a very dark season marked by tremendous loss.

In the face of adversity, God made sure this tribute came to pass in a spectacular way. While serving as the president of this new nonprofit organization, I couldn't have produced an event of this magnitude without the tireless efforts of the vice president of America's Heroes of Freedom

and our dedicated volunteers. The historic ceremony would not have been possible without the generous participation of our sponsors, the USO, and the many kind individuals assisting us along the way. Everyone's contribution helped to make the event heartwarming and unforgettable.

PROPHETIC CALIBRATION

Each of us is called to a destiny that is both exciting and harmonious with our talents and gifts. A crisis can call forth our best. Sometimes, we do what we do because it's simply a way of working at a job that takes care of the necessities of life. It takes a real shake-up, or a reality check, for us to think about what we *really* want to do with our lives. Many stockbrokers, for instance, decided to rethink their careers after the 9/11 terrorist attack on the New York City World Trade Center Towers. It was not that there was anything wrong with being a stockbroker. Those who find joy in their line of work should remain in it, especially if they are following their calling in life and are passionate about it.

Others, however, may have fallen into their occupation just to earn money. At the same time, they may have suppressed or ignored their inner desires to pursue their dreams over the years, which encompass a greater purpose for themselves and benefit to humanity. They simply never acted upon these inner promptings, no matter their urgency. The tragedy of 9/11 pushed some of these individuals to make a dramatic life change; the emergency provoked them to realize that they did not want to die without fulfilling their God-given destiny. Where there is civil unrest, there is a call for the talent of unifiers, peacemakers, visionaries, and compassionate

leaders, who will step forward from all walks of life to make a difference.

Isn't it time for all of us to heed God's calling and step up? To carry out our true purpose before time runs out. Our world desperately needs people of good character and moral compass to come forward for the benefit of society. Such leaders can inspire everyone to live their lives with compassion and civility toward one another. We can avert destruction. Whether we are already established or among the next generation of leaders, our destiny awaits. If you are called, you will be equipped. Who knows if you are one of the great leaders of tomorrow!

DON'T GIVE UP YOUR DREAM WHEN TIMES GET LEAN

Some will not move forward with their dream until they have the finances. What's leading them? The Spirit of God? Hardly! The desire for money often stops many in their tracks. Those under the influence of money may feel that if God calls them, then the provision should already be there from the start or soon after they begin pursuing their dream.

Yet, when they find themselves without the cold, hard cash, they often give up on their dream and go home, confused and bewildered. They quickly forget the vision God has shown them and *just call it a day...for a year or two*. Often, they will tell themselves, "Maybe things will get better." Yet, sadly, they never see their vision come to pass. Instead, their dreams are aborted!

I have met people who became so discouraged that they gave up on

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pursuing their vision and abandoned their dream altogether. Remember, your dream is a child you carry with you every single day. Never leave your baby as an orphan or give up on your child. Don't let discouragement kill your dream! I held on to mine when there was over a million-dollar price tag and no funds to support the vision. You can too!

DREAMSCAPE

Consider carefully how you feel when you wake up from a dream. Often you will, in some way, sense God's presence.

His Spirit may also speak to you, compellingly and compassionately, at times through another person. Share your dreams with like-minded individuals you trust, those who are open to the Spirit of truth's guidance through Scripture and in their own lives. Confirmation can often come through mature believers who have the gift to interpret dreams and visions. Remember, there is safety in numbers.

Where *there is* no counsel, the people
fall;
But in the multitude of counselors *there*
is safety.

—Proverbs 11:14

Finally, and most importantly, spiritually discern the content of your dream and visions through prayer, meditating on what's been shown to you, and diligently studying the Word of God. Once you are sure that the dream is divinely inspired, don't let anything stand in the way of stepping out in

faith to make it a reality—not even finances. Remember that God does, indeed, use dreams to reveal and proclaim His loving guidance through the prophetic purpose in our lives. Those who take the challenge to explore their dreams and visions with prayer, along with spiritual direction, find the goodness and faithfulness of the Lord in a new way.

As you can see, dreams and visions are indeed for today, just as they were in the days of the Old Covenant and with the first-century believers of the New Covenant chronicled in the Bible. It is evident in this present age; God continues to move in His people through supernatural ways. One thing is certain: the ability to interpret dreams or visions does not come from the wisdom of man. If God has not yet revealed the interpretation by His Spirit of truth, wait upon Him, and it will eventually come. Sometimes an individual will even be sent to interpret it. In the Old Testament, Daniel and Joseph interpreted dreams for their kings, bringing great favor to both of them because of their keen spiritual discernment.

With that said, if you *do* believe you've received a confirmation or sense that God is in the vision you are about to pursue, don't let doubt sway you in any way, especially where finances are involved. If you do, you may regret it later on and then wonder, "What might have happened if...?"

Have faith to trust God as He empowers you to move forward in pursuing your dream or vision. He will often, throughout your journey, reveal additional confirmations through Scripture, prophecy, dreams, and visions, as well as divinely connecting you with key individuals along the way to assure you that you are on the right path. Often God uses numbers to confirm miraculous occurrences that are on their way. These numerical

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signs offer us hope and increase our faith to believe that He is able to perform what He has promised.

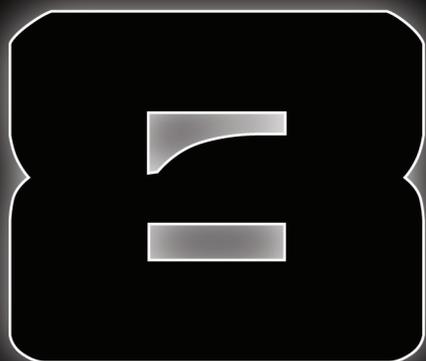
In the subsequent chapter, we will explore the power and liberty of *the new truth revolution* movement that reveals the unseen world of your destiny hidden within the *prophetic matrix*.

Prophetic Principle #7:

DISCOVER YOUR OWN DIVINE HOOK-UP: DREAMS AND VISIONS CAN CONNECT YOU TO YOUR DESTINY.

And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.

—Acts 2:17





THE NEW TRUTH REVOLUTION

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Lieutenant Daniel Kaffee: I want the truth!
Colonel Nathan R. Jessep: You want the
truth? You can't handle the truth!⁵⁴

—**Tom Cruise and Jack Nicholson** in *A Few Good Men*

Finally, we find out what our journey is all about. We uncover the best of the quest and, in the process, move up a rank to become truth seekers. No, put away the supersonic blaster. As you'll soon discover, you won't need other weapons when armed with the truth.

In the award-winning movie *A Few Good Men*, a cocky military lawyer, Lieutenant Daniel Kaffee (Tom Cruise), and his co-counsel, Lieutenant Commander JoAnne Galloway (Demi Moore), are assigned to a murder case. They uncover a hazing ritual that turned deadly, possibly implicating high-ranking officials such as Colonel Nathan R. Jessep (Jack Nicholson). The truth slowly makes its appearance, leading to the memorable

confrontation between the two men. It's a classic "good versus evil" struggle between Lieutenant Kaffee, the young subordinate in search of the truth, and Colonel Jessep, the obsessed colonel who can no longer hide behind lies. One night, rules are broken in the service of distorted orders, and a soldier is left for dead without explanation. Now the truth will explode and be revealed.

Like the movie, it's time for us to enter a new dimension where many questions are answered, many enigmas solved—all without the aid of physical warfare.

So, the real question is...can you handle the truth?

CAN YOU HANDLE THE TRUTH?

Look all around you. In every place, you will see evidence of an incredible explosion of knowledge, innovation, and scientific breakthroughs.

In this age of microtechnology, it seems everyone seeks the truth in one form or another. Computer science has provided us with the Internet—the most extensive, accessible, free library available, offering us the ability to retrieve information within seconds. Technology is constantly providing us with sharper images, faster run times, and greater information storage within smaller spaces. In addition, the world of biotechnology is rapidly uncovering clues and cures to solve the riddle of the common cold, incurable super-viruses, cancer, and AIDS.

Just as Lieutenant Kaffee fervently sought the truth from his superior, Colonel Jessep, people today seek answers to their questions. For example,

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we want the truth from those *in the know* regarding the ingredients in our food, their nutritional value, calories per serving, artificial additives, and expiration dates.

On another front, politicians are also aware of the media machine. Microphones pick up every word—on or off the record—and the Internet shares every hidden secret and act performed behind closed doors. Bribes, accepted cloak-and-dagger style, now find their way to the light . . . sometimes after being hidden for years.

No one with anything to hide is safe from the truth.

Hidden cameras find their way into almost every imaginable environment, capturing reliable data from public streets, banks, stores, hotels, at times, even from your own home. Truth seekers demand the truth, from the courtroom to the stock market and even professional sports. As an example, some athletes attempt to gain an unfair advantage over their competitors and are now under more scrutiny than ever, with allegations of steroid and drug use becoming commonplace. Those who experiment and risk everything to cheat the system to rise above others, find their secret lives exposed on television, the worldwide web, and on the front page of periodicals. New media sources are springing up everywhere, offering alternative options to discover the uncensored truth. We have certainly entered into the new truth revolution!

Have you ever lied? Have you ever been lied to? Not by God, for certain. If we seek truth, there is only one place where we can be sure to find it 100 percent of the time. It's not from any human being who is fallible, as we *all*

fall short of the glory of God. Whose worldly wisdom can compare to our Creator's divine wisdom that created the heavens and the Earth?

Can we handle the truth? If so, we can begin learning how to be led by truth, or to be more exact, how to be led by the Spirit of truth. Imagine a new world of truth seekers!

NEW BIRTH WITHIN THE MATRIX

God *is* Spirit.

—John 4:24a

Since God is Spirit, and humans are created in His image, then it makes sense that we are spirit and spiritual beings. Sure, we are flesh and blood, but within us, we are spirit. Additionally, God's Spirit desires to dwell in us and seeks to communicate with ours—Spirit to spirit. This is the divine hook-up.

How do we go about accessing this higher level of communication? The apostle Paul explains how we can gain access to truth through God's Spirit:

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

—1 Corinthians 2:12

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Equally important to discovering this truth, we must learn to trust and depend on God, as this is where all truth originates. Knowing the truth will set you free from all deception and guide you into your ultimate destiny.

Would you like to live without deception? Have you considered making truth your protective shield? Even today, the media messages we are bombarded with often deceive the masses, disseminating misinformation that leads to unhealthy thinking and living.

You're never rich enough or thin enough. To get ahead, you've got to crush the competition. It seems absurd when we read these cliches in black and white, but turn on the television for a few minutes and examine how this programmed mindset is reinforced daily, seven days a week, 365 days a year. It's an endless onslaught of toxic messages filled with deceptive motives and agendas, only offering a thin slice of truth here and there.

Is it any wonder why our destiny strays from its divine course?

At times we are persuaded to have unrealistic expectations of ourselves and others. When our lives don't measure up in some area, we seek out whatever we think will make the pain go away in an attempt to fill the void. We may look toward ideologies, worldly philosophies, or other alternative concepts in hopes of finding answers. When we discover that these substitutions for God's truth don't work, even after investing money and time, we feel cheated or foolish for being persuaded to spend anything on them in the first place. Before long, discouragement comes upon us, and then in desperation, soon we find ourselves running to new empty promises presented as real solutions.

If this sounds familiar and you want this merry-go-round to stop, then take a moment right now, and say, "Yes, I desire to be set free from misleading and inaccurate information. I choose to be led by God's Spirit of truth and obtain the ability to discern what is right and wrong for my life. I am dedicated above all else to be a *truth seeker*."

THE PROPHETIC NAVIGATION SYSTEM (PNS)

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

—John 16:13

In revisiting this powerful passage of Scripture, we discover some incredible promises of what is to come. What if you could hear from the Spirit of truth, clearly, day in and day out? It's like having your own personal navigation system; only this is a *prophetic navigation system* (PNS) powered by the Spirit of truth.

Imagine your spacecraft traveling at the speed of light through the outer recesses of deep space. You're making good time when you notice on your radar screen that you're nearing an asteroid belt. Are your human abilities enough to steer you through the tough spots ahead? Not likely. You

need outside help—from your Spirit Navigator. Without this navigational system, you'll either smash into the obstacles ahead or veer off course from the path you were following in the first place and end up getting lost. In the popular movie franchise *Star Wars*, Luke Skywalker relies on an intelligent unseen guidance system throughout his interstellar travels. Often, before he is deployed into a great battle, his superiors and mentors remind him to place his trust in an invisible intelligence, as they confidently state, "May the Force be with you."⁵⁵

This imaginary scenario is not as detached from our world as it seems. NASA currently utilizes precise technology to navigate trips to the Moon and Mars using advanced guidance systems on Earth. However, this approach is not limited to NASA or the Space Shuttle orbiters. Closer to home, we find jets and cars implementing similar technology. Yet, we don't have to look that far away to find our Helper who guides us.

Now, if we are capable of guiding objects far out into the deeper recesses of space from our planet, what if an Intelligent force, a *prophetic navigation system* (PNS), also has the ability to direct our lives where we reside on Earth? In fact, this spiritual technology does exist and is what empowers our human craft.

Prophecy is a unique spiritual communication system. It does not rely upon the natural senses, reasoning power, artificial intelligence (AI), or any other technology or mental faculty to operate effectively. God is Spirit, and we are human beings made up of spirit, soul, and body. Our interconnection harnesses a higher dimension of direct audio and visual frequencies at full bandwidth from Heaven to Earth. Such communication is only possible by

a Spirit-to-spirit connection. Above, in John 16:13, ancient scripture relating the mysteries of the kingdom of God confirms that the Spirit of truth reveals all truth, even things to come. What more could we ask for but full disclosure—in a relationship characterized by two-way communication, between ourselves and the Creator of the Universe who knows all things?

OPTIMIZING THE PROPHETIC MATRIX ENGINE

There are many ways to connect to the *prophetic matrix* by using components of the engine, which enable us to see ahead. Our Creator understands that we don't have the full view—only what is directly in front of us. We see the asteroids. However, God, who possesses a heavenly perspective, sees the asteroid belt ahead. He also sees every angle and variable out there and communicates those to us through our very own *prophetic navigation system* (PNS). The best news of all is that He provides this navigational assistance through the Spirit of truth.

God values the truth to the uttermost. The evidence is clearly articulated in Scripture.

His truth *shall be your shield*.

—Psalm 91:4c

A shield is the second level of protection, a force field around our craft. With this shield, we can avoid the trouble spots ahead. There is a necessity for protection, strength, and direction to accomplish this feat and blast

through to arrive at our destiny. Visualize a field mouse in a grassy meadow. He's winding his way around, minding his own business, but where is his focus? Is it on the path ahead or the ground? He doesn't have the full view of the entire farm or sky above. An eagle does. The bird of prey can see the farmhouse, the barn, the field, and the sky that surrounds him, as well as the tiny rodent making his way along the path. Who has more power? Who has greater vision? It is the eagle that is aware of obstacles far ahead and possible traps that await the mouse.

Similarly, we find ourselves in our own rat race here on Earth. We rush around to and from work; we play sports, hang out with friends, attend meetings, visit family, and cram our schedules with other commitments. Often, we don't take the time to see things from our Maker's perspective. It is essential to understand that God wants us to succeed and desires to direct our path toward the best possible results. This is why His *prophetic navigation system* (PNS) is so important.

Imagine we have a Copilot with us in our craft as our Spiritual Navigator while hurling through space, yet we don't know how to communicate with Him effectively. As a result, we simply are unable to understand the full potential of this dynamic union and its power to assist us in exploring the heavens. Therefore, it is critical that we learn to access our Copilot's extraordinary capabilities for a safe arrival at the ultimate realization of our God-given mission.

Learning how to access our spirit—and interconnect with the Spirit of truth continually throughout each day—is a vitally important step on the journey to spiritual maturity. It will exponentially increase our success in

moving toward the destiny that awaits us.

I once encountered a woman on a flight who fully understood this concept.

TROUBLE SPOT AT THIRTY THOUSAND FEET

There we were, cruising above the clouds, heading toward our final destination. The Spirit of truth led me to encourage a fellow passenger struggling with personal issues. This is common in a ministry environment, but on an airplane at thirty thousand feet? Yes, I was nudged by God's Spirit to step out of my comfort zone and pray for a passenger I had never met before.

It began when I sat down next to a woman on a short flight from San Jose to Los Angeles. She was wearing headphones and didn't look over at me, but suddenly my attention was drawn to her. I heard the voice of the Spirit of truth whisper: *You are going to minister to her. She is a believer. She needs help with something, and I have chosen you to reach out to her on this flight.*

In my heart, I said, *Oh, God, I don't want to bother this lady. Look! She's listening to music and has her headphones on. I can't possibly interrupt her now. The only way for me to talk to her is if she stops what she's doing and says hello to me.*

Wouldn't you know, a few seconds later, she removed the headphones, turned toward me, and introduced herself. I thought to myself, *Well, here we*

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go! We spoke for a short time, and I discovered she was indeed a believer; in fact, she'd been listening to worship music during the flight. When she found out that I was traveling to speak in Los Angeles on spiritual matters, she said, "Since you are a minister, I must confess, there are things that I need God's help with right now."

