

# How Forrest Frank's Broken Back Led to a Worship Miracle

In a recent video message, Christian speaker and evangelist Alwyn Uys shared a prophetic word that has been stirring in his spirit for days—one that he believes will bring clarity and encouragement to many who feel restless in their current season.

Uys described a vivid dream in which he walked into a house and entered a room filled with people. In the dream, these individuals began to grow—not in weight, but in physical size—while the room remained the same. As they expanded, they began to press up against the walls, unable to contain their new size.

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“The place that they are in was too small for how God is expanding them,” Uys explained. “And I knew this was a word from the Lord—many people are feeling this same pressure in the spirit.”

He likened the sensation to wearing clothes that are too tight, creating a restrictive, uncomfortable feeling. According to Uys, this discomfort is not a sign of failure or misalignment, but rather an indication that God has been growing, maturing and stretching His people—and now the environment they're in no longer fits who they've become.



***To pre-order Alwyn Uys' new book, Speak, Lord, visit .***

“This is a season of stretching out your tent pegs,” Uys declared, referencing Isaiah 54:2: “Enlarge the place of your

tent... Do not spare. Lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes.” He emphasized that stepping into expansion requires faith—the courage to stop holding back and to take bold steps forward into what God is calling you to next.

He also drew from 1 Chronicles 4:10, the well-known prayer of Jabez: “Oh that You would bless me indeed and enlarge my territory...” Just as God answered Jabez’s prayer, Uys encouraged viewers to ask boldly for enlargement, believing that God desires to bless and lead them into greater purpose.

“It’s time to leave the place of confinement,” he said. “God wants to take you somewhere where you will fit—where you can stretch your wings and no longer be held back by systems, people, workplaces or even religious environments.”

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Uys acknowledged that stepping out of a familiar or comfortable place is often difficult, but obedience to God’s prompting is essential. “If you’ve been feeling that straight-jacket pressure, it’s a sign. It’s time to fly. It’s time to go.”

He ended with a heartfelt prayer that this word would be a confirmation for those who have been battling frustration and waiting for clarity. His message is simple but deeply prophetic: God is expanding you, and it’s time to move into the space that matches the growth He has already done in your life.

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As a final encouragement, Uys urged listeners to trust God, dream again and step into the larger territory He has prepared—without fear and without holding back.

“Take the leap,” Uys said. “You’ve outgrown the room. Now it’s time to move into everything God has for you.”

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# Stormproof: How to Stand Strong When Everything Falls Apart

As we enter the eighth month of the year—a number biblically symbolic of new beginnings—a prophetic word from John Eckhardt is stirring believers: God is doing something new. While the world may look at the calendar as routine, the Spirit is marking this time as a moment of crossover, breakthrough and fresh anointing.

“Eight is a powerful number representing new beginnings,” Eckhardt declared. “And I felt that even as we complete this seventh month and step into the eighth, God is preparing to release new things into your life.”

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Drawing from 2 Corinthians 5:17—“If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away, behold all things are become new”—Eckhardt reminded listeners that the new birth is more than a one-time event. It is a continual invitation into transformation.

“As a new creature, you were created for new things,” he emphasized. “You were never designed to live in the old—old

failures, old trauma old patterns. God has created you to walk in the new.”



**To order John Eckhardt’s book, Prayers That Rout Demons, visit .**

The prophetic word wove together a rich tapestry of Scripture, from Isaiah 65 and 66 to Ezekiel, Psalms and Hebrews. Isaiah 65:17-18 was central: “Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth... I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.” Eckhardt explained this as more than a future eschatological promise—it is a present reality for the people of God.

“We are the new creation. We are the new people of God,” he declared. “And the new moon is symbolic of a new season. Isaiah 66 says, ‘From one new moon to another... shall all flesh come to worship.’ That means we are meant to live from new to new and from rest to rest.”

Citing Psalm 81:3, he added that the trumpet was blown at the new moon in Israel to mark the beginning of a new month and a new season. “August 16 is the next new moon. I believe this is prophetically significant. This is your time to walk in something fresh.”

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He also issued a challenge to examine what God might be declaring in this season: “New doors, new relationships, new strength, new finances, new platforms, new creativity, new dreams—what is the new thing God is declaring over your life?”

“Prophets declare the new,” he said, referencing Isaiah 42:9. “Before it springs forth, I tell you of it. That’s the job of the prophetic voice—to announce the new thing God is doing.”