After mentioning her ongoing drinking and foul language challenges, I began to pray for her right there on the spot. The Spirit of truth had brought her attention to these troubled areas she'd been experiencing for some time to enable her to seek God's assistance through prayer and be released entirely from their negative influences. As the plane landed, a cabin full of passengers observed as she confessed her sins and received God's forgiveness. Immediately after our prayer, she thanked me and left with exuberance and joy.

But as it is written:

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,
Nor have entered into the heart of man
The things which God has prepared for
those who love Him."

But God has revealed *them* to us through
His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all
things, yes, the deep things of God.

—1 Corinthians 2:9-10

This amazing experience at thirty thousand feet in the air displays God's willingness to use us to make a difference in the lives of others

simply by being led through His *prophetic navigation system* (PNS). His Spirit of truth searches out all things—yes, the deep things of God—and reveals them to us on a need-to-know basis. When something like this happens, it makes us wonder, what could be next?

PNS STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS

How do I gain access to God's Spirit of truth and hear His day-to-day guidance? Understanding this unique spiritual process makes a significant difference, bringing change and setting our life back on track to success.

It's a step-by-step supernatural process, and it all begins with a call to our Master Creator, God Himself.

STEP #1: Call

Call to Me, and I will answer you, and
show you great and mighty things, which
you do not know.

—Jeremiah 33:3

First, it is imperative to *place the call*. Then, we must activate the system, which means that we need to *get active*. This call isn't made through cable or fiber-optic networks; it's instant, direct. Instead of picking up a phone, we grab hold of our faith and call out to God—with an expectancy that He will hear us and answer.

If you want a direct line to God, you need to first go through His Son.

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Jesus stated this relevant truth during the time of his short visitation on Earth.

Jesus said to him “I am the way, the truth,
and the life. No one comes to the Father
except through Me.

—John 14:6

Humans have a sinful nature. If we try to reach God the Father directly, without considering our sinful nature, we get a faulty connection. Jesus has the 24/7 link, and if we route our call through the Son of God, we can tap into perfect clarity. The static in our lives lessens, and we begin seeing and hearing things for what they truly are. From Earth to Heaven, we are then engaged in the ultimate communication system with our Creator.

Sin disconnects or separates us from God because He is holy and righteous. However, there is only One without sin, so we must gain access through a direct connection with Jesus. His Son establishes for us an intimate relationship with a Holy God. Jesus’ death on the cross paid the price for our sins—past, present, and future—if only we believe in the grace of God through His Son. This grace is a free gift given to us out of His extreme love and compassion. It was settled a little over two thousand years ago; Jesus, the Son of God, was sent to our planet as the Ultimate Prophet and only Savior to all humanity. In these unprecedented times we desperately need a Savior who can offer us prophetic wisdom and insight. Throughout the Scriptures, God’s prophets spoke of pestilence and civil unrest to come, predicting perilous times. We need to hear from the ship’s

Captain, more than ever, when navigating through such uncertain waters. A pure signal comes from a pure heart, and when we are plugged into the heavenly circuitry, we are then able to receive the strongest signal available.

A properly routed spiritual call will make clear, uninterrupted contact with God. However, to make that call happen, we all need the ultimate password, the name above all names: Jesus, and we must exercise our faith in Him.

But without faith, *it is* impossible to please
Him.

—Hebrews 11:6a

If you step out in faith to make this call, something extraordinary will happen. I witnessed a profound situation take place with a person who was facing a significant challenge. Please allow me to share this true story with you.

ALMOST DISCONNECTED...FOREVER

One day I walked into a store that I frequented, and a cashier, during a polite conversation, asked me what I did for a living.

"I'm a minister," I replied.

"I thought so," she said, smiling warmly. "I knew you must have been. The whole place became so peaceful when you walked in, and I no longer

wanted to kill myself.”

“What?” I responded.

She began to tell me her story. It seemed that she'd been having many difficulties at home with her family. Her depression had grown over the past few months, and she saw her options narrowing until only one option remained: suicide. She told me that when I visited the store before, one of the other clerks commented on how something changed in the atmosphere. What they perceived, of course, was the Spirit of God's presence within me, not me personally.

As for me, I rarely said much of anything to them when I would visit the location. Usually, I'd exchange the usual, “Hello...how are you?” and just place the items I was about to pay for onto the counter without further words.

I later discovered that they tried to guess what I did for a living each time I came in. It became like a game to them. Finally, she had mustered up enough courage to ask me point-blank.

This day, however, was very different. She found herself struggling with deep depression and was contemplating killing herself. As I walked into the store, she immediately noticed the negative thoughts urging her to commit suicide had suddenly left. The depression lifted, and she felt a sense of tremendous peace. Incredibly relieved and feeling so good, she just knew she had to ask about my profession since something miraculous had just taken place inside her.

We both thanked God for His intervention through Jesus Christ.

The Spirit of the Lord certainly destined me to be in that place at that time to help answer this woman's silent call for help. Through Christ's power, she was delivered from the spirit of suicide. She had been tempted to leave her children without a mother and her husband without a wife. Thank God this oppressive spirit was thwarted entirely. The suicidal thoughts nearly stole her life and came close to ruining her family.

"It shall come to pass
That before they call, I will answer;
And while they are still speaking, I will
hear.

—Isaiah 65:24

God knows your thoughts. He's working behind the scenes at all times, even when you least expect it. As for that woman in the store, she found out what happens when you send up even the quietest *call* to God.

STEP #2: And I Will Answer

Call to Me, and I will answer you.

—Jeremiah 33:3a

What happened when this desperate woman called for help? Her call was answered. God intervened and sent a messenger, carrying His powerful presence to block the destructive path she was on. It is imperative

to have faith that God will answer your call.

Have you ever tried calling someone, and you got a busy signal over and over again? It's inconvenient and bothersome. You spend the time calling, but you never actually get an answer. Or maybe you call, and it just rings and rings. After a while, you might simply stop trying to reach the individual.

Have you given up on calling out to God?

HIGHEST-PRICED LONG DISTANCE CALL IN THE UNIVERSE

There is, however, a surefire way to get God's attention and keep it. When you pray, call out to Him in Jesus' name.

God never turns away a pure heart and a clear conscience. Routing your call through Jesus means that you have a *direct line* to God through His Son, who paid the full price for our sins through the sacrifice of His life. He reconciled our connection with God. Through this Divine intervention He sees each heart as pure and clean, creating an intimate rapport with Him.

The Spirit of truth always answers when we send the call in Jesus' name. His *name* is the master key to entering God's throne room, where we can personally speak to our Father and Creator of all things. It is here where requests are answered and granted.

WHAT'S ON THE MENU?... SOMETHING UNEXPECTED

I entered a Mexican restaurant in San Francisco one evening. The owner told me something I've become accustomed to hearing. When I walked into the building, he indicated that the entire atmosphere changed and asked me what I did for a living. I told him I was a minister.

"What religion?" he asked.

"I'm a Christian prophetic minister," I replied.

"I am a Catholic," he stated.

Then he began to share from his heart what was troubling him. Looking very unhappy, he said he found it extremely hard to be good and that sin had been weighing him down. He then fell to his knees in front of my table and began to weep. So, I prayed for him right at that moment and told him Jesus had forgiven his sins.

He then explained, with tear-filled eyes, that his burden was suddenly lifted. Pleased, surprised, and delighted with the relief he had experienced, he insisted on purchasing my dinner. After I finished my meal, I got up to leave, and the owner walked with me toward the exit, continuing to show his gratitude.

On my way out, he spoke to a group of young ladies who were also leaving.

"Wait!" he said, boldly and directly to the group of college-aged

women. "This is a man of God!"

They giggled and said, "Show us the way to Heaven."

But they weren't totally joking. One of the ladies followed me down the street and asked me to help her with a challenge while her friends waited at the entrance, speaking to the owner of the establishment.

It turns out she had lost her direction in life and saw our chance meeting as a possible sign that things could get better. She proceeded to tell me that she was living in the United States and considering returning to her homeland in Europe. Then she shared details about her close relationship with a young man she hoped would blossom and grow into marriage. I prayed for her and gave her a prophetic word of wisdom about her future regarding how to make decisions led by God.

Her spirit was energized and encouraged when she jogged back to her friends to share what had happened.

Two souls were touched and restored in a single location on the same night. God is amazing!

That alone is reason enough to explore the third and final step of this flight path operating through the *prophetic navigation system* (PNS).

STEP #3: Expect to Hear Great and Mighty Things!

Call to Me, and I will answer you and show
you great and mighty things, which you
do not know.

—Jeremiah 33:3

Expect the unexpected!

Remember, God is omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent, all-seeing, all-knowing, all-powerful, and able to do exceedingly above and beyond what we can ask, think, or imagine. His works are ongoing, and by faith, we can expect God to reveal some of them to us and do great and mighty things in and through our lives.

He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

—John 14:26b

So, then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. In this way, studying the wisdom contained within the Bible is a powerful key to understanding our Heavenly Father's character and His will for our lives.

What can we expect if we step out in faith? God's all-knowing Spirit can guide us through life, always giving us a way out of conflict and shining a light on the pathway of possibilities before us. The Spirit of truth activates an inner spiritual switch already residing in each of us. As we *plug in*, a remembrance of things stored in the *prophetic matrix* for the future is activated.

Thus far, we've reviewed the step-by-step process of activating the *prophetic navigation system* (PNS) to develop a clear connection and communication with God's Spirit. Hopefully, after our discussion, you feel more confident in your ability to call upon and respond to His Spirit.

A CRISIS CALL SPARKS UNIVERSITY CAMPUS LAUNCH

In ministry, God sometimes takes us to scenes of heart-wrenching tragedies. However, God's goodness is felt even in dire situations, as shown by this story of an unusual miracle involving a near-suicide. By answering the call to help a gentleman in desperate need, I served as the instrument to release God's power. As a result, the man's life was transformed. My prophetic ministry was also blessed in a spectacular way.

The story begins with Ralph, a young Hispanic police officer who had recently witnessed the horrific aftermath of a young woman who shot herself in the head. When he arrived on the scene and entered the bedroom, he was shocked to see her lifeless body lying on a bed pushed up against one of the blood-splattered walls.

As a result of the traumatic event he witnessed in the line of duty, a suicidal spirit entered him. The haunting memory prompted Ralph to attempt to take his own life in a similar fashion. He began playing a dangerous game of Russian roulette. Daily, the peace officer would take a loaded revolver and thrust the barrel deep into his throat with the intent to kill himself. Then, as he summoned the courage, he would pull the trigger, not knowing when the lone bullet would fire. Thank God he had not yet succeeded in these first few attempts to take his own life.

A few days later, I received a call from a member of Ralph's family, inviting me to dinner at their home. With nowhere else to turn, the family hoped I might be able to help their son out of his suicidal state. When I

arrived, Ralph was sitting by himself in the corner of the room, slumped over in his chair, despondent and deeply depressed. We exchanged introductions, then proceeded to the dining room, where we enjoyed a wonderful home-cooked Mexican meal. After finishing dinner, we adjourned into the living room.

I began to share some personal experiences when God's miraculous power delivered and healed people in great despair. I also shared some pertinent scriptures from the Bible. Soon afterward, I prayed for Ralph, asking God to deliver him from this suicidal stronghold. To everyone's amazement, it happened. The power of God's Spirit fell upon Ralph, and he was transformed in an instant. Filled with joy, he knew that he would never be the same from that point on. Within minutes of asking the Lord into his heart, all suicidal thoughts left him.

A young college student named Kavon was among the guests at the house who witnessed God's amazing miracle power that evening. Before the night ended, he pulled me aside to speak privately and inquired about being mentored. He then invited me to be a special guest speaker at Santa Clara University, a respected Silicon Valley institution, where he served as the president of the Christian Coalition. The following week, arrangements were made for all of the coalition members to experience the move of God at our *prophetic matrix* meetings, which included in-depth teachings, healings, and personal prophecy.

Shortly afterward, the Christian Coalition unanimously decided to schedule weekly meetings for the next six months at the university. I asked an associate to join me, a well-known speaker on college campuses and a

national revivalist. Kavon informed me that I was the first Christian minister invited to speak regularly for an extended time at the Jesuit university.

One day I received an unexpected phone call from Kavon asking me to assist him with an emergency situation. He wanted me to drop by and help his dorm-mate, who reportedly had been having terrifying nightmares so severe that he could no longer sleep—in fear that he would die. Whenever he was able to fall asleep, his dreams revealed an attacker lunging at him and attempting to murder him. As a result, his grades were failing, and he would be required to leave the university if his GPA did not improve. After hearing the severity of the situation, I scheduled to meet with Kavon and his friend.

When I arrived at the dorm room, I noticed immediately that the tormented young man had dark circles around his eyes from sleep deprivation. Grippled by the fear of dying in his sleep, he was attempting to force himself to keep his eyes open. He told me that he was failing in school because he couldn't stay awake during his classes. If someone didn't throw him a lifeline, his education would soon be shipwrecked.

I knew only one such Savior and wasted no time speaking about Jesus and the Spirit of truth who would save him from this frightening reality. Within moments of praying for him, the power of God fell and immediately set him free from the oppression that had stolen his life as he knew it. From that night on, he was able to sleep peacefully. Soon afterward, his grades rose dramatically, and he was able to continue his college education without interruption.

Thank God, in both cases, the young men experienced great victories! The Spirit of the Lord prevailed in overtaking their darkness. They both now live with the hope of a bright shining future and their destinies intact. Sadly, the young woman who committed suicide was not so fortunate. If only someone had ministered Christ to her, perhaps she could have been saved. By God's grace, the Santa Clara University *prophetic matrix* meetings produced stellar results on campus for the next six months. Many extraordinary things took place, transforming the lives of those who attended.

SUPERCARGE YOUR LIFE

In this chapter, you've seen the dramatic impact of being a truth seeker. Your life, and the lives of others, can change significantly. We have discovered that the truth is available to set us free if we're ready and willing to go beyond the surface and dig deeper to uncover it.

You have learned about the *prophetic navigation system* (PNS) and how a direct connection is made through the Spirit of truth to communicate with God through prayer by applying Jeremiah 33:3. These three key steps include: (1) *calling upon the Lord*, (2) *having faith that He will answer*, and (3) *expecting to hear great and mighty things!*

We've now witnessed the results of plugging into this empowering system that triggered miraculous events in everyday people's lives. These divine appointments occurred in ordinary locations such as airplanes, retail stores, restaurants, and even college campuses. You may also find

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yourself being led by the *prophetic navigation system* (PNS) into the most unusual places, operating with power and divine insight to make a difference in people's lives.

That's the true beauty of being a truth seeker. God can work through us wherever we happen to be. By positively affecting others, the truth-seeker army grows in strength and size, becoming an unstoppable movement—a *new truth revolution*—with the power to transform lives for the good and unlock the secret code to our destiny.

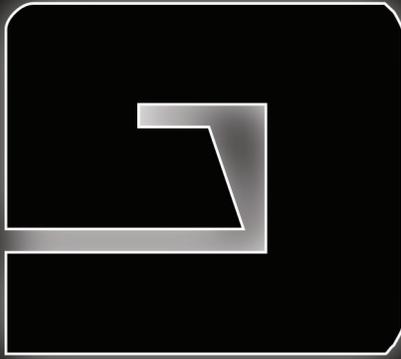
Now, for all truth seekers in the *prophetic matrix*, get ready to encounter the *Ultimate Intergalactic Superhero*.⁵⁶

Prophetic Principle #8:

USE THE PROPHETIC NAVIGATION SYSTEM TO GUIDE YOU INTO ALL TRUTH.

But when He has come--the Spirit of Truth--He will guide you into all the truth. For He will not speak as Himself originating what He says, but all that He hears He will speak, and He will make known the future to you.

—John 16:13 (WNT)





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We all wish we had superpowers. We all wish we could do more than we can do.⁵⁷

—Stan Lee

Did you have a favorite comic book superhero as a kid? Maybe it was Batman with his high-tech gadgets and tricks or Spiderman who scales walls and swings from one skyscraper to another. Perhaps your favorite was Superman, noted to be faster than a speeding bullet and more powerful than a locomotive. Vintage comic book collectors still pay homage to the 1938 Golden Age debut of the *man of steel* featured on the cover of Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster's first issue of *Action Comics*. Superman is depicted as the red-caped superhero from the planet Krypton lifting an automobile over his head. Or maybe you admired Wonder Woman, a character with superhuman strength and power.

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These are all fictional action heroes who live only in the imagination. Yet, there is one iconic superhero that is not fiction. He is real in every sense of the word. Although He didn't climb walls, He did walk through a wall to present Himself after His death and resurrection to His disciples, and He also walked on water. While He didn't stop moving trains, He did escape unscathed when they attempted to push him off a cliff. Nothing can compare to His supernatural power and strength, which He exhibited by raising the dead, casting out demons, and healing every type of sickness and disease.

The one I speak of is none other than Jesus Christ, the real superhero of our souls and all humanity. He takes us beyond our understanding and imagination. He carries us into the realm of the impossible. He elevates us higher into a dimension where the barriers of natural laws are broken by His mighty Spirit. Through faith in His Word, this same eternal power is made available to us today...if we simply believe.

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*.”

—John 14:12-14

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A film appeared out of nowhere in May 1977. *Star Wars*, the phenomenally popular movie, created a successful franchise and reshaped pop culture. As the quintessential summer blockbuster, the film grossed over \$775 million worldwide in ticket sales. Set in the deep recesses of space, the story captivated audiences with cutting-edge special effects, eclectic characters, and heart-pounding action scenes that kept audiences on the edge of their seats. Luke Skywalker went on a hero's space adventure, from a desert planet in the outskirts of the galaxy, to defeat the dreaded Death Star.

The total global box office receipts since 1977 on all *Star Wars* movies, Marvel Studios releases, DC Films, and *Star Trek* motion pictures comes to an estimated 41 billion dollars. Now, why would people shell out so much money every year for fictional movies featuring superheroes? The answer is that these films offer escapism from trials that we face daily by inviting us to abandon our reality in favor of the exciting realm of science fiction.

Think about when an audience settles down into their comfortable reclining seats at the theater on opening night. Anticipation soars as the house lights dim, and they eagerly gaze up at the silver screen. The introductory text appears, setting the scene "in a galaxy far, far away..." It's followed by a symphonic blast of unforgettable iconic theme music as the famous logo *Star Wars* takes center stage. This opening sequence introduces the space saga's next installment, within a bluish-black backdrop, along with trillions of glittering stars scattered throughout the heavens.

For the next ninety minutes, moviegoers are engaged in an intergalactic adventure of valiant heroes thwarting evil forces bent on conquering the galaxy. The viewers are attracted to the engaging plot, moving at an accelerated pace, featuring advanced civilizations with utopian cityscapes that dazzle the eyes and stimulate the senses. Their streets are populated with enlightened citizens traveling on neon pathways throughout the metropolis.

Who can forget the compelling scene from Marvel's *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2*, featuring the humorous exchange between Ravager Yondu and wisecracking Rocket Raccoon? After escaping imprisonment from mutineers, the space pirate sees through the "tough guy" act of the bio-engineered raccoon and tackles the fundamental issue of his heart. Yondu explains that Rocket pushes away close relationships because he is scared that a little bit of love would reveal the empty void inside him. Even though this crucial scene is on board Yondu's ship—the third Quadrant—the interaction between two friends could easily take place in our own living rooms.

These emotionally driven scenes impact us on multiple levels, relieving internal pressure through humor, high-level action, and meaningful friendships forged in the heat of conflict. Hollywood stealthily interweaves biblical values in these epic films that include love, family, sacrifice, loyalty, and long-lasting friendships. Our spiritual DNA resonates deeply with those compelling elements that speak to us consciously and subconsciously. Could our extreme attraction to blockbuster space-age films be due to the human soul's yearning to quench its inner desire for

transformation into a super-powered entity?

After the climactic conclusion of these exhilarating movies, hundreds of individuals stream out of the theater, excited about what they just experienced. Then, for a moment, they lift their eyes upward, awestruck, observing the constellations, and wonder what *intelligent force* has suspended these astronomical jewels in space.

EXPLORING THE COSMOS

Imagine flying from one galaxy to another in a star cruiser. It's as if you're in the middle of an intergalactic adventure, exploring the cosmos amongst the beauty of God's multifaceted planetary systems. Yet, each galaxy is so enormous that it would take 200,000 years for a spacecraft traveling at the speed of light to cross the Milky Way, according to a new study by Space.com.⁵⁸

Millions of Internet users stream movies on Netflix, YouTube, Amazon Prime Video, and other entertainment services to escape daily stress. Superhero movies are a fun distraction; however, the audience requires something real after stepping away from these comic book feature films and facing their challenging future prospects. How are the younger generations going to fulfill their dreams after watching these fantasy films? What tangible solutions do they offer to help them navigate through the trials of life? Many wrestle with fear and anxiety that steal their peace while in the throes of a pandemic, economic instability, peer pressure, anxieties, and civil unrest.

Unsurprisingly, most adventure seekers long to experience a world where they wield immense power over hostile adversaries and achieve great conquests. Remember when Luke Skywalker, amid turmoil, overcame the Empire threatening his home, family, and friends with guidance by *the Force*? George Lucas created this supernatural presence as Luke's copilot. In our quest for adventure, meaning, and mastery, we can partner with the Spirit of truth, who navigates our path and empowers us to perform the seemingly impossible every day.

Comic book creators Stan Lee, Steve Ditko, and Jack Kirby were not the first visual storytellers to weave popular tales of intergalactic defenders battling foreign terrorists. So, where do you think these artistic innovators received their inspiration? Chronicled within the ancient pages of the world's number-one bestseller, which exemplifies God's foundational truth, are stories about ordinary people accomplishing tremendous feats in overwhelming situations.

It's reported in the Book of Genesis that the Master Designer fashioned cosmic wonders and scattered them across space, forming an interplanetary mosaic of engineering marvels. He declared they were good and continued His handiwork, sculpting a diversity of illuminated spheres and artistic constellations. We see evidence of the Creator's fingerprints everywhere in the night sky. Does the display of His breathtaking universe make you curious about its origin?

I must reemphasize the significance of this quote featured in *The New Science*, where the renowned theoretical physicist Max Planck gave his professional opinion about such origins: "As a man who has devoted his

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whole life to the most clearheaded science, to the study of matter, I can tell you as a result of my research about the atoms this much: There is no matter as such! All matter originates and exists only by virtue of a force, which brings the particles of an atom to vibration and holds this most minute solar system of the atom together... We must assume behind this force the existence of a conscious and intelligent Mind. This Mind is the matrix of all matter."⁵⁹

Let us embark on a transtemporal journey and reenter the *prophetic matrix*, where ancient scribes recorded the universe's inception long ago. Within the recesses of eternity, the cosmos was birthed from a powerful command. In the midst of darkness, a glorious voice like no other decreed, "Let there be light." Immediately an explosion of intense energetic rays hurled from the Mighty One and proliferated across the murk, engulfing everything in its path. Subatomic particles generated from this Supreme Ruler consumed every area of nothingness, creating an extraordinary realm.

These divinely inspired scribes detailed the stratification of the heavens, composed of three layers: the first is Earth's atmosphere, the second is outer space, and the last is the third Heaven, which is God's dwelling place. In the farthest quadrants of space, a majestic realm exists outside our physical plane. No interstellar vehicle constructed by mortals can gain access into the Cosmic Creator's dimension. It's not hidden in the clouds, but this heavenly realm is a tangible location where celestial nobility dwells.

To gain a clearer picture of how truly spectacular this place is, imagine Coruscant in the *Star Wars* films. The entire planet is composed

of one colossal urban sprawl with its magnificent illuminated steel and glass skyscrapers, expansive courts with sculptured gardens, and highly advanced technology.

In comparison, our Master Engineer's heavenly metropolis surpasses anything created in fiction (Revelation 21). He built this incorruptible city for His inhabitants. The measurements are recorded in Scripture as a multidimensional hexahedron, measuring 1,380 miles in length, width, and height. Its roadways are paved with transparent gold, and precious stones embed the walls surrounding the municipality. A clear, sparkling river, brimming with resurrection life, runs through the broad boulevards into the *great throne room* where the Master of the Universe reigns.

AN UNPRECEDENTED VISITATION

Just as the Marvel fictional character Thor was dispatched from space to defend Earth from invading forces in our world, the Ruler of the Cosmos sent Jesus our Savior on an unprecedented visitation and mission to rescue humanity. Most of the population didn't recognize the Son of God as their *Ultimate Intergalactic Superhero* because His complete persona was veiled from his infancy. Even Jesus' birth was miraculous; He was conceived by a teenage girl who had never experienced intimacy with a man. Stepping out of eternity and into time—from the heights of a spectacular realm—He came to restore humanity and delivered us from the power of darkness.

In Marvel's *Fantastic Four*, Johnny Storm transforms from an average guy into a formidable, fiery superpowered adventurer, the Human Torch

defending Earth from a despotic warlord. Contrast that with the depiction of the Messiah. Near 30 AD, He *was* transfigured from an ordinary man into His glorified body—wrapped in radiant light—a spectacle witnessed by the disciples and then captured on scrolls for posterity. The event marks a pivotal moment in time where humanity encounters Christ's supernatural transformation. He became our *point of contact* to bridge the temporal with the eternal. Stay with me. Soon we will be transitioning into a subsequent chapter, "Faith Is A Time Traveler," where I cover this supernatural transfiguration event in much greater detail.

THE CONQUEROR

Audiences are left spellbound while viewing *Avengers: Endgame* with its catastrophic clash between the superheroes and Thanos, who vied for supremacy of the universe. Thousands died on the battlefield, and yet others lived to defeat unearthly beings bent on extinguishing life. Iron Man activated the destruction of his foes within an instant when he used his infinity gauntlet. Fans loved watching the bewildered super-villain and his armies disintegrate into particles of ash.

Likewise, in our tangible world, Jesus the *Conqueror* came to rescue humanity from the cruelty of the kingdom of darkness and its Satanic rule. Rather than snap His fingers to alter the universe as Iron Man did, He shouted triumphantly, "It is finished!" (John 19:30) before being brutally executed as a criminal, though He was an innocent man. He offered Himself as the ultimate sacrifice for the ransom of a spiritually lost civilization. Shockwaves of transformative power rippled across Earth and throughout

the cosmos, offering redemption for billions of lives, past, present, and future. The Anointed One obliterated darkness that blinded the eyes of mankind and took upon Himself the ultimate challenge of saving a fallen race.

Scripture confirms that man and woman are created in God's image; His spiritual DNA intertwined within every fiber of our being, which explains our quest to seek past the stars and into infinity. We are no longer passive spectators in a movie theater enjoying the riveting tales of titans guarding the planet. Instead, our loving Father of Lights emboldens us to live as *more* than conquerors. The Holy Spirit then fills us with courage and power as the Force did with Luke Skywalker. It's the epic ride of our lives as we launch into the *prophetic matrix* and unlock the secret code to our destiny.

Everyone rooted for the Avengers and Justice League as they drove out their enemies before them. Similarly, Jesus the *Conqueror* displayed the power to drive out demons, and He has given those who believe the same authority to cast out every evil spirit *in His name*. Iron Man wore a high-tech metal suit to shield himself as he fought Thanos. In God's kingdom, we are equipped with superior spiritual armor fashioned from the eternal realms that withstand Lucifer's massive firepower. Jesus, our Intergalactic Warrior, made us a new breed of champions to shape the course of history.

Finally, who can forget the epic conclusion in *Star Wars*? Orchestral music swells with celebratory fanfare as Princess Leia decorates Luke Skywalker and Han Solo for acts of valor before their admiring peers. One day in our future, we as God's *special forces* will enter His palatial throne room of the heavenly city—after its descent to Earth. As the golden

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temple trumpets herald a triumphant anthem, each harmonious melody invigorates the royal procession of angelic warriors that stand by at attention. Take a moment to envision God's glory illuminating massive pillars, bejeweled walls, and imperial purple banners, waving from vaulted ceilings, as esteemed luminaries approach the Son of God, our Ultimate Intergalactic Superhero.

During that appointed time, a vast celestial army clothed in brilliant light arrives after accomplishing their earthly mission. These faithful champions ascend the crystalline steps toward the King of Glory, seated at the right hand of God. Reverently, they kneel on the sea of glass before His Royal Majesty in awe. Smiling with approval, He raises the golden scepter and gently crowns each one, imparting favor, blessing, power, and the fullness of His kingdom inheritance upon them.

Archangels Michael and Gabriel, along with the host of Heaven and those redeemed by their Heroic Liberator, applaud as He decorates each fellow overcomer. During the closing presentation, the highest honor is bestowed upon these celebrated conquerors who endured great trials on Earth. Finally, with overwhelming love and admiration, the Alpha and Omega decrees, "Well done, good and faithful servants! Welcome into My eternal kingdom of Glory."

In conclusion, after assessing the various parallels between cinematic fictional empires and the mind-blowing reality of the pristine Paradise of God, we can envision the prophetic fulfillment of a genuine interstellar saga for the redemption of humankind—not the traditional finale from a *Star Wars* blockbuster, but instead the phenomenal beginning of an

ongoing supernatural journey.

Now the real question is: Are you ready to encounter an extraordinary life with the everlasting King of the cosmos? His royal invitation offers you a future far beyond your wildest imagination. And just as *the Force* was with Luke Skywalker...His Spirit will always be with you, now and into infinity.

Stay on board as our *Ultimate Intergalactic Superhero* instructs us to operate in tremendous power and glory, offering everyone in the *prophetic matrix* an opportunity to power up!

Prophetic Principle #9:

THERE IS A FORCE THAT GOES WITH YOU, WHEREVER YOU GO ...
HE, THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH IS A MIGHTY SHIELD OF PROTECTION TO
THOSE WHO BELIEVE.

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
—Philippians 4:13

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PREPARE TO POWER UP

God often showcases His power on the stage of human weakness.⁶⁰

—Andy Stanley

The term “power” is everywhere these days. If you take a quick ten to twenty-minute snooze, it’s called a “power nap.” When executives or managers meet for lunch to discuss business, they call it a “power lunch.” Fitness gurus who promote accelerated walking call it a “power walk.” Placing the word “power” before an activity makes it sound supercharged, energized, and maximally effective.

Ironically, the word “power” seems to be losing its relevance and strength these days.

Real power enables you to do something you couldn’t do before. Think for a minute. All your electronic devices are power-driven, such as televisions, DVD players, cellphones, laptops, and iPads. If they aren’t

plugged into a wall outlet, they may be functioning on solar energy or batteries charged with power. Either way, power activates and operates your devices, appliances, or gadgets. Fuel, another power source, propels automobiles, airplanes, ocean liners, and rockets traveling into space. Although low-tech, natural power sources, like wind and running water, also generate clean energy. Power drives nearly everything that we depend on and use.

Despite the wonders of mechanical and electronic power, our personal power depends on a different source. This unparalleled power Source enables us to do things in our lives that we could not do before. Here are some key questions in this regard:

Do you have power?

Are you spiritually empowered?

Do you know how crucial it is to be powered up in order to fulfill your destiny?

Through God's *prophetic matrix*, you can connect to a field of power that will recharge your life and propel you into a new realm of unlimited possibilities.

PROPHETIC POWER TRANSMISSION

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.

—Acts 1:8a

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Without God's indescribable gift, His Holy Spirit, you are powerless to accomplish great and mighty exploits in a profound way. There is no other power that can eclipse the greatness of His resurrection power toward us who believe. Through His Spirit, you are able to carry out your purpose far beyond your human capabilities. By experiencing a spiritual birth, your eyes are opened to God's heavenly realm. You step into the portal of the supernatural and enter the sphere of His eternal kingdom.

To illustrate how God's power may be received and activated, let's consider one of today's most advanced power-transferring technologies. While most electronic devices need to be plugged into a power outlet, power can also be transmitted without a cord. The wireless transmission connects electrical energy from a power source to a receiver without interconnecting wires. Solar power, which takes usable energy from the sun, is a prime example. There are solar-powered cars, homes, and even communities operating without reliance on traditional sources of power (hence the popular term "off-grid"). The power, although invisible, translates into everyday energy. It sounds like solar technology got its cue from the Creator of unlimited power. Similarly, like this power we receive from the sun, we can be empowered through God's unseen Spirit—without wires and cords! The key is for us to be linked to the power of the Holy Spirit by God's extraordinary transmission.

Keep in mind that God is Spirit, not human flesh. Our human ideas stand in the way of us grasping His expansive vision for our lives. His abilities far exceed our human efforts. God's intelligence surpasses our cognitive mind. As recipients of this power transfer, we are beneficiaries

of all that is contained within the *prophetic matrix*. Additionally, we are led into the realm of the Spirit, where the gift of prophecy, a word of knowledge, a word of wisdom, dreams, and visions guide us into our infinite destiny.

Let us examine a key scripture, in which Jesus, the Prophet, and Son of God, speaks of rebirth through the Holy Spirit as the way to see into the heavenly realm of God's kingdom:

Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

—John 3:3 (NIV)

Following Jesus' water baptism, the Holy Spirit descends on Him from above, and He is baptized in the Spirit. Many seek water baptism yet fail to understand and follow in Jesus' footsteps to receive a Spirit-filled baptism—an integral step to realizing our divine purpose. Just as the sun shines and powers a solar collector, in the same way, God's Spirit shines in our hearts and energizes us for life. When His Spirit lives within us, we are fueled and ignited with power from on High.

Imagine the immeasurable capacities to which such power gives rise as it flows through you. God works at a level far above and beyond what our mind is able to fathom. Yet His power operates within us and emerges throughout our daily lives. For instance, my prophetic ministry has witnessed amazing miracles only because of an ongoing transmission of God's power. His imparted strength makes all the

difference in achieving our full potential.