Eckhardt concluded with a decree of crossover: “This is your crossover season—out of lack into abundance, out of sorrow into joy, out of the wilderness and into the promised land. You are not created for the old. You are created for the new.”

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As the eighth month unfolds, this is the time of divine reset. It’s time to embrace it, walk in it and believe for new harvests, new rest and new beginnings.

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## **Exclusive: Serial Killer ‘Son of Sam’ David Berkowitz and His Incredible Redemption Story You Need to Hear**

Once known as the notorious “Son of Sam” killer, David Berkowitz now calls himself “the Son of Hope,” a title that reflects a dramatic transformation made possible, he says, by the redeeming power of Jesus Christ.

In a gripping interview with deliverance minister Don Dickerman and shared with Charisma Media, Berkowitz opened up about the darkness that plagued his early life, his time in prison and the supernatural peace he discovered through Christ. “I was completely uncontrollable,” he recalled. “This tremendous force used to just come upon me and urge me to do destructive things. Sometimes I’d foam at the mouth or lock

myself in a closet for hours.”

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***To order Don Dickerman's new book, Death Row Redemption, visit***

The symptoms eerily mirrored those found in Mark 9, a passage Berkowitz says resonated with him deeply after his conversion. “I see myself mirrored in that,” he said, referencing the story of a demon-possessed boy. “There were so many times when I saw my mom and dad cry for me... They just had no control of me.”

Dickerman, who has ministered to inmates for decades, first reached out to Berkowitz in 1978 after his arrest. “I just stopped my car, got out a little tablet and wrote him a letter,” Dickerman told Charisma. “Basically said, ‘David, God still loves you and Jesus can save you.’” The response was chilling: “If I get out of here, I’ll kill you.”

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It would take ten years before they met face-to-face. Preaching at the prison, Dickerman was approached by an inmate who thanked him for bringing the gospel into dark places. “By the way,” the man said, extending his hand, “my name’s David Berkowitz.”

Berkowitz had surrendered his life to Christ two years earlier while incarcerated in New York’s Clinton Prison. “After I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, I felt a tremendous force of evil just kind of lift up off me,” he shared. “The depression, the hopelessness—it just seemed to lift.”

In a powerful message, Rabbi Jonathan Cahn delivered a prophetic word grounded in the book of Haggai, calling believers to rise up, remember their calling, and step into the greater glory God has prepared. Drawing from Haggai 2:4–9, Cahn emphasized God’s charge to Zerubbabel, Joshua the high priest, and the remnant of Israel to “take courage... and work, for I am with you.”

Just as the ancient Israelites returned from Babylonian exile and faced opposition in rebuilding the second temple, Cahn reminded believers that today’s spiritual battles are no different. For 15 years, the people in Haggai’s day delayed the work of God’s house, distracted by their own homes, businesses and personal concerns. But God sent a wake-up call: “The glory of the latter house shall be greater than the former.”

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That ancient prophecy became deeply personal for Cahn and his congregation. Years before they faced a major transition, a pastor with a profound prophetic gift gave Cahn a word: “Enlarge your tent... I will give you a place you will own... The glory of the latter house will be greater than the former.” At the time, there was no apparent need to move—they were renting a large space. But one year later, a crisis came. Their landlord demanded they vacate. Suddenly, the prophetic word made perfect sense.



***To order Jonathan Cahn’s new book, The Avatar, visit .***

What followed was a journey filled with obstacles: broken negotiations, zoning denials and real estate roadblocks. At one point, the property they believed was from God was sold to another buyer. But miraculously, the deal fell through, and the building came back on the market—on the very Hebrew date

(Elul 24) that Haggai's original prophecy was delivered. The confirmations continued to unfold, including another word from the same pastor who visited two years later and declared once again from Haggai 2: "The glory of the latter house shall be greater than the former."

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On the Feast of Tabernacles—their final service in the old building—they uncovered two silver trumpets, echoing Numbers 10:2, where God commands the blowing of trumpets when His people are about to move forward. The next day, after fervent prayer, the town unexpectedly reversed its decision and granted them the building. The vote took place on the exact biblical day of the latter house prophecy: the 21st day of the seventh month.

Cahn urged listeners not to miss the message for their own lives. "God is saying, 'Remember the calling I gave you. Remember the promise. I haven't revoked it. Rise up and get on with it.'" What seems like delay, disappointment or setback may in fact be God's orchestration, bringing everything into perfect alignment for His glory.

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As believers face uncertainty in the world, Cahn's word is a clear call to return to God's priorities, to trust His timing and to believe for the greater glory that is yet to come. "You don't need to know the future," he said, "you just need to walk with the One who holds it."

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# Breaking Update: Dallas Jenkins Reveals What's Next for 'The Chosen' and Faith-Based Cinema

Dallas Jenkins, creator of 'The Chosen,' is breathing new life into one of his earlier projects.

In an interview with Charisma Media, Jenkins shared how his 2010 faith-based film "What If," starring Kevin Sorbo, Christy Swanson and John Ratzenberger, will return to theaters for a special two-day engagement on August 5 and 7. For Jenkins, the message of the movie is "more timely today than it even was 15 years ago."

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The film explores a timeless question: What if you had followed God's calling instead of chasing worldly success? Jenkins explains, "It's kind of a reverse 'It's a Wonderful Life.' In that movie, George Bailey sees what the world would've looked like if he'd never been born. In 'What If,' Kevin Sorbo's character sees what life would've looked like if he'd made the right decision." In the movie, the character had traded love and ministry for money and status—only to discover that true fulfillment comes from faith, fatherhood and service.

*...as I began to pray, seek counsel, and weigh this deeply,*

*confirmations came—both personal and public. I shared the moment with my wife, Sue, who immediately affirmed the sense of calling. Trusted friends, mentors, and national leaders echoed the same encouragement. Then came something I couldn't have scripted: within an hour of throwing a fleece before the Lord, I received a text message followed by an email—an invitation from the White House to the National Day of Prayer...*

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Pray for Ahn as he embarks on this new venture seeking to be a light to a very dark world.

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## **Joel Osteen Provides Statement Following Mother Dodie Osteen's Death, Funeral Details**

Since the passing of Dodie Osteen, heartfelt prayers and condolences have been poured out from people across the nation for the Osteen family. Now, Joel Osteen, leader of Lakewood Church, has made a statement regarding his mother's passing.

In a video posted to X, Osteen thanked everyone who has shown love and support for his family during this time.

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“I wanted to thank you so much for all the condolences and the kind words on my mom’s passing,” Osteen says. “We just celebrate the beautiful life that she lived, 91, almost 92 years. [We] just feel such a peace. Of course we miss her and it’s hard, but man, we have the hope of heaven.”

Osteen also noted that Dodie’s celebration of life ceremony will happen on Friday, August 8 at 7 p.m. Central Time.

“We’ll do a formal celebration of my mom’s life on August the 8, on a Friday night coming up,” says Osteen.

*Tomorrow, we invite you to join us at 8:30 & 11AM CT for a meaningful time of worship and a message I’ve titled “Lessons I Learned from My Mother.”*

*We’ll also gather for a Memorial Service on Friday, August 8 at 7PM CT to honor and celebrate the extraordinary life and legacy of...*

*– Joel Osteen (@JoelOsteen) August 2, 2025*

In his Sunday sermon about the lessons he learned from his mother, Osteen discussed how Dodie always prayed about everything which led to an abundance of miracles taking place in her life.

*The thing about my mother is she would pray for anything. If the dishwasher didn’t work, ‘I command you dishwasher in the name of Jesus, start working.’ I’d say, ‘Mother, it’s a dishwasher. Let’s call a technician.’ How many times did I see things happen that I could not explain?*

Osteen pointed out that Dodie lived by the principle: “...you have not because you ask not.”

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*– Lakewood Church (@lakewoodchurch) August 3, 2025*

Dodie’s life was a beacon to Joel that we can trust in the promises of God, and He will do what He said He would.

“What I learned from my mother was to hold on to the promises God put in your heart,” Osteen wrote on X. “To keep believing even when people try to talk you out of it. To put actions behind your faith. Let God see you out there making plans for what He promised you.”

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Above all, Joel wants his mother’s legacy to be an inspiration to others to trust God, pray boldly and live for Christ.

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*My prayer is that my mother's life of faith and courage will inspire us to make our lives count. She was a great example of God's goodness, always telling people what God had done. She fulfilled her course. Her race down here came to an end. Now, we must step up. We need new...*

*– Joel Osteen (@JoelOsteen) August 4, 2025*

Dodie Osteen lived a life of miracles, faith and expectancy from God. As a result, many were touched by her example, also believing that the Holy Spirit could use all of their situations for good.

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