Perhaps you're wondering, "I was born once; why must I be born a second time?" Jesus explains being born again:

That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and
that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

—John 3:6

When your human life comes into existence, you are born with a physical body, soul, and spirit. By deciding to receive Jesus into your heart, you are birthed as a *new creation* in Christ. Then as you are baptized with water and filled with God's Holy Spirit, your spiritual identity emerges. The physical casing of flesh and blood cannot enter into God's kingdom. It's the spirit and soul, not the flesh, that crosses over into the heavenly realm into His presence. So, by following the example of Jesus—through baptism in both water and the Spirit—you can achieve entry into God's kingdom by faith through His amazing grace. You will then be able to operate in the *prophetic matrix* fully. By spiritual endowment, we are internally filled with His Spirit, which infuses God's power into our lives in a superhuman way. Like the sun's rays connecting with solar panels that provide them with sufficient power to operate, in the same way, God's indwelling Spirit empowers us to function according to His higher purpose. The baptism of the Spirit creates harmony with a flow of spiritual gifts, such as in the gift of prophecy.

Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

—John 3:5

It is essential to note that baptism is not just being born of water; it is also being born of the Spirit in order to find entrance into the kingdom of God. This is how we gain access to eternal life and establish a one-on-one relationship with our Heavenly Father.

WHEN THE EARTH MOVED

Tune in to an oldies station on any radio or music streaming service, and you'll probably hear Carole King's 1971 classic, “I Feel the Earth Move.” The song describes an exciting relationship that shook her life inside and out. It's funny how even a vintage melody reminds me of an incredible experience in my ministry.

To tie this earth-moving song together with an earth-shaking scripture, check out this power-packed passage:

And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

—Acts 4:31

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Can you believe it? As the Holy Spirit is being poured out, the ground rumbles right under their feet!

Well, I had a similar (yet unique) experience not long ago. One evening at my local ministry, a regular attendee named Linda visited and asked us all if we would pray for her husband. At the time, he was struggling under a heavy workload and feeling deeply depressed.

I led the group in prayer with boldness, asking God to touch Linda's husband with His Holy Spirit and immediately release him from depression. Little did we realize that we were about to discover what was taking place that night at the same time we prayed.

The next day we got a call confirming that God had heard and answered our prayers. Linda's husband, Lance, stated he was suddenly set free from depression and was feeling great. He reported that, at the same time we prayed, his entire warehouse trembled and shook. This was a dynamic demonstration of God's power confirmed. Not only was there a quake in Lance's building, but also in his heart. The next day he shared his experience and faith in Jesus Christ joyfully with others.

Now that's power transmission!

Let's not miss the important message here. God has a process of giving and equipping people with spiritual power. First, He searches your heart to see if you're ready to receive His promise. How awesome it is to know that by placing our faith in Christ, we are able to receive His power through the gift of the Holy Spirit and be empowered to realize our destiny and transform the lives of others.

PLUG INTO THE POWER!

Perhaps nothing has shaken me more powerfully than the incredible story I am about to share with you. This is an actual account of God's Spirit, empowering us to accomplish the miraculous.

One afternoon I stopped by my local dry cleaners. As I was picking up my garments, I noticed a lady in the back, one of the owners. She was sitting on a stool, bent over crying. Mascara tainted tears rolled down her face. With just one glance, I could see that she was in deep despair.

Unsure of what was bothering her, I asked, "Can I pray for you?"

"Yes," she answered quietly. Then she began telling me the tragic story of her nephew, who had recently attempted suicide by hanging himself on a tree in a local park. Although he was found while still alive and given medical attention, unfortunately the doctors gave no sign of hope. He was lying in a coma, and the spirit of death paced the corridor outside his hospital room in anticipation of his final breath. The only thing keeping him alive was a life support machine plugged into the wall; it would be pulled the next day by his doctor if he showed no sign of improvement. His aunt wanted to pray that he would now enter into Heaven.

My spirit, however, was plugged into a different power source, which prompted me to quickly act in faith at this critical moment while her nephew's life was at death's door. Instead of praying for him to enter Heaven (since I didn't know whether or not he had given his heart to the Lord), I asked her and her husband to pray with me for their nephew to come out of his coma. Then, I knew he would have the opportunity to

accept Jesus Christ as his Savior and receive a second chance at a better life. With tear-filled eyes, they agreed.

Right there in that small dry-cleaning store, I joined hands with them to pray for their nephew. The life he tried to hang from a tree was now hanging in the balance of eternity. As we prayed, I asked God to spare his life and boldly called this young man out of his coma in the mighty name of Jesus.

Having finished our prayer, I left the store. The owners later told me that at that moment, they felt the building shake! Convinced that God was answering the prayer I initiated, the lady's husband called his brother at the hospital and begged him *not* to pull the plug on the boy.

Later that day, the lady went to visit her nephew. As she walked into the hospital room, she noticed her mother sitting there, looking awestruck, in disbelief.

"What happened, Mother? Is everything all right?" she asked anxiously.

Then, with sputtering lips and a faint voice, she replied, "Right before you arrived, the door opened, and Jesus Himself walked in and smiled at me. Then He approached his bed and smiled. After that, He vanished into thin air."

Her mouth dropped open in awe as chills ran up her spine.

The following morning, the doctors phoned her husband's brother and delivered miraculous news. "Your son has awakened from his coma!"

Instantly, the father was filled with unspeakable joy and relief. His son was going to live!

Soon after, the aunt, whose tear-filled eyes I'll never forget, was now a woman filled with faith and attending my prophetic ministry regularly. She discovered a truth that I had already known when we prayed that day in their dry-cleaning store. It is this: When you're plugged into God's power and operating in the *prophetic matrix*, there are no impossibilities, nor can anyone—or any circumstance—unplug your purpose in life.

God imparts His Spirit of power to those who desire to obey Him out of love. Receiving the Lord Jesus into your heart by simply believing and confessing that He is your Lord and Savior is the first phase of the revelation of truth that positions you to receive power from on high.

Through the sacrifice Jesus made by offering His life on the cross to pay the full penalty for our iniquities, we can walk in a way that pleases God every day, and we will be seen as righteous in His eyes. No one is perfect. But through His daily guidance and cleansing from our sins, by grace, we can approach Him in prayer, with full assurance and faith that He will respond to our requests in a miraculous way.

SPIRITUAL CLEANSING

People are becoming more and more health-conscious. From herbal supplements and organic food to physical fitness and wellness, we pay a great deal of attention to our bodies and how we treat them.

Among the onslaught of health products on the market are

detoxification and cleansing treatments. Detoxification is credited for weight loss, disease prevention, medical cures, and energy boosts. Cleansing underpins alternative therapies and aims to remove toxic substances from the body. In addition, a growing population is resorting to natural remedies, botanical antidotes, and organic diets to cleanse their physical bodies from impurities. All of this sounds reasonable and essential since we are responsible for taking care of our bodies and treating them well. However, I have a question, one that most detox gurus fail to answer.

What about *spiritual* cleansing?

Jesus said:

But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man.

—Matthew 15:18

We pour tremendous effort into our physical hygiene, and yet our inner spiritual self is polluted by things displeasing to God. People carry little bottles of hand sanitizer to make sure their hands are clean. Yet, how much effort is placed into cleansing one's soul and spirit, which can often be soiled with sin and deception? And even after they have attempted to cleanse the soul and spirit of impurities, without faith in Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, all human efforts fail to meet the highest purity standard of God's Holy Spirit.

If you have a clean body and an unclean spirit, you will never fully

realize your true calling within the *prophetic matrix*. Not only this, but your divine destiny can be derailed. Purity of heart and spirit is crucial when seeking to hear clearly and accurately from God through the Spirit of truth.

And as He spoke, a certain Pharisee asked Him to dine with him. So He went in and sat down to eat. When the Pharisee saw it, he marveled that He had not first washed before dinner. Then the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees make the outside of the cup and dish clean, but your inward part is full of greed and wickedness. Foolish ones! Did not He who made the outside make the inside also? But rather give alms of such things as you have; then indeed all things are clean to you. "But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass by justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.

—Luke 11:37-42

God uses vessels of all shapes and sizes, but each one is first cleansed and adequately prepared before honorable use. This is why we need the love of God applied to our lives through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and

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His Holy Spirit in-dwelling within our hearts. Only the Lord, our Savior, can detoxify our spirit and soul. God's detoxification process enables His power to flow freely.

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

—Ephesians 5:18 (NIV)

ACCESS GRANTED

For us to gain access to God's portals of power, we must go through His purification process. We can't just barge in and ask to be filled with His Spirit. Our sins must first be washed away through faith in Jesus Christ, whose mission is specifically to remove all unrighteousness and leave us thoroughly cleansed. Then through this spiritual purification process, we are able to gain direct access to God's power and loving plan for our life.

In today's security-conscious world, we are required to provide a passcode or password to gain access to almost every personal device or entryway. We punch codes into our computers, ATMs, phones, and car doors to be permitted to enter. Even commercial business doors have hi-tech locks requiring an entry code. Instead of inserting and turning a key, you punch in an access code—and click!—the door opens. If you enter an incorrect passcode on the keypad, you will likely see the words "Access Denied" flash across the screen, restricting you from entry. But, when you

punch in the correct passcode, access is instantly granted. The Holy Spirit, through Jesus, functions similarly, granting us access to God's presence.

Scripture reveals:

For through Him we both have access by
one Spirit to the Father.

—Ephesians 2:18

Let's take a look at some essential principles that make this divine access possible. The hard reality is that many who claim to hear God's voice and to speak His prophetic word have not confessed their sins, nor have they received Jesus as their Lord and Savior. They haven't been cleansed and prepared for God's honorable use. Their hearts are often misaligned and misguided so that when they hear a voice talking within, it isn't God; that voice may be coming from a familiar spirit attempting to influence them.

Here is where God's *prophetic matrix* comes in. This field of God's activity clears the connection to His voice and facilitates the Spirit's influence in our lives. Unlike demonic and foul spirits, who utter lies and deception, the Holy Spirit speaks the truth and nothing but the truth. Until we admit our sinful state and desire spiritual cleansing, God can't trust us with His luminous wisdom and holiness. Our access is denied if we are not cleansed through Jesus Christ's loving grace, displayed through His selfless death upon the cross. His blood is shed for our sins. His resurrection guarantees our eternal life. Such cleansing allows us to claim

our kingly heritage and royal priesthood:

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him *be glory* and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

—Revelation 1:5b-6

Whom would you trust with your timeless prophetic words? Would you put your faith in someone who is spiritually unclean and open to deception? Or instead, in a humble person who admits the need for purification from sin and guidance by the Holy Spirit? Sin is the ultimate barrier between God and man. Yet, through our Lord Jesus, we can access God's divine realm without shame, guilt, or condemnation. God's gift through Christ is indispensable and instrumental in our personal relationship with our Heavenly Father. You could make this comparison. What ultra-power laundry detergent is to dirty clothes, so Christ is to us. He's our stain-lifter who cleanses us from all unrighteousness. Then we are thoroughly washed from the soil of sin within our souls and clothed in white robes.

HOW TRUTH FUNCTIONS

One thing is certain in life; wrong choices and mistakes have consequences. If you run a red light and a police officer catches you, you will receive a ticket. If you lie, even just a little, the lies often come

back to haunt you. Actions have consequences, whether good or bad. If you've yet to discover that your words and actions can cause sin, broken relationships, and personal hurt, you might be missing how truth functions. Right and wrong, good and evil, are measured against the truth, which is the balancing scale for righteous conduct and sound decisions. When we act within God's will, we bring forth His abundant blessings. Just as in a court of law, so truth convicts the heart by God's Spirit but does not condemn us. We are confronted by our illicit thoughts and unprincipled intentions throughout our life.

Without personal conviction and a passion for living in God's holiness and liberty, our hearts will eventually drift away from God. Salvation is not limited to a lifestyle of aiming to please our Heavenly Father; additionally, it is a change of our soul and spirit's eternal destination. Salvation can be compared to a new address. You can't change your address without relocating. Until you move and live in your new home, you will never grasp the fullness of its reality and true potential.

When we receive Jesus in our heart as our Savior and the Holy Spirit lives in us, amazing things happen. Suddenly we are connected with God and welcomed as pure vessels. Why? Jesus, God's only begotten Son, became the sinless and spotless sacrifice for our sin, who paid the ultimate cost as a ransom for our due penalty. Many ask, "Why does sin have a penalty?" For the answer, look no further than the law of cause and effect—or what the Holy Scripture calls "sowing and reaping." For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction (Newton's third law of motion). It is simply cause and effect. If a pebble is tossed into the pond,

it ripples from the impact.

Like a small stone, the result of one sin can cause a ripple effect in your life, and its impact can rattle your destiny, sending shock waves through your personal and professional life. Even future generations feel the ripples of your decisions. However, the Spirit of Christ irons out the wrinkles caused by sin and emancipates your future. Once the Spirit sets you free, nothing can unravel your purpose in life.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God,
these are sons of God.

—Romans 8:14

Amidst this spiritual law, we can see that a life led by the Spirit of truth is the one God has chosen for us to chart our course and fulfill His purpose.

If you have not already welcomed the Prophet of all prophets, the Son of God, Jesus, into your heart, now is the perfect time. In so doing, all the wrinkles in the fabric of your spirit will be ironed out and eliminated. You can then see into the heavenly places, where every spiritual blessing is waiting for you. You may possess these gifts. By entering a holy place where God's love is ever-present, you experience great discoveries with each new day.

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born? Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

—John 3:3-7

In the scripture listed above, God's Word identifies how we can access His glorious presence and experience internal restoration. By accepting His Son Jesus as our emancipator, we receive an unparalleled spiritual cleansing that will last for eternity.

If you are ready to pass through into the next corridor of the *prophetic matrix* with me, you can enter now through this powerful prayer of salvation and transform your life forever. I remember the day I prayed this prayer, and my life began a transformation process that has taken me far and beyond what I could have ever dreamed or imagined!

Heavenly Father, I come humbly to You in prayer, asking for the

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forgiveness of my sins, and to cleanse me from all unrighteousness. I confess with my mouth and believe in my heart that Jesus is Your only begotten Son, that He died on the cross at Calvary so that I would be forgiven of my sins and obtain eternal life. I believe that Jesus rose from the dead on the third day, ascended into Heaven, and is seated at Your right hand of power and glory. Jesus, I invite you to come into my heart and be my personal Lord and Savior. I ask that You fill me with Your Holy Spirit and guide me into all truth, even things to come. This I pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

—Romans 10:8-10

IS HE IN YOU?

Is God's Spirit alive in your heart? Are you living engulfed in His presence and empowered by His Spirit? Perhaps a familiar sports energy drink can shed some light on this concept. Gatorade is a well-known

sports beverage throughout the world. With legendary spokesmen, such as Michael Jordan, guzzling it down in popular television commercials, viewers tend to believe that Gatorade works wonders. The idea is that you will leap higher, run faster, and be recharged after drinking this product. What high-performance individual wouldn't want those abilities? The Gatorade slogan asks, "Is *it* in you?" The implication is that if the beverage is in you, your thirst is quenched, and your body is empowered. I'm not at all concerned with your preference for sports drinks; however, it is essential that you be filled and empowered by God's Spirit to accomplish great exploits beyond your own abilities.

You can do greater works when the Holy Spirit is living in you. His Spirit waters the dry areas of your life, causing the spiritual gifts you have been given to blossom and endues you with the power to operate in them to their maximum potential.

Is He *in* you?

When I first received Jesus into my heart, the gift of the Holy Spirit had never been mentioned to me. In fact, many who receive Jesus do not immediately seek the Holy Spirit nor understand the importance and purpose of this indescribable third Person (the Holy Spirit) in the Trinity of God. This is why many *believers* fail to walk in power, and their faith becomes stagnant.

My case was quite similar to that of the brand new Samaritan believers when they received a visit and gift from Peter and John.

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When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." Peter answered: "May your money perish with you because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord in the hope that he may forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin." Then Simon answered, "Pray to the Lord for me so that nothing you have said may happen to me."

—Acts 8:14-24 (NIV)

As we can tell from this scripture, Simon, a well-known sorcerer, used to parade around Samaria, hoping to amaze and dazzle people with his dark magic. Simon craved the appeal of the Holy Spirit's power, and his eyes widened at the chance to upstage the apostles using the same power they exhibited. He attempted to bribe them in exchange for access to use the Holy Spirit in his public demonstration. Immediately the Apostle Peter discerned that Simon's heart was not in the right place to receive this special gift from God.

Is your heart in the right place?

The spiritual metamorphosis, brought about by the Holy Spirit, gives rise to rebirth. The scripture about Simon demonstrates that many baptized in Jesus' name have still not been filled with the Holy Spirit. This experience of the Spirit does not automatically happen with each baptism for everyone, as this scripture in Acts clearly identifies. You can be a believer in Jesus, yet not have the fullness of the Spirit living and operating through you.

Much confusion and difference of opinion surround the baptism of the Holy Spirit. How does this baptism stand apart from the baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus? My purpose in this book is not to resolve those discussions. In respect of both viewpoints, there is a solid scriptural foundation evident in the New Testament to support each perspective working in tandem. With this stated, I would like to make two fundamental points.⁶¹

First, the Scriptures make clear that without the Spirit of God working

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in and through our lives, we are not operating in the fullness of the anointing of God's Spirit.

When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

—Acts 8:15-17 (NIV)

Second, in addition to receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit, scripture directs us to *be filled with the Spirit*. In other words, regardless of the position you may hold on the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the key to effective living and ministry is being filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.

—Acts 1:8a

To receive the gift of the Holy Spirit is a matter of the heart. Simon messed up because his motives were tangled with selfish appetites. His heart was in the wrong place since he hoped to draw crowds and promote his sideshow. He wanted to mimic the apostles by laying hands on people

and imparting the Holy Spirit. At the same time, he was more concerned with building his reputation up rather than strengthening his relationship with God.

The Holy Spirit never honors an unholy desire. The Spirit of truth saw straight through Simon's façade. Even today, God still searches the heart for its true intent. He wants to inhabit and empower the lives of people who will follow His precepts. Let's take a moment to observe this powerful truth principle that reveals how God gives the Holy Spirit to those who obey Him, which is specifically recorded in the Book of Acts.

And we are His witnesses of these things,
and *so* also *is* the Holy Spirit whom God
has given to those who obey Him."

—Acts 5:32

God gives the Holy Spirit to those who desire to obey His Word. When God's power is in you, anything is possible. There are no limits to what our Heavenly Father can do through you. No-limits thinking leads to living an unlimited life. His power is real, and when prompted, the Spirit can produce unimaginable results.

A LIFE-TRANSFORMING EXPERIENCE

One night at my home in Silicon Valley, California, I had an experience that transformed my life forever. I sat in my bedroom with the door closed and began reading a revivalist's autobiography that imparted profound

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revelation about the Spirit of truth. Each page seemed to wrap snugly around me and comfort my soul. I felt the warm love of God's Spirit begin to cover over me. Like a victim of drowning who is pulled out of the frigid waters and bundled with a warm blanket, I felt my frozen heart melt in God's loving presence. Tears flowed as the Lord's Spirit descended from Heaven to rescue me and reveal His power. Jesus told His disciples just before His death, resurrection, and ascension that He would send the ultimate Helper, our Advocate the Holy Spirit.

Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

—John 16:7

As I received this promise, tears continued to flow down my face. God's intense love enveloping me, I relinquished everything swirling inside my heart—in exchange for His free spiritual gift. This was the baptism of the Holy Spirit I had heard so much about yet had never experienced.

John the Baptist baptized with water, but Jesus baptizes us with the Holy Spirit.

I indeed baptize you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

—Mark 1:8

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Memories of that night still tug at my heart today. However, if I were to gather and stack up all the great experiences of my life, none of them would ever come close to this, other than that unforgettable day when I prayed the prayer of my Salvation through Jesus Christ and obtained eternal life.

If you desire within your heart to receive the Holy Spirit, all you have to do is ask your Heavenly Father, and He will give you this incredible gift. Our prophetic point of entry is realized through Jesus in this poignant passage:

“So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

—Luke 11:9-13

So, my question to you is, “Have you opened up your heart and asked

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your Heavenly Father to give you the Holy Spirit?" There comes a time when, in order to move forward in the things of the Spirit, we have to allow the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us into God's predestined plan for our lives. I hope you ask God's Spirit of truth to do just that. He is more than willing and compelled to do so.

If you did not take the opportunity earlier, here is a simple prayer that you can pray right now that will invite the Holy Spirit into your life and help you to unlock your destiny through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and Savior.

Heavenly Father, I ask that You give me the Holy Spirit to live within me daily. Guide me, moment by moment, into all truth. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Now that you are *prepared to power up* with the fullness of the Holy Spirit operating in you, let's embark upon a thrilling journey and explore how faith can transport you through time.

Prophetic Principle #10:

YOU CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS YOU . . .
REMEMBER, HE WHO IS IN YOU IS GREATER THAN HE THAT IS IN THE WORLD.
THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.

—Ephesians 3:20

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We all have our time machines, don't we.
Those that take us back are memories...
And those that carry us forward are
dreams.⁶²

—H. G. Wells

For decades, the media has covered a plethora of stories on the intriguing topic of *time travel*. This mysterious premise has consistently captured the attention of the masses, with feature stories appearing in movies, television, books, magazines, and news outlets worldwide. The popular theme of time travel is often presented through compelling fictional tales of curious enthusiasts who desire to travel through time.

Imagine for a moment...the unlimited possibilities.

What if you could travel back in time—or launch into the future—and then, upon your celebrated return, share the remarkable story of your

journey with others?

Who wouldn't find the experience extraordinary? And who, at one time or another, hasn't wished they could turn back the hands of time for the opportunity to make something right that once went very wrong, or for the privilege of stepping far into the future to view what will be?

Now, you may be asking yourself, what exactly is time travel? And why is this unusual subject matter being examined within the pages of *The Prophetic Matrix*, a book specifically focused on unlocking the secret code to your destiny?

To address the first question, time travel is a widely recognized concept in philosophy and fiction, postulating that a subject can move between certain points in time. Thus, hypothetically, a human being can be transported through time into the past or the future. This enigmatic phenomenon is often, but not exclusively, demonstrated with a device known as a time machine.

To answer the second question, interestingly, the captivating subject of time travel is prominently displayed throughout biblical scriptures yet often passes by discreetly without notice. However, the premise of time travel warrants exploration to gain greater insight into the inner workings of faith necessary for unlocking the secret code to your destiny. By reflecting on these time-sensitive occurrences, as perplexing as they may be, we will gain knowledge by revelation as it unfolds and expedites our spiritual advancement. This understanding can then aid the discovery and fulfillment of our ultimate purpose in life.

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A wise *man* will hear and increase
learning,
And a man of understanding will attain
wise counsel,
To understand a proverb and an enigma,
The words of the wise and their riddles.

—Proverbs 1:5-6

In the ancient Epistle to the Hebrews, an engaging enigma brings understanding of how faith frames a vision of what is to come: “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1). This astonishing spiritual axiom reminds us that faith’s “substance” contains our hopes and dreams as it travels back and forth through time, elastically activating our aspirations to become fulfilled realities.

Yet, you may ask, how is this possible? Take notice that Jesus, the infallible Prophet and Son of God, spoke these profound words:

Jesus said to him; “If you can believe, all
things *are* possible to him who believes.”

—Mark 9:23

Incredible as it may seem, these words still echo through the corridors of time, reminding us that God’s view has not changed the slightest bit concerning this perplexing topic and that all things are *still* possible to those who believe.

Now, along the same lines of this engaging thought process, let us consider that when one's belief is activated on this higher dimension of faith, it has access to the unlimited knowledge and wisdom of the Creator of the Universe, reflecting His divine perspective rather than our earthly mindset. Therefore, it is a dynamic realm that operates far beyond what we can ask, think, or imagine, as our faith partners with God's omnipotent power and enables us to accomplish great things.

Holding these truths in consideration, let's launch into this fascinating topic of faith and its divine connection to time travel.

A SPECTACULAR JOURNEY

We are all traveling forward in time anyway. We can fast-forward by going off in a rocket at high speed, and returning to find everyone on Earth much older or dead. Einstein's general theory of relativity seems to offer the possibility that we could warp space-time so much that we could travel back in time.⁶³

—Stephen Hawking, Theoretical Physicist

Interestingly enough, Einstein's theory of relativity joins space with time to create the concept of space-time, which is a fabric that permeates our entire universe. Space-time is not considered to be flat—but instead

curved. In fact, it can be warped by matter and energy. Because of the time-dilation effect, astronauts aboard NASA's International Space Station (ISS) age a little more slowly than people that dwell on Earth.

And speaking of NASA's ISS, what inspires an entrepreneurial visionary like Elon Musk to reach into the stars and board the International Space Station? Musk started SpaceX, a commercial rocket company, with an audacious mission to send astronauts into space to successfully board the International Space Station and eventually land on neighboring planets. This endeavor follows NASA's failed efforts in the last decade to engineer a spacecraft capable of carrying human life safely into the heavens and back to Earth unscathed. Without a doubt, before he began, Elon Musk had to believe that this ambitious task was possible to achieve. And of course, now, as they say, the rest is history!

A SIGN IN THE HEAVENS

Seven months before the prelaunch promotion campaign of *The Prophetic Matrix*, I was given a prophetic word from God that a sign would take place in the heavens during the time of its initial announcement to the world. Additionally, God revealed a second prophecy indicating that the book would be launched into space before its release on Earth. I wondered how these prophetic events would converge in the future with perfect synchronicity.

Astoundingly, two signs in the heavens were fulfilled according to the prophecies I received from God. First, an asteroid passed very close to Earth

on the date of *The Prophetic Matrix* book announcement. Second, my eBook soared to its destiny in the heavens, where it was digitally communicated to a computer inside the Destiny module of NASA's International Space Station. Segments of the literary work were visually previewed on a monitor, recorded, and then transmitted back down to Earth. Who would have thought this stellar feat would be possible or could become a reality? The book that promises to unlock the secret code to your destiny landed on its own interstellar path to the ISS Destiny module traveling in the heavens!

God's divine plan for your life is far-reaching beyond human comprehension. By faith, prophecy travels through time and transmits knowledge and wisdom regarding the past, present, and future. And this unique example of how time and space are strategically aligned for a specific prophetic purpose is just one illustration of how His masterful hand is at work to unlock the secret code to your destiny.

Settle back in the copilot's seat as we boldly embark upon a hyper-time-sensitive journey, unlike the familiar Hollywood depiction of time travel in movies such as: *Back to the Future*, *Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure*, *Timecop*, *Interstellar*, or *Terminator 2: Judgment Day*. Instead, let's open up our minds and engage ourselves with some of the most astounding accounts of time travel cited in the pages of ancient scripture. The anointed patriarchs and matriarchs propelled their faith into the future to capture the extraordinary benefits of the coming Savior of the world, with His redemptive power, even though His promises had not yet fully arrived at that earlier point in time.

Follow with me now as we stroll through a vast expanse of time without limitations!

REACHING INTO THE PAST TO GRAB HOLD OF THE FUTURE

Looking back, I can remember as a child wondering how a simple faith-filled prayer could bring about the result of receiving what I had asked for! Later in life, as an adult, I learned that billions of people worldwide also believe in this same form of spiritual communication, which Jesus Christ taught, enabling us to access the incredible benefits of the His kingdom and obtain a more prosperous life. I was drawn to seek the truth, and I sought it out in every situation.

I have come that they may have life, and
that they may have *it* more abundantly.

—John 10:10b

Little did I know then that the answers I was seeking were waiting just around the corner for me in an unseen dimension of time. Ultimately, I would come to learn the importance of exercising patience to wait on God, as He unveiled all the unsearchable details that I was so zealous to discover.

Which brings us to the point of this discussion: Is faith a *time traveler*?

The greatest-selling book of all time, the Bible, directs us to be transformed by the renewing of our mind, that we may obtain the mind of Christ. And in so doing, we are then able to operate in a supernatural mindset whereby faith travels back in time through the advent of *remembrance* and

then returns to the here and now to be manifested into a limitless reality.

In fact, ancient biblical scriptures are filled with powerful stories that present this wonderous topic of time travel fused with faith—enabling believers to reach out and grab hold of their future, even as they extend their faith backward in time.

Are you ready? If so, let's blast off into a limitless sphere of possibilities and explore the timeless realm of the Author and Finisher of our faith.

THE ELASTICITY OF TIME

Jesus is quoted as saying these baffling words that seem to defy time:

“Most assuredly, I say to you, before
Abraham was, I AM.”

—John 8:58b

An extremely thought-provoking statement, right? Yet, how can this be? If Jesus was *before* Abraham, how can He be alive *after* Abraham's death, standing on Earth approximately eighteen centuries later, speaking these profound words that seem to defy the concept that God set up any restrictions on time dimension travel experiences? These words spoken with confidence by the Son of God specifically confirm His presence occupies two distinct places in time, millennia apart from each other. This feat is physically impossible to accomplish outside of God's divine intervention and providence, of course. However, here we see that the

elasticity of time is clearly identified in this profound verse from the Gospel of John.

The context in which Jesus spoke clearly displays the revelation knowledge of a kingdom-dimension time-scape, which is observable *before and after*, thus confirming His existence throughout the ages. His various appearances are noted throughout time by several visitations, scripturally documented to validate their authenticity and build our faith to believe in the concept of time travel.

“Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” This insightful scripture is chronicled in Hebrews 13:8. As we can see, faith is a time traveler because the Son of God is the founder of time, as the Beginning and the End, the Author and Finisher of our faith.

Remember, “In Him, all things consist” (Colossians 1:17b), and *all things* certainly include time!

THE DAY THE SUN STOOD STILL

There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the
heavens.

—Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV)

Now, let’s explore two superb examples of uniquely distinct time-bending occurrences; each one boldly establishes God’s willingness to answer His people through the use of time.

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Among the most spectacular events dealing with time's elasticity is displayed by God's actions upon the sun and the moon, when the sun stood still, and the moon stopped at His command. Scripture boldly identifies this monumental time-bending moment. By Joshua's prophetic decree, God delayed time for about a full day, allowing the nation of Israel to win the war against their enemies. Our Creator's invincible power is dynamically displayed before all to see, during a critical time of battle, as His will is exercised with great authority over time, space, and matter.

On the day the Lord gave the Amorites
over to Israel, Joshua said to the Lord in
the presence of Israel:
"Sun, stand still over Gibeon,
and you, moon, over the Valley of Aijalon."
So the sun stood still,
and the moon stopped,
till the nation avenged itself on its
enemies,
as it is written in the Book of Jashar.
The sun stopped in the middle of the sky
and delayed going down about a full day.
There has never been a day like it before
or since, a day when the Lord listened
to a human being. Surely the Lord was
fighting for Israel!

—Joshua 10:12-14 (NIV)

The message of this unforgettable time-altering story is: if God is for you, who can be against you? This historic event was written to increase our faith in the power of the Maker of Heaven and Earth to move in an unlimited way, in order to win a victorious battle for His people. It certainly serves as a tremendous reminder that He is faithful, while totally in charge, and able to overcome every obstacle for us—in the nick of time!

A SIGN IN THE SHADOWS OF TIME

Here, in this revealing scripture, the Creator of the Universe displays time's elasticity as He answers a man's personal request. In response, God exercises His ultimate authority by commanding the sun's shadow to go back ten steps.

“This is the Lord's sign to you that the Lord will do what he has promised: I will make the shadow cast by the sun go back the ten steps it has gone down on the stairway of Ahaz.” So the sunlight went back the ten steps it had gone down.

—Isaiah 38:7-8 (NIV)

In this vivid example, we see that time is under the watchful care of God's capable hands, confirming that He will do what He has promised to do for Hezekiah. He commands time and makes the sun's shadow move ten steps backward (estimated to be equal to about forty minutes). This

sign is a solid assurance of His faithfulness and ability to perform what no individual is capable of accomplishing in their own strength. Why is this time-altering experience significant? The sign confirms God's promise to extend Hezekiah's life by fifteen years, yet he was expected to die soon of a terminal illness.

As was chronicled earlier in our previous story, Joshua witnessed the sun stay in the same position for almost an entire day so that God's will to win a great victory for Israel would be accomplished.

Together, Hezekiah and Joshua became two key witnesses of God's power to alter time and matter. Both made specific requests, to which God answered with signs from Heaven.

THE FORCE FIELD OF THE FOURTH MAN

Looking back in time, we find an ancient scripture that confirms the identity of the fourth man seen by King Nebuchadnezzar, in the fiery furnace, as being the Son of God. This occurrence took place hundreds of years before Jesus the Messiah's official birth on Earth.

Joining Him amid the blazing flames were Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Each of these faith-filled men became eyewitnesses to their incredible deliverance. They were about to be burned alive after being thrown into a blistering furnace. Yet, they may have carried this protective scriptural verse deep within their hearts as they walked right into the flames: "But you, Lord are a shield around me" (Psalm 3:3, NIV).

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Through the Son of God's glorious presence in the midst of them, there was a divine force field of protection over these three warriors of faith.

"Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."

—Daniel 3:25

This sensational experience captures the Son of God's eternal presence, operating in another time period, over five hundred years before His dynamic ministry, as a Teacher, Prophet, Healer, and Savior of the world. Indeed, this astonishing appearance establishes God's Son as a courageous deliverer and time traveler!

THE AMAZING ADVANTAGES OF TIME TRAVEL

"Beam me up, Scotty" is a popular catchphrase associated with the sci-fi television series *Star Trek*, which fans worldwide have been enjoying for decades.⁶⁴ Its origin stems from the command that Captain Kirk gave to his chief engineer, Scotty, whenever he required being transported to the Starship Enterprise—after some interplanetary adventure.

In a magnificent time travel account, during Philip's evangelistic trek in the Book of Acts, Philip is caught up and then suddenly appears in another location. Let's check out this unforgettable instance of supernatural travel.

Philip is taken up by the Spirit of the Lord and transported to another region at Azotus—certainly a time-saving advantage as he continued on his way to bring the truth to other provinces. God, never a time-waster, maximized each moment of Philip’s ministry travel schedule.

And as they continued along on the way, they came to some water, and the eunuch exclaimed, See, [here is] water! What is to hinder my being baptized? *And Philip said, If you believe with all your heart [if you have a conviction, full of joyful trust, that Jesus is the Messiah and accept Him as the Author of your salvation in the kingdom of God, giving Him your obedience, then] you may. And he replied, I do believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.* And he ordered that the chariot be stopped; and both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and [Philip] baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord [suddenly] caught away Philip; and the eunuch saw him no more, and he went on his way rejoicing. But Philip was found at Azotus, and passing on he preached the good news (Gospel) to all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

—Acts 8:36-40 (AMPC)

The Commander in Chief of the cosmos strategically positioned Phillip under the radar, out of view of his adversaries—traveling beyond warp speed, as a special-missions frontline soldier. Truly, this transported patriarch of destiny was taken up to the highest level of stealth flight and predestined for a timely arrival at his next assignment.

CAUGHT UP TO THE THIRD HEAVEN

While on topic, here is another time travel excursion featuring a distinguished passenger who is transported to an exclusive getaway destination. Take note of this ambitious time-saving flight plan that launched an adventurous faith explorer into the heavens, billions of light-years away! Yes, there is a place in time for the seemingly impossible to become a reality.

Here we find this hidden gem, neatly tucked away, in one of the more obscure passages of supernatural transportation occurrences chronicled in the Book of Acts. Let's observe from afar the apostle Paul's hallmark journey, which whisks him up into the third Heaven. Paul recounts a trail-blazing relocation experience of being caught up in paradise. He expresses very transparently an uncertainty about whether this took place while in the body or out of the body. Paul didn't know! He describes "such a one" entering into a completely different dimension of time and space, where this man was lifted into the glory of God's Heavenly domain.

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven.

—2 Corinthians 12:2

The time travel adventures of both Philip and Paul offers truth seekers around the globe an opportunity to gain greater insight and understanding of the immeasurable treasures within the kingdom of Heaven.

Right about now, you may be asking yourself: What relevant conclusion should be determined from this? At the very least: never, ever limit your faith, even from transporting you through time and space. Remember, all things are possible with God!

PROPHETS TRANSPORTED THROUGH TIME

Another instance of time travel, recorded in Scriptures, features Jesus the Prophet and two Old Testament prophets. In this meeting of epic proportions, all three are brought together on a high mountain for an eternal purpose. The unique gathering became an unforgettable time transport experience that involved six appointed attendees. The Bible cites each one by name: Jesus, Moses, Elijah, Peter, John, and James. Three disciples are faithful eyewitnesses of this historical time travel episode.

Interestingly enough, two of the active participants, Moses and

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Elijah are major prophets and divinely placed on call as spirit-bodied time travelers. This specific occurrence identifies both prophets as being transported forward in time—to appear together with a highly anointed guest of honor. The location, chosen by royal providence, places Jesus on a high mountain, standing in prayer when He is suddenly transfigured in a glorious display. His clothes are illuminated in dazzling white, and His face shines like the noonday sun. Jesus' dedicated disciples, Peter, John, and James, witness this profound anomaly right before their eyes.

Here is how this magnificent case study unfolds, as documented in the Gospel of Matthew. Moses and Elijah are reported as traveling forward in time to arrive at a monumental moment, bypassing time and space. They appear with Jesus to engage in a highly relevant discussion pertaining to His coming crucifixion and resurrection in Jerusalem. This time transport experience involving Moses and Elijah, coupled with the transfiguration of Jesus, was unforgettable to the disciples, who witnessed this miraculous display of glory. Then in an emotionally driven response, Peter expressed himself with these words to Jesus:

Then Peter answered and said to Jesus,
“Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish,
let us make here three tabernacles: one for
You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

—Matthew 17:4

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"

—Matthew 17:5

Peter deeply desired to memorialize this extraordinary occurrence in a way that would never be forgotten. He wanted it to become a historical place of remembrance. However, God quickly redirected Peter's attention to listen to His Son Jesus instead. Scripture recognizes the excitement in Peter's heart at that moment. This breathtaking passage of time is memorialized in its own unique way—though not through Peter's idea of building three tabernacles on a holy plot of land to be displayed as a place of worship for generations to come. Instead, through detailed scriptural reporting, the testimony would live on for eternity. Here we can see that Jesus's phenomenal transfiguration, and both prophets time travel experiences are forever forged into the illuminated pages of God's Word.

THE POWER OF REMEMBRANCE

Here is a profound question to ponder.

What if we could exercise our faith to recall a monumental moment in time, and through *the power of remembrance*, be able to access a divine spiritual connection to the ultimate liberating event in history. Then, through this anchor point of *remembrance*, be released into our future with

the divine ability to achieve whatever we hope for and far beyond what we can think or ask?

This type of *spiritual observation* through faith may seem to defy all logic when we consider how such a conceptualization process could even be possible. Yet from the perspective of the Masterful Creator, the answer is yes, we can obtain our hopes and dreams because all things are possible with God!

Scripture produces many convincing examples of how the truth can be imparted into the spirit of the mind and activated by faith to bring about phenomenal results. If you examine the Epistle to the Hebrews, you will discover numerous remarkable testimonies highlighted in the hall of faith (Hebrews 11:17-40).

Keep in mind that the scope of humankind's thought process is extremely limited in range, conceptually, compared to God's expansive knowledge and perspective that only He is able to impart into our way of thinking by faith.

“For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts,
Nor *are* your ways My ways,” says the
Lord.

“For *as* the heavens are higher than the
earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways,
And My thoughts than your thoughts.

—Isaiah 55:8-9

The human mind has difficulty wrapping the intellect around anything that science cannot prove to exist in the natural realm, especially when it pertains to substantiating evidence of God as the Creator of the universe. He is not identifiable to scientists, who only attempt to verify their subject matter from a molecular standpoint. Our Creator is Spirit, not made of flesh and blood, but from an eternal substance, beyond our scope of understanding from the natural realm. By activating our faith, we experience the method God uses to separate the limited thinkers from the Spirit-led unlimited thinkers. We are the sons and daughters of God, being transformed and renewed to the mind of Christ as we receive the ultimate wisdom and power of God.

A MONUMENTAL MOMENT IN TIME

Consider this additional perspective. Does ancient scripture actually teach us that *remembrance* empowers our faith to go back into an altered dimension of time travel? And beyond that, can this faith-initiated form of total recall bring us back in time to experience a monumental life-transforming moment? One that can benefit us enormously in our current reality and turbocharge our faith to do great exploits? Again, the answer is a resounding yes. Our faith is able to travel back in time through the advent of *remembrance*. Our *remembrance* is then anchored to an anointed event in time, through Christ, which fulfills the future of humanity to those who believe. This powerful spiritual truth is confirmed throughout the Word of God, yet many are not aware of it nor applying it to their lives.

We see this truth exemplified when Jesus asks each believer to

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remember a specific event in history when He gave up His life to save the world from their sins and iniquities. We do this so that we come into total alignment with Him for our benefit *now* and far into the future while also including those from the past who believed in the coming Messiah.

For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the *same* night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same manner *He* also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me."

—1 Corinthians 11:23-25

In this unforgettable passage of scripture, we witness the Lord Jesus communicating from a deep place within. This life-giving directive helps guide our thoughts and actions into a focused form of heartfelt appreciation regarding His selfless sacrifice, offered as a free gift for our eternal benefit. We see that He requested this essential engagement of faith from us when He directed each believer: "Do this in *remembrance* of Me."

It is paramount that we consider His loving request. The Spirit of

truth imparts to us the revelation that *faith is a time traveler*. Our faith in this instance is extended back to *remember* an appointed time, over two thousand years ago, when Jesus offered His life to save every human soul from eternal darkness. By His loving sacrifice, Jesus fulfilled all righteousness to those who call on His name. Through this pivotal point of contact, by faith, we are able to gain access to every spiritual blessing, personal spiritual cleansing, and the promises of God as we engage in a time of *remembrance of His death and resurrection*. A remarkable process takes place as our faith makes contact with the power of the cross. One faithful act of obedience by our Advocate initiated a transfer of power, preparing us to be divine carriers of the Holy Spirit, saved by grace through faith in our Savior, to become more than conquerors. We are then able to overcome the world and do all things through Christ, who strengthens us.

Finally, after examining this myriad of profound sequences in time travel—sprinkled meticulously like stardust throughout the millennia, let's take a front-row seat and observe up-close the most epic moment in time ever to exist.

A TOP SECRET STRATEGIC MISSION

If you're strapped in securely for a high-speed expedition, then allow your faith to time travel into the most significant point in history when the Son of God was sent to Earth from an eternal time zone on a top-secret strategic mission. Jesus, the prophesied Messiah, kept His mission under wraps during most of His time in ministry, cloaking His words by speaking in parables the mysteries of the kingdom.

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One Man, God's only begotten Son, Prophet, and Savior became the lifesaving ransom for us all. He paid the highest price imaginable to accomplish a task that would ultimately transform civilization by bringing forth a great light and hope in the midst of darkness for generations to come. Nothing could stop His seemingly impossible mission to save the world. And nothing can stop our faith from traveling back in time—if we believe—to the place where Jesus hung on a cross, taking upon Himself the full penalty for our transgressions. The accursed tree that carried Jesus' beaten body was firmly staked into the ground near the outskirts of Jerusalem, on a hill known as Golgotha—meaning skull, because it is shaped in the form of a man's skull. A crown of thorns was forced upon Jesus' blood-stained brow, with the intent of mocking His Kingly heritage. Our Savior's body was stripped and whipped, pierced from His hands to His feet, before family, friends, and tearful followers. His life force flowed out of His wounds, onto the very dust of the soil, in which His Heavenly Father formed man in His image.

A TIPPING POINT IN TIME

On this unprecedented mission, prophecy was fulfilled when Jesus Christ was resurrected from the dead. This event marks a pinnacle and tipping point in time. Yet, even now, faith is still a time traveler, trekking back millennia to that fate-filled moment when Jesus fulfilled His divine purpose on Earth, decreeing with His last breath, "It is finished!" What an empowering reminder from the God of all creation that no greater love has ever been exemplified toward humanity and documented in history. Nor has any other

spiritual sacrifice forged such a timeless legacy of eternal life.

Keep in mind, prophecy foretold this hallmark event in time. And Jesus knew that His grueling death by crucifixion, and His remarkable resurrection by the power of the Holy Spirit, would impact the world in a revolutionary way. On the night of His betrayal, He decreed these faith-filled words, saying: "Do this in remembrance of Me." It was known from that point on; whenever we would observe the *remembrance* of His immense love, exemplified through His selfless sacrifice, our faith suddenly became a time traveler. Through this *remembrance*, our mind, soul, and spirit are connected to the most powerfully transformative and transcendent moment in time.

As we place all trust in Jesus Christ, the Author, and Finisher of our faith, we move onto a fast-track race back and forth through time, receiving eternal life and every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. We can confidently offer heartfelt thanks that the Son of God committed Himself to carry our burdens and deliver us from eternal darkness.

PROPHECY SPEAKS TO THE PAST,

PRESENT, AND FUTURE

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End,” says the Lord, “who is and who was and is to come, the Almighty.”

—Revelation 1:8

Wow! The Alpha and the Omega, who is and was and is to come. That means that the Lord God spans eternity, from the beginning to the end of time. Now that’s the ultimate time continuum!

The Book of Revelation also states that Jesus is the *spirit of prophecy*. This divine insight brings a greater understanding of how prophecy can travel through time elastically—maneuvering through the past, present, and future when driven by faith. The reason for this is; when we are clothed in Christ and abide in Him, the *gift of prophecy* activates a supernatural ability to see and experience multi-dimensions. This prophetic revelation spans an expanse, from that which *has been*, to that *which is*, and that which *will be*. It reaches into Heaven, which exists far above and beyond time, space, and matter.

Prophecy is activated by our faith and able to navigate through time with ease. Since Jesus Christ is the beginning and the end of all things, His existence extends into the entirety of the space-time continuum,

throughout the universe, and even into eternity. The Name above all names, who is the *King of kings*, our Lord Jesus Christ, rules over time, space, and matter, having created all things that have been created, as all things consist in Him. Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Therefore, we know that faith is not limited by time, space, or matter. Each of us can reach into time according to our portion of faith and even increase our faith to activate what is possible in the invisible realm of this time and space continuum.

We have journeyed through events in time and observed how faith truly is a time traveler. In the Gospel of John, the Word of God exists at the beginning of all creation. Jesus Christ promises to return at the end of this world as we know it. Therefore, it is crucial to realize that all things consist in Him—even time. This comprehensive explanation of His existence as embodied within time confirms the expanse of His presence throughout all that is, was, and ever will be.

IMAGINE A NEW WORLD

Imagine a new world—sometime not far in the future—where a highly developed spiritual race of human beings has learned to communicate directly with God by faith, in fervent prayer, with a highly anointed thought process. These reflections crisscross through time, traveling back to the ultimate power source and then surging forward to formulate new realities.

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They are an illuminated people, who live out the life of their dreams, in peace and love, without hindrance or limitation. This is a heavenly directive that God has instructed and empowered every faith-filled vessel to activate the manifestation of their hope.

Now faith is the substance of things hoped
for, the evidence of things not seen.

—Hebrews 11:1

We have an incredible opportunity to move into this supreme existence, which decrees things, and then they happen. Imagine: visionaries and dreamers co-partnering with the Master of the Universe, operating with a renewed mind inside the mind of Christ. They'll be walking each day in the cool of the morning while conversing with their Divine Creator and prospering in His kingdom on Earth—far beyond what we can think, believe, or imagine.

As we wrap up our study of monumental moments encapsulated within God's unlimited time continuum, let us consider the importance of this revelation on time travel as it relates directly to Christ's victorious return. Concerning His anticipated arrival, Jesus' disciples inquired about knowing the exact time of His prophesied coming, hoping to hear when this world-changing event would occur.

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He answered them with this statement:
“But of that day and hour no one knows,
not even the angels of heaven, but My
Father only.

—Matthew 24:36

However, what we can surely grasp, as we reach beyond the stars, is that He has promised never to leave us nor forsake us. And on this magnificent quest of coming to know our Heavenly Father intimately, we can truly appreciate that our transcendent destiny in His kingdom through Christ Jesus is timeless and thus eternal.

And now we embark upon “The Final Frontier” and discover the unlimited possibilities that await us within *the prophetic matrix!*

Prophetic Principle #11:

TRUST GOD’S TIMING IN YOUR LIFE ... AS MIRACLES APPEAR AT AN APPOINTED TIME FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE.

Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.

—Mark 9:23

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Reach for the dream that no one's obtained, and you will discover the treasures you have rightfully gained...on the final frontier.

—Michael-John Toste

From the very beginning pages of this book, you have witnessed how God, our Father, works and speaks to His sons and daughters through His Spirit of truth, via prophecy, dreams, visions, and His Word—yet always with a dynamic plan and strategic pathway, directing us toward obtaining a more prosperous life. His loving grace opens the portals of Heaven, allowing us to peer deep into the future by accessing God's *prophetic matrix*. This intricate spiritual communication zone is the field in which the Spirit of truth's action and grace operates, revealing all that has been spiritually predestined for us. God desires to guide us into our destiny, which is far beyond the mind's capabilities of thought.

The Prophetic Matrix has opened a panoramic view of an extraordinary pathway toward your destiny. Now, as we enter "The Final Frontier" chapter

together, let's recall the "Foreword" written by my good friend Mel Tari, who gave a brilliant symbolic reference to the Curiosity rover's exploration to uncover hidden mysteries of the universe. And then, we will examine further the most recent activities taking place in this current space race.

As a timely reminder, Curiosity's landing in 2012 provided a historical glimpse of the Red Planet landscape. Then, in the Summer of 2020, NASA's Mars Exploration Program launched a more advanced rover and christened it the Perseverance. Soon after, the rover sent back spectacular audiovisual images, setting the stage for future planetary exploration. Early in the following year, this technological and engineering marvel descended on Martian soil, carrying a coaxial helicopter, appropriately named Ingenuity. Once again, history was made on April 19, 2021, when Ingenuity became the first motorized aircraft to ascend the dusty atmosphere of Mars. Hollywood's action star Arnold Schwarzenegger was so excited about this milestone; he couldn't resist tweeting his famous quote, "Get to the chopper!" from the 1987 sci-fi movie *Predator*.

The Perseverance rover and Ingenuity helicopter showcased an unmatched level of technology on the Red Planet, bringing back knowledge from the heavens to humanity after traveling 183 million miles.

Similarly, as our curiosity inspires us to *persevere* on this epic voyage beyond the stars, we can now gain access to a higher dimension of revelation, ingenuity, and guidance through direct communication with the Creator of the Universe.

On an interesting side note, while writing this segment, the news

reported Curiosity taking selfies on Mars, reminding us that the original rover is still functional almost a decade later, yet current with the times.

In reflecting upon our recent trek through *The Prophetic Matrix*, it's thrilling to now take with us a far greater knowledge and understanding, enabling us to better navigate into our future.

ILLUMINATED OPTICAL INSIGHT

It's time to launch into your own *prophetic matrix* journey and begin to realize your purpose in life. The secret code to your destiny has been given to you, along with specific prophetic principles; these can be used as keys to unlock heaven's treasure chest of possibilities arranged just for you. God's *prophetic matrix* will transport you into a sphere where everything becomes clearer, and your vision comes alive!

When you have finished reading the last page and processed all that is contained within its chapters, the real question becomes: Will you *activate* the *prophetic matrix* principles that the Spirit of truth has imparted? Or will you return to your former pattern of existence? If you choose the second option, you risk setting aside all the essential truths you have learned here and forgoing the benefits you could have obtained by applying them to your life. Will you refrain from applying these prophetic insights to transform your world? I hope not! Why miss out on the illuminated understanding provided from within the *prophetic matrix*? God's *prophetic navigation system* (PNS) is available to those who seek to be guided by a higher perspective. Our Heavenly Father has a loving

journey for each of us—one with a future and hope. He desires to lead us away from temptations that hinder us and onto a safe path of blessings and eternal promises—far away from all evil—for our good and the good of all humanity.

There are enormous benefits to taking our faith to new levels through such time and space travel expeditions. We are blazing a trail through time, space and matter, right into our future, activating the *prophetic matrix*. As we leap over the current and conventional understanding of life, we discover a greater clarity of things to come. This knowledge, through clear spiritual insight, allows life to be lived with an incredible advantage. But most importantly, we must take this tremendous prophetic knowledge and use it for the glory of God as we live out our divine purpose.

By gaining insight into the realm of Heaven, we experience far-reaching benefits. Obtaining foresight about the things of God also offers astonishing results for a more abundant life. God's love for us is such that He doesn't withhold the kingdom with all of His riches and glory. On the contrary, He is more than happy to give them to you and to any who seek Him with all their heart, strength, and mind.

“Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

—Luke 12:32

We have been created with the ability to do all that our Heavenly Father has predestined us to accomplish. He reveals mysteries to us

through His Spirit of truth, enabling us to excel in achieving great exploits for His glory during our time allotted here on Earth.

But the people who know their God shall
be strong, and carry out *great exploits*.

—Daniel 11:32b

There's no better time than now to be strong and know our God, considering the signs of the times we currently live in.

PREDICTING THE END OF THE WORLD

Some might say a book like this cannot be conclusive unless it speaks to the prophetic revelation in the Bible regarding the end times and Christ's second coming. In the process of developing this manuscript over the years, catastrophic natural disasters have occurred that reveal our Earth is groaning in pain. This, of course, includes the global outbreak of the COVID-19 virus that has spawned concerns about health, the economy, and civil unrest. These crises are ominous reminders that no one is immune from the coming tribulation, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures and depicted in the Book of Revelation.

Billboards worldwide display messages reminding people that Jesus is coming soon. Predictions of Judgment Day and the Second Coming of Christ appear everywhere, alerting people to repent of their sins and prepare their hearts to receive Jesus. These signs echo the last-day prophecies of Christ's Second Coming.

PROGNOSTICATORS AND PRESUMPTUOUS PREDICTIONS

Some foretellers have gone so far as to offer dates when they believe the world will end. Those presumptuous predictions have missed the mark more times than is worth mentioning. Looking back in time to 1555, Nostradamus published 942 cryptic poems. He wrote quatrains (four-line verses), composed in groups of one hundred (called centuries). The very last century consists of only forty-two quatrains. Nostradamus never completed it. His prophecies included predictions of when the world would end, which he thought would either be in 1886...or 1999...or 2001...or perhaps 3797. I guess we'll have to wait to find out about the last date... or not! Obviously, these prophecies were not imparted by the Spirit of truth since every previous prediction has turned out not to be true. This is because *guessing* is not prophecy.

Even so, many speak as though they are indeed prophesying, hoping they will get *lucky* with one of their predictions and become famous. This unethical approach tarnishes the true gift of prophecy and discourages others from believing God's Word when it is delivered by an authentic prophet.

Some prognosticators place a specific date on His return in an attempt to predict the exact moment. Other people simply prepare their hearts, minds, and souls for that glorious day with great anticipation. Their emphasis is focused on being ready rather than on predicting the day and hour of His arrival. So, regarding the exact time in which the end of this

world will come, even Jesus, the ultimate Prophet, reminds us that *no one* knows, not even the angels of Heaven, only His Father.

IS THIS THE BEGINNING OF SORROWS?

Has history ever witnessed so much tragedy and catastrophe in such a short time? During the last two decades alone—not to mention our current crises—we have experienced significant challenges. More than 230,000 people in fourteen countries were killed when an earthquake and tsunami struck Indonesia on December 26, 2004. With a magnitude of M_w 9.1–9.3, this disaster is reported as the third-largest earthquake ever recorded on a seismograph. Likewise, Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans and the Florida Panhandle, taking nearly 2000 lives in four states (Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi). It was one of the most powerful storms ever recorded and the third strongest hurricane ever to make landfall in North America, also affecting the Bahamas, Cuba, and neighboring islands. On March 11, 2011, a 9.0 magnitude earthquake struck Japan, triggering a deadly twenty-three-foot tsunami in the coastal region northeast of Tokyo. The gigantic waves deluged cities and rural areas, sweeping away cars, homes, trains, buildings, and boats, leaving a path of death, destruction, and devastation in its wake. Their nation was crippled. The damage to its nuclear energy plant was so severe that the fallout from it threatened the world.

When cities are washed away, and thousands of lives are lost instantly, by earthquakes registering 9.0 on the Richter scale shaking the Earth's

foundations—surely human confidence is also shaken to the core, and we become uneasy. The 2020 pandemic and social unrest are crises that the entire global community has had no choice but to address. Certainly, these signs may point to more significant challenges in the days ahead.

For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines and troubles. These are the beginning of sorrows.

—Mark 13:8

FACING A PIVOTAL POINT IN HISTORY

As I move toward completing the first volume of *The Prophetic Matrix trilogy*, the world is in a state of uncertainty. The economy flirts with a global depression, leaving nations with debt so high that some believe they may never fully recover.

Major earthquakes have stolen the lives of hundreds of thousands of people around the world. A series of global catastrophes such as tsunamis, earthquakes, floods, terrorist attacks, epidemics, pandemics, and unrest of different kinds continue to strike without warning and with much more force, shaking humanity's confidence and threatening to annihilate humanity. They are tragedies that seem to scream, "Wake up! The time is short. Seek out the Savior of the world now before it's too late!"

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Hollywood has exploited these notions on the silver screen with post-apocalyptic movies like *The Day After Tomorrow*, *Contagion*, and *Mad Max: Fury Road*. These films, along with others depicting the end of the world, seem to strike a familiar chord surrounding the fears of men and women, especially in this tumultuous period. In response, the movie industry often presents a dim view of the future.

The Prophetic Matrix arrives at a pivotal point in history. Why? Because if ever there was an urgent time to gain an understanding of the prophetic realm and how to navigate through uncertainty, the time is now! Who wouldn't want to be equipped to steer their future into a safe, prosperous place!

Understanding the *prophetic matrix* of God gives us the resources to meet these challenges and crises. God's plan helps us place things into a better perspective, bringing comfort to anxious souls during tumultuous times. Are these signs *the beginning of sorrows* that Jesus spoke of, indicating that the end times are drawing closer? Difficult days are now upon us. No one can deny that fact. Yet even the eternal optimist would have to concede to this imperiling assessment. However, there is nothing that we can't overcome with God on our side. *If God is for us, who can be against us?* This empowering word from the Bible offers us hope, especially during great trials and uncertainty. With this encouraging perspective clearly expressed in Scripture, we can move forward confidently as more than conquerors.

The mission of *The Prophetic Matrix* is to better prepare you to see into your future and unlock the secret code to your destiny. It is always wise to be prepared for the future that awaits us. Scripture reminds us that Jesus Christ is the wisdom and power of God. We can tap into His *prophetic matrix* and become a people with vision, guided by the Master Strategist to succeed in the coming days. There is safety with God navigating us through the continual changes and challenges that seem to be rolling out before us each day.

As I share the revelations the Spirit of truth has given me, I am not shying away from any topic regarding prophecy. Even though this first book of *The Prophetic Matrix* trilogy is not focused on unveiling last-day prophecies, it wouldn't be wise to avoid what is plain to see in the world during such perilous times?

PROPHETS SENT TO GUIDE US THROUGH PERILOUS TIMES

When God sends prophets to reveal divine knowledge, it is to share His heart and the future He has for us, including the hope of things to come. Sometimes, His prophets bring warnings to protect us from coming calamities or to safeguard us against a disastrous course we have chosen for our lives. In such cases, the prophet will often redirect us to the path of life that God has chosen for us.

At times, prophecy brings security, blessing, and a sense of peace that can bring comfort and joy which can't be received in any other way. God

often speaks to us personally and also speaks through others. How many times have you caught yourself saying, "I should have known..."? Often, we hear words and messages, but at times we don't believe or receive them. However, a personal prophecy is pertinent to our lives in that the words and messages conveyed from God's wisdom provide the necessary navigational direction to guide us on the road toward our destiny and establish unparalleled success.

Sometimes, however, God uses prophecy to speak a word to nations. In this case, the divine message has the potential to impact greater numbers of people positively.

He who receives a prophet in the name of
a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward.

—Matt 10:41a

Throughout the years, I have been privileged to speak several times per week before both large and small groups, often through one-on-one prophetic destiny coaching in various locations: from Israel to the White House in our nation's capital, throughout California, and at many other locations. While functioning with this incredible spiritual gift over the last twenty-five years, I have likely prophesied to thousands of individuals and witnessed many of their prophecies come to pass in miraculous ways.

Each experience has taught me powerful lessons about how God intervenes in the lives of His people. No matter how many times the Spirit of truth has inspired prophetic words, it is always exciting when people

come to me and say, "God has confirmed the words that you spoke over me." It is even more exhilarating when I see, firsthand, the proof that such prophecies have become a reality. Those are the rewards of prophetic ministry that you simply cannot put a price tag on.

UNLIMITED DESTINY IMPACT

This first book of *The Prophetic Matrix trilogy* is focused on encouraging you to embrace the experience and knowledge unveiled within each chapter. Most people would admit that the quest to attain one's dreams and experience unlimited destiny impact is often like a journey on a long and winding road. Finding God's divine blueprint for our lives is the key to successfully navigating through this spiritual odyssey of exploration and profound discovery.

Here is an exemplary true story involving an established neurologist, Dr. Lancelot Alexander, who discovered the power of personal prophecy to be astonishingly accurate. Over a period of time, I received several prophetic words from God regarding Dr. Alexander and shared them with him. For example, one prophecy stated he would be moving from Los Angeles to another location that featured a bay window and promoted in his field of expertise. In fulfillment of this prophetic word, Dr. Alexander was offered a prestigious position that required him to move to the northern California area. Surprisingly, the city where he relocated happened to be his preferred "paradise," a place that he frequently vacationed, enjoying peace and relaxation away from his demanding medical practice. In

addition, the new residence contained a bay window inspiring him to peer into the prophetic realm and envision ways to pioneer innovative medical advancements. By implementing these new divinely inspired creative ideas, the hospital where he practiced medicine was elevated to a higher standard of excellence.

Interestingly enough, it wasn't until Dr. Alexander had moved and then one day sat in front of the bay window in his new home, this specific detail described in the prophecy came to his remembrance. This is understandable, considering that these precise prophecies were given to him several years in advance of them becoming a reality.

These personal prophecies are ideal examples substantiating God's ability to reveal specific details regarding one's destiny before it arrives, by bridging time and space through His *prophetic matrix*.

Dr. Alexander speaks about his personal experience of our prophetic mentorship time:

When I first met Michael-John several years ago, he prophesied that I would soon make a "major change in homestead." Two years later, he prophesied that I would be "setting new standards in neurologic care" in the community to which I'd moved. Then six months later, he prophesied that a "major promotion" would soon be offered to me and that I should be open to accepting it.

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All three prophecies have come to pass. For me, this has clearly established that Michael-John is an authentic prophet. His words have certainly confirmed God's leading in my professional life.⁶⁵

—Lancelot O. Alexander, MD, Neurologist

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You will significantly impact all you pursue by intently observing your purpose and fully applying each truth principle to your life. I have spotlighted a myriad of success stories of prophecies realized in the lives of individuals such as; world-renowned actor Denzel Washington, professional baseball player Daniel Nava, and distinguished neurologist Dr. Lance O. Alexander, MD, as well as my own extraordinary prophetic journey. All of the testimonies included in *The Prophetic Matrix* exemplify the interconnection between revelation knowledge, prophecy, and the power of faith. Each of us has experienced the same type of challenges. Though some of us may not have been considered scholastically brilliant beyond our peers, yet God in His sovereign wisdom has lovingly orchestrated a better plan that He reveals to us through prophecy, which dramatically alters the course of our future.

I was inspired to write the "Dream Fields" chapter as a living testimony of the extraordinary possibilities fulfilled when faith is placed in God's prophetic observation of an individual's destiny. One day it came to me that the *prophetic matrix* principles had played out in Daniel Nava's life as

he prayed, *observed* God's Word, and believed his personal prophecies. His trial-filled journey of persistence and faith against all odds ultimately catapulted him into the realm of miraculous prophetic breakthroughs—to become a successful Major League Baseball player and marry the woman of his dreams. Therefore, it was imperative to include powerful testimonies illustrating how *observing* our hopes, dreams, and prophecies by faith bring forth change to produce a desired result.

In the "Discovery" chapter, contained in the second volume of *The Prophetic Matrix trilogy*, we examine this *observation* principle, as exemplified in scientific laboratories and observed by physicists worldwide. The practical fulfillment of this observation principle is highlighted in the phenomenal testimony of "The Come-Back Kid." Daniel Nava became a human prototype in the laboratory of life, as God effectively established the prophetic words in the pages of baseball history.

Daniel Nava's remarkable come-back odyssey is just one of the many gratifying experiences I have personally encountered while mentoring individuals with a powerful prophetic destiny—waiting to be unveiled in the *dream fields* of their future. While walking out the *substance* of their faith, suddenly and miraculously, every prophecy materialized before our eyes. Over the years, God has graciously sent me people in a variety of different professions to mentor. As a result, I have been privileged to witness each person's transformation by the prophetic leading of the Spirit of truth.

PREPARE FOR A NEW WORLD

Now is the time to get ready for things to come by preparing ourselves prophetically for a new world—one that is rebuilt from this shaken planet, which is challenged, both spiritually and physically. It will be a newly fashioned paradise where we can live in the light of God's glory and enter a dimension of the unimaginable. We will transition into an era of power, spiritual authority, and a dynamic paradigm, where everything that life was meant to be can be experienced according to God's original blueprint.

Can you see it? Whether we like it or not, it's coming. The real question is, will you be prepared? You can begin by asking your Heavenly Father to reveal revelation to you in advance through the advent of the Spirit of truth. Then, He will guide you through His *prophetic matrix* into a new dimension of thought that will open your spiritual eyes and awaken your ability to preview the future that is destined for you.

When the Apostle Peter waited on a rooftop for his next meal and then fell into a trance, God began to reveal to him a new paradigm of his ministry. At first, Peter didn't understand the vision, nor could he determine its meaning. Eventually, God revealed to Peter the true interpretation of the vision and guided him in the right direction. Before this heavenly vision, he had only sought to share the good news of the Gospel with the Jews. He was comfortable with his Jewish heritage, yet seeing beyond the borders of his own nation was not easy for Peter. However, God was determined to show him a better way than his previous path. This launched Peter's ministry far beyond anything he could ever have dreamed or imagined.

God's way of doing things always leads us up and over our self-imposed borders and limitations.

Through Christ, there is an open portal to see into Heaven and pull every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places down to Earth. Our heavenly account is open to us 24/7 when by faith, we receive all that was purchased through the sacrifice of Jesus at the cross of Calvary.

SHAPING THE COURSE OF HISTORY

'And it shall come to pass in the last days,
says God,
That I will pour out of My Spirit on all
flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall
prophesy,
Your young men shall see visions,
Your old men shall dream dreams.

—Acts 2:17

Open your mind to receive that brilliant idea or concept. *Open* your heart to that extraordinary prophetic word, dream, or vision from God.

Be a visionary. "Why?" you ask. Why not? Everything begins with a vision, a thought, a concept, an idea, or a dream. Something must be *seen* before it becomes a reality. The prophetic realm shapes the course of history. Once you receive a vision and act upon it with faith, believing

that the manifestation of it is possible, you are then partnering with God to fulfill your destiny.

When President John F. Kennedy announced his ambitious vision to make the United States the first country in the world to put a man on the moon, and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., told us of his dream; the vision of President Kennedy and the dream of Dr. King, would drastically alter history and influence the minds of millions of people around the world. As people began to grasp the extent of President Kennedy's vision and Dr. King's dream, they became fully engaged in realizing these declarations and began to embrace their fulfillment.

Our dreams and visions are also able to manifest and change reality as we know it. Think of it. You have the gift from God to alter history and to usher humanity into a new level of prosperity, health, and truth. Visionaries and dreamers are actually prophetic. When an inspired vision or dream is given, they are perfectly positioned to broker the blessings of Heaven into the world to benefit humanity.

Every good and every perfect gift is from
above, and comes from our Father of
lights.

—James 1:17a

There is a good reason why the symbol for great ideas is a light bulb. Years ago, the Ford Motor Company incorporated it into one of their most successful marketing campaigns to signify bright ideas. Light brings

illumination; illumination brings knowledge, wisdom, revelation, vision, and greater understanding.

Jesus came to this Earth as a shining light, with such brilliance that the world has never stopped reading and meditating on His words or benefiting from His truths about our Heavenly Father and His glorious kingdom. When we read the Word of God, our minds are enlightened and illuminated.

BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND

Because the Word of God and His Spirit of truth give us the ability to discern truth as opposed to falsehood and reality over deception, we come to view our life as if through infrared binoculars in the dark of night. However, we are likely to get off-track quickly by neglecting to seek God diligently with all our heart, rather than assuming that the physical senses are *all* we need to successfully unlock the secret code to our destiny.

The church is a vital incubator for steady growth and spiritual health. God did not create us as lone spiritual nomads without a safe anchor, deprived of wise spiritual counselors and teachers. He loves us so much and desires that we stay plugged into His spiritual family, which is tightly knit together as the body of Christ. True spiritual families care for each other and encourage relationships that are eternal in God's loving kingdom.

The more you read the Bible and pray, the more God's Word is grafted into your spirit. A true transformation begins within your character as your

heart and spirit respond to God's self-evident truth. The transformation in you will be evident to those around you. By seeking His heart and mind regarding the things that concern you, a spiritual metamorphosis will begin. With each day, your mind will be renewed to the mind of Christ. As the Spirit of the Lord imparts the fullness of your destiny, you will enter into that perfect place; there, you can expect to receive dreams, visions, prophecies, and revelation knowledge from the heavenly realm. The Spirit of truth will then lead you into Christ's manifest glory, reserved for the sons and daughters of the Living God.

CAPTURING REVELATION KNOWLEDGE

As I mentioned earlier, by exercising our spiritual muscles through daily prayer, we can open the heavenly portals that lead to every spiritual blessing.

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with
every spiritual blessing in the heavenly
places in Christ.

—Ephesians 1:3

When you receive Jesus Christ into your heart as Lord and Savior, He will watch over your soul for all eternity. Then, as you ask, seek, and knock, God will communicate with you as Jesus His Son confirms to us, "My sheep hear my voice." He will answer every request according to His will. Daily as

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we invite God's Spirit of truth into our lives to direct our steps, He will tell us things to come.

He will direct your steps because the Spirit of Christ is the Spirit of truth.

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

—John 16:13

The Spirit of truth will continually enlighten you as to the importance of reading God's Word each day. You will be guided to find a powerful church where the flow of His Spirit is welcomed. It is vital to seek out a church that encourages your faith in the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit and teaches you how to benefit from all of the spiritual gifts and activate them in your life.

When listening to the Spirit of truth each day in your prayer time, you will be miraculously changed. Additionally, hearing His small still voice will build great confidence in your personal relationship with God. As we walk in His will—being led to do things that please Him—great things happen!

The Prophetic Matrix reminds us in a plethora of ways that God's heavenly perspective eclipses our earthly view of life. His thoughts and ways are much higher than our own. So why not tap into the *prophetic*

matrix each day and seek to view the visions, dreams, and spiritual insights given to us with much sharper clarity? It is to our advantage that we participate in this blessed opportunity and glean the wisdom of our spiritual Mentor, Prophet, and Savior, Jesus Christ. We can then begin to recognize the kingdom of God on Earth and live out the life of our dreams.

That is precisely how His kingdom will come, and His will be done. We must witness what He is doing in Heaven, each and every day, and declare it on Earth; then we are to walk in faith, with this divine clear-sighted vision, by the leading of His Spirit. Remember, it is paramount to decree what we see and hear prophetically in order to activate the physical manifestations of our hopes and dreams.

Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on Earth as *it is* in Heaven. So stated Jesus Christ, the Son of God, when teaching His disciples how to pray in the book of Matthew.

By carefully observing the guidelines from God's biblical truths and precepts, spoken by the prophets, apostles, and Jesus Christ, we will obtain a far greater understanding of His will for our lives. As we learn to unmistakably identify what is from His heart and kingdom and what is not, this Spirit-empowered life process will save us from many hardships and lead us, through divine wisdom, directly into an abundant and blessed life.

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LIMITLESS POSSIBILITIES BECOMING REALITIES

With God, all things are possible.

—Matthew 19:26b

God wants us to co-labor with Him. We do this by praying and meditating on new revelation through visions, dreams, and the knowledge God desires to transmit to us from the Spirit of truth. We then respond to His divine communication by His Spirit as we allow our steps to be directed on this auspicious journey to attain our destiny.

The Holy Scripture reveals that faith without action is dead. Lifeless visions do not produce life-changing realities. God's Spirit activates a vision that is alive through faith, leading us to take action. This spiritual walk of faith ushers us into new realities within the natural realm to fulfill dreams and visions. Then we can live the life we have always imagined and hoped to achieve.

What will you do, and where will you go with what you know?

The doorway is the present moment.

Now faith is the substance of things hoped
for.

—Hebrews 11:1

The Prophetic Matrix has unveiled many of God's mysteries regarding His predestined plan for our lives, in that we are able to access this dynamic spiritual portal and peer far into our future in preparation for what is to come. There is no better way to prepare for success and live out our divine purpose.

Throughout these twelve chapters, I have chronicled the prophetic journey of my own life as a seer, destiny coach, and ambassador of Christ. I have been led by the Spirit to share many personal testimonies of miraculous moments that confirm God's *prophetic matrix*. These monumental displays of God's love and prophetic truth have manifested as confirming evidence of His faithfulness to all who call upon His name and simply believe.

MERGING POWER AND PURPOSE

Unfortunately, most people do not walk with power and purpose. *The Prophetic Matrix* was written to help you operate in a lifestyle of *power* and *purpose*. When *power* and *purpose* merge, a spectacular metamorphosis transforms your life.

Remember, prophecy brings to light our *heavenly purpose* predestined by God, the Creator of all things. When the Spirit of truth infuses us with power, we then have the assurance that all things are possible with God.

Imagine the power realized by combining the knowledge of your destiny with the purposes of God. Merging power and purpose in our lives brings us a greater understanding of how to operate in a higher realm of spiritual direction and fulfillment of God's perfect will.

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The dynamic biblical truths contained within *The Prophetic Matrix* can usher you into a dimension of the miraculous, the kind experienced through Jesus Christ's life-changing ministry.

After receiving a prophetic word from God, I announced to those who attend my meetings in Silicon Valley, California, and those I mentor in more distant locations that there would be a period of eighty days in which significant breakthroughs would occur. Several miraculous healings took place during that period at our ministry. One couple, who tried for a year to have a child without success, received the good news on Mother's Day that the wife was now pregnant. They announced publicly at one of my *prophetic matrix* meetings that God had blessed them with a miracle within the eighty-day period. Many people reported being healed of cancer, arthritis, depression, astigmatism; there were financial breakthroughs and numerous signs and wonders.

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Was it an accident or a "God-incident"? These are just a few examples of the miracles that occurred during the eighty-day breakthrough period. Are you ready to experience this kind of power in your life? You may be asking: "How can I take what I have learned and apply it in my life, that I may walk in the perfect will of God and be led by His Spirit of truth for the fulfillment of His divine plan?" Jesus assures us that if you believe in Him, the works He does, you will also do, and greater *works* than these you will do.

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

—John 14:12

Much more is waiting for those who dare to press into the *prophetic matrix* and be guided by the Creator of the universe. I'm glad that you are about to begin your new prophetic journey and unlock the secret code to *your* destiny. Hopefully, by sharing this prophetic gift of revelation from Heaven and the many testimonies throughout the book, I have helped to build your faith in God's unlimited power to transform not only your life but also the lives of those around you. These profound interventions will happen in prophetically dynamic ways.

THE INDISPENSABLE PROPHETIC MENTOR

Mentors are indispensable on this *prophetic matrix* journey; they should be individuals led by God's Spirit and operate in revelation knowledge. The perfect candidate to mentor you should be reputable, well-seasoned in the prophetic gift, preferably an elder of the church, and operate in the office of a prophet. In addition, this individual must be heavenly-minded, with a heart to serve God and complete His purpose on Earth. You will know that they are ready to equip you for the work of the ministry if there is strong evidence, they have placed God's will first and

foremost in their lives—and not the ways of the world. Investigate the life of the prophet Elijah and the double portion of his spirit that he imparted into Elisha at the conclusion of their mentorship journey together.

Similarly, Jesus the Prophet, an anointed Rabbi, launched a 3 ½-year mentorship program and diligently taught his twelve disciples the Word of God. He prepared them to receive the keys to the kingdom of Heaven, which would soon unlock the secret code to their destiny.

Walk with the wise and become wise,
for a companion of fools suffers harm.

—Proverbs 13:20 (NIV)

We need God's wisdom and accountability in our daily walk to avoid becoming discouraged, distracted and sidetracked. In order to prevent indulgence in extreme behaviors, living a balanced life shaped by the Word of God, prayer and prophetic mentorship is paramount.

ACCELERATE INTO THE STRATOSPHERE

We have covered a multitude of prophetic principles that will assist you in sculpting your spiritual decision-making process. These tools allow you to walk out your destiny and soar through a stratosphere of endless possibilities.

The golden keys of the kingdom have been entrusted to you to unlock your unlimited potential, using God's guidance as a day-to-day *prophetic*

navigation system (PNS). This is not a book that is typically read just once and then placed on the shelf. Instead, it should be reviewed regularly, so these indispensable truths never fade from your memory banks. Just as each of us stores away knowledge learned in school and then recalls it as necessary along the way; similarly, we need to regularly review *The Prophetic Matrix* principles while reading the Word of God as a life source of knowledge, wisdom, and divine guidance.

Reviewing the chapters and intentionally fusing each directive into your daily routine is paramount for leading a more prosperous and Spirit-led life. For this reason, I encourage you to place reminders of all the prophetic principles covered in this book on all your computers, laptops, tablets, and handheld devices. These key directives will assist you in activating a more self-disciplined and consistent flow of the prophetic in the trajectory of your destiny.

It would also be advantageous to start a study group using the prophetic principles and scriptures presented in *The Prophetic Matrix*. As you share this knowledge with others, you will better retain each principle yourself and find new ways to apply them strategically in any situation. In addition, it will assist others in discovering their God-ordained destiny as they learn to hear His voice more clearly. You can begin by introducing *The Prophetic Matrix* to your pastor, congregation, Bible study group, family, friends, and neighbors.

FUTURE DESTINATION

Well, my friend, this is not the end of our spiritual journey together. In fact, we have only just begun this new awareness on the path to prophetic mentorship. I pray that this anointed book, imparted to me by the Spirit of truth, has opened an extraordinary spiritual portal of possibilities for you. There is still much to learn in further comprehending the divine plan for your future as well as by hearing the voice of God daily with crystal clarity for greater confidence in Him—the One who has prepared your path for success. Your destiny is the *final frontier*. The Companion Book is available as an additional teaching tool that will help you to clearly hear God's voice and identify the many distracting voices that attempt to misguide you.

STEP INSIDE THIS PROPHETIC TIME CAPSULE

In conclusion, having observed *The Prophetic Matrix* and gazed far into the heavenly realm, you have now opened up your heart and mind to a profound understanding of the unlimited spectrum of possibilities contained within God's divine perspective. I challenge you to now step inside this prophetic time capsule, in mind, soul, and spirit, to navigate on an illuminated skyway and arrive at the destiny that awaits you. I hope reading *The Prophetic Matrix* has fired you up and prepared the spirit of your mind to embark upon a fantastic expedition toward the *discovery* of your purpose. It's essential that you incorporate each principle step-by-step on your quest to fulfill the ultimate dreamscape of your life.

Thank you for joining me on this prophetic path to unlock the secret code to your destiny. I pray that you prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers. It is within your power to continue our friendship and accelerate the process of obtaining a higher level of spiritual knowledge and wisdom. I believe you will, and I look forward to sharing this journey for the glory of God—the Master Observer.

Hold on to your seats and prepare to enter into the next revelation of *The Prophetic Matrix trilogy*. On this exhilarating journey into the sequel, we will travel further into the celestial realms of the interstellar highway. Here the Spirit of truth will unveil a greater dimension of *discovery* and understanding that promises to catapult us light-years ahead.

Until next time, may God bless you richly all the days of your life and into eternal life through His Son, Jesus Christ. Remember, with God, all things are possible. So, prepare to shift into a new paradigm as you embark upon your divine destiny!

Prophetic Principle #12:

JESUS STATED, "HE WHO RECEIVES A PROPHET IN THE NAME OF A PROPHET SHALL RECEIVE A PROPHET'S REWARD." A PROPHETIC MENTOR CAN HELP YOU TO OPEN YOUR SPIRITUAL EYES AND SEE INTO ANOTHER DIMENSION.

And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

—2 Kings 6:17



JN 3:16



EPILOGUE: FORGING AHEAD INTO THE FUTURE

The Prophetic Matrix: Unlock The Secret Code To Your Destiny, its Companion Book, *The Prophetic Matrix: Point of Contact*, and the upcoming volumes of *The Prophetic Matrix* trilogy were created to equip you with the tools to overcome every challenge and achieve your ultimate destiny in Christ.

The Prophetic Matrix debut has merely scratched the surface of knowledge and information available through our educational resources, ministry outreach, and events. Now that you have come to know me better, from the intimate stories, knowledge, and wisdom I've shared within the pages of this book, there couldn't be a more appropriate time to solidify our new spiritual relationship. So, let's forge ahead into your future with my commitment to support your continued spiritual growth within God's *prophetic matrix*.

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I invite you to partner with me and my team of seasoned instructors by joining *The Prophetic Matrix Mentorship Club* and *The Prophetic Matrix Destiny Coaching Program*.⁶⁶ In order to keep our spiritual connection progressing, my expert team and I are prepared to mentor you through life's obstacle-filled journey. Your destiny course will be placed on an exponential growth trajectory to attain a higher level of accomplishment. With your committed involvement in our customized training programs, you will gain a higher level of discernment and revelatory understanding in every area of your life. The knowledge, insight, wisdom, and personal coaching will prove to be a tremendous asset to assist you in fulfilling your true potential—all for the glory of God. Remember, your follow-through and consistency are key to establishing lasting success.

Starting now, here is what you can do to continue your spiritual growth in the *prophetic matrix*:

- ◆ Practice a powerful prayer communication with God daily.
- ◆ Read the Word of God (the Bible) regularly.
- ◆ Seek out a dynamic Spirit-led church to attend weekly.
- ◆ Attend *The Prophetic Matrix*—live and online workshops, webinars, training seminars, educational institution lectures, speaking engagements, worldwide conferences, and special events.
- ◆ Invest in your education with tools and resource materials from *The Prophetic Matrix* website, including books, CDs, audio downloads, merchandise, which are also available at our live

events.

- ◆ Become a member of *The Prophetic Matrix Mentorship Club* and *The Prophetic Matrix Destiny Coaching* program.
- ◆ Join our Destiny Achievers Academy and support our efforts as a financial partner to make a global impact. You can make a difference by generously supporting this prophetic ministry. Your partnership will assist us in training up a new breed of champions to shape the course of history. Corporations, businesses, foundations, trusts, ministries, charities, and individuals are encouraged to partner with us to achieve greater success and establish a collective vision and destiny. Together we can assist in enriching millions of lives around the world to spiritually advance and maximize each individual's relationship with God. This vital work can bring about a complete spiritual transformation through mentorship with our Destiny Coaching programs and powerful teaching tools.
- ◆ Read *The Prophetic Matrix: Point of Contact, The Companion Book*, which reveals revelation knowledge on how to hear God's voice with crystal clarity and the ability to gain direct access to His *prophetic navigation system* (PNS).
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WHAT'S NEXT?

In the coming days, I will release volume two of *The Prophetic Matrix* trilogy. This powerful sequel will take you to the next level of prophetic revelation and knowledge. Additionally, I am very excited about a spectacular new movie God has given me a vision to produce and release globally. I am currently in the pre-production phase of this dynamic film that depicts the miraculous ministry of Jesus Christ in a way that has never been experienced on the big screen. I am currently introducing this extraordinary opportunity to the right partners, investors, actors, film production companies, and creative visionaries. Please keep my production team and me in your prayers during the funding and selection process of the anointed talent needed to create this epic movie project... destined to transform the world!



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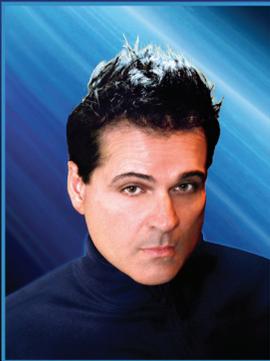
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